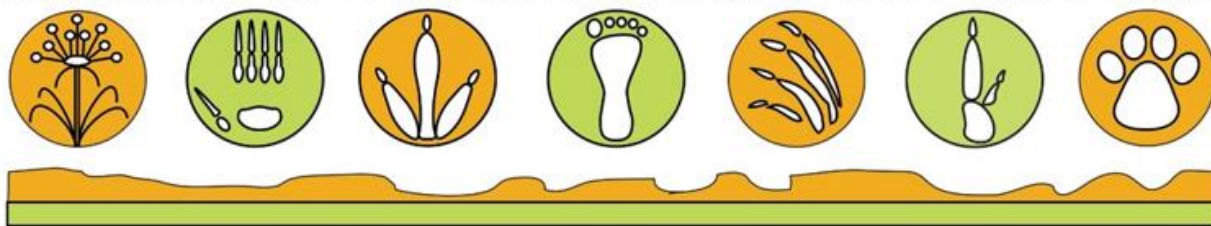


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES

Ali Curung LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Ali Curung LA Meeting was held in the Ali Curung Council office on Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 11:33 am.

Jeff MacLeod

Acting Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

We strive to be a responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens to and empowers the people to be strong.

The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

We will have strong policies and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable.

Respect is shown in everything we do, and we have acceptance of all cultures in the Barkly Region and their practices through a culturally competent Council.

We are a responsible Council.

We will be a responsive Council.

We want to empower local decision making.

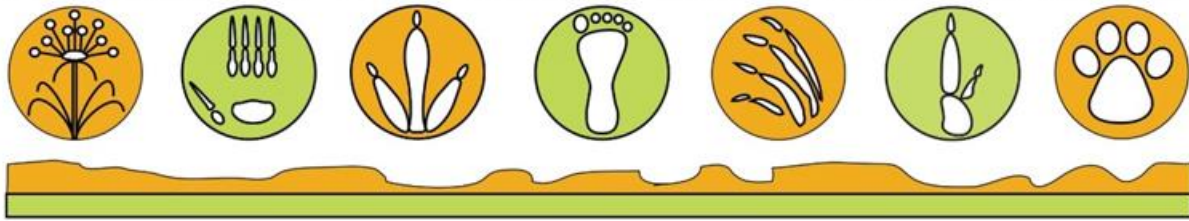
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people and our organisational culture.

We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region.

We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Warumungu, Mudberra, Jingili, Wakaya, Wambaya, Waanyi, Walpiri, Warlmanpa, Alyawarr, Anmatyerre and Kaytetye Country on which Barkly Regional Council live and work, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to the ancestors and elders of these lands, past, present and emerging.

May we continue to work together to Deliver sustainable outcomes through a process Based on mutual respect and understanding.

COUNCIL PRAYER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust you will guide and bless this meeting of the Barkly Regional Council. We pray that you will ensure that all discussions and decisions made today are just and fair as they will affect all people within. We also pray for your guidance to ensure that all our dealings are appropriate to all those whom we represent and will reflect an equitable and honest approach to the issues to be discussed today.

Amen

1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

- Noel Hayes (Chair)
- Jerry Rice
- Ned Kelly
- Peter Corbett
- Andrew Tsavaris
- Lucy Jackson

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Peter Holt (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operations and Remote Communities, BRC)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services, BRC)
- Barry Natrass (WHS Manager, BRC)
- Sagar Chand (Regional Manager Safe Houses and Youth Recreation, BRC)
- Adrian Chong (Regional Community Safety Manager, BRC)
- Lockie Thomas (Night Patrol Zone Manager, BRC)
- Matt Wharton (Acting Area Manager, Ali Curung)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator, BRC)
- Marilyn Sonnenburg
- Ben Charteris
- Mark Piper

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Desmarie Dobbs
- Derek Walker

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Resignations

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

MOTION

That the Local Authority receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 05/02/2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/31

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Actions from previous Minutes

SUMMARY

The Local Authority has expressed concerns regarding malfunctioning street lights and has urged the council to address the issue. In response, council representatives have assured that they will investigate the matter and collaborate with the Power and Water department for further discussions.

Adrian Chong suggested considering the suggestions of Local Authority (LA) members in selecting the new area manager. Peter Holt agreed, stating it could be proposed at the upcoming council meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/32

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Nil

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 LAPF statement

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the LA Project Funding Statement.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/33

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Nil

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Official Manager's Report - Peter Holt

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Official Manager.

SUMMARY

- 1. Regional Plan 2024-25:** Local Authority meetings in March and April focused on providing input for the Regional Plan to guide council's actions in the upcoming financial year.
- 2. CEO Recruitment:** Following Ian Bodill's resignation, recruitment for a new Chief Executive Officer has begun, with interim assistance provided by Mr. Jeff MacLeod until May 2024.
- 3. Completion of Investigator's Report:** The Investigation of the Barkly Regional Council by Ms. Ruth Morley has been presented to the Minister for Local Government, with full briefings for councillors expected by the end of April.
- 4. Australian Citizenship Ceremony:** The BRC hosted an Australian Citizenship ceremony in March, welcoming 12 new citizens to the community.
- 5. Meeting with Senators:** Council met with Senator Anthony Chisholm and Senator Malarndirri McCarthy to discuss regional development, infrastructure needs, and the new Remote Jobs program.

6. PowerWater Meetings: Regular meetings with PowerWater have commenced to address various issues including streetlight replacement, emergency power, Smart Meter failures, water quality, and a potential solar power project.

7. Juno Farm Accommodation: Juno Farm accommodation will be utilized to house school-aged students referred by the courts until the completion of the Youth Justice facility funded under the Barkly Regional Deal.

8. Ministerial Visits: Chief Minister Eva Lawler and Ministers Selina Uibo and Ngaree Ah Kit discussed funding for local government and infrastructure support during their visits to the region.

9. Youth Center Meeting Planned : We are organizing a dedicated meeting to address the issue of the youth center soon.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/35

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 Director of Operations and Remote Communities - Brody Moore

SUMMARY

Animal Management: The vet will visit Barkly communities in May to address mange, desexing, and vaccinations for animals.

Municipal Services: The team is maintaining community parks and gardens, with assistance from the Wutunugurra Municipal team to address maintenance backlog caused by ex-cyclone Monica. Bin collections continue twice weekly, and assistance was provided to Murray Downs School with slashing and fire break creation.

Centrelink Agent: Minor service interruptions occurred due to staff shortages and community events.

Australia Post Agent: Mail services in Ali Curung are unaffected without any interruptions.

Road Repair: Road base has arrived in Tennant Creek, and the Mobile Road Repair vehicle is in Ali Curung, focusing on addressing pot holes as a priority. Local staff are being trained to provide this service.

Recruitment: Recruitment for the Area Manager position in Ali Curung is ongoing, with plans for a second round to increase the applicant pool.

Power and Water: Regular meetings between council officials and Power and Water have commenced for feedback and response coordination.

Airstrip Funding Allocations: Proposed airstrip funding has been listed for consideration by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning, and Logistics (DIPL).

Emergency Call-Outs: Discussions with NT Health and police regarding after-hours call-outs and responses have taken place.

Renal Services Request: NT Health has been contacted regarding the process for requesting renal services in Ali Curung, awaiting response.

Fire Management Trailer: Construction of the fire management trailer is nearly complete, with delivery expected before the next Local Authority meeting in Ali Curung.

Shade Structure Quotes: A quote for a shade structure has been received, with efforts to secure additional quotes ongoing. There is potential to reuse the original quote.

Regional Plan: Brody Moore has suggested convening another meeting in two weeks to further discuss the regional plan and gather feedback, a proposal to which the LA members have unanimously agreed and LA requested Gillian Molloy to attend in person for that meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/36

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.2 AAI Project plan - Sagar Chand

SUMMARY

1. Project Aim: Reduce alcohol-related harm in Ali Curung through bush trips focusing on bush tucker, hunting, and honey ant collecting in an alcohol-free environment, facilitated by education from the Primary and Public Health – Barkly team.

2. Project Components:

- Transport, bush trip activities, daily dietary requirements, camp equipment, facilitator, and miscellaneous expenses including a cultural advisor.

3. Itinerary: Monthly trips from May to September 2024, lasting 2 to 5 days each, with specific dates to be determined later.

4. Consultation and Collaboration: Consultation with Traditional Owners (TOs) and local authorities (LA) completed by April 2024, collaboration with Primary and Public Health – Barkly Team formalized by April 2024.

5. Project Management: Oversight by the Regional Manager Safe Houses and Youth Recreation Programs, with regular meetings, effective communication channels, and coordination by the Ali Curung Youth Sports and Recreation team.

6. Final Report and Acquittal: Submission of final report, Income and Expenditure Statement, and Declaration by October 2024, detailing project activities, impacts, and community feedback, along with photographs and talent release forms.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/37

12 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

12.1 Presentation from Principal Alcohol Action Officer - Jane Ndove

SUMMARY

Jane was absent from the meeting and offered her apologies for not being able to attend.

Visitor Presentations

12.2 Presentation on the Local Authority Review - Jacob Leonard

SUMMARY

- Local Authorities (LA's) serve as advocates for communities in regional councils, involving them in local government affairs, policy development, and budget allocations.
- The review found inconsistencies in how LAs operate across the Northern Territory (NT), highlighting the need for flexibility and clarity in their roles.
- Recommendations include more frequent meetings, training for LA members and youth, strengthened community consultation, and collaboration with other organizations to avoid service duplication.
- Changes to guidelines aim to enhance LA effectiveness, such as introducing proxy membership and streamlining procedural requirements.
- Next steps involve the promotion and implementation of the new approach by the Department, councils, LAs, and the Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT), with ongoing improvements and reviews planned.
- LA members has requested Local Government to send someone to the community to explain more in person to which Jacob has responded positively and mentioned his willingness to visit the community.

Visitor Presentations

12.3 Presentation from Central Desert Training - Kailas Kerr

SUMMARY

- Planning a long-term training program in collaboration with councils and other partners, focusing on skill development in the community.
- Developed over 10 years of partnership with councils, the program consists of two streams:
 1. Involving young people interested in employment opportunities.
 2. Providing long-term support for skill development as a pathway to employment.
- Training sessions set to commence soon, with trainers dedicated to spending time within the community.

13 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

14 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Ali Curung LA next meeting date is 11/06/2024.

Meeting Closed at 01:40 PM

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