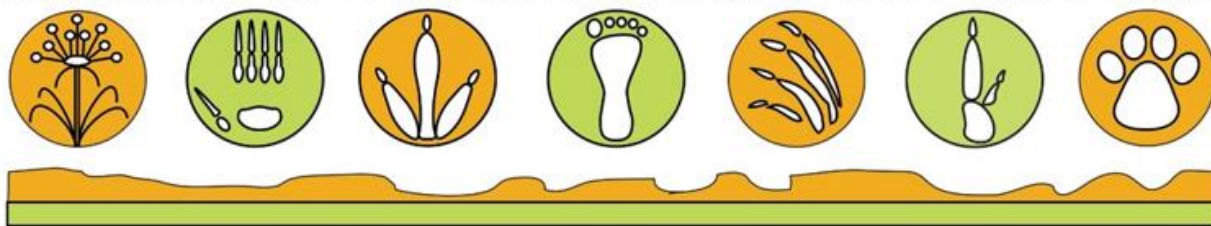


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES

### Ali Curung LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Ali Curung LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Wednesday 17 July 2024 at 1:22 pm.

**Chris Kelly**

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.

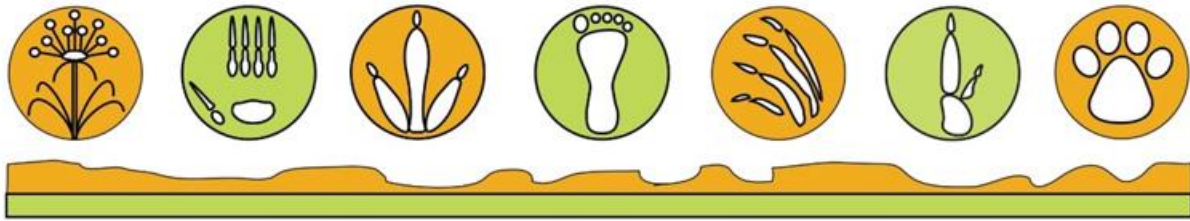
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

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 Alyawarr 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

- Andrew Tsavaris
- Noel Hayes
- Jerry Rice
- Peter Corbett
- Lucy Jackson

### 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Chris Kelly (Chief Executive Officer, BRC)
- Jeff MacLeod (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Municipal Services, BRC)
- Gillian Molloy (Director of Community Development, BRC)
- Adrian Chong (Regional Manager of Community Safety, BRC)
- Barry Natrass (WHS Manager, BRC)
- Tim Hema (Community Coordinator, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator, BRC)
- Joseph Clarke
- Damien Bahr - Kelly
- Denise Mayers
- Paria Najatzadeh
- Duane Fraser
- Mitchell Valentine
- Jack Aldridge
- David Khoory
- Rebecca Moore
- Heather Rosas
- Karen Parker
- David Brabham
- Mollie Middleton
- Hassan Tari

### 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Ned Kelly

### 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

## 1.5 Resignations

### **MOTION**

The Local Authority has requested the Council to revoke the membership of Desmarie Dobbs and Derek Walker due to their absence from more than two consecutive meetings without offering an apology.

### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Noel Hayes**

**Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett**

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/52*

## 1.6 Code of conduct - BRC

### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Code of Conduct provided by the BRC.

### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Jerry Rice**

**Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett**

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/54*

## 1.7 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

## 1.8 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 17/04/2024.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Noel Hayes

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/41*

## 3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Actions from previous Minutes

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#### 3.1 Update on Fire management trailer

##### SUMMARY

The Local Authority noted that the Fire Management trailer is in the community and is available for the usage.

### Actions from previous Minutes

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#### 3.2 LA Action tracker

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the LA Action tracker.

##### SUMMARY

Shade structure quotes were presented to the Local Authority (LA) members, and they decided to discuss this further in the next meeting.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jerry Rice

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/43*

## 4 FINANCE REPORTS

### Finance Reports

#### 4.1 LAPF statement

##### MOTION

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

##### SUMMARY

Jeff MacLeod mentioned that he has spoken with the Minister, who informed him that the funds need to be spent; otherwise, there is a risk of the funding being returned. Jeff encouraged the members to allocate the funds to necessary community projects.

##### RESOLVED

**Moved:** LA Member Jerry Rice

**Seconded:** LA Member Peter Corbett

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/44*

## 5 COMMUNITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

### Community Coordinator's report

#### 5.1 Community Coordinator's report - Tim Hema

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Community Coordinator.

##### SUMMARY

Acting area manager Tim Hema started on 07.05.2025 with a temporary contract until the end of June 2024, potentially transitioning to a permanent role. Administration services faced challenges with poor Customer Services Officer (CSO) attendance, impacting post office and Centrelink services. Recruitment for a second CSO is ongoing to share the workload and provide coverage. A break-in at the council office on 13.06.2024 caused minor damage, temporarily closing services for police investigation.

Municipal services include ongoing community maintenance, pothole repairs, and training for the works crew. Waste management continues with regular rubbish runs and new landfill pits. The new vehicle mechanic, Hans Westdorp, is setting up a workshop and conducting fleet repairs. Solar light installation is in progress, with four poles installed.

Incidents reported include multiple break-ins, bushfires, and fires started by kids behind the council yard.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Lucy Jackson**

**Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/45*

## 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

#### 6.1 Youth, Sports and Recreation center

**MOTION**

That the Local Authority agreed to hold a special community meeting in two weeks to discuss the Youth Sports and Recreation Center.

**SUMMARY**

During the discussion regarding the Youth Sports and Recreation Center, Jeff mentioned that it is currently a legal matter bound by confidentiality. He presented the proposed plan along with pictures and explained the details to the LA members. The LA members decided to hold a special community meeting, including community members, in a couple of weeks. Jeff confirmed that he would attend this meeting.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett**

**Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/53*

## 7 CORRESPONDENCE

*Nil*

## 8 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

*Nil*



## 9 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Reports from Barkly Regional Council

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#### 9.1 Report from the Director of Municipal Services

##### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority note and accept the Municipal and Commercial Services Report.

##### **SUMMARY**

- Tim Hema continues as Community Coordinator; permanent recruitment to start soon.
- Customer Service Officer absent due to medical reasons.
- Community is clean; ongoing slashing and mower operations.
- Pothole repairs completed; works crew trained in repair equipment and bitumen truck use.
- Regular rubbish runs, including Murray Downs; high demand for skip bins; commercial street vacuum mounted.
- New landfill pit dug; old pit to be filled and capped; area tidied and specific loading bays reintroduced.
- Airstrip maintenance completed; general maintenance and inspections according to contract.
- New vehicle workshop setup by Hans Westdorp, including vehicle hoist, tyre changing machine, and wheel balancer.
- Hans completed two trips to Ampilatwatja for plant repairs.
- Solar lights installation ongoing in parks; poles erected and locations marked.
- No service interruptions for Australia Post and Services Australia.

##### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Peter Corbett

**Seconded:** LA Member Lucy Jackson

##### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/46*



## Reports from Barkly Regional Council

### 9.2 Report from the Director of Community Development

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and accepts the Community Services Directorate report.

#### SUMMARY

- Barkly Regional Council (BRC) will participate in the Night Markets on 18th July, showcasing various community service programs including Night Patrol, Youth, Sport & Recreation, Aged Care, and the Safe House.
- BRC's stalls will provide information and interactive activities related to their services, enhancing community engagement and visibility.
- From 17th to 19th July, BRC is collaborating with NIAA, DCMC, TFHC, the Language Centre, and Catholic Care for additional community events in Ali Curung.
- The Community Safety Program has 5 staff members, with a vacancy and one vehicle down for maintenance. No recent feedback or complaints from the community.
- The Safe House Program has a new Acting Coordinator, a vacant Team Leader position, and staff have completed WHS and First Aid training. Day activities have restarted, and operational plans are under review.
- The Youth, Sport & Recreation Program is fully staffed and collaborates with various agencies, hosting events such as a cultural bush trip and the Barkly Regional Arts Music Program.
- The Community Care Program faces staffing issues with 2 unauthorised absences and vacancies for 3 casual Aged Care workers. Service delivery has continued despite these challenges, with ongoing updates to client care plans and staff clearances.
- Overall, BRC is committed to community engagement, safety, and support despite operational challenges.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett**

**Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice**

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/47*

## Reports from Barkly Regional Council

### 9.3 Report from the Infrastructure and Fleet Directorate

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Infrastructure Directorate.

#### SUMMARY

1. The pothole filling project in Ali Curung, initiated in November 2023, was completed in June 2024.

- Major road damage has been addressed, significantly improving road conditions.
- Some road breaks and minor potholes still remain, indicating a need for further road work.
- BRC is applying for a grant from the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) to reseal all roads in Ali Curung for a more permanent solution.

2. The Ali Curung Women's Shelter laundry area upgrade project has been properly scoped with a comprehensive project plan developed.

- The project is funded by the NTG with a value of AUD 30,000 and is scheduled to be completed by September 2024.
- Quotations from contractors are being obtained, prioritizing those offering the best value and meeting community needs.
- Scope of works includes installing new closets, minor tile work, installing a new Crimsafe door, relocating an existing security camera, supplying and installing a new washing machine, and installing an exhaust fan in the bathroom.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** LA Member Jerry Rice

**Seconded:** LA Member Peter Corbett

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/48*

## 10 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

### Visitor Presentations

#### 10.1 Presentation from the NT Electoral Commission

##### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from the Karen Parker, NT Electoral commission.

##### **SUMMARY**

The Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) oversees Territory government and local government elections, but not federal elections or the 'Voice' Referendum.

- The next Territory election is scheduled for August 2024.
- The current local member for Barkly is Steve Edgington (CLP).
- NTEC will provide specific voting information closer to the election, including times and locations.
- Community information will be distributed through visits by NTEC teams to raise awareness about the 2024 Territory Election.
- Information will cover topics such as enrolling to vote, voting locations, remote voting procedures, and ensuring votes count.
- NTEC seeks local assistants to support election activities.
- Territorians may be automatically enrolled to vote via government agencies but should verify their enrolment status.
- Key dates include voting starting on August 12, with election day on August 24, 2024.
- Resources and instructions for enrolment, checking enrolment, applying for postal votes, and learning how to vote are available on the NTEC website.

##### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett**

**Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice**

##### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/49*

## Visitor Presentations

### 10.2 Presentation from Access to Justice in Barkly

#### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from the Mollie Middleton, Access to Justice Team.

#### **SUMMARY**

In 2020, the Jubunna Institute conducted a study titled "Access to Justice in the Barkly revisited," in collaboration with legal services such as Legal Aid, NAAJA, CAWLS, and CAAFLU, to assess legal needs and services in communities like Tennant Creek, Ali Curung, Elliott, and others.

- The report highlighted various justice issues faced by communities and proposed 16 recommendations to improve the justice system, including local access to legal assistance, better information dissemination, and interpreter services.
- Legal services have been implementing these recommendations since 2020, supported by funding for a project coordinator, currently John Jablonka, until November 2024.
- The project aims to engage with communities and services to develop a plan ensuring accessible legal support for issues such as housing, Centrelink, and court proceedings (e.g., video link attendance).
- Key discussion points include community awareness of the report, identifying critical community issues related to law and justice, assessing existing community initiatives, and planning future collaborations. There are opportunities to engage at events like the Desert Harmony Festival on August 2, 4, and 5.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett**

**Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice**

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/50*

## Visitor Presentations

### 10.3 Presentation from the Principal Alcohol Action Officer, NT Health

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from the Principal Alcohol Action officer.

#### SUMMARY

##### Community-Led Solutions to Alcohol Management;

- NTG want to talk to community leaders and communities to understand best ways to reduce harm from alcohol and other drugs.
- We want to work together with communities make a Community Alcohol Plan (CAP)
- Communities will decide what actions are in these Plans;
  1. Reduce Supply - manage Alcohol and Drugs coming in and out of communities.
  2. Reduce Demand - change how Alcohol is used and how help reaches people
  3. Reduce Harm - any activities that prevent harm or support positive responses to Alcohol in community
- The actions in a Community Alcohol Plan can be funded.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/51*

## 11 OTHER BUSINESS

*Nil*

## 12 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Ali Curung LA next meeting date is 18/09/2024.

Meeting Closed at 03:50 PM

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