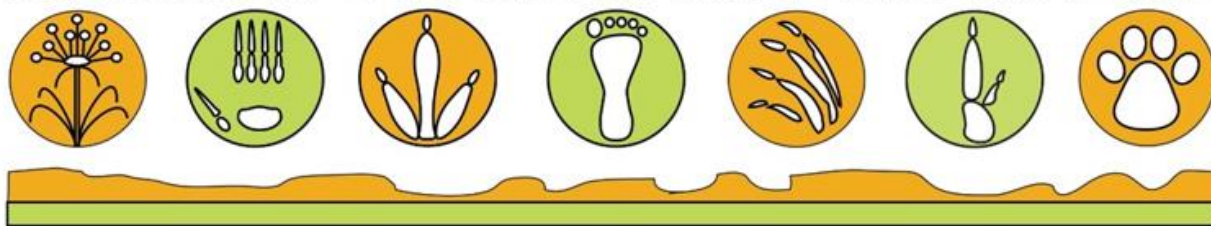


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES

### Alpurrurulam LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Alpurrurulam LA Meeting was held via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 29 February 2024 at 1:45 pm.

**Ian Bodill**  
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.**

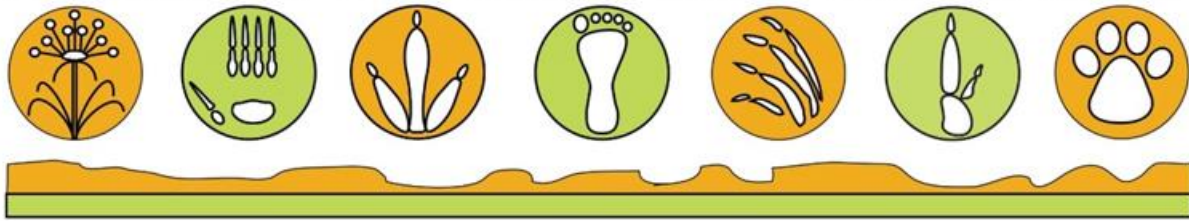
**We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.**

**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

- Laney Tracker
- Pam Corbett
- Jennifer Mahoney
- Benjamin Olschewsky
- Charlie Larkins

### 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Ian Bodill (CEO, BRC)
- Peter Holt (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operations and Remote Communities, BRC)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate services, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator, BRC)
- Robbie Larkins (Community Care Team Leader, BRC)
- Valarie Campbell

### 1.3 Apologies to Be Accepted

- Maria Turner

### 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

### 1.5 Resignations

- David Riley
- Jackie Mahoney

### 1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

### 1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

Nil

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Confirmation of previous Minutes

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#### 2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 January 2024 are correct and accurate record.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

**Seconded:** LA Member Charlie Larkins

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ALLA-24/10*

## 3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Actions from previous Minutes

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#### 3.1 Council's Regional Plan

#### MOTION

That Local Authority notes and discusses the Council' Regional Plan.

#### SUMMARY

- Peter Holt emphasized the significance of the regional plan during the meeting.
- He highlighted the importance of prioritizing services in accordance with the plan.
- He stressed the value of feedback from members, stating that only items deemed important by the members would be retained for inclusion in the next annual regional plan.
- Members were encouraged to actively participate by providing their opinions and feedback on the regional plan and service priorities.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

**Seconded:** LA Member Pam Corbet

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ALLA-24/11*

## 4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

### Chief Executive Officers Reports

#### 4.1 Chief Executive Officers Report - Ian Bodill

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

#### SUMMARY

The following were mentioned and discussed by LA members:

Item	Details	Proposed Funding Source
Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for a local police station</li> <li>• Advocate for improvements to Airfield</li> <li>• Address water supply connection</li> <li>• DIPL – highway upgrades (Sandover or Austral Downs Rd) – engage TO/CLC</li> </ul>	
Roads/infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install speed humps.</li> <li>• Install Give Way signs.</li> <li>• Improve drainage (P&amp;W)</li> <li>• Address sewerage overflow</li> <li>• Road maintenance</li> <li>• Provide all weather access to airstrip (address main drains; install culverts); impacts Cemetery Rd</li> <li>• Lot 64 boundary fence – relocate to correct boundary line.</li> </ul>	

Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demolish disused toilet block – sports ground.</li> <li>• Relocate Shiny shed toilet.</li> <li>• Install new public toilets.</li> <li>• Refurbish Vet bldg.</li> <li>• Upgrade &amp; maintain laundromat (10K)</li> <li>• Upgrade AC @ shower block</li> <li>• Investigate ferry/punt across river for Wet season usage (considerations: liability and licensing)</li> <li>• Repair/replace roofing @ Community Centre</li> </ul>	
Aged Care		
Youth, Sport, and Rec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovate change rooms @ L23 – not for public usage.</li> <li>• Clad BB court (certification to be investigated)</li> <li>• Roof new BB court L64</li> <li>• Establish waterpark.</li> <li>• Signage &amp; seating @ BB court</li> </ul>	
Animal Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimate Vet service @ 15K – preference for the most recent vet to be re-engaged</li> </ul>	BRC funds one visit PA
Night Patrol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training &amp; upskilling of team</li> </ul>	
Safe Houses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not currently provided – requires Police presence in town.</li> <li>• Scope to establish one</li> </ul>	

**RESOLVED****Moved: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney****Seconded: LA Member Charlie Larkins****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***Resolved ALLA-24/12*

## 5 FINANCE REPORTS

### Finance Reports

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#### 5.1 Finance Report

##### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Finance report.

##### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

**Seconded:** LA Member Laney Tracker

##### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-24/13*

## 6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

### Area Managers Reports

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#### 6.1 Acting Area Manager's Report - Robbie Larkins

##### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the acting Area Manager.

##### **SUMAARY**

- Alpururulam is experiencing heavy rains typical of the wet season, resulting in the community being waterlogged for several weeks.
- Despite the weather challenges, the community is in good spirits, and the community store is well-stocked to support residents and stakeholders with essential items.
- Municipal administration is actively seeking a work supervisor to lead the team and has been addressing issues such as overgrown grass and mosquito infestations caused by the rain. A recent incident involving vandalism of a municipal vehicle by a community member has been reported.
- In the sports and recreation sector, a new team leader has been appointed in December and is working on establishing programs that have been lacking leadership.
- Community care services are being managed by a team leader covering for the area manager on leave until March, with the team effectively delivering services to age and disability clients.

- Community safety teams are conducting regular patrols but faced travel challenges due to heavy rains. They also assisted in recovering community members from a men's business ceremony.
- Following the conclusion of ceremonies, locals have returned to work, although garbage collection has been difficult due to the weather. The community is awaiting river level updates after significant rainfall over the weekend.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky**

**Seconded: LA Member Charlie Larkins**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-24/14*

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## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

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#### 7.1 Report from the Official Manager - Peter Holt

##### MOTION

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

##### SUMMARY

- Introduction and explanation of the role of the Official Manager (in the place of the Barkly Regional Council) during the suspension of the Council pending an investigation into the councils' processes and procedures from January 1, 2022 to October 16, 2023.
- The Investigation is to be undertaken by Alice Springs based lawyer Ruth Morley, and will conclude on 12 March 2024, after which time anyone referred to in the report will be given three weeks to respond. Based on the outcome of the investigation and responses received the Minister for Local Government will determine whether to reinstate or dismiss the council.
- Through the establishment of the Barkly Regional Advisory Committee the suspended councilors will remain engaged during the investigation and will assist with budget planning and priorities for the 2024-25 Regional Plan. The first meeting of the BRAC was held on January 30, 2024.
- Regarding BRC council meetings there is concern that LA recommendations and requests for information were being put to the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) by the Local Authorities (LA) for noting but not for action. We are now developing a Register for each local authority which lists requests for meetings, briefings or funding and this action list will be presented at each LA meeting. There needs to be a two-way exchange of information, not one-way from LA to Council with no feedback.
- The BRC is commencing the planning for the development of the Barkly Regional Council Regional Plan for 2024-25. To do this we will seek input from local authorities on three matters:
  - o What do the LA wish to pursue with their own available funds?
  - o What are the priorities they want BRC to commit to in their community? and,
  - o What do you want BRC to seek funding for or to advocate on behalf of their community?
- Approximately \$800,000 of LAMP funds across the region are at risk of being returned, unspent, some dating back to 2016-17, so each LA should prioritise expenditure of any funds received more than two years ago unless they wish to commit to a more substantial project.

##### RESOLVED

**Moved:** LA Member Charlie Larkins

**Seconded:** LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ALLA-24/15*

## General Business

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### 7.2 Tarps

#### **MOTION**

The Local Authority approved the expenditure of \$2100 for the purchase of three tarps.

**Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins**

**Seconded: LA Member Laney Tracker**

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-24/19*

## General Business

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### 7.3 Community Centre renovation

#### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority has approved and allocated \$15,000 for the renovation of a room in a community center designated for use by the Veterinary program.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky**

**Seconded: LA Member Pam Corbett**

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-24/20*

## 8 CORRESPONDENCE

*Nil*

## 9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

### Other Matters For Noting

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#### 9.1 Remuneration Tribunal - Local Authorities

**Author** Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

#### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Remuneration Tribunal - determination of allowances for the members of Local Authorities.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Laney Tracker

**Seconded:** LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA – 24/16*

### Other Matters For Noting

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#### 9.2 Nomination of new LA members

#### **SUMMARY**

- The LA members were notified that the current count of Local Authority (LA) members stands at six after recent resignations, meeting the council's minimum requirement.
- The council notified that it aims to invite nominations from community members to potentially fill additional positions in the near future and informed that the advertisement was posted in the local newspaper.

## 10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Reports from Barkly Regional Council

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#### 10.1 Report from the Director of Operations and Remote Communities - Brody Moore

##### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority receives and accepts the verbal report from the Director of Operations and Remote Communities.

##### **SUMMARY**

Brody appreciated and thanked to Robbie Larkins for stepping up as acting manager role in Heather's absence. And mentioned that few people would be visiting the communities temporarily to assist the municipal staff.

##### **RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

##### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-24/17*

## 11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

*Nil*

## 12 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Alpururulam LA next meeting date is 19/03/2024.

Meeting Closed at 03:21 PM

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