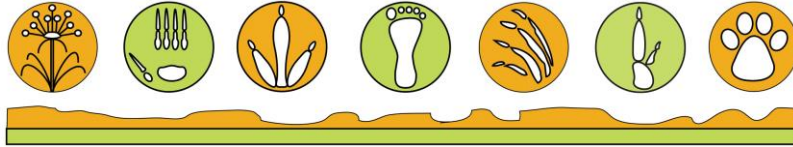


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES

### ARLPARRA LOCAL AUTHORITY

Held Tuesday 7 October 2014

Batchelor Training Room

1. **MEETING OPENED:** 10:30am

2. **ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES**

2.1 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brenda Inkamala	Local Authority member
Edward Jones	Local Authority member
Jack Club	Local Authority member
Cr Ada Beasley	Ex Officio
Esau Nelson	Local Authority member
Stevie Loy	Local Authority member

2.2 **ALSO PRESENT**

Dennis Kunoth	Prime Minister and Cabinet
Di Nona	Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation.
Peter Ryan	Barkly Regional Council
Saleena Ham	Barkly regional Council
Robin Ross	Community Member
Harold Nelson	Community Member
Barbara Dalloway	Barkly Regional Council

2.3 **APOLOGIES**

President Barb Shaw	Ex Officio
Edwina Marks	Barkly Regional Council Chief Executive
Jill Kleiner	Department of Local Government and Regions
Regional Manager	

2.4 **ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGY**

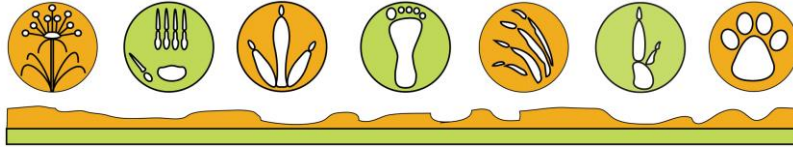
Ernie Bailey	Local Authority Member
Cr. Lucy Jackson	Ex Officio
Cr. Timothy Price	Ex Officio

3. **NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR**

3.1 Cr. Beasley in the Chair asked for nominations for the positions of Chair and Deputy.

Esau Nelson nominated as Chairman and Edward Jones nominated as Deputy. Both accepted the nominations and were endorsed in the positions for 12 months.

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## 4. LOCAL AUTHORITY ITEMS/ PLANS

### 4.1 **Local Authority Members Matters**

Nil

### 4.2 **Grass on the Oval**

There has been some community discussion around the possibility of grassing the oval. This would require water, sprinklers, pressure pumps and holding tanks and research on the best grass for our conditions.

The Local Authority decided that a fence around the Oval was a higher priority. After discussion it was decided to;

- Measure the distance for the required fence
- Look into the types of fencing that might be suitable for the purpose
- Find quotes for the fencing materials
- Esau and Edward would speak with the Store regarding financial contribution.

There was discussion regarding the need for more public toilets for the future.

**Action:** Measure the distance for the required fence; research suitable fencing and obtain quotes. Two Local Authority members to speak with the Store regarding financial contribution.

### 4.3 **Caring for our Old People**

Some of the older people are losing their food and money to family members especially around football time. There is a problem signing accounts at the Store because some Old People sign with an "X". It may be necessary for the Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation to be one signature, or the Council's Aged Care provider.

Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation could help these old people to keep their money safe by becoming the nominated carer. The Store should be introduced to these Elders so that they know not to allow others to access their Store Account. The Basics card is too easy for others to take and use.

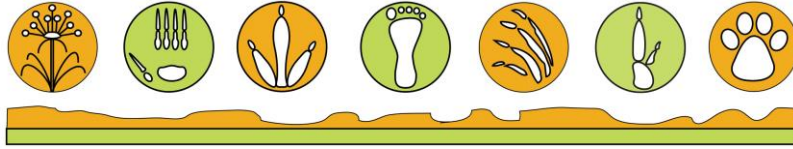
**Action:** Discuss ways to keep money safer for older people in need with Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation, Barkly Regional Council Aged Care and Community Store.

### 4.4 **Shelter Locations**

There was concern that we care properly for our old people. The members do not want to send them to Old Timers in Alice Springs. They want to stay here on their Country. The members wondered if empty housing at some outstations could be relocated to Arlparra for the old people.

The Community Coordinator explained that some shelters had been purchased in consultation with the Elders for the old ladies in humpies. There is an extra one to

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be allocated. After discussion, the Local Authority agreed to allocate the third shelter to Harold Nelson.

**Action:** *At the next Local Authority meeting, further discussion is to occur regarding the location for the five carpools.*

## 4.5 Repairs & Maintenance – Housing

The CAT project to fix and make houses safe has ended. Already there is damage occurring in some places to newly fixed homes. It is costing a lot of money to replace new stoves that are broken on purpose or through bad treatment. Toilets are being broken with star pickets. This is costing a lot of money that could be used on other repairs.

The Community Coordinator asked the Local Authority for a system for managing repeat damage and for example, to ask some payment for repeated damage. It was agreed that this needs to be discussed in the Outstations.

**Action:** *The Community Coordinator to speak to Outstation representatives about repairs to houses and possible co-payment to fix repeated damage.*

## 5. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

### 5.1 Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation

Di Nona spoke to the meeting advising that Utopia was to be a demonstration site for governance training with APONT. All Members of Boards are invited to participate from the Clinic, Urapuntja AC and from the Local Authority. This should help the local people in their jobs as community leaders on Boards.

## 6. COUNCIL REPORTS

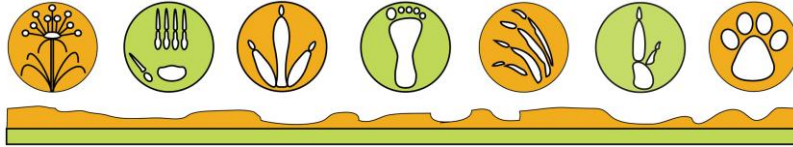
### 7.1 CEO (or Representative) Report on Current Regional Council Services in the Community / Budget

Peter Ryan, representing Edwina Marks CEO of the Barkly Regional Council congratulated the Local Authority on its quorum and inaugural official meeting.

The Council has a new External complaints policy and community members can make a complaint about Council services and Council will take action to solve the complaint.

The Department of Local Government and Regions has made a grant available to all Local Authorities. Arlparra Local Authority has been granted \$77,827 to be spent on community projects before 30 June 2016. This money cannot be used on salaries/ wages.

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## 7.2 Community Coordinators Report

A number of problems with septic tanks will be repaired or replaced if beyond repair.

Concern expressed about bushfire management. There has been no burning through the winter time and there is a high fuel loading. The Members agreed that as the storms begin and it becomes hotter, there will be a risk of lightning strikes and fires.

Fire breaks are being refreshed and the water truck kept full of water but this will only help Arlparra and the closer outstations. Need to speak with people about how to be safe on the outstations.

Football Carnival has been demanding on Council. Hiring toilets is an additional cost for Council and there is rubbish left in the community that costs money to clean up .

**Action:** *The Local Authority to give 5 weeks notice before the start of the next Football Carnival.*

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

### 7.1 Night Patrol Office

Night Patrol needs to have an office located near the Basketball Courts and the Old Police Station is not located in a good place for this purpose.

**Action:** *Barkly Regional Council to explore the relocation of the old police dongas or purchase of a new one.*

## 8. NEXT MEETING / MEETING CLOSE

- 8.1 Next meeting 11am on 18 November 2014.
- 8.2 Meeting closed at 11.40am.