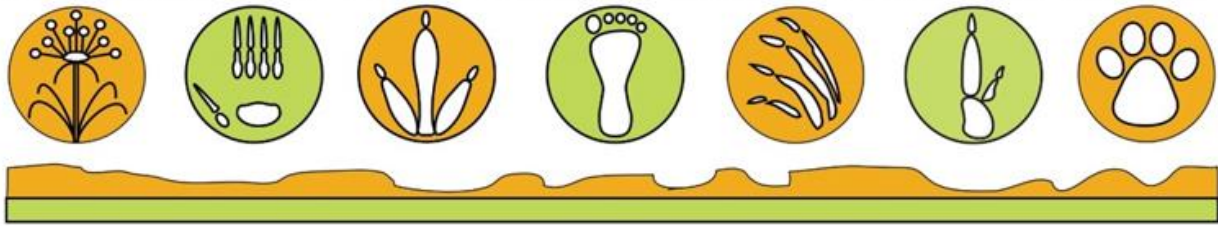


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES Tennant Creek LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Tennant Creek LA Meeting was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 4:30 pm.

**Ian Bodill**

Chief Executive Officer

### OUR VISION

We strive to be responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens 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 policy 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.

## 1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

### 1.1 Authority Members Present

Meeting commenced at 4.47pm with Darrin Whatley as Chair.

- Darrin Whatley, Chairperson.
- Nathan Mills, Deputy Chairperson.
- Penelope Cowin, Appointed Member.
- Anthony Pickel, Appointed Member.

### 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Ian Bodill, Chief Executive Officer.
- Peter Holt, Official Manager.
- Troy Koch, Director of Tennant Creek.
- Emmanuel Okumu, Audit and Governance Manager.
- Faye Jennings, Executive Manager.

### 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Heather Burton, Appointed Member
- Lauren McDonnell, Senior Administration Officer

### 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Rosemary Plummer, Appointed Member.
- Len Holbrok, Appointed Member.

### 1.5 Resignations

Nil.

### 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 Tennant Creek Local Authority receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th September 2023

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anthony Pickel

Seconded: LA Member Penelope Cowin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-23/45*

## 3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Actions from previous Minutes

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#### 3.1 Actions from Previous Minutes

##### MOTION

That the Tennant Creek Local Authority receives and notes the Actions of the previous meeting on 19th September 2023.

##### Murals

- Anthony had intention of sending an email to standing Cr. Russell prior to his stand down - Anthony will now provide that email to Peter Holt. Council involved with Power and Water - Power and Water are looking at options to put a mural on the side of the water tank at One Tank Hill lookout. Power and Water are putting the murals on numerous assets around the territory. Tennant Creek artists were approached to provide the artwork for the tank; however, they have been unable to agree on the decided artwork piece - this is still out for consultation. Tennant Creek is the only location where this has not been completed. All other Territory Locations have decided on their artwork and commenced with the project. Anthony to provide Peter with an outline of the scope of works. A great draw card. Tourism to take over walkway project which will encourage tourists up the path leading up to the water tank on One Tank Hill lookout. Walkway proposed as part of this project - pedestrian safety is also an issue, so TCLA involved in looking at proposed walkway along with NT Tourism.

##### Footpath project

- Ongoing projects. Elderly, disability, pedestrians etc. all affected by the disrepair of Council footpaths - TCLA raise the questions as to why BRC haven't created any new, existing and serious maintenance to existing footpaths. There have been no firm answers back from BRC. Ian asked if we have a footpath programme. Imperative that BRC have a footpath maintenance programme. TCLA have been advised by Council that they don't have a current footpath maintenance plan. Troy advised that BRC currently maintain existing

footpaths. Ian suggested developing the plan with a 5-year strategy plan. Could also be addressed in the upcoming asset plan. Peter suggests developing a Blackspot Footpath Programme as a good start. Peter will review. Keep on Agenda.

### Lighting

- Karguru Road is a black spot - the road is very dangerous. Council reviewing who's responsibility it is. Power and Water are looking at options for lighting on the corner and the footpath. It's a single lane road and it drops off either side of the highway. Flagged by TCLA that this road is unlit and unmaintained. TCLA waiting on further information from Council - Troy Koch advised that Council were investigating road expansion options and the installation of Solar lighting. Council owned road that leads up to the camp entrance. Power and Water have no assets along that road so wired lighting would be a very expensive option. Any electrical contractor can install the Solar lighting. Keep on Agenda.

### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Penelope Cowin

Seconded: LA Member Anthony Picket

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-23/35*

## 4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

### Chief Executive Officers Reports

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#### 4.1 Chief Executive Officer Report

### MOTION

That the Tennant Creek Local Authority receive and note a verbal update from the new CEO.

- The Ian Bodill, CEO, will have a written report prepared for the next TCLA Meeting.

### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Darrin Whatley

Seconded: LA Member Penelope Cowin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-23/36*

## 5 FINANCE REPORTS

### Finance Reports

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#### 5.1 Finance Report

### MOTION

That the Tennant Creek Local Authority receive and note the Finance report for 01/07/23-31/10/23.

- Separated the financial report out as separate report.

- Darrin Whatley to provide details to Peter Holt and Ian Bodill as required.
- Shows current commitments; the disability hoist and the bubblers are the current commitments.

#### **ACTION**

- Darrin Whatley to provide an update to Ian Bodill and Peter Holt as required; showing the current commitments of the TCLA.
- Add to the bottom of the financial report an indication of estimated value of current commitments undertaken by TCLA.

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Anthony Picket

Seconded: LA Member Darrin Whatley

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved TCLA-23/37*

## **6 TENNANT CREEK DIRECTORATE REPORT**

### **Tennant Creek Directorate Report**

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#### **6.1 Director of Tennant Creek Report**

#### **MOTION**

That the Tennant Creek Local Authority receive and note the update from the Director of Tennant Creek.

- Swimming Pool is currently open with restricted hours. We have restrictions with qualified lifeguards being available so opening hours are 3pm - 7pm currently.
- Chief Minister from NTG have offered extra lifeguard provisions.
- We're also running Royal Lifesaving Association Bronze Medallion training and other lifeguard training.
- Darrin Whatley has highlighted that there are a few residents in the community that hold lifeguard qualifications.
- Warrego Mine donated an old swimming pool filter to replace the irreparable filter at swimming pool. It's an identical unit, and in place and running now.
- Youth Centre is now open but has encountered two break-ins over the last two weeks.

#### **ACTION**

- Troy Koch to follow up with a community drive to see if we can get volunteer lifeguards in place.
- Peter Holt has requested a follow up on whether a new filter has been ordered. Troy Koch will follow up and let Peter know the outcome.

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Penelope Cowin

Seconded: LA Member Darrin Whatley

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved TCLA-23/38*

## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

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#### 7.1 Water Bubblers

##### MOTION

That the Tennant Creek Local Authority receive and note the update about the public water bubblers.

- TCLA are currently investigating the best options for placements of these Water Bubblers. Consider using different types for different areas depending on electrical/water connection availability.
- Community consultation available via Facebook and Tennant Creek Newspaper.
- Suggest running a Survey Monkey with the public to get a consensus on best placement of these units.
- Quotes to install will be site specific.
- Ongoing; follow up at next meeting.

##### ACTION

- Propose to have response back from community by end of January to begin the new year with scope of works for installation of units.
- Advertisement to be placed in Tennant and District Times on 17th November 2023.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Penelope Cowin

Seconded: LA Member Anthony Picket

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-23/39*

### General Business

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#### 7.2 Pool Hoist

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority receive and note the update from Barkly Regional Council about the pool hoist.

- Base plate on order and colour has been confirmed.
- Installation costs to be covered by TCLA.
- Ongoing maintenance to be carried out by BRC.
- Assessment of drainage around the installation point to be conducted by Darrin Whatley and Troy Koch.
- Update to be provided at next meeting.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Penelope Cowin

Seconded: LA Member Anthony Picket

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-23/40*

## General Business

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### 7.3 Tennant Creek Swimming Pool

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority receive and note the report on the conditions of the Tennant Creek Swimming Pool.

- Facilities - accessibility needs to stay on the Agenda.
- Proposal submitted previously by Cr. Russell O'Donnell to install a second BBQ Hut at the TC Swimming Pool.
- Darrin Whatley feels the disability room requires an urgent upgrade as a priority.
- Consider costs associated with installation of second BBQ Hut at pool before committing to this project. See action point below to establish what those installation costs look like.
- Anthony Pickel has also requested that Darrin Whatley provide the TCLA with an overview of the upgrades required to the disability facilities and a change room.

#### ACTION

- Troy Koch to follow up on what costs were associated with installing the BBQ Hut at Hilda Street Park, to present at next meeting.
- Darrin Whatley to provide TCLA with an overview of the upgrades required to the disability facilities and change room installation at the pool.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anthony Picket

Seconded: LA Member Penelope Cowin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-23/41*

## General Business

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### 7.4 Dog Park

#### MOTION

That the Tennant Creek Local Authority receive and note the update about the Dog Park.

- Action item - dog park at Karguru put forward. Anthony Pickel suggests there are already a lot of dogs already in that area, so encouragement of a dog park in that region would not be ideal.
- BRC have requested in the past that the TCLA offer up ideas for use for the space at Karguru.
- Suggest community consultation on best location for a dog park in TC.
- Troy Koch suggests Kathleen Park. It has good accessibility for tourists.
- Anthony Pickel highlighted that the dog park cannot share a fence with any adjoining property. It needs its own stand-alone fence perimeter.
- Survey Monkey for Community consultation to go out.
- TCLA and BRC should have the final say on location.
- Peter Holt and Ian Bodill pointed out that the correct procedure is that it goes through Council consultation initially. This enables transparency for Council funding etc.

## ACTION

- Close any further investigation into Karguru as a dog park.
- Put advertisement out for community consultation to get ideas for locations of dog park.  
To be presented at a later meeting.

## RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anthony Picket  
Seconded: LA Member Penelope Cowin  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-23/42*

## 8 CORRESPONDENCE

*Nil*

## 9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

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#### 9.1 Local Authority Meetings for 2024

## MOTION

That the Tennant Creek Local Authority discuss and plan the schedule for meetings in 2024.

Proposed meetings for 2024 are:

- Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 4.30pm.
- Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 4.30pm.

## RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Penelope Cowin  
Seconded: LA Member Anthony Picket  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-23/43*

## 10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

*Nil*

## 11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

*Nil*



## 12 OTHER BUSINESS

### Other Business

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#### 12.1 Tennant Creek Park Report

##### MOTION

That the Tennant Creek Local Authority receive and note the update about council parks within Tennant Creek.

- Full report to be presented at next meeting.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Penelope Cowin

Seconded: LA Member Anthony Picket

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-23/44*

## 13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The TCLA next meeting date is 06/02/2023 at 4.30pm.

Meeting Closed at 6.32pm

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