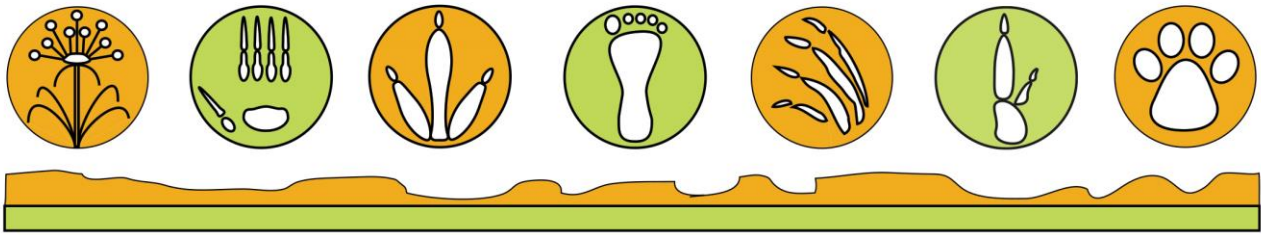


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## 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.**

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2020**

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 29 October 2020 at 8.30am.

**Steven Moore  
Chief Executive Officer**

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## 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 the Barkly Region. 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**

## WELCOME TO COUNTRY

**I respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners past and present of this land on which we are meeting, the Warumungu people.**

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## AGENDA

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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

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**ITEM NUMBER** 7.4  
**TITLE** Annual Report  
**REFERENCE** 305705  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the 2019-2020 Annual Report

### SUMMARY:

The annual report is attached for Council's approval

### BACKGROUND

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### ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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### BUDGET IMPLICATION

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### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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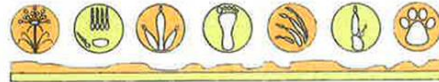
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BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



# 2019-2020

## ANNUAL REPORT



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Warumungu, Jingili, Bularnu, Alyawarre, Kaytej 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.

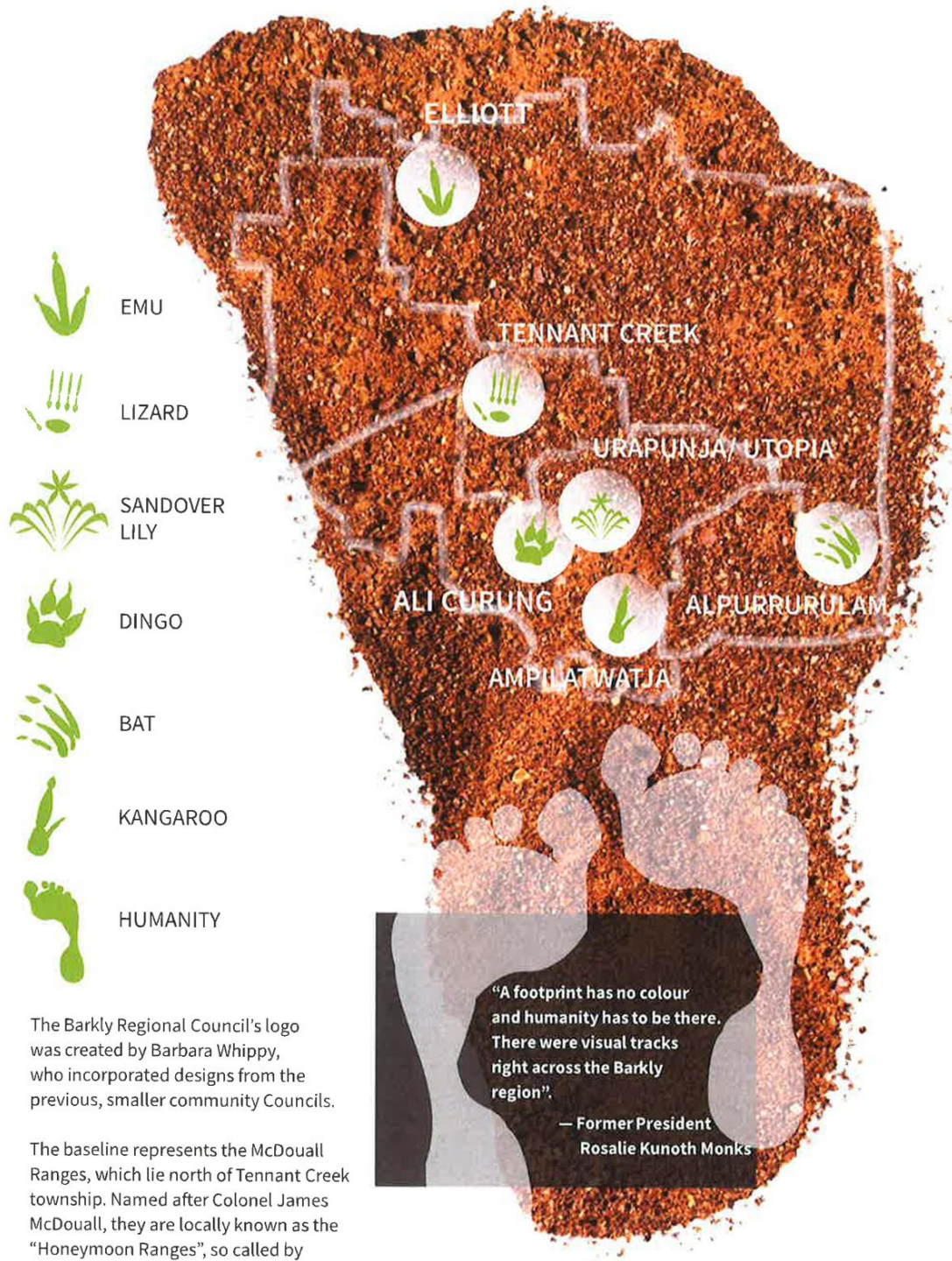
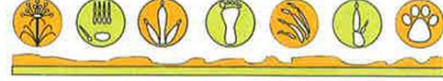
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## Our logo

### BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



The Barkly Regional Council's logo was created by Barbara Whippy, who incorporated designs from the previous, smaller community Councils.

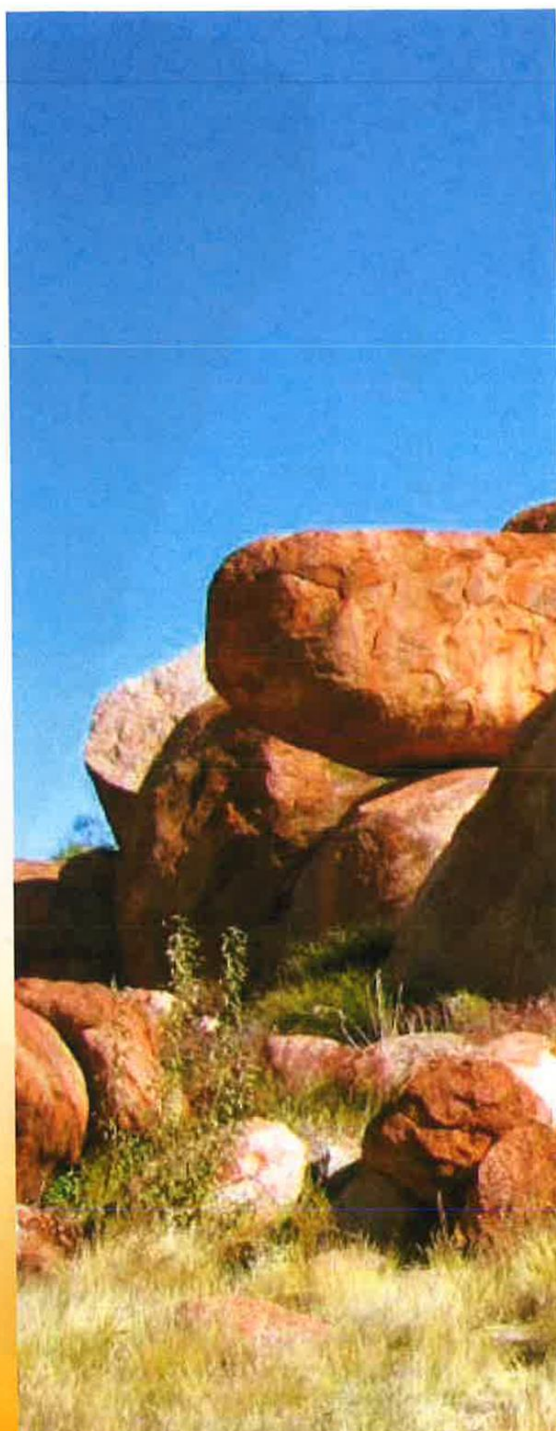
The baseline represents the McDouall Ranges, which lie north of Tennant Creek township. Named after Colonel James McDouall, they are locally known as the "Honeymoon Ranges", so called by newlyweds camping on mining leases during the 1930s gold rush.

"A footprint has no colour and humanity has to be there. There were visual tracks right across the Barkly region".

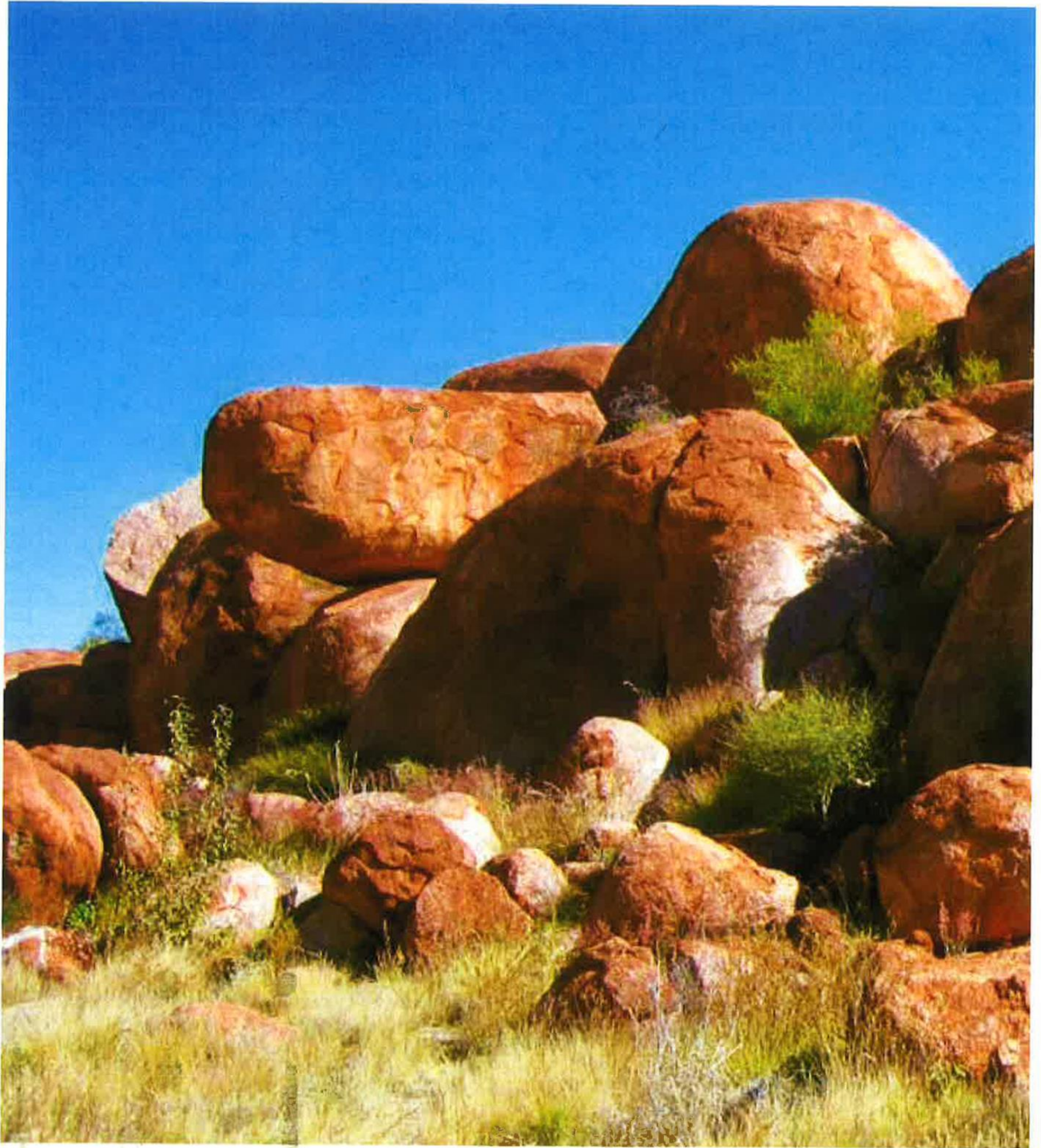
— Former President  
Rosalie Kunoth Monks

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## Message from the Mayor



I am very pleased to present the Annual Report for the 2019–20 financial year. With many significant achievements and a number of projects reaching completion, it has been a busy and constructive year for Barkly Regional Council.

Over the past year, Council has accomplished a number of projects from our Five Year Infrastructure Plan. We have erected a cover over both the Ali Curung and Wutunugurra Basketball Courts, installed solar heating at the Tennant Creek Swimming Pool, installed lighting at the Ali Curung softball field and air conditioning at the Tennant Creek Civic Hall. Council has also installed new solar streetlights at Ampilatwatja, extended the Tennant Creek Cemetery and upgraded the Karguru Oval.

A focus this past year has been to reduce waste and streamline tasks that need immediate Council attention. To combat these issues, Council has established an Environment and Sustainability Committee, commenced the use of **Snap, Send, Solve** as a form of incident reporting, implemented **Mobile Muster Recycling** boxes in all our communities and improved our waste management and landfill operations. The “Highly Commended” awards received from **Territory Tidy Towns Awards 2019** for both Waste Management and Resource Recovery reflected the Council’s success in this area.

**Community Consultation** is always high on Council’s agenda with a concerted effort to engage more broadly with residents around a critical range of projects, public forums and infrastructure developments. To ensure Council has effective community consultation, Council has drafted a Community Consultation Plan in conjunction with Council’s Consultation Policy and

the International Association for Public Participation Guidelines.

Local Government is about building and maintaining strong relationships, this is evidenced by Council’s partnership with Catholic Care for the **No More Violence Campaign**, **The Mob for the beautification of the Tennant Creek Cemetery** and the **Barkly Work Camp**.

Our Council is committed to delivering honest, open and accountable government and places high value on the importance of service delivery to the Council’s constituency. It is responsive to the needs, interests and aspirations of individuals and groups within its area.

This financial year the COVID-19 global pandemic affected Council’s ability to deliver a number of services. Restrictions put in place for the safety of Australians meant that Council was unable to deliver services. Sport and rec services, youth services and libraries, water parks, swimming pools, parks and playgrounds were all closed to the public.

We are focused on delivering local jobs for local people and ensuring there are local opportunities for local businesses which will all contribute to making the Barkly the best place in the Territory to live, work, visit and invest in.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the CEO Steve Moore and Council staff for their tireless work over the past year. I also thank each Elected Member for their passion, dedication and service to the people of Tennant Creek and the Barkly.

Steve Edgington

Mayor



## Chief Executive Officer's Report



The Barkly Regional Council Annual Report details our operations over the past year. This document is intended to provide a picture of Council's activities and achievements over the year.

Barkly Regional Council delivers municipal and essential services across 323,514km<sup>2</sup> and covers some of the most remote parts of Australia. Our Region includes the towns of Tennant Creek and Elliott along with the remote communities of Ali Curung, Alpururulam, Ampilatwatja and Wutunugurra, the Outstations of Arlparra, Imangarra and a number of homelands are also an important part of the Barkly.

This year has seen the beginning of the implementation of the Barkly Regional Deal's 28 initiatives. Five working groups have been established, three of which have members appointed and are meeting regularly. The airstrip at Alpururulam has been completed as well as the Elliott Art Centre Feasibility Study.

Council has had another big year with multiple projects in the pipeline including the long awaited Purkiss Reserve upgrade, two new Youth Centres (Ali Curung and Tennant Creek), a new bike path and a skate park as part of the Building Better Regional Funds funding obtained through the Regional Deal. In addition we have secured \$1 million in drought funding which will fund an additional five projects in Communities including toilets and change rooms for the new Elliott football oval. We also secured funding at the end of the year to build a chapel at the Tennant Creek cemetery, which is currently being beautified. This is just a few of the \$13million of capital works Council is currently working to finalise.

The beginning of 2020 saw a global pandemic hit the world and the Barkly was not exempt from the impacts that greatly affected Council's ability to

deliver services. During COVID-19 several Council run programs were shut down, bio security zones were put in place; restricting movement in and out of communities, local businesses were closed and events were cancelled. Council has taken steps to assist residents by freezing rates, fees and charges for the coming year, as well as a freeze on interest charges on overdue rates. The outbreak of COVID-19 has delayed a number of Council's capital projects, which have had to be deferred until the new financial year.

Staff recruitment and retention continues to be a priority; while the number of key staff leaving council has reduced, we need to continue to work to make Council an employer of choice.

At the start of the financial year, we completed a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement which ensures Council is offering fair and competitive wages to our employees along with good working conditions and benefits.

I would like to thank our elected members for their guidance and support throughout the year. This Council has been in office for three years and is working hard to improve public facilities for residents and visitors to the Barkly Region.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff who continue to work hard to deliver core Council services and other contracted services across the Barkly. Without their support, dedication and hard work across a large and challenging geographic area we would not be able to meet our obligations to our residents, stakeholders and visitors.

Steve Moore

Chief Executive Officer

## Your Council

### Who We Are

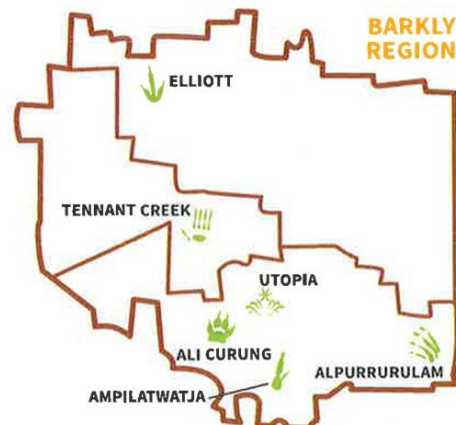
Barkly Regional Council is a Regional Council, providing infrastructure, services and programs to individuals, families, children's group, schools, businesses and agencies across the Barkly. This Region has a resident population of 8,563 (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016).

### Where We Are

Situated between Alice Springs and Katherine with the town of Tennant Creek at its heart, the Barkly Region covers 323,514 km<sup>2</sup>. The Region consists largely of open grass plains and some of the world's largest cattle stations. Its boundaries extend eastwards from Tennant Creek to the community of Alpururulam near the Queensland border. It runs as far south as Barrow Creek, north of Tennant Creek to Newcastle Waters and westwards into the Tanami Desert.

### Who We Serve

Barkly Regional Council serves the townships of Tennant Creek and Elliott as well as the communities of Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra, Alpururulam, Elliott and Wutunugurra (Epenarra). In addition to these communities, there are approximately eight minor communities, the largest of which include Canteen Creek, Imangara, Tara and Mungkarta, 70 family outstations, 49 pastoral stations, mining operations and commercial properties.



### Our Aboriginal Culture

Aboriginal people and their culture are an important part of the Barkly Region. At Barkly Regional Council, we recognise and respect Traditional Owners of communities and the fact that Aboriginal culture is the oldest continuing culture in the world. Over 60 per cent of the people who live in the Barkly identify themselves as Aboriginal across 16 language groups. English is frequently a third or even fourth language. Aboriginal people have had their own forms of governance for tens of thousands of years and it is in this

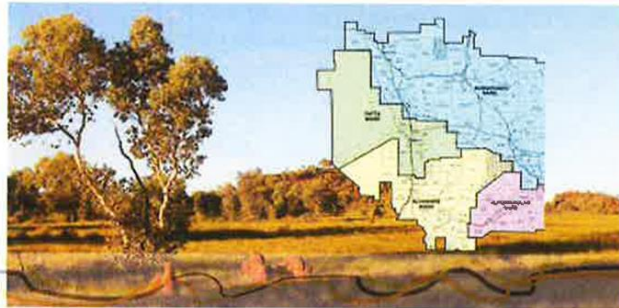
cross-cultural atmosphere and spirit of trust that Council works with traditional owners and community residents. Having strong and effective Indigenous representatives on the Council also provides an opportunity to discuss and develop effective two-way communication and engagement as well as develop strong governance principles and practices. Council is also one of the largest employers of Aboriginal employees in the Region.



# Governance

## Administration and Regulatory Framework

The Council is bound by the Local Government Act and Regulations as well as other Northern Territory and Federal legislation. As such, compliance with a range of statutory obligations is essential. The normal daily operations of the Council and internal systems and procedures must be adequate to efficiently record and manage these compliance matters.



## History

In October 2006, the Northern Territory Government (NTG) announced the reform of local government areas. The intention of the reform was to improve and expand the delivery of services to towns and communities across the Northern Territory by establishing 11 new super shires. On 1 July 2008, the Barkly Shire Council was formed; and became the second largest Local Government area in Australia at 323,514km<sup>2</sup> after East Pilbara shire in Western Australia at 380,000km<sup>2</sup>.

Following a review of Local Government, the NTG announced that amongst other changes the name "Shire Council" would be changed to "Regional Council" in the eight large Northern Territory Shires. Council agreed to introduce this change on the 1st January 2014, marking the start of a new era for the Barkly Regional Council. The NTG also flagged increasing the responsibility of Local Authorities, formerly known as Local Boards, in representing local communities and towns. These changes were embraced and reflect a growing sophistication and acknowledgment of the developing regional responsibility of the Barkly Regional Council.

## Electoral Review

The Local Government Act requires Council to undertake an electoral review, in consultation with its community and the NT Electoral Commissioner, to determine whether the current arrangements provide the most effective possible elector representation for the Council area. On 13 February 2015, community consultation on the review commenced. As a result of community input and noting the assessment criteria, Council concluded that its constitutional arrangements were appropriate. No changes were proposed in relation to the name and boundary of the Council, Ward boundaries, the Office of the Principal Member or to the number of elected members. However, it was decided to recommend to the NTG a change in the name of the Yapakurlangu Ward. Yapakurlangu is a Warlpiri word and the community felt that it did not reflect the language groups in the Ward. At the Council meeting of 13 April, 2015 it was resolved that Kuwarrangu would be the new name for this Ward. The Ward name change was gazetted by the Northern Territory Government Minister for Housing and Community Development in June 2017.



## Elected Members

The **Barkly Regional Council** is governed by an elected Mayor and a Deputy Mayor, who is nominated every 12 months, and 11 Councillors. These elected members represent four (4) wards:

**Alyawarr Ward** (4 elected members)

**Patta Ward** (5 elected members, plus Mayor, currently from the Patta Ward)

**Alpururulam** (1 elected member)

**Kuwarrangu** (2 elected members)

The Local Government Act, Part 4.3, Section 42(3), allows for Regional or Shire Councils to have at the election of Council, the title of Mayor or President. On 14 September 2017, the Council resolved to change the principle member's title from President to Mayor.

Council holds Ordinary Council Meetings every month at Council Chambers in Tennant Creek with Special Council Meetings called as required. All council meetings are open to the public, unless confidential business is being considered. We encourage attendance by residents of our townships, our communities and other members of the public.

**Agendas and minutes are available on the Barkly Regional Council website <https://barkly.nt.gov.au> for free.**

## Council Committees

Council holds regular committee meetings with staff and elected members present. The following councillors have been appointed to the following committees:

- **Audit and Risk Committee:** Mayor Steven Edgington, Cr Kris Civitarese, Cr Sid Vashist, Cr Ronald Plummer and Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin
- **Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee:** Cr Kris Civitarese and Cr Ronald Plummer
- **Cultural Competency Advisory Committee:** Mayor Steven Edgington, Cr Noel Hayes, Cr Ronald Plummer, Cr Jack Clubb, Cr Ricky Holmes, Cr Lucy Jackson and Cr Jennifer Mahoney
- **HR Sub-Committee:** Mayor Steven Edgington, Cr Sid Vashist, Cr Kris Civitarese, Cr Jeff McLaughlin and Cr Ray Aylett

- **Procurement Sub-Committee:** Cr Kris Civitarese, Cr Sid Vashist and Cr Ronald Plummer
- **Environmental Sub-Committee:** Mayor Steven Edgington and Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin

## Council Working Groups

- **Animal Management Working Group:** Cr Ray Aylett and Cr Ronald Plummer
- **Friends of the Cemetery:** Deputy Mayor Hal Ruger, Cr Sid Vashist and Cr Ronald Plummer

## External Committees

- **Animal Welfare Advisory Committee:** Cr Ray Aylett (Alternate)
- **National Local Government Drug And Alcohol Advisory Committee:** Mayor Steven Edgington
- **NT Place Names Committee:** Cr Ronald Plummer
- **Development Consent Authority Committee:** Mayor Steven Edgington and Cr Kris Civitarese; and Cr Sid Vashist (Alternate)
- **NT Water Safety Committee:** Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin
- **NT Tobacco Control Action Committee:** Cr Kris Civitarese
- **Tennant Creek Alcohol Reference Group:** Mayor Steven Edgington
- **Chamber of Commerce:** Cr Kris Civitarese and Mayor Steven Edgington
- **Barkly Regional Accommodation Action Group:** Mayor Steven Edgington
- **Beetaloo User Panel:** Mayor Steven Edgington
- **Alcohol Reference Group:** Mayor Steven Edgington
- **Local Government Safe Cities Network:** Mayor Steven Edgington
- **Regional Development Australia, NT:** Mayor Steven Edgington



## Your Elected Members



Mayor Steven Edgington  
(Patta Ward)

### PATTA WARD



Councillor Kris  
Civitarese



Councillor Jeffrey  
McLaughlin



Councillor Ronald  
Plummer



Councillor Hal Ruger  
(Deputy Mayor)



Councillor Sid  
Vashist

### ALYAWARR WARD



Councillor  
Noel Hayes



Councillor  
Jack Clubb



Councillor Ricky  
Holmes



Councillor Lucy  
Jackson

### KUWARRANGU WARD



Councillor Ray  
Aylett



Councillor Jane  
Evans

### ALPURRURULAM WARD



Councillor Jennifer  
Mahoney

## Elected Members Meetings

Name	Committee Meetings					Local Authority Meetings						
	YAC	PSC	ESSC	HR	PR	ACLA	ALLA	AMLA	ARLA	ELA	TCLA	WLA
Mayor Steven Edgington	3	1	1	1	3	6	4	6	3	6	6	4
Cr Ray Aylett				1						5		
Cr Ktis Civitarese	2	2		1	3						9	
Cr Jack Clubb									1			
Cr Jane Evans										6		
Cr Noel Hayes						7						
Cr Ricky Holmes								6				
Cr Lucy Jackson						7						
Cr Jennifer Mahoney							4					
Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin	1		2	1							8	
Cr Ronald Plummer		1									4	
Cr Hal Ruger	2										6	
Cr Sid Vashist	1	1			1						6	

### Meeting Key:

YAC =

Youth Advisory Council

PSC =

Procurement Sub Committee

ESSC =

Environment and Sustainability Sub Committee

HR =

Human Resources Committee

PR =

Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee

ACLA =

Ali Curung Local Authority

AMLA =

Amplatwatja Local Authority

ARLA =

Arlparra Local Authority

TCLA =

Tennant Creek Local Authority

ELA =

Elliott Local Authority

WLA =

Wutunugurra Local Authority

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Ordinary Council

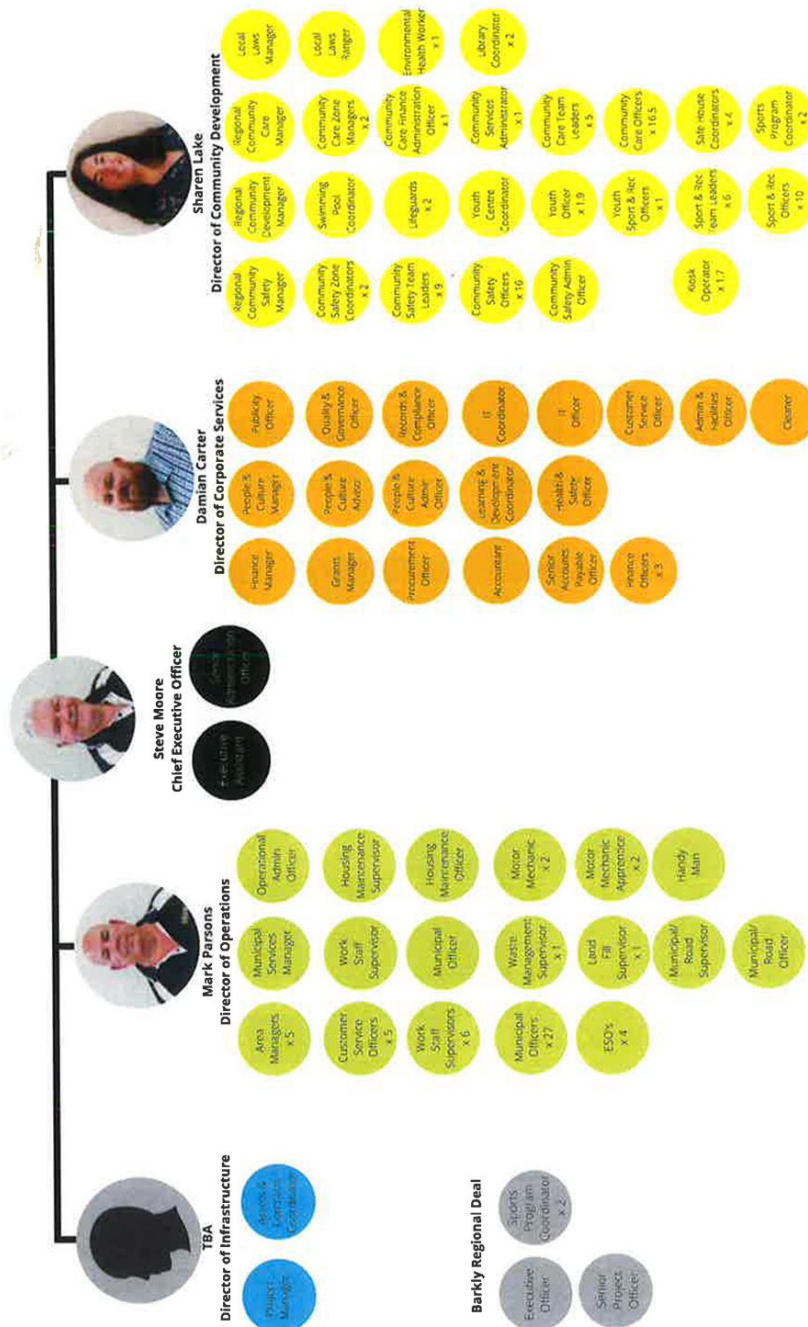
# Council Community Services Chart

## Municipal Services



\* Other Agencies providing services in Tennant Creek

# Barkly Regional Council Organisation Chart



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## 2020 Global Pandemic COVID-19

The beginning of 2020 saw a global pandemic hit the entire world. The Northern Territory was considered the safest place in Australia with a minimal number of cases identified. While the Barkly did not have any cases of COVID-19, Council and the Barkly residents were still significantly impacted by this pandemic.

During COVID-19 several Council run programs were shut down, bio-security zones were put in place; restricting movement in and out of communities, local businesses were closed and events were cancelled. Libraries, swimming pools, parks and playgrounds were all closed and social distancing measures were put in place, restricting the number of people gathering in one area.

To ensure the job security and safety of our staff, Council adapted a COVID-19 Safety Plan which redirected staff from programs/areas that were closed, to other programs. Council also implemented work from home measures and conducted a work from home day for all staff to prepare in the event that COVID-19 reached the Barkly.

The Youthlinx program was largely impacted. Although the normal activities were cancelled, our staff spent their time putting together activity packs and dropping them off to the children who attend Youthlinx. The packs contained activities based on the age of the children as well as food, snacks and phone credit.

During this pandemic our PR Officer worked tirelessly with Barkly stakeholders to put communication measures in place for the community. A text message service was put in place for residents to receive live SMS updates about COVID-19 and its effect in the Barkly Region. Stencils were painted on the ground of public areas stating social distancing,

not to share cigarettes and other visual images reiterating the key social distancing messages. In Tennant Creek the Mayor and Councillor Plummer went out with a social distancing stick (decorated with artwork – 'feathers and leaves', donated by Mary James from Kulumindini Art) to discuss social distancing and show members of the community what 1.5 metres physical distancing looks like.



To aid the residents and local businesses that were significantly impacted by the pandemic, Council has frozen rates, fees and charges for the coming year, as well as frozen interest charges on overdue rates. Council has also allowed exemptions on rates for businesses and residents who are now experiencing financial hardship due to the effect COVID-19 has had on the current economy.

Although the pandemic had a substantial impact on the Barkly Region, the strength and resilience of our community and the ability of Territorians to come together to support each other during this tough time is the reason the Barkly is the best place to be. Council would like to thank the staff, particularly those in our remote communities who were unable to leave for months, for their efforts during this pandemic, it is very much appreciated.

## Barkly Regional Deal

### Progress Update

The Barkly Regional Deal (the Deal) is a 10 year, \$78.4 million investment in the Barkly region of the Northern Territory. Driven by community-identified priorities, the Deal is a commitment by the Australian and Northern Territory governments and the Barkly Regional Council to work collaboratively with Barkly communities to support the economic, social and cultural future of the region.

### Implementation arrangements

Since the Deal's launch in April 2019, the focus has been on establishing implementation arrangements for the Deal's 28 initiatives. This includes robust governance processes for the joint community-government interim Barkly Governance Table and reporting that provides accountability for decision-making and expenditure.

#### Achievements to get the Deal up and running include:

- establishing the Backbone Team;
- establishing three of the five initial Working Groups;
- establishing a joint working relationship between the Australian and Northern Territory governments and the Barkly Regional Council;
- signing a Project Agreement between the Australian and Northern Territory governments to provide funding and outline delivery processes for seven Deal projects
- signing Funding Agreements with Barkly Regional Council to deliver several projects, including Youth Infrastructure
- establishing a joint working relationship with Sport Australia and Barkly Regional Council to deliver the community sports initiative.

The interim Governance Table meets every two months to review progress against each initiative. The Barkly community has visibility of progress and decisions made by the interim Governance Table through communiques which are published after each meeting.

The Backbone Team has been out on the road speaking with regional communities about the work underway to ensure there is community leadership at the decision-making table and to develop community plans to guide investment. This has included attending a number of community meetings.

### Community priority areas

#### \$78.4 million investment

Since conversations about the Deal commenced in July 2018, three priority areas were proposed and subsequently developed by Aboriginal community leaders, local business leaders and the wider community. The 28 commitments under the Deal were designed to respond to these community priority areas.





### Economic development

The community suggested that economic development activities should address:

- local job creation;
- promotion of business growth; and
- attraction of industry investment.



Barkly Regional Council

### Social development

Social priorities raised by the community included:

- reducing housing overcrowding;
- strengthening family functioning and wellbeing; and
- improving community safety.

### Culture and place-making

To strengthen the Barkly region as a great place to live, work and visit, the community requested initiatives that:

- strengthen community governance and Aboriginal cultural leadership;
- revitalise towns and communities by investing in community infrastructure; and
- improve the promotion and marketing of local events.

## Community consultation

Co-design and collaboration with community stakeholders was central to the development of the Barkly Regional Deal. Community consultations were conducted across the Barkly region to identify priorities and ensure that the Deal's objectives reflected and addressed local needs.

Over 200 community members were consulted about local economic, social and cultural priorities through a number of workshops with sectors and open public meetings.

Over the past year, there has been a continued focus on engaging with communities and homelands across the Barkly region to ensure all of the local residents have ample opportunity to participate in decision-making and benefit from the Deal.

Some of the many projects that will benefit people throughout the Barkly region include:

- the \$6 million Barkly Local Community Projects Fund, which has been created to invest in high-impact projects in remote communities throughout the region;
- Crisis Youth Support, a \$3 million project that will increase the level and type of youth support services provided in the region;
- a Regional Workforce Strategy, which will identify practical measures to increase local employment in the Barkly region, with a focus on Aboriginal employment; and
- a \$9.5 million Tennant Creek Visitor Park, which will benefit people from across the region who visit and access services in Tennant Creek, the service hub for the surrounding region.

## Key achievements

The Deal's 28 community-identified initiatives will be delivered over 10 years. The Deal's program funding became available from 1 July 2019, with the majority of this funding to be expended in the first three years (2019–20 to 2021–22).

### Key achievements to date include:

- Completing the \$1 million resealing and line-marking works at Alpururulam (Lake Nash) airstrip. The airstrip upgrade enables aircraft to operate safely and will support access for residents and the delivery of essential goods and services for many years to come
- Commencing the design process for the \$7.62 million Youth Infrastructure project that will deliver new youth focused infrastructure in key sites across the Barkly. This includes walking and cycling paths in Tennant Creek, and new sport and recreation centres for Tennant Creek and Ali Curung.
- Increasing the use of the Aboriginal Hostels Limited facility in Tennant Creek by subsidising the cost of staying at the facility for medical patients sleeping rough and people on low incomes. This is providing people access to safe and affordable accommodation and is the first step towards improving housing overcrowding challenges in the region.
- Installing new 'Welcome to the Barkly' road signs to highlight some of the unique experiences that the Barkly region has to offer.
- Completion of the Elliott Art Centre feasibility study.
- Partnering with the Australian Sports Commission to deliver an \$800,000 community sports initiative including the employment of two full-time sports coordinators for the region.
- Site selection for the new \$5.55 million Youth Justice Facility in Tennant Creek.



The Barkly Regional Deal projects are developed in collaboration with the community through working groups. The Justice Working Group, pictured above, has been coming together to provide recommendations on the location and design of a new youth justice facility — Backbone Team



## Measuring success

The success of the Barkly Regional Deal will be measured by assessing the 28 initiatives against the performance milestones to be released once the impacts of COVID-19 are better understood. This important process will allow the collective, community-level benefits of the Deal to be understood and to assess the ability of place-based collective impact initiatives to respond to, and effectively deliver, community priorities.

This approach to measuring success is flexible and does not reflect 'monitoring and evaluation' in a traditional sense. Here, it is about 'continuing the conversation', or 'two-way checking in', rather than making people feel they are being tested or monitored. Focus is on how the project is going, not targets or data. This Progress Update outlines achievements to date in establishing the Deal. Annual progress reports will be published from 2020 onwards to provide a succinct summary of the progress of each initiative and highlight key achievements of the Deal in the community.

In addition to annual progress reports, a formal review of the Barkly Regional Deal will be undertaken in 2022, 2025 and at the conclusion of the Deal in 2029. The reviews will assess the effectiveness of the Deal in achieving economic, social and cultural change within the Barkly region.

The Deal's multiple review points will ensure that lessons learnt during implementation can be considered and incorporated as the Deal continues to be delivered. Each of the formal reviewpoints will provide the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the Regional Deal model; how effectively governments and elected officials engaged with each other and with the Barkly community; and the extent of community engagement with the Regional Deal.



## Strategic Planning Vision

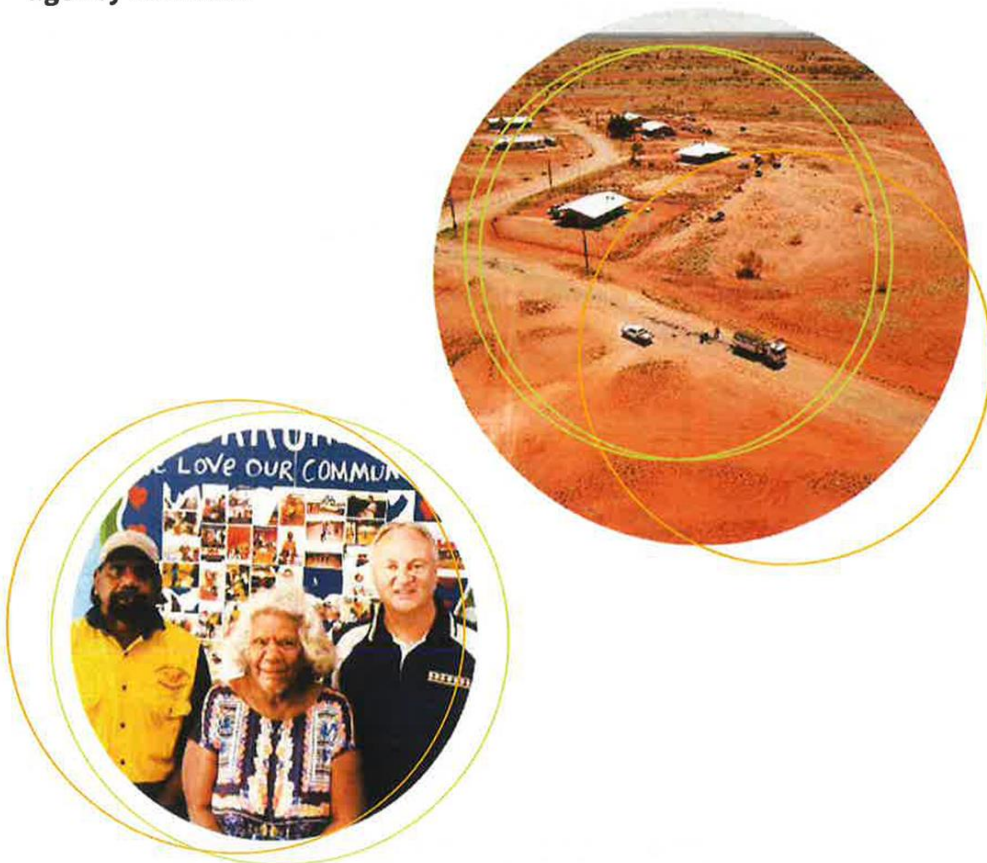
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### Core Business

**From local government funding, we provide essential and municipal services in the towns and communities across the Barkly Region.**

**From the funding of the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments we provide contracted agency services to our residents.**

**Income from property owners and ratepayers and service charges from the provision of services supports both local government and agency services.**





## Core Values



**Our values inform how we work and are reflected in our employees and services. Our values are founded in the service standards and are lived out through our interactions with each other. Our values can be summed up in four simplified areas:**

- **We believe that all people in all communities are equal in dignity and have equal rights**
- **Our employees are committed to working with people and communities in ways that value them, that are non-discriminatory and promote social justice**
- **We are committed to the common good. Our employees work with people to ensure that they have access to the resources and services they need to effectively participate in the community, and**
- **Our staff value the contributions of clients and communities and foster local, community driven services.**

## Strategic Plan Goals (2018-2023)



**1. Become the Employer of Choice in the Barkly Region**



**2. Have a strong, culturally appropriate and respectful relationship with all residents, government agencies and stakeholders within the Barkly Region**



**3. Improve community infrastructure across the Barkly Region**



**4. Provide services, facilities and programs to address social inequality and advance the region**



**5. Develop the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors**

**6. Provide leadership through best practice in governance and financial management**

**7. Protect and promote the environment, resources and natural heritage of the Barkly**



The work of Barkly Regional Council is carried out in a cross-cultural atmosphere, where it is imperative that the needs of our remote communities and residents are identified and met.

The challenges of the large geographical size of the Council footprint and differing priorities of varied stakeholders is met with our Strategic Plan Goals.

## Strategic Plan Assessment

### 1. Become the Employer of Choice in the Barkly Region

#### 1.1 Reduce Staff turnover by 10% per department

We achieved this through analysis of staff, their positions and morale within the Council.

Two new staff initiatives were introduced  
An office wide morning tea where the Mayor and CEO present certificates of appreciation, and badges for staff that have achieved 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service with the Council.

Bi-annual staff reviews were conducted. This enabled staff to express any concerns about their position, peers, management and the Council as a whole anonymously. This was not a compulsory exercise, however we received 105 submissions, this included 53 from our remote communities.

A New Enterprise Bargaining Agreement was approved and implemented in 27th July 2020. This included a 2% increase for all Council employees and members of organisations with which Council have Memorandums of Understanding, following on from a 3% increase in 2019.



#### 1.2 Develop a workforce plan, improve staff engagement & 1.3 and morale

Consultation with staff produced a plan to further develop staff competencies, and create greater staff engagement across departments, teams and communities.

## 2. Have a strong, culturally appropriate and respectful relationship with all residents, government agencies and stakeholders within the Barkly

### 2.1 Ensure effective engagements with Local Authorities

The target set for eight meetings every year was achieved, with Local Authorities able to present their recommendations to Council.

### 2.2 Obtain regular feedback from residents, government agencies and stakeholders

Regular meetings and consultations were held across all communities, including a resident satisfaction survey. Government agencies and stakeholders are scheduled for ongoing meetings, such as the Tennant Creek Business and Property Crimes Forum, and the Local Decision Making Forum in each community.



### 2.3 Develop a Council and Public communication strategy

Staff now benefit from quarterly updates and regular emails, on use of social media platforms, and the developments of the Council website.

The greater online presence of social, sporting and youth initiatives, along with press releases and up-to-date Council business also allow residents and tourists to engage with the Barkly community.

Barkly Regional Council contributes to our region by valuing all of its members and providing services to individuals, families and communities in ways that respect their dignity and culture and fulfil their needs for community services that provide safer communities. We provide a stable platform for workforce development and program delivery across our Region.

Through our work in the regional communities, we have developed a strong understanding of how to best serve the needs of those communities.



### 3. Improve community infrastructure across the Barkly Region

#### 3.1 Effectively maintain existing infrastructure

A range of projects were delivered to communities, notably the Elliott Football Oval completion, playgrounds in remote communities and the Kargaru Oval in Tennant Creek receiving an upgrade.



#### 3.2 Identify new infrastructure projects

Significant improvements to services and culture will be provided by two new structures that went to Community Consultation, the Lake Mary Ann Dam Playground and Cemetery Chapel. The Alpururulam Skate Park iworks are underway, as are plans for the Tennant Creek Bike Path. The Elliott oval is looking green and is enjoyed by the Hawks Football Club, with their new change room on the way. Ali Curung will receive a Youth Centre to encourage exercise and postive peer group activities.



## 4. Provide services, facilities and programs to address social inequality and advance the region

### 4.1 Identify new funded programs that fit within the Council's strategic objectives to increase employment opportunities

Council have received additional funding for Youthlink, which supported innovative programs especially during COVID-19 restrictions on usual activities. Barkly Sports Hub was formed to create engaging and well-attended fitness activities.

### 4.2 Advocate on behalf of all residents of the Barkly

The concerns, ideas and needs of Barkly residents are voiced on social media, including Council's Community Consultations for specific projects, Facebook posts and by the Backbone Team as they travel thousands of kilometres in delivering changes outlined in the Barkly Regional Deal, (see p12-15). Community consultation is also being developed to better understand and advocate for the changes community needs.

### 4.3 Create and maintain a positive living environment for our communities

In Ampilatwatja, solar lighting was installed to promote security and safety to the community and staff. The basketball courts at Wutunugurra received a new roof and fencing to continue encouraging healthy social and physical engagement. A rubbish extraction unit was purchased in Ali Curung by the Local Authority to keep shared community spaces clean and promote healthy living.

### 4.4 Implement the Domestic Violence Action Plan

We have implemented the Domestic and Family Violence Working Group (DFVWG), who are meeting regularly. They are focussed on addressing the impacts of and co-morbidity of domestic and family violence, substance misuse and inter-generational trauma. Northern Territory Government funding of \$66,000 was granted to assist in program delivery.

## 5. Develop the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors

### 5.1 Complete the Barkly Tourism Masterplan to maximise investment tourism

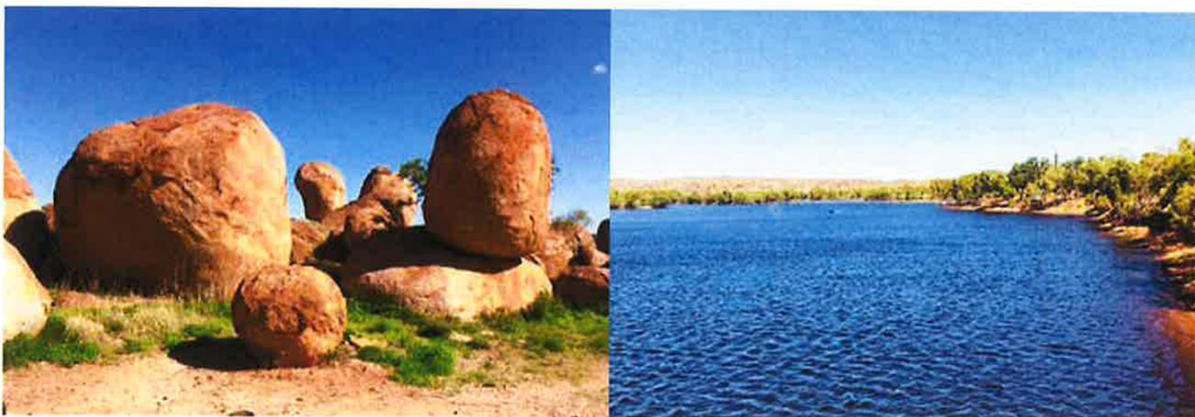
Ongoing engagement and attendance in meetings with all stakeholders in tourism development of the Barkly, has resulted in planning progression for the Tennant Creek Destination Plan and strengthening relationships with NT Tourism.

### 5.2 Attract new investment into the Barkly

Through ongoing engagement with multiple channels including Chamber of Commerce, Working Groups, Regional Deal, and Economic Working Group initiatives the outcomes of strategic investment are nurtured and enhanced to continue financial growth and investment in the region.

### 5.3 Increase tourism in the Barkly

Barkly Regional Council is actively participating in and working with government partners on the Tourism and Visitor Experience Masterplan for the Barkly. Council make available venues for hosting such events, and have completed designs for the Purkiss Reserve





## 6. Be the leading Council through maintaining best practice in governance and financial management

### 6.1 100% compliance with the Local Government Act

Council was compliant with the Local Government Act in all material respects and continues to maintain a close working relationship with Local Government Compliance in the implementation of identified industry best practice. Significant analysis, consultation and review has been undertaken as Council works toward the implementation of the Local Government Act from 1 July 2021.

### 6.2 Provide sound financial management

Barkly Regional Council manages significant finances on behalf of our communities. Council has continued to responsibly manage these finances in order to provide the services and facilities that are needed in the Barkly region. Barkly Regional Council has maintained a sound financial management framework on the basis of the following key principles:

- Council has managed financial risks prudently, having regard to economic circumstances
- Council has pursued spending and rating policies that are consistent with a reasonable degree of stability in the level of the rates burden to ratepayers
- Council has ensured that decisions and actions have regard to financial effects on current and future generations
- Council has maintained an environment of full, transparent, accurate and timely disclosure of financial information relating to the council.

### 6.3 Implement an integrated planning framework that provides financial security

All measures required to provide financial stability continue to be performed, including a five-year operational, capital and cash flow forecasts provided to Council. Two operational budget reviews were undertaken during the year. Operational results were consistent with annual budget expectations, and the capital budget was fully expended for the year. Significant improvements in the alignment of key goals and objectives in Councils' Long Term Infrastructure Plans, Asset Management Plans, and Financial Capital and Operational Plans/Budgets have been achieved as Council continued to move towards its Financial Sustainability goals.

## 7. Protect and promote the environment, resources and natural heritage of the Barkly

### 7.1 Work with stakeholders to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers

This program continues to improve town and town camp sanitation and living conditions has been further supported by Council waiving fees for residents to dump rubbish in the Tennant Creek landfill. This was formally noted with thanks by a Warumungu elder.



### 7.2 Develop a recycling program for the region

Council has this year recycled 1000 tons of steel, and aims to expand this recycling program to all communities. Council is currently in discussion to expand the current Tennant Creek landfill site, if Council is able to secure the additional lots for this expansion. It will be able to further expand on its present recycling activities.

### 7.3 Develop waste management plans

Council has implemented a number of waste management and strategies to manage its waste management activities. Over the course of 2019 – 2020, Council has implemented the following waste management plans:

- Landfill Closure Management Plan
- Leachate Management Plan
- Environmental Management Plan for the Tennant Creek landfill site
- Emergency Response Management Plan for the Tennant Creek landfill site

## Local Authorities

Council approves the nominations for each Local Authority at a Council Meeting.

As vacancies arise, potential members nominate themselves for the Local Authority and a Chairperson is chosen from their memberships.

All meetings are attended by the Mayor and Ward Councillors when available, and senior Barkly Regional Council staff. Agendas and minutes are available on the BRC website

<https://www.barkly.nt.gov.au>

## Local Authority Plans

Local Authority Plans are reviewed annually in most of the communities within the Barkly. This provides Council with a clear direction on the types of projects community residents want resources to go towards.



### Snapshot of Local Authorities Meeting Expenses: 1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020

Local Authority	Appointed Members Positions	Sitting Fees	Other Direct Costs	Total	Budget
Ali Curung	7	7,133.95	2,210.79	9,344.74	22,359.60
Alpurrurulam	7	2,493.45	1,527.94	4,021.39	35,473.80
Ampilatwatja	7	4,763.75	1,391.51	6,083.26	19,573.80
Arlparra	7	1,290.00	84.22	1,374.22	19,573.80
Elliott	7	3,812.05	961.14	4,773.19	22,359.60
Tennant Creek	7	10,135.00	172.82	10,307.82	19,445.40
Wutunugurra	7	2,882.00	1,992.88	4,874.88	16,788.00

### Snapshot of Local Authorities Projects: 1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020

Local Authority	Carry-Forward Balance	Income	Funds Available for Project Expenditure	Project Expenditure	Expenditure Budget
Ali Curung	177,796.01	83,980.00	261,476.01	66,154.83	83,980.00
Alpurrurulam	146,492.19	68,120.00	214,612.19	6,542.00	68,120.00
Ampilatwatja	192,476.46	67,120.00	259,686.46	6,443.18	67,210.00
Arlparra	326,236.55	63,980.00	390,216.55	-	63,980.00
Elliott	97,501.56	51,150.00	148,651.56	42,159.74	51,150.00
Tennant Creek	176,589.31	100,000.00	276,589.31	25,367.07	100,000.00
Wutunugurra	59,246.48	26,440.00	58,686.48	9,143.00	26,440.00



## Local Authority Profiles & Projects

### Ali Curung

#### Fast facts

Ward:	Alyawarr
Population:	494 (Australian Census 2016)
Location:	173.2km south of Tennant Creek
Road Conditions:	Sealed
Languages:	Warlpiri, Warumungu, Kaytetye and Alyawarr



#### Local Authority Members

Chair:	Cr Noel Hayes
Deputy Chair:	Edith Hanlon
Appointed Members:	Cysila Rose, Derek Walker, Sammy Ladd, Jerry Rice, Peter Corbett, Andrew Tsavaris, Ned Kelly, Cynthia Smith
Elected Members:	Cr Noel Hayes, Cr Lucy Jackson, Cr Jack Clubb and Cr Ricky Holmes
Ex-Officio:	Mayor Steve Edgington

#### Highlights

Two staff members working towards Certificate III Business Administration. Aged care received a new washing machine, warm clothing and swag bag provided by Central Land Council. Safe Houses Coordinator attended Family Safety training in Tennant Creek, and online SHS training with Australian Institute of Health & Welfare (AIHW). Youth Sport and Rec. Reopening of the Recreational Hall finished with a popular games, BBQ and disco night, with friendly assistance from Night Patrol staff.



## Alpurrurulam

### Fast facts

Ward:	Alpurrurulam
Population:	420 (Australian Census 2016)
Location:	570.1km east of Tennant Creek and 17km from the NT/QLD boarder
Road Conditions:	Sealed and unsealed During the wet season all road access to the community is cut off
Languages:	Alyawarr



### Local Authority Members

Chair:	Cameron Long
Deputy Chair:	Clarence Campbell
Appointed Members:	Doreen Kelly, John Mahoney, Valerie Campbell, Garry Kopps, Gordon Long
Elected Members:	Cr Jennifer Mahoney
Ex-Officio:	Mayor Steve Edgington

### Highlights

Emerging from COVID-19 restrictions, postal services are now back to three times a week, Aged Care has two new staff joining the team, with thanks to Nevenka Nemo and Cameron Long for their three years of service. The Municipal team have been working hard to clean up after the Wet Season and maintain the grass levels throughout the community.





## Ampilatwatja

### Fast facts

Ward:	Alyawarr
Population:	418 (Australian Census 2016)
Location:	314km south-east of Tennant Creek
Road Conditions:	100kms Sealed and 220kms dirt
Languages:	Alyawarr



### Local Authority Members

Chair:	Donald Simpson
Deputy Chair:	Teresa McKeeman
Appointed Members:	Leslie Morton, Jeannie Beasley, Ada Beasley, Anita Bailey, Peter Morton
Elected Members:	Cr Jack Clubb, Cr Lucy Jackson, Cr Noel Hayes, Cr Ricky Holmes
Ex-Officio:	Mayor Steve Edgington

### Highlights

Aged Care has been running smoothly with Team Leader Vicki and staff doing a great job. The store has now gone back to use cash and the ATM is back up and running, the playground has also been reopened for the kids to use. The Municipal Team carried out essential sanitation works while contractors were held back by COVID-19 restrictions. Solar lights were installed near the playground, the church, and outside the airstrip fence near the wind sock, for better lighting.



## Arlparra

### Fast facts

Ward:	Alyawarr
Population:	483 (Australian Census 2016)
Location:	381.8km south-east of Tennant Creek
Road Conditions:	Unsealed.



During the Wet Season — December to March — the roads connecting the Sandover Highway and the river are often impassable. Around 20km of the road is sealed bitumen from Arlparra north to Urapuntja Health Centre and the airstrip.

Languages: Alyawarr and Anmatyerre

### Local Authority Members

Chair:	To be appointed
Deputy Chair:	To be appointed
Appointed Members:	Dennis Kunoth, Allarica Palmer, Shirley Kunoth, Clayton Daniels, Simon Kunoth, Trudy Raggett, Lee Fitzpatrick
Elected Members:	Cr Jack Clubb, Cr Noel Hayes, Cr Lucy Jackson, Cr Ricky Holmes
Ex-Officio:	Mayor Steve Edgington

### Highlights

With Shirley Kunoth at the helm, the Aged Care team continues to work tirelessly in ensuring that our Aged Care community throughout the Homelands is ensured a good hearty meal and that their blankets and bedding is cleaned. The assistance of Andrew Rae and Clayton Daniels has been excellent while they are currently unable to deliver the Sport and Recreation Program due to COVID-19. Food and personal cleaning services are delivered throughout the Homelands for people on Aged Care packages and National Disability Insurance Services (NDIS) residents.

The Arlparra Power Station is operated and functions well, and the airstrip is being well-maintained. The Council tractor and slasher is predominately tasked at monitoring and keeping the power station compound in order, and the community took delivery of a rubbish compactor in April.

## Elliott

### Fast facts

Ward:	Kuwarnangu
Population:	302 (Australian Census 2016)
Location:	253.6km north of Tennant Creek
Road Conditions:	Sealed
Languages:	Mudburra, Jingili, Wombaya and Warumungu

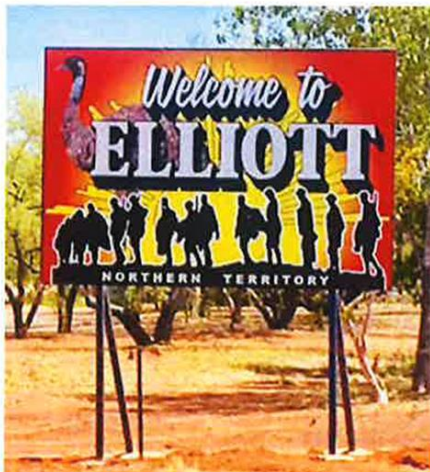


### Local Authority Members

Chair:	Christopher Neade
Deputy Chair:	Jodi Nish
Appointed Members:	Lennie Barton, Bob Bagnall, Gordon Jackson, Kevin Gaskin, Mona Renni
Elected Members:	Cr Ray Aylett and Cr Jane Evans
Ex-Officio:	Mayor Steven Edgington

### Highlights

The music program worker has been doing training over Zoom with Barkly Arts, around the use of the mixer in particular. Barkly Arts will come to Elliott when restrictions ease to do more face-





## Wutunugurra

### Fast facts

Ward:	Alyawarr
Population:	154 (Australian Census 2016)
Location:	209.8km south-east of Tennant Creek on the north-eastern edge of the Davenport Ranges
Road Conditions:	Around 87km of sealed road and 118.8km of unsealed. Access to the community is variable, depending on weather conditions.
Languages:	Alyawarr, Warlpiri, Kaytetye

### Local Authority Members

Chair:	Geraldine Beasley
Deputy Chair:	To be appointed
Appointed Members:	Rochelle Bonney, Lennie Beasley, Mark Peterson, Julie Peterson, Dianne Pompey, Tommy Peterson
Elected Members:	Cr Noel Hayes, Cr Lucy Jackson, Cr Ricky Holmes and Cr Jack Clubb
Ex-Officio:	Mayor Steve Edgington

### Highlights

Night Patrol continue to do a great job and keeping the community safe and quiet.



## Tennant Creek

### Fast facts

Ward:	Patta
Population:	2995 — including Town Camps (Australian Census 2016)
Location:	508.6km north of Alice Springs, 988.8km south of Darwin
Road Conditions:	Sealed
Languages:	Warumungu, Warlpiri, Walmanpa, Alyawarr, Kaytetye, Wambaya and Jingili



### Local Authority Members

Chair:	Karan Hayward
Deputy Chair:	Greg Liebelt
Appointed Members:	Josephine Bethel, Ray Wallis, Linda Renfrey, Kara Blakenspoor and Ronalda Walker
Elected Members:	Cr Hal Ruger, Cr Sid Vashist, Cr Ronald Plummer, Cr Kris Civitarese, Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin,
Ex-Officio:	Mayor Steve Edgington

### Highlights

Work is commencing on the Cemetary Beautification Project.  
The concept designs for Lake Mary Ann Playground were completed.  
The Environment and Sustainability Sub-Committee was established in Tennant Creek. Purkiss Reserve upgrade design was selected by community consultation with more than 65% of feedback selecting option A.



## People & Culture

The People and Culture department is responsible for developing and implementing strategies which focus on enabling our people to create an engaging and high performing work culture that delivers the best possible services to the Barkly.

### Key Highlights

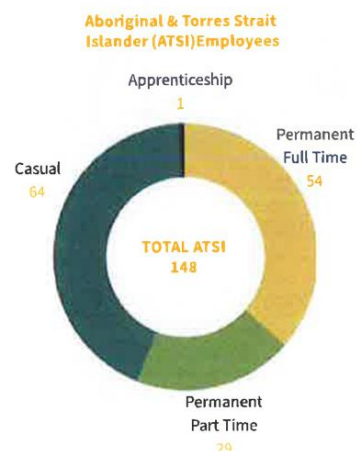
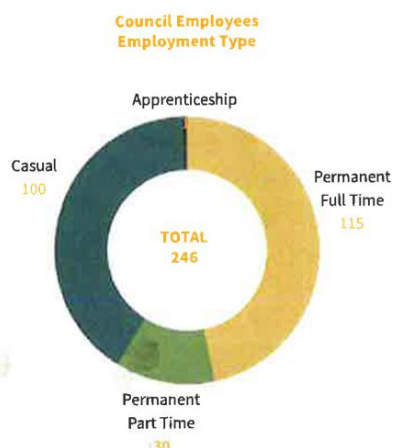
- The Enterprise Bargaining Agreement has now been implemented into the workplace (due to expire in 2022)
- The Organisational Structure has been updated to reflect the results of the organisational review and ultimately the operational needs of Council
- A Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) Officer has been appointed in the People and Culture Department
- The WHS Safety Program has been refreshed throughout the organisation
- Employee safety education has improved throughout the organisation
- The Workforce Management Plan has been created and implemented into Council.

### Key Challenges

- To provide support to staff over a large geographical area
- Maintaining staff retention in remote locations
- Ensuring policies and process are maintained to keep up with changes in relevant legislation

### Reconciliation Action Plan

Barkly Regional Council developed a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in June 2019. The Reconciliation Action Plan underpins Barkly Regional Council's commitment to maintaining strong relationships with all 16 language groups across the Barkly Region. By developing the RAP as an integral part of our business we ensure our commitment to reconciliation is cemented into our organisational culture. The way to achieve this most effectively is to firmly embed all actions into a strategic plan which is to be reviewed and monitored continuously.





## Learning & Development

As part of Barkly Regional Council's commitment to being an employer of choice, it delivers a number of learning and development opportunities to its employees. These activities improve the capacity of employees which assists Council in improving its productivity and capacity as an organisation.

### Key Highlights

Barkly Regional Council (BRC) was successful in its application for the competitive Safe, Respected and Free from Violence Prevention Grant to continue with the Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Work Aware program, the purpose of which is to develop and implement best practice, evidence-based domestic and family violence policies, procedures and training which address prevention as well as support staff who are experiencing DFV or responding to DFV violence where it intersects with the work place.

#### Specific focus areas within the workplace are:

- Barkly Regional Council (BRC) was successful in its application for the competitive Safe, Respected and Free from Violence Prevention Grant to continue with the Domestic and Family Violence Work Aware program, the purpose of which is to develop and implement best practice, evidence-based domestic and family violence policies, procedures and training which address prevention as well as support staff who are experiencing DFV or responding to DFV violence where it intersects with the work place.
- BRC was successful in securing a three-year Aboriginal Workforce Grant (AWG) contribution for its in-house Core Skills/Literacy and Numeracy program.
- BRC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mental Health Association of Central Australia (MHACA) in the facilitation of the Suicide Story program across the Barkly, with the first session delivered in Ali Curung on 22-24 Oct 2019. The 3-day workshop was attended by BRC staff as well as members from other organisations with strong engagement from the community throughout – from the initial pre-workshop consultations to the post-visit debriefs. BRC's Night Patrol Zone Managers and the Ali Curung Safe House Coordinator were instrumental to the effective delivery of the program. Suicide Story is a suicide prevention program developed by MHACA in partnership with local Aboriginal people of the Northern Territory.



## Challenges

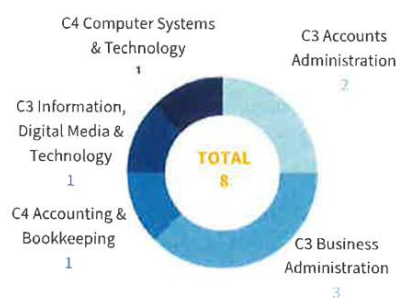
- Since the expiry of the Certificate 3 in Community Safety Patrol in April 2018, there has been no specific accredited qualification available to staff working in the Night Patrol program. Training and development support for BRC's Night Patrol staff was continued through courses and workshops which included Mandatory Reporting Information, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, Mental Health First Aid, Suicide Story, Dealing with Aggressive Behaviour, as well as First Aid, Safe Operation of 4WD vehicles, licence upgrades and Literacy, Numeracy and Core Skills.
- The COVID-19 measures and subsequent travel restrictions had significant impact on the delivery of training across the Barkly. This was overcome to some extent by using videoconferencing and online learning.



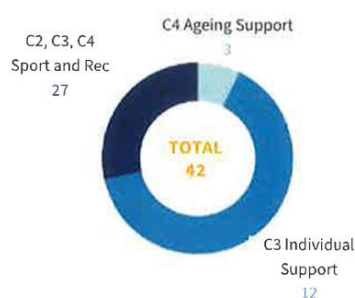
## Training courses attended in 2019-20

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### Admin & IT



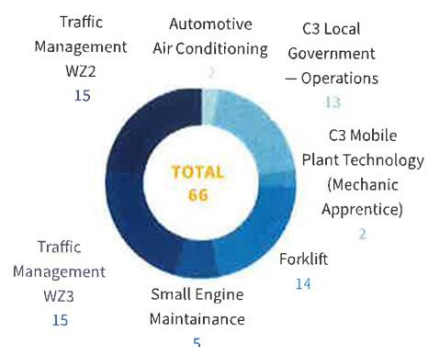
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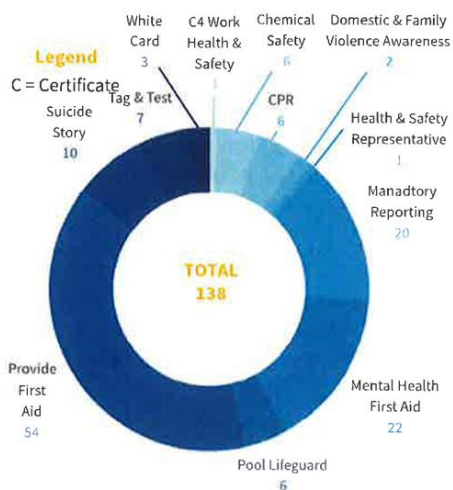
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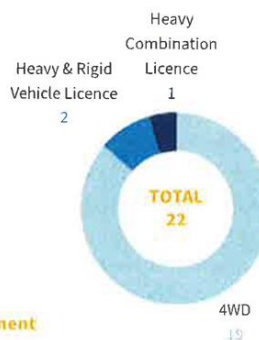
### Municipal & Environmental Safety Office



### Safety & Wellbeing



### Vehicles & Licences



### Environment Snake Handling

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# Community Services Directorate

## Community Highlights

### Community Safety Patrol Training

The following projects, including programs which develop infrastructure, collaborative maintenance crew arrangements between regional communities as well as assistance with expanding community skills, health and wellbeing, were carried out in 2019-20.



The BRC operates 10 Community Safety Patrols throughout the region, located at Arlparra, Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam (Lake Nash), Ampilatwatja, Arlparra, Canteen Creek, Elliott, Imangara (Murray Downs) Mungkarta, Tara and Wutunugurra (Epenarra).

Established to increase safety in regional and remote Indigenous communities and reduce the number of people coming into adverse contact with the justice system; our program has continued to work with all members of communities and stakeholders to progress Community Safety and Wellbeing. With a focus on Community Safety, the Patrol services regularly provide safe transport for school age children of a night, (also in support of school attendance) and transporting people at risk of harm or causing harm. Our Community Safety Program has also provided early interventions to incidents in community such as disputes, self-harm, violence, homelessness and substance misuse.

Community Safety patrols at BRC feature significant Indigenous input and staffing. Throughout the recent pandemic response the Barkly Regional Council Community Safety Patrol Staff continued to deliver services in the region supporting Community members and Service Providers in keeping people safe throughout the COVID-19 alert.

The service within the Barkly Region is currently looking at several changes within the Program to ensure a more sustainable delivery model and in keeping with this we are in the process of re-branding the service as Community Safety, with a greater focus on Community Safety and Wellbeing in line with changes to the Program. The service continues to liaise with Police but works independently of the criminal justice system, utilising cultural rather than legal authority to resolve issues within the Community.

Our program is funded by the Commonwealth Government's National Indigenous Australians Agency, and provides our region with excellent employment opportunities for community members.

Throughout this year our program has been further supported by NIAA with additional funding to recalibrate our program to have a greater focus on community safety and well-being. This has included a new position within the structure to work with all communities.

## Community Safety Patrol Training (Continued)

Our delivery model has ensured a strong training and professional development component is built into the program. Community Safety Patrol Officers have been supported to complete regular Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) training, and undertaken various other program specific training including First Aid and Mandatory Reporting.

## Animal Management

Our Animal Management are always active, they are responsible for not only picking up wandering dogs, they also catch feral cats, feed the bird life at Mary Ann Dam, remove snakes from houses as well as a number of other tasks.

This year presented new challenges. With the drought becoming worse at the end of 2019 there were a number of jobs that involved animal rescues. Our Animal Management Team has rescued donkeys, cows, horses, calves and foals. As pictured below a foal was stuck in the drying mud at Mary Ann Dam. Working with members of the community our Animal management Team had to dig and winch the foal out. Now she lives out at the Juno Centre where she is spoilt and loving her second chance at life!

We also experienced a large increase in cows, emu, donkeys and other wildlife coming into town to search for water. Working with several stakeholders in the community we facilitated the establishment of two water troughs on the edges of town. This meant a lot less animals were coming into town ensuring the safety of both the residents and the animals.





## Youthlinx

Over the year, Youthlinx has grown significantly. With record numbers of attendance Youthlinx has continued to deliver regular programs that are fun and engaging with activities including sports, swimming, arts, crafts, cultural (family) nights and nutrition. We have also had a focus on Health Lifestyle Education and provision of programs that have positive health benefits, including reducing risk behaviours that in turn have a positive impact on crime prevention, build social participation and improve school attendance. We have introduced new activities such as excursions, information session service provider and local business visits, music nights and Soccer Clinics with the John Moriarty Foundation.

With many children of our community and from remote locations who visit Tennant Creek often having complex needs and harder to engage, our program delivery model continues to work in the best practice space; with an offering of activities that are relatively informal and unstructured as an alternative, for children who do not want to actively participate in our programmed activities, but rather come for respite, down time in a nurturing environment.



As our program is not yet in a Youth Worker Case Management model, building collaborative relationships with other stakeholders in Tennant Creek, such as BRAADAG, Saltbush, Tennant Creek High and Primary Schools, Territory Family Child Protection Services, YORETS, CatholicCareNT, and Tennant Creek Police Department have resulted in better use of resources on the ground at the centre, and have provided each service with a greater understanding of what each provider's core business and function is, resulting in better outcomes for our participants.

This has been achieved through regular scheduled invites to the centre and participation in regular service provider meetings where our children and their wellbeing is at the core.

During COVID-19 restrictions our activity home care packages were put together and delivered in collaboration with Saltbush. These activity packs provided support to our young people's staying at home a little easier. Through delivery it was also an opportunity to Youthlinx staff to check on the children's wellbeing and gain feedback on what they would like to see in the packs, including phone credit.





## Information Technology

The Information Technology (IT) department manages the Council's information and communications technology systems (ICT), across seven locations: five remote communities and the Elliott and Tennant Creek offices. This includes ensuring connectivity through close relationships with providers including, but not limited to, Telstra and CouncilBiz, Council's computer network provider; and continuous enhancement of the IT operating environment through equipment improvements while reducing capital and ongoing costs.

This year, we have had a significant improvement to our monitoring systems, with the introduction and implementation of Meraki®, a web-based cloud management and monitoring system provided by Cisco Systems via Telstra, to monitor the BRC network across our remote offices and their respective Branch sites including but not limited to: Aged Care, Safe House, Night Patrol and Sports & Recreation, just to name a few. In the reporting period, we have had very minimal downtime (within Council's control) and the improvement in monitoring means faster response and resolution times to issues as they arise.

In the last few months ending this reporting period, the Council IT Staff have had to deal with the challenges around the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, resulting in extremely limited travel for the months of February, March, April, May and June (inclusive). While this has greatly impacted on maintenance schedules and regular site visits, we have embraced the availability of video conferencing (where possible), that was installed as part of a communications upgrade, in the previous reporting period. This has been invaluable and has given the IT team valuable feedback to look into upgrades of bandwidth and connectivity, where possible for future events where road access to community is cut-off.

While being limited on travel, we have been able to work on connection improvements for staff that use the Telstra's Iterra® Satellite and are looking forward to testing the improvements over the next few months, before rolling out to staff on the ground. More on this will be available in the next annual reporting period.

### Key Challenges

- Barkly Regional Council's vast distances continue to pose ongoing challenges to the maintenance and provisioning of modern IT services between communities scattered across the region.
- Communication infrastructure in some of the remote communities require improvement to provision and maintain modern services, such as video conferencing facilities. At the time of writing, a feasibility assessment to improve connectivity was being conducted.
- Maintaining 5GHz Point to Multipoint equipment that were installed during this reporting period, with the limited training and knowledge on such systems.

### Key Highlights

- More progress towards standardisation of the IT operating environment and equipment at the Tennant Creek office and community offices, such as printers and upgrading computers.
- Old computers have been stripped of their hard drives and Random Access Memory (RAM) cards, which have been retained and will be permanently destroyed before disposal. Remaining components are to be disposed of per electronic waste guidelines.
- Completion of communications network upgrade and ongoing maintenance and improvements of network viability to improve service access and speeds.
- Welcoming a new Corporate Services Director, Damian Carter, to the BRC Team to provide support to the ICT Team and other teams within the corporate service portfolio.
- Ongoing improvements to council's ICT Infrastructure to obtain a standard operating environment and phone system across all sites at minimal cost, where possible.



## Grants Management Updates

### Community Grants

Each year Barkly Regional Council calls for Expressions of Interest from community groups or individuals to apply for a community grant of up to \$3000 per project. There are two rounds per year offering grants to support community-based projects in the areas of arts and culture, sport and recreation, community safety and community development.

The following grants were allocated as part of Council's Community Grants Program 2019-2020.

### Round 1 – Successful Applicants

#### 8CCC Community Radio

##### 'The Sound of Our Community – 8CCC 102.1FM Highway Signage'

8CCC will install road signs stating 'The Sounds of our Community' with our radio frequency 102.1fm North and South of Tennant Creek on the Stuart highway at the point where our transmission begins. These signs will connect both visitors and residents with the Tennant Creek community through our broadcast which features Barkly voices, Barkly music, Barkly businesses and not-for-profit community groups through community service announcements. Our target audience is both the Tennant Creek Residents and Visitors – aiming to build connections, community pride and opportunities through positive reflections of our region.

\$3,000.00



#### National Trust of Australia NT

##### Tuxworth Fullwood House Archive Room Air Conditioning

Tuxworth Fullwood House holds a substantial archive of Tennant Creek history. To preserve the documents held, the air temperature needs to be regulated.

The Trust is established for the purposes of promoting:

- (a) the preservation and maintenance, for the benefit of the people of Australia, of lands and buildings of beauty or historic, scientific, artistic, or architectural interest and, in respect of lands, the preservation (as far as practicable) of their natural aspect, features and animal and plant life;
- (b) the protection and augmentation of the amenities of such lands and buildings and their surroundings;
- (c) the preservation of furniture and pictures and chattels of national, historic, artistic or scientific interest;
- (d) the access to and enjoyment of such lands, buildings and chattels by the public.

\$1758.90



### Elliott Hawks Football Club

#### Goal Post Padding for Elliott Oval

To purchase goal post padding to fit the goal posts on the Elliott Oval. We expect to be playing home games at Elliott Oval in 2020 which will be the first time in our history.

\$3,022.91

### Tennant Creek Women's Refuge

The purchase of local artwork for specific use by the Tennant Creek Women's Refuge – commissioning a piece of artwork from Nyinkka Nyunyu which reflects the TCWR vision.

\$3,000.00

## Round 2 – Successful Applicants

### BMX Club

#### Signage for BMX Track

All businesses and community groups who commit donations of any kind will have the honour of supporting the youth of the community and the recognition of thanks displayed as logo and or name on an official grand opening sign erected at the entrance. This Grant will enable us to buy the signs to be erected by in-kind support from local businesses.

### Tennant Creek Child Care

Transitioning Tennant Creek Child Care Centre (TCCCC) into a efficient, sustainable and stable Service. Currently the TCCCC has plastic climbing frames and outside equipment for the children to utilise throughout the Service. To comply with the National Quality Standards (NQS) and the Early Years Learning Framework

### Tennant Creek High School

#### Men's Health Week Activities & Women's Health Week Activities

Men's Health week June 18, 2020 and Women's Health week Sept 1, 2020 will see a collaboration of organisations such as Clontarf and DOE provide workshops for the week for student aged 10-18. Each gender workshop focuses on health related issues to encourage healthy lifestyle choices. This will be the 3rd year.

\$3,000.00

TOTAL

\$13,781.81



(ELYF) the Service would like to use natural recycled throughout the Service. To improve the sustainability of the Service replacement of these aids with wooden aids would benefit the children and also meet the requirements of the NQS and the EYLF

### Pistol Club

Pneumatic Target system repair – TCPC has 8 sets of 5 target frames with a pneumatic turning system.

## External Funding

Barkly Regional Council being a small Regional Council with a small rate payer base relies on external grant funding to assist in resourcing programs for the community. Below, summarizes the grants and operational funding applied for and received by the Council during the 2019-20 financial year:

PROJECT NAME	2019-2020 Funding Received	GRANT PROVIDER	Funding End
<b>OPERATIONAL FUNDING</b>			
<b>Barkly Region</b>			
NT Operational Subsidy	\$ 4,319,644.00	NTG - DHCD	Ongoing
Financial Assistance Grant Subsidy (FAGS): General	\$ 1,770,721.00	NTG - DHCD	Ongoing
Financial Assistance Grant Subsidy (FAGS): Road Funding	\$ 491,799.00	NTG - DHCD	Ongoing
R2 Recovery	\$206,960.00	CIRD	ongoing
Public Library Funding Operational Grant	\$ 188,935.00	NTG - DTC	Ongoing
HACC Indigenous NT Jobs Package (NTJP)	\$ 753,659.44	CDH	Ongoing
Home Care Programme	\$ 197,538.07	CDH	31-12-2019
Home Care NATSIFLEX	\$ 458,003.00	CDH	Ongoing
Agency income NDIS	\$ 291,817.30	NDIA	Ongoing
Home and Community Care (CHSP)	\$ 566,770.94	CDH	Ongoing
Night Patrol	\$ 2,677,391.00	PM&C	Ongoing
Indigenous Sports and Recreation Program (ISRP)	\$ 919,628.00	PM&C	Ongoing
Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)	\$ 476,028.00	PM&C	Ongoing
Indigenous Environmental Health Service	\$ 102,130.00	NTG - DH	Ongoing
Indigenous Jobs Development	\$ 968,000.00	NTG - DHCD	Ongoing
Remote Sport Program	\$ 264,521.00	NTG - DTC	Ongoing
<b>Tennant Creek</b>			
Youth Services - Barkly (Youthlinks)	\$ 420,291.00	NTG - TF	Ongoing
MES Town Camps	\$ 280,800.00	NTG - DHCD	Ongoing
<b>Elliott</b>			
Safe House Funding: Elliott	\$ 223,270.53	NTG - TF	Ongoing
Homelands Jobs Funding (MES/HMP)	\$ 54,925.00	NTG - DHCD	Ongoing
<b>Ali Curung</b>			
Safe House Funding: - Ali Curung	\$ 163,938.00	NTG - TF	Ongoing
<b>Wutunugurra</b>			
Homelands MES	\$ 181,664.00	NTG - DHCD	Ongoing

## Grants Management Updates

continued

NON-OPERATIONAL FUNDING			
<b>COVID-19</b>			
SCALE Funding: COVID-19 Support	\$ 491,900.00		30-09-2020
Home Care NATSIFLEX: Covid-19 Support	\$ 46,555.69	CDH	31-12-2020
Home and Community Care (CHSP)	\$ 52,296.81	CDH	30-06-2021
COVID-19 Support	\$ 20,454.55	CAYLUS	30-06-2021
<b>Regional Deal</b>			
Regional Deal: Backbone Funding	\$ 420,000.00	CDSS	
Regional Deal: Backbone Funding	\$ 150,000.00	NTG	
Regional Deal: Sports Coordinators	\$ 126,853.00	ASC	
Barkly Regional Deal: Governance Support	\$ 80,000.00	CDSS	
<b>Regional</b>			
Aboriginal Workforce Grant	\$ 135,000.00	NTG - DTBI	30-06-2023
Workplace Domestic & Family Violence Awareness	\$ 60,040.91	NTG - DTBI	31-12-2020
Purchase Sporting Equipment	\$ 2,500.00		30-09-2020
International Women's Day	\$ 3,000.00	NTG - TF - OGED	Apply yearly
<b>Tennant Creek</b>			
Local Authority Allocation	\$ 100,000.00	NTG - DHCD	30-06-2021
Playground: Lake Mary Ann	\$ 300,000.00	NTG - DTC	31-12-2020
Tennant Creek School Holiday Programs	\$ 25,000.00	NTG - AOD	31-10-2020
Road Furniture: Tennant Creek Town Camps	\$ 27,570.00	NTG - DHCD	30-06-2021
<b>Elliott</b>			
Local Authority Allocation	\$ 51,150.00	NTG - DHCD	30-06-2021
Multimedia & Music Workshops	\$ 20,000.00	NTG - AOD	30-06-2021
Safe House For Strong Women	\$ 30,000.00	NTG - AOD	30-06-2021
<b>Ali Curung</b>			
Local Authority Allocation	\$ 83,980.00	NTG - DHCD	30-06-2021
<b>Ampilatwatja</b>			
Local Authority Allocation	\$ 67,210.00	NTG - DHCD	30-06-2021
Ampilatwatja Softball Field	\$ 30,000.00	NTG - AOD	30-06-2021
<b>Alpurrurulam</b>			
Local Authority Allocation	\$ 68,120.00	NTG - DHCD	30-06-2021
Alpurrurulam School Holiday Program	\$ 20,000.00	NTG - AOD	30-06-2021
Playground Alpurrurulam	\$ 20,000.00	NTG - AOD	30-06-2021
Wages- Youth Sport & Recreation Officer	\$ 50,000.00	CAYLUS	30-06-2021
<b>Wutunugurra</b>			
Local Authority Allocation	\$ 26,440.00	NTG - DHCD	30-06-2021
<b>Arlparra</b>			
Local Authority Allocation	\$ 63,980.00	NTG - DHCD	30-06-2021



Funding Body Key	
ABA	Aboriginal Benefits Account
AOD	Alcohol and Other Drugs (NTG)
ADC NT	Australia Day Council Northern Territory
BBRF	Building Better Regions Fund (Commonwealth)
CAYLUS	Central Australian Youth Link Up Service
CDH	Commonwealth Department of Health
CDII&S	Commonwealth Department of Industry, Innovation & Science
CDIRD	Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
DCM	Department of the Chief Minister
DH	Department of Health
DHCD	Department of Housing and Community Development
DIPL	Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
DTC	Department of Tourism and Culture
DTBI	Department of Trade, Business and Innovation
NAIDOC	National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee
NDIA	National Disability Insurance Agency
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme
NDRR	Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery
NTG	Northern Territory Government
OGED	Office of Gender Equity and Diversity
PM&C	Prime Minister & Cabinet (Commonwealth)
TF	Territory Families (NTG)

## Events

A number of Council-run events and activities are sponsored by grants from the Northern Territory Government, the Australia Day Council NT and local businesses. Events such as the annual International Women's Day and the **No More** March are run in partnership with external stakeholders including; Anyinginyi Aboriginal Health Corporation, Tennant Creek Primary and High Schools, the Tennant Creek Women's Refuge and Catholic Care Tennant Creek.

Barkly Regional Councils events calendar was slightly smaller than previous years due to the current global situation. We did manage to support several local events and execute some major events as part of our usual program. Among the main events we staged were our inaugural Australia Day program, our year round citizenship ceremonies, territory day in conjunction with Barkly Arts, our participation in the annual show day and careers expo and a colouring-in competition.

### Events for 2019-2020 included:

- Territory Day – July 2019
- Tennant Creek Show – July 2019
- Regional NAIDOC Week – July 2019
- Careers Expo – August 2019
- No More Violence March – November 2019
- Christmas Lights Competition and Light up the Tree Competition – December 2019
- Australia Day – January 2020
- International Women's Day Morning Tea – March 2020
- Driveway side ANZAC Day – April 2020
- Citizenship Ceremonies



## Australia Day & Citizenship Ceremony

**Australia Day 2020** was delivered by the new events and publicity officer on the 26 January. The theme for the event was regeneration, in light of the recent nationwide bushfires, but also a nod to the Barkly Regional Deal and the idea of the community regenerating through the new projects created to benefit the Barkly. The Triathlon kicked off as per usual at 6am with a great number of participants and volunteer staff helping out with traffic management and marshalling.

Following this the breakfast was served at 8am at Battery Hill with the help of the Rotary. The breakfast event was free to the public and the community did not disappoint, with capacity being reached well and truly early on.

Mayor Steven Edgington then delivered the Australia Day Speech, with a welcome to country by Jimmy Frank and an acknowledgement of country by councillor Jeffery McLaughlin. We welcomed seven new citizens to Australia during the citizenship ceremony and then proceeded to the Australian of the Year Awards.

Following the breakfast proceedings we introduced the newly founded Ruger run – Sponsored by Councillor Hal Ruger, which saw participants do a two lap course from the Tennant Creek clock tower.

At midday we opened the pool to guests for the afternoon schedule of activities and a sausage sizzle compered by Local Member Gerry McCarthy and DJ Fluoride.

The pool event was in lieu of the usual Lake Mary Ann Dam activities program due to the unusually low water at the dam. The day was well attended and people of the Barkly came together as one to celebrate patriotism and community.

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Barkly Regional Council held three Citizenship ceremonies in 2019-2020. With a total of 20 people becoming Australian Citizens in front of Elected Members, family, friends and colleagues throughout the year. This was the largest number of new Citizens we have seen so far. Barkly Regional Council is so grateful to have the opportunity to gift these new Citizens with their Citizenship. Pictured above is Yiu Wai, the grand daughter of our very own staff member Wan.

Yiu Wai came to Australia in 2011 on a visitor visa to see her grandparents in Tennant Creek. After her mother married in Alice Springs Yiu Wai followed her mother to Australia from Thailand where she was raised and moved to Adelaide to complete her schooling.

After graduating Year 12 in 2018 Yiu Wai came to Tennant Creek to work and live with her Grandmother Wan. After living in Australia for 8 years she considers this country her home and wants to be part of the community here as a Citizen of Australia. Tennant Creek gave her, her first job opportunity and Yiu Wai wants to become a Australia Citizen because of the further opportunities that will open up for her.



## Operations Directorate

For the past three years the Director of Operations has been part of the Executive Team. He provides technical and operational support to the Area Managers and team leaders on each of the Barkly communities and the Depot staff in Tennant Creek. Under the previous organisational structure this role came under the supervision of Director Infrastructure. It was decided that if Council was to effectively serve the residents of a region one and a half times the size of Victoria, a separate position needed to be created and dedicated to the following KPIs:

- Direct, oversee and monitor Council core delivery services in the Barkly communities;
- Develop and maintain effective communication links with communities, Council offices in Tennant Creek, the Governance Officer and relevant stakeholders;
- Ensure all operational and project management work practices comply with NT Work Safe and Work Health and Safety requirements; and
- Provide support to Area Managers to facilitate Local Authority Meetings and ensure that all meetings work within the Local Government Act and guidelines.
- Provide support to the Tennant Creek Depot Manager and his supervisors.
- Ensuring Local Authorities spend their allotted funding to enable more funds for future community projects. This year four of the communities have purchased portable toilets for use at Community events. Ampilatwatja has also allotted money to boost funding so an ablution block/laundry can be built in the middle of the community.
- The sheer size of the region and the tyranny of distance is an ongoing factor as is the condition of roads, some of which are impassable during the wet season. Monthly visits to communities were then split into two trip blocks [Wutunugurra-Alpurrurulam-Elliott followed by Ali Curung-Ampilatwatja-Arparra] to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the Director of Operations.

### Key Challenges

- Keeping Local Authority members engaged and ensuring they attend meetings every month. Since the introduction of ongoing support attendance for LAs has improved considerably with communities such as Alpurrurulam reaching a Quorum of 78% compared to 0% in 2016-17;



## Key Highlights

- Monthly visits to Area Managers on each Barkly community to provide additional support and highlight where resources are needed. Visits coincide with LA Meetings;
- Working with the Local Authorities to supply Council with community project ideas for the Council's five-year infrastructure plan as part of the Regional Plan 2018-19 and the five-year Regional Plan 2018-2023; and to work with the grants manager to bring these projects to fruition.
- Four visits annually to Tennant Creek by Area Managers to discuss projects, attend any Tennant Creek based PD courses and meet with key stakeholders including the NTG, NDIS, Aged Care, NT Police, NTG's Tourism and Culture, Prime Minister and Cabinet and Council staff;
- Networking with other service providers to get better outcomes for communities in the Barkly, such as infrastructure upgrades; and
- Assisting Indigenous staff to apply for higher duties and undergo extra training within the organisation to facilitate their Professional Development.



Photo: William Thomson



## Community Highlights

### Ali Curung Priority Projects



- New waste bays and Signage at Landfill
- 700 Vehicles crushed and removed
- Shade shelter built at cemetery
- Solar light and poles for the parks
- Purchase of Litter Master 9000 – Commercial rubbish vacuum
- Lighting installed at softball oval
- Mowers and whipper snippers purchased for Murray Downs and Ali Curung
- Heavy duty air compressor purchased for Ali Curung workshop
- 12 Solar lighting and poles purchased
- Four flagpoles and flags purchased
- Purchase of new tandem trailer
- Ongoing pothole and speed bump repairs
- Airstrip runway refurbishment
- New airstrip fence
- Forklift Course
- Small engines course

### Ampilatwatja Priority Projects



- Purchase of solar lighting to be installed around community
- Draft drawn up for the Ablution block and Laundry block to be built near playground area

### Alpurrurulam Priority Projects



- Completed cemetery register and crosses for the cemetery
- Road to aged care Bituminised through LA funding
- Community Roads resealed and two new roads sealed
- Cleared of site for the New Waste Management Facility
- Installation of Mobile Phone network
- Vehicle removal
- New Sorry Day procedure created and endorsed by Local Authority
- Installation of Speed bumps
- Ongoing Road Maintenance
- Service and repairs to the laundry



- Purchased a new Hino five tonne tipper
- Fenced existing dump site and created new waste bays
- New entrance sign to community
- Rental accommodation upgrade
- Staff Housing upgrades
- Renewed Memorandum Of Understanding with Rainbow Gateway
- Completed aged care upgrade and purchased two new washing machines
- New municipal positions created
- Completed airstrip upgrade
- New skate park to be built once COVID-19 restrictions lift



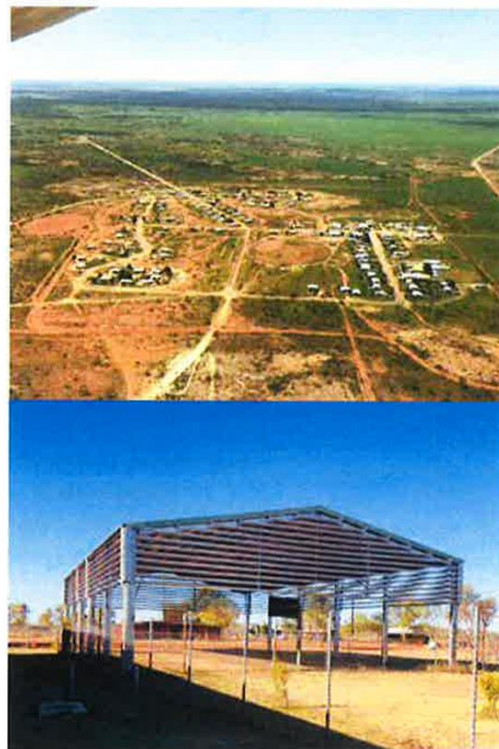
## Wutunugurra Priority Projects

- Basketball Cover and Lights
- Road works for the office entrances  
Commencement of Sport and Rec programs
- Office Fencing
- Community entrances graded and fire breaks
- Mobile cell tower installed
- Commencement of new CDP provider Rise/ Ngurratjuta
- Ongoing pot hole repair

## Elliott Priority Projects



- Construction of football oval
- Refurbishment of 8 Lewis Street
- Shade structure over the Elliott water park
- BBW, new lighting and seating at the waterpark
- Completed Men's Shed as part of funding to promote Alcohol Action Initiatives (AAI)
- FASD education program and community workshops completed as part of funding to promote Alcohol Action Initiatives (AAI)
- Funding received for new football field



# Financial Reports

## Barkly Regional Council

General Purpose Financial Reports  
for the year ended 30 June 2020

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**Barkly Regional Council**

Annual Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

**OFFICER'S STATEMENT**

I, Steven Michael Moore, the Chief Executive Officer of the Barkly Regional Council, hereby certify that the Annual Financial Statements:

- (a) have been drawn up in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations so as to present fairly the financial position of the Council and the results for the year; and
- (b) are in accordance with the accounting and other records of Council.



**Steven Michael Moore**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Date:** 30 September 2020

Financials 2019 2020





# Barkly Regional Council

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

### for the year ended 30 June 2020

		2020	2019
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Rates	2	3,821	3,592
Statutory charges	2	11	12
User charges	2	1,170	1,264
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	17,401	16,430
Investment income	2	30	93
Reimbursements	2	567	643
Other income	2	680	519
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>23,680</b>	22,553
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee costs	3	13,861	13,041
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	8,362	9,469
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	3,170	3,155
Finance costs	3	9	13
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>25,402</b>	25,678
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(1,722)</b>	(3,125)
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	19	92
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	864	1,057
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (transferred to Equity Statement)</b>		<b>(839)</b>	(1,976)
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>			
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve	9	(734)	-
<b>Total Other Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>(734)</b>	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>(1,573)</b>	(1,976)
Share of Net Surplus / (Deficit)			
Council		(839)	(1,976)
		(839)	(1,976)
Share of Other Comprehensive Income			
Council		(734)	-
		(734)	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>(1,573)</b>	(1,976)

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes



Financials 2019 - 2020

# Barkly Regional Council

## Statement of Financial Position

### as at 30 June 2020

		2020	2019
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	11,368	10,607
Trade & other receivables	5	1,421	1,415
Inventories	5	21	36
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>12,810</b>	<b>12,058</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	27,762	28,045
Other non-current assets	6	9,350	11,192
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>		<b>37,112</b>	<b>39,237</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>49,922</b>	<b>51,295</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & other payables	8	1,334	1,502
Provisions	8	1,295	1,079
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>2,629</b>	<b>2,581</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	8	417	265
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>		<b>417</b>	<b>265</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>3,046</b>	<b>2,846</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>46,876</b>	<b>48,449</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		16,399	19,443
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	23,054	23,788
Other Reserves	9	7,423	5,218
<b>Total Council Equity</b>		<b>46,876</b>	<b>48,449</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>46,876</b>	<b>48,449</b>

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**Barkly Regional Council**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
for the year ended 30 June 2020

		2020	2019
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Rates - general & other		3,694	3,572
Fees & other charges		11	12
User charges		1,321	1,066
Investment receipts		34	72
Grants utilised for operating purposes		17,631	17,793
Reimbursements		624	643
Other revenues		1,294	415
<b>Payments:</b>			
Employee costs		(13,483)	(12,894)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(9,460)	(9,509)
Finance payments		(9)	(13)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	11	<b>1,657</b>	<b>1,157</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		864	1,057
Sale of replaced assets		19	112
<b>Payments:</b>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(1,750)	(5,894)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(29)	(1,592)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities</b>		<b>(896)</b>	<b>(6,317)</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>761</b>	<b>(5,160)</b>
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	10,607	15,767
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at end of period</b>	11	<b>11,368</b>	<b>10,607</b>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes



## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### **Basis of Preparation**

##### **Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards**

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant Northern Territory legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* dated 30 September 2020.

##### **Historical Cost Convention**

Except as stated below, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

##### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates, and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying Council's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

##### **Rounding**

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000).

##### **The Local Government Reporting Entity**

Barkly Regional Council is incorporated under the NT Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek. These financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

Trust monies and property held by Council but subject to the control of other persons have been excluded from these reports. A separate statement of moneys held in the Trust Fund is available for inspection at the Council Office by any person free of charge.

##### **Income recognition**

The Council recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate.

In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Council expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer.

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#### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when a not-for-profit (NFP) entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the council. In this case, the council recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the entity satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

In recent years the payment of untied grants (financial assistance grants/ local roads/ supplementary grants) has varied from the annual allocation as shown in the table below:

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference	
2017-18	\$2,288,545	\$2,252,384	+	\$36,161
2018-19	\$2,103,438	\$2,176,127	-	\$72,689
2019-20	\$2,262,250	\$2,166,680	+	\$95,570

Because these grants are untied, the Australian Accounting Standards require that payments be recognised upon receipt. Accordingly, the operating results of these periods have been distorted compared to those that would have been reported had the grants been paid in the year to which they were allocated.

The actual amounts of untied grants received during the reporting periods (including the advance allocations) are disclosed in Note 2.

#### Essential Services Contracts

For works undertaken on a fixed price contract basis, revenues are recognised over time using the input method, with costs incurred compared to total expected costs used as a measure of progress. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

#### Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

Cash Assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at Council's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables for rates and annual charges are secured over the subject land, and bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999. Other receivables are generally unsecured and do not bear interest.

All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

AASB 7 Financial Instruments - Disclosures and AASB 9 Financial Instruments commenced from 1 July 2018 and have the effect that non-contractual receivables (e.g. rates & charges) are now treated as financial instruments. Although the disclosures made in Note 13 Financial Instruments have changed, there are no changes to the amounts disclosed.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments also form part of Note 13.

**Barkly Regional Council**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2020**

**Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Inventories**

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the weighted average cost on a continual basis, after adjustment for loss of service potential. Inventories held in respect of business undertakings have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment**

**Land under roads**

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired prior to 1 July 2008 as an asset in accordance with AASB 1051 Land under Roads. Land under roads acquired after 30 June 2008 has not been recognised as in the opinion of Council it is not possible to reliably attribute a fair value, and further that such value if determined would be immaterial.

**Initial Recognition**

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Capital works still in progress at balance date are recognised as other non-current assets and transferred to infrastructure, property, plant & equipment when completed ready for use.

**Materiality**

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are given in Note 7. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

**Subsequent Recognition**

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

**Depreciation of Non-Current Assets**

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of Council, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually.

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown in Note 7. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to Council, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.



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**Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Impairment**

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation and are reviewed annually for impairment. Assets carried at fair value whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, are not assessed for impairment.

Other assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash outflows or value in use).

Where an asset that has been revalued is subsequently impaired, the impairment is first offset against such amount as stands to the credit of that class of assets in Asset Revaluation Reserve, any excess being recognised as an expense.

**Payables**

**Goods & Services**

Creditors are amounts due to external parties for the supply of goods and services and are recognised as liabilities when the goods and services are received. Creditors are normally paid 30 days after the month of invoice. No interest is payable on these amounts.

**Payments Received in Advance & Deposits**

Amounts received from external parties in advance of service delivery, and security deposits held against possible damage to Council assets, are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

**Employee Benefits**

**Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences**

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based on costs) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based on costs) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

No accrual is made for sick leave as Council experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. Council does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### **Superannuation**

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to a number of complying Superannuation Funds in accordance with the Superannuation Choice legislation. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 15.

##### **Leases**

Accounting Policy applicable for the year ending 30 June 2019 (comparatives):

Lease arrangements have been accounted for in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 117.

In respect of finance leases, where Council substantially carries the entire risks incident to ownership, the leased items are initially recognised as assets and liabilities equal in amount to the present value of the minimum lease payments. The assets are disclosed within the appropriate asset class and are amortised to expense over the period during which the Council is expected to benefit from the use of the leased assets. Lease payments are allocated between interest expense and reduction of the lease liability, according to the interest rate implicit in the lease.

In respect of operating leases, where the lessor substantially retains all of the risks and benefits incident to ownership of the leased items, lease payments are charged to expense over the lease term.

##### **Accounting policy applicable from 01 July 2019:**

The Council assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

##### **Council as a lessee**

The Council recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

##### **i) Right-of-use assets**

The Council recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease. Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received and the estimate of costs to be incurred to restore the leased asset. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets.

The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment. Refer to the accounting policies in section 6.6 Impairment.

##### **ii) Lease liabilities**

At the commencement date of the lease, the Council recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Council uses its incremental borrowing rate or the interest rate implicit in the lease.

##### **iii) Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets**

The Council applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of machinery and equipment (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date).

It also applies the low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered to be low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### **GST Implications**

In accordance with UIG Abstract 1031 "Accounting for the Goods & Services Tax"

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.
- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

##### **New and amended standards and interpretations**

Adoption of AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities:

The Council applied AASB 15 and AASB 1058, for the first time from 1 July 2019. AASB 1058 clarifies and simplifies the income recognition requirements that apply to not-for-profit (NFP) entities, in conjunction with AASB 15. These Standards supersede the NFP income recognition requirements previously in AASB 1004 Contributions (with the exception of certain matters relating to public sector NFP entities) as well as current revenue recognition guidance including AASB 118 Revenue, AASB 111 Construction Contracts and the related Interpretations. The timing of income recognition depends on whether such a transaction gives rise to a liability or other performance obligation (a promise to transfer a good or service). Details of the accounting policy adopted for these standards can be found in section 10 of this note. The Council has elected to adopt the modified retrospective method on transition to the new standards with an initial application date of 1 July 2019. The cumulative effect of initially applying AASB 15 and AASB 1058 is recognised at the date of initial application as an adjustment to the opening balance of Accumulated Surplus. Therefore, the comparative information was not restated and continues to be reported under AASB 111, AASB 118, AASB 1004 and related Interpretations.

The Council has determined the impact of the new standards will mainly impact the timing of revenue recognition in relation to special purpose grants. These grants are provided to the Council to construct or acquire an asset to be controlled by the Council. They are accounted for under AASB 1058 and as such, amounts received in relation to these grants are recorded as a liability "Amounts in Advance" and recorded in revenue as the asset is constructed.

In the opinion of Council, there has been no material impact of adopting the new standards as at 1 July 2019.

Adoption of AASB 16 Leases (AASB 16)

AASB 16 Leases, which will commence from 1 July 2019, requires that the right of use conveyed by leasing contracts - except leases with a maximum term of 12 months and leases for low-value assets - be recognised as a form of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment, and that the lease liability be disclosed as a liability.

At 30 June 2020, Council has reviewed all of its leases and has determined that there is no material impact on this financial report resulting from not applying AASB 16 to Councils leases. Financial commitments in respect of all Council leases are disclosed in Note 14.

##### **Economic Dependence – Government Funding**

The Council is reliant upon funding from all tiers of government. The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis on the expectation that government funding will continue. Council is of the opinion that such funding will continue in future years.



## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 2 - INCOME

	2020	2019
Notes	\$	\$
<b>RATES REVENUES</b>		
<u>General Rates</u>	<b>2,808</b>	2,645
Less: Mandatory rebates	<b>(14)</b>	(18)
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs	<b>(3)</b>	(2)
	<b>2,791</b>	2,625
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)		
Waste collection	<b>975</b>	902
	<b>975</b>	902
<u>Other Charges</u>		
Penalties for late payment	<b>55</b>	65
	<b>55</b>	65
	<b>3,821</b>	3,592
<b>STATUTORY CHARGES</b>		
Animal registration fees & fines	<b>9</b>	9
Other licences, fees, & fines	<b>2</b>	3
	<b>11</b>	12
<b>USER CHARGES</b>		
Cemetery fees	<b>20</b>	14
Client Contributions - Aged Care	<b>223</b>	265
Hall & equipment hire	<b>26</b>	21
NDIS Services	<b>292</b>	92
Rental & Staff Accommodation	<b>342</b>	371
Sales - Fuel	<b>7</b>	23
Sales - Refuse Facilities	<b>212</b>	276
Sales - Swimming Pool	<b>43</b>	180
Sales -General	<b>5</b>	22
	<b>1,170</b>	1,264
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
Interest on investments:		
Banks & other	<b>30</b>	93
	<b>30</b>	93

## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 2 - INCOME (continued)

		2020	2019
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>REIMBURSEMENTS</b>			
- for essential services		512	515
- for private works		35	64
- training		10	46
- other		10	18
		<b>567</b>	643
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Insurance & other recoupments - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		35	15
Agency Income - Australia Post		33	34
Agency Income - Centrelink		423	422
Donations & Contributions		72	28
Sundry		117	20
		<b>680</b>	519
<b>GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		864	1,057
Other grants, subsidies and contributions			
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant		6,582	6,046
Roads to Recovery		207	534
Aged, Home and Community Care		1,306	1,095
Community Safety		3,065	2,816
Community Living Areas & Town Camps		462	632
Library & Communications		189	190
Regional Deal		777	-
Wages Subsidies		1,777	1,836
Youth, Sport and Recreation		2,238	2,301
Sundry		798	980
		<b>17,401</b>	16,430
		<b>18,265</b>	17,487
The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.			
<b>Sources of grants</b>			
Commonwealth Government		6,909	6,690
Northern Territory Government		11,287	10,648
Other		69	149
		<b>18,265</b>	17,487

## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 2 - INCOME (continued)

	2020	2019
Notes	\$	\$
<b>Conditions over grants &amp; contributions</b>		
<i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:</i>		
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>	<b>2,919</b>	8,188
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods:</i>		
Alcohol Actions Initiatives	(31)	(101)
Aged & Community Care	(268)	(258)
Animal Management	(50)	(116)
Infrastructure	(22)	(1,384)
Homelands - Special Purpose	-	(218)
Libraries	(3)	(96)
Night Patrol	-	(217)
Purkiss Reserve Upgrade	-	(4,000)
Safehouse Programme	(110)	(37)
Special Purpose Grants	(243)	(182)
Youth Services	(37)	(16)
Other	(100)	(18)
Subtotal	(864)	(6,643)
<i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>		
Alcohol Actions Initiatives	81	67
Aged & Community Care	490	268
COVID-19	492	-
Infrastructure	486	-
Regional Deal	337	-
Night Patrol	460	226
Learning & Development	195	-
Safehouse Programme	106	120
Special Purpose Grants	-	552
Youth Services	87	38
Other	3	103
Subtotal	2,737	1,374
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>	<b>4,792</b>	2,919
<i>Net increase/(decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>	<b>1,873</b>	(5,269)



## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 3 - EXPENSE

		2020	2019
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>			
Salaries and Wages		10,565	9,967
Employee leave expense		1,419	1,294
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	15	1,091	993
Training		75	221
Uniforms		32	31
Workers' Compensation Insurance		436	218
Travel		220	279
Fringe Benefits Tax		-	17
Recruitment		23	21
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>		<b>13,861</b>	<b>13,041</b>
<b>Total Number of Employees</b>		<b>158</b>	<b>154</b>
(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)			
<b>MATERIALS, CONTRACTS &amp; OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		33	38
Bad and Doubtful Debts		-	6
Elected members' expenses		426	467
Lease Expenses - short term leases	18	288	-
Lease Expenses - low value assets	18	427	462
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		<b>1,174</b>	<b>973</b>
<u>Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</u>			
Advertising		115	72
Consultants		780	867
Communication		539	452
Plant & Motor Vehicle Repairs and Running Costs		812	926
Repairs and Maintenance - General		725	762
Repairs and Maintenance - Roads		66	827
Legal Expenses		5	9
Contractors		50	108
Materials - Other		366	334
Minor Equipment		596	492
Insurance		496	396
Property Expenses - Council		25	48
Groceries		364	492

## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 3 - EXPENSE (continued)

	2020	2019
Notes	\$	\$
<b>MATERIALS, CONTRACTS &amp; OTHER EXPENSES con't</b>		
<u>Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses con't</u>		
Security	60	42
Utilities	1,256	1,367
Annual Software License Fees	450	441
Grants Returned	393	500
Sundry	90	361
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses	7,188	8,496
	8,362	9,469
<b>DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION &amp; IMPAIRMENT</b>		
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Buildings	2,071	2,038
Infrastructure	397	408
Plant & Equipment	702	709
<b>Impairment</b>		
Buildings	734	-
	3,904	3,155
Less: Impairment expense offset to asset revaluation reserve	9 (734)	-
	3,170	3,155
<b>FINANCE COSTS</b>		
Bank Charges	9	13
	9	13

#### Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSALS AND FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

##### INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

##### Assets renewed or directly replaced

Proceeds from disposal	19	112
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	-	20
<b>Gain (Loss) on disposal</b>	19	92
<b>NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS</b>	19	92

## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	2020	2019
Notes	\$	\$
<b>CASH &amp; EQUIVALENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	8,235	7,496
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc	3,133	3,111
	<u>11,368</u>	<u>10,607</u>
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Rates - General & Other	897	758
Accrued Revenues	208	167
Debtors - general	166	251
Other levels of Government	59	139
GST Recoupment	60	104
Prepayments	52	17
Total	<u>1,442</u>	<u>1,436</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	21	21
	<u>1,421</u>	<u>1,415</u>
<i>Amounts included in receivables that are not expected to be received within 12 months of reporting date.</i>	13	13
<b>INVENTORIES</b>		
Stores & Materials	21	36
	<u>21</u>	<u>36</u>
<i>Amounts included in inventories that are not expected to be received within 12 months of reporting date.</i>	-	-
<i>Aggregate write-downs and other losses recognised as an expense, and reversals of these, were not material in amount in either year. All such reversals occurred principally as a result of clerical inaccuracies during stores operations.</i>		

#### Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

##### OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Capital Works-in-Progress	9,350	11,192
	<u>9,350</u>	<u>11,192</u>



## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 7 – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

##### Valuation of Assets

##### General Valuation Principles

##### Accounting procedure:

Upon revaluation, the current new replacement cost and accumulated depreciation are re-stated such that the difference represents the fair value of the asset determined in accordance with AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement*: accumulated depreciation is taken to be the difference between current new replacement cost and fair value. In the case of land, fair value is taken to be the current replacement cost.

##### Highest and best use:

For land which Council has an unfettered right to sell, the "highest and best use" recognises the possibility of the demolition or substantial modification of some or all of the existing buildings and structures affixed to the land.

Much of the land under Council's care and control is Crown land or has been declared as community land under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999. Other types of restrictions also exist.

For land subject to these restrictions, the highest and best use is taken to be the "highest and best use" available to Council, with a rebuttable presumption that the current use is the "highest and best use". The reason for the current use of a large proportion of Council's assets being other than the "highest and best use" relates to Council's principal role as the provider of services to the community, rather than the use of those assets for the generation of revenue.

For buildings and other structures on and in the land, including infrastructure, "highest and best use" is determined in accordance with the land on and in which they are situated.

##### Fair value hierarchy level 2 valuations:

Certain land, and the buildings and structures thereon, are shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 2 valuation inputs. They are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, with directly or indirectly observable adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset.

##### Fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations of land:

Valuations of Crown land, community land and land subject to other restrictions on use or disposal, shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 3 valuation inputs, are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, but include adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset that are not directly or indirectly observable in that market, or the number and / or amount of observable adjustments of which are so great that the valuation is more fairly described as being based on level 3 valuation inputs.

##### Fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations of buildings, infrastructure and other assets:

There is no known market for these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. This method involves:

The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.

The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

This method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques.

## Barkly Regional Council

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 7 - (continued) INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

##### Capitalisation thresholds

Capitalisation thresholds used by Council for all assets is \$5,000. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

##### Estimated Useful Lives:

Useful lives are estimated for each individual asset. In estimating useful lives, regard is had to technical and commercial obsolescence, as well as legal and other limitations on continued use. The range of useful lives for a representative range of assets is shown below, although individual assets may have an estimated total useful life of greater or lesser amount:

Plant, Furniture & Equipment	
Office Furniture & Equipment	5 years
Light Vehicles	3 to 7 years
Heavy Vehicles	8 to 12 years
Other Plant & Equipment	5 years
Building & Other Structures	
Buildings - masonry	40 years
Buildings - other construction	15 to 40 years
Infrastructure	
Pool and Waterpark Infrastructure	15 to 30 years
Telecommunications Infrastructure	5 to 7 years
Water Pumping and Bore Infrastructure	5 years

##### Transition to AASB 13:

The requirements of AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* have been applied to all valuations undertaken since 1 July 2013 as shown by the valuation dates by individual asset classes below.

##### Land under Roads:

Council being of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably to qualify for recognition, land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

##### Land & Land Improvements

Freehold land and land over which Council has control, but does not have title, is recognised on the cost basis. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are deriving from a valuation at 30 June 2017 at current replacement cost. Additions are recognised at cost.

These assets were valued as at 30 June 2017 valuation by Mr Timothy Ashton,, Certified Practising Valuer-AAPI Registration #67108, of AssetVal Pty Ltd (previous valuation – 30 June 2006 – Australian Valuation Office).

##### Buildings & Other Structures

Buildings and other structures were valued as at 30 June 2017 valuation by Mr Timothy Ashton,, Certified Practising Valuer-AAPI Registration #67108, of AssetVal Pty Ltd (previous valuation – 30 June 2006 – Australian Valuation Office).

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2020

### Note 7 (continued) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

#### Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued as at 30 June 2017 valuation by Mr Stuart D Forbes ASA, Consultant Plant, Equipment and Infrastructure Valuer - AAPI Registration #95281, of AssetVal Pty Ltd. Pursuant to advice from the Department of Community & Local Government Services these assets have not been recorded in the financial statements of Council at 30 June 2017, Transport Infrastructure valuations have been reported at Note 20 for information purposes only.

#### Other Infrastructure

Pool and Waterpark Infrastructure, Telecommunications Infrastructure, and Water Pumping and Bore Infrastructure were valued as at 30 June 2017 by Mr Stuart D Forbes ASA, Consultant Plant, Equipment and Infrastructure Valuer - AAPI Registration #95281, of AssetVal Pty Ltd.

#### Plant, Furniture & Equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis

#### All other assets

These assets are recognised on the cost basis. Library books and other lending materials are capitalised in bulk, and written out when fully depreciated.

### Note 8 - LIABILITIES

		2020		2019	
		\$		\$	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	Notes	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services		924		565	
Payments received in advance		62	-	50	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		163	-	126	-
Accrued expenses - other		170	-	655	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		15	-	106	-
		1,334	-	1,502	-

Amounts included in trade & other payables that are not expected to be settled within 12 months of reporting date.

#### PROVISIONS

Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	1,295	417	1,079	265
	<b>1,295</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>265</b>

Amounts included in provisions that are not expected to be settled within 12 months of reporting date.



## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2019	Net Increments/ (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2020
Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	3,010	-	-	3,010
Buildings & Infrastructure	19,838	-	(734)	19,104
Plant & Equipment	940	-	-	940
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,788</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(734)</b>	<b>23,054</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>23,788</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,788</b>
<b>OTHER RESERVES</b>	<b>1/7/2019</b>	<b>Transfers to Reserve</b>	<b>Transfers from Reserve</b>	<b>30/6/2020</b>
Unexpended Grants Reserve	5,218	2,205	-	7,423
<b>TOTAL OTHER RESERVES</b>	<b>5,218</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,423</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>10,074</b>	<b>(4,856)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,218</b>

#### PURPOSES OF RESERVES

##### Asset Revaluation Reserve

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements arising from changes in fair value of non-current assets (less any subsequent impairment losses, where applicable).

##### Other Reserves

##### Unexpended Grants Reserve

Unspent grant funds are recognised as revenues under AASB 1004: Contributions as the Council generally has no obligation to repay the unspent funds and has therefore earned the revenue. Grants that have been paid to Council for a specific purpose and are unexpended, or a grant payment is outstanding are recorded in the unspent grants reserve and are shown within Equity section of the Balance Sheet. Unspent grants compulsorily repayable to funding bodies are treated as a liability.

#### Note 10 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

The uses of the following assets are restricted, wholly or partially, by legislation or other externally imposed requirements. The assets are required to be utilised for the purposes for which control was transferred to Council, or for which the revenues were originally obtained.

CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
Unexpended Amounts Received In Relation To Funded Programmes		7,423	5,218
<b>TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS</b>		<b>7,423</b>	<b>5,218</b>
<i>The following liabilities, included in Note 8, may be discharged from restricted assets in the first instance.</i>			
Payables	8	1,334	1,502
Provisions	8	1,712	1,344
		<b>3,046</b>	<b>2,846</b>

## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

##### (a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

		2020	2019
	Notes	\$	\$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	11,368	10,607
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		11,368	10,607

##### (b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities

Net Surplus (Deficit)	(839)	(1,976)
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3,170	3,155
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	405	132
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	(864)	(1,057)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	(19)	(92)
	1,853	162
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(6)	1,090
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	15	6
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	(205)	(101)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>1,157</b>

##### (c) Financing Arrangements

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:

Corporate Credit Cards	50	50
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## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note-12 COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

##### **Council Administration**

Administration, Area Management, Grants Management, Governance, Elected Members, Employee Learning & Development, Local Authorities, Organisational Support Services, Accounting/Finance, Payroll, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Customer Service, Other Support Services.

##### **Public Order & Safety**

Animal Management, Environmental Health, Night Patrol, Public Order and Safety.

##### **Economic Affairs**

Employment Creation Programs, Regional Development, Support to Local Businesses, Tourism, and Other Economic Development.

##### **Environmental Protection**

Cemeteries, Waste Management, Domestic Waste, Green Waste, Recycling, Waste Disposal Facility, Other Waste Management, Other Environment,

##### **Housing & Community Services**

Community Services, Council Buildings, Essential Services, Infrastructure Services, Municipal Services, Parks & Gardens, Roads, Stormwater and Drainage, Street Cleaning, Street Lighting, Street-scaping, Visitor Accommodation.

##### **Recreation, Culture & Religion**

Library Services, Swimming Centres – Outdoor, Water Parks, Youth Services, Other Cultural Services.

##### **Social Protection**

Community & Aged Care Services, NDIS Services, Safe-house Services.

<b>Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS</b>			
<b>All financial instruments are categorised as loans and receivables.</b>			
<b>Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments</b>			
<b>Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits</b>	<b>Accounting Policy:</b> initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned		
	<b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 0.55% and 2.0% (2019: 2.0% and 2.42%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 30 days and an average interest rates of 0.55% (2019: 30 days, 1.0%).		
	<b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.		



**Barkly Regional Council**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2020**

**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

<b>Receivables - Rates &amp; Associated Charges</b>	<b>Accounting Policy:</b> initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method
	<b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 10% (2019: 10%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.
	<b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
<b>Receivables - Fees &amp; other charges</b>	<b>Accounting Policy:</b> initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method
	<b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.
	<b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
<b>Receivables - other levels of government</b>	<b>Accounting Policy:</b> initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.
	<b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of State and Federal Governments.
	<b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.
<b>Receivables - Retirement Home</b>	<b>Accounting Policy:</b> initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.
	<b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective legislation.
	<b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

<b>Liabilities</b> - Creditors and Accruals	<b>Accounting Policy:</b> Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.
	<b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.
	<b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.

#### Liquidity Analysis

2020	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<b>Financial Assets</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	11,368			11,368	11,368
Receivables	1,369	-	-	1,369	1,369
<b>Total</b>	12,737	-	-	12,737	12,737
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	974	-	-	974	1,001
<b>Total</b>	974	-	-	974	1,001
<b>2019</b>	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<b>Financial Assets</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	10,607			10,607	10,607
Receivables	1,415	-	-	1,415	1,415
<b>Total</b>	12,022	-	-	12,022	12,022
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	1,477	-	-	1,477	1,477
<b>Total</b>	1,477	-	-	1,477	1,477

#### Net Fair Value

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. There is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Council.

#### Risk Exposures:

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any impairment. Except as detailed in Note 5 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

Market Risk is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of Council's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor currency risk apply.

## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and standby borrowing facilities that it can access.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Council has a balance of variable interest rate investments and maintains no borrowings. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.

#### Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>Capital Commitments</b>		
There are no capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities.		
<b>Other Expenditure Commitments</b>		
Other non-capital expenditure commitments in relation to properties:		
Rentals Residential Property	219	176
Section 19 Leases	653	616
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	363	267
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	430	446
Later than 5 years	79	79
	<u>872</u>	<u>792</u>

#### Note 15 - SUPERANNUATION

The Council makes contributions to superannuation schemes selected by employees under the "choice of fund" legislation. All such schemes are of the accumulation type, where the superannuation benefits accruing to the employee are represented by their share of the net assets of the scheme.

##### Accumulation only Members

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9.50% in 2019-20; 9.50% in 2018-19). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

#### Note 16 - CONTINGENT ASSETS & CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position but knowledge of those items is considered relevant to user of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources.



## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 16 - CONTINGENT ASSETS & CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (continued)

##### INSURANCE LOSSES

Council is a multi-purpose organisation providing a large range of building, parks infrastructure, playgrounds and other facilities accessible to the public. At any time, it is likely that claims will have been made against Council that remain unsettled.

Council insures against all known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to a deductible "insurance excess", the amount of which varies according to the class of insurance.

Council has not identified any potential claims that may have existed at reporting date.

##### REPAYMENT OF GRANT FUNDING

Council receives significant income from a number of Grant Funding Providers. If grant monies are not expended in accordance with the funding agreements there is a potential for funding to be withdrawn and a requirement that these funds be repaid to the relevant funding body

#### Note 17 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>Current Ratio</b>				
<u>Current Assets - Externally Restricted Assets</u>	<b>3.05</b>	3.54	3.45	4.41
Current Liabilities				
<b>Debt Service Ratio</b>				
<u>Net Debt Service Cost</u>	<b>0.00%</b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Operating Revenue*				
* as defined				
<b>Rate Coverage Percentage</b>				
<u>Rate Revenues</u>	<b>15.58%</b>	11.64%	11.87%	10.45%
Total Revenues				
<b>Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage</b>				
<u>Rates &amp; Annual Charges Outstanding</u>	<b>23.47%</b>	22.54%	23.83%	16.60%
Rates & Annual Charges Collectible				

#### Note 18 - OPERATING LEASES

##### Council as a Lessee

##### Right of Use Asset

Council maintains a number of Residential Property Leases for the accommodation of Council employees. These leases have a lease term of less than twelve months. Therefore no "Right Of Use Asset" has been recognised in this financial statement. Lease commitments have been recognised as "Commitments For Expenditure at Note 14.

Council maintains a number of Section 19 Leases for land upon which it's buildings are situated. In the opinion of Council the fair value of the individual identified assets is less than \$10,000. Therefore no "Right Of Use Asset" has been recognised in this financial statement. Lease commitments have been recognised as "Commitments For Expenditure at Note 14.

## Barkly Regional Council

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

#### Note 18 - OPERATING LEASES (continued)

##### Council as a Lessor

Council owns various buildings, plant and other facilities that are available for hire or lease (on a non-cancellable basis wherever practicable) in accordance with the published revenue policy. Rentals received from such leases are disclosed as rent and hire of non-investment property in Note 2.

#### Note 19 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

##### KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1999. In all, 19 persons were paid the following total compensation:

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	993,531	967,097
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>993,531</b>	<b>967,097</b>

Other than amounts paid as ratepayers or residents (e.g. rates, swimming pool entry fees, etc.), Council received the following amounts in total:

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Contributions for fringe benefits tax purposes	27,124	26,613
Rentals for Council property	78,415	74,110
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105,539</b>	<b>100,723</b>

##### PARTIES RELATED TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

KMP and relatives of KMPs own retail businesses from which various supplies were purchased as required either for cash or on 30 day account. Purchases from these individual businesses are made in accordance with approved Council purchasing policy and the requirements of the Local Government Act.

One close family member of key management personnel is employed by Council in accordance with the terms of the Award, and as recorded in the public Register of Salaries maintained in accordance with section 105 of the Local Government Act 1999.

#### Note 20 - ROAD TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Transportation assets were valued as at 30 June 2017 valuation by Mr Stuart D Forbes ASA, Consultant Plant, Equipment and Infrastructure Valuer - AAPI Registration #95281, of AssetVal Pty Ltd. Pursuant to advice from the Department of Community & Local Government Services these assets have not been recorded in the financial statements of Council at 30 June 2018, Transport Infrastructure valuations are detailed below:

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	Replacement Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)
1. Roads	\$48,635,452	\$28,240,488
2. Culverts	\$ 966,171	\$ 598,693
3. Footpaths	\$ 1,909,586	\$ 1,295,494
4. Kerbs & Gutters	\$ 7,702,433	\$ 4,577,502
5. Point Generic	\$ 406,649	\$ 207,861
6. LGANT Managed Roads	\$20,019,524	\$12,422,084
<b>TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$79,639,815</b>	<b>\$47,342,122</b>

An annual depreciation charge on Road Transport Infrastructure totalling \$2,477,906 has not been recorded in the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2020.



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**Auditors' Independence Declaration**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2020 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the requirements of the *Local Government Act* and the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations* made under that Act, in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Colin James, FCA  
Registered Company Auditor

Darwin  
Date: 30 September 2020

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS  
OF BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

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## Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Barkly Regional Council (the Council) which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, the notes to the financial report including the summary of significant accounting policies and the council certificate which has been signed by the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Council.

In our opinion, the financial report of the Council is in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the financial reporting requirements of the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements which describe the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Council to meet the reporting requirements of the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

### Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer of the Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations and for such internal control as the Chief Executive Officer determines are necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the council members either intend to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Chief Executive Officer is also responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT****TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS  
OF BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL****Report on the Audit of the Financial Report (continued)****Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at:

[http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf)

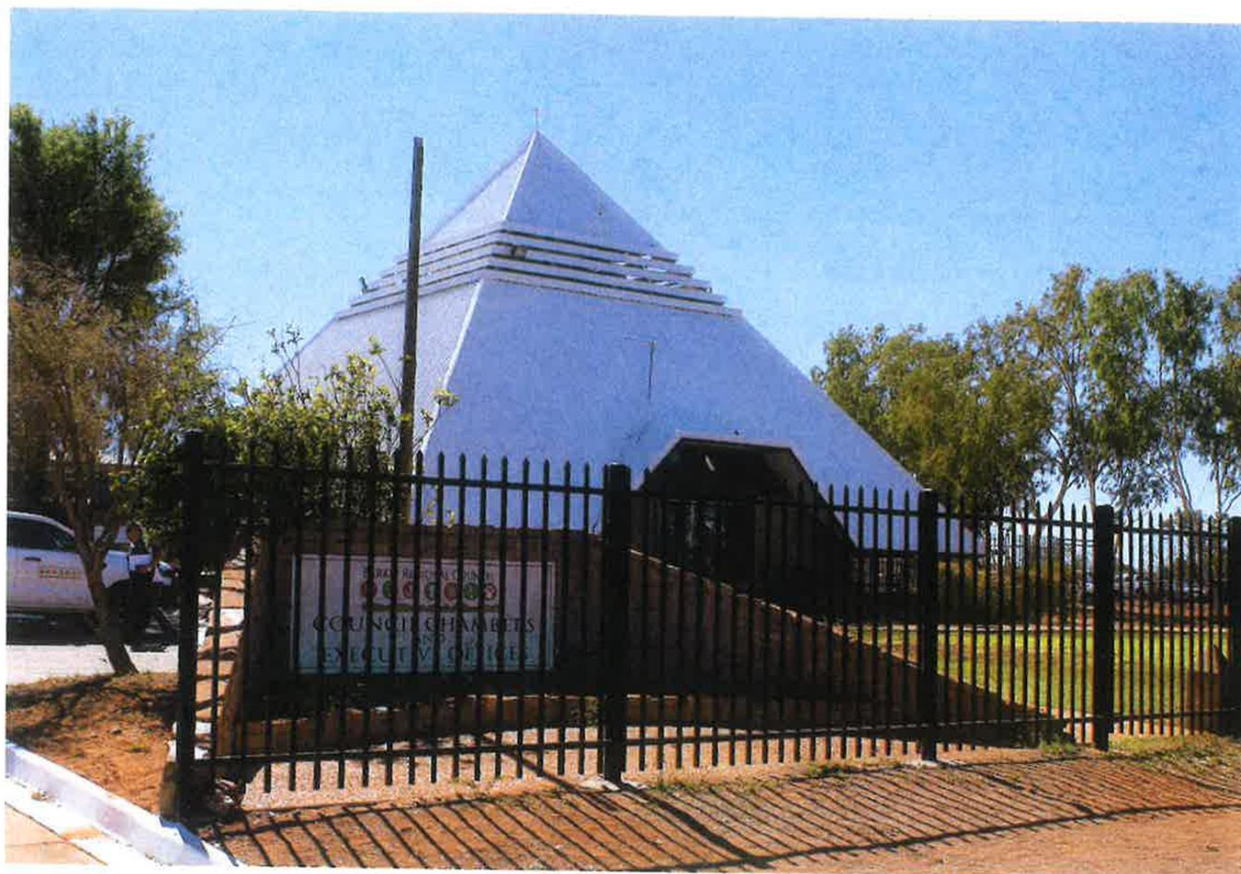
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**LOWRYS ACCOUNTANTS**

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**Colin James, FCA  
Registered Company Auditor**

**Darwin  
Date: 30 September 2020**



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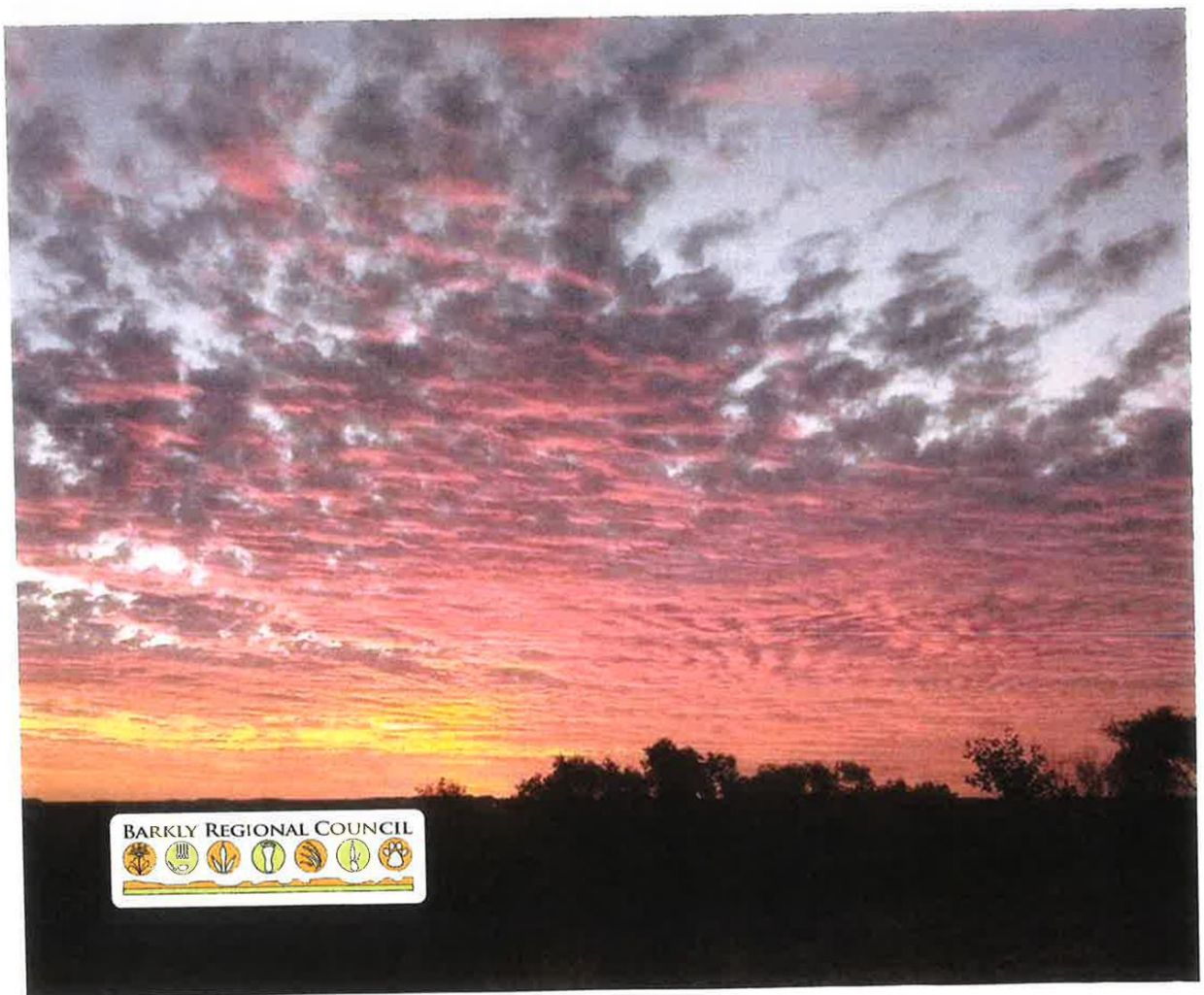
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## GENERAL BUSINESS

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**ITEM NUMBER** 16.4  
**TITLE** Liquor Commission Correspondance  
**REFERENCE** 305988  
**AUTHOR** Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council

- a) That Council receive and note the report
- b) Finalise the letter in response to the correspondence from the Liquor commission received on 27 October 2020

### SUMMARY:

The Liquor Commission sent the attached ccorrespondence to Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 regarding the Barkly Liquor review. The letter has given us only 3 days to respond!

We have prepared the attached letter for Councils consideration and request input from Council on the current level of restrictions and what you feel would be an appropriate response to the Commission.

### BACKGROUND

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### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1  Letter from the Liquor Commission
- 2  Response to to the Liquor Commission.pdf

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## LIQUOR COMMISSION

Reference no. 2020/140

Mr Steve Moore  
Chief Executive Officer  
Barkly Regional Council

Via email to: [steve.moore@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:steve.moore@barkly.nt.gov.au)

Dear Mr Moore

**RE: REVIEW OF CONDITIONS OF LIQUOR LICENCES – BARKLY REGION**

On 12 June 2018, the Northern Territory Liquor Commission (the Commission) varied the takeaway trading conditions of liquor licences in the Barkly region. The Commission is now further reviewing these conditions. The Commission has notified stakeholders and the community that it is seeking submissions for the 2020 review of Barkly liquor licence conditions by close of business on 30 October 2020.

The notices previously published by the Commission in relation to this matter are available on the Commission's website at <https://justice.nt.gov.au/regulatory-services/licensing-boards-committees-and-advisory-councils/liquor-commission/proposed-variations-of-conditions-of-liquor-licence-barkly-region>.

To assist it to assess the effect of the current restrictions, the Commission is also collecting data of alcohol-related harm indicators. The Commission has identified your agency as one that may be able to assist in this regard.

The Commission requests you to provide the following de-identified data held by your agency for the period from 1 January 2017 to the present, in relation to Tennant Creek and, if available, the Barkly region:

- Attendance numbers for Youthlinx Night Drop in Centre

Unless you have informed the Commission that you are providing the requested data on a confidential basis, the Commission may publish it on its website. The Commission requests that the material it seeks be provided by close of business on 13 November 2020.

Yours sincerely



Russell Goldflam  
Acting Deputy Chairperson  
27 October 2020

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29 October 2020

Acting Deputy Commissioner  
Northern Territory Liquor Commission  
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Dear Mr. Goldflam,

**Re: review of conditions of liquor licences – Barkly Region**

Firstly I would like to raise my disappointment at being given three days to respond to your letter dated 27 October 2020. This is not sufficient time to give proper consideration to what is a key issue for the Region. I gather from this lack of notice that the commission does not consider Council to be a stakeholder on this matter, with the last correspondence being received from the commission on 9 January 2020.

Council believes it is important that proper public consultation takes place regarding both the current restrictions and any proposed changes to those restrictions.

Council's view is that the current restrictions have assisted to reduce littering, public nuisance, public graffiti and other anti-social behaviour. However the restrictions do not appear to have had a significant impact on crime rates or support needed for disadvantaged youth.

Secondary supply of alcohol from interstate and from north of the Barkly continues to be a significant issue. Anecdotal information indicates a significant supply of alcohol being purchased in Darwin, Katherine and Mount Isa continues to flow into both Barkly communities and Tennant Creek.

Council has the view that the current trading hours for take away liquor is overly restrictive and should be varied to allow outlets to open earlier in line with other regional (Alice Springs & Katherine) liquor outlets. This may assist to reduce the demand for secondary supply currently flowing into our Region while offering additional spending opportunities for tourists in the Region. Longer trading hours will also assist to reduce the unsightly lines of people queuing to get into bottle shops portraying a poor public image to passers-by. Police can afford to man bottle shops in Katherine and Alice for longer shifts so Tennant Creek should be in line with these hours.

The discussion around current take away alcohol limits is an emotive subject. At present the maximum daily purchase is a 24 pack of full strength beer containing 36 standard drinks. Consumers have the alternate choice to purchase one 700ml bottle of spirits containing approximately 20 standard drinks or two bottles of wine containing 14 standard drinks. There are a number of other products that can be purchased, all below the 36 standard drink maximum.

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There may be an argument to allow more flexibility around the 36 standard drink limit per day by possibly allowing a greater range of products to be purchased. This could include the reintroduction of 1 litre bottles of spirits and increase the number of bottles of wine allowed to be purchased per day to three or four. This would reduce the number of trips to the bottle shop when planning social or dinner parties with friends or celebrating special occasions.

Council's recommendation to the commission is to (suggestions below)

- allow additional flexibility within the current restrictions
- leave the current restrictions in place
- scrap all restrictions
- reduce the current restrictions to xx
- ban alcohol

Council would also recommend standardising trading hours and restrictions throughout the Barkly, bringing them into line with the rest of the Territory. This should include, as a priority, completing the Alcohol Management Plan for Elliott. This has been outstanding for a number of years and is a source of frustration for residents.

While Council is sure there will be a wide spectrum of feedback on the current and any proposed restrictions, Council would like to urge caution. Supply of take away liquor within the Barkly is only a small part of the wider Alcohol supply situation. While it is possible eased restrictions could reduce secondary supply, it is certain that tightening restrictions will increase secondary supply of alcohol, a problem Council is eager to avoid.

Council are elected to represent the interests of the wider community and urge the commission to give careful consideration to the views raised in this letter. Should you require any additional information please contact me at your convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

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## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 16.3  
**TITLE** Visitor Park Location  
**REFERENCE** 305989  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Provide feedback on the location of the Tennant Creek Visitor Park.

### **SUMMARY:**

Council has been asked to provide feedback on the proposed joint location of the Visitor Park and the BRADAAG facility.

The attached location has been through extensive consultation and the BRD Governance table is seeking Council's endorsement of the attached location. The proposed location on the current DIPL site offers lower cost connection to services and is well located to access medical services and retail outlets.

The location has been supported in consultation with a number of Communities throughout the Barkly.

Tim Candler will provide a more detailed brief on the project.

We recommend Council endorse the location for both projects.

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1  Visitor Park.pdf





**Land Use Concept Plan**  
Tennant Creek Government Precinct

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