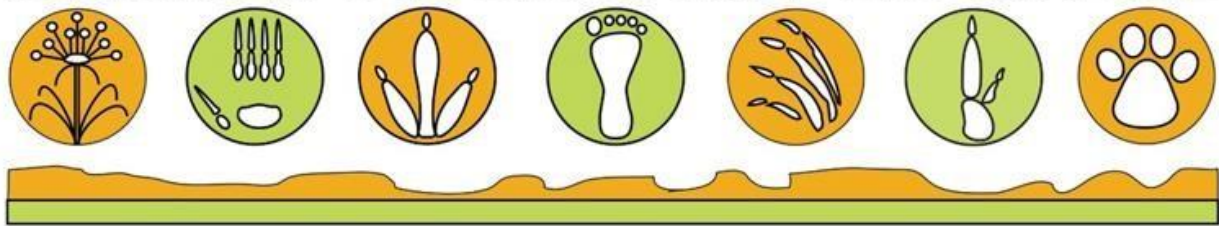


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Special Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Monday 31 July 2023 at 1:00 pm.

**Russell Anderson**

Acting Chief Executive Officer

### OUR VISION

We strive to be responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens and empowers the people to be strong.

### The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

We will have strong policy and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable.

Respect is shown in everything we do and we have acceptance of all cultures in the Barkly Region and their practices through a culturally competent Council.

We are a responsible Council.

We will be a responsive Council.

We want to empower local decision making.

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

We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people and our organisational culture.

**We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region. We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.**

## **1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

### **1.1 Elected Members Present**

Meeting commenced at 1:05 pm with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair

#### **Elected Members Present**

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Elliott McAdam
- Cr. Sharen Lake
- Cr. Mark Peterson
- Cr. Lucy Jackson
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Jack Clubb

### **1.2 Staff Members Present**

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- Russell Anderson - Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Tash Adams - Council Secretary
- Grant Hanson - ICT Coordinator
- Sunil Neupane - Acting Chief Financial Officer

### **1.3 Visitors Present Visitors Present**

- Nil

### **1.4 Apologies and Leave of Absence Apologies**

- Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell
- Councillor Pam Corbett
- Councillor Heather Wilson
- Councillor Dianne Stokes
- Councillor Anita Bailey

### **1.5 Disclosure of Interest**

Nil

## 2 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### Corporate Services Directorate Reports

#### 2.1 The Growing Regions Program Round 1

##### MOTION

**That Council accepts the following report on the application for the Growing Regions Fund approves amount of funding the Council will co-contribute to the Growing Regions Fund project Community and Council Infrastructure Upgrades for the Barkly Region**

**RESOLVED Moved: Cr Sharen Lake Seconded: Cr Lucy Jackson**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved OM-23/82*

The Acting CEO Russell Anderson said the application was previously applied for two years ago under the Building Better Regions funding program. After the change of government the grant ended. The new government has renamed the grants program Growing Regions Program.

Mr Anderson said the consultant's report has not changed other than fact the costing has increased by around 40%.

In summary, if successful in the grant, 10% will be provided council over two financial years - \$300,000 in 2024 and \$377,635.75 in 2025.

Cr Marlow pointed out the GK Building quote detailed nothing in regards to sound proofing which is essential for Mayor's and CEO's office and may be essential for Human Resources for interview room.

CEO said the budget surplus predicted, if successful in the application, would allow a variance to include soundproofing as a variance to the quote.

Cr Barton joined the meeting at 1.13pm.

## 3 GENERAL BUSINESS

*Nil*

## 4 NEXT MEETING AND MEETING CLOSE

**MOTION**

That Council close the meeting at 1.17pm.

**RESOLVED Moved: Cr Jack Clubb Seconded: Cr Mark Peterson**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved OM-23/83.*

The next Ordinary Council Meeting of Barkly Regional Council will be held Thursday 31 August 2023.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the meeting of the Special Council Meeting held on 31 July 2023 and are confirmed.