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Shared vision drives Alpururulam forward

It's been an exceptionally busy year for Alpururulam as this tiny remote community continues to go from strength to strength.

Residents and members of the Alpururulam Local Authority (LA) have been working hard alongside Council, and need to be praised as a number of community projects come to fruition.

Rather than adopt a top-down approach, Council has encouraged through regular consultation with the Local Authority a sense of community ownership and a shared vision.

We have been proactive in assisting locals to shape and build the places in which they live from the ground up.

Nowhere is this more evident than in Alpururulam where in the past 12 months Council has completed several projects to help the community move forward.

These projects include repairing sealed roads, repainting the Shiny Shed and building an additional kitchen and ablation block, upgrade to the Aged Care building and laundry, new portable toilets for sports carnivals, visitor and staff housing upgrade, waste management review, animal management visit, working with Telstra to deliver a mobile phone service, and reinstating Section 19 Leases.

Extensive repair work has been carried out to seal and patch roads in Alpururulam under the Roads to Recovery Grant Scheme. Remote Civil Pty Ltd won the tender with work now near completion. Speed bumps and safety signs will also be installed.

The Sport and Recreation Shiny Shed has now been repainted with heat proof paint and has been reopened.

A new annexe for the kitchen and toilet block was added to the back of the Shiny Shed with just a few finishing touches remaining.

Over at Aged Care, the laundry is back to full capacity for the washing and cleaning of clothes and bedding after the old building was demolished and replaced with a larger facility.



PROUD COMMUNITY: Ward Councillor Jennifer Mahoney, Council Area Manager Troy Koch and Chair of Alpururulam Local Authority Cameron Long with portable toilets.

There is also a 4WD Aged Care bus to assist elderly residents. The purchase of four portable toilets (two toilets per trailer) has been a

welcome addition for sporting carnivals, funerals and community-led events. Visits by the Animal Management team to the community continue with 10 dogs and one cat de-sexed in September.

Another important milestone for Alpururulam is two of the four houses allocated for visitor accommodation have been upgraded with four out of five staff houses upgraded.

Council now has a full complement of municipal workers with four full-time positions filled by local residents. Its fleet of vehicles is gradually being upgraded with the recent addition of a new Ford Ranger plus a JCB backhoe to deliver core services.

As part of Council's waste management review of five communities in the Barkly, the landfill in Alpururulam will be extended and new trenches dug.

Depot workers have removed more than 130 vehicles from the community living area, and stacked them in the car grave at the local landfill. There are plans to remove a further 100 cars from the community.

Section 19 leases have also been agreed to and signed off on all Council operated property in Alpururulam. Council is also working with Telstra to get mobile phone coverage for the community, which is great news, and we will continue to lobby the NT Government until the permanent police presence is returned to Alpururulam.

From the outset, we have been determined to ensure Council is an inclusive one; one that talks and listens to the community and maintains an ongoing conversation with residents about what Council is doing right, what Council can do better, and importantly, what the community's ideas are for the future.

Here, at Council we are committed to working collaboratively with all communities across the Barkly region to represent the interests of our residents and advocate for better living conditions, greater jobs prospects and increased opportunities to build a better Barkly.

And, like Alpururulam, we are steadfast in our aim to revitalise all our communities one by one.



WHAT'S NEW...

- New street sweeper arrived in Tennant Creek. The Scarab Mistral Hopper, which cost \$366,779, was a big investment for Council as part of its asset renewal program. This new machine is easier to operate, has a reversing camera, dual control and CCTV, and is a lot quieter. It is also computer controlled, quickly alerting the driver of any blockages in the filter or water pump.
- Printed copies of the Annual Report 2017-2018 are now available at Council reception, 41 Peko Road. The document can also be downloaded from the website <https://www.barkly.nt.gov.au/council-documents/d/annual-reports>
- There's only a few days left to nominate an unsung hero for the Australia Day Local Government Awards 2019. Visit <https://www.barkly.nt.gov.au> to find out how to nominate and acknowledge those who have contributed to our Barkly communities. There's an Australia Day 2019 button on the top right-hand corner of the website which gives you the lowdown on everything to do with this special day.
- Council has opened the first round of its 2018-2019 Community Grant Program, which seeks to support community-based projects in the areas of arts and culture, sport and recreation, community safety and community development. Groups or individuals can apply for up to \$3000 per project.



Deadline is 31 December 2018. Guidelines and application forms can be obtained from Council reception, 41 Peko Road, or downloaded from <https://www.barkly.nt.gov.au/news-events/news/community-grants-open>

● Councillor Hal Ruger will be sponsoring the Christmas Lights competition in Tennant Creek again this year with cash prizes for Best House, Best Shop Front and Best Street. Deadline for registration is COB Thursday, 6 December with

Santa's secret helpers judging on the weekend of 8-9 December.

- Construction of the bus shelter on Pinnacles Road and resealing of the intersection at the corner of Peko Road and Ambrose Street are both due to be completed next month.
- Extension of the Tennant Creek Cemetery is well underway. Two lots of 30m double plinths for headstone mounts have been constructed with the next two lots of 30m double plinths due to be installed before the end of next month. This first stage of the extension equates to 120 graves.
- Seventeen staff members have now gained accreditation in the Certificate III in Community Night Patrol with nine attending a recent graduation ceremony to receive their certificates. This has been a significant achievement for staff on the ground level across the region. They have all done very well and learnt many new skills which will make them more effective as Night Patrollers in their communities.
- More than 100 Tennant Creek locals marched in support of White Ribbon Day and the NO MORE Violence Campaign on 23 November. Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin and Catholic Care NT NO MORE Campaign Manager Darren Forbes jointly organised the event.

Meet Cr Hal Ruger

Hal Ruger, who represents Patta Ward, has served four terms as a councillor; once with Tennant Creek Town Council, and three since the changeover to the Barkly Shire on 1 July, 2008.

Born and bred in Tennant Creek, Cr Ruger has served on various committees, including the Christmas Tree and the Memorial Club, and has cooked sausages at every Australia Day event, bar one.

Cr Ruger, who is senior technical coordinator for Territory Generation, is keen on growing the Barkly, turning it into an economic development zone and focusing on renewable energy.

His dream of installing a town clock on the main street of Tennant Creek finally came true in August this year.

There are now plans in the pipeline for a replica of the Battery Hill headframe to sit on top, along with Indigenous paintings on the



top four panels and information about the town and nearby cattle stations on the lower panels.

Tidy Town win for Tennant Creek



Tennant Creek won the Litter Management (Improvement) Award at the 2018 Tidy Town Awards in early November.

Myself, the Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese, and CEO Steve Moore accepted the Litter Management (Improvement) Award for Tennant Creek, presented by Gerry McCarthy, MLA Barkly, at the ceremony in Darwin.

Congratulations to Santa Teresa (Lyentye Apurte) who won the title of the Northern Territory's Tidiest Town for 2018 and to all of the other Award winners.

I'd also like to thank all of the Barkly Regional Council staff for the fantastic work they are doing in Tennant Creek and throughout the Barkly region.

This award reflects the great work they do, week in and week out.



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