

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MEDIA RELEASE

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Council President and councillors declared

Steve Edgington has won the role of President for the Barkly Regional Council (BRC).

Mr Edgington was officially declared the winner at a formal announcement of results by the NT Electoral Commission in Alice Springs on 4 September.

Council is split into four wards, Patta, Alpurrurulam, Alyawarr and Kuwarrangu, with a total of 12 councillors and one President representing the Barkly region.

There were 12 candidates fighting for five positions on Patta Ward with Hal Ruger retaining his position as councillor and Kris Civitarese, Sid Vashist, Jeffrey McLaughlin and Ronald Plummer now all serving as councillors.

Jennifer Mahoney retains her position as councillor for Alpurrurulam as does Ray Aylett for Kuwarrangu with Jane Evans also representing this ward.

Lucy Jackson, Jack Clubb, Noel Hayes and Ricky Holmes will all serve as councillors for Alyawarr.

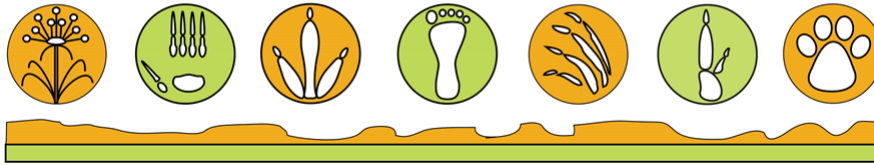
Mr Edgington, who has a long history of living and working in the Northern Territory and the Barkly, said as President he has many plans for the region, the council's organisational structure and all the communities of the Barkly.

"The aim is to work collaboratively with both councillors and residents to provide open, responsive and accountable government across the region to improve services and facilities for the benefit of all residents and visitors," he said.

"Council will listen to and be a strong voice for all of our residents and I look forward to making the Barkly the preferred location to live, work, visit and invest in."

Mr Edgington moved to the NT in 1988 to join the NT Police, and over the years has worked in a variety of roles ranging from Officer in Charge in Ali Curung and Superintendent in Tennant Creek to heading up the first NT Juvenile Diversion Unit in Darwin in 2000.

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In 2004 Mr Edgington, who is married with four children, moved to Adelaide to head up the Special Investigations Unit with the Department for Families and Communities. The family relocated three years later to Ali Curung where Mr Edgington helped establish work, training and school nutrition programs for the Department of Education.

Since 2011 Mr Edgington has held the position of Regional Executive Director Barkly with the former Department of Housing Local Government and Regional Services and for the last four years with the Department of the Chief Minister where he coordinates the delivery of government services.

He has also been actively involved with the community of Tennant Creek and the Barkly. One of the most challenging roles was President of the Barkly Australian Football League for a period of two years from 2014-2015.

Mr Edgington is a former member of the Tennant Creek Local Authority, former committee member of the Battery Hill Mining Centre and the Tennant Creek Foundation. He has also been instrumental in establishing the Tennant Creek Community Safety Committee and represents government on the Tennant Creek Economic Development Committee.

“My experience working in the Barkly since 1994 gives me a unique understanding and insight into the range of socio-economic factors such as poverty, poor or overcrowded housing, inequality, unemployment and limited access to community activities,” he said.

“I have established long lasting relationships across all levels of government, with business people and with the Aboriginal Corporations in Tennant Creek which will help to form collaborative partnerships in the interests of all residents.”

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