

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA

Ampilatwatja LA Meeting

Tuesday 20 February 2024

Barkly Regional Council's Ampilatwatja LA Meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams Meeting, on Tuesday 20 February 2024 at 1:00 pm.

Ian Bodill

Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

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

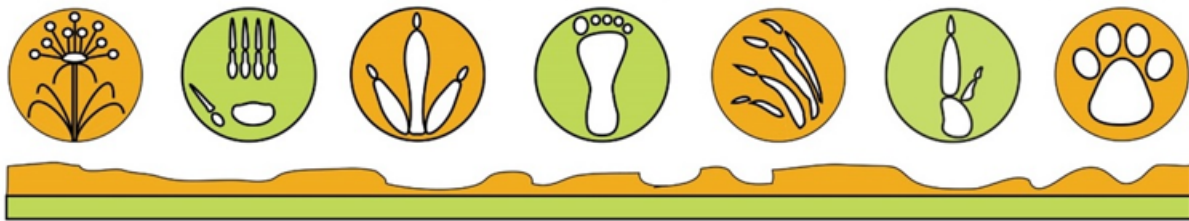
We want to empower local decision making.

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.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Warumungu, Mudberra, Jingili, Wakaya, Wambaya, Waanyi, Walpiri, Warlmanpa, Alyawarr, Anmatyerre and Kaytetye 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.

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. 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



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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

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2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Chief Executive Officers Report - Ian Bodill

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CEO Report [4.1.1 - 2 pages]

Work health and safety

The Barkly Regional Council is committed to providing safe and healthy working conditions to prevent injury or ill health for all workers and visitors on all sites it has responsibility for. With up to 200 staff members distributed across an area of over a 320,000km², the model of service delivery and compliance with ever changing legislation requires an innovative approach. The Work Health and Safety Manager, Barry Nattrass joined the BRC team in April 2023 and has visited all the 6 major communities on at least 1 occasion to date. He will be implementing our WHS Plan to inform and assist all BRC workers to understand their obligations and duties under WHS legislation and fostering a positive workplace culture. Everyone has a right to a safe and rewarding work experience and all have a part to play in that objective. Continuous improvement is the aim and consultation, and cooperation are the means by which it can become a reality. The introduction of psychosocial responsibility under WHS legislation has raised the bar of responsibility for PCBU's but it has also served to underline the need for detailed analysis and consideration of safe systems of work and work environments. The Barkly Regional Council has the expertise and the will to be an employer of choice in 2024 and every effort will be made to earn this credential.

Regional plan

We commenced planning for the 24/25 Regional Plan this week. Official Manager and the Executive Staff met to discuss the initial stages of the Regional Plan for 24/25. Matters discussed included:

- Preparation of the map for each community.
- Check outstanding items on the existing Regional Plan.
- What matters need to be considered for the future?
- What outstanding LA funds are available.
- What non-grant funds are available?
- What funding do we need to apply for?
- Community workshops.

What does this mean for your community? It means that you should provide us with your thoughts on future plans for your community, for consideration and if implemented, final adoption by council.

Risk and Audit management

The Audit and Risk function has been moved over to the Chief Financial Officer, from the Manager

Governance and Compliance. It is envisaged that this function belongs in that portfolio.

Finalisation of membership will be dealt with in a separate report.

Website update

The CEO will provide an update.

Regular Policy Updates

The CEO will provide an update.

Annual Calendar Updates

The CEO will provide an update.

Asset Management Plan

The CEO will provide an update.

Budget Preparedness

The CEO will provide an update.

Leave Preparedness

The CEO will provide an update.

Local Authority Meetings

The CEO will provide an update.

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 Finance Report

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Finance Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. LAPF Income and Expenditure Report - Ampilatwatja [5.1.1 - 1 page]



AMPILATWATJA: LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING		
Income and Expenditure Statement		
Barkly Regional Council		
From 01/07/2023 to 31/01/2024		
Program Description		YTD Actual (\$)
Income		
60000	Other Income/Carried Forward Balance from 2021-2022	21,533.00
60000	Other Income/Carried Forward Balance from 2022-2023	66,800.00
64110	LAPF Grant 2023-2024	-
Total Income		88,333.00
Expenditure and Committed Funds		
69999	Capital Expenses	-
Total Expenditure and Committed Funds		-
Total Available Funding		88,333.00

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6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Area Managers Reports

6.1 Area Managers Report

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the report from the Area Manager.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Area Manager Report FEB 2024 [6.1.1 - 2 pages]

Area Manager Report - Ampilatwatja



Since being appointed to the Ampilatwatja Area Manager position in May 2023, I have found the position greatly challenging, sometimes difficult, but also very rewarding. There have been many staffing changes both here at Ampilatwatja and in our Head Office in Tennant Creek.

Locally, it has been very difficult to fill the many vacancies, but numbers are the best in months. There are still vacancies through each of the departments of Community Care, Community Safety, Sport/Rec, Admin & Municipal, if anyone is interested.

In Tennant Creek, Barkly Regional Council is being assisted in direction by NTG Manager, Peter Holt. His review of BRC is almost complete, with his report going to the Chief Minister's Department in due course. This will lead to a more positive and productive way forward for the Council.

Centrelink have made numerous visits to Ampilatwatja over the last year, setting up and providing a full range of their services when on site. Unfortunately, as a Centrelink agency, our local staff cannot access all services like a direct officer can.

There has been visits by various welfare agencies, but they have not been able to offer a regular timetable for these visits, due to their own staffing issues.

Police from Arlparra, usually visit on Wednesday s AM to provide licensing, registration, etc., for vehicles & firearms, setting up at BRC offices.

Territory Families have made semi regular visits, without a set timetable.

Because of the short notice about this meeting, I do not have reports from the various departments of BRC, but note that all have been operating within their general requirements, apart from Sport/Rec.

Sports/Rec. Due to the ongoing major issues with the basketball court, (construction defects and security issues), it has been very difficult to provide a proper after school program, but Elizabeth has been able to provide some parts of the program. Looking forward, BRC are trying to solve the problems with the court, but there is no quick and easy fix. It will take months & be expensive. The school holiday program seem to have been well received, although attendance was varied.

Community Safety was recently disrupted, due to prolonged men's business in and around community. It is back in operation now.

Community Care is still caring for our old people, although more staff are needed. Shardia is doing a great job, with the help of Steven Morton & Josephene Holmes.

Admin is holding well, with Levina & Latoya in the office assisting with much of the day-to-day office and Centrelink enquiries.

Municipal has had long term staffing problems and has been aided by bringing indigenous workers (labor hire) from Tennant Creek to work. As local staff have been employed, I have lowered from 5 to 3 labor hire, but local attendance is fair to poor, so I still need the reliability labor hire provides. Council plant & equipment has long been under maintained and was quite aged when inherited from local councils prior to BRC. Our equipment is in desperate need of major maintenance or replacement. BRC wants to make this happen, but money is always a problem.

Vandalism and theft have been a rising problem in the community over the last few months, particularly over Xmas/New year. (like most years). Numerous break-ins mainly to BRC workshop with fuel tanks on vehicles and some small equipment being targeted. Area Managers house was entered, over \$1000 goods stolen + vehicle stolen (taken to Tennant Creek) Police investigating.

Police are also investigating the wilful damage to the washing machines in the central ablution block, allegedly caused by a local resident. The washing machines, valued at up to \$3000 each are totally trashed. BRC are not prepared to replace this equipment at this stage.
There is graffiti on some council buildings, which will be addressed soon.

I wish to remind you that this community is YOUR community, so I need the assistance of Local Authority to achieve the best possible outcomes and make Ampilatwatja thrive in the future!

Colin Baker

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7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Report from the Official Manager - Peter Holt

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the report from the Official Manager.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Official Manager Local Authority Report [7.1.1 - 1 page]

Official Manager Local Authority Report

Official Management and Investigation

- Introduction and explanation of the role of the **Official Manager** (in the place of the Barkly Regional Council) during the suspension of the Council pending an investigation into the councils' processes and procedures from January 1, 2022 to October 16, 2023.
- The **Investigation**, is to be undertaken by Alice Springs based lawyer Ruth Morley, and will conclude on 12 March 2024, after which time anyone referred to in the report will be given three weeks to respond. Based on the outcome of the investigation and responses received the Minister for Local Government will determine whether to reinstate or dismiss the council.

Barkly Regional Advisory Group

- Through the establishment of the Barkly Regional Advisory Committee the suspended councillors will remain engaged during the investigation and will assist with budget planning and priorities for the 2024-25 Regional Plan. The first meeting of the BRAC was held on January 30, 2024.

Action Register

- With regard to BRC council meetings there is concern that LA recommendations and requests for information were being put to the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) by the Local Authorities (LA) for noting but not for action. We are now developing a Register for each local authority which lists requests for meetings, briefings or funding and this action list will be presented at each LA meeting. There needs to be a two-way exchange of information, not one-way from LA to Council with no feedback.

Regional Plan 2024-25

- The BRC is commencing the planning for the development of the Barkly Regional Council Regional Plan for 2024-25. To do this we will seek input from local authorities on three matters:
 - What do the LA wish to pursue with their own available funds?
 - What are the priorities they want BRC to commit to in their community? and,
 - What do you want BRC to seek funding for or to advocate on behalf of their community?

Unallocated Funds

- Approximately \$800,000 of LAPF funds across the region are at risk of being returned, unspent, some dating back to 2016-17, so each LA should prioritise expenditure of any funds received more than two years ago unless they wish to commit to a more substantial project.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 Verbal Report from the Director of Operations and Remote Communities - Brody Moore

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the verbal report from the Director of Operations and Remote communities.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Regional plan 2023 - 2024 [**10.1.1** - 1 page]



Ampilatwatja Project Priorities

BRC - Barkly Regional Council , LA - Local Authority, NTG - Northern Territory Government, PAWA - Power and Water Association		
2023-24 Project Priority	Responsibility/ Stakeholders	Strategic Plan
Achievable with Local Authority Project Funding		
New bins for the houses	LA/BRC	1.12
Dealing with the cheeky dogs	LA/BRC	1.12
Changerooms for men and women at the softball oval	LA/BRC	1.9
New Laundry / Ablutions Block	LA/BRC	
Projects requiring grant funding and/or co-funding		
Bitumen on the road to Arlparra. There are many accidents there now	NT / Federal Government	2.10
Bitumen on the airstrip	NT / Federal Government	2.12
Setting up a men's centre.	LA / NGOs /Australian Men's Shed Association / Rainbow Gateway / Clinic	1.11
A women's centre and a new single house for the ladies	NT Government (TFHC) / BRC / LA	1.11
Housing repairs: new doors, paint, fans, disability access, door handles, floor coverings, heating, curtains, aircons.	NT Government (TFHC)	
Upgrade the water treatment/sewerage system/sewerage pond	PowerWater	
Advocacy		
More meetings with CLC	LA/CLC	
Setting up a hunting program (like Waltja used to do)	LA / Waltja	
Discussions with the cattle station about accessing land around Ampilatwatja to go hunting and to go out bush	LA / Amaroo Station / WALTJA	
We want to have a say in who gets recruited in our community	LA / Community Stakeholders / BRC	

11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

11.1 Verbal presentation from Power and Water Corporation - Todd Bloomfield

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the verbal presentation from the Power and Water Corporation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. LA request to present form [11.1.1 - 1 page]



Request to make a Presentation to a Local Authority

Dear Chair of the Ampilatwatja Local Authority,

I am requesting your permission to make a presentation to the Ampilatwatja Local Authority on

Date: 20th of February

Give the Local Authority Information about

The new Calgon unit that is being installed and will be commissioned on Wednesday the 21st of

February 2024 also that there will be Surveyors coming to the community and

Speaking points that BRC will insert into the Local Authority minutes as a record of your presentation/report

The Calgon Unit installation - Due to be commissioned
Wednesday 21st Feb

The Sewer Infrastructure Design - Surveyors will be in the community likely monday
or Tuesday 20th

*Local Authority members welcome contributions from outside agencies. We ask visitors to keep presentations to no longer than 10 minutes including questions. * Presentations are not minuted by BRC staff.*

Name: Todd Bloomfi.....

Organisation: Power and Water.....

Contact details: 0459 774.....

Signed: .....

Date: 16/02/2024.....

Local Authority Chair to complete:

I approve/do not approve the request to make a presentation (cross out what doesn't apply)

Signed:

Date:.....

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

13 CLOSE OF MEETING