

Services provided to the community by Council – Where your rates are spent.

Following is a detailed explanation of the services provided by the Council to the community. The cash flows generated by the provision of these services are summarised in the budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2016. The services are broken up into the 5 organisational units of the Council, being Corporate Services, Communities, Operations, People and Safety and Executive services.

Executive Services

There are 2 categories of governance expenditure: organisational and elected member. Organisational expenses are incurred in Corporate Services. Expenses incurred in this service include executive salaries, elected members expenses and allowance, member training, memberships, travel, conferences, public liability, insurance, administration and officer support to Council.

Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer also participate in many Committees which drive regional, social and economic development including membership of the Tennant Creek Regional Economic Development, Local Government Association of NT, Ministerial Advisory committees for Corrective Services, Disability as well as Ministerially appointed Tennant Creek Alcohol Reference Group. Therefore this area will include membership and costs associated with representing the interests of the Barkly region to other levels of government.

Tourism activities include increasing visitation by tourists through the support of marketing and promotion, special events, and natural assets relating to tourism such as Lake Maryanne.

People and Safety

Human Resources and WHS

- Human Resources – compliance with Industrial Relations and Barkly Regional Councils Enterprise Bargaining Agreement including administrative policies and legislation, recruitment, rehabilitation and performance management
- WHS – compliance with Occupational Work Health and Safety (WHS) policies and legislation, contractor induction, rehabilitation and compliance
- Information Technology – membership of CouncilBiz, management of Council's local information technology systems, purchase and/or lease of computer hardware
- Communication – telephone and internet services.

Corporate Services

Administration

Administration services cover the following activities:

- Financial Services – provision of accounting services, record keeping, bill paying, payroll, insurance, financial reporting and management
- Rates Administration – administration and collection of rates and associated record keeping
- Records Management – maintenance of records management system

- Customer Service – customer support at the Council office plus a range of community administration services.

Financing and Investing

Covers cash inflows and outflows associated with the Council's financing and investing activities.

Communities

Governance

Local Authority member expenses and allowances and training, memberships, travel, conferences, public liability, insurance, administration and officer support to Council.

Municipal, Essential and Homeland Services

MES delivery into our six remote communities including Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, Ampilatwatja, Imangara (restricted), Wutunugurra and Elliott.

Homeland services of MES, tenancy management and tenancy repairs and maintenance to Arlparra, Malinja and other smaller outstations.

Night Patrol

Night patrols services into ten remote communities including Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra, Imangara, Mungkarta, Tara, Elliott, Wutunugurra and Canteen Creek.

Animal Management

Tennant Creek Companion animal control and pound services
Regional Animal management services

Community Services

Aged Services

This service covers the following activity:

- Aged and community care services, CacP and Disability

Youth Services

This service covers the following activities:

- Sport and recreation regional program in conjunction with night patrol
- Youth in transition program
- Tennant Creek pool management

Other

This service covers the following activities:

- Safe houses in Ali Curung and Elliott
- Playgroup in Elliott
- Creche and children's services in Ali Curung

Public Relations

This service covers the following activities:

- Event support
- Civic functions

Library Services

Library services in Tennant Creek and Elliott.

The services provided by libraries include:

- Books, videos and magazines
- Internet

Infrastructure Services

Waste Management

Collection of waste, operation of waste disposal facility, general litter collection and drum musters. The solid waste levy payable to the Environment Protection Agency is also charged to this area.

Roads and Footpaths

This service covers the following activities:

- Road and footpaths construction – annual works program and developer contributed works
- Street cleaning and lighting
- Public conveniences
- Works depots
- Cycle and walking paths
- Road maintenance - fixing pot holes, reinstating trenches across roads, small patches of resealing and repairing and straightening rough edges (Kerbing, water tables and traffic signage are also charged to this activity)
- Ongoing upgrade and replacement of plant and equipment
- Road maintenance of rural unsealed roads – grading, tree trimming and spraying of weeds
- Footpath maintenance - laying and rolling of crusher fines along the footpath, general footpath rolling, potholing and minor re-sheeting
- Street sweeping in Tennant Creek - commercial areas and the cleaning of bins and footpath pavement and the picking up of litter by hand
- Barkly region airstrip maintenance- inspections including checking of runway light functionality as well as the windsock (Maintenance also includes slashing of overgrowth and weed spraying).

Private Works

This service covers the infrastructure work performed by Council on behalf of individuals or the government. This work is charged out at commercial rates.

Environmental Services

Legislative Compliance

This service covers dog and cat management, traffic control, fire control, health control and emergency services as required under various pieces of legislation.

Parks and Gardens

This service covers the provision and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities including parks and reserves as well as playgrounds.

Parks and gardens include the town squares, reserves and traffic islands. Maintenance includes the trimming of trees, cutting of lawns, repairs to sprinkler systems, repairs to playgrounds, repairs to seating and benches as well as general maintenance to structures built within these parks and reserves.

Cemeteries

Council operates cemeteries in Tennant Creek and Elliott for the local community. Expenditure includes the costs involved in locating, digging and backfilling of graves and general maintenance.

General Maintenance involves repairs to fencing and gates, the emptying of bins, gardening, watering and mowing as and where required.

Public Conveniences

The maintenance and cleaning of public conveniences is undertaken by Council on a regular basis. Council will continue to undertake maintenance and upgrades of these facilities as and when required.

Public conveniences are inspected on a regular basis with basic plumbing and other repairs and maintenance carried out as required.