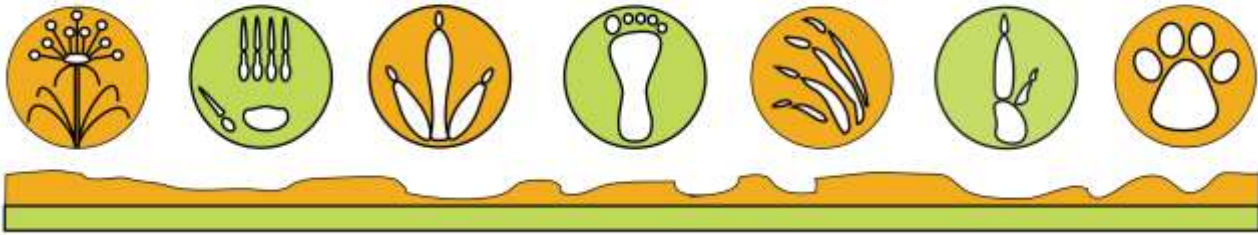


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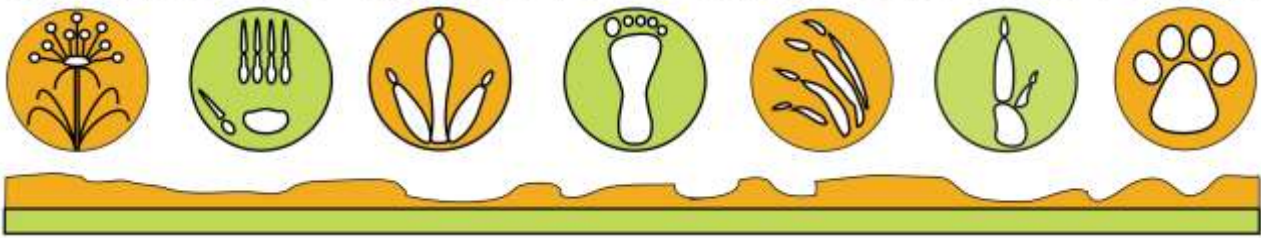
ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2021

Barkly Regional Council's Alpururulam Local Authority will be held in on Tuesday, 16 November 2021 at 1:00pm.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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 the Barkly Region. 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

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

I respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners past and present of this land on which we are meeting, the Alywarr people.

AGENDA

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1.2	Staff and Visitors Present	
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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER 2.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 332266
AUTHOR Michelle Heinen, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th July 2021 as a true & accurate record.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Alpurrurulam Minutes 13.07.2021.PDF



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MINUTES ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Alpurrurulam Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on Tuesday, 13 July 2021 at 1:00pm.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 1:20pm with David Riley as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

David Riley
John Mahoney
Pam Corbett
Laney Tracker
Charlie Larkins
Benjamin Olschewsky
Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Troy Koch – BRC Acting Director of Operations
Michelle Heinen – BRC Acting Area Manager
Steve Edgington – Minister for Barkly
Ronald Plummer – Assistant to Minister for Barkly
David Lightowler – BRC Acting Community Services – Via Teleconference

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Cr. Jennifer Mahoney
Michael Teague

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this Alpurrurulam Local Authority meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th May 2021 as a true & accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: Chairperson David Riley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 43/21

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm and Remove all completed items from the Action List

Item 1 – Remove from Action List – Works Completed

Item 2 – Acting Director of Operations to follow up with Head Office to find out where we are with this item – On Going

Item 3 – Leave on list until Shiny Shed Fence has been erected. Also AM to find out if they will be engaging local community members when this project is rolled out. And to find out when this might be occurring - Ongoing

Item 4 – Director of Operations to follow up with Director of Community Development when she returns from leave to see what funding she has been able to obtain. AM to obtain rough estimates for Closing in Caged Area & other buildings – Ongoing

Item 5 – Director of Operations to follow up a copy of the letter sent to Waste Store

Item 6 – We discussed some grant options and the Local Authority would like council to try and obtain \$20K per year over 3 years to help support this project.

Item 7 – New – Portable Seating for Funerals & Event – AM to obtain quotes on aluminium lightweight seating.

Item 8 – New – LA Would like a letter written to the people who are looking after border control to find out what is in place to protect Alpurrurulam from travellers & how the traffic is monitored at the QLD/NT Sandover Border.

Item 9 – New – Larger signs of the version we already have out the front of the community when they wish to restrict people coming into community. AM to work with the community on the wording or if they want to keep it the same, just make it larger. AM to obtain quotes.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: Chairperson David Riley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 44/21

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins	
Seconded: Chairperson David Riley	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved ALLA 45/21</i>	

5. FINANCE

5.1 FINANCE REPORT	
MOTION	
That the Authority	
a) Receive and note the report	
RESOLVED	
Moved: LA Member Pamela Corbett	
Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved ALLA 46/21</i>	

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

6.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT	
MOTION	
That the Authority	
a) Receive and note the report	
RESOLVED	
Moved: LA Member Laney Tracker	
Seconded: LA Member Pamela Corbett	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved ALLA 47/21</i>	

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

10.1 JUNE COUNCIL MEETING	
MOTION	
That the Authority	
a) Receive and note the report	
RESOLVED	
Moved: LA Member John Mahoney	

<p>Seconded:LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky <i>Resolved ALLA 48/21</i></p>	<p>CARRIED UNAN.</p>
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11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the next meeting date to be held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 1pm

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded:LA Member Pamela Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 49/21

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 3:30pm

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 4 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE
 Alpurrurulam Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Tuesday, 13 July 2021 AND CONFIRMED
 Tuesday, 14 September 2021.

 David Riley
 Chair

 Michelle Heinen
 Acting Area Manager



ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Action Items from Preious Meeting
REFERENCE 332264
AUTHOR Michelle Heinen, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm and Remove all completed items from the Action List

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES


CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Alpurrurulam Action List 13-07-21.pdf

 <p>BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL</p>	<p>ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY ONGOING ACTION LIST</p>	<p>Updated after 13th July 2021 Meeting</p>
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	MEETING DATE	TASK / PROJECT	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	BUDGET SOURCE	ACTION LEADER	COMPLETED/STATUS
1	20.10.2020	Interpreter Services	Seeking funding through ABA - Acting Director of Operations to follow up where they are with Head Office to find out where we are at with this item.		Director of Ops	Ongoing
2	20.10.2020	Re-Fencing of Basketball Court, Laundry Mat & Shiny Shed	Leave on Action list until fence has been erected at the Shiny Shed. AM to follow up if local community members can be engaged with this project. And when it possibly be rolled out.		Area Manager	Ongoing
3	20.10.2020	Vet Services	To obtain quotes for refurbishing a site to make working in Alpurrurulam more comfortable. Director of Community Development will see what extra help she can do in regards to funding.		Area Manager Dir of Community Development	Ongoing
4	10.11.2020	Sorry Business Letter	Letter to be sent to the Warte Store Committee if they could stay open until 12pm if a Sorry Day is requested to give people enough time to get what they need before closure.		Area Manager, Mayor, CEO	Ongoing
5	09.02.2021	Storey Players Letters of Support	Letter of support for the Peter Craigie Production in 2022 – We discussed some grant options and the LA would like to try and obtain a grant of \$20k per year over 3 years to help support this project.		Area Manager, Mayor, CEO	Ongoing
6	13.07.2021	Portable Seating for Funerals & Events	AM to obtain quotes on aluminium lightweight seating		Area Manager	New

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL		ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY			Updated after 13 th July 2021 Meeting	
		ONGOING ACTION LIST				
7	13.07.2021	Border Control	LA would like a letter written to the people who are looking after border control to find out what is in place of protect Alpurrurulam from travellers and how the traffic is monitored at the QLD/NT Sandover Border		Mayor, CEO, Direct of Ops	New
8	13.07.2021	Entrance Sign	LA want larger signs of the version we already have out the front of the community when they wish to restrict people from coming into Alpurrurulam. AS to work with community on wording or if they want to keep it the same, just make it larger.		AM	New

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Monthly CEO Report
REFERENCE	332267
AUTHOR	Troy Koch, Area Manager - Alpurrurulam

RECOMMENDATION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:**BACKGROUND**

It has been a very busy month this month I have been working with all of the Communities and the Depot in Tennant Creek to assist in improving Service Delivery and addressing any issues that may have arisen.

We were fortunate enough to get all of the Area Managers into Tennant Creek for a recall for three days. It was great to see everyone here in Tennant Creek and the recall went very well. We had presentations from Weed Management, Infrastructure and Training and Development. We also had a very productive session with Community Development in looking at ways we can improve service delivery in our communities by working together to achieve outcomes for Barkly Regional Council. All in all it was a good productive three days which encouraged information sharing within the Council.

The Tennant Creek Depot was pleased to finally receive the new Dual Cab Hino Truck that was ordered last financial year (pictured below). By the end of the month/early November we hope to have the new Tip Truck for Elliott that was ordered at the same time.



Image supplied by Richard James

Our new water truck has finally been returned to us after being in Alice for an extended period for warranty repairs. It has been very disappointing to have had it out of service for so long. We have been advised that the problem with the transmission has now been resolved.

Tenders are currently out for a new rubbish truck and new 10 Ton Tipper.

Thanks to the new equipment we have acquired in recent years, we have recently sent a variety of old end of life equipment off to auction. It appears we will get a great return from the disposal of the old equipment.

This month I have travelled to Alpurrurulam, Elliott, Wutunugurra and Ali Curung. It have been good for me to be able to get out to the communities and meet with the Area Managers and our staff to assist with resolving any issues they are having. I have been well received in each community and I have enjoyed working with the team.

The Area Managers and their teams have started preparing for the wet season by keeping on top of the mowing, airstrip maintenance, fire breaks as well as keeping the communities as clean as we can. This can be a challenge if staff don't attend work regularly. The result of all this good work is that all of our communities are looking good and it is a credit to the teams on the ground for doing such a good job.

Local Authorities:

The Local Authorities have not met in the past month following Council's resolution to call for nominations. We have three sets of LA nominations for Council to consider at this meeting, with the remaining LA's still requiring more nominations to form new LA's .

Once the new LA's are formed and approved by council my priority will be to set meeting dates and get the committees up and running once more.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:



FINANCE

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Finance Report
REFERENCE 332268
AUTHOR Michelle Heinen, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) 1591_001.pdf

Barkly Regional Council
Local Authority Allocation
Project: 405 **Alpurrurulam**

INCOME

LA Grants Received
 Grants Received
INCOME TOTAL

Approved
 Minutes

EXPENDITURE

LA Funding Expended

Apr-16 Remedial Roadworks **May-16**
 Dec-17 Shiny Shed Refurbishment PO Raised: 14-02-2018
 Mar-18 Portable Toilet Trailers **Apr-18**
 Aug-18 Laundry Break-in Costs **Sep-18**
 Nov-18 Road and Driveway Aged Care **Jan-19**
 Oct-19 Community Laundry Repairs **Jan-20**
 Nov-20 Laundry Tokens **Feb-21**
 Nov-20 1000L T Water Cartage Trailer **Apr-21**
 Nov-20 Shelters and Sandbags for Gazebo **Apr-21**
 Nov-20 Sewage Pump **Jun-21**

Expenditure Date

LA Funding Committed

Dec-17 Shiny Shed Refurbishment
 Nov-18 Dock & Concrete Apron Shiny Shed
 Nov-18 Road and Driveway Aged Care
 Oct-19 Community Laundry
 Oct-19 Replace Laundry Washing Tokens
 Feb-18 Animal Management Activities
 Nov-20 Sewage Pump
 Nov-20 Professional Map of Cemetery
EXPENDITURE TOTAL

Balance of funds to be committed

Budget	Income and Expenditures										Total
	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021				
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GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 7.1
TITLE Ehrlichiosis Disease in dogs
REFERENCE 332265
AUTHOR Makhaim Brandon, Operations Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Council has asked the local authorities for feedback on if they have noticed an increase in ticks or any dogs with the symptoms etc. and if they have any ideas on how to best get some educational materials out to people in the communities about how important tick treatment is.

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) 20210727 BRC_AMRRIC_Ehrlichiosis_low res.pdf

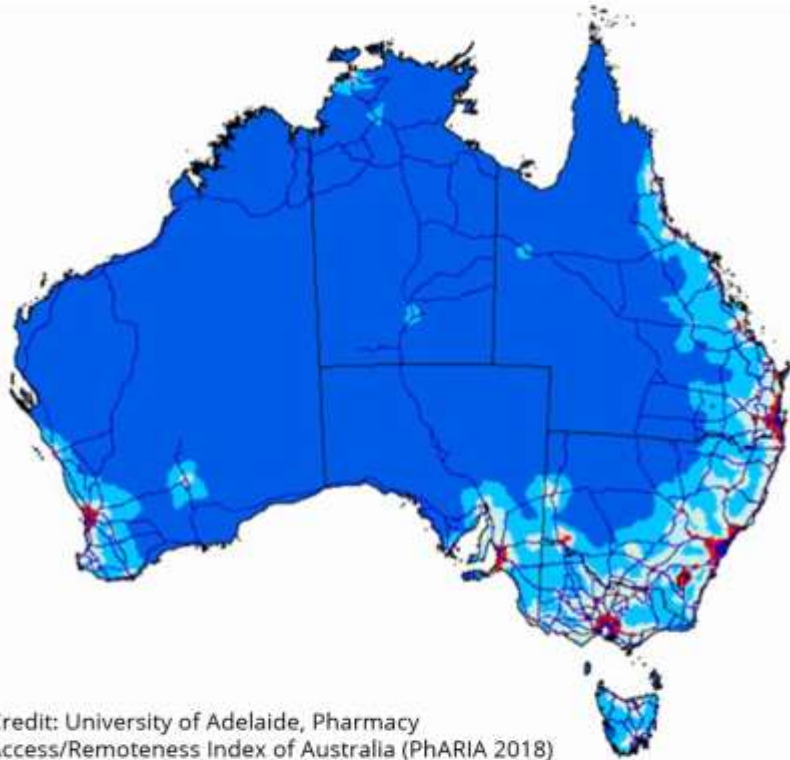


AMRRIC update - Ehrlichiosis in underserved communities



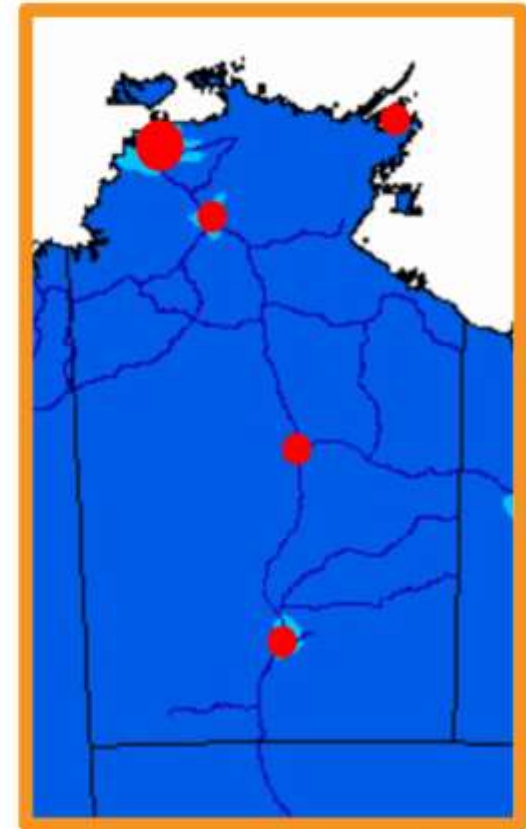
Dr Bonny Cumming, AMRRIC Program Manager – Strategic Delivery, AMRRIC

Australian Remoteness



Credit: University of Adelaide, Pharmacy
Access/Remoteness Index of Australia (PhARIA 2018)
<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/hugo-centre/services/pharia#pharmacy-aria-categories>

- 1 Highly Accessible
- 2 Accessible (Group a)
- 3 Accessible (Group b)
- 4 Moderately Accessible
- 5 Remote
- 6 Very Remote



Permanent vet clinics in NT





Limited access to animal health products & services, combined with seasonally favorable climatic conditions result in companion animals with extreme parasite burdens



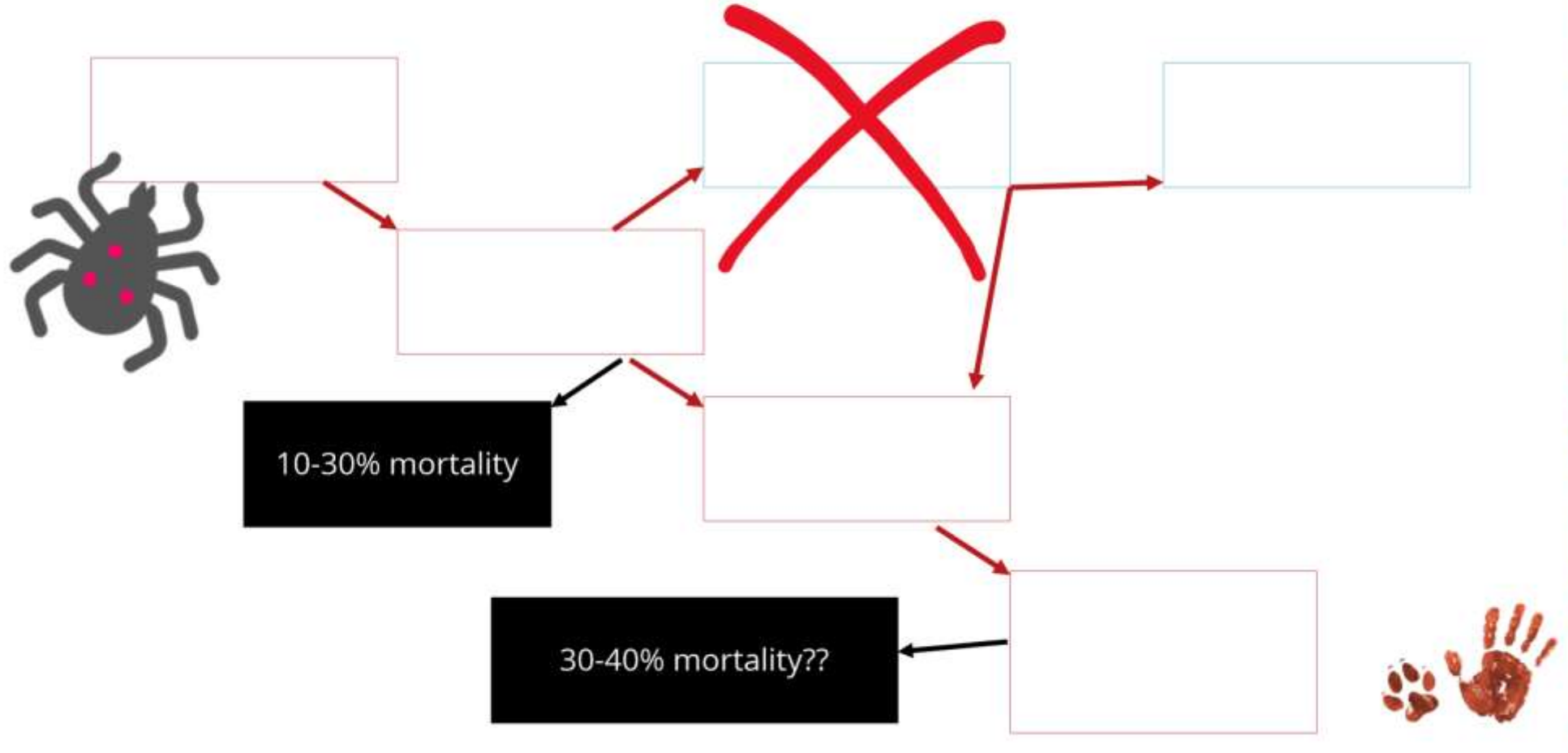


The challenges

- Remoteness
- Infrequent (sometime absent) veterinary services
- Sub-optimal parasite control

- 28day treatment course
 - Access?
 - Compliance?
 - Cost?

How serious is this disease?



***E canis* impacts**

- Estimated prevalence up to 100% in some communities
- Mortalities between ~10-30%
- Chronic cases → Animal Welfare crisis?



The value of companion animals

- The social and emotional benefits of animal companionship
- Incorporation into culture and kinship systems
- Hunting aids
- Keeping unwanted visitors at bay (people, rodents, snakes etc)
- A source of warmth



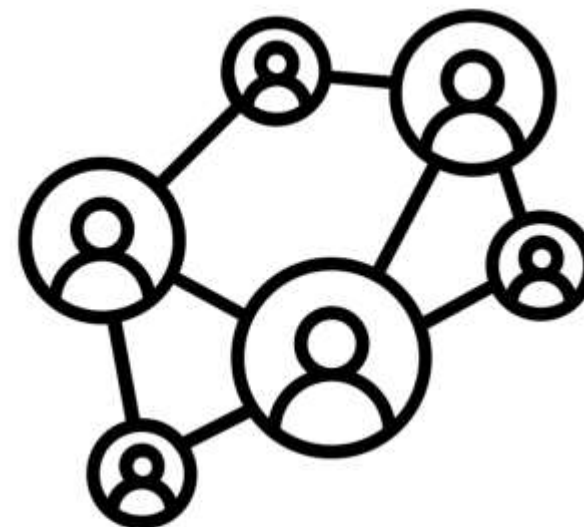


E. canis impacts

- trauma for people witnessing dogs dying in large numbers
- public health risks and disposal of deceased carcasses

AMRRIC's ehrlichiosis advocacy – early in the response

- Reached out to Chief Veterinary Officers, Departments of Health – Public Health Units, Indigenous organisations and remote Local Government Authorities, Vet Service Providers, Tick-Borne Disease experts, NAQS, WHA
- Shared national remote community vet service provision mapping
- Offered sample collection capacity
- Facilitated supply of discounted tick preventative products
- Communicated detections with community-level animal management stakeholders, and provided context-specific advice on tick mitigation strategies
- Briefed the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet - National Indigenous Australian's Agency



AMRRIC-DEVELOPED EHRlichiosis & TICK PREVENTION EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Tick Sickness



There is a new tick sickness called Ehrlichiosis



Dogs get the sickness from ticks. Sick dogs...

- Sleep lots and are tired
- Get skinny
- Don't want to eat food
- Get mucky or cloudy eyes




If your dog looks like this and is not feeling good, talk to your vet. Environmental Health Worker or AMRRIC about medicine for your dog.



Dog Tick Sickness

There is a new tick sickness in Australia called *Ehrlichiosis* and it's making **DOGS SICK**



Dogs get the sickness when bitten by a tick that has the Ehrlichiosis germ

-  Dogs are tired and sleep lots
-  Dogs don't want to eat
-  Dogs lose weight and get skinny
-  Dogs eyes go cloudy

Dogs can die from this sickness!



Stop dogs from getting or spreading tick sickness. Give dogs regular tick medicine.

4 Ways to Stop TICK SICKNESS



Stop your dog getting tick sickness (Ehrlichiosis)

-  1. Use a good tick collar like Killix or Seresto.
-  2. Give dogs regular medicine like Nexgard or Bravecto.
-  3. Keep your grass nice and short and keep dogs away from bushy areas
-  4. Speak to housing mob and get your house sprayed for ticks.

 Don't let your dog get the tick sickness. Do the steps to help your pet!





Human health risks

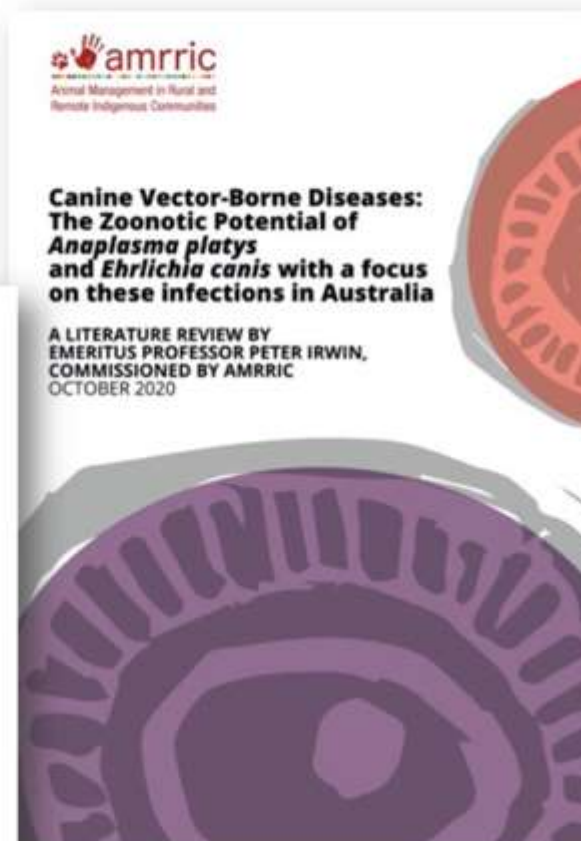
Concluding Remarks

There is little doubt that the recent detection of *E. canis* in Australia will have significant ramifications for canine health in this country. Whilst the full extent of this outbreak is not understood at the time of writing, the continual movement of dogs around the country, travelling with their owners and via commercial or rescue operations, represents a significant risk for the widespread dissemination of CME. Additionally, the capacity of its vector tick to establish in many environments raises further concern about *E. canis* becoming endemic throughout Australia.

The implications of *E. canis* (and *A. platys*) for human health are more difficult to predict. As described in sections 3.3 and 4.3 of this review, the total number of confirmed cases of human ehrlichiosis and anaplasmosis attributed to these organisms number less than a dozen worldwide. Furthermore, there is evidence that for *E. canis* at least, cases in humans are restricted to Central and South America and appear to be associated with a strain of *E. canis* that differs genetically, albeit in a minor way, from most isolates found in dogs in other parts of the world.

We should not ignore the zoonotic potential of these organisms, however. The relative paucity of reported human cases associated with *E. canis* and *A. platys* should be considered with respect to the fact that these organisms are rarely, if ever, screened for by medical diagnostic laboratories, routinely or even during deeper investigations. The fact that most published cases have originated from just two research groups is very pertinent to this consideration. Whilst critics might consider these studies irrelevant or, worse, attribute them to laboratory failures such as contamination, we should be careful not to dismiss them. Increasingly, animal-associated pathogens have been recognised for their ability to cause illness in people – the recent case of a haemoplasma infection in Queensland, in a person with extensive animal contact is a case in point (Alcorn et al., 2020).

It would seem prudent to remain vigilant for unexplained febrile illnesses in people who live closely with dogs, especially where ectoparasite control measures are suboptimal, when tick burdens are consequently high.



Human health risks – AMRRIC’s view

In remote communities that experience:

- high tick burdens
- sub-optimal parasite control at both dog and environmental level
- a high burden of chronic disease,

a precautionary approach to E canis is warranted.

AMRRIC has developed a proposal to work with renowned researchers to investigate the zoonotic potential of E canis and Anaplasma platys (another tick borne disease); this proposal is under consideration by Australian Government Department of Health, Agriculture and NIAA



AMRRIC's more recent ehrlichiosis advocacy and efforts

- Hosted two stakeholder workshops in Darwin in December 2020
 - One focused on animal population impacts; one focused on potential human health impacts
- Continued to advocate to, and assist jurisdictional authorities in their respective responses to this disease, including becoming a member of the Northern Territory Government's Ehrlichiosis Management Working Group
- Running a trial to assess the feasibility of administration of different tick preventatives that can be administered at community-wide scale and are effective in preventing ehrlichiosis transmission
- Fundraising and seeking pharmaceutical company support to enable the supply of effective tick control products to community stakeholders in impacted regions
- Visited Canberra to advocate the devastating impact of this disease and need for improved resourcing to Federal Government Ministers and Departmental Chiefs
- Delivered LGA focused webinar on E canis impacts and management strategies



Managing Ehrlichiosis – AMRRIC’s view

Effective management of Ehrlichiosis requires a collaborative, transdisciplinary One Health approach, of which Ehrlichiosis management is part of a broader animal health and management program delivered primarily through local capacity.

AMRRIC have proposals currently under consideration with Australian Government Departments to improve local capacity, enhance biosecurity surveillance and support animal management programs through regular data collection and anti-parasitic treatment administration.



Benefits of effective animal management



IMPROVED ANIMAL
HEALTH AND WELFARE



IMPROVED HUMAN
HEALTH AND
WELLBEING



ENHANCED EMPATHY
DEVELOPMENT



IMPROVED
COMMUNITY AMENITY
AND SAFETY



FEWER UNWANTED
ANIMALS



REDUCED NEGATIVE
IMPACTS ON WILDLIFE
AND ECOSYSTEMS



REDUCED
BIOSECURITY RISKS



Further information

- AMRRIC Resources:
 - [Ehrlichiosis FAQs](#)
 - [Tick Prevention Advice](#)
 - [Zoonotic potential literature review](#) (authored by Emertius Professor Peter Irwin)
 - [Educational Resources](#) including animation, posters, lesson plans
 - Webinar; [What the new dog disease, Ehrlichiosis, means for Local Government](#)
 - [Ehrlichiosis communications package](#)
- [Australian Government Outbreak Website](#)
- [NT Government Guidelines for Veterinarians](#)
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (WA) – [Ehrlichiosis in dogs](#)
- Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (NT) – [Ehrlichiosis disease in dogs](#)
- Department of Primary Industries and Regions (SA) – [Ehrlichiosis disease in dogs](#)
- Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (QLD) – [Canine Ehrlichiosis](#)
- Department of Primary Industries (NSW) – [Ehrlichia canis](#)
- Agriculture Victoria website – [Ehrlichiosis](#)
- Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (TAS) – [Ehrlichiosis in dogs](#)





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GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 7.2
TITLE CHO Directions Memo
REFERENCE 332269
AUTHOR Makhaim Brandon, Operations Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) CHO Directions memo.pdf



MEMO

RE: Vaccination mandate for Barkly Regional Council elected and appointed members.

Council received communication from LGANT on the 26th of October 2021 clarifying the status of elected members under the CHO direction 55.

It is the belief of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet that council members are subject to the recent directions made by the Northern Territory Chief Health Officer (CHO) regarding mandatory vaccination of workers to attend the workplace (COVID-19 Directions (No. 55) 2021 dated 13 October 2021.

The rationale for the inclusion of elected members into this mandate is based on the definition of a worker, which is very broad. The term includes (amongst other things) an activity involving physical or mental effort by a person or the application of particular skills for the benefit of another person or themselves, whether or not for profit or payment.

Guidelines for the WHS Act specifically includes, amongst the many examples of a worker, a local council.

Under the CHO Directions No. 55, council members will not be able to attend council chambers, council offices, other council workplaces or events/functions where a member performs official duties:

- from 13 November 2021 until 24 December 2021, unless the council member has received the first dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine; and
- from 25 December 2021 onwards, unless the council member has received two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.


The exception to the above rules is where a person has a medical certificate, or a certificate issued by the Commonwealth, that certifies the person has a contraindication to all approved COVID-19 vaccines.

This also applies to members of local authorities, council committees and audit committees.

In order to comply with its obligations under Part 3 of CHO Directions No. 55, Council must:

3. take steps to determine the vaccination status of elected and appointment members, and
4. maintain a register of those details.

The CHO Directions require these steps to be taken by the "person conducting a business or undertaking" (PCBU). The CEO of a council is the PCBU for the purposes of the CHO Directions and is responsible for determining the vaccination status of members and maintaining a register of those details.



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GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 7.3
TITLE Election of Local Authority Chair
REFERENCE 332741
AUTHOR Michelle Heinen, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Elect a Chair for the Local Authority
- b) Elect a Deputy chair for the Local Authority

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:



OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE Confirmation of Next Meeting Date
REFERENCE 332119
AUTHOR Makhaim Brandon, Operations Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority <<Type text...>>

SUMMARY:

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BACKGROUND

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:

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