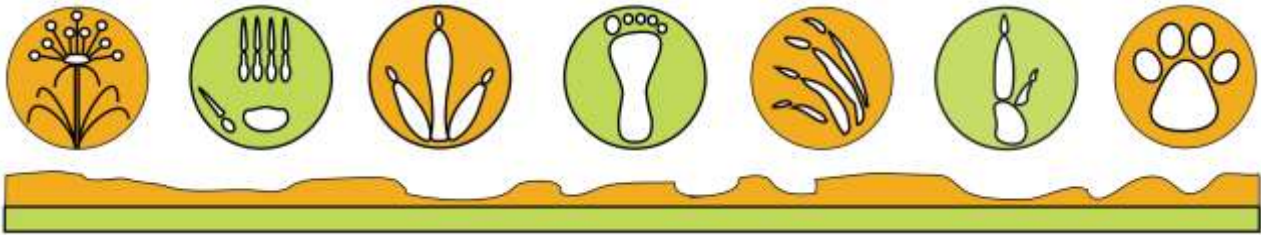


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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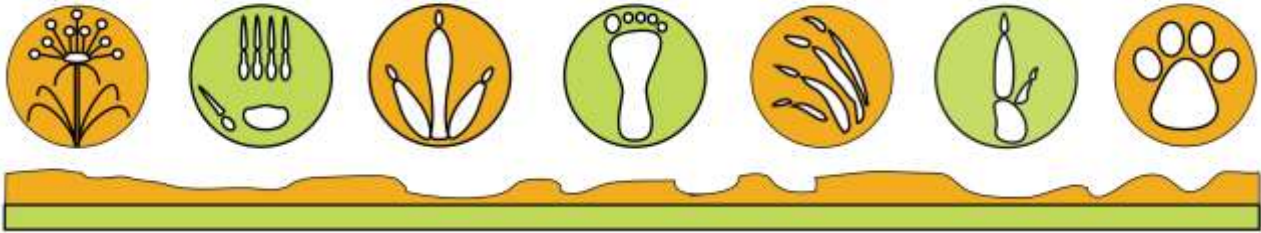
### AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2021**

Barkly Regional Council's Ampilatwatja Local Authority will be held in on Wednesday, 4 August 2021 at 10:30am.

**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.**

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# AGENDA

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## **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 2.1  
**TITLE** Confirmation of Previous Minutes  
**REFERENCE** 325104  
**AUTHOR** Robert Smith, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June as a true and accurate record.

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) AMLA\_16062021\_MIN\_746.PDF



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## MINUTES AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Ampilatwatja Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on  
Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 10:30am.

**Steven Moore**  
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 9:40am with Allarica Palmer as chair.

**1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

- 1.1 Elected Members Present
  - Cr Ricky Holmes
  - Anita Bailey
  - Leslie Morton
  - Alwyn Morton
  - Rosaline Rusty
  - Lester Peterson
- 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present
  - Mark Parsons
  - George Peckham
  - Robert Smith
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted
  - Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
  - Lulu Teece
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
- 1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

**2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

<b>2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
<b>MOTION</b>	
<b>That the Authority</b>	
a) Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 19 <sup>th</sup> November as a true and accurate record.	
<b>RESOLVED</b>	
<b>Moved: LA Member Anita Bailey</b>	
<b>Seconded: LA Member Lester Peterson</b>	
	<b>CARRIED UNAN.</b>
<i>Resolved AMLA 1/21</i>	

**3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

<b>3.1 ACTION ITEM FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
<b>MOTION</b>	
<b>That the Authority</b>	
a) Receive and note the report.	
b) Confirm any completed items and remove them from the action list.	

**RESOLVED**  
 Moved: Cr. Ricky Holmes  
 Seconded: LA Member Anita Bailey **CARRIED UNAN.**  
*Resolved AMLA 2/21*

#### 4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

**4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT**

**MOTION**

That Council  
 A) Receive and Note the Director of Operations Report.

**RESOLVED**  
 Moved: LA Member Anita Bailey  
 Seconded: LA Member Lester Peterson **CARRIED UNAN.**  
*Resolved AMLA 3/21*

#### 5. FINANCE

**5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**

**MOTION**

That the Authority  
 a) Receive and note the report.

**RESOLVED**  
 Moved: LA Member Alwyn Morton  
 Seconded: LA Member Leslie Morton **CARRIED UNAN.**  
*Resolved AMLA 4/21*

#### 6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

**6.1 MONTHLY AREA MANAGER REPORT**

**MOTION**

That the Authority  
 a) Receive and note the report.

**RESOLVED**  
 Moved: Cr. Ricky Holmes  
 Seconded: LA Member Rosalene Rusty **CARRIED UNAN.**  
*Resolved AMLA 5/21*

#### 7. GENERAL BUSINESS



<b>7.1 BRC REGIONAL PLAN</b>	
<b>MOTION</b>	
That the Authority	
a) Receive and note the report;	
b) Provide feedback to council on the regional plan.	
<b>RESOLVED</b>	
Moved:	LA Member Anita Bailey
Seconded:	LA Member Rosalene Rusty
	<b>CARRIED UNAN.</b>
<i>Resolved AMLA 6/21</i>	

<b>7.2 ZEBRA CROSSINGS AND SPEED HUMPS</b>	
<b>MOTION</b>	
That the Authority	
a) Discuss the options for the purchase and installation of speed humps and zebra crossings on community.	
The option of having the existing speed bumps be built up and bollards put up for open spaces was discussed and this was seen as the better solution by the members.	
<b>RESOLVED</b>	
Moved:	LA Member Alwyn Morton
Seconded:	LA Member Lester Peterson
	<b>CARRIED UNAN.</b>
<i>Resolved AMLA 7/21</i>	

**8. CORRESPONDENCE***Nil***9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING***Nil***10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

<b>10.1 MAY COUNCIL MEETING REPORT</b>	
<b>MOTION</b>	
That the Authority	
a) Receive and note the report	
<b>RESOLVED</b>	
Moved:	LA Member Leslie Morton
Seconded:	Cr. Ricky Holmes
	<b>CARRIED UNAN.</b>
<i>Resolved AMLA 8/21</i>	

**11. BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED***Nil***12. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN**

*Nil*

**13. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**

*Nil*

**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

**14.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE**

**MOTION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Confirm the date of the next local authority meeting to be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Anita Bailey**

**Seconded: LA Member Alwyn Morton**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved AMLA 9/21*

**15. CLOSE OF MEETING**

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 4 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ampilatwatja Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Wednesday, 16 June 2021 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 14 July 2021.

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Chair

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Robert Smith  
Area Manager

## **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 3.1  
**TITLE** Action Item from Previous Meeting  
**REFERENCE** 325262  
**AUTHOR** Robert Smith, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Confirm any completed items and remove them from the action list.

### **SUMMARY:**


### **BACKGROUND**

### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) Ampilatwatja Action List.pdf

	<b>AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST</b>	<b>Updated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>
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MEETING DATE	TASK / PROJECT	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	BUDGET SOURCE	ACTION LEADER	COMPLETED/STATUS
11/03/2020	Water Trough	Water trough to be bought and installed to allow donkeys to drink from.	LA Funding	A/M	Ongoing – Installation on hold
11/03/2020	Ablution Block	Purchase and installation of Ablution Block	LA Funding	A/M	Ongoing
08/05/2019	Solar Lights	Additional solar lights have been requested by the LA	LA Funding	A/M	Ongoing
17/06/2020	Scoreboards	Scoreboards to be built on the football and softball ovals in conjunction with Rainbow gateways	LA Funding	AM	Ongoing

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Monthly CEO Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	324897
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Troy Koch, Area Manager - Alpururulam

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council

##### A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

#### SUMMARY:

This month has been a very busy month for me as I have come into Tennant Creek to take on the role of Acting Director of Operations whilst recruitment takes place to fill the position. I would like to thank the Council Staff in Tennant Creek who have been incredibly supportive of me whilst I am covering this position. Having been in the communities for such a long time, you tend to overlook what a great and supportive team we have in Tennant Creek.

I travelled to the communities this month for the local authority meetings with quorum being achieved at Ali Curung, Alpururulam and Elliott. Unfortunately, we did not achieve a quorum in Wutunugurra, Ampilatwatja and Arlparra. This was due to several funerals in the communities and LA members had to travel to meet their cultural obligations and could not get back to their communities in time for the LA Meetings.

Mayor McLaughlin and I attended the Alpururulam local authority meeting and visited Ampilatwatja together it was a great experience to travel with the Mayor, who was well received in the communities that we visited. The communities were ecstatic with the positive feedback that they received from the Mayor and CEO in regards to these visits.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the Ali Curung local authority due to other travel commitments, the Area Manager Tim Hema advised me that the meeting went very well. I did attend the Elliott LA Meeting, which was a very good and positive meeting. Ray and the team in Elliott continue to do a great job.

Donna Eddie is doing a good job in Wutunugurra covering the Community Coordinator position whilst recruitment is taking place. Tim Hema and I are supporting Donna whilst she is in Acting Community Coordinator role.

During a visit to Elliott I also attended the Northern Barkly Permit Committee Meeting (formerly the Alcohol Management Committee) which was a very good meeting attended by a Liquor Commission Representative, our Member for Barkly Steve Edgington and the Federal Member for Lingjari Warren Snowden. It was great to see that this process has moved quickly of late and there are only a couple of steps to go through to complete the process and implement an approved permit system.

Michelle Heinen has stepped up to cover the Area Managers Position in Alpururulam whilst I am away and is doing a great job.

We are holding interviews shortly to fill the Handy Man position for the infrastructure in Tennant Creek and hope to have the position filled in the coming weeks.

Barkly Regional Council has received a gift of two Wash Water Trailers from the Northern Territory Government. The trailers are to be used for community events. Both trailers will be based in Tennant Creek initially, with one trailer allocated to Tennant Creek and one trailer for the communities. The trailer allocated to the communities will be managed from Tennant

Creek and transported around communities communities as required to cater for their community events.

Richard and the team at the TC Depot have done an outstanding job this month, receiving compliments in regards to how well the public areas around Tennant Creek are being maintained as well as addressing complaints from the public in a quick and timely manner. The Tennant Creek Cemetery is looking the best it has looked for years and with the construction of the chapel commencing we will end up with a fantastic asset for the community.

This month we had conducted a bin audit around town; this was done to ensure council is up to date on household and businesses in town having the correct amount of bins allocated to suit needs. A big thank you to Richard and the Depot team for doing such a good job and for supporting me whilst I am in Acting Director of Operations role.

## **BACKGROUND**

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## **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**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 5.1  
**TITLE** Monthly Finance Report  
**REFERENCE** 325261  
**AUTHOR** Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) Monthly Finance Report.pdf

Barkly Regional Council  
Local Authority Allocation  
Project: 405

**Amplatwatja**

**INCOME**  
LA Grants Received  
Grants Received  
**INCOME TOTAL**

**EXPENDITURE**  
Approved Minutes  
LA Funding Expended

- Oct-14 Toilet rental
- Apr-15 Trimmer & Lawn Mower
- Apr-16 Football Changeroom
- May-17 3 Industrial Washing Machines
- Apr-17 Ride-On Mower
- Jun-18 Portable Toilets & Trailer
- Jun-18 Childrens Playground Shelter
- Jun-18 6 Shade Shelters
- Oct-19 Purchase 6 Solar Lights
- Apr-17 Two Rover Lawn Mowers
- Oct-20 Animal Management Activities
- May-17 Waterline - Football Oval Troughs
- May-17 Amplatwatja ablation block
- May-17 3 Industrial Washing Machines
- May-17 Amplatwatja ablation block
- Apr-17 Animal Management Activities
- Oct-19 Purchase 6 Solar Lights
- Nov-20 Waterline - Football Oval Troughs
- Nov-20 Ablution Block Allocation

**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	
443,550.18	51,646.18	61,532.00	61,532.00	67,210.00	67,210.00	67,210.00	443,550.18
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6,199.09	7,508.45		223.14				6,199.09
19,990.00	5,975.95						19,990.00
19,190.00	19,990.00						19,190.00
12,120.00	19,190.00			12,120.00			12,120.00
3,890.45	3,890.45						3,890.45
2,552.73	2,552.73						2,552.73
94.70	94.70						94.70
3,854.85	1,430.43						3,854.85
3,403.30	2,424.42						3,403.30
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## **AREA MANAGERS REPORT**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.1  
**TITLE** Monthly Area Manager Report  
**REFERENCE** 325259  
**AUTHOR** Robert Smith, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

### **SUMMARY:**

At the last council meeting it was approved that each local authority has the authority to now change the times for meetings from monthly to bi-monthly.

### **BACKGROUND**

### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) AM report for LA Meeting .pdf

**AREA MANAGER REPORT- AMPILATWATJA****Month-July 2021****GENERAL:**

- We have not had a LA Meeting since May due to some of our LA Members resigning. We still have one vacancy for an LA Member if anyone interested.

This has been a busy Month looking after Ampilatwatja & Arlparra for myself and the Municipal crew sending 3 Municipal Workers to Arlparra 3 days a week to do Essential Services as well as looking after services in Ampilatwatja. The Soapy Bore road has been Graded as well as Arlparra football oval. Road into Ampilatwatja and fire breaks have been done as well as the windy hill oval and softball oval.

- We have had a few people resign in our Municipal crew this month with Lester Peterson and recently our work supervisor Lenard Kenny. We are now back to advertising for recruitment. My municipal staff continue to deliver all services in Ampilatwatja & Arlparra.
- Aged Care are working well with Vicky Sherrah as Team leader.
- S/R are also running well with Elise Larkin despite the working condition Elise and her staff are working in as the Basketball court gets upgraded.
- N/P are still recruiting.
- My Office Staff are doing a great job running C/Link, PO and Admin with Tracey Smith and Mary-Lou.
- The Binns track to Irrultja has also been graded. Needs to be done again due to high volume of traffic.
- Tracey Smith and Robert Smith will be on a well- deserved break from 29<sup>th</sup> of July till 20<sup>th</sup> August Bob Baldry will be Acting Area Manager for that time.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- The Ablution and Laundry Building has commenced Harvey Developments are in the process of mobilizing their equipment, As soon as they have finished the Ablution Block they will start the upgrade of the Basketball Court which should be finished in time for the upcoming Sport Carnival at end of September 2021.

**ISSUSE:****NIL**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 7.1  
**TITLE** Ehrlichiosis Disease in dogs  
**REFERENCE** 325296  
**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

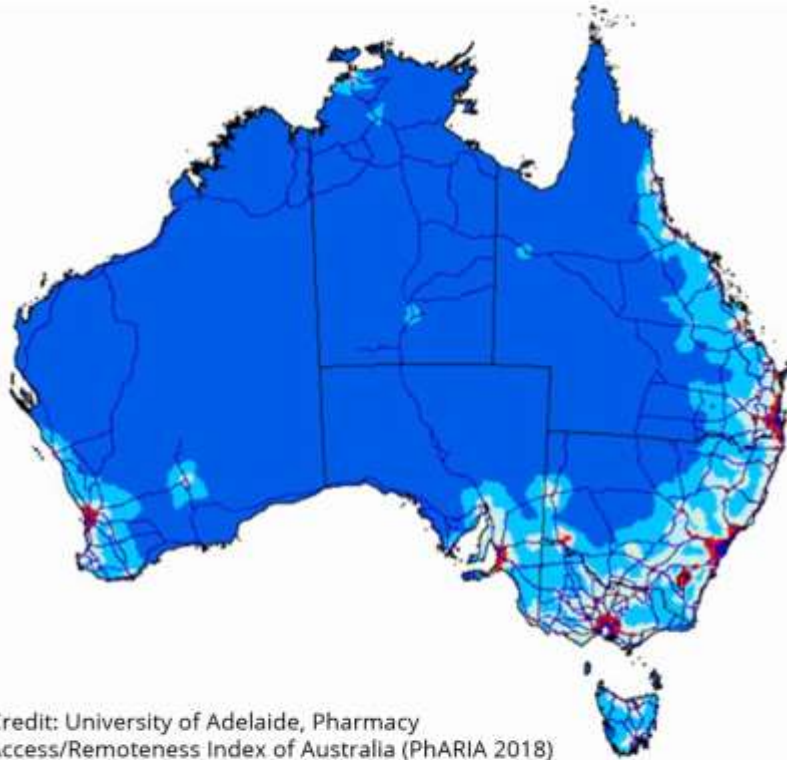


## AMRRIC update - Ehrlichiosis in underserved communities



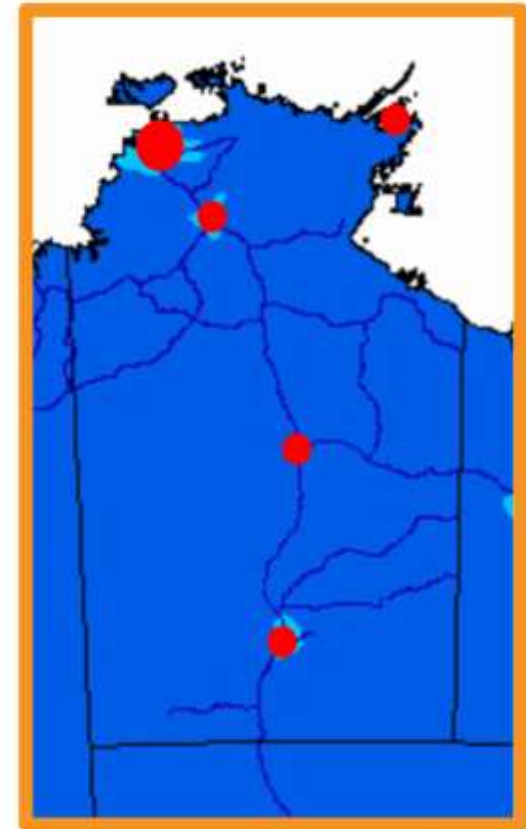
..... Dr Bonny Cumming, AMRRIC Program Manager – Strategic Delivery, AMRRIC

# 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



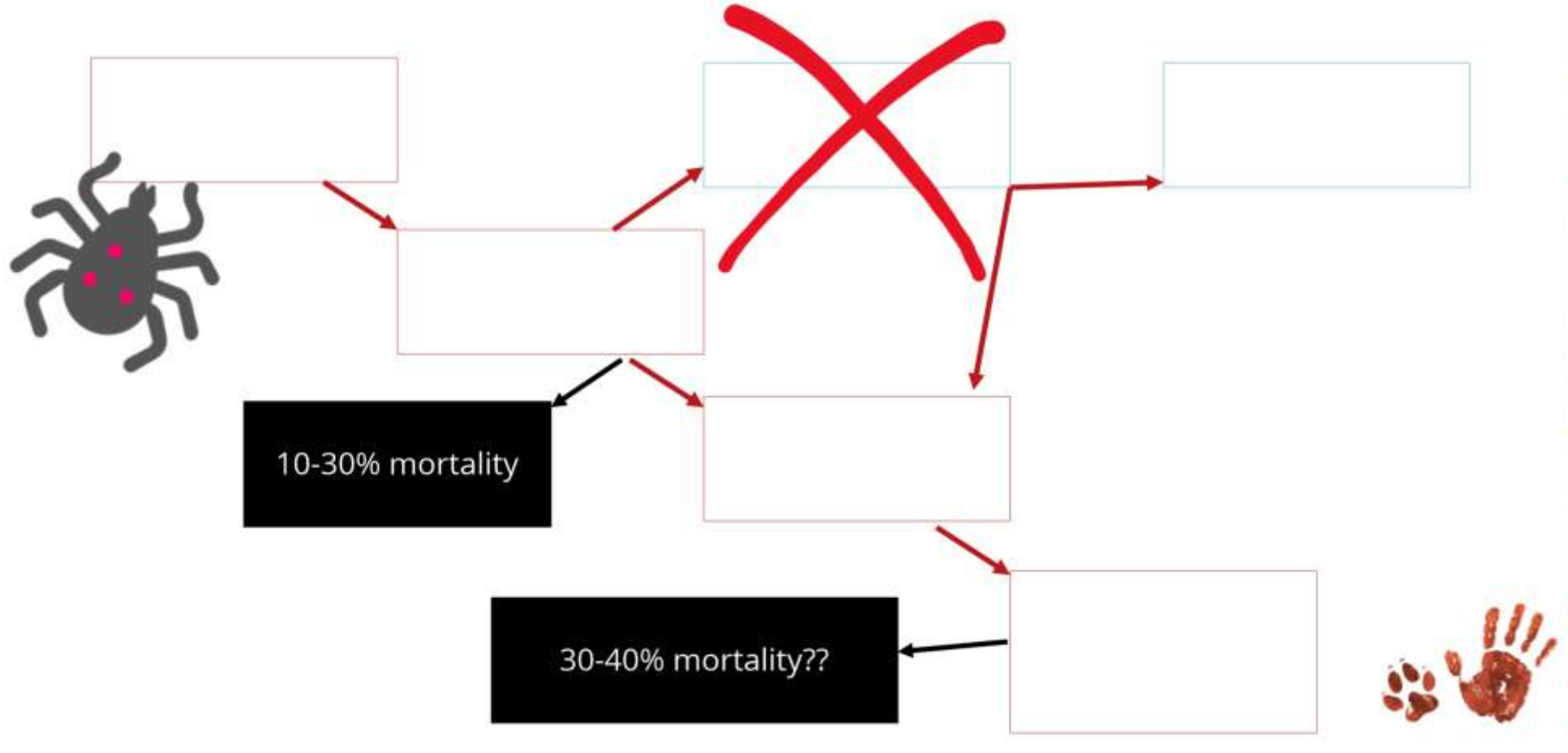


## The challenges



- 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



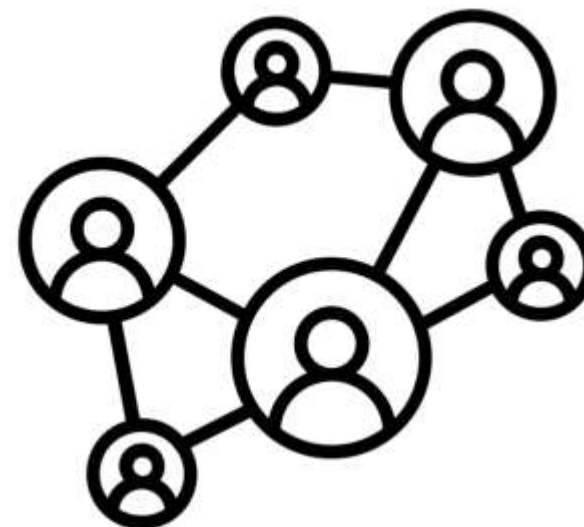


## *E. canis* impacts

- 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.

AMRRIC Developed by Environmental Health Workers

**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!**

AMRRIC 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.**

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





# Human health risks

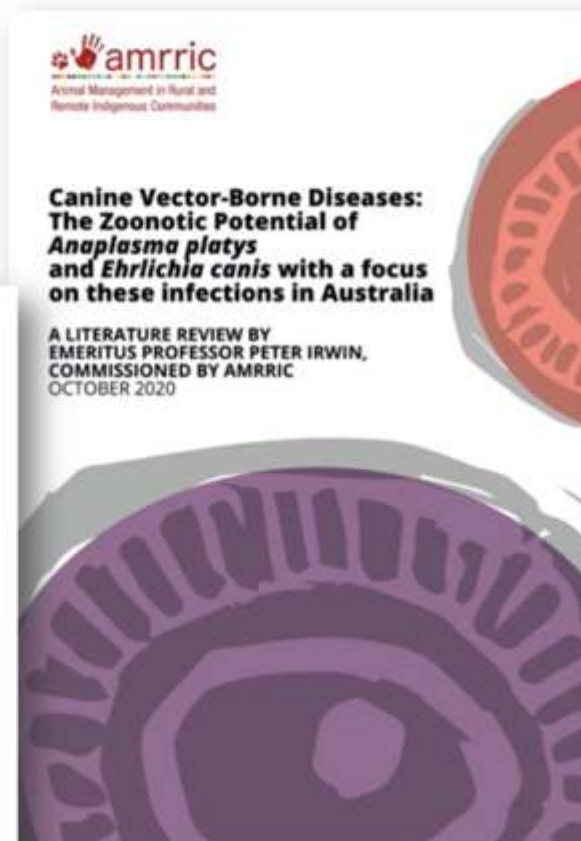
## Concluding Remarks

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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## **LA OTHER BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 14.1  
**TITLE** Confirmation of Next Meeting Date  
**REFERENCE** 325260  
**AUTHOR** Robert Smith, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Confirm the date of the next local authority meeting to be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**