

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA

Ali Curung LA Meeting

Monday 24 February 2025

Barkly Regional Council's Ali Curung LA Meeting will be held in Conference Room on Monday 24 February 2025 at 10:00 am.

Chris Kelly

Chief Executive Officer

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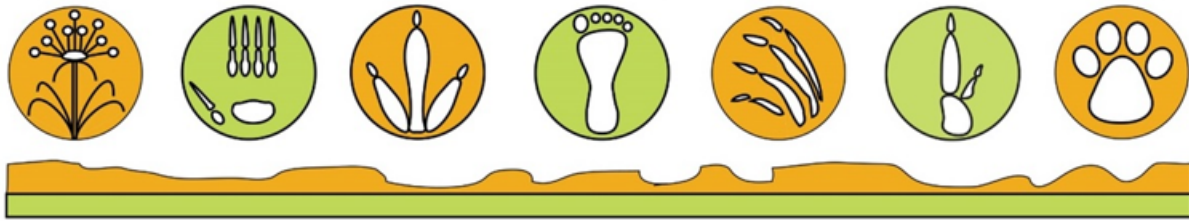
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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

Local Government Act 2019 (NT) Section 98 - Procedure at meeting.

(1) The chairperson of a meeting of the local authority is a member appointed by the local authority to be the chairperson of the local authority; or, if the chairperson is not present (or no one is appointed to the position of the chairperson at the time of the meeting) – a member chosen by the members present at the meeting to chair the meeting.

(2) A quorum at a meeting of a local authority consists of a majority of its members holding office at the time of the meeting.

Council has resolved that Ali Curung LA Meeting to have 7 LA members and 2 Elected Members. The Elected Members includes; Cr Andrew Tsavaris and Deputy Mayor Noel Hayes.

Local Authority Members

1. Arana Rice
2. Jerry Rice
3. Peter Corbett
4. Ned Kelly
5. Lucy Jackson
6. Camus Campbell
7. Ethan Wilson
8. Andrew Tsavaris
9. Deputy Mayor Noel Hayes

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Section 95 (5) of the Act guides voting during meetings.

Each member present at a meeting has and must exercise one vote on a question arising for decision at the meeting and, if the council has a policy allowing the chairperson to exercise a casting vote, the chairperson must exercise, in the event of an equality of votes, a second or casting vote.

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Section 47 (1) (o) of the Act - Disqualification.

A person is disqualified from office as a member of a council if the person is absent, without permission of the council in accordance with the regulations, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings.

1.5 Resignations

Clause 12 of the Council Policy – RESIGNATION

1. Where a member no longer wishes to be a member of the Local Authority, they are required to resign from the post.
2. Resignations are to be made in writing, addressed to the Mayor, and delivered to Office of the CEO.
3. All Local Authority resignations are noted by Council at the next Ordinary meeting following receipt of the resignation.
4. The member will receive a letter of acknowledgement of their resignation.

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Section 115 the Local Government Act 2019 (NT) provides - Disclosure of interest.

(1) As soon as practicable after a member becomes aware of a conflict of interest in a matter that has arisen or is about to arise before an audit committee, a council, a council committee or a local authority, the member must disclose the interest that gives rise to the conflict (the relevant interest):

- (a) at a meeting of the audit committee, council, council committee or local authority; and
- (b) to the CEO.

(2) A member must not:

- (a) be present at a meeting of the audit committee, council, council committee or local authority while a matter in which the member has a conflict of interest is under consideration; or
- (b) participate in any decision in relation to the matter; or
- (c) engage in behaviour that may influence the audit committee, council, council committee or local authority's consideration of or decision in relation to the matter.

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

ITEM NUMBER: 2.1

TITLE: Confirmation of previous meeting.

Reference <Enter Ref here>

Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

SUMMARY

Section 101 (3) requires that the Local Authority confirm its previous minutes at its next meeting.

The report provides the LA with minutes of the previous LA meeting for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ali Curung LA receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2024 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ali Curung Local Authority Meeting minutes h E A 5 v 1 x 7 lk W Bh Bo Kl Jol Xw [2.1.1 - 16 pages]
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MINUTES

Ali Curung LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Ali Curung LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Wednesday 18 September 2024 at 1:10 pm.

Chris Kelly
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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

- Noel Hayes (Chair)
- Jerry Rice
- Peter Corbett
- Ned Kelly
- Andrew Tsavaris

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Brody Moore (Director of Operational Services, BRC)
- Surya Godavarthi (Director of Infrastructure and Fleet, BRC)
- Susan Steele (Director of Community Services, BRC)
- Adrian Chong (Regional Manager - Community Safety, BRC)
- Tim Hema (Regional Manager, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Lucy Jackson

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Nil

1.5 Resignations

- Nil

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

- Nil

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

- Nil



2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

MOTION

That the Local Authority receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17/07/2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/55

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Action Tracker

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the provided Action tracker.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/56





4 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

4.1 LAPF statement

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Finance Statement provided.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/58

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

5.1 Request to back burn Ali Curung boundary areas - Tim Hema

MOTION

That the Local Authority has agreed and granted permission to Tim Hema to back burn certain areas as requested.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/63





General Business

5.2 Purchase of Shadesail

MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated \$10,000 for the purchase and installation of a shade sail.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/64

General Business

5.3 Speed signs

MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated \$5,000 for the installation of speeding signs in response to community concerns regarding speeding vehicles and public safety..

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/65





General Business

5.4 Speed Humps

MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated \$20,000 for the installation of speed humps in response to concerns about speeding vehicles within the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/66

General Business

5.5 Installation of solar lights

MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated \$10,000 for the installation of solar lights within the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/67

General Business

5.6 Visitor Park upgrades

MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated \$20,000 for the upgrades and development of the visitor park.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/68





General Business

5.7 Murray Downs Basketball court upgrades

MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated an additional \$35,000 for the repairs and upgrades of the basketball court in Murray Downs. (which does not include the previously allocated amount of \$7,357.79).

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/69

General Business

5.8 Shade structures

MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated \$34,500 for the installation of two new shade structures in the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/70

General Business

5.9 Repairs of Movie screen

MOTION

That the Local Authority has allocated \$5,000 for the repairs of the movie screen.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/71





General Business

5.10 Letter to Police department

MOTION

The Local Authority has requested the council to write a letter to the Police Department on behalf of its members regarding concerns about speeding vehicles in the community and public safety. The letter will urge the implementation of any relevant safety measures.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/72

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

7 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.1 Report from the Operational services Directorate

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Operational services directorate.

SUMMARY

Leadership and Staffing

- Tim Hema started as Regional Manager Operational Services (South) on 11.09.2024, covering Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja, Wutunugurra, and Alpururulam.
- Recruitment for a new Council Services Coordinator is underway.

Administration Services

- Tim Hema on-boarded as Centrelink Agent, awaiting onboarding as community postal agent (CPA).
- Recruitment for a second CSO is in progress to manage administrative workload and provide coverage during absences.
- Visitor accommodation housed youth workers from Caylus, pest control technicians, and LLN Trainers from Central Desert Training.

Municipal Services

- **Parks and Open Spaces:** Daily maintenance, increased rubbish collection, and fire incidents at middle park.
- **Roads:** Pothole repairs completed, more bitumen ordered, speed bumps to be painted.





- **Waste:** Regular rubbish runs, high demand for skip bins, hard rubbish runs on a needs basis.
- **Landfill:** New pit dug, old pit being filled and capped, tidy-up underway, new drop-off bays built.
- **Incidents:** Dozer vandalized, broken vehicles reported.

Essential Services

- **Airstrip:** Slashing, maintenance, solar and windsock lights reported for replacement, fenceline repairs ongoing.
- **Trade Services:** Mechanic resigned, contracted services in place, plant and machinery in good order.

Community Projects

- **Solar Lights:** Installation issues with batteries.
- **BBQ Installations:** Pending completion.

Training

- 1st Aide Training: Completed by 7 staff in July.
- Plant Ticket Training: Conducted from 12th – 23rd Aug.

Events and Visits

- July - September: LLN Training, Centrelink visit, NT Elections Voting, Territory Pest Control, Recall Tennant Creek, Dance Ceremony, LGANT BBQ session, HRG Meeting, PAW Media visit, WIFI Murray Downs Recce, Pre-employment training, NIAA Workshop, Bush Court, Water Monitoring, and Mental First Aid session

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/59



Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.2 Report from the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet Services

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet.

SUMMARY

1. Project Name: Women's Shelter Laundry Area Upgrades

Project Value: \$30,000

Scoping: Completed in July 2024

Initiation: August 2024

Completion Target: November 2024

Overview: The Ali Curung Women's Shelter is undergoing a comprehensive upgrade of its laundry area. The project has been meticulously scoped with a detailed plan in place, outlining necessary steps and resource requirements for efficient completion. Despite challenges in securing interest from additional contractors, two quotes have been obtained.

Next Steps: A contractor has been confirmed, and work has commenced. Completion is expected by November 2024, contingent upon material lead times.

2.

- **Project Name:** Shade Structures

- **Scoping:** Completed in July 2024

- **Initiation:** September 2024

- **Completion Target:** October 2024

Overview: Quotes for the shade structures have been obtained. The estimated cost is approximately \$30,000 per structure if a concrete slab is required, or around \$18,000 if only concrete footings are needed. Finalization of the locations is pending, and funds need to be committed based on the quotes.

Next Steps: Once the locations are confirmed, the project can proceed, with an anticipated completion by October 2024.

3.

- **Project Name:** Basketball Court - Murray Downs

- **Scoping:** Completed in July 2024

- **Initiation:** September 2024

- **Completion Target:** November 2024

Overview: The project has been scoped, revealing the need to replace three poles and four sheets. However, sourcing suitable materials for these repairs has posed challenges. Depending on the funds committed by the Local Authority (LA), there is potential to consider installing a new basketball hoop, lighting, and bollards around the court.

Next Steps: Once funding is finalized, a comprehensive project plan will be prepared, outlining the scope of work and obtaining the necessary quotes.





RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jerry Rice

Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/60

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.3 Report from the Director of Corporate Services

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Director of Corporate Services.

SUMMARY

- Overview:

- Corporate Services acts as the Business Administration and Management hub, managing critical corporate risks to the Council and its impact on the community.

- Recent Engagements:

- Collaborated with other Directorates to advance processes for the upcoming Council election.
- Provided IT support across the region, including regular service visits to Ali Curung.
- Developed new human resource and payroll systems.
- Reviewed and delivered a new organizational structure.
- Restructured the Council's record and archival processes, implementing a new electronic records system.
- Made substantial IT improvements by replacing obsolete equipment and operating systems.

- Budget Implications:

- The recently approved Corporate Services budget addresses overall service delivery and budgeting for the elected Council's return and operation.

- Community Engagement:

- Corporate Services aims to engage with the community and Local Authority to explore improved service delivery and community benefits.
- A Human Resources table is attached, highlighting staffing at Ali Curung and current vacancies, with a focus on hiring and collaboration with the Local Authority.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/61



Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.4 Report from the Community Services Directorate

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Community Services Directorate report.

SUMMARY

1. Program Update

- Operations: Ali Curung Aged Care is functioning regularly.
- Staffing: The team leader is addressing staffing gaps due to unauthorised absences. Recruitment is ongoing, with some communities already onboarding new staff.
- Client Feedback Positive compliments have been received from clients. Daily check-ins by the team leader during meal deliveries have yielded positive feedback.
- New Client Assessment: One new client is currently being assessed.

2. Highlights and Achievements

- One client is undergoing the RAS assessment process.
- A visit by the Regional Manager for Community Care and Community Safety took place on 29.08.2024 for a coordination meeting aimed at enhancing service delivery and workforce management.
- Coordination meetings were held with the Regional Manager and Acting Director of Community Services to discuss service delivery and reporting.
- A meeting with the CDCS team focused on training for Team Leaders in the community.
- Successful renewal of food registration, valid until August next year.

3. Stakeholder Engagement

- Meetings held with the CDCS team regarding Team Leader training.
- Discussions with the NT Health Community Grant Hub about service delivery updates.
- Engagement with the Indigenous Aged Care Quality Framework for quality review updates.
- Communication with the Department of Health representative regarding aged care operations.

4. Resource Allocation

- Disability aids equipment provided to NATSIFAC clients.

5. Training

- Ongoing staff training includes toolbox sessions and online courses.
- Team Leaders are participating in training sessions with the CDCS team.
- Renewal of staff documents, such as Working with Children (WWC) and Police Checks, is in progress.
- Support for service delivery paperwork and tasks has been provided by the regional manager to Team Leaders.
- Coordination with Response Training in Darwin for various training programs, including Food Safety Supervisor skills, Certificate III in Individual Support, First Aid and CPR, and Basic Food Safety.

6. Upcoming Activities

- Planning for weekly or fortnightly open days at Aged Care centers featuring activities like BBQs, painting, and collaborative social events for clients.
- Signing of the Work Protocol contract with the Health Clinic and BRC for updating clients' medical summaries and coordinating regular health updates.



Community Safety / Night Patrol Report

- **Training Support:** Desert Training has assisted with LNN training on community safety.
- **Staffing Issues:** The Team Leader faces challenges with reliable staff attendance.
- **Community Concerns:** Break-ins are occurring within the community. Community Safety staff require managerial support, especially during periods of "sorry business."
- **Service Delivery Impact:** Feedback from community elders and the Municipal Coordinator indicates that community safety services have not met standards, particularly during the football finals due to staff absenteeism.
- **Action Plan:** The manager plans to visit Ali Curung Community to address these issues, although Community Safety staff continue to conduct patrols and support Sports and Recreation activities.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/62

8 OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

- Brody Moore informed the Local Authority members about the upcoming council elections and encouraged community participation and candidacy. He requested that members disseminate this information within the community. He also mentioned the details of the elections and that the council would conduct information sessions for interested candidates.
- Additionally, the Local Authority members raised questions about the progress of the new sports and recreation facility. Surya responded, noting that the initial quotes received exceeded the budget. He assured members that they are seeking additional quotes and will provide more updates in the next meeting.
- The Local Authority members also suggested that it would be beneficial if representatives from various organizations in the community could attend the meetings. They requested the council's assistance in inviting these representatives.



9 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

9.1 Presentation from the Central Desert training - Kailas Kerr

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from the Central Desert Training.

SUMMARY

- Kailas Kerr presented on the pre-employment programme and ongoing support for community members.
- The program assists individuals transitioning into employment by providing help with reading, writing, paperwork, and understanding job requirements.
- Recently completed a pre-employment program and facilitated transitions into roles within the Council, school, and clinic.
- Planning the next pre-employment program for the last quarter of the year depending on community needs.
- Aims to increase employment within the community and offers ongoing workplace training and support to ensure successful employment transitions.
- Addresses barriers such as resolving fines and helping with driver's licenses.
- Established for 10 years and recently secured funding to extend services to employers outside of the Council.
- Provides professional development opportunities, particularly in schools.
- Intensive pre-employment programs are held annually in each community.
- Ongoing workplace training is provided continuously for several weeks across the Barkly region.
- The presentation aimed to raise awareness of the program and its available services, ensuring community members receive the necessary support for successful employment transitions.
- The Local Authority members acknowledged the presentation and expressed their desire to see the representatives more frequently in the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/57



Visitor Presentations

9.2 Presentation from Department of Lands, Planning and Environment - Nicole Joy

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes the presentation from the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment.

SUMMARY

As Nicole Joy was unable to attend the meeting, Regional Manager Tim Hema from the Barkly Regional Council presented the report. The Local Authority members responded by requesting more details and asked for a representative from the relevant department to present at the next meeting, as they had questions regarding the issues discussed.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/73

10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Ali Curung LA next meeting date is 20/11/2024.

Meeting Closed at 03:45 PM

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3 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER: 3.1

TITLE: Notification of General Business Items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to allow Elected Members the opportunity to table items they wish to be debated by the Local Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chairperson invites LA Members to raise matters of concern that they wish to discuss later in the meeting.

4 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

4.1

Action tracker

Reference

Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority

- a. Receive and note the LA action tracker.
- b. Resolve to close completed actions or make any other decision.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

CEO
ELT

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ali Curung tracker, [4.1.1 - 1 page]

ALI CURUNG

Item no.	Meet Date	resolution #	Task/Project	Actions to be Taken	Funds	Action Leader	Status
1	1/04/2019		Solar lighting install at front & central park areas	lights and poles to be installed	LA	AM/Dir pf Ops	Completed
2	5/06/2023	ACLA 34/23	Murray Downs basketball shelter repairs	repairs to the Murray Downs basketball shelter	\$7,357.79	Dir Infrastructure	completed
4	18/09/2024	ACLA-24/64	Shade sail	Purchase of Shade sail	\$10,000		Seeking quotes
5	18/09/2024	ACLA-24/65	Speed signs	Install speed signs in the commur	\$5,000		Delivered to Tennant Creek, CSC to install.
6	18/09/2024	ACLA-24/66	speed humps	Installation of the speed humps	\$20,000		Delivered to Tennant Creek, CSC to install.
7	18/09/2024	ACLA-24/71	Movie screen repairs	Repairs of the movie screen	\$5,000		Completed
8	18/09/2024	ACLA-24/67	Solar lights	Installation of the solar lights	\$10,000		
9	18/09/2024	ACLA-24/68	Visitor park upgrades	Upgrades the necessary facilities	\$20,000		LA to provide more details
10	18/09/2024	ACLA-24/69	Murray Downs basketball shelter repairs	Repair and upgrade the Baskeball	\$35,000		Completed
11	18/09/2024	ACLA-24/70	Shade strcuture	Purchase and installation of two s	\$34,500		Delivered to Tennant Creek, waiting for contracter to install

5 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

ITEM NUMBER: 5.1

TITLE: correspondence sent to the Minister regarding Ali Curung Generator.

Reference <Enter Ref here>

Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

SUMMARY


The report provides LA with correspondence relating to matters affecting their LA area.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the correspondence sent by the Mayor Sid Vashist on behalf of Ali Curung Community regarding power situation and emergency generator in Ali Curung.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minister Edgington__ Ali Curung Generator [5.1.1 - 2 pages]
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Sid Vashist
Mayor
Barkly Regional Council
Sid.Vashist@barkly.nt.gov.au

16th December 2024

Hon. Steve Edgington
Minister for Essential Services
[via e-mail: Minister.Edgington@nt.gov.au]

Re: Legacy Issue of the PAWA 1MW Generator in Ali Curung Community

Dear Minister Edgington,

It was fantastic to meet with you during the Barkly Regional Council meeting on Friday, 13th December. Thank you for taking the time to engage with us on key community matters.

As part of our discussions, Councillor Tsavaris raised a critical issue regarding the decommissioned PAWA 1MW generator in Ali Curung Community. I write to formally seek your support in addressing this matter, which is having a significant impact on the residents and businesses in the area.


Residents of Ali Curung have informed me that power outages are a persistent and growing concern. These outages occur regularly, creating major disruptions for the community, with recent examples including an 18.5-hour outage in October 2024 and another lasting over 24 hours. Such prolonged outages are unacceptably disruptive and have resulted in:

Health Risks: Dialysis and other health patients face serious risks when power outages compromise medical services.

Communication Failures: Telstra's backup systems fail after 4–5 hours due to limited battery life, leaving the community without essential communication during emergencies.

Water Supply Issues: Power outages directly impact water availability, compounding the challenges faced by residents.

Economic Losses: Local businesses, including community stores, have sustained significant financial losses due to spoilage and operational disruptions caused by unreliable power.



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Additionally, new housing developments are currently underway in the community, which will further increase the demand for consistent and reliable power. Without adequate measures, these challenges will only worsen.

I understand from residents that the decommissioned 1MW generator is owned by the community and could potentially be operated by locally trained and certified personnel if made operational again. This could serve as a critical backup for Ali Curung to mitigate power-related risks.

To address these challenges, I kindly ask for your assistance in providing clarity and action on the following:

1. Why was the 1MW generator in Ali Curung decommissioned?
2. Could the generator be handed back to the community? If so, could PAWA (or relevant agencies) train community personnel to operate it or engage skilled local operators? If not, please provide the rationale?
3. Why is the community experiencing so many power outages?
4. What steps is PAWA taking to ensure Ali Curung has a dependable and resilient power supply? Could a more robust backup generator be installed given the increasing demands?

The current situation is untenable, and we must work together to find solutions that provide consistent and reliable power for Ali Curung. Addressing this issue will greatly enhance the wellbeing, safety, and economic stability of the community.

We look forward to receiving your response to these concerns, and we hope to work collaboratively with your office and PAWA to ensure an equitable outcome for Ali Curung.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sid Vashist".

Sid Vashist
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6 OFFICERS' REPORTS

Officers' Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 6.1
TITLE: Appointment of Chairperson

Reference <Enter Ref here>
Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

SUMMARY

The report provides Ali Curung LA with the opportunity to appoint the LA chairperson.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority appoint the chairperson for Ali Curung LA.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Ali Curung Local Authority chairperson's position is currently vacant following the resignation of the previous chairperson from LA and subsequently becoming a Councillor. There is a need for a new chairperson to be appointed to enable the effective administering of the LA meetings.

Under Section 98 of the Act, the chairperson of the Local Authority is a member appointed by a local authority to be the chairperson.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Having one chairperson appointed enables effective administering of LA meetings and organising of agenda. However, if no chairperson is appointed, it would require that before every LA meeting commences, members present would have to choose one member present to chair that meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

The chairperson is paid meeting allowance.

CONSULTATION

Council
CEO

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

Officers' Reports

6.2 Finance Report

Author Sunil Neupane (Acting CFO)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Finance Statement provided for the Ali Curung Local Authority Projects Funding for the period ending 31st January 2025.

SUMMARY

Details of the Ali Curung Local Authority Funding Position:

Particulars	Amount
Funding available (excluding PY commitments) on 1st July 2024:	151,451
Financial Year 2024-25 funding received:	0
Funds committed for projects in FY 2024-25:	139,500
Funds spent for all projects to 31st January 2025:	130,124
Total cash available to complete current projects (inc. PY) as of 31st January 2025:	96,633
Total funding available to be committed as of 31st January 2025:	11,951

BACKGROUND

As per Guideline 1 of the Local Government Act 2019, under section 10.1 Council is required to present:

A report from the CEO (or delegate) on all local authority matters before Council, including a progress and financial report on local authority.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

According to a letter received from the NTG Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (file reference LGR2016/00050), any LAPF balances that are older than two years and have not been formally committed or spent are likely to be requested for repayment, unless there are extenuating circumstances beyond the Council's control that have prevented the full expenditure of LAPF funds. The Council must obtain written approval from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet for

any extension to carry over and spend LAPF funding that is over two years old. A full justification must be provided explaining the reasons for the under-expenditure.

IMPACT FOR COUNCIL

Under section 10.1 of Guideline 1 of the Local Government Act 2019, the Local Authority must receive a progress and financial report on local authority projects.

The Local Authority Ali Curung finance report for 31st January 2025 is attached to this report.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This report is aligned to the Barkly Regional Council Strategic Plan 2024-2025:

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	KPI & MEASURE	TARGET	BY WHEN
4.1 Barkly Council will continue to foster, develop and engage with the Local Authorities in achieving local stakeholder democratic participation in the processes of Local Government	Initiate, foster, engage with and develop the capacities and capabilities of Barkly region's local authorities	Frequency of LA Meetings	Each LA meet 6 times per year	100% Participation

ATTACHMENTS:

1. LAPF Income and Expenditure Report - Ali Curung [6.2.1 - 1 page]



Ali Curung

Local Authority Projects - as at 31st January 2025

Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects	Approved Budget	Year of Budget Approval	Resolution	Expenditure Prior Years	Prior FY Carried FW 01/07/2024	FY24/25 Approved Budget	Expenditure to date 2024-25	Cash Balance as at 31/01/2025	Status	Budget Funded FY
Purchase ride on mower for community	15,899	FY2022/23	ACLA 18/23	-	15,899	-	14,784	1,115	Approved at LA Meeting 03/04/2023. Completed and underspent	2022-23
Community rubbish collection trailer	40,000	FY2022/23	ACLA 33/23	-	40,000	-	37,288	2,712	Approved at LA Meeting 05/06/2023. Completed and underspent.	2022-23
Murray Downs basketball shelter repairs	42,358	FY2022/23	ACLA 34/23 ALCA-24/69	-	7,358	35,000	20,145	22,214	Approved at LA Meeting 05/06/2023.	2022-23
Fire management trailer procurement	24,000	FY2023/24	ACLA 24/24	-	24,000	-	22,718	1,282	Approved at LA Meeting 05/02/2024.	2023-24
Shade sail	10,000	FY2024/25	ACLA-24/64	-	-	10,000	-	10,000	Approved at LA Meeting 18/09/2024.	2024-25
Speed signs	5,000	FY2024/25	ACLA-24/65	-	-	5,000	1,376	3,624	Approved at LA Meeting 18/09/2024.	2024-25
Speed humps	20,000	FY2024/25	ACLA-24/66	-	-	20,000	17,264	2,736	Approved at LA Meeting 18/09/2024.	2024-25
Movie screen repairs	5,000	FY2024/25	ACLA-24/71	-	-	5,000	5,044	44	Approved at LA Meeting 18/09/2024.	2024-25
Solar lights	10,000	FY2024/25	ACLA-24/67	-	-	10,000	-	10,000	Approved at LA Meeting 18/09/2024.	2024-25
Visitor park upgrades	20,000	FY2024/25	ACLA-24/68	-	-	20,000	-	20,000	Approved at LA Meeting 18/09/2024.	2024-25
Shade structure	34,500	FY2024/25	ACLA-24/70	-	-	34,500	11,505	22,995	Approved at LA Meeting 18/09/2024.	2024-25

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS 2024-25	226,757			-	87,257	139,500	130,124	96,633		
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Local Authority Projects - as at 31st January 2025

Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects	Comments	Unallocated as at 30/06/2024	Cash Received to date (inc. Carried Forward)	Budget funds to receive	New Budget allocations to 31/01/2025	Unallocated balance as at 31/01/2025
LA Funding for 2022/23		67,951	67,951	-	67,951	-
LA Funding for 2023/24		83,500	83,500	-	71,549	11,951
Total		151,451	151,451	-	139,500	11,951

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6.3 Operational Services Report

Author Brody Moore (Chief Operations Officer)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the Operations Services report.

SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of the activities of the Operations Directorate in the areas of Municipal and Local Government service delivery in Alekarenge.

BACKGROUND

The Operations, Commercial and Remote Community Directorate has responsibility for the delivery of;

- **Municipal Services** – Including Parks and Open Spaces
- **Waste Management** – Rubbish Collection and Landfill
- **Administration** – Assistance to connect community to support services
- **Centrelink Agent Services** (Services Australia)
- **Australia Post** – Mail Collection and Distribution
- **Firebreaks and Emergency Assistance**
- **Animal Management** – (Companion Animal Officers Trial)
- **Children's Splash Pad**
- **Murray Downs** – Municipal Services

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Low Organisational Risk Level – No Service interruptions to funded or commercial services during the reporting period.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

All services delivered to approved Council budget.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Break-ins - Reported to Police.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Council Services Coordinator, Senior Regional Manager, Stakeholders.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Service Delivery Report Ali Curung Feb 2025 [6.3.1 - 5 pages]
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Service Delivery Report – Ali Curung

Author	CSC William Curtis
Reporting Period	18 th Sept 2024 – 24 th Feb 2024
Service Delivery	
<p>Council Services Coordinator (CSC) William Curtis successfully posted into role 6th Nov 2024 started in the role 19th Sept 2024, he has now been fully appointed into role as of 6th Nov 2024. Regional Operational Services Manager Tim Hema remains living in Ali Curung providing direction and support to CSC' s at Ali Curung ,Ampilatwatja, Wutunugurra, Arlparra and Alrpururulam. Overall Ali Curung staff attendance early this report period has been low due to staff absences including now also as “mens business” at Ampilatwatja</p>	
Complaints	Community sustained a high level of power fluctuations and power outages during report period. Community sustained 18hr power outages during adverse weather conditions. Complaints made to Power and Water.
Incidents / WHS	<p>Bushfires in area – NT Bushfires executed backburning Ali Curung access road and community boundary areas.</p> <p>Break-in at Lot 187 Flat 1 & 2 -Damage to rear screen doors – waiting on quotes for repair.</p> <p>New Movie Screen – damaged and blown off during storm weather.</p>
Administration Services	
Opening hours	<p>Monday to Thursday: 8:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 4:00pm</p> <p>Friday: 8:00am – 12:00pm</p>
Office Closures	<p>Funeral – 19th Sept 2024. Closed at 12:00pm</p> <p>Funeral – 15th Oct 2024. Closed at 12:00pm</p>
Customer Services Officer	<p>CSO 1: Ayesha Rice</p> <p>CSO 2: Temporary Contract – Admin /Cleaner Trainee 20hrs per week – Verity Brodie.</p>
Centrelink	<p>No disruptions to service this reporting period. On-boarding (CSC) William Curtis as a “Specified Person” currently pending. Other qualified “Specified Personnel” on community are Ayesha Rice, Tim Hema, Qin Feng. Remote Services Team visits 30th Sept – 4th Oct 2024 11 -14th Nov 2024 and 3 – 6th Feb 2025.</p>
Post Office	<p>On-boarding (CSC) William Curtis as a CPA Community Postal Agent currently pending.</p>
Conference Hall	<p>LLN Training – Central Desert Training – Ram the trainer.</p> <p>Services Australia – Remote Centrelink Services Team visit x2</p> <p>SA Police – conducting interviews with community members.</p> <p>Bush Court -13th Nov 2024</p> <p>19-02-2025 Cultural consultants /Tourism</p> <p>Batchelor Institute – CERT 1 in Automotive/ Small Engines 17-02-2025-21-02-2025</p> <p>Federal Elections – date pending</p>
Visitors Accommodation	<p>Lot 187, Flat 1 & 2 Closed -pending repairs from Break-in.</p> <p>Lot 187 Flat 3 only accommodation in use.</p>

Municipal Services	
Opening hours	Monday to Thursday: 7:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 4:15pm Friday: 7:00am – 12:00pm
Municipal Team	X1 Works Supervisor: Terry James X5 Works Officers: Ashley Hayes, Saverio Dickenson, Jeremiah Long, Ethan Wilson, Robert Simpson. X2 Trainee Municipal Officers – 20hrs per week. Camus Campbell (Murray Downs) Sebastian Robertson (Ali Curung) X1 Community Correction Order – Jayden Miller 40hrs remaining.
Parks and Open Spaces	Key focus to keep main entry road (kinjurra) and front / centre parks clean and tidy. Grass is generally ok, however at various areas needs cutting/slashing operations. Wet season preparations in progress. X2 new shade shelters installed front and centre parks.
Roads	Small potholes require patching – speed bumps need painting – new speed bumps and speed signs need to be installed. Graded landfill and cemetery access roads. New speed bumps and road speed signs to be installed.
Waste	X2 weekly incl Murray Downs, skip bins in demand due to housing inspections. New bags for street vacuum ordered. Hard rubbish pickups as required. Clean operations have been happening at Murray Downs- Camus Campbell starting – 20hrs per week
Landfill	Clean-up works – ongoing – Signage needed. Old pit – Full – capped off – start on the new pit. Demolished Houses – put in old legacy pits around community – they will be capped off and covered when completed.
Firebreaks	Grading works completed – Firebreaks and boundary fence lines. Murray Downs grading firebreaks and roads almost finished.
Car Bodies	Still remains a high number of car bodies scattered around community. Continue to work with owners to get them removed to car dump.
Airstrip	Airstrip closed on x3 occasions due to flooding, inspection reports conducted in accordance with contract requirements. Ran “mesh” over the runway to remove larger rocks. Alternate vehicle access planning in progress. Windssock lights repaired. Windssock needs replacing. Airstrip maintenance done slashed high grass at front and rear also down both sides of runway
Trade Services	Remote mechanic Lloyd Green has had multiple visits out to Ampilatwatja and Eppenarra to repair fleet.
Local Authority	
LA Board	Congratulations Noel Hayes and Andrew Tsavaris-Councillors. Congratulations new LA Board members – Ethan Wilson (Ali Curung) and Camus Campbell (Murray Downs) LA Chair and Dep Chair to be voted at next LA
LA Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solar Lights: 2. BBQ’s front and centre parks 3. Speed Bumps and Speed Signs 4. Shade Structures
Other LA matters	Murray Downs Workshop - repair



General Community Information	
Visiting Service Providers	<p><i>Services Australia – Centrelink Remote team (x2)</i> <i>Bush Court – 13th Nov 2024-29-01-2025</i> <i>LLN Trainer – Central Desert Training (x2 training blocks)</i> <i>AOH – Hassan Tariq</i> <i>NTEC Elections remote team visit</i> <i>NT Elections / Local Govt Elections</i> <i>Harvey Developments – various contractors.</i> <i>Blueprint contracting – new builds and RTB.</i> <i>Murray Downs – New Bollards put Around Basketball court</i> <i>Recce Murray Downs School – quote for putting firebreak on their boundary.</i> <i>Naaja visit</i> <i>Mahuta Contracting – New Movie Screen</i> <i>Pederson Remote Construction- scope works on Training Centre</i> <i>Delta Nae contractors - back on-site late Feb to complete AC installs</i> <i>Community Justice centre Amiel Nubaha and Tristan Dougie have been doing mediation with community members</i></p>
Meetings /Events	<p><i>Drug and Alcohol – meeting</i> <i>Justice Mob – mediation.</i></p>
Funerals	<p><i>Four funerals this report period -19th Sept and 15th Oct 2024 , 15th Feb and 22nd Feb 2025.</i></p>
Training	<p><i>Batchelor Institute – 4 – 16th November-Grader / Backhoe practical assessments – Tractor Operations course.</i> <i>Grader Qualified – Ethan , Craigwyn, Shane</i> <i>Backhoe qualified – Ethan ,Jeremiah,Ashley,Shane,Saverio</i> <i>Tractor Operations – Terry ,Ashley, Ralph. (Centrefarm staff)</i> <i>White card – Camus Campbell</i></p>

Good News Stories

New Movie Screen





New Shade Shelters Front and Centre Parks





Install Bollards at Murray Downs Basketball Court



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6.4 Community Services Report

Report from the Director of Community Services

Author Susan Steele (Director of Community Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services Directorate Report for Ali Curung, February 24, 2025.

SUMMARY

This report outlines the Community Services Directorate overview for Ali Curung.

BACKGROUND

Community Safety Program (Night Patrol)

Program update:

The three Community Safety Staff (1 Team Leader and 2 other staff) are performing their duties on community, but we do have issues when staff do not attend work. Night Patrol do occasionally assist with the Safe House as required.

During January, the Night Patrol team assisted:

Ali Curung:	Children	Women	Men
January 2025	44	17	21

Highlights and Achievements:

In the last reporting period, Night Patrol assisted the Clontarf AFL program in the evenings with their successful program for boys and for girls.

Challenges and Issues:

The big challenge that we have staff is not attending work due to travelling to other communities or just not attending work without notifying Community Safety Coordinator/s or Managers. The Regional Manager will work with the Community Service Coordinator and the LA members to support staff to attend work.

Stakeholder Engagement:

These are the following Stake holder’s engagement that Community Safety Regional Manager / Coordinators:



- Police of Ali Curung Community
- RN Employment service
- BRC Youth, Sport and Rec
- Aged Care
- Area Coordinator
- Community Elders
- Clinic staff

Feedback and Complaints:

The lack of Community Safety Staff not attending work.

Safe House:

The Ali Curung Safe House is operating well.

We are recruiting to the Team Leader position, and this should be finalised in the next week or so. One casual staff member, alongside Night Patrol, ensures there are staff available for Safe House 24/7 needs.

Safe House staff attended RAMF training in late last year – this training is essential for working in the D&FV space – Risk Assessment Management Framework and will upskill staff in best assessment practices around DV and also Child Protection.

We have a female DFV Specialist Coordinator commencing in the next week or so who will support both Safe Houses in Ali Curung and Elliott.

Youth, Sport & Recreation (YSR) Program

The Youth Sports and Recreation program engages youth in constructive activities to build skills, self-confidence, and community spirit. Key activities include the Youth Sports and Recreation Program (YSR) and Outside School Hour Care Program (OSHC)

Over summer, Ali Curung YSR ran the water park on weekday afternoons and also some Saturdays. In the evening, they played football and basketball. The Team Leader reported he also cooked dinner three nights per week. The team undertook afternoon bush trips over summer also. Average daily attendance for the reporting period is 15 young people per day.

Total Ali Curung Youth Attendance for January: 180

Female attendance :72

Male Attendance: 108

Age Breakdown:

Under 8yo: 88

9-15yo: 92

The Team Leader has very recently resigned, and the vacant position is advertised. Work is required on the accommodation and youth infrastructure to ensure safe and secure spaces for all needs.



Community Care Program (Aged Care & NDIS)

Program update:

- Ali Curung Aged Care is operating as usual.
- The team leader and staff are working hard to fulfil the gap of staff shortages. Recruitment is in process for new 2 staff.
- Team Leader was on annual leave from 20th Jan 2025 to 7th Feb 2025.

- Aged Care Coordinator, Bp, is in coordination with staff to monitor service delivery and visited Ali Curung 14th February.
- New clients being assessed across all Aged Care sites, including Ali Curung.

Client's numbers CHSP and NATSIFAC Program

Ampilatwatja Aged Care	Number
CHSP	11
NATSIFAC	4
Total	15

Staffing Updates

Location	Permanent Full Time Staff	Permanent Part-Time Staffs	Casual Staffs	Vacant	Comment
Ali Curung Aged care	1	2	2	1	2 irregular casual staff, 2 new P/PT staff recently commenced; other candidates are in recruitment process.

Highlights and Achievements:

- Recruitment of two new Permanent Part time staff
- Our new Aged Care Coordinator has commenced in November – Bp Koirala, he has visited Ali Curung and will visit regularly.

January 2025		Ali Curung
Service Type	Activity ID	
Centre-Based Respite	<i>Activity Total</i>	65
	4-7W5B781	
Domestic Assistance	<i>Activity Total</i>	54
	4-7W5G8D1	
Meals	<i>Activity Total</i>	922
	4-7W5G8KU	
Personal Care	<i>Activity Total</i>	10
	4-7W5B7FN	
Social Support Group	<i>Activity Total</i>	4
	4-7W5J1FQ	
Social Support Individual	<i>Activity Total</i>	15
	4-7W5J23D	
Transport	<i>Activity Total</i>	48

Challenges:

- Staffing remains the most significant challenge, with staff members sometimes not showing up without notice.
- Issues with access to Tennant Creek staff pool vehicle to travel to the communities from the Fleet department.
- Service delivery to the outstation due to rain.

Issues/Risks:

- Unauthorized absences impacting service delivery.
- Repairs and maintenance cost issues ongoing with aging facilities

Remedial Actions:

- Encouragement to staffs to come to work.
- Report maintenance issues in a timely manner
- Work with Infrastructure/Fleet to remedy vehicle/asset issues

Stakeholder Engagement:

- Held a meeting with the CDCS team regarding Team Leader training.
- Meeting with NT Health Community Grant Hub to discuss service delivery updates.
- Engagement with the Indigenous Aged Care Quality Framework for quality review updates – BRC passed this review successfully.

Training:

- Ongoing staff training, including toolbox sessions and online courses.
- Several staff documents, such as Working with Children (WWC) and Police Checks, are in the process of renewal.



- Coordination with Response Training in Darwin for training with Food safety Supervisor skill set, Certificate III in Individual Support, First Aid and CPR and Basic food safety

Upcoming Activities

- All five Aged Care team leader and staff are encouraged to conduct weekly/ fortnightly open day for clients. Activities can include BBQ's, art activity, connection and socialising with each other, watching television, and enjoying meals at the centre with other clients.

All reporting is up to date.

Community Services teams would like to request the Local Authority to encourage community members to engage with employment as there are positions available. Our focus is on local employment and assist Ali Curung community participate in delivering all programs successfully.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

Nil

Officers' Reports

6.5 Infrastructure and Fleet Services Report

Author Surya Godavarthi (Director of Infrastructure and Fleet)




RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the report from the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Infrastructure Fleet Ali Curung LA Report Feb-2025 [6.5.1 - 3 pages]
 2. Ali Curung Grandstand 2 [6.5.2 - 2 pages]
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Ali Curung										
Infrastructure Department - Project Status Report - 18/02/2025										
Shade Structures- Ali Curung										
Sl.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
1	BRC 013-24	Shade structures- Ali Curung	LA	\$34,500	Completed in July-2024	August 2024	Sep 2024	Completed	Two shade structures for the Ali Curung Community were requested by the Local Authority (LA), with funding and location commitments made on 18/09/24.	Completed
Photos Showing the shade structures										
										

SL.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
2	BRC 012-24	Basketball Court- Murray Downs	LA	\$42,358	Completed in July-2024	Complted	Oct 2024	Jan-25	The project has been scoped to replace three poles and four sheets, and the Local Authority (LA) has approved funding for installing bollards around the basketball court to enhance security.	Completed

Photos Showing Condition of Basketball Court: Before and After





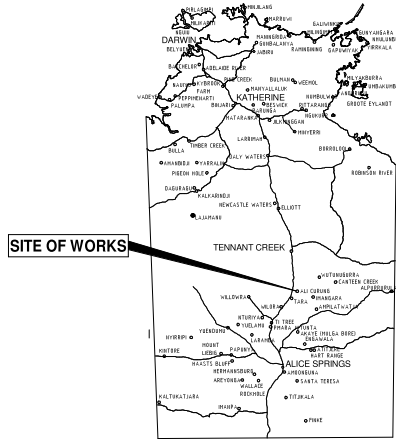
Ali Curung - Speed Humps and Road Signs

Sl.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
3	BRC 040-24	Speed Humps & Regulatory speed signs	LA	\$25,000	Completed in Dec-2025	Completed	Oct-24	Feb-25	The project has been scoped to supply and install speed humps and regulatory signs in the community	The signs have been delivered to Ali Curung. Operations team will proceed with the installation.

Ali Curung - Grandstand

Sl.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
4	BRC 003-25	Design and Construction of Grandstand	-	-	Complete by Jun-25	-	Sep-2024	-	The project has been scoped to design and construct new grandstand in Ali Curung	The initial design has been received, and we are now awaiting community consultation and approval before proceeding further.

ALI CURUNG COMMUNITY - CONCEPT DRAWINGS - PROPOSED GRANDSTAND AND FACILITIES PROJECT



LOCALITY MAP



DRAWING SCHEDULE	
Sheet No.	Drawing Title
A01	COVER SHEET
A02	GROUND LEVEL FLOOR PLAN
A03	GRANDSTAND LEVEL FLOOR PLAN
A04	ELEVATIONS
A05	ELEVATIONS

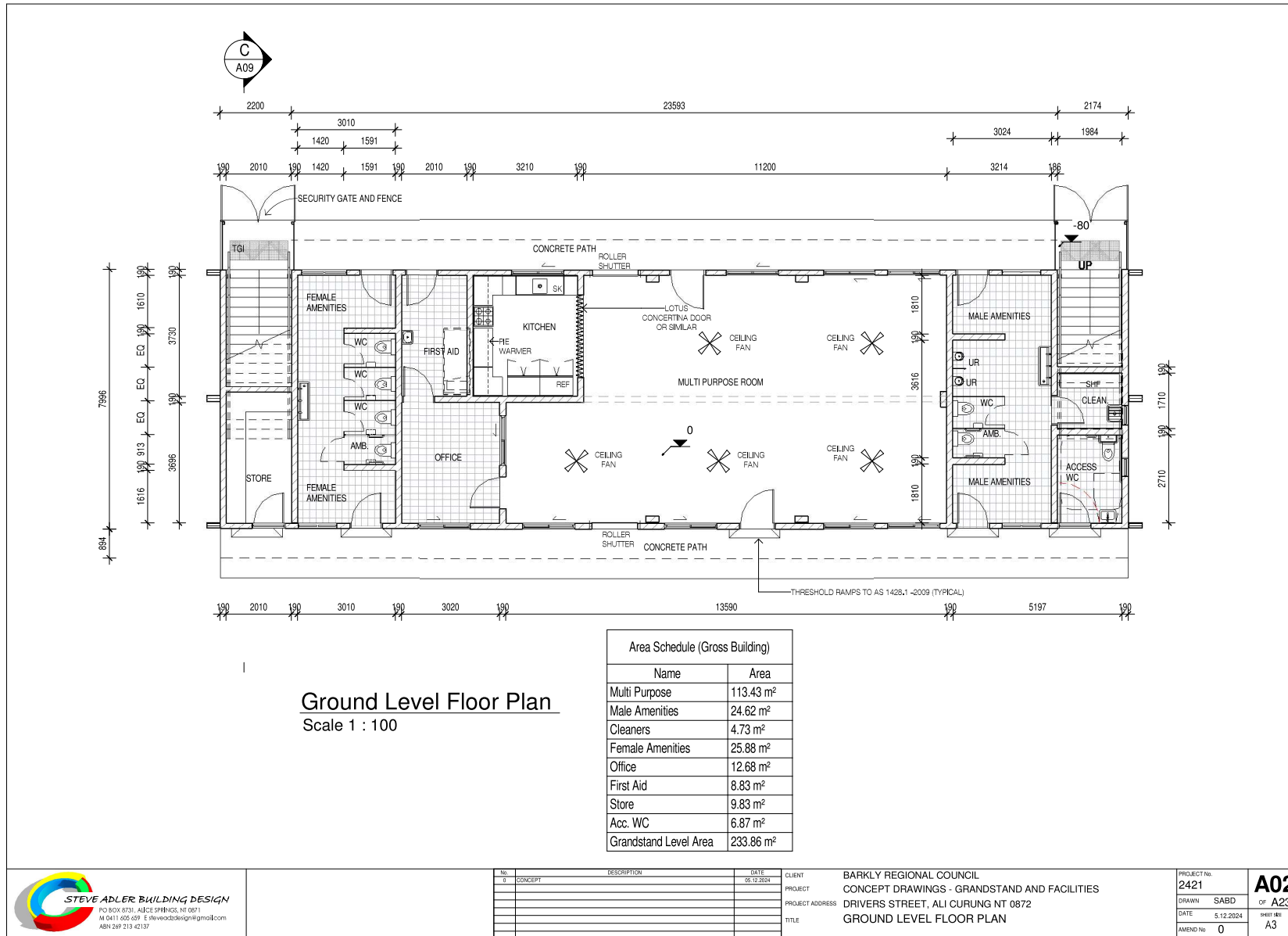


No.	DESCRIPTION	DATE
0	CONCEPT	05.12.2024

CLIENT BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
 PROJECT CONCEPT DRAWINGS - GRANDSTAND AND FACILITIES
 PROJECT ADDRESS DRIVERS STREET, ALI CURUNG NT 0872
 TITLE COVER SHEET

PROJECT No.	2421
DRAWN	SABD
DATE	5.12.2024
AMEND No.	0

A01
 OF A23
 SHEET SIZE
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No.	DESCRIPTION	DATE
1	CONCEPT	05.12.2024

CLIENT BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
 PROJECT CONCEPT DRAWINGS - GRANDSTAND AND FACILITIES
 PROJECT ADDRESS DRIVERS STREET, ALI CURUNG NT 0872
 TITLE GROUND LEVEL FLOOR PLAN

PROJECT No.	2421	A02
DRAWN	SABD	
DATE	5.12.2024	SHEET 4/4
AMEND No.	0	A3

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ITEM NUMBER: 6.6
TITLE: Tyre machines install at Murray Downs.

Reference <Enter Ref here>
Author Brody Moore (Chief Operations Officer)

SUMMARY

The report provides LA with information in relation to the repairs to workshop garage and installation of Tyre fitting equipment at Imangara Community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority

- a. **Receive and note the Chief Operations Officer report in relations to repairs to workshop garage and installation of Tyre fitting equipment at Imangara Community.**
- b. **Discuss the report and make the necessary decision on how they wish to proceed.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Tyre fitting machine and air compressor purchased with LA funds have been in storage for some time pending confirmation of a safe place to install at Imanaga community.

Imangara community have asked for the equipment to be installed in the workshop owned by the community which was built and set up years ago from community funding provided from CLC.

The workshop area needs to be brought up to a safe standard prior to installation – new front doors, electrical fitness check, fence repaired, and yard tidy-up needs to be done.

The information available shows that CLC does not own or lease any property or infrastructure in Imangara community. Imangara Aboriginal Corporation (IAC) holds the title for the community living area, and CLC provides support to the Aboriginal Corporation. The community development unit works with members of IAC and other community members, to plan projects with their own (limited) income from leases or other sources.

The suggestion is that following restoring the workshop to a functional and safe space, that the community would like to have ownership and management over the space. There is a scope for the community to use their CD funding for the ongoing repairs, maintenance, and management of the workshop space.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

ISSUES



If the workshop repairs fit within that scope where LA funds can be used.

OPTIONS

This has already been asked for and informed is within guidelines

Resolve to accept to and allocate funds to repair workshop infrastructure, conduct electrical fitness check, clear, and tidy the workshop yard, installation of air compressor and Tyre changing machine including mounting air hoses and accessories.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

If LA resolves to allocate funds towards the project, they will incur costs which are not yet known as it requires seeking quotations for the required work.

CONSULTATION

CLC Staff Member

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Local Authority Response Funding [6.6.1 - 1 page]
 2. 2023-24-local-authority-funding-guidelines yu Btmhccd 0 yx R D 6 m W 363 Tw [6.6.2 - 5 pages]
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The Council's response to Local Authority requests on funding projects.

Advise received from LGU is that - Referring to the funding guidelines:

“Where funds are to be used for a purpose outside the council's sole control, or on an asset or land that is not owned or controlled by council, the council must consider the liability and insurance requirements associated with that project. All risks associated with the project are to be managed by the council. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development will not be held responsible for any liability or ongoing costs arising out of the use of these funds.”

Therefore, it is strongly suggested to take appropriate underwriting arrangements before starting project. Funding guidelines are attached for your reference.

Local Authority Project Funding

Funding Guidelines - 2023-24 onwards

Purpose

Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) is funding provided to regional councils to support priority projects in individual communities recommended by a local authority through a community consultation process.

Objectives

The objectives of the program are to:

- Support the timely delivery of priority projects recommended by a community through their local authority.
- Assist in building improved communities by providing funding assistance for community priority projects that facilitates community activity.
- Promote community engagement and involvement in and representation to regional councils through local authorities.
- Promote the development of local authority capacity to represent, govern and engage with their communities and positively influence the business of council.

Funding Pool

LAPF funding is allocated by the Department for each local authority based on a pre-set formula. Funding is allocated only to those local authorities published in the guidelines made by the Minister for Local Government under Part 5.1 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

The level of LAPF offered annually for each local authority will be fixed for the term of the council.

Local Authority Project Recommendations and Approvals

As part of the budget development process, regional councils must work with individual local authorities to develop a list of projects that are identified and prioritised through a community engagement process.

The list of recommended projects should ensure projects can be delivered within the time frame allowed to retain and fully expend LAPF funds. Projects must be completed within two years, or in the case of approved major projects, four years.

Details of projects to be delivered with the LAPF are to be published in the council's annual budget with each local authority's budget.

Tip: While prioritising projects councils should consider timelines and potential delays, such as availability of trades and materials or negotiation of leases with the relevant land council, and prioritise projects accordingly. For example, if a project will take more than a year to deliver because of the need to obtain permits and leases, work should commence on securing those permits and leases but another project that can be delivered within a shorter timeline should be prioritised for completion with available funding.

The local authority must pass a resolution for each project the LAPF will be used for. If the priority of projects changes during the financial year, the local authority must also pass a resolution at a local authority meeting. A copy of the minutes must then be formally considered by the regional council at its next council meeting for consideration and ratification.

The council should ensure projects are considered and approved as expeditiously as possible. Feedback should be provided to the local authority and the community as soon as projects are approved.

If a local authority project is not approved, the local authority is to be advised of the reasons for this decision by council.

Tip: Council may consider holding a special meeting if there is a long delay before the next ordinary council meeting and there are a number of local authority projects to consider.

Delegation of LAPF decision making to local authorities

A regional council may delegate powers to individual local authorities including the authority to allocate and approve projects the LAPF funding is to be used for. The minutes of the local authority meeting is to form part of the council's meeting agenda papers for noting and implementation. The council CEO must action the local authority's decision as soon as practical.

Major Projects

A major project is where a regional council intends to deliver a project combining more than two years' LAPF funding into a single project. The major project must be completed within four years of receipt of the original year's LAPF funding.

The council must submit a project plan on the required template to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet for approval of all local authority projects that seek to combine funding in this way.

NOTE: Regardless of whether a council has delegated decision making to its local authority, all major project plans must only be submitted by the regional council (not the local authority) for approval. If a project is not commenced by the planned date or there are delays caused by the council then the full value of funds may be required to be repaid.

Specific details of the project must be published in the regional council's annual budget for the relevant local authority. The major project's progress is to be submitted as part of the annual grant acquittal process.

Joint projects/pooled funds

LAPF funds can be pooled with funds from Council or another entity for a particular project. The LAPF can either be used as a payment contribution to an external agency or entity; or an external agency or entity may provide funds to the regional council to pool with the LAPF.

In these cases, the council should document an agreement which clearly details the financial contributions, roles and responsibilities of each of the parties to ensure the successful delivery of the project. Factors such as risk considerations before, during and after completion of the project must be taken into consideration if funds are to be pooled with other entities (see also Risk Management below).

Where funds are provided by an external agency to the regional council to pool with the LAPF, the management of all funds must comply with all legislative requirements applicable to the council including the *Local Government Act 2019* and related *Local Government General Regulations 2021*.

Pre-conditions

If the proposed project relies on pre-conditions (such as the acquisition of a section 19 lease under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*), then the project should make provision for consultations or pre-conditions in the planning stage and as far as possible factor these requirements into the timelines to ensure LAPF funds are fully spent within the allowable time limit.

Risk Management

Where funds are to be used for a purpose outside the council's sole control, or on an asset or land that is not owned or controlled by council, the council must consider the liability and insurance requirements associated with that project.

For example:

- Where an asset or land is not owned or controlled by council then agreement of the owner should be secured if possible. If this is not secured then Council should weigh up the risks against consequences for other council or LA work or outcomes in the community if the project is not advanced.

Where funding is pooled and a project is to be delivered in partnership with another organisation, a risk management plan should be in place to mitigate risks and clarify responsibilities including:

- Project Lead or Coordination Committee and Project Manager
- Appropriate insurance and any underwriting arrangements
- Who will maintain records, verify invoices, make payments
- Compliance with regulatory requirements
- Certification, acquittal and reporting
- Evaluation.

All risks associated with the project are to be managed by the council. The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet will not be held responsible for any liability or ongoing costs arising out of the use of these funds.

What can LAPF be used for?

Without limiting the scope of projects the LAPF can be used for, provided below are examples of acceptable use of the funding. The list below is not exhaustive and if clarification is required then advice should be sought from the Local Government Unit of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example park fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example trailers, graders, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures/stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities. For example sporting venues, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation; upgrade of women's or men's sheds /shelters.
- Festivals or other events – to be conducted only within the Local Authority area LAPF has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

What LAPF shouldn't be used for?

- Purchase of motor vehicles, with the exception of graders, and fuel expenses
- Payment of recurrent staff salaries or entitlements; or recurrent operating costs of council
- Cash prizes or sponsorships
- Meeting costs and associated payments to local authority members
- Travel costs or any form of allowances
- Purposes that are not related to local government services and that should be addressed by an NT or federal government agency.
- Administration and/or project management fees are not to be levied on this grant funding.

Council employee costs

Council employee costs directly related to the delivery of a specific approved LAPF project, such as constructing a playground, or producing flyers and organising a community event, are permitted to be expensed against the LAPF. However ongoing employee costs or employees costs not directly related to the delivery of a specific LAPF project are not permitted to be costed to the LAPF.

Process for Grant Payment

At the beginning of each financial year regional councils will receive a letter of offer and acceptance documentation from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet detailing the LAPF allocation being offered to each individual local authority.

LAPF will only be paid following an assessment of the grant acquittal and confirmation that funds have been used as per the terms and conditions of the grant, and the LAPF grant acceptance form is signed and returned to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

Where a grant acquittal does not appear to meet the terms and conditions of the grant, then payment of that particular local authority's funding may be withheld until all queries have been resolved.

Reports to the Local Authority

At each local authority meeting, a report is to be submitted by the council detailing the total amount of funding available and spent on each local authority project under this program in that financial year.

Funds Management

- The LAPF must be fully expended within two years, or in the case of major projects within four years, of receipt of funding.
- All approved projects are required to be procured in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* and, as far as practical under the NT Government's Buy Local Plan.
- A funding acquittal for the year ended 30 June for each local authority must be submitted in the required format on or before 31 August in each year. Failure to provide the financial reports by 31 August will result in delays in paying further funds.
- Failure to expend the grant within the time limit, major delays, or lack of significant progress may result in the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet withholding a LAPF payment for a local authority or seeking repayment of funds.
- Requests to carry-over unspent funds after the allowed time limit are to be submitted via email to: lg.grants@nt.gov.au. All requests will be considered on a case by case basis and approval is not automatic.
- The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet reserves the right to withhold future LAPF funds if the regional council has not completed the project within the agreed time limit; or may request all unspent funds to be repaid if there is little or no progress on the major project.
- The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet reserves the right to request the full value of the grant to be returned if the council disposes of an asset acquired with this funding within four years of the payment of the grant.

For further information please contact lg.grants@nt.gov.au

7 REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Regional Council's Proposed Regional Plan

ITEM NUMBER: 7.1
TITLE: Local Authority Priority Projects.

Reference <Enter Ref here>
Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

SUMMARY

This report provides Ali Curung LA with lists of their wish list previously provided to Council together with their 2024-25 priority projects.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority

- a. **Note the Ali Curung LA wish list below and the attached 2024-25 priority projects.**
- b. **Provides Council with the 2025-26 priority projects for Ali Curung Local Authority Area for inclusion into the Regional Plan.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The below wish list was picked from LA's previous discussion and recommendations to Council. LA is asked to review and may make any amendment, addition, or subtraction to the wish list and the 2024-25 priority projects attached. Advise the Council on the Ali Curung's priority projects for 2025-26.

Ali Curung wish list.

- Additional funding for Youth Centre
- Splash pad
- Shade structures
- Park benches
- Grader
- Upgrade oval
- Accessible children's playgrounds

ATTACHMENTS:

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Ali Curung Project Priorities

The Ali Crung Local Authority has identified the following priorities:

- + Progressing the new Youth, Sports and Recreation facility
- + Football Oval – grassed and irrigated
- + Football Oval – new fence , toilet /changeroom block and scoreboard
- + Solar lights at main parks and dark areas in community
- + New shelters at ceremony areas with water taps
- + New fence at Basketball courts
- + BBQ in parks and dancing ground
- + Roads re-surfaced.
- + Community Bus
- + New outdoor movie screen



8 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

ITEM NUMBER: 8.1
TITLE: Power and Water Ali Curung Emergency Power Presentation

Reference <Enter Ref here>
Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

SUMMARY

The report provides LA with the notice of presentation to be made by Power and Water during the LA meeting. Members are encouraged to consult with their community and find out what the community would like raised with power and water during the presentation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority

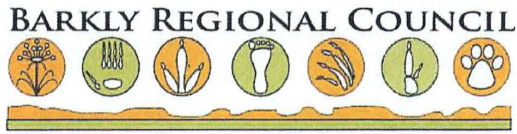
- a. **Receives and notes that the Power and Water team have requested to attend Ali Curung LA and make a presentation relating to Ali Curung Emergency power generation.**
- b. **Prepare to ask questions or discuss with Power and Water all issues of concerns affecting Ali Curung in relations to power and water.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Power and Water have requested to make a presentation to Ali Curung LA in relation to emergency power generation. The team encourages the community to ask questions regarding any issue of concern during this presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Power and Water Presentation [8.1.1 - 1 page]
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Request to make a Presentation

(Request must be made in writing one week before a meeting).

Dear Chair of the _____,

I am requesting your permission to make a presentation to the Ali Curung LA meeting _____ on ___/___/_____
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Give the Information about

Power and Water is keen to present to the Ali Curung community about emergency power generation.

Power and Water would welcome questions from the community on other topics of interest.

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

Stuart Eassie, Senior Manager Network Planning and Design, will attend the meeting. He will be supported by another team member, however this team member is yet to be confirmed.

*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: Rebecca Cass

Organisation: Power and Water

Contact details: rebecca.cass@powerwater.com.au or 0418 683 696

Signed: *Rebecca Cass*

Date: 17 February 2025

CEO to complete:

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

Signed: *Anna - COO*

Date: 17-02-2025

Visitor Presentations

ITEM NUMBER: 8.2

TITLE: Presentation on community mediation.

Reference <Enter Ref here>

Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

SUMMARY

The report gives LA notice of a presentation by Amiel Nubaha on a community mediation project in the Barkly Region.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority

- a. **Receives and notes that there will be a presentation by Amiel Nubaha on a community mediation project in the Barkly Region.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Amiel Nubaha is working with Tristan Duggie and Valda Shannon on a community mediation project in the Barkly Region.

The initiative is working with the community to develop a community –led response to conflict.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Form- Local- Authority- Presentation- Request-12.02.2025 [**8.2.1** - 1 page]
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Request to make a Presentation to a Local Authority

(Request must be made in writing one week before a Local Authority meeting).

Dear Chair of the Ali Curung Local Authority,

I am requesting your permission to make a presentation to the Ali Curung Local Authority on 24/02/25

Give the Local Authority Information about

My name is Amiel Nubaha and I am working with Tristan Duggie and Valda Shannon on a community mediation project in the Barkly, with a particular focus on Ali Curung, Elliott and Tennant Creek. This initiative is working with the community to develop a community-led response to conflict. As part of our ongoing work in Ali Curung, we would appreciate the opportunity to provide an update on our progress with community and seek your feedback on how we can improve our engagement with community. We are also interested to explore how the Local Authority can offer feedback and contribute to this initiative in Ali Curung.

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

Introduction to the Community Justice Centre
Overview of the Community Mediation and Peacemaking Initiative
Update on progress in Ali Curung
Questions and Discussion

*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: Amiel Nubaha
Organisation: Community Justice Centre
Contact details: 0475 237 223
Signed: [Signature]
Date: 12/02/2025

Local Authority Chair to complete:

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

Signed: [Signature]
Date: 17 Feb 2025

9 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED.

10 CLOSE OF MEETING