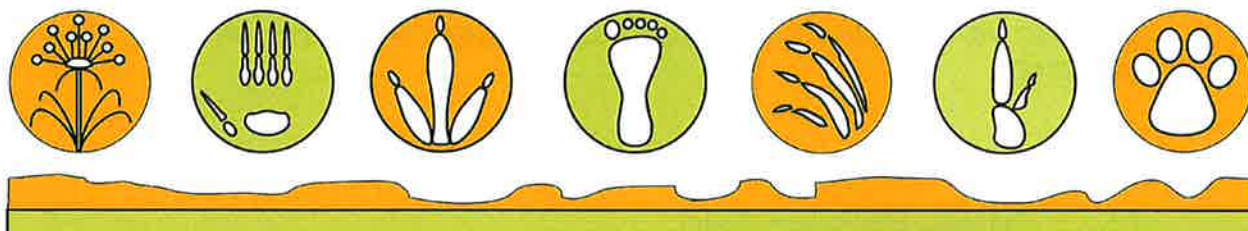


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## AGENDA

### **ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

The Alpurrrulam Local Authority will be held in Alpurrrulam on Wednesday, 14 March 2018 at 1:00pm.

**Steven Moore  
Chief Executive Officer**

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# AGENDA

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**MEETING TO COMMENCE WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

**1 OPENING & ATTENDANCE**

- 1.1 Authority Members Present
- 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present
- 1.3 Apologies to be accepted
- 1.4 Absent without Apology
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**5 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS BREAKDOWN**

*Nil*

**6 CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA**

*Nil*

**7 BRC'S REPSONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED**

*Nil*

**8 SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA**

*Nil*

**9 LASTEST FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT**

*Nil*

**10 REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR**

*Nil*

**11 THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S POLICY ON DELEGATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS**

*Nil*

**12 THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN**

*Nil*

**13 THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR**

*Nil*

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**14 BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA**

*Nil*

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**16 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**

*Nil*

**17 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

*Nil*

**18 CLOSE OF MEETING**



## **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 2.1  
**TITLE** Confirmation of Previous Minutes  
**REFERENCE** 228977  
**AUTHOR** Mark Parsons, Operations Director

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Alpurrurulam Local Authority Meeting held on 14 February 2018

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 ALPURRURULAM LA - UNCONFIRMED MINUTES - 14.02.2018.pdf



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### MINUTES

### ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2018**

The Alpurrrurulam Local Authority was held in Alpurrrurulam on Wednesday, 7 February 2018 at 11:00am.

**Steven Moore**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

Meeting commenced at 11:40am with Cameron Long as chair.

## **1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

### **1.1 Elected Members Present**

Meredith Morton  
Doreen Kelly  
Clarence Campbell  
Cameron Long  
Cr. Jennifer Mahoney  
Mayor Steve Edgington

### **1.2 Staff And Visitors Present**

Troy Koch – BRC Area Manager  
Mark Parsons – BRC Director Operations  
Katie Walker – BRC Animal Control  
Michelle Heinen – BRC Senior Customer Service Officer (Minutes)

### **1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted**

Garry Koppes  
Gordon Long

### **1.4 Absent Without Apologies**

Valerie Campbell

### **1.5 Disclosure Of Interest**

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

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **2.1 ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES - 13 DECEMBER 2017**

#### **MOTION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of Alpurrrulam Local Authority Meeting held 14 November 2017 as a true and accurate record
- c) Confirm the minutes of Alpurrrulam Local Authority Meeting held 13 December 2017 as a true and accurate record

**Moved: LA Member C Campbell**

**Seconded: LA Member D Kelly**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved 1/18

### 3. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

#### 3.1 ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST

##### MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note attached Action list
- b) Note all completed actions be removed

Moved: LA Member C Long

Seconded: LA Member D Kelly

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 2/18

### 4. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

#### 4.1 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

##### MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

Moved: LA Member C Campbell

Seconded: LA Member C Long

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 3/18

#### 4.2 AREA MANAGER REPORT JANUARY 2018

##### MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

Moved: LA Member C Long

Seconded: LA Member C Campbell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 4/18

**5. LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS BREAKDOWN**

*Nil*

**6. CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA**

*Nil*

**7. BRC'S REPSONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED**

*Nil*

**8. SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA**

*Nil*

**9. LASTEST FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT**

**9.1 LATEST FINANCIAL QUATERLY REPORT**

**MOTION**

That the Authority

- a)Receive and note the report

Moved:Cr. Jennifer Mahoney

Seconded: LA Member C Campbell

**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved 5/18

**10. REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR**

*Nil*

**11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S POLICY ON DELEGATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS**

*Nil*

**12. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN**

*Nil*

**13. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR**

*Nil*

**14. BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA**

*Nil*

**15. OTHER BUSINESS**



**15.1 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT****MOTION**

**That the Authority**

**a)Receive and note the verbal presentation from Katie Walker**

**It was agreed that 20K to be given to be able to provide a Animal Control service in Alpururulam**

**Moved: LA Member D Kelly**

**Seconded: LA Member C Campbell**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved 6/18*

**16. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**

*Nil*

**17. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

*Nil*

**18. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Closed 1:35pm

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Alpururulam Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Wednesday, 14 February 2018 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 14 March 2018.

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Steve Edgington  
Mayor

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Steve Moore  
Chief Executive Officer

## **ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 3.1  
**TITLE** Action List From 14 November 2017  
**REFERENCE** 228780  
**AUTHOR** Mark Parsons, Operations Director

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and Note the action list
- b) Note all actions completed since last meeting

### **SUMMARY:**


### **BACKGROUND**


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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 action list for March meeting.pdf

| <div>  <div> <b>BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL</b><br/> <b>ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY</b><br/> <b>ONGOING ACTION LIST</b> </div> <div> Updated after 14<br/> February 2018<br/> Meeting </div> </div> |   |  |               |               |  |
|---|---|--|---------------|---------------|--|
| MEETING DATE  | TASK / PROJECT  | ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN  | BUDGET SOURCE | ACTION LEADER | COMPLETED/STATUS   |
| 1<br>26.11.15   | LA Authority request research undertaken for the viability of repairing public toilets or alternatively purchasing portable | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make Recommendations to Council for purchase of portable toilets.</li> <li>Research cost of buying portable toilets for the LA to use at community activities.</li> </ul> | LA            | Area Manager  | Status update to be given to the LA on May 5 2016 on cost of repair vs portable toilets and servicing them.<br>Photo's of portable toilets were presented to LA by Area Manager with rough costing.<br>Pricing for 2 separate portable toilets required. LA did not want them on the same trailer.<br><b>ONGOING</b> |
| 2<br>14.11.17   | LA Authority request roles of visitors to Alpururulam be followed up by AM and Chairman                                     |  |               | Area Manager  | Attachments placed in LA Members' folders.<br><b>ONGOING</b>   |
| 3<br>14.11.17   | LA request quotes for toilets/ kitchen to be built at the Shiny Shed ( Lot 64) Youth Sport and Recreation Building          | AM, Maxie Ray, Gordon Long Reggie Nelson and Janjani JHA to consult on design  | LA            | Area Manager  | <b>PENDING Funding Allocated</b>   |
| 4<br>14.11.17   | LA requests a quote to insulate the Shiny Shed on Lot 64.   | Contact Insulation companies and obtain quote as part of the work on the upgrade tot eh Shiny Shed.  | LA            | Area Manager  | <b>PENDING Funding Allocated</b>   |
| 5<br>14.02.18   | Police Support in Alpururulam   | Mayor to follow up on lack of Police Resources in Alpururulam  |               | Mayor         |  |

| BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL   |          |                              | ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY  |    |              | Updated after 14 February 2018 Meeting |  |
|---|----------|------------------------------|---|----|--------------|--|--|
|  |          |                              | ONGOING ACTION LIST   |    |              |  |  |
| 6   | 14.02.18 | Community Footy Team Jumpers | Quotes to be obtained for Jumpers, Shorts & Socks   | LA | Area Manager |  |  |
| 7   | 14.02.18 | Airport Plaque               | Further investigation into the legislation of upgrading the plaque with Governance  | LA | Area Manager |  |  |
| 8   | 14.02.18 | Sorry Business               | Further discussion is required with Community Elders in regards to a better way of requesting sorry days as its affecting service delivery. |    | LA Members   |  |  |

## AREA MANAGERS REPORT

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**ITEM NUMBER** 4.1  
**TITLE** Area Managers Report for Alpururulam  
**REFERENCE** 229022  
**AUTHOR** Mark Parsons, Operations Director

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Authority

- a) Receive and note Alpururulam Area Manager report.

### SUMMARY:

#### Highlights

1. Grader has been returned and is ready for use
2. Employment of extra municipal workers and a senior customer service officer
3. Senior customer service officer received training in Tech1 and the council finance system while in Tennant Creek

#### Issues

1. Citrix having slight issues where it slows down making work slow but otherwise works decently.
2. Numerous power outages over the last month, ESO is working closely with power and water to resolve this issue in a timely manner.
3. There is currently no police presence in the community which has seen a rise in alcohol related incidents and other disruptive behaviours around the community, local police informed that there was no police relief scheduled in the foreseeable future.

### BACKGROUND

### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

### CONSULTATION & TIMING

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 ALPURRURULAM FEBRUARY 2018 AREA MANAGER REPORT.docx

## **AREA MANAGER REPORT – Alpururulam**

### **Month – February 2018**

#### **VISITORS TO ALPURRURULAM:**

- CLC held meeting
- George Peckham BRC (night patrol)
- Health (Doctor)
- Mark Parsons (Director of Operations).
- Steve Edgington (Mayor)
- Hearing Health Team

#### **GENERAL:**

- We have employed 2 new Municipal/Depot workers and they have commenced work on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February.
- The Service Delivery Centre is doing a good job delivering the Postal and Centrelink services again with only one staff member present for most of the month. We have filled the Senior Customer Service Officer Position and successful applicant started on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January.
- The Aged Care Team Leader continues to do a good job as does her team. The new employee has started and at present has a poor attendance record which may result in her being replaced.
- Our ESO is meeting all PAWA contractual requirements and has completed quarterly power and water billing reads.
- Night Patrol has received two resignations this month with advertisement to replace them to go out shortly.
- Our Grader was returned this month.

- On the 25<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) we had a large fire (3 to 4 acres) in the bush between the community and the rubbish dump. We restricted the area burnt by using the grader to put in fire breaks and used the fire truck to put out spot fires.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Grader being returned to us.
- The employment of extra Municipal Workers and the Senior Customer Service Officer.
- With the Service Delivery Centre having been painted we are in the middle of changing the layout of the Office to make it more usable for both the community and the Council.
- The Senior Customer Service Officer has received training in Tennant Creek on Tech One and the Councils Finance systems.

## ISSUES:

Citrix is working well with no outages although it still slows down at times, but generally speaking it is as good as it has ever been.

We have had numerous power outages over the last month with 1 Genset is off line for most of February, we are also having an outage at least 2 – 3 times a week and I am told that this is due to the Solar Station and the Power Station not communicating through the computers correctly - the ESO has been working closely with Power and Water to have these issues resolved.

We no longer have a permanent Police presence in Alpururulam and it has been this way for almost 3 weeks. We have seen in the last 3 weeks an increase in alcohol related incidents vehicles, hooning around the community and general disruptions in a normally quiet community. In speaking to the local Police before they left they informed me that there is no scheduled relief Police for Alpururulam in the foreseeable future. We are currently covered by Avon Downs Police who at present are covering from Borrooloola to the Queensland Border and only have one fit member (the other is on light duties).



Above is a picture of our local Police Station where a community member has been "spinning his car" or doing doughnut. This has been reported to the Police.

### LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDING

|   |                      |                |   |   |
|---|----------------------|----------------|---|---|
| <b>LA Funding total</b>   | <b>\$ 180,389.93</b> |                |   |   |
| <b>Acquittal date funding</b>   |                      | <b>Project</b> | <b>Resolution No in LA Minutes/Date</b> | <b>Endorsed by Council Resolution No/Date</b> |
| <b>Committed not expended (list projects and amounts) Must be minuted</b> | <b>\$</b>            |                |   |   |
|   |                      |                |   |   |
|   |                      |                |   |   |
|   |                      |                |   |   |
| <b>Completed Projects (list projects and amounts)</b>                     | <b>\$</b>            |                |   |   |
| <b>Total Funding unexpended</b>   | <b>\$ 180,389.93</b> |                |   |   |

CORE BUSINESS and PROGRAMS (n/a if Program not run in community) As much detail as is necessary for the Directors – this section does not go to Council unless the Director decides something should

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>ADMINISTRATION</b> | AM 90 Hours Staff 304 hours only one staff member this month covering post office, Centrelink AM covering all other duties. |
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|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>DEPOT</b>                | AM 42 Hours Staffing 760 total hours Slashing, cutting around the community is continuing as well as normal Municipal Services. |
| <b>ESSENTIAL SERVICES</b>   | AM 10 Hours plus 96 hrs on call Staffing 152 total hours Dave continues to meet PAWA requirements                               |
| <b>SPORT &amp; REC</b>      | AM 20 Hours Staffing 272 total hours  |
| <b>AGED CARE</b>            | AM 50 Hours Staffing 492 total hours Aged care is performing well with probably the best attendance this month..                |
| <b>NIGHT PATROL</b>         | AM 15 Hours Staffing 300 hours. The Night Patrol service this month has been good with staff going out for training.            |
| <b>AREA MANAGERS TRAVEL</b> | AM 3 Days in Tennant Creek 1120km   |
| <b>HOMELANDS</b>            | N/A   |
| <b>SAFE HOUSE</b>           | N/A   |
| <b>WATERPARK</b>            | N/A   |
| <b>LIBRARY</b>              | N/A   |
| <b>PLAY GROUP</b>           | N/A   |

## OTHER

The extreme hot weather (40+ degrees daily) continues with out respite which has got all of the community on edge and tensions are starting to rise.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 15.1  
**TITLE** Alpururulam Local Authority Finance Report  
**REFERENCE** 229260  
**AUTHOR** Mark Parsons, Operations Director

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Alpururulam Finance Report.pdf

1500A The Barfly is a strong and vibrant force that values and respects its cultural diversity

**Local Authority Allocation**  
**Project: 405**  
**Aplurrurulam**

| Budget                                  | Income and Expenditures |                  |                  |                   |                     |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|   | 2014-2015               | 2015-2016        | 2016-2017        | 2017-2018         | Total               |
| <b>INCOME</b>                           |                         |                  |                  |                   |                     |
| Operating                               |                         |                  |                  |                   |                     |
| Grants Received                         | 193,588.73              | 67,751.00        | 67,751.00        |                   | 193,588.73          |
| <b>INCOME TOTAL</b>                     | <b>193,588.73</b>       | <b>67,751.00</b> | <b>67,751.00</b> | <b>0.00</b>       | <b>193,588.73</b>   |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                      |                         |                  |                  |                   |                     |
| LA Funding Expended                     |                         |                  |                  |                   |                     |
| Apr-16 Remedial Roadworks               | 13,198.80               |                  |                  |                   | 13,198.80           |
| LA Funding Committed                    |                         |                  |                  |                   |                     |
| Dec-17 Shiny Shed Refurbishment         | 180,393.00              | 67,751.00        | 67,754.07        |                   | 180,393.00          |
| Feb-18 Animal Management Activities     | \$ 20,000.00            |                  | \$ 20,000.00     | \$ 20,000.00      | \$ 20,000.00        |
| <b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>                | <b>213,591.80</b>       | <b>67,751.00</b> | <b>67,754.07</b> | <b>20,000.00</b>  | <b>213,591.80</b>   |
| <b>Balance of funds to be committed</b> | <b>-20,003.07</b>       | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>-3.07</b>     | <b>-20,000.00</b> | <b>-\$20,003.07</b> |

Approved Minutes  
 Expenditure Date  
 May-16  
 PO Raised: 14-02-2018

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 15.2  
**TITLE** Letter from the Acting Chief Minister  
**REFERENCE** 229299  
**AUTHOR** Mark Parsons, Operations Director

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Acting Chief minister to Mayor Edgington 128.02.2018 .pdf



## ACTING CHIEF MINISTER

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Mr Steven Edgington  
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Barkly Regional Council  
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Via Email: [steven.edgington@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:steven.edgington@barkly.nt.gov.au)

Dear Mayor Steve,

Thank you for your letter of 21 December 2017 outlining the recent achievements of the Barkly Regional Council. I commend your Council on its leadership. Your letter also sought responses to a number of questions related specifically to Tennant Creek and the Barkly district.

Please find a detailed response to your questions at Attachment A. If you seek further clarification to specific responses, please contact Mr Martin Plumb, Regional Director, Department of the Chief Minister on telephone (08) 8962 4434.

Yours sincerely

NICOLE MANISON

28 FEB 2018



**Question 1**

*When will the residents of Alpururulam, Wutunugurra, Canteen Creek and Imangara become part of the national telecommunications network and be able to access mobile phone and fixed broadband services?*

The communities Wutunugurra, Canteen Creek and Imangara were all considered for the NTG/Telstra Co-investment program but unfortunately were unsuccessful in the analysis using the criteria for the Co-investment program. Alpururulam is still under consideration.

Future programs would consider small communities (populations around 100-200 people). These communities are generally very isolated with high cost to deliver services (around \$5 million each).

Imangara has a Centre for Appropriate Technology mobile phone hotspot installed under a grant provided by the NTG; residents can use this hotspot for mobile phone services.

Please contact Kate Lassan from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet directly on telephone (02) 6152 3783 for a response to this question in relation to other possible Federal funding for remote communities.

**Question 2**

*Residents at Alpururulam advise they were promised a new morgue quite some time ago. When will the new morgue be constructed and available for use?*

- Design documentation and planning approval for the construction of a new morgue facility at Alpururulam was completed to enable the project documentation to be prepared for tender in July 2017.
- Prior to tender, however, concerns were raised by community members about the proposed location of the facility.
- On 3 August 2017, a community consultation concerning the location of the morgue was held on site at the health clinic in Alpururulam with the community, Department of Housing and Community Development and all relevant stakeholders. Agreement was obtained that the morgue would be relocated to the adjacent lot forming part of the health clinic lease.
- Due to the change in lots, the Project Manager, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, was required to engage the designer to both reconfigure the design and re-enter the planning phase of the development. Consent to construct and Sacred Site Clearance was subsequently obtained from the Central Land Council at the end of October 2017.
- Procurement of the morgue has commenced and a tender is targeted for late February 2018.
- The Alpururulam morgue is currently expected to be delivered in late May 2018.

**Question 3**

*Residents in Alpururulam advise that new houses being built in the community do not have air-conditioning installed. Given the extreme temperatures often experienced combined with families on low incomes, what is your government's policy regarding installation and maintenance of air-conditioning in public housing?*

- It has been the Department's practice in arid regions to provide evaporative air-conditioning to new builds, except where there are water quality issues or the community is water stressed.
- Alpururulam has both water resource capacity and water quality issues related to salinity, iodine and fluoride, being at the limit or above the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. The community demand has frequently exceeded the available production rate of 5.0 L/s with all current bores operating. On average the production rate is exceeded more than 40% of the time.

- On 3 August 2017, at the Housing Reference Group meeting at Alpururulam, the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics advised members that fans would be installed to new builds and that further advice on air-conditioning would be provided. The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics was unable to attend the next Housing Reference Group meeting and it is unclear whether members received the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics' update.
- Given the decision not to install evaporative air-conditioning, provision was made during construction for tenants to install refrigerated air-conditioning.
- The Barkly Regional Office has spoken with tenants as they signed up for houses and explained that tenants would be able to install refrigerated air-conditioners to their homes themselves.
- In relation to maintenance of air-conditioning in housing with split system air-conditioners; these are considered to be a tenant "alteration or addition" (where the tenant has installed themselves, they own it not the Department) and these are not supplied nor maintained by the Department.
- For houses with evaporative cooling:
  - it has been the Department's practice to maintain existing evaporative coolers; and
  - if the evaporative cooling is not working, it is replaced/repared as required and then subsequently maintained.

#### Question 4

*What are the land tenure arrangements in both South and North Camps at Elliott?*

- Elliott North Camp is located on NT Portion 3720 and 3869 and is Aboriginal freehold land held by the Narwinbi Aboriginal Land Trust.
- Elliott South Camp is located on Lot 62 Town of Elliott and is held under Special Purposes Lease (SPL) 478 which was issued 2 May 1980 (6/8/81) to Wilyugoo Association Incorporated for the purpose of Aboriginal Communal Living.
- In March 2003, Wilyugoo Association Incorporated was dissolved and the lease is now held by the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Department of Attorney-General and Justice (AGD), under Section 67 of the Association Act whereby the property of a dissolved incorporated association vests in the Commissioner. The Commissioner has broad powers to deal with the property under s 68 of the Act and accordingly could transfer the SPL to an Aboriginal corporation that was set up by the residents of the Town Camp.

#### Question 5

*Earlier in the year, a house at South Camp was destroyed by fire and has now been demolished. Will your government be replacing this house? If not, why not? If so, when will construction commence?*

- In November 2017, House 1 at Elliott South Camp was demolished following extensive damage in a house fire.
- The Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Department of Attorney General and Justice (AGD), holds the lease for Elliott South Camp.
- The Department of Housing and Community Development is engaging with AGD regarding options for replacement of House 1.
- The Department has been advised that the former tenant of House 1 has now relocated to Alice Springs.

**Question 6**

*How many dwellings does government have in Elliott, how many are being used for public housing and what number are currently vacant?*

- As at 31 December 2017, the Department of Housing and Community Development has 22 government owned dwellings in Elliott. These are all occupied. Three are being utilised for public housing.

**Question 7**

*Has your government had any discussion with the residents of Elliott regarding government taking a long term lease over the Town Camps to enable housing to be brought up to a standard consistent with other remote communities? If so, what has been the outcome of these discussions and what does your government see as the next steps?*

- The Northern Territory Government has not held discussions with Elliott residents regarding the transfer of Elliot Town Camp leases.
- Issues relating to town camps are to be addressed in the Northern Territory Town Camps Review, which is currently under consideration by Cabinet.

**Question 8**

*Both the North and South Camps at Elliott are in the process of receiving upgrades and improvements to housing being delivered by Triple P Contracting. What plans does your government have to conduct further improvements to housing and will the Room to Breathe program be delivered in Elliott Town Camps?*

The Northern Territory Government made a commitment to invest \$3 million to address housing repairs and maintenance issues in Elliott town camps, a portion of which will be made available to provide additional rooms and/or extensions to address overcrowding in houses at the Elliott Town Camps. Future investment in Town Camps are to be considered as part of the Town Camps Review. The Town Camps in Elliott will continue to receive repairs and maintenance. The Room to Breathe program is targeting the remote communities, not town camps.

**Question 9**

*The Elliott Local Authority advises that it wrote a letter to the Director General of Licensing on 17 May 2017 with the originals posted on 18 May 2017 but to date has not received a reply (Attachment B). Could your government please provide a response to the letter and a copy to my office?*

The Director-General is still considering the options and the most appropriate way forward in relation to the community's request.

**Question 10**

*For 2017-2018 your government through the Department of Tourism and Culture provides our council with \$204,000 to deliver services in Ali Curung, Alpururulam, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra and Elliott. Why is there no funding provided for Wutunugurra and will your government commence funding for this community? If not, why not?*

- Funding outcomes are negotiated each year with recipients and under the 2017/18 agreement Barkly Regional Council has allocated its funding to:
  - support the delivery of 6 hours per week of sport and recreation activities in each of the communities mentioned
  - a contribution to the employment of a Youth, Sport and Recreation Coordinator
  - purchase sporting equipment
  - participation in regional pathway tournaments
  - indirect costs



- Wutunugurra (Epenarra School) received \$10,385 in 2016/17 under the Sport Voucher Scheme, and is eligible as an exempt school under the remote scheme. It has not yet requested funding for 2017/18.

**Question 11**

*How many dwellings does government have in Tennant Creek, how many are being used for public housing and what number are currently vacant?*

- As at 31 December 2017, the Department of Housing and Community Development has 211 government owned dwellings in Tennant Creek, including 157 public housing dwellings, of which 18 are currently unoccupied and are programmed for vacate work, maintenance, upgrades and disposal.

**Question 12**

*Are there any dwellings deemed to be beyond economic repair in Tennant Creek? If so, how many and what is being done to replace them?*

- There are seven properties assessed as beyond economical repair and all are scheduled for replacement to go back into stock for allocation to waitlist applicants.

**Question 13**

*How many families and individuals are on the Tennant Creek public housing waitlist and what is the average wait time to obtain public housing?*

- There are 164 wait list applicants for the township of Tennant Creek. Waiting times are as follows:
  - 1 bedroom - 4-6 years;
  - 2 bedroom - 2-4 years; and
  - 3 bedroom - 4-6 years.

**Question 14**

*When does government expect to auction the latest residential land release in the Peko Road subdivision?*

An options paper is currently being drafted for submission to the Minister on the methodology of release of the lots at Peko Road. It is expected that these lots will be made available for purchase prior to the end of this financial year.

**Question 15**

*Is there a 20 + 20 + 20 year lease in place between the NT Government and Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC) to manage the Tennant Creek Town Camps? If so, can you advise which government agency is responsible for managing this lease?*

There are eight town camps in Tennant Creek, which are all secured by Crown Leases in Perpetuity. The leases are all owned by Julalikari Housing Incorporated. In 2008 agreement was reached to sublease all eight town camps to the statutory body of the Chief Executive Officer (Housing) for an initial period of 20 years with 20+20 year renewals. The subleases are for the purposes of providing public housing.

**Question 16**

*Under the lease arrangement, has JCAC retained responsibility for any portion of the land within the Town Camp boundaries? If so, what area and what is JCAC's responsibility?*

Certain areas of land not required for public housing, or related purposes, have been Underleased to Julalikari Council Aboriginal Council. These areas include community buildings and spaces, child care centres and ceremonial and traditional Aboriginal purpose areas.

**Question 17**

*Which agency is responsible for the delivery of Tenancy and Property Management services for public housing in the Tennant Creek Town Camps and, if the services are being delivered under a contract arrangement, who are the contracted providers?*

- The Department of Housing and Community Development is responsible for the delivery of Tenancy and Property Management services for public housing in the Tennant Creek community living areas.
- The Department's contracted providers are:
  - Harvey Developments for property management services (repairs and maintenance); and
  - T&J Contracting deliver tenancy management services.

**Question 18**

*Which agency is responsible for maintaining municipal services including roads, drains, footpaths, street lights/power poles, undergrowth control, grass cutting and rubbish removal in the Tennant Creek Town Camps?*

T&J Contractors are funded to deliver municipal services, including slashing, fire breaks, non-domestic rubbish collection and grounds maintenance beyond house fences. Barkly Regional Council undertake domestic rubbish collection. Street lights, power poles, roads and drainage issues are the responsibility of the Department of Housing and Community Development.

**Question 19**

*When will your government remove the substantial amount of soil that has washed onto roads and potentially into drains in Kargaru Camp and other Tennant Creek Town Camps?*

- Works to remedy this issue have been carried out. On 29 January 2018 an inspection of the works was undertaken by Acting Regional Manager, Barkly DHCD which confirmed the completion status.

**Question 20**

*When will your government have the next 'business count snapshot' data available on the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation (DTBI) website? Can this data be broken down with Barkly specific information?*

Business count data is available on an annual basis based on ABS data. It is released in February each year for the year previous. Data is broken down by region per the attached link.

<https://business.nt.gov.au/business/business-and-economic-data/business-count-infographic-data>

**Question 21**

*Recently, your government reduced the number of staff in your DTBI Tennant Creek office by 50% (6 to 3). What are the reasons for your government choosing to do this?*

*And*

**Question 22**

*Has your government reduced the number of staff in any other government agencies based in the Barkly region? If so, Why?*

There has been an increase of 8 staff across NT Government agencies based in the Barkly region. Government has recently made a commitment to a further 3 positions based in the Barkly region, bringing the total increase to 11 staff.

A decision was made to amalgamate the Economic Development Officer and Small Business Champion roles in Tennant Creek based on the amalgamation of the functions into the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation from the Department of the Chief Minister. Two workforce training roles were transitioned to other agencies through standard practices. These roles were legacy from the transition of the Training Centres to the Department of Education from the Department of Business in the previous term of government.

**Question 23**

*I understand a tender was released and awarded to conduct a scoping or feasibility study for a Multi Modal Transport Facility in Tennant Creek? What was the outcome of this?*

An interim report has been produced, further works are being progressed on the selection and demand analysis.

**Question 24**

*Will your government be providing funding to support governance training for Local Authorities? If not, why not? If so, when will the funding commence?*

- The Northern Territory Government is committed to strengthening local decision making in local government through supporting regional councils to empower local authorities.
- Regional councils are the key to strengthening the capacity and capability of local authorities. The Department's Local Government and Community Development Division has a regional network of regional managers and community development officers who provide governance, support and advice to councils and local authorities.
- Over the last few years, the Department's regional staff have worked closely with regional councils to build the capacity of local authority members and regional council staff who engage with local authorities. This work will continue with elected members and local authorities over this new term of council.
- The Department's regional staff will provide governance training to local authorities through 2018. This training will include information on the key functions of local authorities, roles and responsibilities of local authority members including the responsibility to consult locally, good governance, meeting procedures and conflict of interest.



## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 15.3  
**TITLE** Next Meeting Date  
**REFERENCE** 229158  
**AUTHOR** Mark Parsons, Operations Director

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the date of the next Alpurrurulam Local Authority as the second Wednesday of every month

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.