

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## AGENDA

### Alpurrurulam LA Meeting

Thursday 29 February 2024

Barkly Regional Council's Alpurrurulam LA Meeting will be held  
Via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 29 February 2024 at 1:00 pm.

**Ian Bodill**

Chief Executive Officer

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#### The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

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We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region. We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Warumungu, Mudberra, Jingili, Wakaya, Wambaya, Waanyi, Walpiri, Warlmanpa, Alyawarr, Anmatyerre and Kaytetye Country on which Barkly Regional Council live and work, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to the ancestors and elders of these lands, past, present and emerging.

May we continue to work together to  
Deliver sustainable outcomes through a process  
Based on mutual respect and understanding.

## COUNCIL PRAYER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust you will guide and bless this meeting of the Barkly Regional Council. We pray that you will ensure that all discussions and decisions made today are just and fair as they will affect all people within. We also pray for your guidance to ensure that all our dealings are appropriate to all those whom we represent and will reflect an equitable and honest approach to the issues to be discussed today.

Amen



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## 1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Authority Members Present
- 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
- 1.5 Resignations
- 1.6 Disclosure of Interests
- 1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Confirmation of previous Minutes

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#### 2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

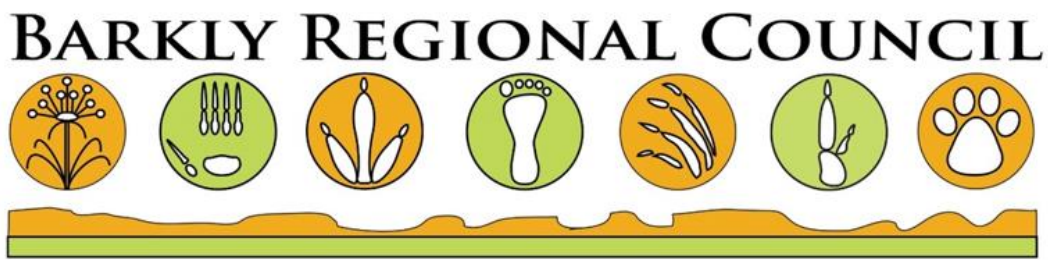
**Author** Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the minutes of previous LA meeting held on 16 January 2024 as true and accurate.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Alpururulam Local Authority Minutes [2.1.1 - 6 pages]



## MINUTES

### Alpururulam LA Provisional Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Alpururulam LA Meeting was held in the Council Chambers Meeting Room, on Tuesday 16 January 2024 at 1:15 pm.

**Ian Bodill**

Chief Executive Officer

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## 1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

### 1.1 Authority Members Present

- Laney Tracker (Chair)
- Jennifer Mahoney (Deputy Chair)
- Benjamin Olschewsky (Member)

### 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Peter Holt (BRC Official Manager)
- Ian Bodill (BRC CEO)
- Brody Moore (BRC Director of Operations and Remote communities)
- Barry Nattrass (BRC WHS Manager)
- Emmanuel Okumu (BRC Governance Manager)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (BRC LA coordinator)
- Ruth Morley (Investigator)
- Heather Smith (BRC Area manager - Alpururulam)
- Valarie Campbell (Visitor from community)

### 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- John Mahoney (LA Member)
- David Riley (LA Member)
- Charlie Larkins (LA Member)
- Maria Turner (LA Member)
- Pam Corbett (Elected Member)

### 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

MINUTES Alpururulam LA Meeting 16 January 2024



### 1.5 Resignations

Nil

### 1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

### 1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

Nil

## 2 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

## 3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

### Chief Executive Officers Reports

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#### 3.1 Chief Executive Officers Report

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority receives and notes the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

#### SUMMARY:

- Ian Bodill, Chief Executive Officer, verbally conveyed the organization's intention to finalize the strategic plan by the end of February.
- Emphasized his keen interest in soliciting inputs from Local Authorities during the drafting process.





## 4 FINANCE REPORTS

### Finance Reports

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#### 4.1 Finance Report

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the financial report.

## 5 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

*Nil*

## 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

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#### 6.1 Verbal presentation from Official Manager - Peter Holt

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the presentation from the Official manager.

#### SUMMARY:

Below are the key points discussed and informed verbally by Peter Holt during the meeting.

- Mr. Holt expressed his gratitude to the chair for extending an invitation to the meeting.
- Mr. Holt shared that he will remain a part of the council until March 12 of the current year.
- Ruth is tasked with preparing her report by March 12. Following a three-week study period, a decision will be made regarding the potential reinstatement of suspended councillors.
- Mr. Holt emphasised the need for improved communication between the council and Local Authorities moving forward.
- Members of Local Authorities were encouraged to actively provide suggestions to enhance council services and community well-being.
- Mr. Holt requested input from attendees on the upcoming regional plan and invited suggestions regarding Local Authorities' funds.
- Mr. Holt expressed his willingness to participate physically in the community for the next meeting.





## 7 CORRESPONDENCE

*Nil*

## 8 OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

### •Music Equipment:

- Uncertainty regarding the donor of the music equipment.
- Equipment currently stored at the council office.
- Proposal to relocate it to the shiny shed.
- Noted instances of missing equipment; its whereabouts remain unknown.

### •Grader:

- Confirmed availability for use.

### •Car Bodies:

- Concerns expressed by LA members regarding car bodies.
- Area manager acknowledged the issue and expressed plans for removal.
- Peter Holt noted the statewide nature of the problem but assured ongoing removal efforts.

### •Landfill:

- LA raised concerns about the tip, citing access issues and scattered rubbish.
- Area manager reported ongoing communication with Project Manager Ryan Francis regarding the landfill issues.

### •Cemetery:

- LA requested public toilets and shade at the cemetery.

### •Oval Development:

- LA members requested to develop the oval and its surrounding areas for camping and cooking.
- Expressed their interest in hosting games to attract visitors from other communities.



## 9 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Reports from Barkly Regional Council

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#### 9.1 Strategic project priorities

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and receives the strategic priority plan for 2023 –2024.

### Reports from Barkly Regional Council

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#### 9.2 Work Health and Safety Manager report

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the report from WHS Manager.

## 10 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

*Nil*

## 11 OTHER BUSINESS

*Nil*

## 12 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Alpururulam LA next meeting date is 30/01/24

Meeting Closed at 02:22 PM

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Alpururulam Local Authority meeting HELD on 10/01/2024 AND ARE UNCONFIRMED.



### 3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### **Actions from previous Minutes**

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##### **3.1 Council's Regional Plan**

**Author** Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Local Authority notes and discusses the Council's Regional Plan.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Regional plan 2023 - 2024 Alpururulam [3.1.1 - 1 page]



## Alpururulam Project Priorities

AA – Aboriginal Alliance, ABA – Aboriginal Benefits Account, ALA – Alpururulam Local Authority, ALAC – Alpururulam Land Aboriginal Corporation, BB – Barkly Backbone, BRC – Barkly Regional Council, BRD – Barkly Regional Deal, CLC – Central Land Council, DIPL – Dept Infrastructure Planning & Logistics, NIAA – National Indigenous Australians Agency, NTG – NT Government, NTH – Dept Health, PFES – Police Fire Emergency Services, RG – Rainbow Gateway, TFHC – Territory Families Housing & Communities, WAI – We-Al-li			
2023-24 Project Priority	Project Initiator/Coordinator	Responsibility/ Stakeholders	Strategic Plan
<b>Achievable with Local Authority Project Funding</b>			
Better aged-care for our elderly so they can do cultural activities like fishing and painting	ALA, BRC	BRC	G4
Activities for youth Eg bike track/trails, cultural activities	ALA, BRC	BRC	G4
A shade structure for the cemetery, as well as trees and a water tank so we can spend time there in comfort.	ALA, BRC	ALA, BRC	G4, G5
Install bollards to keep cars to the roads and block off dirt tracks within the community	LA, BRC	LA, BRC	G4, G5
<b>Projects requiring grant funding and/or co-funding</b>			
<b>Advocacy</b>			
Mediation and trauma and healing work to be delivered in the community	WAI, BB	School, Community, Community Leaders	G1, G4
Leadership training and workshops for young people	BB, AA	School, Community, Community Leaders	G1, G4
Changes to CDP so that young people are engaged in meaningful training, work and learning, and the community, including housing, is being maintained and looked after	Elected Member	RG, NIAA	G1, G4
Permanent Police Station	Elected Member	PFES, DIPL	G1, G4
Improved Housing & Housing Management	Elected Member	TFHC, DIPL	G1, G4
Women's and Men's Shelters	Elected Member, BB	TFHC, DIPL	G1, G4
Renew/repair community boundary fence to keep animals out	Elected Member	ALAC	G4
Community control and trusting two-way relationships with government and services - Local Decision Making Agreement for Alpururulam	Elected Member, BB	NTG, AA	G1, G4
Dialysis – Supervised instead of DIY	Elected Member	NTH	G4
A multi-use community bus for travel school, sports events, funerals, men's & women's activities, in and away from the community	Elected Member, BRD Governance Table, BB	TBA	G4
We want our water to come from the Lake Nash station as it is better quality	Elected Member	PW, NTG, CLC, NIAA, ABA, Lake Nash Station	G4

## 4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

### Chief Executive Officers Reports

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#### 4.1 Chief Executive Officers Report - Ian Bodill

**Author** Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. COMMUNITY Regional Plan [4.1.1 - 1 page]

COMMUNITY:		
Item	Details	Proposed Funding Source
Roads		
Buildings		
Aged Care		
Youth, Sport, and Rec		
Animal Welfare		
Night Patrol		
Safe Houses		

Emphasise the difference between capital and infrastructure investment and services improvements. i.e. what upgrades do you want to facilities vs what changes do you want to service delivery (e.g. change night patrol hours, youth programs in evenings and weekends, NDIS review services.....etc)

## 5 FINANCE REPORTS

### Finance Reports

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#### 5.1 Finance Report

**Author** Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Finance report.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. LAPF Income and Expenditure Report - Alpururulam [5.1.1 - 1 page]





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<b>ALPURRURULAM: LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING</b>		
<b>Income and Expenditure Statement</b>		
<b>Barkly Regional Council</b>		
<b>From 01/07/2023 to 31/01/2024</b>		
<b>Program Description</b>		<b>YTD Actual</b>
<b>Income</b>		
60000	Other Income/Carried Forward Balance from 2021-2022	\$ 53,996.00
60000	Other Income/Carried Forward Balance from 2022-2023	\$ 67,700.00
64110	LAPF Grant 2023-2024	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 121,696.00</b>
<b>Expenditure and Committed Funds</b>		
69999	Capital Expenses - Laundromat	\$ 10,000.00
69999	Capital Expenses	\$ -
<b>Total Expenditure and Committed Funds</b>		<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Total Available Funding</b>		<b>\$ 111,696.00</b>

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## 6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

### Area Managers Reports

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#### 6.1 Acting Area Manager's Report - Robbie Larkins

**Author** Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the acting Area Manager.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. LA report acting area manager report jan feb 2024 [6.1.1 - 1 page]

## **LA report** **JAN – FEB 2024**

### **General information –**

Alpururulam during this period normally experiences heavy rains due to it being the wet season. The community has been water locked for a few weeks now and will probably remain water locked until all the wet weather subsides. The community is in good spirits and our community store is stocked up well to get through the wet season and assist others stakeholders with items they may have a lot on hand with such as dry goods and tinned food.

**Municipal / admin-** municipal is still looking for a work supervisor to lead the team, we have advertised the position and hope to receive some great applications, the men have been busy keeping all the long grass cut down as it has been growing like crazy due to all the rain, which is also bring loads of mosquitos if not kept sort enough. We did have a incident the other week where one of municipal vehicles was vandalized by a community member.

**Sports and rec –** we had a new team leader start in December he has been on board now for two months and is trying to establish the sport and rec program which hasn't had a team leader for a while.

**Community care –** Team leader is currently filling in for the area manager, while she is away on leave until March, team have stepped up and are delivering services and caring for age and disability clients while team leader is covering the main office on community.

**Community safety –** they have been doing regular patrols and were meant to be heading to tenant creek for team meeting, but due to rains staff couldn't travel, they had also gone out and assisted to recover some people from our community travelling back from men business ceremony.

**Other information –** All locals who have attended ceremony had now returned and have begun working again, delivering services to our community, it has been difficult to do garbage collections due to the wet weather and heavy rainfall, we are currently waiting on the levels of the river after this weekend big rain falls from the currently tropical low.

## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

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#### 7.1 Report from the Official Manager - Peter Holt

##### Reference

**Author** Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

##### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Official Manager.

##### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Official Manager Local Authority Report [7.1.1 - 1 page]

## Official Manager Local Authority Report

### Official Management and Investigation

- Introduction and explanation of the role of the **Official Manager** (in the place of the Barkly Regional Council) during the suspension of the Council pending an investigation into the councils' processes and procedures from January 1, 2022 to October 16, 2023.
- The **Investigation**, is to be undertaken by Alice Springs based lawyer Ruth Morley, and will conclude on 12 March 2024, after which time anyone referred to in the report will be given three weeks to respond. Based on the outcome of the investigation and responses received the Minister for Local Government will determine whether to reinstate or dismiss the council.

### Barkly Regional Advisory Group

- Through the establishment of the Barkly Regional Advisory Committee the suspended councillors will remain engaged during the investigation and will assist with budget planning and priorities for the 2024-25 Regional Plan. The first meeting of the BRAC was held on January 30, 2024.

### Action Register

- With regard to BRC council meetings there is concern that LA recommendations and requests for information were being put to the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) by the Local Authorities (LA) for noting but not for action. We are now developing a Register for each local authority which lists requests for meetings, briefings or funding and this action list will be presented at each LA meeting. There needs to be a two-way exchange of information, not one-way from LA to Council with no feedback.

### Regional Plan 2024-25

- The BRC is commencing the planning for the development of the Barkly Regional Council Regional Plan for 2024-25. To do this we will seek input from local authorities on three matters:
  - What do the LA wish to pursue with their own available funds?
  - What are the priorities they want BRC to commit to in their community? and,
  - What do you want BRC to seek funding for or to advocate on behalf of their community?

### Unallocated Funds

- Approximately \$800,000 of LAPF funds across the region are at risk of being returned, unspent, some dating back to 2016-17, so each LA should prioritise expenditure of any funds received more than two years ago unless they wish to commit to a more substantial project.

## 8 CORRESPONDENCE

*Nil*

## 9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

### Other Matters For Noting

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#### 9.1 Remuneration Tribunal - Local Authorities

**Author** Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Remuneration Tribunal - determination of allowances for the members of Local Authorities.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. tabled paper 1076 - northern territory of australia remuneration tribunal r~t on determination no 1 [9.1.1 - 3 pages]

ORIGINAL PAPER



No. 1076  
Laid on the Table  
14/1/24

**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA  
REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

*Assembly Members and Statutory Officers  
(Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*

**DETERMINATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF  
LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

**REPORT ON DETERMINATION NO. 1 OF 2024**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

On 6 April 2023, pursuant to section 7E(1) of the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006* (AMSORE Act), His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory, issued a request to the Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) to inquire into and determine the allowance or allowances payable to a member of a local authority.

The resulting Report and Determination must be tabled in the Legislative Assembly within six sitting days of receipt by the Minister.

Under section 7E(9) of the AMSORE Act, the allowances determined are effective from either:

- the next financial year if the report is made on or before 1 February; or
- from the financial year after the next financial year if the report is made after 1 February.

Letters were sent to all Local Government Councils in August 2023 advising them of the Inquiry. The Remuneration Tribunal discussed this Inquiry during meetings with Local Government Councils.

**2. CURRENT SITUATION**

There are Local Authorities within nine Regional Councils and the number of Local Authorities in these Councils range from three to thirteen. The allowance for members to attend meetings was increase in the 2023 Inquiry.

The Tribunal considers that the existing allowances are appropriate.

Mr Michael Martin OAM  
Chairperson  
Remuneration Tribunal

The Hon Syd Stirling AM  
Member  
Remuneration Tribunal

Mr Gary Higgins  
Member  
Remuneration Tribunal

Dated 20 January 2024



## NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

*Assembly Members and Statutory Officers  
(Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*

### DETERMINATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

#### DETERMINATION NO. 1 OF 2024

Under section 7E of the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*, the Tribunal determines as follows:

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

Local Authority is defined in the *Local Government Act 2019* as established by a Council under section 76.

The Chair of a Local Authority is defined in the *Local Government Act 2019* as in section 98.

A Member of a Local Authority is defined in the *Local Government Act 2019* as a member of an audit committee, a council, a council committee of a local authority.

Financial Year is the period from 1 July to the 30 June.

#### 2. ALLOWANCES

The following allowance will be paid for each meeting of a Local Authority.

The Chair of a Local Authority will be paid as follows:

If the meeting is held up to 2 hours	\$300
If the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours	\$450
If the meeting is held for more than 4 hours	\$600

A Member of a Local Authority will be paid as follows:

If the meeting is held up to 2 hours	\$200
If the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours	\$300
If the meeting is held for more than 4 hours	\$400



### 3. GENERAL

3.1. Pursuant to section 7E(9) of the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*, the allowances determined are effective from either:

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- from the financial year after the next financial year if the report is made after 1 February.



Mr Michael Martin OAM  
Chairperson  
Remuneration Tribunal



The Hon Syd Stirling AM  
Member  
Remuneration Tribunal



Mr Gary Higgins  
Member  
Remuneration Tribunal

Dated 29 January 2024

## Other Matters For Noting

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### 9.2 Nomination of new LA members

**Author** Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

#### **SUMMARY**

Given the current count of Local Authority members is six after the couple of recent resignations, which meets the council's minimum requirement, we aim to invite nominations from community members to potentially fill additional positions in the near future.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

## 10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Reports from Barkly Regional Council

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#### 10.1 Report from the Director of Operations and Remote Communities - Brody Moore

**Author** Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority receives and accepts the verbal report from the Director of Operations and Remote Communities.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

## 11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

*Nil*

## 12 CLOSE OF MEETING