

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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## AGENDA

### ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

**THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST 2021**

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott Local Authority will be held in on Thursday, 12 August 2021 at 10:30am.

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

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## COUNCIL PRAYER

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

**Amen**

## WELCOME TO COUNTRY

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

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# AGENDA

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## **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 2.1  
**TITLE** Confirmation of Previous Minutes  
**REFERENCE** 325792  
**AUTHOR** Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 as a true and accurate record.

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) ELA\_15072021\_MIN\_759.PDF



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## MINUTES ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Elliott Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on Thursday, 15 July 2021 at 10:30am.

**Steven Moore**  
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 10:50am with Bob Bagnall as chair.

**1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

- 1.1 Elected Members Present  
 Cr Jane Evans  
 Bob Bagnall  
 Kevin Gaskin  
 Jody Nish  
 Jason Mullan
- 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present  
 Troy Koch  
 Ray Hocking  
 James Somerville  
 Warren Snowden  
 Steven Edgington  
 George Ciolka  
 Vince Jelsman
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted  
 Chris Neade  
 Ray Aylett  
 Lennie Barton
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies  
 1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

**2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

<b>2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
<b>MOTION</b>	
That the Authority	
a) Receive and note the minutes of the 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 as a true and accurate record.	
<b>RESOLVED</b>	
Moved:	LA Member K Gaskin
Seconded:	Cr. Jane Evans
	<b>CARRIED UNAN.</b>
<i>Resolved ELA 31/21</i>	

**3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Confirm the removal of items 7, 8 and 10 from the action list.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member K Gaskin

**Seconded:** Cr. Jane Evans

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved ELA 32/21*

**4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS****4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT****MOTION****That Council**

- A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Jody Nish

**Seconded:** L A Member Jason Mullan

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved ELA 33/21*

**5. FINANCE****5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Jody Nish

**Seconded:** Cr. Jane Evans

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved ELA 34/21*

**6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT****6.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the Area Managers report;
- b) Request council invite Sun Cable to hold community meetings in Elliott to discuss future ventures and employment opportunities within the community.

Local Authority Members asked when the street sweeper is next scheduled to be sent to



Elliott. An updated on the Tree Replacement Program was also requested by members as they are wanting to know when this will be completed in Elliott.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Jody Nish

**Seconded:** Cr. Jane Evans

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved ELA 35/21*

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7.1 RISE - NGURRATJUTA CDP REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report from RISE-Ngurratjuta CDP.

**7.2 SHADE SAIL**

**MOTION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the updated invoice for the shade sail.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Jody Nish

**Seconded:** L A Member Jason Mullan

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved ELA 36/21*

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

*Nil*

**9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING**

*Nil*

**10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

*Nil*

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

*Nil*

**12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**

Warren Snowdon, thanked Health workers and Police for efforts with Covid situation, offered assistance and support with grants and asked about local issues.

James Somerville, Barkly Regional Health Manager gave up date on changes to NT Health structure and what impact it would have in the Barkly.

Discussed the Covid vaccine rollout and praised Elliott with its up take of vaccination

Steve Edgington, Barkly MLA, spoke about the vacant NTG houses, and suggested Council invite NT Housing to discuss the housing situation in the Barkly, the NT Police station, Alcohol changes to the Barkly.

He also thanked Health workers and the police for their efforts during the Covid situation.

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE.**

**MOTION**

**That the Authority**

(a) Confirm the next meeting date's to be Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Jody Nish**

**Seconded: L A Member Jason Mullan**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved ELA 37/21*

**14. CLOSE OF MEETING**

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 4 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Elliott Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Thursday, 15 July 2021 AND CONFIRMED Thursday, 12 August 2021.

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Chair

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Ray Hocking  
Area Manager

## **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 3.1  
**TITLE** Action Items from Previous Minutes  
**REFERENCE** 325791  
**AUTHOR** Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

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

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) August Action List.pdf

### ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST

Updated 4 December

ITEM NUMBER	MEETING DATE	TASK / PROJECT	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	BUDGET SOURCE	ACTION LEADER	COMPLETED/STATUS
3	05 July 2018	<b>Jim Rennie Reserve</b>	BRC to do Master Plan of the Jim Rennie Reserve to bring all below items back up to usable condition. Football Oval upgrades, including, Public toilets, change rooms, Canteen(Clubhouse) and night time Lighting of field Also to include the Golf Course, Tennis courts, cricket pitch, Mini Golf, BMX Track		Director of Infrastructure BRC	Quotes requested for mini golf & tennis court repairs
8	1 November 2018	<b>Football Oval</b>	Construction of new football oval, time frame and update – Expected completion date is 30/7/2021	Grant Funding	Area Manager BRC	Commenced
11	7 February 2019	<b>Road side verges</b>	The roadside verges in Brown and Kooringa streets and what is happening to move forwarded.		Director of Infrastructure	Have been inspected by Infrastructure manager, May 2021
12	7 February 2019	<b>New Castle Waters / Drovers Drive</b>	The condition of the Road at Newcastle Waters/ Drovers Drive and what is happening to move forwarded.		Director of Infrastructure BRC	Inspected by Infrastructure Director, April 2021

BRC

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Monthly CEO Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	325539
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Troy Koch, Area Manager - Alpururulam

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council****A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report****SUMMARY:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **BACKGROUND**

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## **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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## **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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## **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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## **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

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## **ATTACHMENTS:**

## **FINANCE**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 5.1  
**TITLE** Monthly Finance Report  
**REFERENCE** 325790  
**AUTHOR** Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) Elliott Finance Report.pdf

Barkly Regional Council  
 Local Authority Allocation  
 Project: 405 Elliott

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

**Approved Minutes**  
**EXPENDITURE**  
 LA Funding Expended  
 Aug-15 Hart Sport  
 Aug-15 Water Park  
 Feb-17 Anzac Day  
 Feb-18 Anzac Day  
 Apr-18 Elliott Entrance Signs  
 May-17 Elliott Main Park Refurb (BBQ, Public Toilet)  
 Jul-18 Bessie Bathern Plaque (Uncosted)  
 Oct-19 Repair Leak - Water Park  
 Oct-19 Shade Structure - Elliott Water Park

**Expenditure Date**

Oct-15  
 Jun-16  
 Apr-17  
 Mar-18  
 Apr-18  
 Jul-18  
 Apr-19  
 Mar-20  
 Jun-20

Budget	Income and Expenditures					Total
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021		
345,830.18	\$ 51,150.00	\$ 51,150.00	\$ 51,150.00	\$ 51,150.00	\$ 345,830.18	
<b>345,830.18</b>	<b>\$ 51,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 345,830.18</b>	
4,450.91					\$ 4,450.91	
87,500.00					\$ 87,500.00	
1,000.00					\$ 1,000.00	
1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	
7,827.02	\$ 7,827.02				\$ 7,827.02	
64,154.68	\$ 15,875.41				\$ 64,154.68	
1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00				\$ 1,050.00	
1,205.75	\$ 1,205.75				\$ 1,205.75	
20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00				\$ 20,000.00	
7,349.20	\$ 4,191.82	\$ 3,157.38	\$ 870.80		\$ 8,220.00	
2,700.00		\$ 2,700.00			\$ 2,700.00	
50,265.80		\$ 45,292.62	\$ 4,973.18		\$ 50,265.80	
1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	
<b>248,503.36</b>	<b>\$ 51,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,843.98</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 250,374.16</b>	
<b>97,326.82</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 44,306.02</b>	<b>\$ 51,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 95,456.02</b>	

**LA Funding Committed**  
 Aug-20 Marquee - Football Oval (3)  
 Aug-20 BBQ, Lighting & Seating - Waterpark  
 Dec-20 Shade Structure - ANZAC Site  
 Mar-21 Anzac Day

**EXPENDITURE TOTAL**



## AREA MANAGERS REPORT

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.1  
**TITLE** Area Managers Report  
**REFERENCE** 325839  
**AUTHOR** Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the Area Managers report.

### SUMMARY:

### BACKGROUND

### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

### CONSULTATION & TIMING

### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Elliott Community Care July 2021.pdf
- 2 [↓](#) Elliott Safe House Monthly Report for July, 2021.pdf
- 3 [↓](#) Elliott Sport and Rec July Report.pdf
- 4 [↓](#) JULY AUGUST LA REPORT.pdf

## Aged Care July 2021 Report

### Maintenance

We are still waiting for the cameras to be put on the mobile phones hopefully Grant will be able to do this soon. One Camera needs to be moved as it is obstructed by the pergola. T & J came to fix the freezer container and also the fridge inside. The BRC depot Staff are coming down to mow and whippersnip the lawn and weeds they come down as needed. The tap outside was fixed. The toilet was has been fixed aswell.

### Administration

All paper work is up to date. All ticksheets are sent to tenant creek on Fridays along with the temperature sheets and workplace inspections and Vehicle inspections are sent to the new fleet manager. Simon is continually learning and trying to improve to make sure paperwork is up to date and done to correct standards. Simon is working with Renjith the records and compliance officer and waiting for him to come to Elliott to help move documents in Magiq and show Simon how to use magiq better.

### Aged Care

We have been doing more services as we have more staff now like getting bush medicine, ashes, cleaning houses we now take Clients to community events like meetings, funerals. We have been in constant contact with adult allied health to get equipment needed as it is hard to come to see the Clients due to COVID. Simon trains staff every Thursday afternoon for 1 hour doing the aged care standards and toolbox talks. Janelle from RAS came to assess the 2 new clients and 2 existing ones. Simon is still looking to add more clients. We have received supplies to make bush medicine so the Staff will take clients out to get the plants to make them. We have recently put in a garden bed with herbs and vegetables at the centre which the clients can help tend and will get some of the produce. Simon has been going out collecting firewood with depot workers for clients. The paints have come and we will start painting after the funeral for one of our clients. The ladies stepped up whilst simon was away on leave and the centre ran smoothly. all staff have had at least 1 COVID -19 injection we are trying to convince the clients that it is good and not harmful we are slowly getting some clients to have the vaccine.

### The Good

Taking the Clients to community events to get them more active and more a part of community

Putting garden bed in centre for clients

Getting loads of fire wood for clients they were happy

RAS coming to see clients

Getting materials to start making bush medicine

**The Bad**

Still have some trouble getting staff to work on Fridays.

**Wishlist**

Help to make a fire pit so the Clients can sit round fire and talk or cook food (bush Tucker)

A ramp for the bus

**Simon Mullan**

**Aged Care Team Leader**



## Elliott Safe House

### July Report, 2021

#### Safe House Statistics

July 2021	
Adults:	17
Children:	0
Total Client Base:	17
Daily Average:	0.85

#### Highlights for the month (what has been achieved)

NAIDOC Week 2021 was a success, with both the Team Leader of Elliott Sport & Rec. and Coordinator of the Elliott Safe House as organisers. Services & Stakeholders in attendance were - Territory Families Child Protection Tennant Creek, Elliott Remote AOD, Elliott Police, Elliott BRC Night Patrol, the John Moriarty Football Club, Elliott bands Ray Dixon & Harold Daly Water, Elliott Art Centre Elaine Sandy and Heather Wilson (Traditional Owner).

The local children and families enjoyed the Welcome to Country by Heather Wilson and the Opening smoke ceremony to start the week. There was bush medicine making with auntie Heather, the children Painted their favourite landscapes of Elliott, Kid's had Soccer Clinic, we all ate yummy BBQ's and steak sandwiches which the parents particularly enjoyed. There was dancing to live music by our talented local musicians and vocalists. It was especially beautiful to hear the local children sing in the Mudbura language taught by auntie Janey Dixon. The week ended with more music and dancing by the local bands and a closing smoke ceremony with Heather Wilson.

#### Service delivery (or impact on service delivery)

During July, the Service Delivery had some interruptions with COVID-19 Restrictions of social distancing, hand washing and mask wearing. However, the Safe House remained open especially to Emergency Accommodation.

### Major Events/Incidents/Statistics

The 28<sup>th</sup> June the Elliott Safe House closed its doors to Travelling Visitors due to the Emergency Shut-down of the Coronavirus Out-break in both Darwin and Alice Springs. Re-opened Safe House to Travelling Visitors on the 12/07/2021, due to COVID-19 restrictions being eased.

### Recruitment/HR/changes to services/Training/Development

An advert for a new Part-time Casual Worker was circulated in Community on the 29/07/2021, after the previous part-time casual worker opted for On-call on the 15/05/2021.

### Items that are being looked at for the coming month

Safe House Coordinator on Leave on the 13/08/2021 and back in the Safe House on the 23/08/2021. Janey Dixon will be on-call in the meantime.

Items for the coming month -

- NAIDOC Week September, 2021
- Women's Training (building self confidence) with TCWR CIOS Manager
- Women's Pamper Day

### Report prepared by

Te Wai Le Geyt  
Coordinator

### AT A GLANCE

PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	TIME FRAME	NOTES
All fundraising and donations were resumed on the 04/10/2019.	Money raised for the Safe House are held in the Elliott Council Safe.		
Arts & Crafts	Safe House will provide morning	On going - Mon - Thurs 9-	

	tea.	11am	
<b>Monthly Wellbeing Program</b>	Pamper, crafts and morning tea. This will be with other organisations, TC women's refuge, Elliott Remote AOD and CLAWS TC. It's a great opportunity for other organisations to come present to the women, including craft sessions with a lite morning tea.	On going - Last Wed. of the month 10 - 12pm	
<b>Safe House Brochure</b>		In continuous circulation.	Copies displayed at the Elliott Council Office, Elliott Clinic, library, Art Centre, Elliott Police, FaFT, Elliott Puma gas Station, Elliott Post Office, Elliott Pub and the Elliott Safe House Info stand.

**WISH LIST**

- Yard Flood-light's, Auto Security Gate's and Security Camera's.

**NAIDOC – JULY 2021**



Elaine Sandy, Heather Wilson & Sharon Bill out collecting bush medicine with Te Wai Le Gey & Mira Lekic.



Heather Wilson with Welcome to Country.



Smoke Cermony.



Elliott Police & Elliott BRC Night Patrol.



Danielle Sport & Rec. Worker with auntie Heather.



Pacey & Sherina Elliott Night Patrol, cooked the best tasting Roo Tails.



Territory Families Child Protection TC, serving lunch.

## COUNCIL REPORT – July 2021 – Elliott Youth Sport and Rec

### Highlights

The highlight of July was NAIDOC week. After a delay due to COVID restrictions, NAIDOC week ran between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of July. Activities included an opening ceremony with a welcome to country from Traditional Owner, Aunty Heather who also performed a smoking ceremony. The rest of the week we had music with Jeremy, Ray Dixon and the band which ended with a concert on the final night that was a big hit with the locals, John Moriarty Football, bush medicine, cooking roo tails in a fire pit opposite YSR, NAIDOC art workshop, sports and bbq's every day for all Elliott locals.



The YSR team had a lot of assistance during the week from Te Wai and Aunty Janey from the Safe House, the Community Safety team, Mike the AOD worker, Elliott Police, Territory families and many local community members.



**COUNCIL REPORT – July 2021 – Elliott Youth Sport and Rec**



As the park was closed the week before NAIDOC week this gave us the chance to go out and get bush medicine with some local women.

## COUNCIL REPORT – July 2021 – Elliott Youth Sport and Rec



### **Service delivery (or impact on service delivery)**

Sport and Rec was closed from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> of July due to the COVID outbreak in the NT which impacted the school holiday schedule. This also led to NAIDOC week celebrations being postponed.

YSR was closed during the last two weeks of July also due to staff going to Tennant Creek for training and other staff were on leave.

### **Major Events/Incidents/Statistics**

COVID outbreak from the 1-9<sup>th</sup> of July meant YSR was closed.

### **Recruitment/HR/changes to services/Training/Development**

Applications were received for YSR Support Officer.

Team Leader Mira and Dannelle went to Tennant Creek for training with CDU in a Cert 2 in Sports and Recreation. Team Leaders and Support Officers from all Barkly communities went to this training so it was a great opportunity for everyone to meet and exchange ideas and experiences across the different YSR facilities.

### **Items that are being looked at for the coming month**

We are looking to get a new casual staff member on board as soon as possible.

The Indigenous Tennis Carnival is happening in Darwin and we are looking to take some young people there.

The Tennant Creek Softball Carnival is happening at the end of August also.

## **COUNCIL REPORT – July 2021 – Elliott Youth Sport and Rec**

**Report prepared by**

Mira Lekic

Youth Sport and Rec Team Leader



**AREA MANAGER REPORT – Elliott**

**July/August 2021**

**VISITORS TO ELLIOTT:**

- Deb Booker – Principal Alcohol Action Officer
- NLC
- Territory Families
- Dexter Barnes
- ABS
- Central Desert Training
- Barkly Regional Deal
- WTD Contractors
- NT Weed Management
- Territory Pest Control

**GENERAL:**

- Municipal working with Aus Projects to clean up Gurungu and Wilyuku
- Football change room completion delayed
- Removal of excess vehicles from Depot yard
- Territory Pest annual visit
- Hoist and compressor in depot serviced by PRS

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Replacement of broken air conditioners, servicing of all other air cons by Emperor Air Con
- The work our crew did in cleaning up North and South camps

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**ISSUES:**

- Travelers parking and camping indiscriminately has continued, leaving large clean up
- Several fires in town being lit

**Community Plan Work**

***Municipal***

- Continue cleaning township after grey nomads
- Mowing
- Build Safe house shelter



Service road mayhem



Downtown Elliott traffic



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<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	Centrelink open contracted hours
<b>DEPOT</b>	Work continuing throughout community cleaning after visitors. Major works conducted for Aus Projects
<b>SPORT &amp; REC</b>	As attached
<b>AGED CARE</b>	As attached
<b>NIGHT PATROL</b>	As attached
<b>AREA MANAGERS TRAVEL</b>	nil
<b>SAFE HOUSE</b>	As attached
<b>WATERPARK</b>	Picnic tables ready for installation
<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>STILL CLOSED</b>

**OTHER.**  
*Community in kind Support*



## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 7.1  
**TITLE** Ehrlichiosis Disease in dogs  
**REFERENCE** 325840  
**AUTHOR** Makhaim Brandon, Operations Administration Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

### **SUMMARY:**

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

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) 20210727 BRC\_AMRRIC\_Ehrlichiosis\_low res.pdf

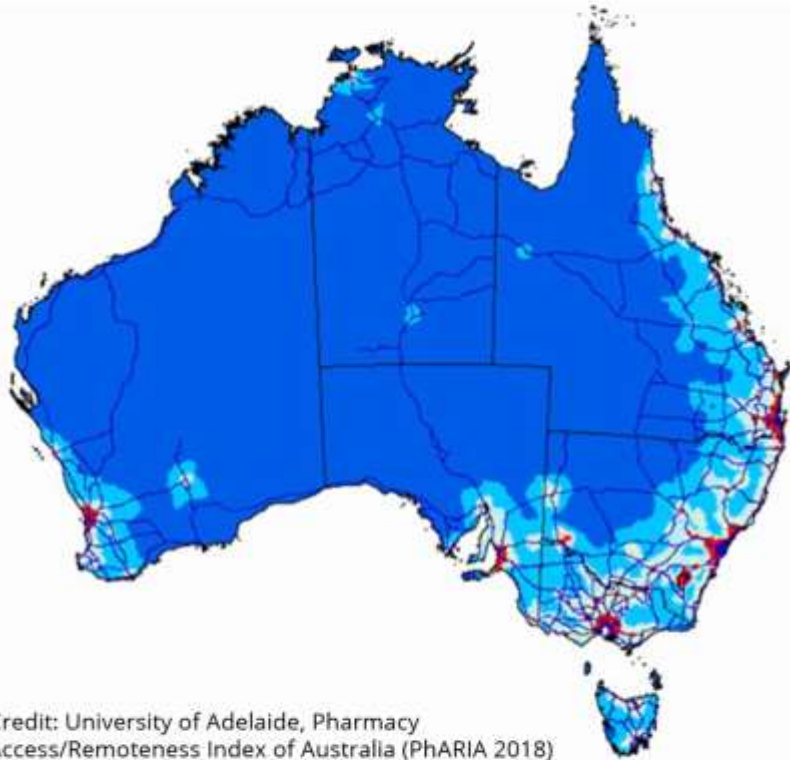


## AMRRIC update - Ehrlichiosis in underserved communities



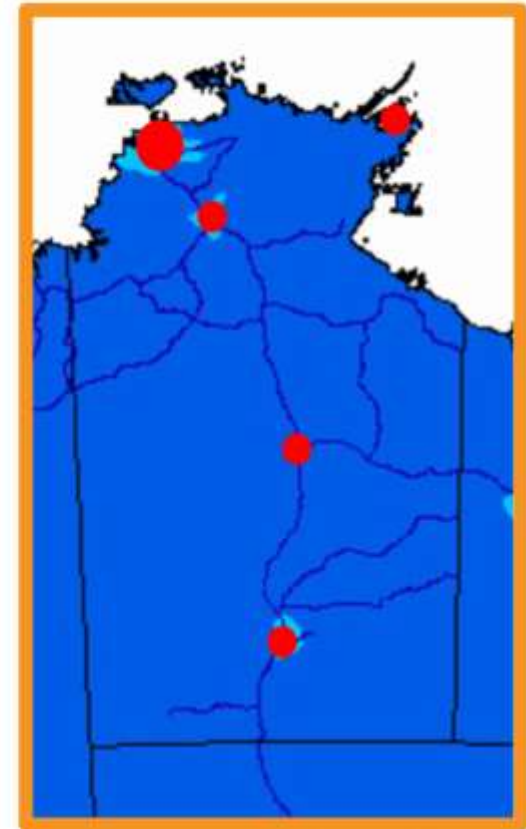
Dr Bonny Cumming, AMRRIC Program Manager – Strategic Delivery, AMRRIC

# Australian Remoteness



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

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



## Permanent vet clinics in NT





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

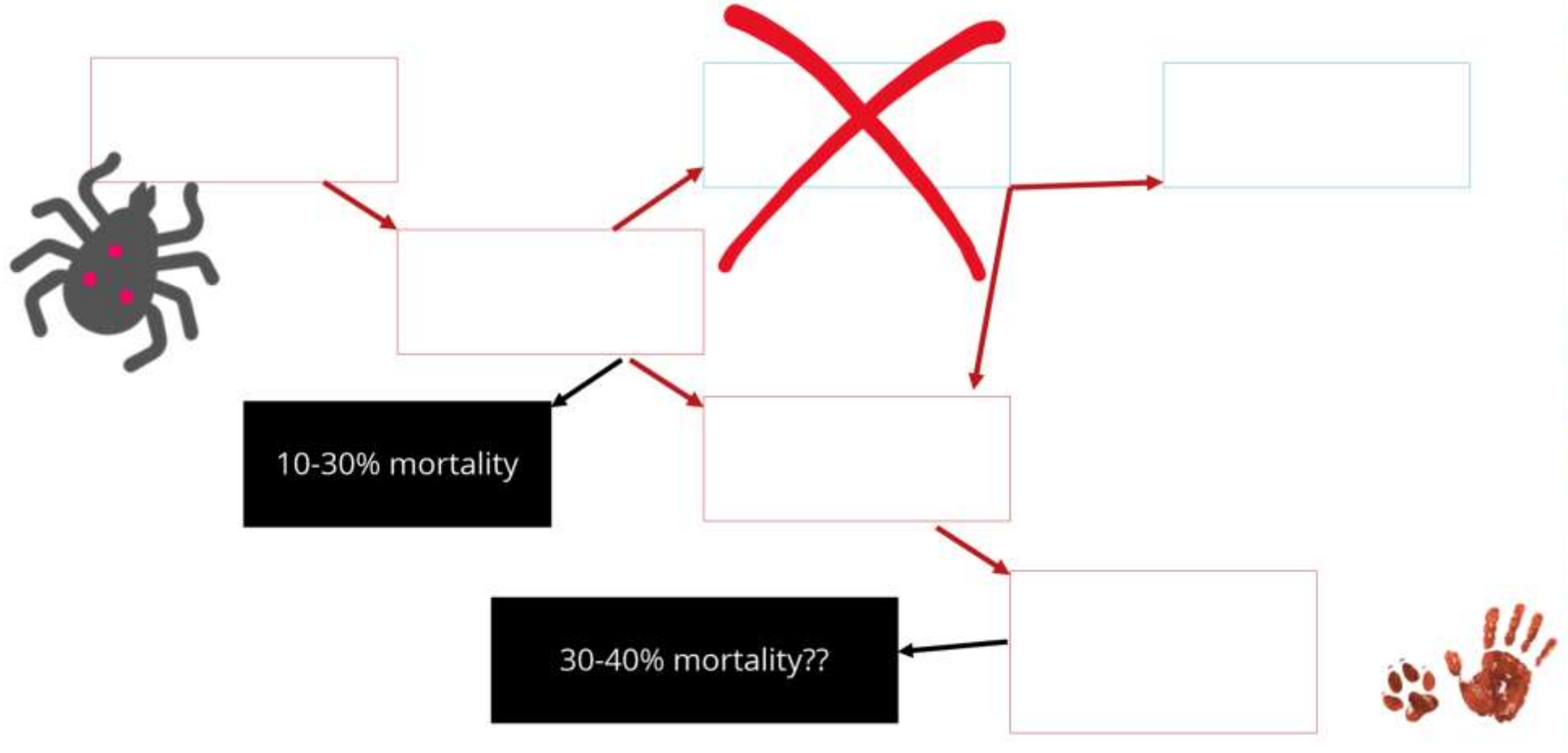




## The challenges

- Remoteness
- Infrequent (sometime absent) veterinary services
- Sub-optimal parasite control
  
- 28day treatment course
  - Access?
  - Compliance?
  - Cost?

# How serious is this disease?



## ***E canis* impacts**

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



# The value of companion animals

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





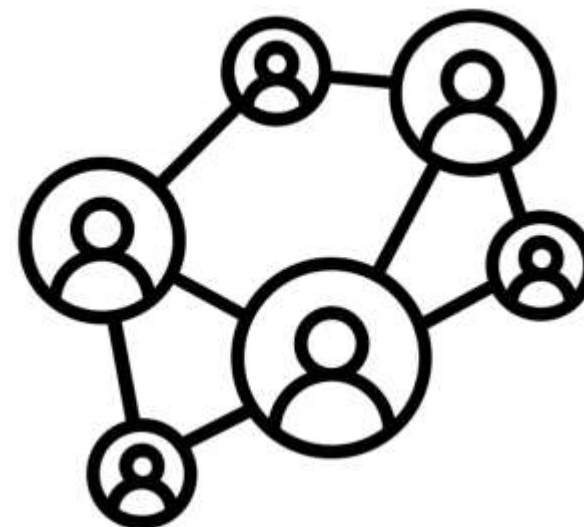


## *E. canis* impacts

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

## AMRRIC's ehrlichiosis advocacy – early in the response

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



# AMRRIC-DEVELOPED EHRlichiosis & TICK PREVENTION EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

**Tick Sickness**



There is a new tick sickness called Ehrlichiosis



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

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




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

AMRRIC  
Environmental Health Worker

**Dog Tick Sickness**

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



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



Dogs are tired and sleep lots



Dogs don't want to eat



Dogs lose weight and get skinny



Dogs eyes go cloudy

**Dogs can die from this sickness!**

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

**4 Ways to Stop TICK SICKNESS**

Stop your dog getting tick sickness (Ehrlichiosis)



1. Use a good tick collar like Killix or Seresto.



2. Give dogs regular medicine like Nexgard or Bravecto.



3. Keep your grass nice and short and keep dogs away from bushy areas



4. Speak to housing mob and get your house sprayed for ticks.

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





# Human health risks

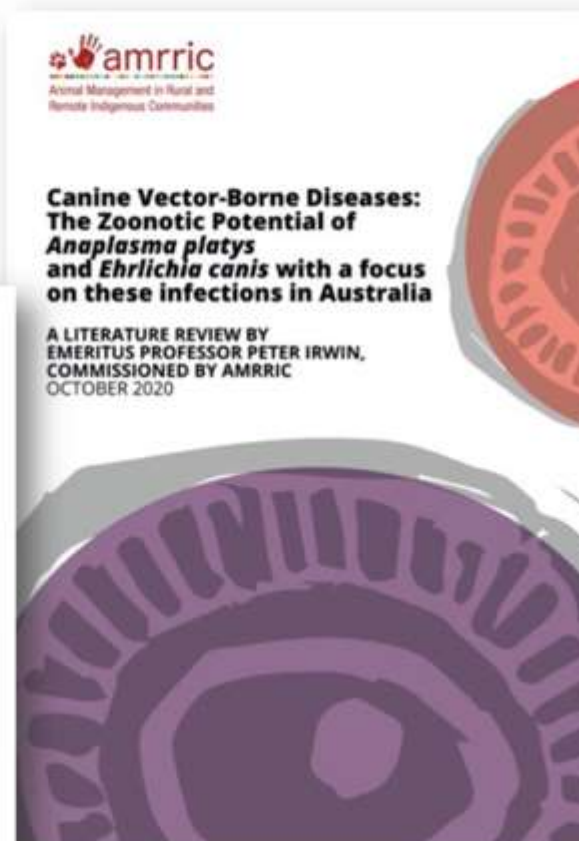
## Concluding Remarks

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

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

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

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



# Human health risks – AMRRIC’s view

In remote communities that experience:

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

**a precautionary approach to E canis is warranted.**

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



# AMRRIC's more recent ehrlichiosis advocacy and efforts

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



## Managing Ehrlichiosis – AMRRIC’s view

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

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





# Benefits of effective animal management



IMPROVED ANIMAL  
HEALTH AND WELFARE



IMPROVED HUMAN  
HEALTH AND  
WELLBEING



ENHANCED EMPATHY  
DEVELOPMENT



IMPROVED  
COMMUNITY AMENITY  
AND SAFETY



FEWER UNWANTED  
ANIMALS



REDUCED NEGATIVE  
IMPACTS ON WILDLIFE  
AND ECOSYSTEMS



REDUCED  
BIOSECURITY RISKS



# Further information

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





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## **REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 10.1  
**TITLE** July Council Meeting  
**REFERENCE** 325841  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

### **SUMMARY:**

<This should set out what the report is about, why it was written and why it is relevant.>

### **BACKGROUND**

The July Council meeting before the Council goes into caretaker mode. Early voting for the local government elections commences on the 16 of August 2021, and Election Day is Saturday 28 August 2021.

One important thing to note from the meeting was the resignation of Cr Ray Aylett, effective 27 July 2021. Council thanked Cr. Aylett for his 12 years of service to Barkly Regional Council.

Council approved three community benefit funds. These were to Barkly Regional Arts Inc., Tennant Creek Christmas Tree Committee, and the Barkly Rodeo.

Director of Corporate Services, Sharen Lake was appointed the new Council representative of the Barkly Regional Deal Interim Governance Table. This is to replace the former Director of Operations who has left Council.

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

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### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 13.1  
**TITLE** Confirmation of Next Meeting Date.  
**REFERENCE** 322579  
**AUTHOR** Ray Hocking, Elliott Area Manager

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

(a) Confirm the next meeting date's to be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

#### **SUMMARY:**

#### **BACKGROUND**

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

#### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**