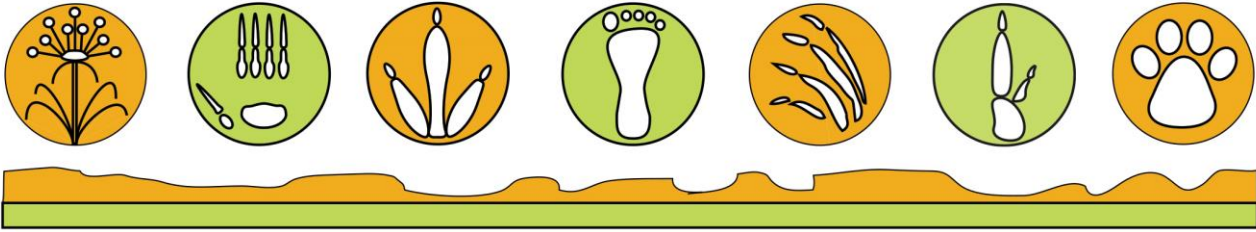


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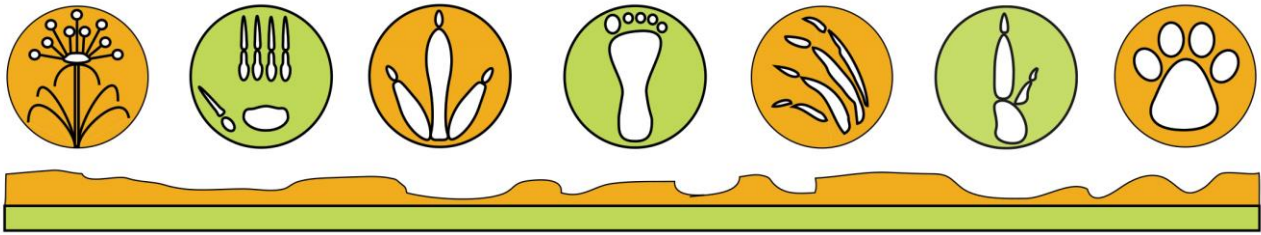
### ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

**THURSDAY, 9 JANUARY 2020**

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott Local Authority will be held in on Thursday, 9 January 2020 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** 288515  
**AUTHOR** Shelley McDonald, Area Manager - Elliott

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the minutes 4<sup>th</sup> December meeting as a true and accurate record.

### **SUMMARY:**

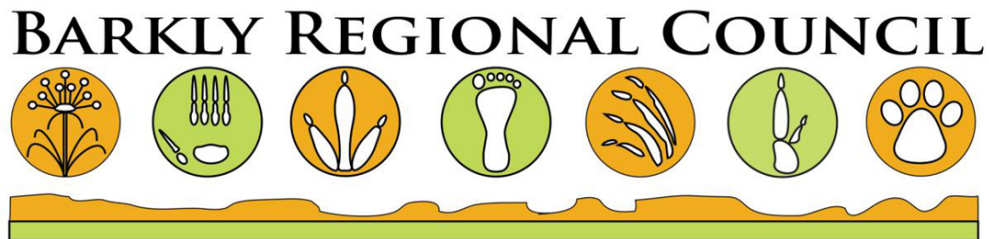
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### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) Elliott Unconfirmed Minutes 4.12.2019.PDF



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## MINUTES

The Elliott Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Elliott on Wednesday, 4 December 2019 at 10:30am.

**Steven Moore**

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## Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 10.33 am with Jody Nish as chair.

### 1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Elected Members Present
  - Jody Nish – Acting Chair Person
  - Bob Bagnall
  - Kevin Gaskin
  - Lennie Barton
  - Gordon Jackson
  - Cr Jane Evans
- 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present
  - Shelley McDonald – Barkly Regional Council
  - Chantelle Johns – Rise Ngurratjuta
  - Robert Howard - Rise Ngurratjuta
  - Tim Candles – BRC Regional Deal Backbone
  - Tom Barlow – Department Local Government HCD
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted
  - Mayor Steve Edgington
  - Mark Parsons – Barkly Regional Council
  - Cr Ray Aylett
  - Chris Neade
  - Jason Mullan
  - Debra Booker - Principal Alcohol Action Officer
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
  - Nil
- 1.5 Disclosure Of Interest
  - Jane Evans - Puma

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

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### 2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### MOTION

##### That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the minutes 14th of the November meeting as a true and accurate record.

##### Amend

- 7.1 Preferred contractor was selected at time of meeting ShadeTech in Alice.

**RESOLVED**  
**Moved: LA Member Bob Bagnall**  
**Seconded: Chairperson Christopher Neade** **CARRIED UNAN.**  
*Resolved ELA 77/19*

**3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MOTION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Confirm all completed items and remove them from the action list.
  - 2. Have an update on 8 Lewis Street by next meeting
  - 11. Update/ include Asbestos update in Status
  - 17. Update Status to include Sustainability study working group update
  - 21. Tim Candles updated the LA members on the Regional Deal and discussed in the new year developing a community plan for the future of Elliott.

**RESOLVED**  
**Moved: LA Member Lennie Barton**  
**Seconded: LA Member Bob Bagnall** **CARRIED UNAN.**  
*Resolved ELA 78/19*

**4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT**

**MOTION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the Operation Directors Report.

**RESOLVED**  
**Moved: Cr. Jane Evans**  
**Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish** **CARRIED UNAN.**  
*Resolved ELA 79/19*

**5. FINANCE**

**5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**

**MOTION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Lennie Barton

Seconded: LA Member K Gaskin

**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ELA 80/19***6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT****6.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the Area Managers report.
- b) Receive and note the Team Leader reports

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded: LA Member Lennie Barton

**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ELA 81/19*

Cr K Gaskin left the meeting, the time being 11:45 AM

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS****7.1 OPERATION OF BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL MACHINERY - Councillor Gordon Jackson**

Barkly Regional Council to Investigate the opportunities for qualified Elliott staff to operate machinery bought in to Elliott from Tennant Creek depot for example the street sweeper, grader, etc. Instead of staff operators traveling from Tennant Creek, that Elliott staff operate the machinery on site.

**MOTION****RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans

**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ELA 82/19***7.2 ACCOMODATION IN ELLIOTT - Councillor Jody Nish**

For Barkly Regional Council to investigate the accommodation crises in Elliott, for visiting service provider's, trainers, staff etc.

**MOTION****RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Bob Bagnall

Seconded:LA Member Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 83/19

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOVEMBER 2019

**MOTION**

That the Authority:

- a)Receive and note the correspondence for the month of November 2019.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Bob Bagnall

Seconded:LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 84/19

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

12.1 RISE - NGURRATJUTA UPDATE

**MOTION**

That the Authority

- a)Receive and note the update on the CDP Program

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded:LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 85/19

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 CONFIRMATION OF MEETING DATE

**MOTION**

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the date of the next Local Authority meeting to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of

January 2020

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Lennie Barton**

**Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved ELA 86/19*

Cr K Gaskin returned to the meeting, the time being 12.05 PM

**14. CLOSE OF MEETING – 12.05pm**

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Elliott Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Thursday, 5 December 2019 AND CONFIRMED Thursday, 13 February 2020.

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Chair

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Tim Hema  
Area Manager

## **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 3.1  
**TITLE** Action Items from Previous Minutes  
**REFERENCE** 288518  
**AUTHOR** Shelley McDonald, Area Manager - Elliott

### **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 [↓](#) Elliott January 2020 Action List.pdf



**ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY  
ACTION LIST**

Updated 09 January 2019

ITEM NUMBER	MEETING DATE	TASK / PROJECT	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	BUDGET SOURCE	ACTION LEADER	COMPLETED/STATUS
1	25 August 2014	<b>Cemetery Beautification</b>	Graves to be marked and documented / burial register updated.	BRC/CDP	Area Manager BRC	The MOB Program have been in Elliott the week of the 16 <sup>th</sup> December to look at what need doing at the Cemetery and to speak to Community Members.
2	06 June 2017	<b>House 8 Lewis Street</b>	That BRC actions repairs to House 8/16 Lewis Street – Demountable Buildings were suggested during the meeting.		Director Of Operations BRC	Placed on the 5 year infrastructure plan
3	05 July 2018	<b>Footpath Extension</b>	Barkly Regional Council to Investigate Extending the Footpath from the corner of McRae street to the Corner of Bray street and the repair or replacement of the footpath from Bray street to Buchanan street.		Director of Operations BRC	<p>Reply from Darcy Dunbar on 5.11.2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>extending the Footpath from the corner of McRae street to the Corner of Bray street</b></li> </ul> <p>This is subject to provision of funding – at this stage we have included it in our bids submission to Darwin and hopefully we will receive funding for this in the 20/21 financial budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>the repair or replacement of the footpath from Bray street to Buchanan street</b></li> </ul> <p>We are able to address this from the current R&amp;M budget and are arranging a contractor to repair, the intent is to have the works done while we have other concrete works happening in Elliott ( probably in conjunction with new housing slab construction)</p>

## ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST

Updated 09 January 2019

4	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	LA members would like the Plan to be completed correctly and for BRC to cost the project out.
5	05 July 2018	<b>Main Park Upgrade</b>	LA funding the Main Park Upgrade, installing a toilet Block and BBQ with Shelter.	LA Funds	Area Manager BRC	Completed the Toilet, LA members have asked for the BBQ in the main Park be costed to possibly turn battery operated to save on costs Still awaiting quote
6	05 July 2018	<b>Waterpark</b>	BRC to obtain quotes to install a shade structure, seating with shelter and Landscape the Area as part of the Water Park upgrade		Area Manager	Quote approved and PO raised awaiting Contractor time frame
7	02 August 2018	<b>Town Camp Fencing</b>	BRC to write a letter to the department seeking funds to repair town camp fences.		Mayor	Mayor to be asked to write a letter to Minister McCarthy in regards to fences in the town camps and outstations.
8	02 August 2018	<b>North Camp Basket Ball Courts</b>	Apply for funds to upgrade the Basket Ball Courts in North Camp, to repair the lighting, fencing and surface, Adjustable backboards, Grandstands and toilets were added to the list of things the LA would like built.	Community Benefit Funds	Director of Operations BRC	Placed on 5 year Infrastructure Plan
9	11 October 2018	<b>Sobering up shelter</b>	Request the Director of Community Services look into the validity of a		Dept. of Health	To be referred to the department of health.

### ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST

Updated 09 January 2019

			sobering up shelter in Elliott and if possible pursue funding to establish one in Elliott.			
10	1 November 2018	<b>Anzac Memorial Shade Sail</b>	LA members have asked for a Shade structure to be put up at the Anzac Memorial		Grants Officer	Awaiting information back from Susan Wright in regards to any grants
11	1 November 2018	<b>Football Oval</b>	Construction of new football over time frame and update	Grant Funding	Area Manager BRC	Sprinkler system parts have arrived, BRC are awaiting quote to remove asbestos from site before starting this project.
12	1 November 2018	<b>17 Buchanan street House</b>	Update and time frame of works completed	Operational	Director of Operations BRC	Kitchen and Bathroom are completed, walls to paint and floor to re-tile.
13	7 February 2019	<b>Old Clinic Building</b>	Request that council draft a letter to send to the Department of Health in regards to what the old clinic building is being used as and that the community be allowed to have input on what it should be used for in the Future.		Area Manager	Shelley to draft a letter, sitting in Tennant Creek Office for approval and signing.
14	7 February 2019	<b>Road side verges</b>	The roadside verges in Brown and Koorunga streets and what is happening to move forwarded.		Director of Infrastructure BRC	A Quote has been Obtained BRC to source funding for this project.
15	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	A Quote has been Obtained BRC to source funding for this project.

**ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY  
ACTION LIST**

**Updated 09 January 2019**

16	04 April 2019	<b>Tidy Towns</b>	Decision to defer the commence Tidy Towns until Heimo is able to give a presentation in person		Director of Operations BRC	Defer until environmental sustainability study working group gives feedback on their progress.
17	09 May 2019	<b>Elliott Gym</b>	Barkly Regional Council to address the issue of the Elliott Gym not being available to the Community members 24/7 as previous years		Area Manager BRC	Information was given to previous users have only received 1 reply at this stage, Shelley still looking into this.
19	05 September 2019	<b>Landscaping at Waterpark</b>	Landscape dirt Patch at Waterpark, or lawn as rest of park.		Area Manager BRC	Lawn and sprinklers will be inserted into areas previously missed as soon as the time is available with the Depot staff.
20	31 October 2019	<b>Liquor Commission Letter</b>	CEO to write a letter to the liquor Commission in regards to the delay in the review of the liquor restrictions.		CEO	Ongoing
21	14 November	<b>Barkly Regional Deal</b>	Tim Candler to be invited to the next Elliott local authority to give an update and answer any questions in regards to the Barkly regional deal			<b>Completed</b> , Tim to attend as many meetings as he can with monthly written updates in the agenda.



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 4.1  
**TITLE** Monthly CEO Report  
**REFERENCE** 288772  
**AUTHOR** Mark Parsons, Operations Director

**RECOMMENDATION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and Note the Director of Operations Report.

**SUMMARY:**

Well another year is almost at an end and what a great year it has been. I am pleased to say that the Communities continue to improve and at this stage before the December LA meetings the numbers for Community LA meetings are looking good. The meeting numbers are as follows:

Alpurrurulam 8  
Ali Curung 8  
Elliott 8  
Ampilatwatja 6  
Wutunugurra 4  
Arparra 1

With one block of meetings still to go in December hopefully these will improve by 1 each. Some of the Local Authorities have asked for an interpreter to be supplied for their LA meetings. This was brought about through the Local Decision Making workshops. At this stage it has been ascertained that the cost of this service would be a \$1000.00 per meeting plus travel costs. There may be the option to use a local resident to provide this service to the LA meetings. I will keep Council informed of progress.

Once again this month I have stepped in as Acting CEO for 4 days to help out whilst Steve had to travel home. During this time I was able to attend a waste management conference in Darwin that was held by LGANT. This was a great opportunity to talk to the other Councils about the shared obstacles and solutions in maintaining landfills in our Communities.

I would like to take this chance to wish all Councillors and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year. I will be on leave for a few weeks over Christmas and look forward to coming back next year ready to do it all again.

**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** 288519  
**AUTHOR** Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) Elliott LA Finance report.pdf



Barkly Regional Council  
Local Authority Allocation  
Project: 405 Elliott

**INCOME**

LA Grants Received  
Grants Received  
**INCOME TOTAL**

Budget	Income and Expenditures			Total
	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	
243,530.18	\$ 49,454.00	\$ 51,150.00	\$ 51,150.00	\$ 243,530.18
<b>243,530.18</b>	<b>\$ 49,454.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 243,530.18</b>

Approved Minutes

Expenditure Date

**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)  
 LA Funding Committed  
 Oct-19 Shade Structure - Elliott Water Park

**EXPENDITURE TOTAL**

4,450.91	\$ 174.73	\$	\$	\$ 4,450.91
87,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$	\$	\$ 87,500.00
1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$	\$	\$ 1,000.00
1,000.00	\$	\$ 1,000.00	\$	\$ 1,000.00
7,827.02	\$ 48,279.27	\$ 7,827.02	\$	\$ 7,827.02
<b>49,279.27</b>	<b>\$ 48,279.27</b>	<b>\$ 15,875.41</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 64,154.68</b>
1,050.00	\$	\$ 1,050.00	\$	\$ 1,050.00
20,000.00	\$	\$ 20,000.00	\$	\$ 20,000.00
<b>172,107.20</b>	<b>\$ 49,454.00</b>	<b>\$ 45,752.43</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 186,982.61</b>
<b>71,422.98</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,397.57</b>	<b>\$ 51,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 56,547.57</b>

## AREA MANAGERS REPORT

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.1  
**TITLE** Area Managers Report  
**REFERENCE** 288520  
**AUTHOR** Shelley McDonald, Area Manager - Elliott

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the Area Managers report.
- b) Receive and note the Team Leader reports

### SUMMARY:

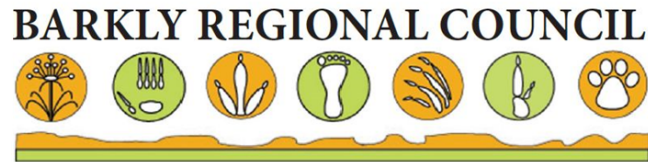
### BACKGROUND

### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

### CONSULTATION & TIMING

### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Elliott Area Managers Report - December 2019.pdf
- 2 [↓](#) Elliott Community Care December 2019.pdf
- 3 [↓](#) Elliott Community Library December 2019.pdf
- 4 [↓](#) Elliott Safe House December, 2019.pdf
- 5 [↓](#) Elliott Sport and Rec December 2019.pdf



## AREA MANAGER REPORT – ELLIOTT

### Month – December 2019

#### GENERAL:

- Elliott Local Authority Meeting held.
- Street Sweeper in town cleaning up streets, have asked for it to come back in January/February to do the streets again.
- Most staff in the Depot and Admin were away over the Christmas New Year Period, with this only basic core business was achieved e.g. Garbage runs, watering etc. the Depot and Admin will start back up in full swing after the New Year.

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- The highlight of this month is that it is Christmas and New Year, Elliott Community hopes that all had a safe and happy time.
- Elliott Looks forward to the coming twelve months.

#### ISSUES:

- We are still short staffed in the Depot we are down to four workers in the Depot so the staff are struggling to keep on top of core business and doing a great job.
- The Backhoe, tip truck, and Bobcat are all broken down and are awaiting parts so they can be re-paired.
- Accommodation is an ongoing big issue for visiting staff, trainers and trades people; we have to hold off on jobs/training for Barkly Regional Council, as we do not have any accommodation to put them up.
- Illegal dumping at the Landfill again this month with a company dumping 2 Pods of vehicle oil at the bays, allowing them to split and spill the contents on to the ground. This is an environmental hazard, and will be followed up on in the New Year, the Municipal staff have done the initial clean up, and the company will receive an invoice for this. This is a reminder to all visitors to Elliott to contact the council before entering the landfill as the sign states at the main gate. Elliott Landfill is not licenced to accept some items and a check before dumping can save a lot of money in the end.

## **Aged Care December 2019 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. A lug nut on the tyre was broken trying to change a tyre, we got the tyre replaced and will get the council to fix the lug nut next time the mechanic comes to Elliott.

### **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. We Have done 3 of the 8 standards for aged care and will be learning the 4<sup>th</sup> standard soon. The ladies are willing to help more with the paperwork and are learning fast with the help from steps trainer. Staff appraisals were completed and all staff have done well. I look forward to learning more in the new year like etools. I am Slowly learning how to do My Aged Care referrals so we can get more services or equipment for the oldies.

### **Aged Care**

All services are being delivered. The oldies are happy we get more time with them. We are continuing to clean houses. Jodie the STEPS trainer is back for her 2<sup>nd</sup> time and is getting through the books with the ladies they are doing very well and enjoying the course . Simon is doing skype/ phone conference with fox training and is getting closer to finishing the cert 4. Roger from LLN is still coming and training the ladies. The party was a huge success with the oldies coming and having a BBQ and singing and dancing and just having fun, seeing the smiles on their faces was good to see. Clients are using the pergola area more and enjoy sitting their with a cup of tea or doing their paintings and crafts. The Oldies have enjoyed the year and are looking forward to next year and doing more activities and outings. Numbers have been good for most of the year but hopefully we can increase numbers next year as more people learn about the activities and new meals we offer as well as the normal day to day services.

### **The Good**

Having the Christmas party and all the oldies coming to the centre was good.

The Oven getting fixed we can cook more food in there.

Getting A few more workers with their P Plates

More Allied health professionals coming to visit.

Steps Training

**The Bad**

Still have some trouble getting staff to work on Fridays.

**Wishlist**

Furnishings for pergola table chairs.

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

A ramp for the bus

More craft supplies

Lawn mower

**Simon Mullan**

**Aged Care Team Leader**



## Elliott Community Library Report December 2019

### Library Statistics

December 2019	
Adults:	97
Children:	81
Internet use:	64
<b>Total patronage:</b>	<b>178</b>
Daily Average:	10.58
Item Circulation:	26

### Activities

1. Elliott School visits Elliott Library in Term 4 finished. More detail please find attached Table 1 - Group Overview. Following up is the overview for the Term 4:
  - Becca received a Certificate of Appreciation from Elliott School-FaFT, please find attached photo.
  - During school visit, children engaged with Reading Time. It's great to see children quiet and enjoy reading during their Visit. Becca and teacher read with children if they need us.
  - Beside the school visited, there were more new patrons visit the library. People came in and enjoy the peaceful environment: loan books, magazines and use internet. Number of people visiting and resource using are high.
  - After school, library continue had children show up, I will host activities if they need me.
2. 2 new books from Northern Territory Library on Dec 4th.
3. Received 13 new children books from Tennant Creek Library.
4. Received digital old photos about Community Stories from NTL.
5. School of Languages and Cultures, The University of Queensland donated Elliott Library the digital files, audio and 4 copies of their new publish books which they researched in Elliott with local elder:
  - "Barnanjurra birrka marna ngangadarra kulunjurrungurlu",
  - "Mudburra to English Dictionary"
  - "Birrka Marnini- Making things Mudburra"

6. Becca assisted photo taking on the White Ribbon Day March.
7. NTL LRA orders finished.
8. Christmas decoration has been made and on display. Please find attached photo.
9. The outside tape got damaged on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, maintain form filled in and waiting for fix.
10. Christmas Holiday Program has been advertised throughout the Community. Please see attached photo.

**Library Wish list**

1. New water fountain
2. Fix library computers\*2.
3. Security camera.

**Table 1 - Group Overview**

	Group	Time	Notes
1	Year 3-5 (Approx. 14 children)	Visiting Monday 1:15-1:50pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to Elliott School only have one bus, afternoon classes Visit need to finish before 2pm.</li> <li>• Term 4 Visit finished on 10<sup>th</sup> December.</li> </ul>
2	Year 2&3 (Approx. 14 children)	Visiting Tuesday 1:15-1:50pm	
3	FaFT (Approx. 6 families & bubs 0-3 years old)	Visiting odd weeks Wednesday 11-12am	
4	Transition to Year 1 (Approx. 14 children)	Visiting Wednesday 1:15-1:50pm	
5	After-School Activities	Monday -Friday 2:30-4:00pm	Term 4 finished.

**High Light**

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>School Holiday Programs</b> 16th -20th December 2pm-3pm Elliott Community Library</p> <p><b>Christmas Crafts &amp; Movie</b>          Mon 16th Dec - X-mas paper Wreath          Tue 17th Dec - Decor X-mas Tree Foam          Wed 18th Dec - Popcorn and Movie - Elf          Thu 19th Dec - Painting 3D Wooden Reindeer          Fri 20th Dec - Iron Bead Snowman          Don't miss the fun!</p> <p><small>• Holiday programs are free and open to all the Elliott community members.          • Children 5 years and under are to be accompanied by an adult at all events.          • Spaces are limited for some events, arrive early to avoid missing out.</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Holiday programs</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">This certificate is presented to <b>BECCA CHANG</b> ELLIOTT LIBRARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>For supporting the FaFT program to offer a range of services, staff &amp; family support, and helping provide healthy environment to our growing children.</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you, FaFT Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Christmas décor</p>
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**Elliott Safe House  
December Report, 2019**

**Safe House Statistics**

December 2019	
Adults:	22
Children:	9
Total Client Base:	31
Daily Average:	1.55

**Activities**

- On the 04/10/2019, Area Manager Shelley McDonald emailed to advise Te Wai Le Geyt that after some discussions with herself, Gina Rainbird and Gary Pemberton, who concluded and all agreed under ‘strict guidelines’ and in accordance with BRC Policy that all donations and fundraising for the Elliott Safe House may resume after being cancelled on the 09/05/2019.
- Yarning BBQ Tables with chairs have been ordered and the Cement Pad for the tables have been measured by Remote Concreting Tennant Creek. AM Shelley McDonald will receive the Quote for the concreting in the next couple of day’s.
- Area Manager Shelley McDonald has spoken with Gina Rainbird about the Yard Development Plan, which is part of the “AA1 Safe House for Strong Women” project 2019-2020. Once all quotes for this Project are in, those will then be forwarded onto Gina Rainbird Regional Manager for her approval.
- White Ribbon Day March 22 Nov, 2019 included Elliott and Marlinja schools, New Castle Water Station, Government Agents – Territory Families, BRC Tennant Creek and Elliott, Elliott Clinic, Police, Elliott AOD, Elliott Sport & Rec and Faft (Families as First Teachers). Our March was in support of Anti Violence against women, and in support of safe motherhood. Kym Lenoble received an article from Safe House Team Leader on the 02/12/2019, covering the Elliott White Ribbon Day March, for Tennant Times News.



**AT A GLANCE**

<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TIME FRAME</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>All fundraising and donations were resumed on the 04/10/2019.</b>	Money raised for the Safe House are held in the Elliott Council Safe.		<b>Fundraising Total: \$281.00</b>
<b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b>	New posters have been put around town, Safe House will now provide morning tea.	On going Mon - Thurs 9-11am	
<b>Women's group (Yarning group Long Reach)</b>	Long Reach visits every First Friday of the month.	On going Friday from 9 – 11am	
<b>Women's group</b>	Pamper, crafts and morning tea. This will be with other organisations, TC women's refuge, SARC-TC hospital and FaFT Elliott. It's a great opportunity for other organisations to come present to the women, have craft sessions and then a light morning tea.	On going 2nd Friday of every month 10 - 12pm	
<b>Safe House Brochure</b>	AM approved brochure – 08/03/2019	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.

**Safe House Wish list**

- Replace old Safe House vehicle with Mini Van to collect and drop-off clients for yarning group sessions and trips to Long Reach Water Hole.
- AM Shelley McDonald advised the Quote for the New surrounding Aluminium Fence has been Approved. AM advises that Sheets of aluminium will be delivered to site before Christmas, though construction won't start till after Christmas. (Costs of the new boundary aluminium fence is covered by the current AA1 Safe House for Strong Women Project, grant funding 2019-2020).



Safe House Team Leader Te Wai Le Geyt opened speeches to the crowd of marchers. Acknowledging the Mudburra and Jingili people, the Traditional Custodians of the Land. After welcoming elders, schools and agencies, Te Wai Le Geyt formally introduced herself to the crowd in her own Indigenous, Maori Language with a translation. The speech continued with what is White Ribbon Day; it is the International Day for Eradication of Violence against Women, and an annual day to raise awareness of Family & Domestic Violence. There was a message to all the Ambassadors who Stand up and Speak out about this issue, who are Men and Women that recognise the importance of taking responsibility in being part of the solution to end the violence, abuse and inequality faced by women in Elliott and across Australia. (A special mention to all men-) Encouraging men to highlight the issues and take responsibility for putting an end to men's violence against women and to promote respectful relationships. White Ribbon Ambassadors come from all walks of life and drive the movement wherever they are.

A special thank you to Traditional Owner and Elder Heather Wilson for speaking to the crowd about the effects of Domestic Violence against women in Elliott, and why it is important for the Elliott Community to support gatherings such as White Ribbon Day. Elder Heather Wilson ended her speech by asking the crowd to join her in a Minutes Silence for those who have lost their lives to Domestic Violence.

After speeches, the Safe provided BBQ sausages, onions in a piece of bread with mustard and tomato source and bottles of water. There was a lot of great feed-back from the different Agencies, Departments and Schools about the White Ribbon March, saying they enjoyed their morning and the great message.

A very big thank you to BRC Councillor Jane Evans for donating 75 bottles of cold Water and all the White Balloons for the children.



## ELLIOT SPORT AND REC MONTHLY REPORT DECEMBER

### Overview

The Southern Cup Basketball competition was held in Alice Springs on 30 November and 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Sport and Rec team leader took players from Elliott and also invited Elliott youth attending Yirara college to join the team to support their school attendance. Elliott men played remarkably well with their skills and high level team work getting them to the grandfinal. They won the three on three competition and were awarded a medal at the presentations. Elliott men were also in the grandfinal for the five on five competition and placed second. Elliott girls combined with Epenarra to make a team and placed third. The competition was excellent and Elliott teams should be proud of their performance, as well as the other Barkly teams that were there.

Team Leader had a phone meeting with Cricket NT and the sports voucher scheme as cricket was due to come to Elliott for two weeks in January. Unfortunately due to the Imparja Cup in February they are having to reschedule the trip to Elliott and we will organise dates for March.

As usual youth have returned from boarding school for the school holidays so there has been an increase in participant numbers in the 13 years and over age group.

### Highlights

It was fantastic to see such great teamwork and leadership within the Elliott basketball team at the Southern Cup Basketball Competition. Following their success, they have been invited to play in a three on three competition in Darwin being held February/March 2020.

### Challenges

There are occasionally intoxicated people coming to Sport and Rec which is very inappropriate given it is a space for children and youth. It can sometimes be difficult to get them to leave particularly when Night Patrol is not running.

There are some adults trying to leave young children at sport and rec unattended or with a teenager. Signs have been put up to remind people that children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18.

### Infrastructure and Equipment Needed

-Lights for the stage area

-Shade for parking the vehicles

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 7.1  
**TITLE** Update on Elliott Landfill  
**REFERENCE** 288470  
**AUTHOR** Shelley McDonald, Area Manager - Elliott

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Accept the and note the verbal report on Elliott Landfill

### **SUMMARY:**

Barkly Regional Council would like suggestions from the Local Authority concerning the illegal dumping of waist at the Elliott Landfill.

How Barkly Regional Council can prevent illegal dumping at the Elliott Landfill moving forward.

Also how to educated the Community on illegal dumping in the scrub.

### **BACKGROUND**

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

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### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 7.2  
**TITLE** CDP Community Advisory Board  
**REFERENCE** 288516  
**AUTHOR** Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report from CDP;
- b) Provide feedback and input to the CDP advisor attending in regards to current programs in the community.

### **SUMMARY:**

CDP will be attending the Local authorities in Ali Curung, Wutunugurra and Elliott Monthly to get feedback and input from the community.

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 7.3  
**TITLE** Invite to the Liquor Commission  
**REFERENCE** 288762  
**AUTHOR** Shelley McDonald, Area Manager - Elliott

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Invite the Liquor Commission to the next Local Authority Meeting on Thursday 13 February 2020

### **SUMMARY:**

Invite the Liquor Commission to the next meeting to discuss options on updating the Alcohol Management Plan and to discuss the Permit system requested for Elliott.

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**



## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 8.1  
**TITLE** Monthly Correspondence Report  
**REFERENCE** 288485  
**AUTHOR** Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the correspondence.

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- [1](#) Letter - To Barkly Regional Council - 2020 Legislative Assembly Elections.pdf
- [2](#) Letter from Minister McCarthy.pdf
- [3](#) Letter to Chief Minister 16 December 2019.pdf
- [4](#) Letter to Chief Minister 18 December 2019 (2).pdf
- [5](#) Letter to Chief Minister 18 December 2019.pdf
- [6](#) Letter to Mayor from Nola Marino 28.10.2019\_1.pdf
- [7](#) 0620\_001.pdf
- [8](#) 0620\_001.pdf
- [9](#) 24.12.19 - Mayor Barkly Regional Council.pdf



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20 December 2019

Mr Steven Edgington  
President  
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Dear Mr Edgington

Re: August 2020 Legislative Assembly Election

As we approach the upcoming August 2020 Legislative Assembly election, it is important that all members are reminded of the legal requirement to disclose a personal or financial interest that gives rise to a conflict of interest in a question before the council, council committee or local authority. A member must not participate in any decision on a question where they have a conflict of interest. Members are to be aware that conflicts of interest can arise from a member's relevant interest in connection with the pre-selection or nomination of candidates for elections. Further detail of these requirements are contained in Part 7.2 of the *Local Government Act 2008*.

On 25 September 2019, Ms Maree De Lacey, Executive Director of Local Government and Community Development, emailed all council chief executive officers with advice on the process to follow if members nominate as candidates and they wish to be reappointed to council or the local authority if they are unsuccessful.

On 30 October 2019, Mr Jamie Chalker, the former Chief Executive Officer of this Department, wrote to all chief executive officers with further advice and highlighted the importance of managing conflicts of interest.

As this is an important matter, I ask that you table this correspondence at your next council and local authority meetings so that all members are made aware of this advice. Please do not hesitate to contact me via [brett.beaton@nt.gov.au](mailto:brett.beaton@nt.gov.au) if you or your council require any clarification on this matter or if you would like more information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brett Beaton".

Brett Beaton  
Acting Executive Director  
Local Government and Community Development  
*20/12/2019*



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Mayor Edgington  
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Mayor Edgington

Thank you for your letter 18 December 2019, to the Chief Minister, in respect to Tara and surrounding outstations.

I recently visited the Tara area to hand over the keys on an upgraded house to a hard working local employee and kinship carer. During my visit I spent considerable time talking to community members.

As the former Regional Director for Housing in the Barkly region, you will be aware of the processes and procedures relating to homelands and outstations. Both the outstations mentioned in your letter are funded under the Homelands program, with service provided by Thangkenharengge Aboriginal Corporation. Angkweleyelengkwe and Jemelke are both funded for 3 dwellings in each outstation.

Both outstations have received funding under the homelands program. You will remember that the CLP cashed out \$155 million in Federal funding for homelands, leaving no ongoing contribution from the federal government for these important services.

Thank you for taking the time to write regarding Barkly electorate matters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerry McCarthy'.

GERRY MCCARTHY

20/12/2019





16 December 2019

Hon Michael Gunner MLA  
Chief Minister  
Northern Territory Government

Dear ~~Chief Minister,~~ *Michael*

Over the last four weeks I've had numerous residents approach me raising concerns that the Tennant Creek Weeds Management Office and the Tennant Creek Bushfires NT Office are about to close.

From the information I've been provided with it is my understanding that the Weeds Management Branch are responsible for implementation of the Barkly Regional Weed Management Plan 2015-2020 and that Bushfires NT works with landowners and the wider community to manage bushfires in the Northern Territory by providing support for mitigation, management and suppression activities and coordinating landowner and volunteer participation in response to significant fires.

Weeds management along with mitigating, managing and suppressing bushfires are critical services that employ up to four locally based staff and have played a valuable role supporting and protecting the Barkly region over many years.

Given the number of concerns raised I am unaware of any community consultation by your government and query with you and your government whether there are any plans to close the operation of these services here in Tennant Creek and / or transfer staff to locations outside of this region.

So that I am in a position to brief residents about these persistent rumours can you please provide answers to the following questions:

1. On 1 January 2017 what was the number of positions funded for the Tennant Creek office for Weeds Management and what was the number of positions funded for Bushfires NT?
2. As at 16 December 2019 what is the number of staff positions at the Tennant Creek office for Weeds Management and what is the number of positions funded for Bushfires NT?
3. As at 16 December 2019, what is the actual number of staff physically based in the Tennant Creek office for Weeds Management and Bushfires NT?
4. Is your government considering or does your government have any plans in place to close the Weeds Management and / or the Bushfires NT office in Tennant Creek? If so, how will these programs and services be delivered in the future and from what location?

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5. If your government is considering closing the Weeds Management and / or the Bushfires NT office in Tennant Creek can you please outline what consultation there has been with key stakeholders in Tennant Creek and across the Barkly region?
6. What, if any, consultation has there been with staff from Weeds Management and / or the Bushfires NT office in Tennant Creek?
7. What is the overall future and plan for Weeds Management and Bushfires NT in Tennant Creek and across the Barkly region and how do you see these programs contributing to the protection of our environment in the years to come?

Thank-you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



Steven Edgington  
Mayor

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**BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

18 December 2019

Hon Michael Gunner MLA  
Chief Minister  
Northern Territory Government

Dear Chief Minister,

*Michael*

I am writing to you in regard to concerns raised about the apparent failure of your government to maintain, clean and care for the public rest area and toilets at the front of and adjacent to the Devils Marbles Hotel at Wauchope.

The Stuart Highway is the most travelled route in the Barkly region and most drive tourists visiting the Northern Territory travel the route between Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin.

I'm sure you would agree that the roadhouses and pubs of the Territory are an important part of the visitor experience and this is very real for the Barkly region with the Devils Marbles Hotel being one of the standouts as a well-known and patronised destination.

For quite some time now, your government has previously managed the maintenance, rubbish collection, cleaning and care of the rest area and public toilets but, over the last couple of months, appears to have ceased providing this service.

If we are to attract and maintain the number of visitors to the Barkly region it is imperative that your government provides good quality and well-presented facilities to help support our roadhouses and pubs and lift the overall visitor experience.

Can you please advise the reasons why your government appears to have ceased its obligation to maintain, clean and care for the public rest area and toilets at the front of and adjacent to the Devils Marbles Hotel and a date for when the service will re-commence.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Edgington  
Mayor

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18 December 2019

Hon Michael Gunner MLA  
Chief Minister  
Northern Territory Government

Dear Chief Minister, *Michael*

During a recent visit to the Tara Community and the surrounding Outstations in the Barrow Creek area a number of issues and concerns were raised by residents about the standard of housing, an opportunity to refurbish the Women's Centre and a community expectation that a Playgroup program would be established.

While at the Angkweleyeylelengkwe Outstation I was shown a number of houses that required a substantial upgrade to enable family members to return and live in the area. From looking at all five houses, there were three that are in need of repairs and refurbishment and one that requires a substantial upgrade to make it habitable.

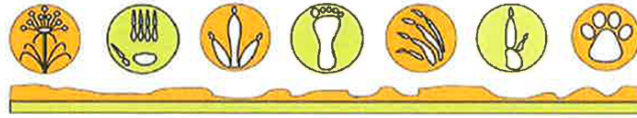
During my visit to the Jemelke (Patsy's) Outstation I was advised by residents that the current generator is too small to adequately power the houses which has prevented air-conditioners from being installed.

At the Tara Community, I was shown a house, opposite the church that was previously used for the School Nutrition Program which residents believe could be refurbished and used for a Playgroup program. I was also asked whether the Northern Territory Government would be willing to upgrade and refurbish the Women's Centre so it could be used for art and craft etc.

Residents have asked that I write to you to seek answers to a range of questions that are related to improving living conditions and getting better social outcomes for the people in this part of the Barkly region. Could you please advise:

1. Who is the current contracted service provider for delivering the Housing Maintenance and the Municipal & Essential Services Program at the Tara Community and the Angkweleyeylelengkwe and Jemelke Outstations?
2. What amount of funding does your government provide or make available for municipal and essential services, housing maintenance services, homelands extra allowance, homelands jobs and MES special purpose grants at the Angkweleyeylelengkwe and Jemelke Outstations?
3. Is there any eligibility criteria for the funding that the residents of these Outstations need to be aware of? If so, what is the criteria?
4. What is the total amount of funding that has been expended under the Outstation Program for Angkweleyeylelengkwe and Jemelke for the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 financial years and for what purpose?
5. What funding is your government providing and to which service provider during the 2019/2020 financial year for service delivery at the Angkweleyeylelengkwe and Jemelke?

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**BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

6. Has your government or the funded service provider assessed each of the houses at the Angkweleyeyelengkwe Outstation to develop a scope of works and estimated cost of repairs so that work can be completed on each house to enable family to return and live at the Outstation? If not, why not? If so, when will the work be completed so that family can return?
7. Has your government or the funded service provider conducted an assessment of the generator at the Jemelke Outstation to determine whether it is suitable to allow air-conditioners to be installed in each of the houses? If not, why not? If so, what was the result of the assessment and have the residents been advised of the outcome?
8. If the generator is not suitable to power air-conditioners in each house, has your government or the funded service provider undertaken any steps to replace the current generator? If so, can you advise what the current situation is?
9. Is your government aware of the vacant house opposite the church in the Tara Community? If so, what is it currently being used for?
10. Is your government willing to upgrade this house and fund a Playgroup program similar to that already raised by our Council with the Departments of Education and Housing? If not, why not? If so, what consultation has your government undertaken with the residents of the Tara Community and are there any plans in place to start the program?
11. Is your government willing to refurbish the Women's Centre so that it can be used by the women for arts and craft activities? If not, why not? If so, what consultation has your government undertaken with the residents of the Tara Community and are there any plans in place to start the program?
12. Any other information, to assist residents to better understand your government's funding arrangements for the Tara Community and the surrounding Outstations in the Barrow Creek area?

Thank-you for your consideration, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor  
Steven Edgington

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The Hon Nola Marino MP

Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories  
Federal Member for Forrest

Ref: MS19-001632

Mayor Steve Edgington  
Barkly Regional Council  
PO Box 821  
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28 OCT 2019

Dear Mayor

The Barkly Regional Deal (the Deal) is a \$78.4 million commitment between the Australian Government, Northern Territory Government and Barkly Regional Council to deliver 28 transformative projects over the next 10 years. I would like to thank you for your commitment to the Deal and that of your officials, who have been working hard to progress its implementation.

The Deal is an important initiative, which I expect will become a model for Regional Deals more broadly. I'm keen to ensure that the close engagement between governments and appropriate oversight from elected officials continues throughout the Deal's implementation. To this end, I would like to propose three strategies for us, as the elected representatives and signatories to the Deal, to monitor progress and ensure on-going accountability and momentum. These strategies are drawn from the Australian Government's City Deal implementation approach.

The first is to develop an Implementation Plan (the Plan) covering the Deal's initiatives. The Plan will clearly define how each initiative will be delivered, its delivery timeframe, and who will be responsible. This will help to track progress and manage the community expectations and provide an important benchmark to guide the Deal's implementation over its 10-year life. This approach is consistent with the governance processes developed for City Deals, with the Plan to be made public once agreed by all government partners and the Governance Table. Officials from my Department will lead this work in close consultation with Barkly Regional Council officials and those from the Northern Territory Government.

I anticipate that the Plan will be finalised and agreed by February 2020. I propose that at this time we hold an event with Chief Minister Gunner to launch the Plan publicly and to demonstrate our progress with delivering the Deal. Subject to your and Chief Minister Gunner's agreement, my Office will work with you to settle these arrangements.

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The second is to establish a process to share implementation progress reporting between elected officials. My Department is currently working to prepare a quarterly progress report that captures the Deal's 28 initiatives. I expect that this will be finalised by late-2019, and I would be very happy to share this report with you and Chief Minister Gunner.

The third is to publish an annual progress report that captures the Deal's key achievements. The annual report will allow government partners to demonstrate progress in delivering the Deal's initiatives and to also capture the emerging wider impacts of the Deal against its stated objectives. Again, officials from my Department will lead this work in consultation with Barkly Regional Council and Northern Territory Government officials.

I have sent similar correspondence to Chief Minister Gunner seeking his endorsement of the strategies outlined above.

I look forward to hearing from you and continuing to work together to deliver this important initiative for the Barkly region.

Yours sincerely



Nola Marino



The Hon Nola Marino MP

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Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories  
Federal Member for Forrest

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Mayor Steve Edgington  
Barkly Regional Council  
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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 30 September 2019 regarding membership of the Barkly Governance Table.

The Australian Government is committed to delivering the 28 initiatives announced as part of the \$78.4 million Barkly Regional Deal (the Deal). The Governance Table (the Table) is an integral component of the Deal that will ensure effective community decision-making and oversight as it is implemented over the next 10 years.

As you are aware, members of the Table have been appointed on an interim basis. This interim nature recognised that implementation of the Deal would be strengthened by embedding a stronger voice for Indigenous representation from across the Barkly region. Interim Table members agreed in February 2019 that the future membership composition would be determined after further consultation.

I understand that the Barkly Backbone team, led by Mr Tim Candler, is currently leading a regional governance process to identify options for embedding this regional voice on the Table and that this work will include a number of workshops in regional communities. The findings from this process will be considered by interim members of the Table in early 2020. It is my preference to allow the process currently underway to conclude prior to changing the Table's membership.

The Land Councils play an important role in assisting Traditional Owners to acquire and manage their land in accordance with the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, and to ensure that Native Title holder interests, and those of wider Aboriginal communities, are represented in key policy initiatives and processes.

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I would encourage the Northern and Central Land Councils to continue engagement with Mr Candler and in the consultation process. I would also encourage the Land Councils to consider taking up a role in the Economic Working Group which supports the Table's consideration of key economic issues associated with the Deal and the Barkly region more broadly.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of this process and continuing the partnership with you to deliver the Deal for the benefit of the Barkly region.

Yours sincerely



Nola Marino



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Dear Mr Edgington

Thank you for your letter to the Chief Minister on 18 December 2019, in regards to the maintenance, care and cleaning of the Stuart Highway rest area located adjacent to the Devils Marbles Hotel at Wauchope.

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics has a contract in place for the maintenance and cleaning of roadside rest areas in the Barkly region. The frequency of servicing is weekly during peak tourism periods and as required during the off peak tourist season.

Additionally, I am advised that the Department is currently in discussion with the proprietors of the Devils Marbles Hotel and a local Indigenous Business Enterprise in regards to the maintenance and cleaning of roadside rest areas located within close proximity to the Devils Marbles. Arrangements are in place to provide maintenance and cleaning services pending the outcome of these discussions.

If you would like further information or to discuss this matter further please contact Mr Darcy Dunbar, Regional Director Barkly at [darcy.dunbar@nt.gov.au](mailto:darcy.dunbar@nt.gov.au) or telephone 8962 4591.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Edgington

Thank you for your letter of 16 December 2019 to the Chief Minister regarding the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' staffing in Tennant Creek. I am responding on behalf of the Chief Minister as the issues raised in your correspondence fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

I wish to begin by reassuring you that the NT Government has no plans to close the Department of Environment and Natural Resources office in Tennant Creek and we are monitoring the resource needs of the region.

There are currently two funded positions located in the Tennant Creek office; one with the Weeds Management Branch and one with Bushfires NT; both supporting the management of weeds in region due to the significantly reduced bushfire activity in the region. In addition, the newly recruited Bushfires NT supervisor for the Alice Springs and Barkly regions has decided to be based in Alice Springs.

At present, the Barkly region has low fuel loads due to the drought like conditions in the region and these fuel loads are not expected to increase until two successive average or above average rainfall seasons occur. This has meant from a fire management perspective, there has been minimal fire management work required.

This situation has been able to be confirmed because since March 2019, Bushfires NT staff have visited all pastoralist stations in the Barkly region to identify and map where the pastoralists expect the excessive fuel load to following the good rainfall, map these higher risk areas, and prepare property and regional fire mitigation plans.

Until fuel loads increase, there is greater need for Bushfires NT staff to be operating from either Alice Springs or Katherine to be able to respond to higher fire risk areas, provide



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additional support to staff in those regions, allowing for greater fatigue management, flexibility in responses as well as building on regional capacity. Already this year, the staff member in Tennant Creek has supported bushfire responses in the Katherine region — demonstrating the disproportionate workloads between the Barkly and Katherine regions at the current time.

I am advised that the current staff member has been well supported and that the Senior Human Resource Consultant from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources travelled to Tennant Creek in May 2019 to discuss ongoing management and support for the Bushfires NT staff member, in addition to weekly phone contact. In November 2019, the Executive Director Bushfires NT met with the staff member and his wife to discuss the opportunity to be relocated to Katherine for the foreseeable future. A decision on whether this occurs rests with the staff member. In the absence of a decision, it would be inappropriate to consult further.

Should the staff member choose to relocate, the office will still be required for the weeds management officer, visiting Bushfires NT staff and holding volunteer meetings. If this eventuates, the teams in Katherine and Alice Springs would undertake fire management activities in the Barkly region until conditions changed and the fire risk increased, warranting an increased Bushfires NT presence in the Barkly.

Thank you again for your interest in this matter and I hope the information above provides answers to your concerns. Should there be any changes to staffing arrangements for the region, the Executive Director of Bushfires NT will advise of these changes and provide further detail on managing responses within the region

Yours sincerely



EVA LAWLER  
24 December 2019

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 13.1  
**TITLE** Confirmation of Meeting Date  
**REFERENCE** 288521  
**AUTHOR** Shelley McDonald, Area Manager - Elliott

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Confirm the date of the next Local Authority meeting to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2020

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**