

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA

Elliott LA Meeting

Thursday 3 October 2024

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott LA Meeting will be held in Conference Room on Thursday 3 October 2024 at 10:00 am.

Chris Kelly

Chief Executive Officer

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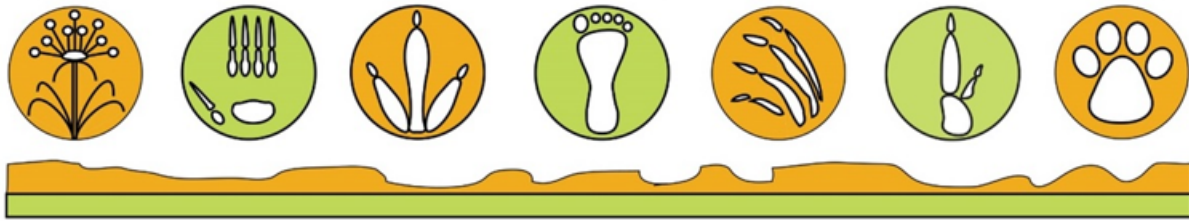
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May we continue to work together to Deliver sustainable outcomes through a process Based on mutual respect and understanding.

AUDIO RECORDING OF MEETING

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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

Note: In accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 under section 98, the quorum number for the Elliott LA Committee is 5.

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Note: In accordance with Chapter 5 of the Local Government Act 2019, if a person is absent without an apology for two consecutive meetings, they may be disqualified from the committee.

1.5 Resignations

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

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

(a) at a meeting of the local authority; and (b) to the CEO

Note: In accordance with Chapter 7, Section 115 of the Local Government Act 2019 (NT)

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous minutes - 01/08/2024

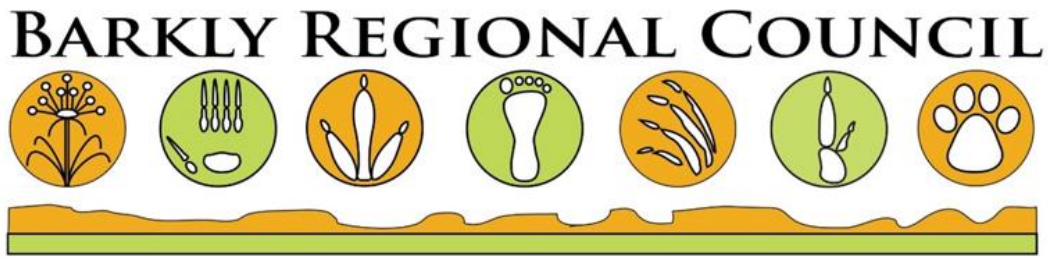
Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st August 2024 as true and accurate record

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Elliott Local Authority Meetin minutes [2.1.1 - 16 pages]
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MINUTES Elliott LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Thursday 1 August 2024 at 10:00 am.

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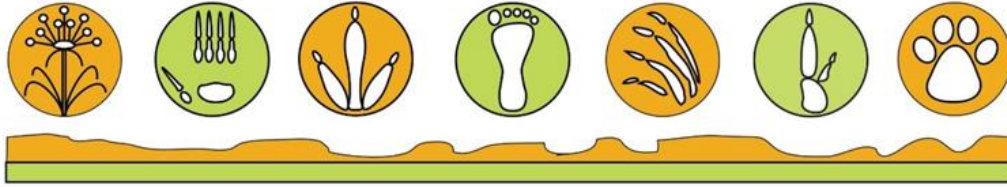
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COUNCIL PRAYER

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

Amen



1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

- Bob Bagnall (Chair)
- Jody Nish
- Kevin Neade
- Kevin Gaskin
- Lennie Barton
- Jason Mullan

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Chris Kelly (Chief Executive Officer, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operational Services, BRC)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services, BRC)
- Surya Godavarthi (Director of Infrastructure and Fleet, BRC)
- Romeo Mutsago (Chief Finance Officer, BRC)
- Kelly White (Area Manager, BRC)
- Sagar Chand (Regional Manager - Youth Sports & Rec, BRC)
- Lockie Thomas (Zone Manager - Night Patrol, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator, BRC)
- Linda Rice (Library Coordinator, BRC)
- Steve Edginton (Member for Barkly)
- Ben Seekamp
- Micheal Harrington
- Phil Harris
- Mary James
- Fiona Mason
- Elaine Sandy
- Harold
- Marlene Ball
- Neville Khan
- Michelle Conolly
- John Jablonka

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Christopher Neade
- Laura Jackson

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1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Nil

1.5 Resignations

- Nil

1.6 Code of Conduct

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Code of conduct.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lennie Barton

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.7 Disclosure of Interests

- Nil

1.8 Review of Disclosure of Interest

- Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

MOTION

That the Local Authority receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 04/04/2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/72



3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Action Tracker

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Action tracker with the mentioned changes.

SUMMARY

The following items were discussed during the review of the Action tracker:

- Regarding the Sobering up shelter, Fiona Mason from Anyinginyi informed the meeting that they have now prioritized the issue at hand and are actively working on it. Although there have been difficulties in locating the deed of lease, and despite efforts by a finance consultant, the desired outcome was not achieved. The intention is to continue focusing on this matter, ensuring the correct legal processes are followed before returning the property to the Elliott Community. An update is expected within the next two meetings.
- Jody mentioned that the wrong skip bins were ordered, leading to uncertainty on how to proceed. Kelly responded by stating that a specialist will assess the situation, and any issues will be addressed promptly, with updates to follow soon.
- Regarding the vehicle purchase, Bob informed that a previous CEO had assured the BRC would buy the vehicle, but nothing has happened. Chris responded that there is a vehicle in the yard that could be used, and they will investigate its condition and necessary repairs. Kelly mentioned that over next four weeks LA would receive more definitive answers regarding the vehicles.
- Chris mentioned that he would invite a representative from the Tourism Department to the next meeting.
- Surya mentioned that he would send the projects team to assess the condition of the bitumen roads, scope the necessary work, and provide updates at the next meeting.
- Regarding the playground equipment and discussions with the Barkly Regional Deal team about co-contribution, Chris mentioned that he will have a conversation with the Barkly Regional Deal and provide an update to the LA.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/73



4 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

4.1 LAPF statement

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the LAPF statement.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/74

5 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Nil

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

6.1 DIPL issues

MOTION

The Local Authority requests that the Council advocate with DIPL regarding the safety of the turn-off to the airstrip, as well as the signage and lighting facilities for the airstrip.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/82



General Business

6.2 Water facility for Oval

MOTION

The Local Authority requests that the Council investigate the cost of installing an articulating water system around the oval.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lennie Barton

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/83

General Business

6.3 Newcastle Waters

MOTION

That the Local Authority supports the initiative from Newcastle Waters.

SUMMARY

Please find the below attachment for the details.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/84



Bob Bagnall

From: Wayne Kraft <krafty@matesofthemurrnaji.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 31 July 2024 10:27 AM
To: 'Bob Bagnall'
Cc: 'stuart ord'; ceo@discoverca.com.au
Subject: Newcastle Waters Historic Township/Marlinja Community

Attention: Bob Bagnall

G'Day Bob.

As per our recent telephone communications, we seek your advices and directions relating to the provisional of contact details with the Marlinja Community.

Beyond the earlier (and somewhat disastrous) communications between the TourismNT commissioned TRC Group (Tourism Recreation Conservation) and the Community Leaders at Marlinja, we are keen to 'reopen' discussions with them in an empathetic and understanding manner.

To that end, it is important that the Community Leaders are made aware that the 'Mates of the Murrnaji' Group are not, in any way, associated with TourismNT.

It is most important the following topics/agenda items are discussed in an open and transparent manner with the hope of moving forward for the benefit of history and the future of the Heritage-Listed Township.

- (1) We are soon to seek substantial funding (perhaps via the Community Benefit Fund in the first instance) for a 'state of the art' Interpretive Signage Strategy. We are hoping this will include the utilisation of both Telstra 5G and QR Technologies.
- (2) CENTENARY COMMEMORATION: Please note the following:

The historic information below provides the background to our proposed CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS in 2026.

The (yet to be decided) Muster Date will be between 04 June 2026 and 19 August 2026, and is contingent upon the acceptance (or otherwise) from the Office of the Governor General for our newly appointed Governor General, along with our Administrator of the Northern Territory to attend the proposed CENTENARY COMMEMORATION at Newcastle Waters.

Newcastle Waters – the Capital of North Australia

On 04 June 1926, the Commonwealth of Australia assented to the **Northern Australia Act 1926** which effectively 'split' the Northern Territory into two (2) separate 'seats' of Government.

Central Australia with its 'Capital' being Alice Springs and (as per section 47 attached above) the "seat of Government of North Australia shall be established as soon as practicable at Newcastle Waters, and until the seat of Government is so established it shall be at Darwin".

The Act was ultimately 'rescinded' some 6-7 years later.



Governor General's Visit to Newcastle Waters (from Longreach Queensland)

On 19 August 1926, the Governor General of Australia and his wife, Lord and Lady Stonehaven flew from Longreach to Newcastle Waters in the first Australian - built (under licence) Qantas De-Havilland DH50 aircraft.

The day prior, Lady Stonehaven had 'christened' the plane *IRIS* (the Latin translation for **rainbow** amongst other meanings) at a ceremony at the newly-founded Qantas Airways 'complex' at Longreach.

They were met by local residents from Newcastle Waters Station along with the Darwin - based Police Superintendent and a Pastoral Lands Official who had both travelled (by 'road') down to Newcastle Waters following the Overland Telegraph Line maintenance track.

The maintenance track was the only 'road access' that followed the OT Line and existed long before the construction/establishment of the 'North-South Road' (later to be renamed the Stuart Highway in 1943).

Proposed Centenary Commemoration 2026

We have briefed the Office of the Administrator of the Northern Territory with the intention of ultimately inviting the Administrator to attend the proposed Commemoration.

Also, preliminary discussions have been initiated with the Office of the Minister for Heritage (Chansey Paech MLA), the Minister for Tourism, Joel Bowden MLA, and representatives from Tourism Northern Territory and Tourism Central Australia.

Our newly appointed Governor General of Australia, 'Her Excellency' Sam Moyston, has now been officially 'sworn-in', and we can now commence pre-planning discussions with the Office of the Governor General in Canberra for her possible attendance to the event.

The 'make-up' and timetable of the proposed event is purely speculative at this point in time.

SUMMARY

Bob, clearly now is the time to commence discussions with the local 'stakeholders' amongst others.

We have opened dialogue with the Consolidated Pastoral Company, owners of Newcastle Waters Station and the Junction Hotel with regard to the proposed Centenary Commemorations.

Please feel free to contact the writer (Krafty) regarding any of the contents of this email communication.

We are hopeful of your support and directions.

Many Thanks and Cheers,

Krafty

(Wayne Kraft AM)





General Business

6.4 Training for LA's

MOTION

The Local Authority agreed to proceed with the LA training in future as advised by Chris Kelly during the meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/85

7 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

8 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

8.1 Report from the Director of Operational Services

MOTION

That the Local Authority note and accept the Operational Directorate Report.

SUMMARY

Human Resources

- **Council Community Coordinator:** Christopher Neade continues in the role with minor service interruptions due to board membership and staff sick leave. Supported by a proactive Customer Service team. Special thank you to Jody and Annette for supporting during this period.

Council Restructure

- **Operational Restructure:** Barkly Regional Council has completed an operational restructure to better serve communities, now including municipal services, libraries, and customer service.
- **Organisational Structure:** The new structure will be released shortly.
- **Regional Plan:** Completed and being printed, with printed copies available to the LA and the public.

Municipal Services

- **Parks and Open Spaces:** Maintenance of public parks, shared spaces, and the football oval continues. A fee-for-service arrangement with DIPL for highway traffic islands and verges maintenance is in place, with a formal contract to follow.
- **Roads:** Road audit completed using aerial drone technology. Images provided to Elliott LA. Road repair team to commence pothole repairs soon.
- **Waste:** Rubbish bin runs continue twice weekly.



- **Landfill:** Site requires extensive works; external funding is being investigated to resolve legacy waste issues.
- **Street Sweeper:** Awaiting repairs; was scheduled to visit Elliott starting 29th July.

Essential Services

- **Airstrip:** Slashing and whipper snipper work completed in June. New maintenance work order received, with work due to be completed by 2nd August.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/75

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

8.2 Report from the Infrastructure and Fleet Directorate

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Infrastructure Directorate.

SUMMARY

1. Elliott Yarning Circle Project

- **Project Value:** \$10,000 AUD
- **Completion Date:** April 2024

Overview:

The Elliott Yarning Circle project, with a budget of \$10,000 AUD, was successfully completed in-house by the infrastructure and municipal teams. They efficiently managed all excavation and concrete work.

Next Steps:

The next phase involves preparing a detailed closing report to be submitted to the funding body. This report will summarise the project's accomplishments, ensuring compliance with funding requirements and providing a comprehensive overview of its implementation and outcomes.

2. Street Lighting for Kooringa Street

- **Project Value:** \$63,920
- **Scoping Completed:** April 2024
- **Initiation:** September 2024
- **Expected Completion:** November 2024

Overview:





This project aims to install new solar-powered street lights along the 200-meter stretch of Kooringa Street. The project is currently awaiting the supply of materials.

Next Steps:

The next phase involves obtaining quotations and selecting the right contractor for the installation.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Neade

Seconded: LA Member Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/76

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

8.3 Report from the Director of Community Development

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

Community Safety Program

- **BRC Community Safety:** Continues to provide essential support to individuals and stakeholders in communities.

Safe House Program

- **Elliott Safe House:** Despite coordinator changes, it continues to offer regular programs such as morning teas and information sessions. Active participation in the FAFT program remains a priority.

Youth, Sport & Recreation Program

- **School Holidays:** Engaging activities were offered at Elliott, including skateboarding sessions by Build-up Skateboarding.

Staffing Update

- **Elliott YSR:** 2 staff members, fully staffed.

- **Elliott Safe House:** 2 staff members, with one coordinator position vacant.

Training

- **Elliott Safe House:** Three staff members completed First Aid Training in Tennant Creek on 01/07/2024.

Aged Care Program

- **Operations:** Elliott Aged Care is running smoothly with all client medical summaries and care plans updated.

- **Clearances:** Ongoing renewal of Working with Children clearances and Police checks for all staff.

- **No Complaints:** No complaints or incidents reported during the period.





Safe House Program

- Services: Provides emergency support and daily services for families facing domestic violence and crises.
- Activities: Offers workshops on health, wellbeing, and life skills.
- Partnerships: Works with local health services and the FASD School Program for comprehensive support.

Youth Sports and Recreation Program

- Activities: Engages youth through programs like football, basketball, soccer, and cultural activities. Collaborates with schools, health clinics, and NGOs.
- Impact: Increased participation has led to reduced delinquency and better school attendance. Supports the Elliott Hawks in the Suncable AFL competition.

Yarning Circle Project

- Goal: Created a community space for youth and cultural activities.
- Completion: Finished on time with the BRC Project and Municipal teams' support.
- Tasks: Included excavation, concrete work, installation of benches and a central table, and site cleanup. All goals were achieved without issues.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lennie Barton

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/77

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

8.4 Report from the Director of Corporate Services

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

- Recent Activities:

- **Annual Reports:** Management and preparation of the 2022-23 Annual Report (Oct-Nov 2023) and 2024-25 Regional Plan (Feb-June 2024). Compilation of the 2023-24 Annual Report due by 15th November.
- **Property Management:** Review of remote properties and lease renewals in two communities.
- **Legal and Staffing:** Handling recent legal and staffing issues.
- **Policy Development:** Review and development of policies and procedures.
- **HR System:** Development of a new HR and payroll system (ongoing since December 2023).
- **Organisational Chart:** Review and delivery of the new chart (May-July 2024).

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- **Restructure:** Absorption of additional positions and restructuring of records and archives processes (July 2024 and ongoing).
- **IT Improvements:** Upgrades to software, equipment, and processes.

- **New Tasks for Elliott Community:**
 - **Star Link:** Installation at the main office and Safe House.
 - **Alarm Upgrade:** Replacement of the 3G alarm at the Aged Care Facility.

- **Staffing:**
 - BRC is recruiting and aims to offer full-time or part-time positions to valued casual staff. Local Authority members are encouraged to inform community members about these opportunities.

- **Organisational Risk Assessment:**
 - Corporate Services assists with managing group risk, including compliance, contract management, governance, legal matters, HR management, information systems, records retention, and workplace safety. The team is dedicated to mitigating and reducing corporate and workplace risks.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lennie Barton

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/78

10 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

10.1 Presentation from the NT Electoral Commission

SUMMARY

The presentation was given by Neville Khan and Michelle Conolloy from NT Electoral Commission.

- **Election Responsibilities:** NTEC oversees Territory and local government elections but not federal elections or the 'Voice' Referendum.
- **Upcoming Elections:**
 - **Territory Election:** Scheduled for August 2024.
 - **Current Local Member:** Steve Edgington (CLP) represents Barkly.
 - **Voting Information:** Specific details about voting times and locations will be provided closer to the election.
 - **Community Awareness:** NTEC will conduct visits to raise awareness about the 2024 Territory Election, covering topics like enrolment, voting locations, remote voting procedures, and ensuring votes are counted.
 - **Local Assistance:** NTEC is seeking local assistants to support election activities.
 - **Enrolment:** Territorians may be automatically enrolled via government agencies but should verify their enrolment status.



- Key Dates:
 - **Voting Starts:** August 12, 2024.
 - **Election Day:** August 16, 2024.
- **Resources:** Information on enrolment, checking enrolment, applying for postal votes, and learning how to vote is available on the NTEC website.

Visitor Presentations

10.2 Presentation from Access to Justice in Barkly

SUMMARY

The presentation was given by John Jablonka from Access to Justice in Barkly.

- In 2020, the Jubunna Institute conducted a study titled "Access to Justice in the Barkly revisited" in collaboration with legal services (Legal Aid, NAAJA, CAWLS, CAAFLU) to assess legal needs and services in communities like Tennant Creek, Ali Curung, Elliott, and others.
- The report highlighted various justice issues faced by communities and proposed 16 recommendations to improve the justice system, including local access to legal assistance, better information dissemination, and interpreter services.
- Legal services have been implementing these recommendations since 2020, supported by funding for a project coordinator, currently John Jablonka until November 2024.
- The project aims to engage with communities and services to develop a plan ensuring accessible legal support for issues such as housing, Centrelink, and court proceedings (e.g., video link attendance).
- Key discussion points include community awareness of the report, identifying critical community issues related to law and justice, assessing existing community initiatives, and planning future collaborations, with opportunities to engage at events like the Desert Harmony Festival on August 2, 4, 5

Visitor Presentations

10.3 Presentation from the Northern Interests

SUMMARY

Michael Harrington from Northern Interests presented an issue regarding their planned project in Elliott. The presentation led to a discussion among attendees and Local Authority members, who expressed their views and questions. CEO Chris informed that he would hold a separate meeting with Northern Interests to discuss the issue further.



Visitor Presentations

10.4 Presentation from the Member of Barkly - Steve Edginton

SUMMARY

- Steve thanked the Elliott Local Authority and praised the strength and stability it has maintained over the years, along with the significant work accomplished through the LA.
- He emphasized the importance of quickly escalating DIPL issues, noting that they are a priority.
- Steve mentioned that if their government is elected, they would consider changes to local government, by engaging in discussions across the region and gathering feedback from the community with proper planning and do what is best for the community.
- He also noted that the housing project in North Camp has been completed.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

12 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Elliott LA next meeting date is 03/10/2024.

Meeting Closed at 02:45 PM

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 01/08/2024 AND ARE UNCONFIRMED.

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Elliott Action tracker

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Action tracker.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Elliott Tracker.. [3.1.1 - 3 pages]

ELLIOTT

Meet date	Resolution	Item description	Resolution/Action	Funding	Action leader	Status	Comment
6/06/2017		House 8 Lewis Street	That BRC replaces demolished building		Dir Infrastructure	Ongoing	Added to 5 year infrastructure plan.Requires costing and plans to move forward.
3/07/2018		Jim Rennie Mem Reserve	That BRC do a masterplan to bring all facilities back to a usable condition		Dir Infrastructure	Ongoing	Include lighting of football field, upgrade of golf course, tennis court, cricket, mini golf and BMX track
7/02/2019		Kerb and guttering Brown and Kooringa Streets	Request BRC look at funding		Dir Infrastructure	Ongoing	Waiting for quotes
7/02/2019		Drovers Drive NCW	Road condition and options		Dir Infrastructure	Ongoing	Awaiting grant funding
11/08/2022	ELA 13/23	Plant purchase side by side	To review the comments mentioned		Area Manager	Ongoing	Chris Kelly on 01/08/2024 informed to investigate the vehicle available and do any repairs necessary , Kelly White to follow up.
11/08/2022		Accommodation plans	That Northern Interests be asked to supply legible plans and full scope of works.		Northern Interests	Ongoing	Res 107/22 plans will be presented to next LA meet. Plans presented to LA meet 10/8/23 Peter Holt advised 14/12/23 transfer has not happened and legal advice sought.
10/11/2022		Street Sweeper	That the AM confirm a date for a visit to Elliott		Area Manager	Ongoing	Currenty being used (September 2024)
6/04/2023		Upgrade Playground equipment	That LA source quotes for new playground equipment, and also awaiting for the funding from Backbone team	\$50,000	Dir Ops	Ongoing	Designs and quotes are available to be presented to the LA in October meeting 2024.
6/04/2023		Tourism Notice boards	That Tourism notice boards be refurbished		Mayor	Ongoing	follow it up with Tourism Central Aust, and Tourism NT. Peter Holt advised \$12,000
		Landfill Management	That BRC notes and considers as a matter of urgency the current Landfill situation.		BRC	Ongoing	Awaiting a response

9/11/2023		Assess Elliott bitumen roads condition	That BRC assess Elliott internal roads for resurfacing and also advocate for Wilyugu and Gurungu roads to be done at the same time.		BRC	Ongoing	Roads have not been resurfaced since 2008.
9/11/2023		Outstanding DIPL issues	That DIPL address issues related to them.		DIPL	Ongoing	DIPL to provide updates on Pothole on Highway opposite Puma, Request toilets be provided at the Airstrip, Removal of grids at both ends of town, Footpath condition outside Aged Care facility, Trees to be lopped on Nature strip, Service Road congestion during tourist season and lack of signage, new store development, Clinic signage Stuart Highway south, Condition of road shoulders through town, and slahing of highway on NE side. There have been a number of accidents at the rubbish turn off from Stuart Highway and requesting DIPL to have a passing lane.
14/12/2023	ELLA 23/30	Footy Change Rooms	That the grill entrance doors be upgraded to provide privacy.		Area Manager	Ongoing	Still having issues with the doors.
11/01/2024	ELLA 24/44	Telstra Issues	That the LA requests BRC to advocate for improvement to network issues.		Dir Ops	Ongoing	Whenever the power goes out so does Telstra. It requires the backup system and requires attention.
11/01/2024	ELLA 24/48	Sobering up shelter	That BRC follow up with Anyinginyi.		Dir Ops	Ongoing	Anyinginyi attended LA in August 2024 and advised they would follw up and get back in the next meeting.
4/04/2024	ELLA 24/61	Cemetry facilities	BRC to seek the options for water supply and then consider toiltes and shade structure at the cemetry		Dir Infrastructure	Ongoing	Updates to be presented in October meeting by Director of Infrastructure
4/04/2024	ELLA 24/62	Memorial area	BRC to explore options for the Memorial Area adjacent to the highway		Dir Ops	Ongoing	

4/04/2024	ELLA 24/63	Nature Strip	BRC to reach DIPL regarding the nature strip concern along the highway		Dir Ops	Ongoing	
4/04/2024	ELLA 24/67	Outdoor furniture (Library)	That BRC purchases shade cloth for existing outdoor structure at the library and outdoor tables and chairs.		AM	Ongoing	Ordered the items and are in transit.
4/04/2024	ELLA 24/68	Shade structure	That BRC assess the two portable shade structures and determine whether to replace it with a new one or upgrade the existing one		Dir Infrastructure	Ongoing	
4/04/2024	ELLA 24/69	Solar lights	that BRC to repair existing solar lights in the park adjacent to Puma		AM	Ongoing	
1/08/2024	ELLA-24/83	Water around Oval	BRC to investigate the cost of putting the articulating water around the Oval		Dir Infra	Ongoing	

4 CORRESPONDENCE

- Nil

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 LA Finance Report

Reference

Author Sunil Neupane (Accountant/ Acting CFO)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the LAPF statement.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

Local Authority Projects - as at 31 August 2024

Current Financial Year 2024-25

Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects	Approved Budget	Year of Budget Approval	Resolution	Expenditure Prior Years	Prior FY Carried FW 01/07/2024	FY24/25 Approved Budget	Expenditure to date 2024-25	Cash Balance as at 31/08/2024	Status	Budget Funded FY
Purchase Skip Bins, Forks for Skid Steer, Forks for JCB Backhoe	9,557	FY2022/23	ELLA-16/23	9,153	404	0	0	404	Approved at LA Meeting 31/06/2022. Completed and underspent.	2022-23
Upgrade Playground Equipment	50,000	FY2023/24	ELLA-23/14	0	50,000	0	0	50,000	Approved at LA Meeting 07/09/2023.	2022-23
Purchase Plants (Replace Dead Trees)	8,597	FY2023/24		8,991	(395)	0	0	(395)	Approved at LA Meeting 09/11/2023. Completed and Overspent.	2023-24

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS 2024-25	68,154			18,144	50,010	-	-	50,010
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Local Authority Projects - as at 31 August 2024

Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects	Comments	Unallocated as at 31/08/2024	Cash Received to date (inc. Carried Forward)	Budget funds to receive	New Budget allocations to 31/08/2024	Unallocated balance as at 31/08/2024
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LA Funding for 2021/22	At Risk	45,449	45,449	-	-	45,449
LA Funding for 2022/23	At Risk	50,900	50,900	-	-	50,900
LA Funding for 2023/24		50,900	50,900	-	-	50,900
LA Funding for 2024/25		-	-	-	-	-

*Notes: \$40,000 approved budget for plant purchase has been reversed back to uncommitted funds.

Total		147,249	147,249	-	-	147,249
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6 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.1 Report from the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet Services

Author Surya Godavarthi (Director of Infrastructure & Fleet)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Directorate of Infrastructure report.



Elliott
Infrastructure Department - Project Status Report - 20/09/2024

Street Lighting Kooringa Street- Elliott										
SL.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
1	BRC 003-24	Street Lighting to Kooringa Street	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program - Phase 3	63,920.0	Completed in April-2024	Obtained in May-2024	Commenced in Sep-2024	Completed September 2024	The project aims to install new solar-powered street lights along the Kooringa Street, which is approximately 200 meters long. The items have been delivered.	The project has been successfully completed. All installation work was handled in-house, with the exception of the concreting, which significantly reduced overall costs.

Photos:



Cemetery Facilities- Elliott										
Sl.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
2	BRC 014-24	Cemetery Facilities- Elliott	LA	N/A	Completed in August-2024	Shade structure quotes have been obtained	Will Update	Will update	The project was scoped in early August, and quotes for shade structures have been obtained. We are currently awaiting the planning for water supply. Running a water line to the existing water tank is proving to be quite expensive as the nearest water line is 1.2km away.	We will present the estimated cost of running the water line from the nearest available source and await further instructions from the LA on how to proceed with the project.

Photos:



Playground Equipment Upgrade- Elliott										
Sl.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
3	BRC 016-24	Playground equipment Upgrade	LA	50,000.0	Completed in August-2024	Quotes have been obtained	Will Update	Will update	The LA has requested the installation of new playground equipment. While we have received few quotes, it has been challenging to fit them within the budget, particularly when factoring in installation costs.	We are going to present the quotes and playground equipment options to the LA and request for additional funds to cover the installation costs.

Kerbs and Gutter for Brown and Koorunga streets- Elliott										
Sl.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
4	BRC 018-24	Kerbs and Gutter for Brown and Koorunga streets	Not Committed	N/A	Completed in September-2024	Awaiting quotes from the contractor	Will Update	Will update	LA has requested the construction of kerbs and gutters for Brown and Koorunga Streets. The scoping has been completed, and we are now awaiting quotes from the contractor.	Once we receive the quotes from the contractor, we will identify a suitable grant and proceed with the funding application.

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.2 Report from the Director of Operational and Commercial services

Author Brody Moore (Director of Operations & Remote Communities)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and receives this verbal report from the Operational Services Directorate.

SUMMARY

This report encompasses operational services delivered since the August Local Authority meeting and highlights current and proposed projects.

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.3 Report from the Director of Community services

Author Susan Steele (Director of Community Services)

RECOMMENDATION

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

SUMMARY

This report outlines the Community Services Directorate overview for Elliott.

BACKGROUND

Community Safety Program (Night Patrol and Safe House)

Elliott night patrol

The night patrol team have been doing patrols of the community and helping Youth Services when they have little or no staff to run their programs.

The Night patrol teams have attended a few Domestic/Family Violence issues during the past two months, and when people have been intoxicated and assisted them safely back home.

Night Patrol having issues with one staff member attendance this is being addressed with management.

Elliott safehouse

The safehouse has had many clients staying overnight during the past two months and numerous day clients for support with Centrelink, housing, legal issues and laundry.

The staff have also been busy doing a deep clean of the Safe House.

Currently, recruiting/advertising for a permanent Team Leader and a casual staff member.

Youth, Sport & Recreation Program

Youth, Sport and Rec is continuing to provide engaging programs at Elliott offering various activities for youth.

The Youth Sports and Recreation program engages youth in constructive activities to build skills, self-confidence, and community spirit. Key activities include the Youth Sports and Recreation Program (YSR) and Outside School Hour Care Program (OSHC), offering regular youth programs and sports like football, basketball, soccer, softball, dodgeball, and cultural youth programs. The program also collaborates with schools, health clinics, and NGOs to host events and workshops. Additionally, we support the Elliott Hawks team in attending the Suncable AFL competition and aim to continue supporting future community participation in other sporting events.

The Youth Services Team Leader advises that he is recruiting for two new workers. One current staff member is currently unable to work. YSR is working hard to get kids to come to Youth, Sport and Rec as many kids have PlayStation at home.

During the school holidays, the team will have Remote School Attendance Strategy (yellow shirts) assisting in the morning from 10am – 2pm.

The team is also keen to have a music worker – DCS will ascertain if funding exists for this.

**Community Care Program (Aged Care & NDIS)
Program Update**

- Elliott Aged Care is operating regularly.
- The team leader is working hard to fill the gaps due to the unauthorised absence of staff and shortage of staff.
- The recruitment process is ongoing.
- Compliments has been received from the clients; Food survey form has been completed.
- The team leader checks daily with the clients while delivering the meals and has been receiving positive feedback from the clients.

Client’s numbers CHSP and NATSIFAC Program

Elliott Aged Care	Number
CHSP	10
NATSIFAC	3
Total	13

Community Care Staffing Updates:

Location	Permanent Full Time Staff	Permanent Part-Time Staff	Casual Staff	Vacant	Comment
Elliott Aged care	1	3	1	1	1 part time staff is on Parental Leave.
Total	1	3	1	1	Total Current Staff = 5

Highlights and Achievements:

- I had a coordination meeting with the Regional Manager and Acting Director Community Services to discuss service delivery, reporting and workforce management.
- Held a meeting with the CDCS team to discuss training for Team Leaders in the community.
- Completed food registration renewal, valid until August next year.

Challenges and Issues:

- **Challenges:**
 - Staffing remains the most significant challenge, with many staff members not showing up without notice.
 - Challenges to find local, community-based workforce.
- **Issues/Risks:**
 - Unauthorized absences impacting service delivery.
- **Remedial Actions:**
 - Contingency procedures reviewed to handle unplanned staff absences, and support processes were discussed with Regional Manager Community Care and Team Leaders

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

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Indeterminate

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.4 Report from the Director of Corporate Services

Reference

Author Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and receives the report from the Corporate Services Directorate.

SUMMARY

This report outlines some of the activities and issues being addressed at Elliott by the Directorate since the last Local Authority meeting.

BACKGROUND

Reporting on two of the areas served by the directorate:

Information and Communications Technology:

Elliott Safehouse CCTV: There is a server issue or a possible graphics card error. While the CCTV is currently recording, it might not be viewable. The IT team will visit to troubleshoot further and resolve the matter.

Elliott Main Council Office: The printer at Elliott main council office is subject to a rental contract which expires in the first week of October. The IT team have requested a quotation for purchasing a new printer either under contract or purchasing outright.

Access Points Issue: The Meraki access points at the Main Council Office and the Sports and Recreation Office are currently offline, likely due to cabling errors.

Human Resources/People and Culture Team:

(presented in attached tables).

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Corporate is delivery services to Council and community within budget.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

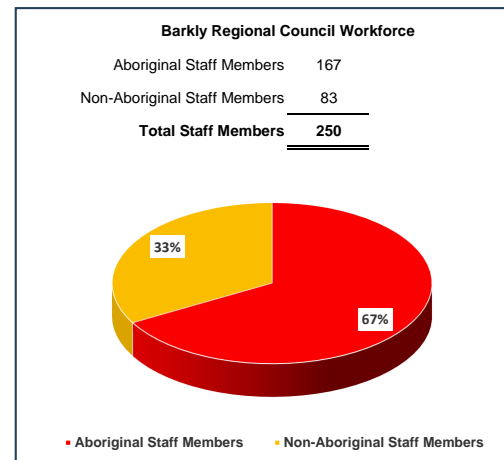
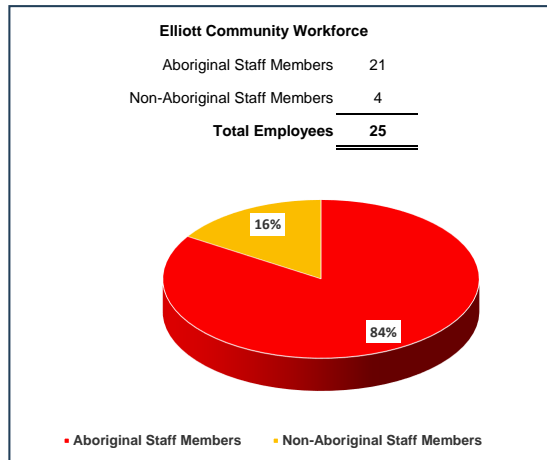
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Elliott Workforce Profile as at 30.08.2024 (002) [6.4.1 - 1 page]
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Elliott Workforce Profile as at 27/8/2024		FTE			Head Count			Employment Status			Comment
Team	Position	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Full Time	Part Time	Casual	
Operational Services	Council Services Coordinator	1.00	1.00	0.00	1	0	1.00				Vacancy with HD in place
	Customer Service Officer	2.00	1.00	-1.00	2	2	0.00	1	1		JN in HD A/Council Services Coordinator
	Works Staff Supervisor	1.00	1.00	0.00	1	1	0.00	1			
	Municipal Officer	6.00	3.70	-2.30	6	4	2.00	4			2 Vacant Positions
Community Care (Aged Care)	Team Leader	0.66	1.00	0.34	1	1	0.00	1			
	Community Care Officer	2.64	2.20	-0.44	4	4	0.00		4	1	
Community Safety (Night Patrol)	Team Leader	0.66	1.07	0.41	1	1	0.00		1		
	Night Patrol Officer	1.32	2.12	0.80	2	3	1.00	1	2		
Elliott Library	Library Officer	0.66	1.40	0.74	1	1	0.00		1		
Safe House	Team Leader	1.00	1.01	0.01	1	0	1.00				Vacancy with HD in place
	Safe House Officer	2.64	1.52	-1.12	4	3	1.00			3	RH in HD A/Team Leader
Youth, Sport & Recreation	YSR Team Leader	1.00	1.54	0.54	1	1	0.00	1			
	YSR Officer	1.98	0.80	-1.18	3	2	1.00		1	1	2 Vacant Position

Comment: The Council Services Coordinator and Team Leader Elliott Safe House vacancies are critical with an urgent need to recruit to ensure smooth operations. It is also essential to recruit into the Municipal Team to ensure there are 6 Municipal Workers available. The two vacant YSR Officer part-time positions need to be filled to ensure Sport & Recreation activities are able to function correctly.



Vacancies as at 27.08.2024	Comment
Council Services Coordinator	Not Commenced
Municipal Worker	Sourcing Applications
Safe House Team Leader	Not Commenced
YSR Officer	Sourcing Applications

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Items for general business raised by - LA Chair - Bob Bagnall

Author

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and discusses the issues raised by the LA Chair as listed below.

Items which Bob Bagnell, Chair of the Elliott LA seeks to raise for discussion:

- Graffiti removal from DIPL property.
- Tabling of Elliott Local Plan for 2024.
- Tabling of Local Petition for presentation to BRC.
- Update on Elliott Waste Management Facility.
- An explanation of the terms Area 1, Area 2, and Tennant Creek areas in the Annual BRC plan, and any consequences it may have for Elliott.
- An explanation on the Elliott Community Services Coordinator position.

8 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

-Nil

9 CLOSE OF MEETING