

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday 27 February 2025

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held
in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek
on Thursday 27 February 2025 at 9:00 am.

Chris Kelly

Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

We strive to be a responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens to and empowers the people to be strong.

The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

We will have strong policies and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable.

Respect is shown in everything we do, and we have acceptance of all cultures in the Barkly Region and their practices through a culturally competent Council.

We are a responsible Council. We will be a responsive Council.

We want to empower local decision making.

We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people, and our organisational culture.

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

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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Committee Members Present

Local Government Act 2019 (NT) Section 98 - Procedure at meeting.

(2) A quorum at a meeting of a Council committee consists of a majority of its members holding office at the time of the meeting.

Audit and Risk Committee Members

1. Sid Vashist – BRC Mayor
2. Noel Hayes – BRC Deputy Mayor
3. Cr. Sharen Lake
4. Cr. Lennie Barton
5. Cr Greg Marlow.
6. Chris Kelly - BRC Chief Executive Officer
7. Sunil Neupane - BRC Chief Finance Officer - Chairperson

1.2 Staff Members And Visitors Present

1.3 Apologies

Section 95 (5) of the Act guides voting during meetings.

Each member present at a meeting has and must exercise one vote on a question arising for decision at the meeting and, if the council has a policy allowing the chairperson to exercise a casting vote, the chairperson must exercise, in the event of an equality of votes, a second or casting vote.

1.4 Absent Without Apology

Section 47 (1) (o) of the Act - Disqualification.

A person is disqualified from office as a member of a council if the person is absent, without permission of the council in accordance with the regulations, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings.

1.5 Disclosure of Interest

Section 115 the Local Government Act 2019 (NT) provides - Disclosure of interest.

(1) 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 the committee, the member must disclose the interest that gives rise to the conflict (the relevant interest):

- (a) at a meeting of the committee; and
- (b) to the CEO.

(2) A member must not:

(a) be present at a meeting of the committee while a matter in which the member has a conflict of interest is under consideration; or

(b) participate in any decision in relation to the matter; or

(c) engage in behaviour that may influence the committee's consideration of or decision in relation to the matter.

2 OFFICERS' REPORTS

Officers' Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 2.1
TITLE: Finance Report.

Reference Finance Report for the Period Ended 31st January 2025
Author Sunil Neupane (Acting Chief Financial Officer), Chris Kelly (Chief Executive Officer)

SUMMARY

The report summarizes the Finance Directorate activities for the period ended 31st January 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receives and notes the report entitled "Financial Report for the period ended 31st January 2025."

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, Division 7, require that Council receive a report setting out:

1. *The CEO must, in each month, give the council a report setting out:*

- i) the actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the*
- ii) commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and*
- iii) the most recently adopted annual budget; and*
- iv) details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council and the most recently adopted annual budget.*

2. *The report must also include:*

- (i) details of all cash and investments held by the council (including money held in trust); and*
- (ii) the closing cash at bank balance split between tied and untied funds; and*

- (iii) a statement on trade debtors and a general indication of the age of the debts owed to the council; and*
 - (iv) a statement on trade creditors and a general indication of the age of the debts owed by the council; and*
 - (v) a statement in relation to the council's payment and reporting obligations for GST, fringe benefits tax, PAYG withholding tax, superannuation and insurance; and*
 - (vi) other information required by the council.*
- 3. If a council does not hold a meeting in a particular month, the report is to be laid before the council committee performing the council's financial functions under regulation 19 for the particular month.*
- 4. The report must be in the approved form.*
- 5. The report must be accompanied by:*
- (i) a certification, in writing, by the CEO to the council that, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief:*
 - a. the internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and*
 - b. the council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council; or*
 - (ii) if the CEO cannot provide the certification – written reasons for not providing the certification.*

COMMENTS

Tax, Superannuation and Insurance

Goods and Services Tax – Amounts are reported and remitted monthly;

PAYG income tax withheld amounts are reported and remitted monthly as part of the Single Touch Payroll (STP) arrangement. As of January 31st, 2025, the Council has a PAYG liability of \$308,855. Monthly PAYG instalments are due by the 21st of the following month.

Fringe Benefits Tax – Instalment amounts are paid quarterly with an FBT return for the 12-month period ended 31st March to be lodged each year.

The Business Activity Statement (BAS) reporting is up to date as of the period ending 31st January 2025. For January 2025, the Council has lodged a GST refund of \$36,380. The activity statement has been submitted to the ATO by the due date.

Employees receive predetermined superannuation contributions in line with the superannuation legislative framework. As of 31st January 2025, the Council has superannuation liabilities amounting to \$150,603. The monthly superannuation payment is due on the 28th of the following month.

Council Grants and Projects – Tied Funding

The Council has continued to meet its financial obligations for the period, as per the attached report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Under Regulation 17 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, the Council must receive the Financial Report.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We, the author, and approving officer, declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. V 2. Finance Report for the period ending 31 st January 2025 [2.1.1 - 12 pages]
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Certification by the CEO to the Council

Council Name:	Barkly Regional Council
Reporting Period:	31/01/2025

That, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information, and belief:
(1) The internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and
(2) The council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council.

CEO Signed



Date Signed

20/02/2025

Note: *The monthly financial report to the council must either be accompanied by a written certification by the CEO to the council, as set out above, or the CEO is to provide written reasons for not providing the certification. (Regulation 17(5) of the General Regulations)*

Statement 1. Comparison of Actual Performance against Budget

Table 1.1 Income and Expenditure Statement as of 31st January 2025

Account	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Revised Annual Budget \$
Operating Income				
Rates	4,186,420	4,480,000	(293,580)	4,480,000
Waste Charges	1,290,000	1,290,000	0	1,290,000
Fees and Charges	1,006,402	1,366,288	(359,886)	2,342,208
Operating Grants and Subsidies	11,524,194	10,912,884	611,310	18,707,801
Interest/Investment and Other Income	36,225	33,424	2,800	57,299
Commercial Income	579,420	748,599	(169,179)	1,283,312
Total Operating Income	18,622,661	18,831,195	(208,534)	28,160,620
Operating Expenditure				
Employee Expenses	10,104,130	10,432,961	328,831	17,885,076
Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses	5,315,246	4,841,009	(474,237)	8,298,872
Elected Member Allowances	168,598	171,968	3,370	294,803
Elected Member Expenses	54,149	53,290	(859)	91,354
Council Committee & LA Allowances	26,226	25,667	(559)	44,000
Council Committee & LA Expenses	5,061	16,333	11,273	28,000
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	2,850,750	2,850,750	0	4,887,000
Finance and Other Cost	13,630	6,417	(7,213)	11,000
Total Operating Expenditure	18,537,789	18,398,395	(139,394)	31,540,105
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) Including Depreciation	84,872	432,800	(347,928)	(3,379,485)
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	84,872	432,800	(347,928)	(3,379,485)
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS				
Less Non-Cash Income	0	0	0	0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	2,850,750	2,850,750	0	4,887,000
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	2,850,750	2,850,750	0	4,887,000
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS				
Capital Expenditure/Projects	1,404,638	2,626,854	1,222,217	4,503,179
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0	0	0
Transfer to Reserves	0	0	0	0
Other Outflows (Grants Returned to Funding Body)	1,427,610	1,427,610	0	1,427,610
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	2,832,248	4,054,464	1,222,217	5,930,789
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS				
Capital Grants Income	0	0	0	0
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	2,394,117	2,580,243	186,126	4,423,274
Other Inflow of Funds	0	0	0	0
Transfers from Reserves	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	2,394,117	2,580,243	186,126	4,423,274
NET OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	2,497,492	1,809,329	688,163	0

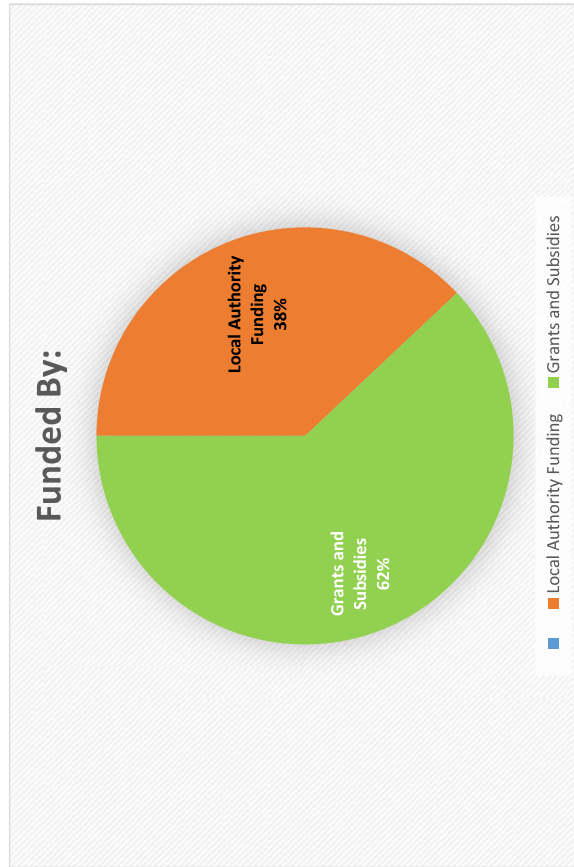
Statement 2. Capital Expenditure and Funding

Table 2.1 By class of infrastructure, property, plant, and equipment.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE **	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget *	YTD Variance	Current Financial Year (Annual) Budget Unexpended Grant *
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land and Buildings	0	8,750	8,750	15,000
Infrastructure (including roads, footpaths, park furniture, structures)	1,123,857	1,982,983	859,126	3,399,399
Plant and Machinery	160,508	253,167	92,659	434,000
Fleet	0	0	0	0
Other Assets (including furniture and office equipment)	120,273	381,955	261,682	654,780
Other Leased Assets	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE*	1,404,638	2,626,854	1,222,217	4,503,179
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY: **				
Operating Income (amount allocated to fund capital items)	19,050	11,113	(7,938)	19,050
Capital Grants	1,213,622	1,812,261	598,639	3,106,733
Transfers from Cash Reserves	0	0	0	0
LA Funds	171,966	803,481	631,515	1,377,396
Sale of Assets (including trade-ins)	0	0	0	0
Other Funding	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	1,404,638	2,626,854	1,222,217	4,503,179

THE TABLE BELOW COMPARES CAPITAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE TO BUDGET FUNDED BY LA AND LRCI. EXPENSES WILL INCREASE AS PROJECTS PROGRESS					FUNDED BY			
Project Name	YTD Actuals \$	Current Financial Year (Budget)	Remaining Balance \$	Council's Reserves/Operational Revenue	LA Funds	Grants and Subsidies	Community	
Repairs and Maintenance - Laundromat Alpururulam	5,261	5,801	540	-	5,801	-	Alpururulam	
Install new washing machines - Amplatwatja	5,818	10,000	4,182	-	10,000	-	Amplatwatja	
Renovate Community Centre - Alpururulam	19,239	19,239	0	-	19,239	-	Alpururulam	
Watering System and Tree Plantation	0	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	-	Amplatwatja	
Fire Management Trailer - Ali Curung	22,718	24,000	1,282	-	24,000	-	Ali Curung	
Demolition of the Old Toilet Block	0	29,840	29,840	-	29,840	0	Alpururulam	
Upgrade and maintenance of Arts Centre accommodation building (Lot 41) in the community	0	35,000	35,000	-	35,000	-	Wutungurra	
Scoreboard Installation Amplatwatja	2,782	40,000	37,218	-	40,000	-	Amplatwatja	
Library Upgrades	7,719	40,000	32,281	-	40,000	-	Tennant Creek	
Fencing Around Laundry/Ablution - Amplatwatja	44,695	50,000	5,305	-	50,000	-	Amplatwatja	
Upgrade Playground Equipment - Elliott	0	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	-	Elliott	
GYM Equipment Upgrades	8,328	50,000	41,672	-	50,000	-	Tennant Creek	
Playground maintenance and upgrade - Wutungurra	0	60,569	60,569	-	60,569	-	Wutungurra	
Strategic Development of the Swimming Pool	25,993	100,000	74,007	-	100,000	-	Tennant Creek	

Water Bubblers - Tennant Creek	29,413	120,000	90,587	-	120,000	-	Tennant Creek
Develop a Playground Area - Arlparra	0	150,000	150,000	-	150,000	-	Arlparra
Upgrade the rest area into camping ground - Arlparra	0	175,000	175,000	-	175,000	-	Arlparra
Weigh Bridge Tennant Creek Landfill	120,273	250,000	129,727	-	-	250,000	Tennant Creek
Excavator for Landfill - Tennant Creek	160,508	160,508	0	10,508	-	150,000	Tennant Creek



Balance Sheet as of 31st January 2025

Particulars	YTD Actuals FY2024/2025 \$	FY2023/2024 \$	Note Reference*
ASSETS			
Cash at Bank			-1
Tied Funds	2,029,157	4,423,274	
Untied Funds	2,264,372	129,357	
Accounts Receivable			
Trade Debtors	644,881	557,258	-2
Rates & Charges Debtors	3,002,167	1,803,021	
Other Current Assets	36,380	86,180	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	7,976,957	6,999,090	
Non-Current Financial Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	57,274,852	58,720,965	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	57,274,852	58,720,965	
TOTAL ASSETS	65,251,809	65,720,055	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	184,402	853,865	-3
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	484,218	31,836	-4
Current Provisions	1,424,558	1,446,200	
Unspent Grants (Contingent Liabilities)	2,029,157	4,423,274	
Other Current Liabilities	52,703	385,612	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,175,038	7,140,787	
Non-Current Provisions	134,710	134,710	
Other Non-Current Liabilities	0	0	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	134,710	134,710	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,309,748	7,275,497	
NET ASSETS	60,942,061	58,444,558	
EQUITY			
Reserves	45,732,121	45,732,121	
Accumulated Surplus	15,209,940	12,712,437	
TOTAL EQUITY	60,942,061	58,444,558	

Note 1. Details of Cash and Investment Held.

As of 31st January 2025, the Council’s cash and cash equivalent balances amounted to \$4.29 m. A breakdown of the Council’s cash and cash equivalent balances are as follows:

Cash in Hand and at Bank

Operational Account - ANZ			2,474,760
Trust account - WBC			1,297,989
Operational Account - WBC			520,781
			<u>\$4,293,529</u>

Note 2. Statement of Trade Debtors (Debt Owed to the Council)

As of 31st January 2025, the Council’s trade receivables balance was \$644,881. Finance teams are continuously following up on overdue invoices.

	Current	Past Due 1-30 Days	Past Due 31-60 Days	Past Due 61-90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total
Trade Debtors	\$ 230,002	\$ 80,868	\$ 34,534	\$ 8,536	\$ 290,942	\$ 644,881
Percentage	36%	13%	5%	1%	45%	100%

According to the Debtors Analysis Report, below are the list for 90 + days debtors, and the amount of debt owed to the Council.

Contact	Amount (Past Due 90+ Days)
Aboriginal Enterprises Australia NT	124,584.81
Department of Infrastructure Planning & Logistics	82,901.28
Darrin’s Rubbish Removal	35,692.95
Warte Alparayetye Aboriginal Corporation	14,629.10
T & J Contractors	13,028.09
AFL Northern Territory	8,590.00
Harvey Developments (NT) Pty Ltd	5,173.27
NTG Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities	3,075.00
Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi Corp	1394
Bank Statement Clearing - GWP Only	740
Corporate Traveller	330
Tennant Creek Freight Lines	273
Mirrirri Store	230
Espec	220
Services Australia - Remote Service Delivery Operations	80

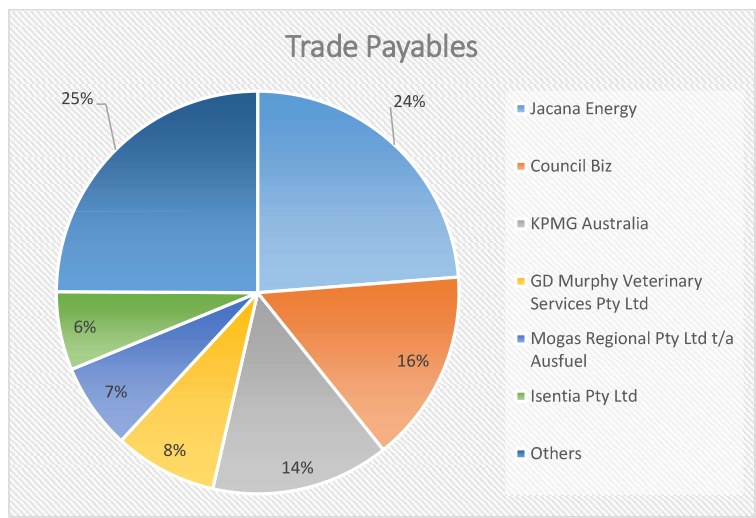
290,941.50

Note 3. Statement on Trade Creditors (Money Owed by the Council)

As of 31st January 2025, the Council's trade payable was \$184,402. The Council typically settles its trade payables within 30 days. There are no trade payables that the Council considers non-current, i.e., not payable within 12 months.

	Current	Past Due 1-30 Days	Past Due 31-60 Days	Past Due 61-90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total
Trade Creditors	\$177,606	\$6,796	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$184,402
Percentage.	96%	4%	0%	0%	0%	100%

According to the Creditors Analysis Report, 96% of the trade payables are current which are due within 30 days.



Note 4. Statement on Australian Tax Office, Payroll, and Insurance Obligations

(a) Australian Taxation Office

The Council has the following reporting and payment obligations with the Australian Taxation Office:

- (i) Goods and Services Tax – Amounts are reported and remitted monthly.
- (ii) PAYG Income Tax Withheld – Amounts are reported and remitted monthly as part of Single Touch Payroll (STP) arrangements and
- (iii) Fringe Benefits Tax— Instalment amounts are paid quarterly, and an FBT return for the 12-month period ending 30 March must be lodged each year.

As of 31st January 2025, the Council has a PAYG Liability of amount \$308,855 and has a GST refund of amount \$36,380

(b) Superannuation

In accordance with the superannuation legislation framework, employees receive defined superannuation contributions. Superannuation contributions are made to either the employee’s choice of complying fund or the Council's default fund. The Council deposits 11.5% of an employee's ordinary time earnings into their chosen super account. Some Council employees have an additional superannuation contribution in their agreed-upon compensation plan. Superannuation payments are made on a monthly basis. As of 31st January 2025, the Council has super liabilities amounting to \$150,603. In February 2025, the Council will remit this payment to superannuation funds.

Note 5: Provisions

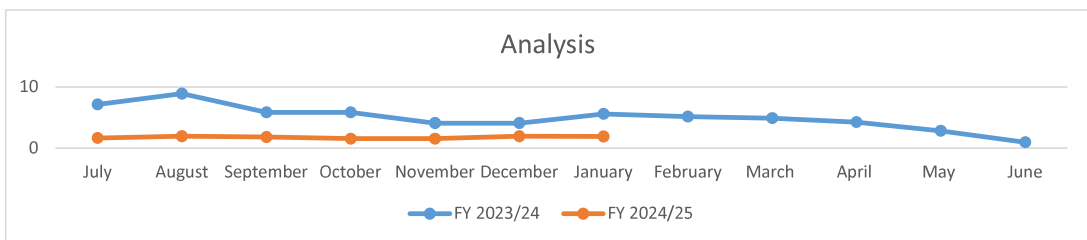
Current Provision - LSL	\$ 439,646
Annual Leave (Staff) Provision	\$ 984,912
	\$1,424,558
Non-Current Provision - LSL	\$ 134,710
	\$ 134,710

Note 6: Equity

Equity	Amount in \$
Accumulated Surpluses	15,209,940
Asset Revaluation Reserves	45,732,121
Total Equity	\$60,942,061

Note 7: Key Indicator

Particulars	Amount	Particulars	Amount
Cash in Bank	4,293,529	Accounts Payable	184,402
Trade and Rates Debtors	3,647,048	Other Current Liabilities	1,961,479
Other Current Assets	36,380	Unspent Grant Liability	2,029,157
	7,976,957		4,175,038



Period	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY 2023/24	7.12	8.9	5.83	5.83	4.1	4.1	5.59	5.13	4.89	4.24	2.84	0.97
FY 2024/25	1.64	1.95	1.80	1.55	1.55	1.95	1.91					

Comments:

The **current ratio** measures an organization's ability to meet its short-term obligations, and a healthy current ratio should be greater than 1.5. BRC's current ratio is 1.91, meaning that for every \$1 in current liabilities, BRC possesses \$1.91 in current assets. Essentially, BRC's current assets exceed its current liabilities by a factor of 1.91

Table 3. Mayor and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions as of 31st January 2025

The Council has a credit card facility of \$47,000 credit limit which has been allocated to five card holders.

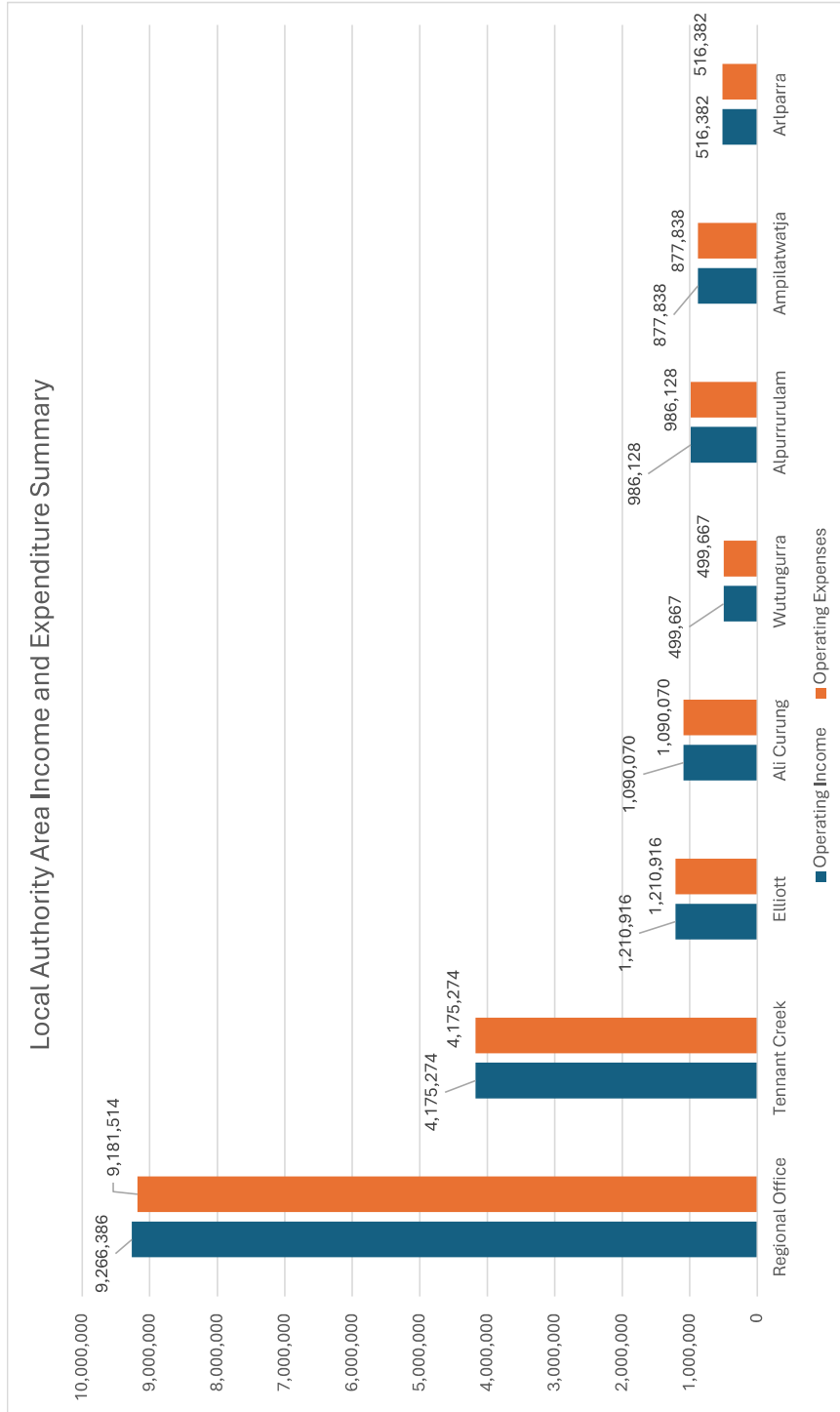
- Mayor credit card transaction: As of 31/01/2025, a credit card has not been issued to the Mayor. We are still waiting for the information requested by the bank.
- CEO's Credit card:

In January 2025, CEO's credit card had an aggregate spend of \$1,839.07 Below are the lists of transactions –

Transaction Date	Amount	Supplier's Details	Reason for the Expenses
13/01/2025	59.50	THE PERTH MINT EAST PERTH	Event expenses - Australia Day
13/01/2025	15.84	THE PERTH MINT EAST PERTH	Event expenses - Australia Day
15/01/2025	84.00	SAFE NT DARWIN	HR Costs - Recruitment
15/01/2025	84.00	SAFE NT DARWIN	HR Costs - Recruitment
17/01/2025	920.00	SP AUSTRALIA DAY SA WALKERIE	Event expenses - Australia Day
20/01/2025	84.00	SAFE NT DARWIN	HR Costs - Recruitment
20/01/2025	84.00	SAFE NT DARWIN	HR Costs - Recruitment
20/01/2025	84.00	SAFE NT DARWIN	HR Costs - Recruitment
22/01/2025	56.80	TENNANT FOOD BARN TENNANT CREEK	Food Expenses – PR Meetings
22/01/2025	33.00	SAFE NT DARWIN	HR Costs - Recruitment
23/01/2025	33.00	SAFE NT DARWIN	HR Costs - Recruitment
30/01/2025	180.93	TENNANT FOOD BARN TENNANT CREEK	Food Expenses – Australia Day
30/01/2025	120.00	TENNANT FOOD BARN TENNANT CREEK	Gifts Cards – Australia Day

1,839.07

Table 4. Operating Income and Expenditure Report (For Local Authority Area)



3 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

4 CLOSE OF MEETING