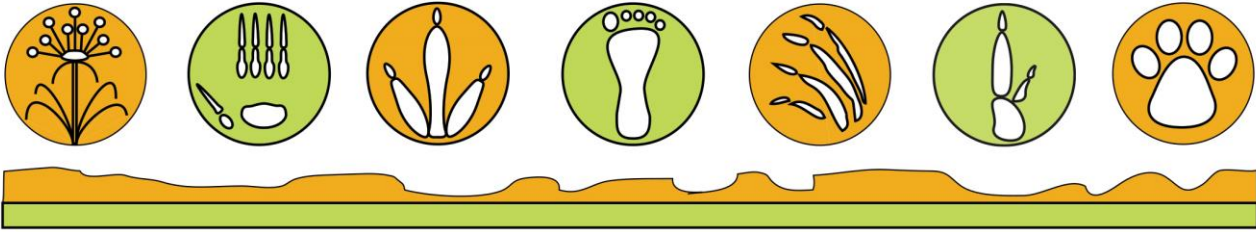


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2022

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 27 October 2022 at 8.30am.

Emma Bradbury
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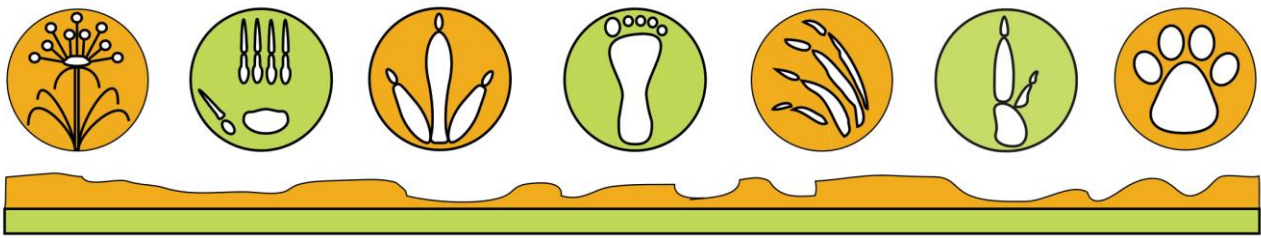
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

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

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

COUNCIL PRAYER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust you will guide and bless this meeting of the Barkly Regional Council. We pray that you will ensure that all discussions and decisions made today are just and fair as they will affect all people within 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

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Nil

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	2.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	378208
AUTHOR	Grant Hanson, IT Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting Held on 29th September 2022 as a true and accurate record

SUMMARY:

Council is asked to review and confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29th September 2022

BACKGROUND


ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

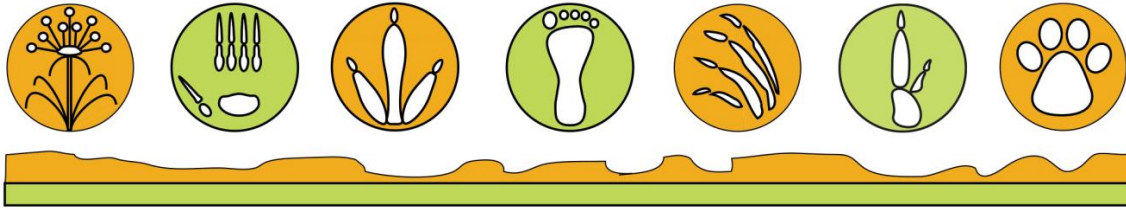
ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

[1](#)  Ordinary Council 2022-09-29 [1416] Minutes.DOCX

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 29 September 2022 at 8:30am.

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Meeting commenced at 8.30am with Deputy Mayor, Dianne Seri Stokes as Chair.

1. **OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

1.1 **Elected Members Present**

- Deputy Mayor Dianne Seri Stokes
- Cr. Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Derek Walker
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Pam Corbett
- Cr. Russell O'Donnell

1.2 **Staff Members Present**

- Emma Bradbury – Chief Executive Officer
- Bakhita Southcott – People & Culture Manager
- Karen Legge – Corporate & Community Planner
- Frank Crawley – Quality & Governance Officer (via video-link)
- Anupam Singh – Acting Manager Finance

1.3 **Visitors Present**

- Clarissa Burgen
- Karan Hayward and colleagues

1.4 **Apologies**

Mayor Jeffrey Mc Laughlin

Cr. Heather Wilson

Cr. Anita Bailey

Troy Koch – Director Operations

Sonya Kenny – A/Director Community Development

1.5 **Absent Without Apologies**

Nil

1.6 **Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff – Under Section 116(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019***

The CEO declared an interest in confidential agenda items 18.3 and 18.4.

- 1.7 **Review of disclosure of interests – Councillors and Staff (to be done at each council meeting)**

2. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2.1 **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8th September 2022 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 157/22

3. **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report,
- b) Move completed items from the Action List,
- c) Requests that the Department of Planning and Logistics provide an updated plan for Purkiss Reserve to ensure the changes requested by Council have been reflected into the final plan,
- d) Write to the Northern Territory Electoral Commission expressing concern at its lack of action in enforcing penalties to those enrolled voters who did not vote at the 2021 local government election.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 158/22

3.1 **COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP**

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report,
- b) Bring a further report to Council with recommendations for future of specific committees.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 159/22

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

4.1 NT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the presentation and discussions with the NT Remuneration Tribunal.
Moved item to confidential session.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

5.1 ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Note that there continues to be concerns across the community in regards to the rates issue and how the matter is progressing.

Concern expressed about the Mayor's continued use of the mayoral vehicle and if it complies with Council's vehicle policy.

Concerns raised about Council staffing numbers, and the impact of this on Council service provision. Inquiry about if elected members will be included in the review of staffing levels.

MOTION

- a) Receive and note the address from members of the public.
- b) Review the vehicle policy and report to next meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 160/22

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receives and notes the report from Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin for the month of September.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 161/22

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**7.1 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY PLANNING FRAMEWORK****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Adopt the Corporate & Community Planning Framework.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes****Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 162/22*

Cr Derek Walker left the meeting, the time being 09:35 AM

Cr Derek Walker returned to the meeting, the time being 09:43 AM

7.2 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**MOTION****That Council** receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of September 2022.**RESOLVED****Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell****Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 163/22***7.3 PEOPLE AND CULTURE****MOTION****That Council** receive and note the People and Culture report which provides an overview of the Workforce statistics and key focus areas to support the Regional Plan and employee development within the Barkly Regional Council.**RESOLVED****Moved: Cr Ronald Plummer****Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 164/22*

Cr Jack Clubb left the meeting, the time being 09:49 AM

Cr Hal Ruger left the meeting, the time being 09:48 AM

Cr Jack Clubb returned to the meeting, the time being 09:55 AM

7.4 MAYORAL REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**MOTION**

That Council approve a leave of absence for the Mayor, Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin, for the period 20 September 2022 to 26 October 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 165/22

Councillors expressed their disappointment at Cr McLaughlin's actions.

7.5 FINANCE REPORT**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note Finance Department Report.
- b) Requests staff ensure any damage to property has been reported to police, and follow up with insurers to recover the costs of repairs. Council staff to liaise with community to address vandalism issues. Additional staff to be present to assist with the upcoming sport event in Ampilatwatja.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 166/22

7.6 BREAK FOR MORNING TEA – 10:31AM**RESOLVED**

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 167/22

7.7 RETURN TO MEETING – 10:55AM**RESOLVED**

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 168/22

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**8.1 CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY 14 OCTOBER 2022****MOTION**

That Council notes the upcoming Citizenship Ceremony to be held on Friday, 14 October 2022 at Council Chambers commencing 10.30am for an 11.00am start.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 169/22

Cr. Marlow asked his apologies for the Ceremony be noted.

8.2 2022-2023 RATES**MOTION****That Council**

- (a) in accordance with section 249 of the Local Government Act and Council Policy No 38 Rates Exemption and Concessions, provide rate concessions for the 2022-23 year only to the following categories of ratepayers:

Category	No assessments	Concession amount	Reduction in ad-valorem rate%	Revised 2022-23 ad-valorem rate %
General Industry	22	\$51,435	3.4406	5.1608
Light Industry	76	\$243,362	3.7358	5.6036
Service commercial	9	\$36,936	2.6090	3.9134
Total Concession		\$331,733		

- (b) Allow a payment grace period of 60 days from 30/09/2022 for the above ratepayer categories if they opt to pay their rate bill by quarterly instalments.

- (c) Note that there will be a further report presented to Council in the next 6 (six) months concerning a review of the rating structure.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 170/22

Cr Derek Walker left the meeting, the time being 11:09 AM

Cr Derek Walker returned to the meeting, the time being 11:10 AM

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS*Nil***10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE****10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT AUGUST 2022****MOTION**

That Council receive and note the Community Development Report August 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 171/22

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES**

Cr O'Donnell declared a conflict of interest relating to this Item, and left the meeting.

MOTION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the Local Authority Report for the month of September;
- b) Receive and note the Ali Curung Local Authority September meeting Minutes;
- c) Approve the MHA quote for \$7,491.00 to supply x3 new Skip Bins and freight to Tennant Creek;
- d) Approve the allocation of \$8103.15 for electrical repairs to 4 meter boxes by Mike Nash;
- e) Receive and note the Alpurrulam Local Authority September meeting Minutes;
- f) Approve the allocation of \$8,584.62 for the cost of servicing and repairs to the washers and dryer in the community laundromat;
- g) Receive and note the Ampilatwatja Local Authority September meeting Minutes;
- h) Approve the allocation of \$6,836.36 for the purchase of speed bumps from Safety Express;
- i) Approve the allocation of \$14,884.07 for an electrical upgrade to be done to the basketball court by Dexter Barnes;
- j) Receive and note the Elliot Local Authority September meeting Minutes;
- k) Receive and note the Tennant Creek Local Authority August meeting Minutes.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 172/22

Cr O'Donnell returned to the meeting.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS*Nil***13. NOTICES OF MOTION***Nil***14. RESCISSION MOTIONS***Nil***15. OPERATIONS****15.1 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the *Operations Director's* report for August 2022.

RESOLVED**Moved: Councillor Derek Walker****Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 173/22*

Cr Hal Ruger returned to the meeting, the time being 11:26 AM

16. GENERAL BUSINESS**16.1 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MEMBER****MOTION****That Council**

- a) appoint Councillor O'Donnell to the position of Deputy Principal Member for a twelve month period ending at the Council Meeting in September 2023;
- b) acknowledge and thank Cr Dianne Stokes for her hard work and service in the role for the 12 month period to September 2022.

RESOLVED**Moved: Councillor Derek Walker****Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 174/22***16.2 MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION****RESOLVED****Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow**

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 175/22*

Move back into Ordinary Business Session.

16.3 GENERAL BUSINESS**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the discussion's held regarding concerns raised by community members to councillors.
- b) Council to invite Minister, Local MP and all members of COORD and community agencies to a community safety forum at a date to be confirmed.
- c) Request staff action on the following:
 - Note Clr Ruger's concerns regarding overgrown properties and request action be taken by staff to address.
 - Request staff to write a letter of concern to the Police about increased rates of break and enters and yard intrusions, and note Clr Plummer's suggestion to encourage CLCs to be part of the discussion.
 - Possibility of Council collaboration with The Mob to increase number of community camps to remote areas. Encourage Elders to work with families to ask them to respect our local community and protocols.
 - Confirm that a cement plinth is available at the Cemetery for headstones and plaques to be placed.
 - Establish standing agenda item for Councillors to raise concerns from community.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger****Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 176/22***16.3 WESTPAC BRANCH CLOSURE****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Write to Westpac expressing disappointment at their decision to close their local Branch, and the lack of consultation with community about the closure. Request that Westpac explore options (eg local staffing, indigenous employment) for retaining the Branch in Tennant Creek. Council to invite Westpac to return their services to the community.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger****Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 177/22*

MOTION

That Council write a letter to ANZ Bank to encourage them to retain their commitment to delivering a service in Tennant Creek.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded:Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 178/22

17. CORRESPONDENCE**17.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022****MOTION**

That Council receive and note the incoming/outgoing correspondence for the month of September.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded:Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 179/22

Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 1:20pm
Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 1:24pm

17.2

BREAK FOR LUNCH

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded:Cr. Hal Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 180/22

17.3

RETURN TO MEETING

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded:Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 181/22

Cr. Walker left the meeting and did not return.

17.4

MOTION

MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 182/22

18. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOTION

That Council move back into open session at 3.23 pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 183/22

MOTION

That Council move the confidential resolutions of Items 18.3, 18.4 and 21.5 into the Open session of Council.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 184/22

18.3 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR BUSINESS PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

That Council

- (a) Confirm the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 10 August 2022, noting that the Terms of Reference for the Review Committee need to be attached to the Minutes. Correct spelling of Clr Barton's name in Resolution 3.1.
- (b) Note the declaration by the CEO, Emma Bradbury, of a conflict of interest in this matter in accordance with Sec 179(1).
- (c) Approve the Terms of Reference for the Business Process Review Committee.

(d) Appoint Council's Quality and Governance Officer, Frank Crawley, to be the nominated officer to assist in providing advice and support to the Committee.

(e) Move this item into the Open Session of the Minutes.

18.4 UPDATE ON JUNO EOI PROCESS

MOTION

That Council

- i) receive and note the report.
- ii) authorise a community consultation be conducted without disclosing the confidential proposals it has received
- iii) request a consultation plan be prepared to guide the community consultation process, which reviews the outcomes of previous engagement activities undertaken in relation to this matter
- iv) request an item and report for a final decision on the successful applicant be brought to the November council meeting.
- v) Move that this resolution be brought into the Open section of the Council meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

21.5 BRC BUSINESS PROCESS REVIEW - ROLE OF THE NTG LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT

MOTION

That Council

- i. note the CEO's confidential report for the month of September
- ii. request the report be forwarded to LGANT seeking their support to establish clear outcomes for the support of local governments from the Local Government Unit of Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet,
- iii. work with Local Government Unit of Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet to undertake an independent review of concerns raised by assessing the findings of work already undertaken by independent agencies,
- iv. the 2019 *AllAboutXpert Technologies* report be distributed confidentially to all councillors,
- v. move that this resolution be brought into the Open section of the Council meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr Dianne Stokes

19. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 3.26 pm.

This page and the proceeding 83 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 29 September 2022 and are unconfirmed .

Russell O'Donnell
Council Deputy Mayor
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Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer
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ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Council motions to LGANT General Meeting
REFERENCE	377937
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the proposed approach for providing motions to a General Meeting of the Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT).

SUMMARY:

This report is to notify council of the approach for providing motions to a General Meeting of the Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT).

BACKGROUND

LGANT regularly invites councils from across the Northern Territory to submit motions for consideration at a General Meeting or an Executive Meeting. Putting a motion to these meetings is an opportunity for councils to seek the support of this peak local government organisation to advocate for priority issues that address social and economic development in Northern Territory communities.

At its Meeting on 8 September 2022, Council resolved (OC 141/22) to request the CEO to present for its consideration the following draft motions for submission to the LGANT November General Meeting:

- i) Housing advocacy
- ii) Staff and skills shortages/Attracting and retaining staff to the region
- iii) Tourism promotion for the Barkly region.

It was intended that the draft motions be provided to the October Council Meeting for review and endorsement prior to submission to LGANT. However, liaison with LGANT staff on 11 October revealed that submission of motions for the November General Meeting had already closed on Thursday, 6 October.

LGANT staff provided advice about the options available to Council for the submission of motions for LGANT's consideration. These include:

- a) Submitting motions ahead of the deadline for the next General Meeting, scheduled for April 2023
- b) Submitting more urgent motions to an Executive (Board) Meeting, with the next meetings scheduled for December 2022, and February and March 2023 before the next General Meeting in April.

LGANT has advised that one of the themes for discussion at the April General Meeting will be related to finance, governance and workforce development. It is, therefore, appropriate that Council's intended motion relating to staff and skills shortages and attracting and retaining staff to the region be submitted for the consideration of that General Meeting.

It is suggested that Council submits its housing advocacy and tourism promotion motions to the same April 2023 General Meeting.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

No organizational risks have been identified.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

No budget implications arise from this report.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Council has the option of submitting motions to any of LGANT's General or Executive Meetings. Motions must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the date of a General Meeting and at least ten days prior to the date of an Executive Meeting.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Options available to Council and advice about the process of submitting motions for LGANT's consideration was sought and provided from LGANT staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	3.2
TITLE	Draft Terms of Reference for Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee
REFERENCE	377944
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the re-establishment of the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee.

SUMMARY:

This report is to present council present Council with a draft Terms of Reference for the Purkiss Reserve User Group Advisory Committee for feedback and adoption.

BACKGROUND

Re-establishing the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee will provide Council with a structured mechanism for receiving advice and feedback from user groups and other key stakeholders to inform decisions and enhance community outcomes related to Purkiss Reserve.

At its July 2022 meeting, Council resolved to develop a draft Terms of Reference for the Purkiss Reserve User Group Advisory Committee, having regard to the knowledge and history of the previous Purkiss Reserve Committee and future needs for management of the Reserve.

It was further resolved to present the draft Terms of Reference to Council for feedback and adoption.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The draft Terms of Reference seek to mitigate the risk of Council making decisions that do not align to the needs of users of Purkiss Reserve, by bringing users together and seeking to explicitly describe the expertise and experience that those users might bring to their advisory function.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

There are no budget implications arising from the establishment of the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

The development of the attached draft Terms of Reference included review of the previous Committee's Terms of Reference, as well as researching how other councils with similar needs have described their advisory committees' functions.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [DRAFT - Purkiss Reserve Consultative TOR October 2022.pdf](#)

TERMS OF REFERENCE



COMMITTEE:	Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee		
DIVISION:	Corporate & Community		
ADOPTED BY:	Council		
DATE OF ADOPTION:		DATE OF REVIEW:	October 2024
MOTION NUMBER:			
AUTHORISED:	Chief Executive Officer		

PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee (PRCC) is to provide advocacy for the sporting community to inform Council policy and planning in relation to the Purkiss Reserve sports precinct in Tennant Creek.

The PRCC will assist Council to identify strategic goals for this sporting precinct, drawing on the expertise and experience of Purkiss Reserve user groups.

Council recognises the value of community participation in guiding the strategic direction of sports facilities and sports participation for the benefit of communities across the Barkly and beyond.

MEMBERSHIP

Council seeks to have Consultative Committee membership that reflects the diversity of user groups at Purkiss Reserve, and which also contributes experience and expertise in the following areas:

- **Sporting governance**, including induction, management and liaison with sports associations
- **Communication and marketing**, including linking to grassroots sports, elite sports, peak sports bodies and sports tourism
- **Grass roots club development**, including engaging volunteers and volunteer succession planning
- **Grants and funding**, including identifying funding opportunities and assisting with the preparation of funding submissions
- **Sports tourism, programs and events**, including advocating for sports tourism opportunities and representing PRCC at external forums
- **Facility development** (in line with agreed strategic direction)
- **Talent programs**, including facilitating and liaising between grassroots sports clubs and elite programs and opportunities.

PRCC membership will include:

- A representative from each Purkiss Reserve user group (*Note: these must be separate individuals. One person may not represent multiple user groups*)
- Two nominated Councillor representatives.

Non-voting members will include:

- Council's Chief Executive Officer or delegate
- A representative from NT Dept of Territory Families, Housing & Communities.

TERMS OF REFERENCE



Quorum: A quorum is fifty percent of members plus one (1).

APPOINTMENT OF PRCC MEMBERS

Nominations for appointment to the PRCC will be invited from all current Purkiss Reserve user groups. If additional user groups are established over time, the invitation will be extended to those new groups to provide a representative to the PRCC.

Nominations will be provided to Council for approval.

Appointment to the PRCC will be for a fixed two-year term. User group representatives may be re-appointed for additional term/s at the conclusion of their two-year tenure.

If vacancies arise during the fixed two-year tenure, the relevant user group will be invited to nominate a replacement representative to serve the remainder of that term.

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE

The PRCC must abide by Council's Code of Conduct. This includes taking steps to identify the potential for conflicts of interest and declare these if they arise. In line with the Code of Conduct, PRCC members with a conflict of interest may need to absent themselves from the relevant part of the meeting.

The Chairperson will be one of the two Councillor representatives nominated by Council.

If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes of the appointed commencement time of the meeting, the meeting will lapse.

In the event of a tied vote, the Chair may exercise a casting vote.

Recommendations of the PRCC will be forwarded to Council for consideration. Actions arising from these recommendations will be assigned to the relevant Council officer for action and the outcomes will be reported to the following PRCC meeting.

The PRCC's function is to advise Council and make recommendation in relation to Purkiss Reserve and related matters. The final decision-making responsibility remains with Council.

Other experts or individuals may be invited to address PRCC meetings from time to time to contribute or provide feedback to the Committee's deliberations.

It is expected that PRCC members will attend all meetings if possible. Members who miss two (2) consecutive meetings without apology, and members who miss three (3) consecutive meetings unless there are extenuating circumstances, will be deemed to no longer be members of the Committee, and a replacement representative will be sought.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The PRCC will meet quarterly. Additional meetings may be called to address urgent matters arising between quarterly meetings. Requests may be made to the Chair for additional meetings. The Chair will decide on additional meeting dates in consultation with the Committee wherever possible.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

Agendas will be made available two (2) working days prior to a meeting. Minutes will be made available within ten (10) working days after the meeting.

TERMS OF REFERENCE



Agenda and Minutes preparation will be the responsibility of the Executive Assistant to the CEO and Mayor or a nominated delegate.

PRCC Minutes will be included for information and consideration in the Agenda of the following Council meeting.

AUTHORITY

The PRCC is established under *Local Government Act 2019*, Chapter 5, Part 5.3 (sections 86 to 89). The Committee is subject to the control and direction of Council.

PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW

The performance and function of the PRCC will be reviewed as part of the review of these Terms of Reference every two (2) years (in October).

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	3.3
TITLE	Council Committees Review and Options Paper
REFERENCE	377946
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) receive and note the attached Options Paper
- b) dissolve the Youth Advisory Committee
- c) dissolve the Domestic & Family Violence Working Group
- d) dissolve the Procurement Sub-Committee
- e) advise if the Environment & Sustainability Sub-Committee is to be dissolved
- f) advise if the Friends of the Cemetery committee is to be dissolved
- g) defer a decision on the status of the Finance & Operations Committee until the business process review has been completed
- h) receive further reports by the end of 2022 relating to the re-establishment of the Audit & Risk Committee and the Work Health & Safety Committee.

SUMMARY:

The attached Options Paper has been prepared to support Council's review of Committees of Council, and provide suggestions for the future of these committees.

BACKGROUND

At its September 2022 meeting, Council was provided with a summary of all Committees of Council, including Councillor representation on these committees, other committee membership and information about when each committee had last met.

This information made clear that there were a number of Committees of Council which were not currently operating, including some that it may be appropriate to formally dissolve, and others where their re-establishment was likely to add value to Council. Council requested that a further report be provided to its October 2022 meeting providing further information and options in relation to the future of these committees.

The attached Options Paper provides a summary of the legislative status related to each committee, some background about the committee, and recommendations for Council's consideration and decision to inform the future of these committees. This information provides the context for the recommendation made in this report.

A separate report has been provided to the October Council meeting in relation to the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The attached Options Paper outlines how some risks to Council may be mitigated through the re-establishment or review of these Committees of Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

There are no budget implications arising from this report.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The attached Options Paper provides a summary of the issues and options available to Council in relation to its review of Committees of Council.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

The Executive Leadership Team was consulted in the development of the attached Options Paper.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Council Committees - Options Paper - October 2022.pdf

Barkly Regional Council Committees

Options Paper – October 2022

A recent review of Committees of Council identified that a number of these committees have ceased to meet or are struggling to maintain a quorum and may not be viable.

The purpose of this paper is to provide options for Council's consideration to inform its decision regarding the future of these committees.

Arparra Local Authority	
Legislative status	<i>Local Government Act 2019</i> : Chapter 5, Part 5.1 (sections 75 to 81)
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Local Authority last met in December 2021. • Clr Clubb is a member of this LA. • The LA has recently re-formed and is expected to start meeting again regularly from November 2022.
Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Council continues to monitor the 'health' of all of its Local Authorities with the support of Area Managers. b) Area Managers to provide a report to Council if an LA regularly struggles to make a quorum or fails to meet according to its schedule of meetings. c) Councillor members and Area Managers to provide support to LAs to assist them in remaining viable community forums to support Council decision making and work toward the achievement of local community outcomes.
Audit & Risk Committee	
Legislative status	<p><i>Local Government Act 2019</i>: Chapter 5, Part 5.3 (sections 86 to 89).</p> <p>"A council must, by resolution, establish and maintain an audit committee".</p> <p>General Instruction No. 3: 'Audit Committees' (2015) describes the requirements for local government Audit Committees.</p>
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This committee last met in March 2021. Previous membership comprised Clrs Marlow, McLaughlin and Ruger. • Usually the membership of Audit & Risk Committees comprises at least three members (or another uneven number of members to avoid tied decisions). The Chair must not be a councillor or Council staff member. Other independent members may be recruited to ensure the Committee's membership includes a range of skills, personal attributes and practical experience that will inform the Committee's deliberations. Relevant skills, experience and attributes include: understanding of local government and council operations, knowledge of governance and financial management practices, and knowledge of the regulatory and legislative framework that councils operate within. • In some Australian jurisdictions, this Committee also has 'Improvement' in its title to ensure independent oversight of ongoing business improvement activities. • The audit and risk function is not intended to focus entirely on Council's finances, but also to consider how well Council is progressing and performing in relation to its broader obligations.

Recommendation	<p>a) That the Terms of Reference for the Audit & Risk Committee be reviewed and provided to Council for its adoption.</p> <p>b) That Expressions of Interest for the Committee be sought which identifies the particular skills, experience and attributes that potential members will bring to the Committee.</p> <p>c) That Council receives a report for the establishment of the Audit & Risk Committee from the Chief Financial Officer, including the recommended membership of the Committee, by the end of 2022, and that Committee meetings commence in early 2023.</p>
Environment & Sustainability Sub-Committee	
Legislative status	Assists in achievement of “Objective of council” (section 24 (d) of <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>)
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This committee last met in December 2020. Membership comprised Clr McLaughlin and six community representatives.
Recommendation	<p>a) That Council determine if it wishes to continue to have an Environment & Sustainability Sub-Committee.</p> <p>b) If yes, that Council asks the CEO to take steps to re-establish this Committee, including drafting a Terms of Reference for Council's adoption.</p>
Friends of the Cemetery	
Legislative status	<i>Local Government Act 2019</i> : Chapter 5, Part 5.2 (sections 82 to 85)
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This committee has not met. Membership was identified as being Clr Ruger and six community representatives.
Recommendation	<p>a) That Council determine if it wishes to continue to have a Friends of the Cemetery committee.</p> <p>b) If yes, that Council asks the CEO to take steps to re-establish this Committee, including drafting a Terms of Reference for Council's adoption</p>
HR Committee	
Legislative status	<i>Local Government Act 2019</i> : Section 22: “Functions of council”
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This committee last met in November 2021 for the purpose of recruiting the new CEO. The committee will need to meet from time to time for the purpose of CEO recruitment, contract variations and performance reviews.
Recommendation	<p>a) That this committee be re-named to become the CEO Recruitment, Contract & Performance Committee</p> <p>b) That Council requests an updated Terms of Reference for this Committee to be provided to its November meeting for adoption.</p> <p>c) That Council re-convene this Committee as necessary in the future.</p>
Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee	
Legislative status	<i>Local Government Act 2019</i> : Chapter 5, Part 5.2 (sections 82 to 85)

Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This committee last met in March 2021. No Councillors were assigned to that Committee. A draft Terms of Reference is included in Council's October meeting Agenda to enable the re-establishment of this committee.
Recommendation	a) That Council adopt the new Terms of Reference and seek expressions of interest for membership of the re-established Committee from Purkiss Reserve user groups.
Youth Advisory Council	
Legislative status	<i>Local Government Act 2019</i> : Chapter 5, Part 5.2 (sections 82 to 85)
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Youth Advisory Council last met in December 2020. The Mayor has recently met with some interested young people from the high school, but this has not been formalised into a Youth Advisory Committee at this time. It is not unusual for local councils to establish Youth Advisory Councils to provide opportunities for young people to inform Council decision-making and develop youth leadership skills. The local Youth Services Network has also recently established a Youth Advisory Group (YAG). The young people who participate in the YAG are supported by an identified mentor (from the Youth Services Network). The NT Government's Department of Families, Housing & Communities is represented on the local Youth Services Network and intends to utilise the YAG as a consultative forum for youth issues. There would be value in Council seeking to establish a relationship with the YAG so as not to create a duplicate Advisory Group/Committee. Council could consult with the YAG and proactively seek their feedback on issues that affect local young people in order to support Council decision-making.
Recommendation	<p>a) That Council formally dissolve this Committee.</p> <p>b) That Council seek to establish a formal arrangement with the Barkly Region Youth Advisory Group for it to provide feedback and be available for consultation from time to time to support Council decision-making on issues that are likely to affect local young people.</p>
Domestic & Family Violence Working Group	
Legislative status	Working Groups of councils are not described in the legislation.
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Working Group has not yet met. As the issue of domestic, family and sexual violence has broad impacts across the Barkly region, many local service providers have an interest in addressing this issue. In early October, a community event was held to progress local discussion and problem solving about this issue in Tennant Creek and the Barkly region.
Recommendation	<p>a) That Council formally dissolve this Working Group.</p> <p>b) That Council ensures its active participation in community forums and other activities that seek to address domestic, family and sexual violence in the local community.</p>

Finance & Operations Committee	
Legislative status	<i>Local Government Act 2019: Chapter 5, Part 5.2 (sections 82 to 85)</i>
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This committee last met in July 2017. • As Council is soon to undertake a business process review, it may be appropriate to re-establish this Committee for a limited period to oversee Council's response to Finance and Operational recommendations arising from the review. • The re-established Audit & Risk Committee will be the appropriate mechanism for more ongoing monitoring of Council's finances and operations.
Recommendation	a) That Council formally dissolve the Finance & Operations Committee b) That Council awaits the recommendations of the forthcoming Business Process Review, and determines if there is value in establishing a time-limited Business Improvement Committee to oversee Council's response to related recommendations arising from that review.
Procurement Sub-Committee	
Legislative status	<i>Local Government Act 2019: Chapter 5, Part 5.2 (sections 82 to 85)</i>
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Sub-Committee last met in October 2020. • The purpose of this Committee appears to have been primarily to consider high-value tenders and make recommendations for Council's decision. • Council is in the process of recruiting a Procurement Officer. They will provide administrative support to ensure that Council's procurement processes are in line with adopted policy. They will support Council with procurement-related information when high-value tenders are to be considered. • Council's procurement practices and policies are likely to be the subject of periodic review by the Audit & Risk Committee
Recommendation	a) That Council formally dissolve the Procurement Sub-Committee. b) That Council utilise its Audit & Risk Committee to provide oversight and review of Council's procurement practices and policy from time to time.
Work Health & Safety Committee	
Legislative status	<i>Work Health & Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011: Division 4: Health & safety committees (sections 75 to 79)</i>
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings have been held of this Committee of Council. • Council has obligations under Work Health & Safety legislation to establish a health and safety committee. A representative of the employer (elected Council) may be on that committee, and the purpose of the committee is to facilitate cooperation between Council and its staff in instigating, developing and carrying out measures designed to ensure the staff's health and safety at work. This includes developing policies and procedures related to health and safety. Such committees must meet at least once every 3 months.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is unusual for such a committee to be established as a Committee of Council. Normally Work Health & Safety Committees fall under the operational arm of Council.
Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) That Council formally dissolve this Committee of Council.b) That Council establish an operational Work Health & Safety Committee in line with legislative requirements.c) That Council be provided with a Terms of Reference for this Committee for its information by the end of 2022, with a view to holding the first meeting of this operational Committee in early 2023.

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 3.4
TITLE Review of Actions from Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 378199
AUTHOR Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive an note the report on actions arising from previous minutes.

SUMMARY:

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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:

There are no attachments for this report.

ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Presentation to Council: Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet and the Barkly Regional Deal
REFERENCE	378125
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the presentation

SUMMARY:

The Regional Executive Director - Barkly from the Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet will address the Council Meeting to provide an update regarding the progress and direction of the Barkly Regional Deal.

BACKGROUND

The Barkly Regional Deal brings together the Australian Government, Northern Territory Government and Barkly Regional Council in a shared commitment to achieving positive, sustainable outcomes for the region.

The Deal includes 28 Initiatives which focus on economic development, social development, and culture and place-making. Council has responsibilities in relation to seven of these Initiatives.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

There are no operational risks associated with this presentation.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

There are no budget implications arising from this presentation.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER	4.2
TITLE	Presentation to Council: Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics - Purkiss Reserve
REFERENCE	378128
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the presentation.

SUMMARY:

The presentation from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics will provide Council with an update on the progress and direction of the Purkiss Reserve Redevelopment Project.

BACKGROUND

The Purkiss Reserve precinct is an important community asset covering almost 10 hectares which caters to a variety of sport and recreation users.

The Redevelopment Project is intended to upgrade Purkiss Reserve to support it to be a regional sport and recreation hub where people can access open green space and boost their health through physical activity.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Members of the public addressing Council
REFERENCE	378163
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council :

- a) **Invite members of the public gallery seeking to address Council about any matter included on the Meeting's Agenda to address Council for a maximum of three minutes.**

SUMMARY:

This report describes a newly created provision for members of the community to address Council in relation to matters being discussed by Council at the Meeting.

Members of the public may address Council for up to three minutes. If a longer presentation is required, members of the public should make a request to the Chief Executive Officer not less than ten days prior to the Council meeting at which they wish to make the presentation.

BACKGROUND

Facilitating members of the public to be able to make comment and ask questions of their elected Councilors is an important element of local democracy.

Hearing directly from community members about matters that Council is discussing at the Council Meeting contributes to and assists informing Council's decision-making.

Questions for which officers do not have an immediate answer on hand for whatever reason may be taken on notice, and a response provided either directly to the member of the public, or tabled at a later council meeting as appropriate.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

It is recommended that a detailed policy be developed for this process.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

ITEM NUMBER	5.2
TITLE	Councillors' Ward Reports - issues raised
REFERENCE	378164
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council hear from Councillors of Barkly's respective wards any concerns that have been raised with them for the attention of Council

SUMMARY:

Councillors will share with the Council specific issues that have been raised by their constituents for the attention of Council.

BACKGROUND

Community members have a variety of mechanisms available to them to enable their concerns to be raised with Council.

These include utilising apps such as *Snap*, *Send*, *Solve* or writing to or telephoning Council to identify their concerns or make a complaint or compliment.

In addition, community members may raise matters directly with their elected representatives.

At its September 2022 Meeting, Council resolved to include on the Agenda a standing item to enable Councillors to raise such concerns with the Council.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	(Acting) Mayor's Report
REFERENCE	378162
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the report from Acting Mayor, Councillor Russell O'Donnell, for the month of October 2022.

SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary of the activities undertaken during the month.

On 4th October I was interviewed by Stuart Brash from ABC Radio about being appointed as Deputy Mayor and taking on the role of Acting Mayor.

On 11th October I visited Tennant Creek High School and met with the Principal and Clontarf representative Randal Gould. We discussed the possibility of having students come to ordinary Council Meetings to allow them to observe local government decision-making and the process of Council. We also discussed their desire for councillors to visit the Clontarf building to meet some of the students and see what Clontarf is achieving.

On 14th October I officiated at the Citizenship Ceremony held at Council Chambers. This was a great honour and I feel very privileged to have been involved with the ceremony. I would like to again extend a warm welcome to all our new citizens.

The Pink and Teal March was on that same morning and I called in to see the organisers at the conclusion of the Citizenship Ceremony. By all accounts, the March was a success.

On 16th October I attended the local Police Station after being notified by CEO Emma Bradbury and Clr Ruger that the dam wall at Lake Mary Ann had been vandalised. I made a statement to the Police about the matter, and later myself and Clr Stokes made Victim Impact Statements on behalf of Council, the local community and the Traditional Owners of the area. I expressed my gratitude on behalf of Council for the Police's quick response and affirmative action. The accused are expected to attend the Darwin Local Court very soon.

On 19th October I attended the Chamber of Commerce's 'Business at Sunset' event with my wife Kerry, where we met various town business people and organisations. We listened to Rachel from the NBN to discuss what is in store for our region and the opportunities that exist for businesses to get an approved optic fibre connection.

On 20th October I met with Tennant Mining as a result of the 'Business at Sunset' event. Jamie from Tennant Mining met me onsite at the Eldorado to inform me of their intentions for use of the recently-settled acquisition of the Eldorado Hotel. Jaime has some exciting ideas and I have invited him to present to a future Council meeting so all councillors may hear what is in the pipeline, and Tennant Mining's interest in getting involved in the local community.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Operations Report
REFERENCE	378083
AUTHOR	Troy Koch, Director of Operations

RECOMMENDATION

That Council Receive and note the Operations Report for the month of October.

SUMMARY:**October 2022 Operations Director Report****Summary:**

Currently I am in Wutunugurra covering the Community Coordinator role whilst recruitment continues. Ray Hocking, Tim Hema and myself will be rotating through this position until we can fill the Community Coordinator role. We did offer a candidate the position but he declined to accept another role.

Local Authority:

Ali Curung and Tennant Creek Local Authority met this month.

The Communities:**Elliott:**

Elliott has had the second visit of six by the Deadly Hair Dude. Once again Gary and his team have been kept extremely busy, and have several trainees working hard toward their certificate 2.

The second annual Triple P fishing competition took place, and despite some inclement weather over 100 competitors entered.

The weather has caused the grass to grow at a rapid rate and municipal are working hard to keep on top of it. Unfortunately one of the storms tore the shade sail apart at the Waterpark. BRC welcomed several new employees to the Aged Care and Sport and Rec programs, while the Library continues to attract good numbers each day.

Ali Curung:

Area Manager 2 weeks annual leave, ESO Michael Stanley-Hunt provided relief Area Manager Coverage during this time doing a great job. September local authority meeting conducted September 12th with quorum achieved next local authority meeting November 14th 2022. The football carnivals in Ampilatwatja and Arparra had a very adverse effect on staff work attendance, on a couple of days we had no workers at all resulting in Area manager having to do the rubbish run. Due to low staff numbers we haven't yet had good opportunity to clean up out at Murray Downs. We are still very low on municipal workers at the time of writing this report. Airstrip has had various closures due to adverse weather and flooding with Murray Downs road also getting flooded on a few occasions. Community members moved into the new transition houses, contractors to start the "Room to Breathe" improvements/renovations on their homes. Have received no updates about the new recreational hall build. Ali Curung and Murray Downs Night Patrol deployed to Ampilatwatja to support football carnival operations.

On a good note: Congratulations to Customer Service Officer **Amanda Roberts-McCoy** who after 2 years of hard work passed and achieved her Certificate III in Business Administration with GTNT Group.



Congratulations also to **Terry James** – Works Supervisor for completing his Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations and reaching a milestone 10 years' service for Barkly Regional Council. Well done to both of you.



Alpurrurulam:

Community numbers have been low and Staff attendance has been up and down this month due to Sports Carnivals on the Sandover. We have been able to continue to provide rubbish collection services as well as mowing the airport and public areas.

Our ESO (Bob Baldry) has returned from a well-deserved break and a big thank you to Murray Aldridge from Ali Curung for covering Bob whilst he was away.

Area Manager Heather Smith was out for a week for personal reasons.

Ampilatwatja:

Staffing, October has seen 2 sports carnivals for our local area and has been challenging with staff taking unapproved leave during these periods as the carnivals did not run on time.

Fleet and Maintenance, we are still in need of a visit from a mechanic as we have not had any visits for 6 months now at this stage we are going to have to look at getting in outside contractors if this continues we are in need of a considerable amount of maintenance with services due and move involved Auto Sparky work needed.

Ampilatwatja Sport's Carnival - The Ampilatwatja Sports Carnival was a reasonable success there was a good turnout overall not to many Alcohol related problems reported.

There were some areas of concern new toilets and existing amenities were not up to the influx of people visiting this will need to be addressed before the next carnival after seeing how they performed we cannot provide a safe and hygienic service for the community which in turn I could not give the go ahead for another carnival without organising other options in the future. Staff performance from other areas of Barkly Council that were here to assist will need to be reviewed before next year's carnival as we had numerous areas of concern with programs not being run and staff not accountable for their time on the ground at the carnival which resulted in failure to provide the service that we were trying to achieve.

Staff Housing - we are having trouble getting trades at reasonable rates for maintenance we are seeing quotes for \$4000 just for travel to Ampilatwatja currently we have plumbing issues at the main office, lot 67 and lot 95 there has been trouble getting any quotations to begin with at times and then when we do receive them they are not viable to move forward with for example lot67 has blocked cold water pipe to the bathroom which requires the bathroom wall(brick) to cut open and replaced with new piping and tiles this quote has come in at \$11,000 plus accommodation to be supplied by us (currently seeking more quotes).

Wutunugurra:

Wutunugurra has been operating under the Elliott Area Manager and the Director of Operations, while recruitment continues.

Several visitors have been in community including CLC & NT Health, along with the Vet and his team, including Scott.

The community is looking cleaner with municipal doing a good job cutting and whipper snipping the grass as well as clearing rubbish.

The Ladies Softball team won the competition at the recent sports carnival and are looking forward to competing in the Canteen Creek carnival next week.

TC Depot:

The Depot Team continue to do a great job. Peter has fit in very well in the Depot Manager Position.

Peter has arranged First Aid Training for some of the Depot Staff whose qualifications have expired.

A hard Waste pick up for Tennant Creek was carried out this month.

The Mechanical Team has been carrying out exceptional work and have got the Loader back up and running after experiencing an extremely long wait for the parts, it was great to see the team pull together and get the loader back in a timely fashion. Well done to all concerned.

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	People and Culture Report
REFERENCE	378193
AUTHOR	Bakhita Southcott, People and Culture Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the People and Culture report for October.

SUMMARY:

People and Culture report MTD October 2022 summary of activities in Human Resources, Work, Health and Safety, Learning and Development and Recruitment.

Human Resources

Priority	Details	Date
Staff Culture	Review of current climate by department – recommend scheduling a morning tea in each area to develop trust and respect amongst all staff.	30/09/2022
Lunch and Learn	Create management trainings fortnightly or monthly delivery. <i>Delayed until November.</i>	30/10/2022
Completed	Details	Commencing
Appointments	Interim Director Corporate Services - Damian Burton.	
	Regional Sports and Rec Manager – Gillian Molloy (immediate higher duties to Acting Director Community Development)	24/10/2022
		07/11/2022
	Rates Officer - Sreelekshmi Rhishanth (remote)	24/10/2022
	Director of Infrastructure - Raghavendra Vasudeva Upadhyaya	17/11/2022
	Chief Financial Officer – Romeo Mustago	31/10/2022
	Executive Officer: Barkly Regional Deal – Joanne McPhee	24/10/2022
Appointments pending	Accounts Officer Administration Officer	

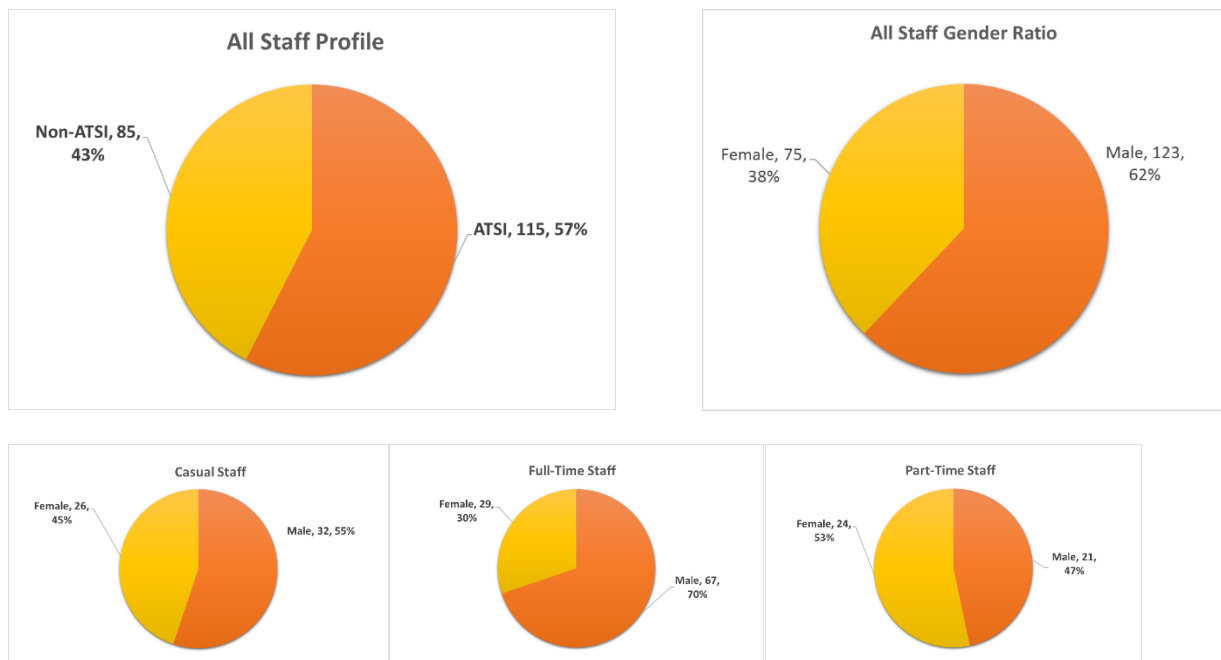
	Executive Assistant Records and Compliance Officer Fleet and Assets Manager	
Future Focus	Details	Date
Org structure review	<p>Work with CEO to review the org structure and identify key roles for the business.</p> <p>This item will be deferred until such time as BRC has a full complement of Directors with sufficient on-ground experience to contribute to the development of a sustainable business model for the future operation of the BRC.</p> <p>This activity will also be informed by the findings of the Business Process Review</p>	<i>Under review</i>

The work of the People and Culture department has been made particularly challenging this month with extensive and very targeted work in the talent search space, a high volume of new interviews and recruitment processes, as reflected in the appointments section of this report; and management of legacy issues.

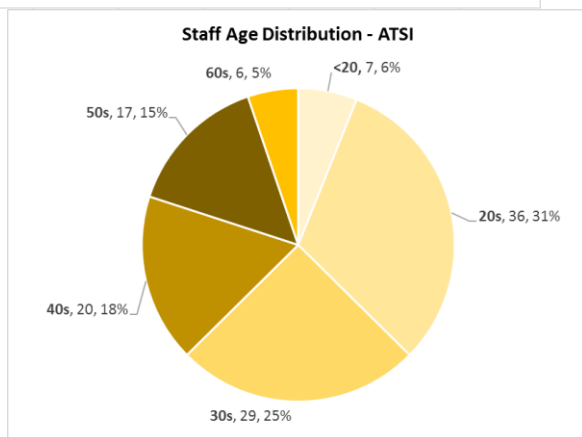
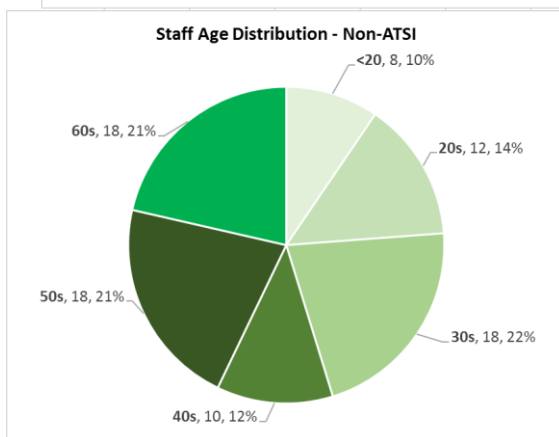
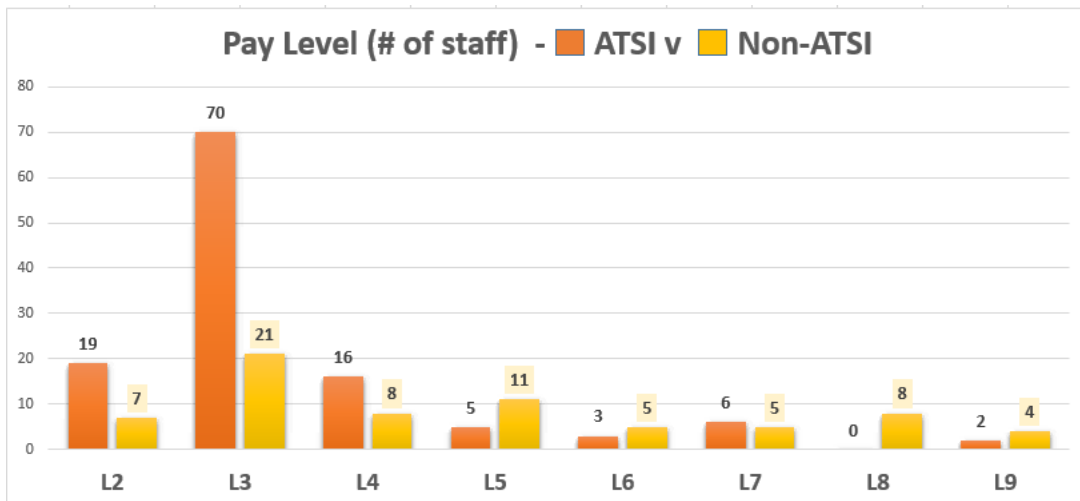
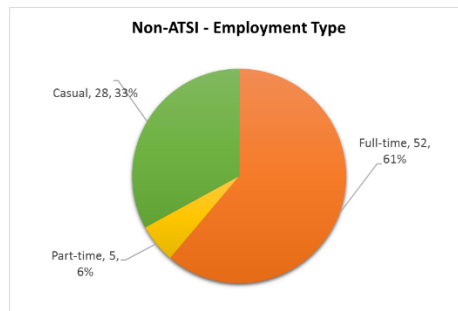
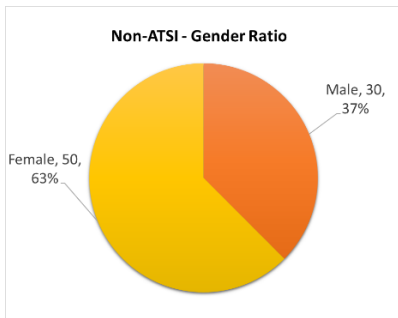
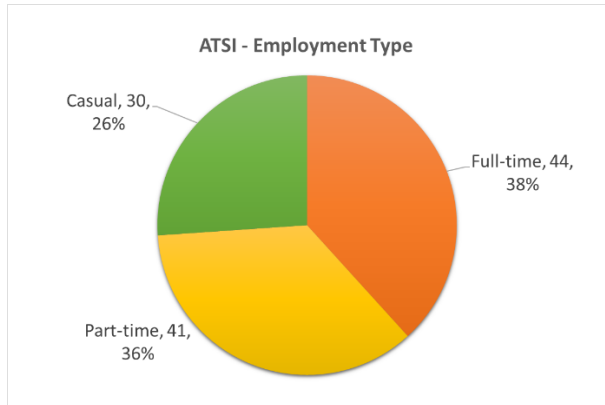
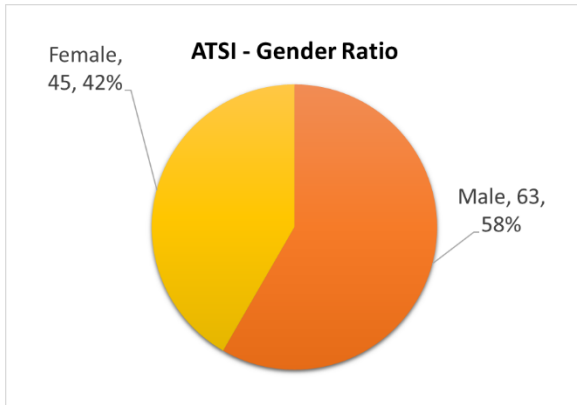
BRC particularly acknowledges the hard work, professionalism, dedication and commitment of **People and Culture Administration Officer Yvette Porter-Smith** without whose support this level of output would not have been possible.

Employee Snapshot

Total employees: 200 (Staff turnover MTD 6.5%)



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics:



WHS

Priority	Details	Date
WHS Coordinator	Urgent recruitment of this role is needed. <i>In progress</i>	30/10/2022

Audit	Complete an audit report to determine priority risks currently within the communities that need to be controlled and mitigated.	30/11/2022
Future Focus	Details	Date
WHS policies and procedures	Review and update	30/11/2022
Review use of procedures	Develop workshops to ensure procedures are being followed.	30/11/2022

Learning and Development

Priority	Details	Date
CDU	Will contact the CDU to look at ticketed training that can support staff to achieve accredited training - there are RTOs with funded training	
Completed	Details	Date
First Aid Training	All depot staff have been booked in to complete their FA training	11/10/2022
Future Focus	Details	Date
Learning Management System	Look at how staff are currently being upskilled through non-accredited training opportunities. <i>Ongoing</i>	30/11/2022

Recruitment

Priority	Details	Date
Talent Acquisition Framework	Create a framework to improve attracting, recruitment and onboarding of staff	30/10/2022
Completed	Details	Date
Advertising	Current vacancies are being posted straight to the Council website.	30/09/2022
Interview questions	Standards have been created for each directorate and role.	30/09/2022
Future Focus	Details	Date
Recruitment software	Reviewing business case to improve efficiency and costs associated with council's recruitment activities.	31/09/2022

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 7.3
TITLE Finance Report
REFERENCE 378197
AUTHOR Anupam (Frank) Singh, Acting Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the September Finance Report.

SUMMARY:

The attached Finance Report provides an update on Council's financial position to the end of September 2022.

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The finance team have been operating under an intense shortage of staff, and have been working intensely with the auditors to complete the audit and end of year financial statements. This, coupled with IT outages has put immense pressure on the finance team.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Finance Report.pdf

Barkly Regional Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the month ended September 30 2022

	Notes	Act YTD \$ 000's	Bud YTD \$ 000's	YTD Var \$ 000's	Bud 2022 \$ 000's	Bud Remaining \$ 000's
INCOME						
Rates	2	3916	0	3,916	3,941	25
Statutory charges	2	11	0	11	12	1
User charges	2	1296	0	1,296	-	(1,296)
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	24864	0	24,864	16,031	(8,833)
Investment income	2	17	0	17	-	(17)
Reimbursements	2	753	0	753	-	(753)
Other income	2	862	0	862	-	(862)
Net gain - equity accounted Council businesses	19					
Total Income		31,720	-	31,719	19,984	(11,735)
EXPENSES						
Employee costs	3	18357	0	18,357	-	(18,357)
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	10863	0	10,863	-	(10,863)
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	3566	0	3,566	-	(3,566)
Finance costs	3	15	0	15	-	(15)
Total Expenses		32,801	-	32,801	-	(32,801)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		-1081	0	-1082	19984	21066
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	272	0	272	0	-272
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	5020	0	5020	207	-4813
Physical resources received free of charge	2	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result from discontinued operations	20	0	0	0	0	0
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (transferred to Equity Statement)		4,191	-	4,210	20,191	15,981
Other Comprehensive Income						
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve	9	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		4,191	-	4,210	20,191	15,981
Share of Net Surplus / (Deficit)						
Council		4,191	-	4,210	20,191	15,981
		4,191	-	4,210	20,191	15,981
Share of Other Comprehensive Income						
Council		-	-	-	-	-
Minority Interest		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		4,191	-	4,210	20,191	15,981

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

Barkly Regional Council
Statement of Financial Position
for the month ended September 30 2022

ASSETS	Notes	Act YTD \$ 000's	Bud YTD \$ 000's	YTD Var \$ 000's	Bud 2022 \$ 000's	Bud 2022 Remaining
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	5	9,869.00	0.00	9,869.00	0.00	9,869.00
Trade & other receivables	5	3,696.33	0.00	3,696.33	0.00	-3,717.05
Other financial assets	5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inventories	5	18.14	0.00	18.14	0.00	0.00
		<u>13,583.46</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13,583.46</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,151.95</u>
Non-current Assets held for Sale	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Current Assets		<u>13,583.46</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13,583.46</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,151.95</u>
Non-current Assets						
Financial assets	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equity accounted investments in Council businesses	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment property	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	27,372.08	0.00	27,372.08	0.00	-27,372.08
Other non-current assets	6	13,563.93	0.00	13,563.93	0.00	29,363.00
Total Non-current Assets		<u>40,936.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40,936.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,990.92</u>
Total Assets		<u>54,519.48</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>54,519.48</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,142.87</u>
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities						
Trade & other payables	8	1,583.00	0.00	1,583.00	0.00	1,038.00
Borrowings	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Provisions	8	1,544.00	0.00	1,544.00	0.00	1,371.00
Other current liabilities	8					
		<u>3,127.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,127.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,409.00</u>
Liabilities relating to Non-current Assets held for Sale	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Current Liabilities		<u>3,127.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,127.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,409.00</u>
Non-current Liabilities						
		<u>3,127.00</u>				
Trade & Other Payables	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Borrowings	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Provisions	8	417.00	0.00	417.00	0.00	401.00
Liability - Equity accounted Council businesses	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Non-current Liabilities	8					
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>417.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>417.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>401.00</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>3,545.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,544.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,810.00</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>50,973.86</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50,975.48</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,332.87</u>

Barkly Regional Council
Statement of Financial Position con't
for the month ended September 30 2022

EQUITY	Notes	Act YTD \$ 000's	Bud YTD \$ 000's	Var YTD \$ 000's	Bud 2022 \$ 000's	Bud 2022 \$ 000's
Accumulated Surplus		24,501.85	0.00	24,501.85	0.00	24,705.00
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	23,054.00	0.00	23,054.00	0.00	23,789.00
Other Reserves	9	3,418.00	0.00	3,418.00	0.00	4,221.00
Total Council Equity		<u>50,973.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50,973.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>52,715.00</u>
Minority Interest		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>50,973.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50,973.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>52,715.00</u>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

Barkly Regional Council
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the month ended September 30 2022

Act YTD	Notes	Acc'd Surplus \$ 000's	Asset Rev'n Reserve \$ 000's	Other Reserves \$ 000's	Total Council Equity \$ 000's	Minority Interest Equity \$ 000's	TOTAL EQUITY \$ 000's
Balance at end of previous reporting period		20,311	23,054	3,418	46,783	-	46,783
Adjustment due to compliance with revised Accounting Standards					-		-
Adjustment to give effect to changed accounting policies					-		-
Restated opening balance		20,311	23,054	3,418	46,783	-	46,783
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		4,191	23,054	3,418	46,783	-	46,783
Other Comprehensive Income					4,191	-	4,191
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment					-		-
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve					-		-
Transfer to accumulated surplus on sale of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment					-		-
Net assets transferred - Council restructure					-		-
Share of other comprehensive income - equity accounted Council businesses					-		-
Other equity adjustments - equity accounted Council businesses					-		-
Transfers between reserves					-		-
Balance at end of period	9	24,502	23,054	3,418	50,974	-	50,974

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL
for the month ended September 30 2022

STATEMENT OF DEBTS OWED TO COUNCIL

RATES - GENERAL & OTHER						
	5,090					
		Current Year 2022_23	21_22	20_21	20_19	Pre 18_19
September 2022	4473	3,963	160	98.73	811	169
		89%	4%	2%	2%	4%
August 2022	5,090	4,592.00	141.18	99.05	85.39	172.52
		90%	3%	2%	10%	24%
		Current	30 Days Past Due	60 Days Past Due	90 Days Past Due	
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES						
	455					
September 2022	455	139	121	17	178	
		30.55%	26.59%	3.74%	39.12%	
August 2022	257	62	17.59	7.9	169.95	
		13.63%	3.87%	1.74%	37.35%	

SIGNIFICANT DEBTORS OVER 60 DAYS +

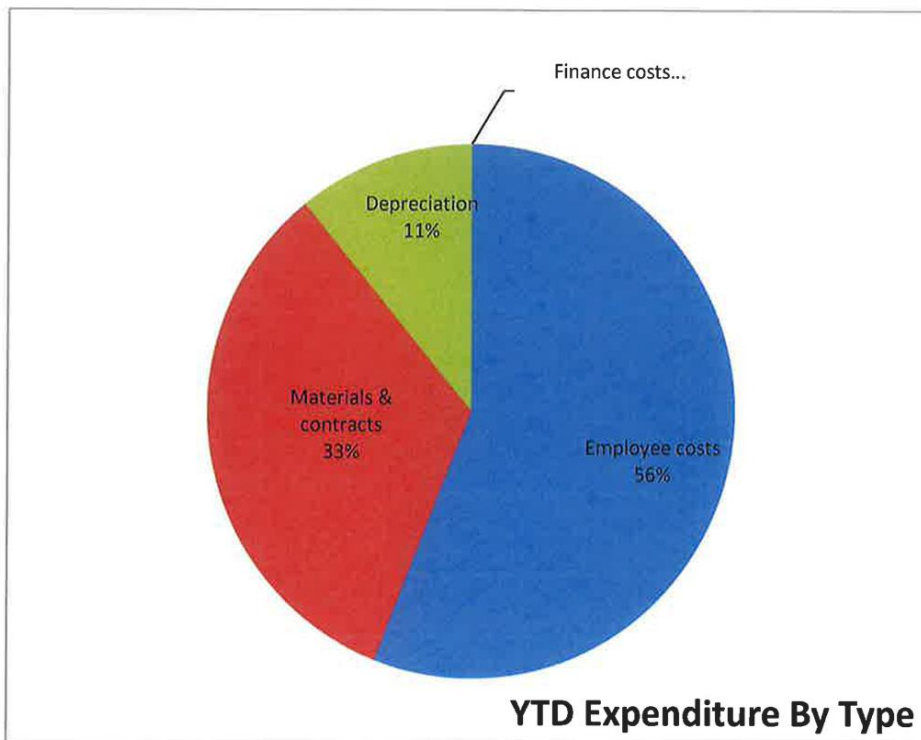
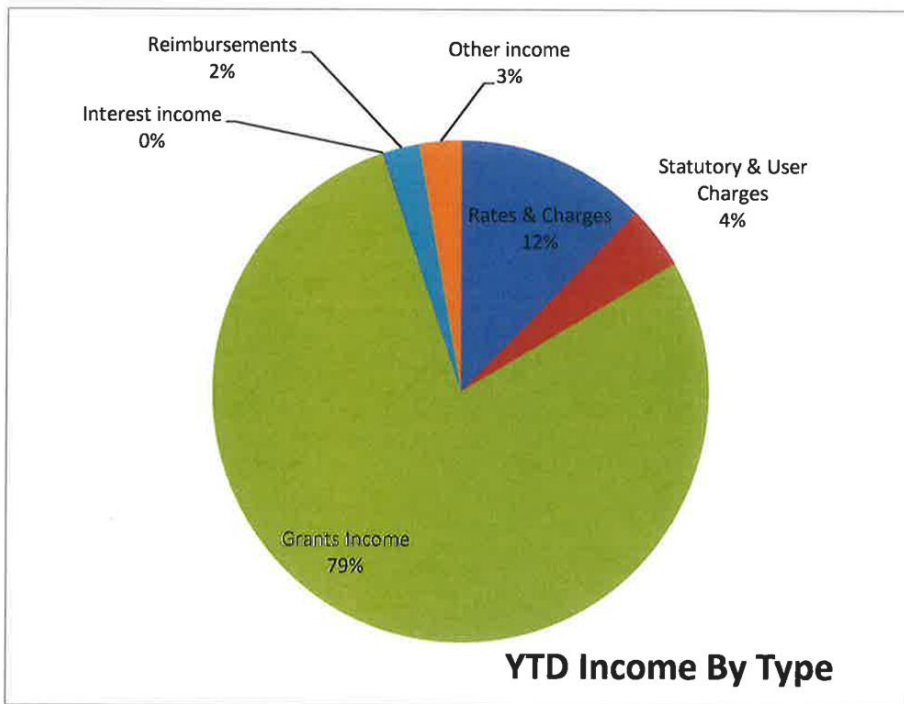
Debtor Number	Amount (000's)	Comment
323	125	AUS Projects NT Pty Ltd
9	11	Power and Water
380	11	Tennat Creek Funerals
76	5	Territory Families
311	4	Cahtolic Care
20	3.5	T&J Contractors

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL
for the month ended Sep 22 2022

STATEMENT OF DETAILED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

<u>Projects Capitalized YTD</u>	<u>Project Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
AMPILATWATJA SPORTS AND RECREATION	875,972.31	Ampilatwatja
ABLUTION BLOCK - AMPILATWATJA	524,818.72	Ampilatwatja
Total Assets Commissioned YTD JUNE 2022	1,400,791.03	
PURKISS RESERVE	9,000,000.00	Tennant Creek
LAKE MARY ANN TOILET UPGRADE	735.64	
BARKLY YOUTH CENTRE	3,565,327.85	Tennant Creek
ALI CURUNG YOUTH CENTRE	609,911.21	Ali Currung
DEMOUNTABLE OFFICE	85,228.90	Tennant Creek
TC OFFICE REFURBISHMENT	3,910.00	Tennant Creek
PEKO PARK REPLACEMENT OF W.C.	3,001.04	Tennant Creek
DANGEROUS GOODS CONTAINERS	336.00	Tennant Creek
TC BIKE PATH/SHARED PATH CONSTRUCTION	87,358.73	Tennant Creek
TENNANT CREEK FOOTPATH	6,508.00	Tennant Creek
MARY ANN DAM TENDER FEES	168.00	Tennant Creek
BRD SOLARPANEL INSTALLATION AT MARLINJA	68,000.00	Marinja
ISUZU FVR 240-300 MWB TIPPER 10T	201,773.73	Tennant Creek
SINGLE CAB TIPPER	337.50	Tennant Creek
GARBAGE TRUCK	338.18	Tennant Creek
PORTA LOOS	22,140.00	Tennant Creek
MERAKI MIGRATION TELSTRA	110,663.30	Tennant Creek
Current WIP Projects	13,765,738.08	

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements					
General Purpose Financial Reports					
Note 5 - LIQUID ASSETS					
	Notes	Act YTD \$ 000's	Bud YTD \$ 000's	Bud FY	Var YTD
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS 31/08/2022					
Cash on Hand and at Bank					
Westpac Operation Account		151	-	-	148
Westpac trust Account		2,751	-	1	2,439
ANZ Operational		3,829	-	3,366	2,944
Westpac Term Deposit .05%		3,137	-	3,140	(3)
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc					
Bills of Exchange					
		9,868	-	6,507	5,528



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.4
TITLE	The Chief Executive Officer's Report
REFERENCE	378198
AUTHOR	Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer

ALIGNMENT TO REGIONAL PLAN 2022 – 2023

- Goal 5 – Culture, Environment and Heritage
 - 5.1 - Develop and commence Implementation of a Barkly Region Animal Management Plan
- Goal 6 – Progressive Stakeholder Relationships
 - 6.11 - Reinstate Animal Management Working Group
- Goal 7 – Employer of Choice
 - Capacity building

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

Receive and note the Chief Executive Officer’s Report for the month of October 2022.

REPORT:

October has been another busy month with significant upheaval brought about by staff movements and what is now recognised as a global labour shortage. The impacts of these shortages are intensified for regional and remote employers, and nowhere more so than in the Barkly.

Council successfully migrated its Microsoft Office suite to a cloud-based operating environment. This was achieved without disruption to service and Council’s IT team and CouncilBiz for this seamless transition. This transition is part of a broader package reviewing Council’s IT and telecommunications service packages which have resulted in very substantial financial savings and efficiency gains to Council from early October.

BACKGROUND

The following table presents a snapshot of some of the engagement highlights for the month.

Date	Event/Meeting	Location
Weekly meetings	BRC Executive Leadership Meeting	41 Peko/Zoom
	One-on-one with Council Directors	TC venues
	BRD Backbone Admin Group	Barkly House
Monthly meetings	CouncilBiz Executive Committee	Via Zoom
	Barkly Regional Coordination Committee	Tennant Creek
30/09/2022	“A Yarn with the CEO” – update with staff teams	41 Peko Road team
01/10/20	“A Yarn with the CEO” – update with staff teams	Depot team 58 Peko Road team

		Pool & Youthlinx teams
03/10/2022	“A Yarn with the CEO” – update with staff teams	Ali Curung team
03/10/2022	Animal Management Advisory Committee	Chambers
05/10/2022	Tennant Creek & Barkly Regional Family Violence March and Workshop	Tennant Creek
06/10/2022	Youth Sports & Recreation programming meeting	Council
07/10/2022	Meeting with the Auditor	Council
10/10/2022	Tennant Creek Local Authority	Chambers
13/10/2022	BRD Governance Table	Chambers
14/10/2022	Citizenship Ceremony	Chambers
18/10/2022	Presentation to 11 th annual NT Major Projects Conference	Darwin
20/10/2022	Meeting with LGANT	Darwin
20/10/2022	Meeting with City of Palmerston CEO, Luccio Cercarelli	Palmerston

[END REPORT]

ATTACHMENTS:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.5
TITLE	Community Development Directorate Report September 2022
REFERENCE	378181
AUTHOR	Sonya Kenny, Acting Director of Community Development

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Community Development Report for September 2022

SUMMARY:

Community Development Directorate Monthly Report		
Program	Program Manager	Budget
Library	Regional Community Development Manager (VACANT)	TBA
Gym	Regional Community Development Manager (VACANT)	TBA
Swimming Pool	Regional Community Development Manager (VACANT)	TBA
Local Laws	Local Laws Ranger Manager	TBA
Youthlinx	Regional Community Development Manager (VACANT)	TBA
Safe House Elliott and Ali Curung	Community Development Director	TBA
Community Care	Regional Community Care Manager	TBA
Youth Sport and Rec	Regional Community Development Manager (VACANT)	TBA
Community Safety	Regional Community Safety Manager	TBA

BACKGROUND

Library Report – prepared by Bryce Khoory Library Coordinator who commenced in this role in the first week of July. Bryce and Alana Khoory (Community Care Admin Officer) assisted with reception and admin duties in the Council office for a couple of weeks in early July. Bryce is now back to being full time in the library. Public PC's and wifi still inoperable, awaiting new system. Total patronage 54 visits. Total members 708.

Gym Report – prepared by Jodie Jensen. 203 memberships. Average attendance of 40 to 50 unique visits daily. BRADAAG and the Tennant Creek Hospital have purchased corporate memberships. Staffing currently covered by Jodie Jensen and Youthlinx staff.

Swimming Pool Report – prepared by Dilan Hannadige Swimming Pool Coordinator. Dilan has been offered accepted the permanent role as Swimming Pool Coordinator. Solar Heating Unit was repaired in June and is leaking again. Maintenance ticket has been lodged. Opening hours have extended now due to warmer weather. Youthlinx Holiday Program has provided programs at the pool. Two break ins have occurred, food, drinks and keys taken. Locks have been changed. Total pool entries of 664 unique visits. Revenue - \$2786.55. The Royal Lifesaving Society held a Water Safety Week Event at the pool on the 18th September which was well attended.

Local Laws – Scott Spurling is working together with Finance to resolve issues with Barkly Vets. Ongoing funding is an issue for Animal Management. Operational Plan will be vital for this program to continue. Indigenous Environmental Health Officer role has not been filled. Community Vet visits will commence in early October.

Youthlinx – Participant numbers – 1554. School Holiday Program held 24 – 30 September, participants - 307. BRC partnered with Julalikari, Marlungku-Kari and the John Moriarty Foundation to deliver the School Holiday Program.. The Neighbourhood Watch Program also partnered with Youthlinx on the 26th September to provide activities and Icy Poles for children and youth attending the program aqt the Pool. Youthlinx also travelled to Elliott and Ali Curung with the John Moriarty Foundation.

Safe House Elliott and Ali Curung – No report from Elliott. Ali Curung Coordinator reports accommodating 16 clients (8 adults and 8 children) and 13 day visis (5 adults and 2 children). Central Australia Women’s Legal Service held a workshop at the Safe House, 25 women and children attended. Coordinator held meeting with six local women and the new Alcohol and Drugs Officer. In conjunction with Youth Sport and Rec, various activities were held during child Protection Week.

Community Care – Final report from the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission is attached all 4 Standards assessed have been met, report attached. 71 Aged Care clients in total. Reporting is being finalized with Finance. SDAP project is completed and CDCS will need to submit their final report. NDIS – 27 participants. Income – \$14535.88. Mid term audit to be held via Teams – 25 October 2022. Audit will concentrate on minor non conformities from the audit in in 2020.

Youth Sport and Rec – report prepared by Maddy Quinn Youth Sport and Rec Coordinator. No/limited staff at Alpururulam, Wutunugurra and Ampilatwatja so limited activities occurring in those communities. Ampilatwatja Sports Carnival held in September with Youth Sport and Rec staff travelling from Ali Curung and Arlparra to assist with running activities. Ali Curung worked with the Safe House to provide activities during Child Protection Week. NT Bush Bands held a concert in Elliott on the 3 October with Community Care and Sport and Rec staff assisting with Barbecue. RUOK day was celebrated in Arlparra in conjunction with the Clinic.

Community Safety – no report received due to Regional Manager position being vacant and one Zone Manager being on leave. Camus Campbell, Team Leader from Wutunugurru filled in for 3 weeks while Zone Manager George Peckham was on leave. Community Safety assisted in Elliott for the Bush Bands Concert by sending extra staff and providing extra

patrols. They also assisted during the Ampilatwatja Sports weekend, a team of 6 staff from other communities attended and patrolled for 4 nights, liaising with Police and the Area Manager.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BACKGROUND ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

N/A

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

N/A

CONSULTATION & TIMING

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	Animal Management Advisory Committee meeting 3 October 2022
REFERENCE	377894
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Animal Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 October 2022

SUMMARY:

This report provides for the Council's information a copy of the Minutes of the Animal Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 October 2022

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 8 September 2022, Council adopted the Terms of Reference for its Animal Management Advisory Committee.

The inaugural meeting of the Animal Management Advisory Committee was held on Monday, 3 October 2022. The Minutes of that meeting are attached for the information of Council.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The Animal Management Advisory Committee provides an opportunity to hear from key stakeholders about animal management issues in the Barkly community, and discuss options for addressing these issues. The Committee assists the community to understand the limits of Council's role in animal management, and supports Council to advocate to other agencies and stakeholders on issues that fall outside of Council's responsibility.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

There are no budget implications arising from this report.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil. This Committee is a consultative mechanism of Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) 2022-10-03 - BRC AMAC - MINUTES.pdf



ANIMAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes: 3 October 2022

Meeting opened at 2.30pm.

1. Present:

Clr Greg Marlow (Chair)
Brooke Rankmore – AMRRIC
Dave Hall – Barkly Vet Service
Rob Duncan – NT Dept of Chief Minister & Cabinet
Emma Bradbury – CEO
Scott Spurling – Local Laws Ranger Manager
Karen Legge – Corporate & Community Planner

Apologies:

Elliott McAdam – community representative
Sonya Kenny – A/Director Community Development

Absent:

Representative – Central Lands Council

The Chair made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Administration:

Non-Disclosure Agreement circulated for completion by non-Council members. Members should discuss with CEO if unsure if a matter may be disclosed outside the Committee.

3. Introduce Terms of Reference:

- Note these Terms of Reference were adopted by Council at its meeting on 8 September 2022.
- Focus of this Committee is on Council's role in animal management.
- The Advisory Committee is comprised of key stakeholders.
- A supplementary broader Community Reference Group will be utilised for targeted engagement from time to time.

4. Outcomes of Animal Management Forum (31 August 2022)

- Summary of discussion circulated previously.
- AMRRIC and Vet Service census and community visit outcomes information circulated last week.
- Update provided on issue of roaming cattle and other large feral animals in town and in communities: limited Council role.

- Note that whoever holds the land trust for the community where animal issues are arising needs to liaise with the community before proceeding with a cull of large feral animals in communities.
- Discussion of fencing, and role of station/property owners.

5. Animal Management Plan – status update

- Collation of animal management information, including matters discussed at the August Animal Management Forum, is being collated to inform the Plan.
- A first cut draft of the Plan will be provided to the next Advisory Committee meeting for initial feedback.
- Endorsement will be sought from Council for public exhibition of the draft Plan. The broader Animal Management Community Reference Group will be proactively approached to provide feedback on the draft Plan during the exhibition period.
- A final draft of the Plan will be provided to the Advisory Committee for review before being presented to Council for adoption.

6. General Business

- Discussed matters submitted by Elliott McAdam for consideration in his absence:
 - Reviewed the outcomes of a discussion about continued provision of veterinary services for the remainder of this financial year.
 - Request that Council write to Outback Stores about stocking products such as flea collars. Note that AMRRIC is doing a project to support communities to have appropriate and affordable access to such products. Also noted the need to supplement this activity with community education to encourage the use of such products. Confirmed Council's role may be better described in relation to Emergency Management responses on occasions when community members are absent from community and there is a risk to companion animal welfare.
 - Other issues raised by Elliott will be addressed through the development of the Animal Management Plan, eg sourcing grants to resource particular animal management activities, education programs in partnership with community stakeholders.

7. Next meeting

Confirm the next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Monday, 21 November 2022, in Council Chambers (or via video-link).

8. Meeting closed at 3.40pm.

Actions arising:

1. Council to re-circulate the Terms of Reference with the Minutes of the meeting.
2. CEO to clarify Council's obligations in relation to roaming cattle in town boundaries, and investigate regulatory orders or other options available to Council to assist in addressing the issue.
3. Manager Ranger Services to liaise with Dept of Chief Minister & Cabinet officers to locate past report prepared about fencing issues, and seek permission to circulate the report to this Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.1
TITLE	Request for meeting from Territories Stolen Generations Redress Branch
REFERENCE	378191
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) **note the request from Territories Stolen Generations Redress Branch for a meeting with Councillors on Monday, 14 November 2022;**
- b) **nominate Councillors to attend the meeting.**

SUMMARY:

Representatives from the Territories Stolen Generations Redress Branch will be visiting Tennant Creek over the period from 14 to 16 November 2022 to meet with stakeholders to discuss the Scheme. They have requested a meeting with Barkly Shire Council on Monday, 14 November.

BACKGROUND

The Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme is a financial and wellbeing package for Stolen Generation survivors who were removed as children from their families or communities in the Northern Territory or Australian Capital Territory before self-government, or Jervis Bay Territory.

More information about the Scheme is included in the attached 'Overview' document.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme Overview.pdf](#)



Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme—overview

Applying to the Scheme, reading or talking about it may bring up difficult memories. There is 24 hour support available if you need help.

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger call 000

13YARN 13 92 76, Lifeline 13 11 14, Beyond Blue 1300 244 636, Suicide Call Back Services 1300 659 467

Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme

The Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme is a financial and wellbeing package for Stolen Generations survivors who were removed as children from their families or communities in the:

- Northern Territory or the Australian Capital Territory before self-government, or
- Jervis Bay Territory.

The Scheme seeks to recognise the harm and trauma experienced by Stolen Generations survivors. The Scheme offers a:

- redress payment of up to \$75,000
- healing assistance payment of \$7,000
- Personal Acknowledgement.

Personal Acknowledgement

A Personal Acknowledgement is an opportunity for your story about your removal and the impact it has had on you to be acknowledged by a senior government person and receive a personalised and genuine acknowledgement of the resulting harm and trauma. You can choose to have your Personal Acknowledgement in a face-to-face meeting with a senior government person, a letter (written acknowledgement) from a senior government person, or you can have both.

We will ask you if you would like to tell your story when we send you your letter of offer. It is your choice if you would like to tell your story or not. If you would like to tell your story you should say 'yes' when you return your Acceptance Deed. You do not have to have your Personal Acknowledgement straight away, or at all. You can take your time until you feel ready and have until 30 June 2026 to make your mind up about participating in a Personal Acknowledgement.

Who is eligible for redress under the Scheme

Once we have received your application, we will assess whether you are eligible for redress. To find you eligible, the decision-maker must be satisfied that it is 'plausible' that both of the below criteria are met.

- 1.) You are a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, or both, who is a Stolen Generations survivor.

In assessing this, we will consider:

- whether you were removed from your family or community by:
 - a government agency or non-government body, or
 - an officer of such an agency or body, and
- whether you were under the age of 18 at the time you were removed, and
- whether your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent was a factor in your removal, and
- any other factors that are relevant to determining whether you meet this criterion.

- 2.) Your removal took place in the:

- Northern Territory before 1 July 1978, or
- Australian Capital Territory before 11 May 1989, or
- Jervis Bay Territory.

Applying on behalf of someone who has passed away

If a Stolen Generations member passes away after the Scheme was announced on 5 August 2021 and they would have met the eligibility criteria—their family will be able to apply on their behalf.

How do I apply

You can apply any time between 1 March 2022 and 28 February 2026 at your own pace.

You do not need to have records about your removal to apply. We may be able to access records to help with your application when you apply. When you sign the application form, you are giving the National Indigenous Australians Agency permission to search for your records on your behalf.

If you do have any records about your removal you can attach copies to your application.

You can apply online or use a paper form.

Can someone act on my behalf

If you would like to have a person interact with us or to act on your behalf you will need to complete the Schemes Redress Nominee Form. You will need to complete and return this form to us before any person can act on your behalf. This person will be your redress nominee. If you already have a Centrelink nominee, that person can also be your redress nominee, but you still need to complete a Redress Nominee form.

There are two types of redress nominees:

1. Assistance nominee—to help you apply for redress if you do not want to interact with us yourself.
2. Legal nominee—for the Scheme to appoint a legal nominee you must have a current legal arrangement in place. This could be a Power of Attorney, Guardianship or Financial

Management Order. Without this arrangement a person can only act as your assistance nominee.

For more information about what a redress nominee can and cannot do in relation to the Scheme call us on **1800 566 111**, or emailing help@territoriesredress.gov.au

Payments from other schemes

You may also be eligible for the [National Redress Scheme](#). If you are, it will not impact any payments you receive from either scheme as they are for two different purposes.

If you have received any payments in relation to your removal these may be deducted from the \$75,000 redress payment. For instance, this might be a prior payment from a state redress scheme, or a payment you received to settle a legal action.

What application support is available

Free, independent and confidential support services are available to help you before, during and after you apply—you can access the services even if you are just thinking about applying.

These services can help you to make a fully informed decision that best suits your personal situation.

Link Up services

Link-Up services are community based services that can provide free and confidential assistance to help you throughout the application process.

Financial Counselling

Redress payments made under the Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme are treated differently to other payments. Financial counsellors will be able to help you understand how receiving a redress payment may affect your individual financial circumstances, such as impacts on Centrelink payments, gifting, assets tests and existing debts. Financial counsellors can also work with you to help keep your redress payment safe.

To make the most of your redress payment, it is important to seek financial counselling before you receive a redress payment.

You can call knowmore Legal Service for both financial counselling and legal advice on **1800 566 966 or 1800KNOWMORE**.

More information is available on knowmore.org.au

Independent Legal Advice

The legal advice support service can help you understand the other legal options available to you, the effect of accepting a payment on future claims, Wills and estates, and the eligibility requirements of the Scheme.

This service is completely free, you do not have to use your own money to pay for legal costs unless you choose to access private law firms. If you choose to use your own legal service for help and advice, this may not be free.

You can call knowmore Legal Service for both legal advice and financial counselling on **1800 566 966 or 1800KNOWMORE**.

More information is available on knowmore.org.au

Can I ask for a review

If you disagree with the outcome of your application, you or your nominee can ask for the decision to be reviewed by calling us on **1800 566 111** or emailing help@territoriesredress.gov.au

About your redress payment

You can choose to have your redress payments paid in one lump sum, or in two, three or four equal instalments over a 12 month period.

- The Schemes redress payments:
 - Are exempt from income tax.
 - Generally do not count as income or taxable income for means-tested Commonwealth payments or benefits, but may affect assets tests.
 - Will not impact any payments from the National Redress Scheme as the schemes are for two different purposes.
- If you receive Centrelink payments and you give away any of the redress payment, you should let Centrelink know, because it could affect your Centrelink payments.
- If you have received other payments for your removal, these will be taken into account and deducted from payments under this Scheme.
- You will be required to sign a deed of release prior to any payments or a Personal Acknowledgement being given under this Scheme. By signing this document, you will be releasing the Commonwealth from any future civil liability in relation to their removal.
- If we make an offer of redress under the Scheme, or make a redress payment or provide a Personal Acknowledgement, this means that it was plausible that you met the eligibility criteria. This decision has effect only for the purposes of the Scheme. It is not a:
 - Finding of law or law made by a court, or
 - Legal admission of liability for removal by the Commonwealth or any other person.

How can I get more information

The Scheme has established a dedicated team to assist applicants. You can:

- Call us on **1800 566 111** between 9:00 am—5:00 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time, Monday to Friday, excluding national and Canberra public holidays.
- Email us at help@territoriesredress.gov.au if you have access to a device.
- Write to us at Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme, Reply Paid 83394, Canberra ACT 2601.
- Visit territoriesredress.gov.au

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.2
TITLE	Extension to Leave of Absence - The Mayor, Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin
REFERENCE	378160
AUTHOR	Frank Crawley, Quality & Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council extend the leave of absence for the Mayor, Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin to the 23 November 2022

SUMMARY:

The Mayor has requested an extension to his leave of absence.

BACKGROUND

The Council, at its meeting on 29 September 2022 granted the Mayor, Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin a leave of absence until 26 October 2022.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

The Mayor, Cr Mclaughlin will continue to get paid his normal monthly allowance during his absence. There is no provision in the Local Government Act that allows the Council to suspend the Mayor's allowance.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Cr MCLaughlin has advised that his court case has been moved to the 9 November and would therefore like an extension to his leave of absence.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.3
TITLE	Motor Vehicle Policy and Mayor's use of Council supplied vehicle
REFERENCE	378161
AUTHOR	Frank Crawley, Quality & Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report on Council's Motor Vehicle Policy and Mayor's use of Council supplied vehicle

SUMMARY:

This report informs Council on the contents of the Motor Vehicle policy and the conditions on the use of a council supplied motor vehicle by the Mayor.

BACKGROUND

At the September 2022 Council meeting it was resolved that a report be presented to the October 2022 Council meeting on the motor vehicle policy. The request was motivated in particular by the Mayor's use of a council vehicle while he was on a leave of absence.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Due to the reasons behind the Mayor's leave of absence there has been damage to the Council's reputation. The Council will need to be very mindful of the reputational risk implications of any actions it takes in relation to the mayoral position.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

A review of the Vehicle Use policy no 74 (attached) shows that it is very much centered on work, health and safety issues and the proper use and care of motor vehicles. It does not mention the use of a council owned motor vehicle by the Mayor.

Use of a council owned motor vehicle by the Mayor is covered in policy no 33 Elected Members Reasonable Expenses and Non-Monetary Benefits policy.

There is a section in the policy titled "Additional Benefits for the Mayor" which states, amongst other things, that the Mayor is entitled to use of a dedicated vehicle for official purposes and limited private use. Limited private use is defined as use of the car within the NT and use for interstate travel with the Mayor paying for the fuel. This is all subject to the Mayor obtaining Council approval for trips outside of the Barkly region.

The current Mayoral circumstances are extremely rare. While the Council has publicly stated in the September 2022 Council minutes its disappointment in the Mayor's conduct it is recommended that no further action be taken. The matter could of course be revisited at a later date if that was the wish of Council.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Consultation has occurred with the Local Government Unit of the Chief Minister's Department. They have confirmed that there are no provisions in the Local Government Act that allows Council to stop payment of a Councillor's allowance while on a leave of absence.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.4
TITLE	Appointment of representatives to Beetaloo Regional Reference Group
REFERENCE	378165
AUTHOR	Frank Crawley, Quality & Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council nominate Cr..... and Cr as Its representatives on the Beetaloo Regional Reference Group

SUMMARY:

Committee membership of the Beetaloo Regional Reference Group expires on 24 November 2022 and the Reference Group are now calling for membership nominations from November 2022 to its anticipated expiry around June 2023.

BACKGROUND

The Beetaloo Regional Reference Group (BRRG) was established by the Minister on 27th October 2020 to provide input and feedback to the Northern Territory Government on the Strategic Regional and Environmental Baseline Assessment (SREBA) in the Beetaloo Sub-basin.

The BRRG functions as a consultative forum for community views and input regarding the SREBA studies for the specific region.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

It is important that Council has representation on committees which may impact the communities of the Barkly .

Having strong representation ensures that the community’s voice, through its council representatives, is heard and respected.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Council’s current representatives are Crs McLaughlin and Plummer. Cr MC Laughlin has advised the CEO he no longer wishes to be a representative. The Project officer has advised that the Group’s role is likely to expire around June 2023 but there may be three meetings before that date being November 2022, March 2023 and June 2023.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	17.1
TITLE	Outward correspondence
REFERENCE	378174
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council received and note the report of outward correspondence during October 2022.

SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary of the correspondence prepared and sent on behalf of Council in response to previous Council resolutions.

BACKGROUND

In October, a number of items of correspondence were prepared on behalf of Council as actions arising from previous Council meetings. The correspondence sent in October included:

- A letter to the Chief Minister about housing in the Barkly region
- A letter to Elmore Ltd requesting a copy of its Traffic Management Plan for the Peko mine site
- A letter to NT Power & Water Corporation seeking access to the back-up generator in Ali Curung during extended power outages
- A letter to the Member for Barkly seeking his support for the Ali Curung back-up generator request
- Letter to NT Major Events Company in support of funding for BAMFest
- Letter to Westpac Bank about Branch closure
- Letter to ANZ Bank encouraging it to remain open in Tennant Creek
- A letter to the Dept of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics regarding damage to street trees from electoral signage
- A letter to the Dept of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics requesting a parking audit in Tennant Creek
- A letter to the AFL about an umpire's conduct
- A letter to the Police about increased break and enters in Tennant Creek.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Outwards correspondence - October 2022.pdf



21 October 2022

The Hon Natasha Fyles MLA
Chief Minister
Northern Territory Government
Parliament House
GPO Box 3146
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Chief Minister,

Re: Housing availability in the Barkly region

As you know, the issue of housing affordability and availability is one which resonates across the Northern Territory. In the Barkly region we face particular challenges related to housing, with overcrowding and high rental costs affecting many of our local communities, and having knock-on effects in terms of attracting a much-needed workforce to our region.

We acknowledge the work of the Northern Territory Department of Families, Housing and Communities, and its development of the *Northern Territory Housing Strategy 2020-2025*. We share that vision for a home for all Territorians, with housing that enables social and economic wellbeing, and supports our communities to be strong.

As the Housing Strategy is now at its mid-point, Barkly Regional Council encourages the Northern Territory Government to reflect on the implementation and progress of the Strategy to date, and consult with communities such as ours in the Barkly region to ensure that increased housing availability and affordability, particularly in our main centre of Tennant Creek, is an outcome of the Housing Strategy.

Council looks forward to your advice about how the Barkly region's housing needs will be considered and addressed in the Government's work going forward.

Yours sincerely,

Clr Russell O'Donnell
Deputy Mayor/Acting Mayor

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20 October 2022

Mr Sean Henbury
Company Secretary
Elmore Ltd
PO Box 8180
PERTH WA 6849

Dear Mr Henbury,

Re: Traffic Management Plan

I am writing in relation to Elmore Ltd's operations at the Peko Iron Ore and Gold Project near Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory.

Elmore Ltd's operations at the Peko site fall within the Barkly Regional Council local government area. There has been some community concern about the movement of products between the mining site and the freight station, and the traffic impacts of that on our local community.

Council is, therefore, writing to request a copy of Elmore Ltd's Traffic Management Plan for its Peko operations.

Following receipt of the Traffic Management Plan, Council will invite Elmore Ltd to make a presentation to a Council meeting to assist Council to better understand the impacts and benefits of your operations on Tennant Creek and the Barkly Region.

We look forward to your response, and to working with Elmore Ltd into the future.

Yours sincerely,

Clr Russell O'Donnell
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17 October 2022

The Manager
Remote Development – Southern Region|
NT Power & Water Corporation
PO Box 1521
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871
(remotedevelopment@powerwater.com.au)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Ali Curung access to generator during power outages

I am writing to request timely access to the power generator in the Ali Curung community during power outages. While access to power is usually restored in a timely way, there have been multiple occasions when the Ali Curung community has been without power for periods of six hours or more.

There are significant risks for the community from such extended power outages. Many sick and vulnerable people need reliable power to support their health needs – access to ventilators and other medical equipment, as well as to cooling and heating in extreme temperatures. In addition, our Community Care service, which caters to our older community members and those with disability, needs reliable access to power to prepare and distribute meals to their clients.

Our community has limited access to food supplies through our local store, and in times of extended power outages there is a risk of loss of perishable foods that our community can't afford.

After lengthy power outages the community's access to telecommunications is also affected, which also impacts residents' access to EFTPOS to meet their day-to-day needs.

The Ali Curung Local Authority seeks NT Power & Water Corporation's assistance in facilitating their community's access to the generator if an outage exceeds two hours.

In the past, the generator was automated and switched over whenever mains power was down. A fault with the automatic switching unit has never been repaired, so the community has been relying on a Power & Water officer from Alice Springs to manually switch the generator on. This can sometimes take days to occur.

Barkly Regional Council employs Essential Services Officers in the Ali Curung community. The Local Authority requests that these Officers be provided with training to enable them to turn on the generator in the event of a power outage (and in particular on those occasions when the outage exceeds two hours).

We look forward to your response.

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Acting Mayor

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20 October 2022

Mr Steven Edgington
Member for Barkly
PO Box 796
TENNANT CREEK NT 0861

Dear Mr Edgington,

Re: Ali Curung community's access to a generator during power outages

Council writes to seek your support and advocacy for the Ali Curung community's request to NT Power & Water Corporation for access to the generator during power outages.

Please find attached the letter Council has sent to NT Power & Water Corporation in relation to this matter.

We would be very pleased if you would lend your support to the Ali Curung community's request for this access, and make representations on their behalf.

With thanks,

Clr Russell O'Donnell
Deputy Mayor/Acting Mayor



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6 October 2022

Northern Territory Major Events Company
16 Bennett St
DARWIN NT 0800

To Whom It May Concern,

Letter of Support: Community Event Funding

Barkly Regional Council is writing in support of Barkly Regional Arts' application for Northern Territory Major Events Company's multi-year Community Event Funding for Barkly Artists' Music Festival (BAMFest).

BAMFest provides local Indigenous musicians with the opportunity to perform in front of large crowds and community and celebrate local music performed in local languages. Popular bands sing in Alyawarr, Arremte, Kaytete, Mudburra, Jingili, Waramungu and Warlpiri. Often other Indigenous bands will join local musicians and bring with them Indigenous languages from other places.

People from across Tennant Creek and the Barkly, young and old, Indigenous, and non-Indigenous come together to celebrate music and culture, bringing social enrichment to the community.

Meanwhile, local crews and musicians are employed for the event, bringing employment and benefits to our local economy. BAMfest thereby helps to make the Barkly more liveable and spotlights our rich cultures.

We trust that BAMfest will receive funding assistance from your organisation to support delivery of this important regional event.


Yours sincerely,

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

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11 October 2022

The Manager
Westpac
Shop T3, Yeperenye Shopping Centre
36/38 Hartley Street
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0870

Dear Manager,

At its September 2022 Meeting, Barkly Regional Council resolved to write to Westpac Bank to express its disappointment at the recent closure of the Tennant Creek Branch.

Council is particularly disappointed by the sudden nature of the closure and the post-fact communication to customers. Council understands that Westpac customers in the Barkly region have been advised that their banking services will now be delivered from Alice Springs.

The Barkly region includes many community members who rely on physically accessing their bank for their banking needs. Many community members have low computer literacy and limited access to mobile phone and internet coverage, making telephone and online banking options out of their reach.

We urge Westpac to reconsider its closure of the Tennant Creek Branch, and urgently reinstate this much-needed service to our community.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Clr Russell O'Donnell
Deputy Mayor/Acting Mayor



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Tuesday, October 11, 2022

The Manager
ANZ Bank
141 Paterson Street
TENNANT CREEK NT 0860

Dear Manager,

At its September 2022 Meeting, Barkly Regional Council resolved to write to the ANZ Bank in Tennant Creek in relation to its ongoing provision of banking services to our local community.

As you may know, another banking institution in Tennant Creek recently closed its banking operations at short notice, which many local customers found distressing.

The Barkly region includes many community members who rely on physically accessing their bank for their banking needs. Many community members have low computer literacy and limited access to mobile phone and internet coverage, making telephone and online banking options out of their reach.

Council understands that, from time to time, all businesses must review and make adjustments to their operations. We encourage the ANZ Bank to ensure that any proposed changes to its operations in Tennant Creek are discussed with personal and business banking customers in advance of their commencement so that customers can provide feedback to inform the decision-making processes.

Council is keen to ensure that no further banking closures occur in Tennant Creek, and is writing to the ANZ Bank to seek confirmation of ANZ's continuing operations as a banking service provider for the Tennant Creek community. We note that your Branch currently operates only from 9.30am to 1.30pm. We encourage you to consider extending your opening hours in Tennant Creek back to usual banking hours.

Yours sincerely,

Clr Russell O'Donnell
Deputy Mayor/Acting Mayor



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21 October 2022

Ms Sarah Fairhead
Executive Director Southern Region
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics
Northern Territory Government
PO Box 2130
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871

Dear Ms Fairhead,

Re: Damage to street trees in Tennant Creek

In a recent Council meeting, Barkly Regional Council expressed its concern about the number of street trees that had suffered damage as a result of electioneering corflute signs and handbills being nailed or otherwise attached to the trees.

Barkly Regional Council has a strong commitment to respect and value the cultural and environmental sensitivity of the natural assets across our region.

We seek your support, as the managers of built and natural assets on our road reserves, in protecting our sensitive ecosystems by actively discouraging or prohibiting the practice of placing temporary signage in these spaces, particularly those associated with personal promotion during election campaigns.

We thank you in anticipation of any support the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics can provide.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer



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24 October 2022

Ms Sarah Fairhead
Executive Director Southern Region
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics
Northern Territory Government
PO Box 2130
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871

Dear Ms Fairhead,

Re: Request for parking audit in Tennant Creek

At a recent Council meeting, Barkly Regional Council expressed its concern about parking availability in proximity of a number of key locations around Tennant Creek.

While angle parking has been instituted in many areas of the town, which increases the number of parking spaces available, there are some key locations where parallel parking is still in place.

Council is requesting that the Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics undertake an audit of parking around areas such as the GP clinic and government buildings to assess whether they are suitable to upgrade to angle parking.

Your assistance and advice in response to Council's request is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

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Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Mr Sean Bowden
Chairman
Australian Football League Northern Territory
PO Box 379
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871

Dear Mr Bowden,

At a recent meeting, Barkly Regional Council resolved to write to the Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) to raise its concerns about an incident involving an umpire and one of its councillors who delivered a Welcome to Country at an AFL event being hosted in Tennant Creek earlier this year.

It is Council's understanding that the umpire made derogatory and dismissive comments about the Welcome to Country protocol at a gathering of participants, following the game, at a local club. Members of Council and our local community heard the comments and were extremely offended by them.

Our community respects and is proud of its Indigenous history, and our Indigenous councillors consider it part of their civic duty to formally welcome visitors to Country at both Council and community events.

To have a member of AFLNT come into our community in an official capacity and make such offensive comments has affected our Council greatly. We encourage AFLNT to take steps to counsel its umpires and provide cross-cultural training to increase understanding of cultural protocols and reduce the likelihood of such offensive behavior occurring again.

We understand that, nationally, the AFL is addressing issues of racism in its sport, and encourage AFLNT to take local action to address it too. Barkly Regional Council is happy to work with Australian Football League Northern Territory to enhance awareness of cultural sensitivity.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Superintendent Grieve.

Re: Break & Enters and Yard Intrusions in Tennant Creek

At its September Meeting, Council resolved to write to the Police to express our concern about the increasing rates of break and enters and yard intrusions in Tennant Creek.

We understand that this anti-social and criminal behaviour is having a significant impact on our community, with many of our local residents having experienced multiple break and enters and/or yard intrusions.

We acknowledge that this issue cannot be solved by the Police alone, and that the whole community must play its part in supporting its members to make better choices, as well as appropriately addressing behaviour that reflects poor choices.

Council is having discussions with many community agencies and hopes to soon facilitate a Community Safety Forum to identify local solutions to this issue. We hope that members of your Police Command may join that discussion, and that you will join us in encouraging key community organisations, including the locally based Land Councils, to participate.

Council will be in touch again soon with further information about the Community Safety Forum.

Yours sincerely,

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