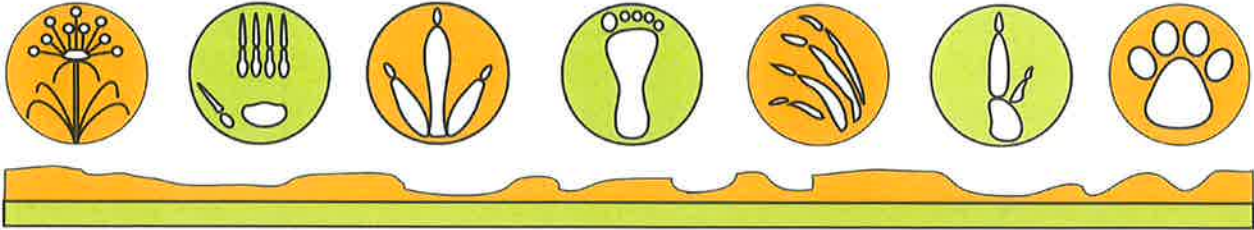


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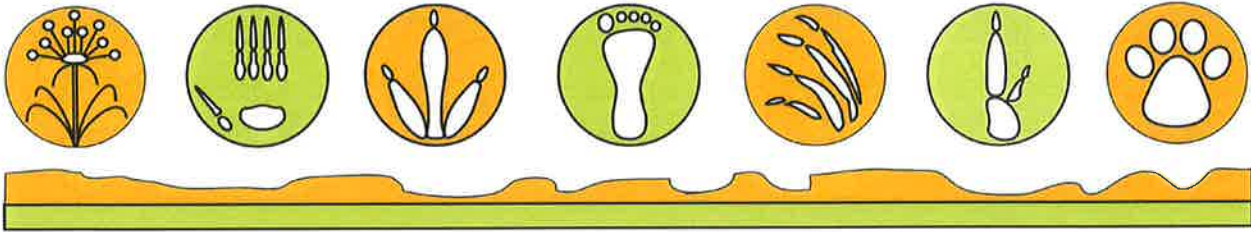
## AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2022**

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 24 February 2022 at 8:30am.

**Steven Moore**  
Chief Executive Officer

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## COUNCIL PRAYER

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

**Amen**

## WELCOME TO COUNTRY

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

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18.2 Confidential Action List

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18.3 Juno: Expressions of Interest

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18.4 Supply and Delivery 10 Tonne Single Cab Tipper

*The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (c(i)) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

18.5 TCLA Survey Feedback

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18.6 Civic Hall Hire request

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18.7 MyBarkly Round 2

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18.8 Authorise Acting CEO/Director of Infrastructure to accept grant agreement in online portal

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**19 THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN**

*Nil*

**20 CLOSE OF MEETING**

## **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 2.1  
**TITLE** Confirmation of Previous Minutes  
**REFERENCE** 337918  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 January as a true and accurate record.

### **SUMMARY:**

Council is asked to confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 January 2022.

### **BACKGROUND**

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### **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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### **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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

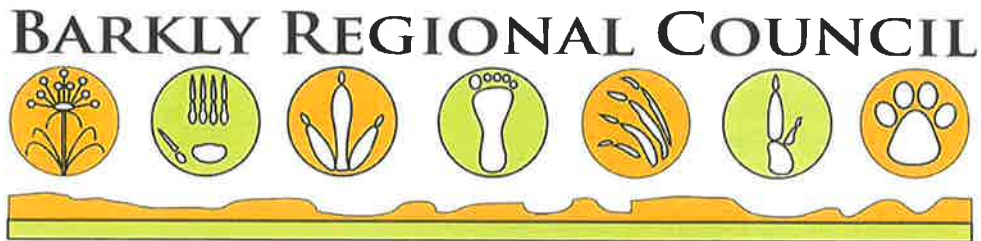
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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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## 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, 27 January 2022 at 8:30am.

**Steven Moore**

## Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 8.46am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

### 1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Elected Members Present

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

#### 1.2 Staff Members Present

- Steve Moore
- Santosh Niraula
- Sharen Lake
- James Saunders
- Troy Koch
- Steve Edgington, MLA (visitor)

#### 1.3 Apologies

- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Anita Bailey

#### 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Heather Wilson

### MOTION

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 1/22

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



There were no declarations of interest made at this Ordinary Council Meeting.

Council began the meeting by observing a minute of silence for the former Barkly Regional council president who passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### MOTION

#### That Council

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 December 2021 as a true and accurate record.
- b) Confirm the Minutes from the Patta Councillors meeting held on 10 January 2022 as a true and accurate record.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 2/22*

## 3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 3.1 ACTION ITEMS

#### MOTION

#### That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Action Items
- b) Remove the following completed items: 7

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 3/22*

**ACTION ITEM:** Write a letter to Min Ken Wyatt regarding Rainbow Gateway's performance with CDP and get letter of support from both the local authorities on the matter.

## 4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

*Nil*

## 5. MAYOR'S REPORT

### 6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

**MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the Mayor's Report.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Pam Corbett**

**Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 4/22*

The mayor commended all staff for stepping up and working through the lockouts and lockdowns that happened, and continue to happen in the Barkly. The mayor also commended staff, fire fighters, police and community members who assisted in a matter relating to a deceased individual in Tennant Creek last week. Deputy Mayor Stokes stated that her time as acting mayor in the month of January went smoothly, with her and staff member communicating well.

## **6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

### **7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S UPDATE**

**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Pam Corbett**

**Seconded: Cr. Hal Hal Ruger**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 5/22*

Cr.s raised concerns with the Purkiss reserve upgrade has taken a very long time to get started. The process has taken so long that prices have now gone up, so Council will now be getting less things that were originally available on the budget.

Cr's also raised concerns about how long the streetscape project for Tennant Creek has taken.

**ACTION ITEM:** Invite Sarah Fairhead from DIPL to come and give an update to council regarding the lack/slow progress of all the DIPL projects in the Barkly.

## **7. ADDRESSING THE MEETING**

### **4.1 OFFICE OF WATER SECURITY**

**MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the presentation from the Office of Water Security.
- b) Agree to work with the NTG and water consultants to ensure adequate information and support is provided to Local Authorities to enable their engagement in the water consultations and their perspective to be collated for inclusion in a submission to the

NT strategic water plan consultation process.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr. Hal Ruger

**Seconded:** Councillor Lennie Barton

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 6/22*

The Northern Territory Government's Office of Water Security would like to discussed the recently released NT Strategic Water Plan Directions Paper with Council and discussed any key water security issues from a Barkly Regional Council perspective. The Northern Territory Strategic Water Plan will set the agenda on water management through to 2050 and address water security in the Territory. The plan will be based on evidence, good regulatory practice, and community values and aspirations.

Cr. Marlow raised the issue of TC water tanks security breaches needing to be included as part of the water security plan

Cr. Barton pointed out that the Elliott water issue is access to clean water in the town camps. This was acknowledged, and will be discussed further through the Local Authority meetings

Ali Curung and Devenport water supply issues noted

Cr.s Plummer and Deputy Mayor Stokes emphasised the importance of such matters being taken back to the Central Land Council as the middle contact point for matters relating to land.

**MOTION**

**That council**

- a) Break for morning tea at 1018am.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Councillor Pam Corbett

**Seconded:** Councillor Russell O'Donnell

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 7/22*

The deputy commissioner of Police and his team visited council during morning tea to introduce themselves to council.

**MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) Resume the meeting at 1125am

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

**Seconded:** Councillor Pam Corbett

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 8/22*

**8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

<b>8.1 CORPORATE SERVICES</b>
<p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>That Council</b></p> <p>a) Receive and note the report from Corporate Services Directorate</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b>  <b>Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell</b>  <b>Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer</b> <b>CARRIED UNAN.</b></p> <p><i>Resolved OC 9/22</i></p> <p>Director of Corporate Services to clarify progress with the Telstra tower for 58 Peko Road at the next meeting.  Council acknowledged Robert Smith for the work done over the years as Area Manager for Barkly Regional Council.</p>

<b>8.2 POLICY APPROVAL</b>
<p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>That Council</b></p> <p>a) Receive and note the report  b) Approve the Principal member policy subject to amendment to allow the Mayor personal use of his vehicle and interstate travel, with the mayor to pay for fuel, and council to approve all travel outside the Barkly.  c) Defer the housing policy to the February meeting.  d) Amend and approve the Reasonable expenses policy to mirror the Principal member policy allowing the principal member to go interstate.  e) That council approve the mayor's trip to Darwin for the bombing of Darwin ceremony and associated meetings on the week of the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b>  <b>Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow</b>  <b>Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger</b> <b>CARRIED UNAN.</b></p> <p><i>Resolved OC 10/22</i></p> <p>Cr's discussed whether the principle member is able to use their car interstate. It was decided that this would be  If the Mayor gets a meeting with the Chief Minister, he must make sure to discuss the issues that Council is experiencing with DIPL  <b>ACTION:</b> Email Damian to confirm that the contract has been signed with the artist for the point of entry statement,</p>

**9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

**9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the Report

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow**

**Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 11/22*

**ACTION ITEM:** Write a paper for the Ali Curung Local Authority regarding the youth centre in Ali Curung and land access issues.

**ACTION ITEM:** Follow up on advertising for free metal scaping for cars in Tennant Creek.

Cheryl Williams from the RSL came in to accept the Australia Day award for community event of the year.

**MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) Break for lunch at 1209pm

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton**

**Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 12/22*

**MOTION**

**That council**

- a) Resume the meeting t 1236pm.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Pam Corbett**

**Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 13/22*

**10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE**

**10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DECEMBER 2021 REPORT****MOTION**

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Community Development December 2021 Report

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 14/22*

Sharen emphasised the importance of RAT's to be made available to her staff so that they can start travelling out and performing their roles.

Cr Derek Walker left the meeting, the time being 12:36 PM

Cr Lennie Barton left the meeting, the time being 12:36 PM

Cr Noel Hayes left the meeting, the time being 12:36 PM

Cr Lennie Barton returned to the meeting, the time being 12:40 PM

**11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**

*Nil*

**12. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Nil*

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

*Nil*

**14. RESCISSION MOTIONS**

*Nil*

**15. OPERATIONS****15.1 JANUARY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT****MOTION**

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 15/22*

Cr. Ruger raised a point about how people need track tires that were dumped at the go cart track. CEO stated that the individuals concerned need to formally write a letter to council.

**17.1 CORRESPONDENCE****MOTION**

**That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the correspondence attached.
- b) Mayor Jeff McLaughlin, Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes, Cr. Derek Walker, Cr. Pam Corbett, Cr. Ronald Plummer to attend the ALGA National Assembly from 19-22 June 2022.
- c) Note that motions for ALGA conference must be put forward by the March

**RESOLVED****Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer****Seconded: Councillor Pamela Corbett****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 16/22*

Cr. Ruger raised that hardship payments to the Barkly

Cr Derek Walker returned to the meeting, the time being 01:14 PM

Cr Noel Hayes returned to the meeting, the time being 01:14 PM

Cr Lennie Barton left the meeting, the time being 01:28 PM

Cr Lennie Barton returned to the meeting, the time being 01:31 PM

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

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Circulate to councillors the timeline for the budget so that they are aware of what is due when

**RESOLVED****Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes****Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 17/22***16. GENERAL BUSINESS****17. CORRESPONDENCE****18. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN***Nil***19. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION****MOTION**

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with *Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;
- (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;
- (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:
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  - (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or
  - (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; or
  - (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;
- (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity;
- (e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest;
- (f) subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

**RESOLVED****Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes****Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 18/22***20. RESUMPTION OF MEETING****MOTION**

That Council move back into open session at &lt;2.43pm

**RESOLVED****Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer****Seconded: Councillor Pam Corbett****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 19/22***16.1 LGANT****MOTION****That Council****a) Receive and note the report****b) Mayor Jeff McLaughlin a member to nominate for the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee**



c) Move into ordinary

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 20/22

### 18.3 EVACUATION CENTRE- TENNANT CREEK

*The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (c(iv)) (c(iv)) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.*

#### MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the request to use the Civic Hall as the Tennant Creek evacuation center.
- c) Move to ordinary

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OCCS 21/22

### 18.6 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

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#### MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report;  
Elliott
- b) Accept the appointment of Lora Jackson to the Elliott Local Authority
- c) Move to ordinary

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OCCS 22/22

## 21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 2.43pm.

This page and the proceeding 11 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 27 January 2022 and are unconfirmed .

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Jeffrey McLaughlin  
Council Mayor

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Steve Moore  
Chief Executive Officer

UNCONFIRMED

## **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 3.1  
**TITLE** Action Items  
**REFERENCE** 337978  
**AUTHOR** Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the Action Items
- b) Remove the following completed items:

#### **SUMMARY:**

Item 1: Mayor to update  
Item 2: Ongoing  
Item 3: Ongoing- added to March LA agendas  
Item 4: Ongoing  
Item 5: Ongoing  
Item 6: Progressing  
Item 7: Ongoing- CEO to update  
Item 8: Complete  
Item 9: Ongoing  
Item 10: Ongoing

Item A: Blueprints commenced – Wutunugurra complete copy requested  
Item B: Progressing – final steps underway now require a AAPA certificate  
Item C: Ongoing – no further update  
Item D: Ongoing – looking for funding

### **BACKGROUND**

### **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Ordinary Council Meeting Action List.pdf



## ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST From Meeting – 27 January 2022

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Action/Task	Action Officer	Status
1.	Ordinary Council Meeting 26 July 2018		Lane Ways	CEO to request that Barkly Work camp clean up the alley ways and paint them white CEO to bring back information on the partnership with the Barkly Work Camp on the scope of the works Talk to the school about painting Murals. CEO to look at getting lights in the laneways and permission sought from the neighbours. Mayor to facilitate the painting laneways	CEO	10.12.2020 Ongoing
2.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 February 2020		Regional Deal	CEO to express to NTG and Federal Government that they need to release the information for service mapping and reforms	CEO	19.03.2020 Raised at 25 Feb meeting, will be raised again at next meeting
3.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 February 2020		Rainbow Gateway	CEO to meet with Rainbow Gateway about their progress. Write a letter to Min Ken Wyatt regarding Rainbow Gateway's performance with CDP and get letter of support from both the local authorities on the matter	CEO	19.03.2020 Mark to update 19.10.2020 No Update 28.01.2021 No update 27.01.22- action item update to write letter
4.	Ordinary Council Meeting 28 January 2021		Lake Mary-Anne	CEO to look into putting some sand over the embankment, to create a 45 degree angle, as this is a safety issue.	CEO	
5.	Ordinary Council Meeting 23 September 2021		Sponsorships	Find out if any of the organisations (eg Suncable or Beetaloo) can be approached for sponsorship for youth activities.	CEO	19.10.2021 – Met with Suncable
6.	Ordinary Council Meeting 16 December 2021		Ali Curung	Follow up on the potential damage to sacred tree in Ali Curung	CEO/DO	CEO to update
7.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 January 2022		Dipl	Invite Sarah Fairhead from Dipl to come and give an update to council regarding the lack/slow progress of all the Dipl projects in the Barkly.	CEO	
8.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 January 2022		Dipl	Email Damian to confirm that the contract has been signed with the artists for the point of entry statement.		
9.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 January 2022		Ali Curung LA	Write a paper for the Ali Curung Local Authority regarding the youth centre in Ali Curung and land access issues	Infrastructure	
10.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 January 2022		Abandoned cars	Follow up on advertising for free metal scaping for cars in Tennant Creek.	Infrastructure	

Ordinary Council Meeting Action List



**ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST**  
**From Meeting – 27 January 2022**

Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Resolution	Action Officer	Completed Status
A Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018		Ampliatwaja briefing Community blueprints	CEO to request a briefing from the department in regards to the Ampliatwaja process CEO to meet with DCM and NIAA in regards to community blueprints for Ampliatwaja CEO and Mayor to discuss further and report back to next Council	CEO	12.12.2019 Ongoing
B Confidential Council Meeting 2 May 2019		Landfill site	Investigate land acquisition of Landfill site	CEO, Director of Infrastructure	12.12.2019 Ongoing
C Ordinary Council Meeting 31 October 2019		Youth Justice Facility (Regional Deal Project)	Council to be updated on progress with the Youth Justice Facility:		19.03.2020 Ongoing – no update this meeting
D Ordinary Council Meeting 28 January 2021		Elliott Activities for Youth	CEO to look into activities that can be run in Elliott over the weekend for the youth. CEO to investigate grants to fund the activities. Look into IAS funding.	CEO/Grants	25.03.2021 Investigate grants to that can be used to fund activities. 29.04.2021- move item to long term list.



## **ADDRESSING THE MEETING**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 4.1  
**TITLE** Barkly Regional Deal Update  
**REFERENCE** 337994  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Rushwaya, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council**

**a) Receive and note a report**

### **SUMMARY:**

Ben Campion will give a verbal update on the Barkly Regional Deal.

### **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

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**ITEM NUMBER** 4.2  
**TITLE** Sun Cable presentation  
**REFERENCE** 338189  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Rushwaya, Governance Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

### SUMMARY:

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

### BACKGROUND

Sun provided the following information for their presentation:

AAPowerLink briefing on February 24<sup>th</sup> is to give an update of our project milestones, discuss community engagement moving forward, and provide a summary of the comprehensive environmental approvals process we've undertaken thus far. We were keen to give this important update before we actually lodge our EIS with the EPA so that we can keep stakeholders in the loop and ensure we respond to critical feedback. As such, the briefing will be led by the community engagement team and be an opportunity to introduce new members to the Council.

### 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.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.1  
**TITLE** Mayor's Report  
**REFERENCE** 338197  
**AUTHOR** Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the Mayor's Report.

**SUMMARY:**

The mayor will provide a verbal update.

**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:**



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 7.1  
**TITLE** Ratification of Common Seal  
**REFERENCE** 337300  
**AUTHOR** Renjith Kollakkombil, Records and Compliance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

a) Ratify the execution of the following document under the Council's Common Seal:

1. Asset Sale Agreement of Gymnasium Plant and Equipment and Indoor Play Area Equipment effective on 31 January 2022, between Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation and BRC;
2. Short Form Grant Agreement of Remote Sports Program to acquire additional sports Equipment, between Territory Families Housing and Communities and BRC till 28 February 2022; and
3. Deed of Variation in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program, between Department of Health and BRC till 30 November 2023.

**SUMMARY:**

The *Local Government Act* (NT) provides that Council must authorise or ratify the execution of documents under Council's Seal.

**BACKGROUND**

NIL

**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

NIL

**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

NIL

**ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

NIL

**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Chief Executive Officer's Update
<b>REFERENCE</b>	338168
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Santosh Niraula, Director of Infrastructure

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

**SUMMARY:**

With COVID-19 hitting every Barky community except Wutungurra, it was a tough time for us to deal with. Alpururulam is the latest community to have COVID and the numbers are growing. It reflects the importance of getting vaccinated. Vaccination rate is still low in our communities and hence the chances of spread of the virus to each household is very high. A very long wet season put many of our communities isolated because of flooded roads. The most panicking time was for Ampilatwatja with no telecom for 9 days during that period.

Tennant Creek had to face delays in rubbish bins emptied due to breakdown of our compactor. After several attempts and lot of resources involved, we were able to source a hire truck to resolve the problem. TC Depot team acted proactively by doing manual collection of bins and emptying them in the landfill site for week to avoid huge backlog. The compactor is now operational and the waste collection is back on track.

After a hold up due to festival season, wet weather and COVID outbreak in the communities, all projects have started and progressing well. It is good to see the Tennant Creek Chapel built and Tennant Creek Youth Centre taking a good shape. The next month will be a month of completion of four projects including the Chapel.

As councillors are aware that we have received keys of the gym, an internal working group is dealing with the requirements to bring it to a standard to open for the public soon. The public consultation for future of Tennant Creek Local Authority has completed.

Streetscape project is under progress. Street Scape Project Control Group has finalised the scopes and designer is preparing the drawings for the project selected by the council. Land Survey of the project areas is anticipated to be done soon. Purkiss Reserve Redevelopment – the consultant has notified that the presentation will be done in March council meeting only.

Tennant Creek landfill documentations are progressing very slowly, waiting for AAPA Certificate and DCA approvals. TC bike path design again detailed by the designer.

I and Sid had a meeting with Michael Maclean from NTPFES about installation of CCTV Cameras in different locations in Tennant Creek. NTPFES is planning to install few cameras in the entry points and few inside the town.

Our new CEO; Emma will officially join council on Thursday, 24 Feb 2022. We are excited to welcome her on board.

**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:**

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**CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Grants
<b>REFERENCE</b>	337942
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Susan Wright, Grants Manager

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council**

**a) Receive and note the Grants Report for the period to January 31, 2021**

**SUMMARY:**

Council received many and varied grants. The attached information will be presented to the Council at every meeting to allow the Council the opportunity to better understand and monitor grants income and the grant funded activities of Council.

**BACKGROUND**

The Grants Manager receives notice of open grant rounds by email, direct contact and invitation. It receives requests from the Directorates with regard to funding needs and has a running request on hand to advise on.

Open funding rounds are referred back to the Directorate to which project funding rounds may apply and a brief for projects are then referred back to the Grants Manager who completes the application as requested and required.

Reporting dates are noted by the Grants Manager and referred to the appropriate Directorate for Performance Reporting and to Finance for financial acquittal and audit.

**Applications In Progress**

Grant	Department	Due Date	Need
NAIDOC	NAIDOC	22-02-22	\$5K each community for sport, BBQ etc
Tourism Town Asset	NTG	11-2-22	Upgrade lake MaryAnn toilet block
BBRF	DITRDC	8-2-22	Staff housing Building upgrades
NTG Community Benefit Fund	NTG		Discussion on community project infrastructure
NIAA	PMC	Closes 2023 or when funds run out	Discussions on Community Led grants
ABA	PMC	Closes June 30, 2023	Discussion on infrastructure projects

**Successful Applications – No Notice this month**

DATE	Funder /PROJECT	Project	AMOUNT	COMMUNITY
Immediate	NTG	2 applications	\$100,000 fit	Tennant

Priority Grant		Priority 1 – fit out of youth centre Priority 2 – Animal Management	out \$50,000 AM	Barkly

**Applications Submitted**

GRANT	DEPARTMENT	DUE DATE	NEED
Healthy Lifestyles Grant	NTG		Gym staff wages
Strong and Resilient Communities	DSS	15/11/21	Youth Centre Youth workers staff wages
AWAITING OUTCOME			
International Women's Day	NTG	November 2, 2021	March and brunch – has been given sponsorship

**Unsuccessful Applications-No notice this month**

DATE	PROJECT/PROGRAM	AMOUNT	COMMUNITY
Homelands Capital Grant	NTG	October 22, 2021	\$141,685.00 Homelands Capital Grant Homelands clean up

**GRANTS UNIT**

In summary, a brief listing of the Grants Units current activities is detailed below for Council's attention:

I was on leave for the month of January and Maricar Rhodes looked after the position, compiling the Building Better Regions Fund applications.

BRC Community Benefit Fund successful applicants have been notified.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

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There are no attachments for this report.

**CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 8.2  
**TITLE** Director of Corporate Services  
**REFERENCE** 338128  
**AUTHOR** Sid Vashist, Director of Corporate Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council, receive and note the report from Corporate Services directorate.**

**SUMMARY:**

Reporting period has been busy with plenty of work been put forward in Covid Management assisting BRC communities along with upkeep of service delivery in our regions.

**ICT Report**

Bikash Karki

Past month has seen ICT team tackle outstanding jobs that have been lingering, due to ongoing issues outside of Council’s control across the region and Covid-19 travel restrictions.

**CURRENT PROJECTS IN PROGRESS**

***TELSTRA PROJECT – PROJECT ID: BAM376***

There has been ongoing works behind the scenes with Telstra and their contractors around new equipment for our council offices across the region. I am very pleased to advise council that the current optical fibre upgrade project is nearing completion, with completion Scheduled for late March 2022. At the time of this report, Telstra have completed the connections into the following BRC Offices and have confirmed that services are now activated.

- Alpururulam
- Tennant Creek
- Elliott
- Millner Datacentre – Managed by CouncilBIZ.

The remaining sites, being Ampilatwatja, Wutunugurra and Ali Curung are currently ongoing.

Telstra Project Timeline

<b>Site</b>	<b>Installation Date (approx.)</b>	<b>Commission Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Millner (GDC)</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	Activation Completed, Service status pending confirmation
<b>Tennant Creek</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	Activation Completed, Service status pending confirmation

<b>Ali Curung</b>	Timeline awaited from wideband team	Will be confirmed once construction work is complete.	Design completed & order moved to construction stage. There was NTU migration scheduled on 07/01 as a part of construction job but it is postponed due to some critical live services on existing NTU. As per update from wideband team, Region has been classed as a 'Excluded Community' by NT gov. Travel into community is restricted to residents and essential workers. New telecommunication installs are not classed as an essential service. Hence, there will be further delay in delivering this service with no definite timeline.
<b>Elliott</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	Activation Completed, Service status pending confirmation.
<b>Ampilatwatja</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	Timeline awaited.	Service delivery at site AMPILATWATJA will also be delayed as site implementation is put on hold due to dependent network project pending due to Covid restrictions. Further as per update from wideband team, Region has been classed as an

			'Excluded Community' by NT gov. Travel into community is restricted to residents and essential workers.
<b>Wutunugurra</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2021	Will be confirmed once radio link is built.	As per update from wideband team, the major radio build project is being delayed due to Christmas & new year restrictions. Though there is no definite timeline for completing radio build job, we are chasing the wideband team to provide delivery timelines for this site. Order is currently on hold, as there needs to be radio link build as a part of construction job.
<b>Alpurrurulam</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	Activation Completed, Service status pending confirmation

## **ELECTRONIC SIGN IN APP**

### **Site – 41/58 Peko Rd**

The Electronic Sign in App System is live at both sites in Tennant Creek. All Staff and visitors been directed to use this when entering council facilities in Tennant Creek. Visiting Staff from communities outside of Tennant Creek will also be required to use these systems and sign in as a visitor.



**NEW PROJECTS**

**CCTV Camera installation at Swimming Pool**

For the safety of pool using the summing pool, we are planning to upgrade the camera system and install the latest version of CCTV cameras. We currently have five cameras; four active with poor video quality not covering enough pool area. With our new camera system; swimming pool will be monitored 24/7 covering all pool areas.

We expect the installations done by late April 2022.

**FUTURE PROJECTS**

- Office 365 Migration (O365)

**People & Culture Monthly Review:**

Neil Jones

February has become a busy month for the People & Culture department. Employee Training has now started to pick up with the RTO's back from the Christmas Break. The Health & Safety department have been busy liaising with the Community Development staff regarding the safety requirements for the BRC fitness & wellness Centre. Recruitment is also busy, advertising the vacancies that occurred over the Christmas period.

With a number of our employees in Tennant Creek contracting the COVID-19 virus, the People & Culture Manager and the Health and Safety Officer have implemented a risk management strategy, by checking daily the temperatures of our employees, and promoting the importance of hygiene (via disinfectant sprays) to our employees.

**Internal Processes:**

The People & Culture Manager has created internal guidelines relating to COVID-19. These guidelines will provide a consistent process of the expectations from our employees regarding their safety, the safety of others, hygiene expectations, and the reporting requirements if they have or have been in close contact with the COVID virus.

The document has been reviewed by the Executive team, who have provided additional feedback. This document will be distributed electronically to Managers, so they can forward it onto our employees through their communication channels. It is proposed that the document will be actioned in the first week of March.

**Environmental Scan:**

As of the 16 February 2022 the Barkly Regional Council Workforce consists of:

<b>Total Employees:</b>	<b>229</b>	
<b>ATSI Employees:</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>(57%)</b>
<b>Non-ATSI Employees:</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>(41%)</b>
<b>Male Employees:</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>(61%)</b>
<b>Female Employees:</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>(39%)</b>
<b>Full-Time Employees:</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>(51%)</b>
<b>Part-Time Employees:</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>(22%)</b>
<b>Casual Employees:</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>(27%)</b>

Recruitment record as of  
16 February 2022



- Still Advertising
- Shortlisted
- Pending Interview
- Contract Request
- Hired

**Recruitment:**

As of the 16 February 2022, our Recruitment consists of the following:

- Community Safety Officer X 2 - Ampilatwatja Pending Interview
- Community Safety Officer X 2 – Ali Curung Contract Requested
- Community Safety Officer – Arlparra Pending Interview
- Community Safety Team Leader – Imangara Hired
- Community Safety Team Leader – Tara Pending Interview
- Community Safety Officer – Tara Pending Interview
- Community Safety Team Leader – Canteen Creek Pending Interview
- Community Safety Officer – Wutunugurra Pending Interview
- Community Safety Team Leader – Alpururulam Pending Interview
- Community Safety Team Leader – Elliott Pending Interview
- Community Safety Officer X 2 – Elliott Pending Interview
- Municipal Officer – Ali Curung Hired
- Community Coordinator – Wutunugurra Shortlisted
- Apprentice Mechanic – Tennant Creek Shortlisted
- Area Manager - Ampilatwatja Shortlisted
- Accountant – Tennant Creek Still Advertising
- Executive Assistant to the CEO and Mayor Still Advertising
- Sport and Recreation Officer – Elliott Pending Interview
- Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer – Ampilatwatja Pending Interview
- Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer – Alpururulam Pending Interview
- Youth, Sport and Rec Team Leader – Alpururulam Still Advertising

**Workplace Health & Safety:**

Summary of Actives for the period of 16 February 2022

- **Bi-Monthly inspections:** 28 out of 61 inspection reports submitted in January 2022. Emphasis was placed on ensuring that the public venues within Tennant Creek were inspected.
- **Toolbox talks:** A number of mandatory tool box talks were prepared and distributed as per the table below:

Tool Box Talk	Date	Attendees
COVID 19 Round 1	Jul-21	52
COVID 19 Round 2	Aug-21	48
Drugs and Alcohol	Sep-21	Not Yet Presented
Remote Driving	Sep-21	31
Dehydration	Oct-21	49
Melioidosis Awareness	Oct-21	59
Skin Protection	Oct-21	Not Yet Presented
Asbestos Awareness	Dec-21	20
COVID 19 Round 3	Feb-22	7
Melioidosis Awareness	Feb-22	7

- A 12 month planning schedule for monthly mandatory tool box talks has been created and ready for delivery.
- A half day workshop on Hazard identification and risk management has been prepared and is awaiting review.
- There has been one WHS Induction undertaken during the reporting period.
- The Health and Safety Officer continue assisting the Directors with the review of the contract to maintain air-strips with communities.
- The Health and Safety Officer has assisted a number of Council staff with a safety audit of the facility and the development of proposed safety systems.
- As a result of an increase in COVID-19 with the Barkly Region and within the organisation have become more proactive in relation to managing COVID-19 virus. Continual communications from the People and Culture department ensures there is a proactively managed response in developing situations with both Tennant Creek and our Remote communities. Key point include;
  - i) The preparation of Barkly Regional Council COVID-19 Management plan. This document is currently under review
  - ii) Routine testing of temperatures all staff in the Tennant Creek executive and administrative offices.
  - iii) The strict enforcement of the new book-in system for the Tennant Creek Executive and Administrative offices, and the withdrawal of the previous (paper-based) book in system.
  - iv) Sourcing RATS test kits for our employees. The Community Development team has placed an order for 2000 test kits , Further kits will be ordered on an as needs basis.
  - v) The use of an incident management log to ensure all action taken by the Council to address COVID-19 in the workplace, is recorded.

Four staff based in the Tennant Creek Executive and Administrative offices have returned a positive COVID-19 test, with three staff have been defined as close contacts. In each case, the situation has been managed as per NT Department of Health guidelines.

- There was one lost time injury during the reporting period. A staff member broke the tip of three finger as the result of a safety mechanism a Council owned plant failed to operate. This matter has been reported to NT Worksafe and full internal investigation is been undertaken. The staff member is expected to make a full recovery.

### Incident and Hazards Statistics.

Running Totals for Year 2022 ongoing and since last report.

	Incident	Hazards	Incident	Hazards
<b>Rating</b>	<b>Running Total Year 2022</b>		<b>Since Last Report</b>	
<b>Risk Rating Low</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Risk Rating Medium</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Risk Rating High</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Risk Rating Extreme</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Running Totals for Year 2022, Classification

	Incident Reports	Hazards Reports
<b>Classification</b>		
<b>Injury</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Property</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Misc.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Near Miss</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Number of Incident and Hazards by Calendar month

Month of 2022	Incident Reports	Hazards Reports
<b>January</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

#### SUMMARY INCIDENT AND HAZARD REPORT REGISTER:

<b>Number of Incident Reports to Date 2022</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Number of Hazard Reports to Date 2022</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Number of Reports Involving Police 2022</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Lost Time Injuries</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Medical Treatment Required</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>First Aid Treatment Required</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Reportable to NT Worksafe</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Worker Compensation Claims Processed</b>	<b>2</b>

#### Learning and Development:

There has been a very slow start to roll out of training courses for 2022 with no access to communities with road conditions and Covid restrictions. To mitigate against these, BRC has been working with RTOs to deliver training remotely via videoconference and online platforms where possible.

##### 1. Core Skills/LLN Training and mentoring

With the first Covid restrictions in 2020, Central Desert Training began working on digital versions of all resources and documentation in the event of further restrictions. With the latest restrictions, these have been trialled successfully in Ali Curung and Alpururulam over the past 2 weeks. The challenge has been providing staff access to the hardware – laptops, cameras and mics.

The IT department has managed to reconfigure some old laptops as a stopgap for the short term.

Sessions will recommence over communities, as laptops are made available.

##### 2. Community Care training

After almost two years' absence of accredited training for Community Care staff, classes commenced last week in Alpururulam. Again, with the restrictions on travel to community, these rely on delivery over Zoom.

The Core Skills program is supporting the training by providing an orientation on Zoom for staff and troubleshooting any technical glitches before they commence the accredited training.

### 3. Heavy Machinery and 4WD

Scheduling of courses is pending clarity around rules of travel.

## Communications Report

Kym Lenoble

### Facebook

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Top three facebook posts for the monthly Council reporting period:

1. **Bin Announcement** - \*\*\*Public Service Announcement\*\*\*

Post Reach: 1360 Engagement: 211

2. **Tennant Creek Local Authority Survey**

Post Reach: 330 Engagement: 88

3. **Employment Post**

Post Reach:1301 Engagement: 71

### Facebook Page Analytics

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Post reach 2,851

Post engagement 697

New Page followers 19

Reactions 121

Comments 27

Shares 17

Photo views 43

Link clicks 115

### Media Analytics and Press Releases

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Press Releases

- Australia Day scaled down for 2022

- Vale Rosalie Kunoth-Monks former Barkly President

- Barkly Regional Council announces new CEO



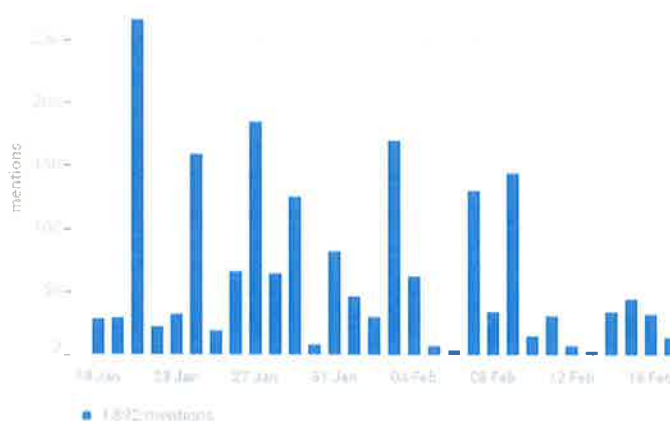
Coverage over time

DAYS  
**30**

MENTIONS  
**1.89 k**

POTENTIAL REACH  
**9.95 M**

ASR  
**AUD 12.41 M**



COMMENTARY



An analysis of coverage published measuring volume in the last 30 days between 19 Jan 2022 and 17 Feb 2022 folders (Barkly Regional Council and -) found 1,892 mentions. This coverage reached a cumulative potential reach of 9,945,106 and an ASR of AUD 12,405,026.

- The highest volume occurred on 21 Jan with a total volume of 266 mentions
- The largest potential reach occurred on 28 Jan with a potential reach of 1,819,706
- The highest ASR rate occurred on 31 Jan with a total ASR value of AUD 1,777,430

**Events**

**Australia Day Analysis**

**Pre planning**

**Synopsis**

Due to the break out of newly detected Omicron variant of the COVID 19 Pandemic, a decision was made in early January to halt the afternoon and general sports activities and concentrate on the official proceedings which could be controlled by staff and COVID vaccine sign ins. The decision was made to postpone the physical activities and BBQ until after the wave of Omicron was no longer a community safety issue.

**Analysis**

From a safety perspective, this worked well, and allowed a steady flow of guests to be seated in a timely and orderly manner.

**Recommendation**

Assuming the virus reaches a peak before the Queen’s Birthday Weekend, hold the physical activities at this time of year and reach out to the Grants Officer to see if they will allow us to use some of the approved funds for this.

**Catering**

**Synopsis**

Jajjikari Café catering business was engaged to deliver a sit down breakfast that was semi-formal in style.

**Analysis**

It was observed that the offering for this year seemed less than previous years, and no beverages were provided.

**Recommendation**

From a value-for-many perspective it is recommended to offer an alternative food supplier the contract for 2023, to ensure competitive value and fair distribution of this council yearly offering.

**Citizenship Ceremony**

**Synopsis**

This was the largest citizenship ceremony that has been held in council memory, with 16 citizens, all of who attended on the day.

#### Analysis

Phonetics were still an issue, with the Publicity Officer providing them in 2021, which added confusion to the delivery. As such, the decision was made by the publicity officer to remove the distraction of phonetics from the script, and to let the presentation have a more natural flow.

#### Recommendation

A more in depth rehearsal period should be allowed to ensure the names and pronunciations are correct on the day. Publicity Officer should program a rehearsal the day before that has a compulsory attendance of key presenters and AV staff.

### **Australia Day Awards**

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#### Synopsis

For 2022, the nominations process saw at least one entry for each category, the reintroduction of announcing finalists and winners, which was removed to just winners in 2021 as there were only one nomination for each category for that year.

#### Analysis

There was a low attendance of finalists and winners, due in part to an unsaved invite list by the publicity officer, and the choice to invite the winners directly, rather than traditionally calling the nominees and getting them to invite the people they nominated.

#### Recommendation

Publicity Officer to re-instate the physical letter invite that was removed in 2019 and replaced with emails and phone calls, and ask for help if struggling to achieve all production tasks prior to the event.

### **General Community Feedback**

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#### Synopsis

The community made complaints about the Australia Day Awards invite process and this has been escalated.

#### Analysis

The community made complaints about the Australia Day Awards invite process and this has been escalated. Additionally an error was made about the Lions Club finalists on the presentation Slide and in the script. This has also been escalated. The complaints from community have been logged to ensure the event continues to be a true reflection of the community in the Barkly.

#### Recommendation

Feedback is important to growth and apologies will be issued from the organisation to the community members who put in feedback. Publicity Officer to re-instate best practice production models for invites. Ensure invites are RSVP'd to mitigate risk of low attendance in future events.

### **Upcoming Projects**

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#### **Clock Tower Screens**

As part of the approved Capital Works, four digital notice boards will shortly be arriving in Tennant Creek. The message boards will be displayed on the clock tower and will be the modern answer to a community notice board.

#### **Intranet Trials**

Works on the Barkly Regional Council staff intranet are under way and we are looking for a March/April soft launch to collate feedback and work into a manageable and functioning database

## **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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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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**CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**



**ITEM NUMBER** 8.3  
**TITLE** Policy Approval  
**REFERENCE** 338162  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the Tennant Creek housing policy

**SUMMARY:**

Council is asked to approve one policy this month.

**BACKGROUND**

The housing policy:

- Applies only to houses in Tennant Creek.
- Staff is now required to sign a residential tenancy agreement.
- Staff will now be required to pay bond for the property they will be living in.

**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Housing Policy- Tennant Creek .pdf

## POLICY

<b>TITLE:</b>	TENNANT CREEK STAFF HOUSING POLICY		
<b>DIVISON:</b>	CORPORATE SERVICES- PEOPLE AND CULTURE		
<b>ADOPTED BY:</b>	COUNCIL		
<b>DATE OF ADOPTION:</b>	NOVEMBER 2021	<b>DATE OF REVIEW:</b>	NOVEMBER 2025
<b>MOTION NUMBER:</b>			
<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b>			
<b>LEGISLATIVE REF:</b>	Section 174(3)(iii) of the Local Government Act 2019		

**PURPOSE:**  
 To set out the provisions and guidelines for the allocation of staff housing in Tennant Creek by Barkly Regional Council to its eligible staff, recognising the role that housing provision plays in facilitating the attraction and retention of council employees.

### 1. OBJECTIVE

1. This policy applies only to housing in Tennant Creek.
2. To work towards the goal of being the Barkly’s employer of choice by providing housing to employees, in order to attract qualified personnel to work for council, and to promote the retention of council employees,
3. To provide a transparent and consistent approach to the occupation and management of residential properties controlled by council,
4. To outline responsibilities of both council and council employees over staff housing provided by Council including types of housing, payment of utilities, rent, inspections, cleanliness and maintenance
5. To provide a reasonable standard of housing to staff, while also acknowledging :
  - i. the standard of housing varies depending on the age of the house,
  - ii. the location of housing can have an impact on the standard of housing provided.
  - iii. the limitations of Council’s ability to procure new and additional housing and to upgrade existing housing.
6. Barkly Regional Council will endeavour, where possible, to provide accommodation that is suited for the employee’s family needs subject to availability

### 2. SCOPE



This policy applies to all Barkly Regional Council employees residing or seeking to reside in housing provided by Barkly Regional Council.

#### 4. APPLICATION OF POLICY

##### a) **Provision of Housing and Availability**

Accommodation assistance may be provided at the Council's discretion as a result of one of the following:

- Remote incentive
- Attraction incentive to meet operational requirements

If accommodation is provided, it may be included as part of the salary package or offered on a full or partial cost recovery basis.

Employees are not required to accept an offer of accommodation. If an offer is made and accepted, the agreement forms part of the contracted conditions of employment. If an offer is made and rejected, the Council will not reserve other accommodation options in the event an employee subsequently seeks accommodation.

Housing will only be supplied to full time employees who are on active duty or an arrangement approved by the organisation.

Employees recruited into a community-based role who already reside in that community are not eligible for staff housing.

Employees who are eligible for housing, and subsequently acquire (either by purchasing or renting a house) a house in the area in which they work, will cease to be eligible for staff housing.

Housing is not provided for Elected Members.

##### b) **Residential Tenancy Agreements**

All housing rental requires a residential tenancy or sub-tenancy agreement to be signed by both Barkly Regional Council and the employee/tenant.

Except where exempted in the tenancy agreement, a bond amounting to four weeks rent is required to be paid by the tenant.

The bond is four weeks of the market rental price. The bond is to be paid in full or committed to be paid via salary deductions before the employee commences work.

##### c) **Council Housing**

There are four categories of housing within the Council. They are:

1. Council Owned Housing
  - Council owned houses located in Tennant Creek supplied as part of a contract.

2. Council Leased Housing
  - Housing leased by Council to meet its employee pool requirements with full or partial cost recovery sought from employees.
3. Council Leased – Share Accommodation Housing
  - Housing leased by Council to meet its employee pool requirements with full or partial cost recovery sought from employees who have entered into a shared leasing arrangement with Council.
  - Shared accommodation may be offered to employees seeking accommodation without partners/families. Where employees are sharing accommodation on a permanent basis with other employees, costs will be allocated on a proportional basis.
4. Community Based Housing
  - Council owned housing is normally provided for staff relocating to remote communities where available. This is usually reserved for management and hard to fill positions to ensure consistent delivery of local government services.
  - Where there are housing shortages, the following hierarchy of house allocation may be used subject to variation by the Chief Executive Officer:
    - a) Priority 1: Area Managers
    - b) Priority 2: Essential Service Officer
    - c) Priority 3: Municipal Works Supervisor
    - d) Priority 4: Agency Coordinators
    - e) Priority 5: All other eligible staff.

At the Chief Executive Officer's discretion, Council owned community based housing may be leased to another agency where the Chief Executive Officer considers this to be in the best interest of the community.

#### **d) Responsibilities**

The Barkly Regional Council Housing Officer responsibilities:

1. Ensuring that houses available for employees are at a liveable and safe standard.
2. Endeavoring to provide the best quality housing available for staff within the resourcing constraints available.
3. Ensuring that any necessary maintenance attributable to normal wear and tear, and not misuse by the occupant, is carried out expeditiously.
4. Ensuring that a Residential Tenancy Agreement or Residential Sub Tenancy Agreement is completed between the Council and employee, detailing:
  - a. the address of the house being let or sub-let,
  - b. the amount of rent to be paid by the employee,
  - c. the amount of bond to be paid by the employee



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The employee/tenant responsibilities:

1. Paying the required bond under the Tenancy Agreement.
2. Using housing for residential purposes only.
3. Employees/tenants renting Council houses cannot sublet.
4. Promptly give written notice of any damages done to the property during the tenancy period.
5. Ensuring that the accommodation and those areas used by the occupant are kept in a clean, safe and tidy state during the period of occupation.
6. Ensuring that the accommodation is left in a clean, safe and tidy state at the end of its use.
7. Undertaking the general maintenance of the grounds, i.e. lawns and gardens, as per normal tenancy arrangements unless otherwise stated and in compliance with any relevant legislation and by-law.
8. Meet utility charges in accordance with this policy.

#### **e) Utilities**

##### *Electricity*

- Unless provided in the tenancy agreement, the employee is responsible for all electricity costs of the property.
- If the property does not have a metered power box requiring the purchase of power cards, the employee is responsible for transferring the electricity into their name.
- Employees residing in Council Leased Shared Accommodation Housing shall be responsible for equal portions of the electricity expense
- Employees under contract at the time of implementation of this policy shall be grandfathered under their current electricity arrangements until such time their contract is renegotiated.

##### *Telecommunications*

- Unless written into the tenancy agreement, all telecommunication, i.e. phone and internet, is the responsibility of the employee.

##### *Gas*

- Council shall be responsible for all gas accounts in all categories of housing as identified in this policy. Employees requiring gas replenishment shall advise either the Housing Officer or the Area Manager for their action.
- Unless otherwise written in the tenancy agreement, the employee is responsible for all gas replenishments.

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- Council shall be responsible for all water accounts in all categories of housing as identified in this policy.
- Unless otherwise provided in the tenancy agreement, the employee is responsible for all water accounts in all categories of housing as identified in this policy.
- Employees residing in either Council Leased or Council Leased Shared Accommodation housing may have restricted annual water usage as prescribed in the tenancy agreement between Council and landlord. Employees exceeding their annual water usage shall be responsible for excess costs.

**f) Rent**

Unless otherwise provided in the tenancy agreement, an employee residing in Council Council Leased Housing or Council Leased – Share Accommodation Housing all categories of council housing listed under part (c) will be required to pay rent.

Rent payments shall not exceed the amount of rent Council pays to the owner. Rent payments shall be made as a pre-tax (salary sacrificed) payroll deduction.

Employees residing in Council Leased–Share Accommodation Housing shall pay a proportional rent payment.

Agreed rent payment deductions shall be recorded on the Residential Tenancy Agreement or the Residential Sub-Tenancy Agreement and a Payroll Deduction Form.

**g) Inspections**

Upon moving into a Council house, the employee shall be given a housing condition statement and an equipment/inventory list.

The employee must complete this initial inspection and return the signed statement and list to either the Housing Officer or Area Manager within 5 business days of moving in.

A property manager or landlord may require an inspection of Council-leased housing. Upon notification from a property manager or landlord, either the Housing Officer or the Area Manager will advise the employee that a periodic inspection has been scheduled.

The employee is responsible for ensuring that the house is inspection-ready.

The employee may take time off work to attend the housing inspection.

If the employee does not elect to attend the housing inspection, the property manager or landlord may enter the house to complete the periodic inspection.

An inspection of Council-owned housing shall be performed by the Housing Officer or Area Manager with the employee receiving, at a minimum, one week’s notice.

Inspections shall not occur if the employee is on leave or away from their community.



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No less than 6 months and no more than 12 months shall elapse between periodic inspections.

If the employee does not desire to attend the periodic inspection, the Housing Officer or Area Manager shall find another employee, preferably a manager, to accompany them on the periodic inspection.

If the Housing Officer or Area Manager notes discrepancies where the house fails an inspection, a follow-up inspection shall be scheduled to occur between 5 and 10 calendar days following the failed inspection, provided the employee will not be on leave or away from their community.

If the house fails the follow-up inspection, appropriate further action may be taken against the employee at the discretion of the employee’s manager. This may include:

- A formal warning
- Commencement of eviction process

The Housing Officer, Area Manager, or the employee’s manager is required to perform a final housing inspection one work day prior to the house being vacated. If discrepancies are noted on either the condition of the house or missing inventory, the employee shall be allowed to make any corrective actions to resolve the discrepancies and a follow-up inspection will be performed before the employee vacates the house.

Any discrepancies not corrected by the employee shall be costed and recouped out of the employee’s bond payment, or if the employee is exempt from paying bond, then funds will be recouped from the employee’s final pay.

If through any inspection it is discovered that the house has been damaged by the actions of the employee, Council may serve notice to the employee to repair, clean and make safe and/or tidy the accommodation within a defined period. If the employee elects to not make repairs, Council shall undertake the repairs with all costs, to include labour, being charged to the employee in one of the following ways:

- Payroll deduction.
- Employee’s bond payment
- Recoupment out of the employee’s final pay.
- Invoiced to the employee, or former employee as applicable, to repay Council for repairs

**h) Cleanliness**

All employees residing in Council housing either owned or leased, shall keep the house clean, neat and tidy. At a minimum, this includes the following:

- House free of dust



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- Rubbish disposed in collections bins
- Floors swept, vacuumed and mopped
- Bathrooms, to include toilet, basin and shower/bath clean
- Refrigerators, stoves, ovens and washing machines clean
- Dishes, utensils and cookware clean
- Lawn mowed

**i) Maintenance**

For all housing categories with the exception of Council-owned houses, requests for maintenance should go through either the Housing Officer or the Area Manager to coordinate service. The Housing Officer or Area Manager will liaise with property managers and/or service providers to schedule requested works.

For Council-owned houses, maintenance requests go through the local Council Depot/Workshop or Facilities Coordinator for action.

After hours emergency maintenance requirements can be acted upon by the employee making necessary contact with a service provider. If possible, the employee should see if they can be invoiced for the necessary works with the invoice being turned into the Housing Officer or Area Manager for processing. If the employee has to pay out-of-pocket for after hour emergency maintenance, the employee may file for reimbursement.

**5. RELEVANT LEGISLATION, STANDARDS, POLICIES AND FORMS**

- Local Government Act NT 2019
- Northern Territory Residential Tenancies Act
- Barkly Regional Council Payroll Deduction Form

**6. EVALUATION AND REVIEW**

Every four (4) years, and may be reviewed at the other times at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

**7. RESPONSIBILITY AND DELEGATION**

The Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority to implement this policy, and to make decision inconsistent with this policy, if in the CEO’s opinion, that decision is appropriate to meet the council’s operational requirements.



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**INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Infrastructure Directorate Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	338002
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Santosh Niraula, Director of Infrastructure

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

**SUMMARY:**

This report addresses activities within Infrastructure Directorate from mid-January 2022 to Mid-February 2022.

**CURRENT PROJECTS:**

1. Ampilatwatja Ablution Block: Construction in progress (85%)- Expected completion **early March 2022**
2. Tennant Creek Youth Centre: Construction in progress (70%) – expected completion **late April 2022**
3. Tennant Creek Cemetery Chapel: Construction in progress (90%)- Expected completion – **early March 2022**
4. Ali Curung Youth Centre: Revised drawings and application for DCA approval- waiting for Landowner's authorization from CLC
5. Ampilatwatja Basket Ball Court Enclosure – Construction in progress (75%) – expected completion **late March 2022**
6. Alparra Sports 'n' Rec Centre Refurbishment – Construction in progress (10%) – expected completion – **late March 2022**
7. Dangerous Good Containers for Tennant Creek Swimming Pool – Expected completion – **late March 2022**
8. Demountable Office for Tennant Creek Landfill – expected completion **late April 2022** – waiting for DCA approval.

**PROCUREMENT:****Future Tenders:**

1. Tennant Creek Bike Path: Final Design and AAPA Certificate received. Contractor to provide final updated design incorporating DIPL comments. DIPL to provide final approval of the design and access to the land for building the bike path.

**PLANNING:**

1. Estimate for refurbishment of Admin Office Building at 58 Peko Road has been received. Estimated cost of approx. \$1.4M. Applied for BBRF funding.
2. Estimate for refurbishment of CIVIC hall has been received. Estimated cost of approx. \$1.0M to \$2.0M depending on the areas we want to upgrade. Applied for BBRF funding
3. The estimate from designing street lighting system in Karuru Road has been received. It will cost around \$10,000 for designing without land survey and around \$30,000 including land survey. The total project cost of design and build is estimated to be approx. \$100,000.00. Waiting for approval of the project from LRCL.
4. Insurance claim for burn toilet at Peko Park has been received. The tender for demolition of existing toilet and supply and installation of new toilet facility will be announced next week. Purchase Order for Cricket pitch cover has been issued.
5. Funding application has been lodged to Tourism NT for upgrading toilet facility in Lake Mary Ann Dam.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT**

1. Sell and parker to commence removal of scrap metal from Ampilatwatja on late March 2022. Help up due to road conditions.
2. Tyre shredding Tennant Creek is 70% completed. The contractor will come back after 6 weeks to do the rest of the tyres and also tyres in Elliott landfill site.

**BACKGROUND**

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**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE**



<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Development January 2022 Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	338103
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Sharen Lake, Director of Community Development

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council Receive and Note the Community Development January 2022 Report**

**SUMMARY:**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAM**

The Community Safety Program had an unusually quiet month during January due to various COVID related situations in many of our Communities.

The Community Safety Management team continued to dial in to and communicate with Local Emergency Committees at Ali Curung, Ti Tree and Alpurrurulam.

Service delivery across the region was impacted hard by the COVID situation with Staff often being unable to travel back to their Community due to lock outs and therefore not being able to work or actually being in lock down scenarios themselves. In many of our Communities the COVID situation has also impacted on our ability to recruit Staff.

Vacancies remain at all Communities and within the Management team which has been quite a challenge when compared with our peak of operations in April - June 2021, with almost 90% of all vacancies being filled in all Communities and all Communities operating consistently throughout our Region.

Recruiting has been the main focus throughout January and several vacancies have now been recruited to. Community Safety Managers have been interviewing and recruiting potential candidates via phone link which has had some success in recruiting to our current vacancies across the region.

The slow pace of operations allowed us to take stock of much needed logistics, supply and maintenance issues. Several of our vehicles requiring major repairs have actioned, however supply of parts into Alice Springs due to weather has delayed completion.

The Program is anxiously waiting for approval from NIAA in relation to our underspend submitted in mid - 2021, if approved this will allow us to inject much needed resources including equipment and positions back into the department to support Community Safety operations, engagement and administration.

We look forward to increasing our operations and maintaining more consistent service delivery as we go further into 2022.

**YOUTHLINX**

Participant numbers for this school holiday period were 951.

The start of school holidays, Tennant Creek was put into a complete lockdown due to the COVID pandemic, with only essential services operating. We had to cease our scheduled activities and close our Youthlinx building. During this period, we had a skeleton staff operating for provision of food packages and activities. Staff continued to cook up hot meals

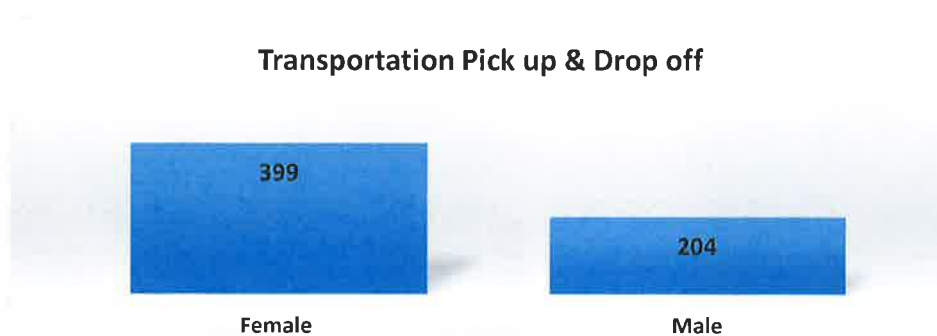
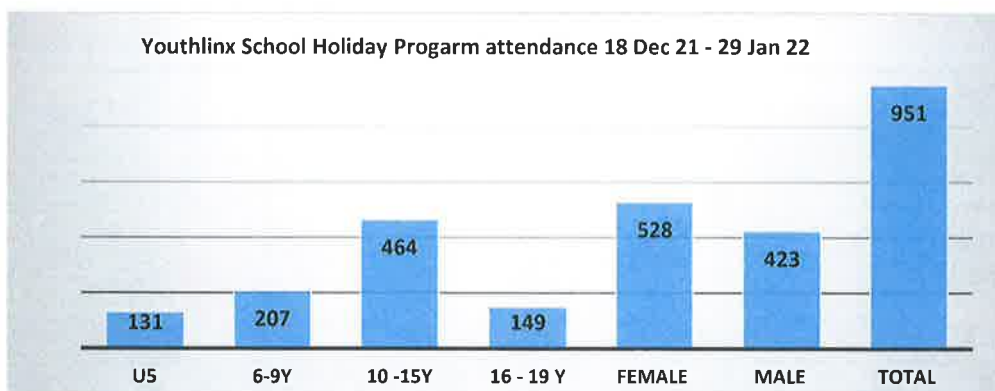
and deliver with fruit to all known Youthlinks participants. Delivery of these meals and activities daily also allowed our staff to conduct welfare checks and see how the youth were going. Total number of meals provided from 18/12 to 24/12 were 538.

With the easing of restrictions, which allowed only double vaccinated people the ability to move about the community and leave their homes, we followed the NTG CHO's Covid Direction which allowed for outdoor activities only, and had to introduce special measures including; Vaccine Pass, 16yo and up requiring double vaccinations, social distancing and the requirement for accompanying guardians to also be double vaccinated. This proved quiet difficult as our community was still very low in vaccination rates and our participation rates did decrease.

We could not delivery Youthlinx School Holiday Program at the Youthlinx Building, but changed our venue to the Town Pool which would allow for multiple outside activities and also has meal preparation space and cooking facilities. Regular activities where provided at the Town Pool, including ball games, slip and slides, card games, music and cooking activities such as making pancakes on the BBQ and fruit sticks. Nutritious food provided every day.

Our program also continued to participate in soccer activities with Moriarty Foundation on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We also held outside activities at our local Lake Mary Ann which included bush walking and exploring activities and family picnics which was of great benefit to our youth and families, improving their moods and encouraged engagement and learning which was great and it is our hope these activities would stimulate and generate an appreciation of nature and connection to country.



REMOTE SPORTS AND RECREATION, OUTSIDE SCHOOL CARE HOURS

**Major Events:**

- YSR closed in Ampilatwatja from 24<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> due to Covid in community
- Arlparra in lockdown from the 20<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>
- Ali Curung in lockdown from the 6<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>

Ampilatwatja is still using the Rainbow gateway and the children are really enjoying it. They have been utilising the slip and slide often, which has provided a great option on the hot and humid days.

Ali Curung has been quieter than usual due to Covid, however they have still be able to complete a range of activities. Including two bush trips where the kids were looking for lizards after all the rain. The heat proved to make the waterpark very popular on the hot days. The music equipment was very popular like usual.

Arlparra were able to deliver a wide range of activities on the days they were open. This included sport, arts and crafts and time on the iPads. Unfortunately due to Covid they weren't able to open much (x amount of days), but still made an effort to do food drops. Andy and Clayton also assisted Aged Care in food drops to the outstations.

Due to having no team leader in Alpurrurulam, Renae has accepted higher duties and taken on more responsibilities to ensure the ongoing success of YSR in the community. This includes, getting fruit from shop for the kids, she bought two fans from the store to cool the shiny shed and has been getting the kids involved in gymnastics and painting.

Despite ongoing Covid across the region, all communities were able to adapt and provide activities were possible and if unsafe to do so, would do a food drop for the kids.

Renovations continue in Ali Curung, Arlparra and Ampilatwatja, so programs are continuing with limited space and resources in these communities.

**Attendance:**

Community	5 – 14 Year Olds	15 – 24 Year Olds	Total	Previous Month Total
Ali Curung	301	56	357	605
Alpurrurulam	130	5	135	N/A*
Ampilatwatja	186	4	200	116
Arlparra	155	0	155	144
Elliott	TBC	TBC	TBC	120
Epenarra	28	1	29	NA**





LOCAL LAW RANGERS (includes Environmental Health)

Dogs Impounded: 5

Dogs Rehomed: 5

Snake Callouts: 1

Euthanized: 1

currently have 8 dogs in the pound

***Below is an example of animals assisted and picked up this month. Please note that "Intact" means not de-sexed. All animals currently being collected have not been de-sexed which is a growing concern and potential risks to our community which we need to take reasonable actions to rectify, this includes sourcing urgent funding to have our animal health programs active throughout the region.***

**Impounded**



Scooby, Male, puppy, Intact, Leather studded collar, 21/01/2022. Owner Asked for assistance from staff to block gaps in fence.



Female, Young Adult, Intact, no collar, Picked up 19/01/2022 Ford Crescent – Wouldn't leave yard



Banjo, Male, Adult, Intact, no collar, Picked up 5/01/2022, Contacted by Centrelink as he had been there for days – no one in building owned him



Reported by Territory Families, Surrendered by 15 Tinkgarli, Male Puppy, Intact

**Rehomed**

Scarlett, Mama, Peach/Nala, Schoolie, Bullfrog were all transported to Alice Springs Shelter for Rehoming.

**Euthanized**

The above black puppy surrendered at Tingkarli was euthanized due to permanent neurological damage.

**Snakes**

Snake Removal on Leichhardt Street



**Training**

Enis Zendeli our Local Laws Ranger and Kayne Presley our Environmental Health Officer attended snake training in Alice Springs, Friday 28/01/2022

**AGED CARE & NDIS REGIONAL COMMUNITY CARE MANAGER REPORT**

**Summary of Consumer Numbers compared with previous month**

(TM = This Month, PM = Previous Month)

NDIS Consumers	ALD	ADHD	ANL	ASP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	4	6	5	6	5	26
Number Previous month (PM)	4	6	5	5	4	24

NDIS Consumers	ALD	ADHD	ANL	ASP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	6	11	16		4	39



Number Previous month (PM)	6	12	15	3	4	40
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NDIS Participants	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ALL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	1	4	8	10	4	27
Number Previous month (PM)	1	4	8	10	4	27

**Comment on overall FLEXI & CHSP:**

1 new client at Ali Curung, 2 more prospective clients, awaiting completion of paperwork.

2 prospective clients at Ampilatwatja, awaiting completion of paperwork.

2 prospective clients at Alpururulam, awaiting completion of paperwork

COVID – positive cases in Ampilatwatja, Arlparra and Ali Curung

Staff have continued to operate each Centre with reduced services and contactless delivery. All centres have sufficient PPE and cleaning products and have been doing an excellent job, ensuring our clients still receive services as safely as possible.

Weather – heavy rainfall has affected travel to Alpururulam, Ampilatwatja and Arlparra. Each centre has had sufficient food stores to still provide meals while they wait for the next freight truck to arrive.

Measures in place at each centre -

COVID Response Plan for Community Care is ongoing with regular updates.

Contact Registers

Daily Staff Health Checks

Verbal Client Questionnaires – to be completed when staff need to enter a client’s home and when transport is provided.

Our new NDIS Coordinator commenced work January 12<sup>th</sup>. She has been very busy getting settled into her new role and making contact with participants and staff where possible, and has been difficult with COVID and weather restrictions.

RTO will commence remote training in February for selected staff, some of our staff are not at a level to be able to successfully complete online training, once travel is permitted, trainers will travel to Communities and do one on one training with staff who need more support. Mani has organised with the IT Department to set up training laptops for each Community to assist with remote delivery.

**LIBRARY SERVICES**

Short lockout were implemented, Library & Reception access via phone ahead only. The library doors were kept locked to allow staff sighting of vaccination proof before entry.



TENNANT CREEK SWIMMING POOL

Early this month, we had Allan Gray from Just Covers come up from Sydney, NSW, for the installation of our brand new thermal insulated pool covers. These pool covers are now stored at our pool and will be used heavily during our colder months of the year and will play a huge role in making sure our water temperature doesn't decrease due to the weather conditions.

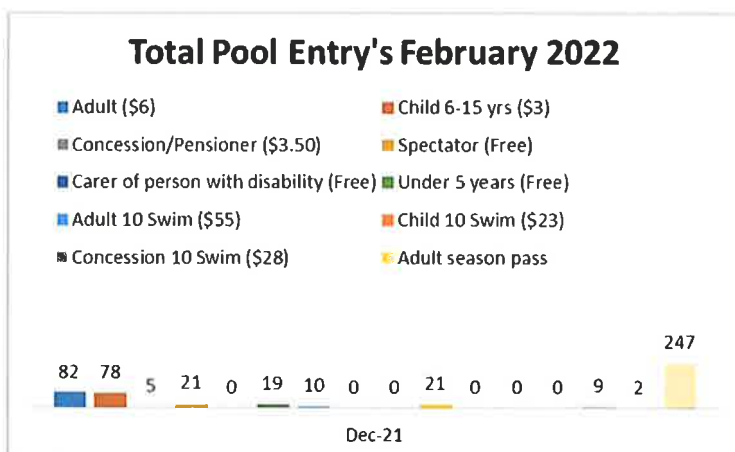
Another improvement that we have made to the pool facility this month is purchase and installation of six retractable hose reels situated around the facility. By undertaking small changes, will eliminate many trip hazards that have been identified

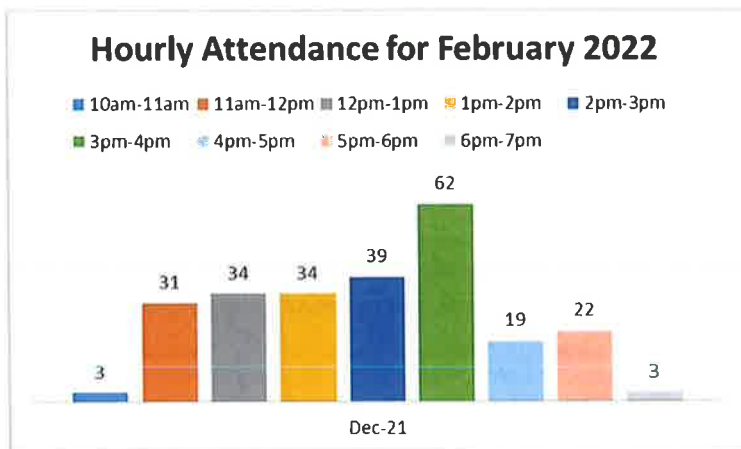
This month was the final few weeks of the 'Youthlinks School Holiday Program' and has seen numbers at the pool slowly decrease. Collation of figures also indicate extremely low numbers between 6-7pm.

The Coordinator has also requested information of having the café up and running to increase participants at our facility.



This month we had a total of 247 single entries; this does NOT include Group Entries Invoices such as Swimming Carnivals, Mungkarta School, Anyinginyi Sport & Recreation, and Youthlinks ETC. This is only for pool entry fees, season passes & kiosk sales.





Regional Sports Program (BRD) Regional Sports Program (BRD)

*Soccer*

Continuing on each Tuesday is the small sided game of soccer that has seen consistent attendance and growth. An additional (training) session has been put on for an upcoming tournament vs an Alice Springs team in late February at Purkiss reserve. The program is now being delivered by community members whilst the SPCs continue to support it.

*Tennis*

The SPC have been running a tennis session each Thursday night from the 11<sup>th</sup> of October. The session has been running from 6pm until 8pm for the last 15 weeks and is continuing to grow, with regular numbers of 10-12 participants.

*Touch football*

Touch Football has continued to grow since starting back in January. Numbers have been small, however with school returning and people returning home and new people coming into the Barkly, numbers have steadily increased. Touch football is currently been delivered on Monday nights.

*Yoga*

Very successful with continuously increasing numbers, the highest number of participants at one session was 18.

*Softball*

Recommenced on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January with the first session having 12 participants and last session had 10.

*Cricket*

Commenced Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January with the first and last session having 14 players. We did have a couple of weeks of cancellations/no shows due to poor weather. There has been very good interest and looks to be a sport with lots of people in town that want to play.

*Sport Attendance Data*

Sports	1 <sup>st</sup> session	Month Total
<b>Soccer</b>	21	42
<b>Tennis</b>	6	18
<b>Touch</b>	8	16
<b>Yoga</b>	15	33
<b>Softball</b>	12	22
<b>Cricket</b>	14	14

*Challenges*

- Weather- storms and flooding in the last two weeks of January, affected playing surfaces and also hazardous playing conditions.
- Covid- participants tested positive for covid and therefore not attending sport programs.
- Imparja Cup was cancelled due to covid which we were sponsoring a male and female team to attend.

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*Touch football*

Touch Football has continued to grow since starting back in January. Numbers have been small, however with school returning and people returning home and new people coming into the Barkly, numbers have steadily increased. Touch football is currently being delivered on Monday nights.

*Yoga*

Very successful with continuously increasing numbers, the highest number of participants at one session was 18.

*Softball*

Recommenced on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January with the first session having 12 participants and last session had 10.

*Cricket*

Commenced Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January with the first and last session having 14 players.

We did have a couple of weeks of cancellations/no shows due to poor weather.

There has been very good interest and looks to be a sport with lots of people in town that want to play.

14 Sport Attendance Data

Sports	1 <sup>st</sup> session	Month Total
Soccer	21	42
Tennis	6	18
Touch	8	16
Yoga	15	33
Softball	12	22
Cricket	14	

*Challenges*

- Weather- storms and flooding in the last two weeks of January, affected playing surfaces and also hazardous playing conditions.
- Covid- participants tested positive for covid and therefore not attending sport programs.
- Imparja Cup was cancelled due to covid which we were sponsoring a male and female team to attend.

**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.

**OPERATIONS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	15.1
<b>TITLE</b>	February Director of Operations Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	338057
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Troy Koch, Area Manager - Alpurrurulam

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

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

Access to our communities has been limited due to the Chief Health Officers Declaration of Exclusion Zones (an Exclusion zone is a Community which has less than 80% vaccination rate, which is all of our communities at present) and weather conditions. Currently I am in contact with all Area Managers and Community Coordinator at least every other day, some daily. Vaccination rates continue to improve slowly within our communities. The Biosecurity Zones are in place until 17<sup>th</sup> of February unless extended.

This month we have seen outbreaks of COVID in Ampilatwatja, Ali Curung, Elliott, Arlparra and Alpurrurulam which is of great concern. Council has been able to provide COVID appropriate PPE to ensure that our staff are protected as well as they can be.

We have received several applicants for the Depot Manager and held the interviews and unfortunately had no successful applicants, we have re-advertised this position. In the coming weeks we shall interview for Ampilatwatja Area Manager and the Wutunugurra Community Coordinator.

**Local Authority:**

We had 2 Local Authority meetings scheduled for this month in Ali Curung and Elliott, both were cancelled at the request of the Local Authorities due to the COVID outbreaks.

**The Communities:****Elliott:**

Covid-19 has made its way to Elliott with a number of positive cases being recorded.

Anyinginyi continue to visit, to visit although vaccination numbers remain low, however our clinic has reported vaccinating 32 children with the first dose which is awesome.

The wet season has meant the grass grows quicker than we can mow, and it has put a strain on our equipment.

With the garbage truck needing major servicing, the municipal crew have worked hard to try and keep on top of pickups, however the service is currently lagging.

Unfortunately with the recent transport issues, obtaining parts to keep machinery maintained has become difficult for everyone.

Travellers continue coming through, and most seem oblivious to the exclusion zone or bio security regulations making community nervous.

Liquor Licencing is hopeful that we can set a date for permit distribution immediately the bio security rules are lifted.

Many residents are looking forward to this.

**Ali Curung:**

This report period saw Ali Curung in a NT wide Lockdown for a week with masks mandates introduced for both indoors and outdoors. The Federal Government implemented Biosecurity zones to restrict movement between remote communities. Ali Curung sits within the Alyawarra Ward, the Biosecurity Zones will remain in place till 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 with potential for further extension. Ali Curung sustained heavy rainfall late January – early February period which resulted in Airstrip closure, flooding and road closures, however good to see grass and trees looking nice and green as a result.

Ali Curung for the second time again sustained Covid-19 cases, this started late January and has since spread to Murray Downs community. As at 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022, we have had a total number of positive cases reaching 72 people, current active cases 27 and 12 people in Murray Downs, two people have been transferred to Tennant Hospital. Anyinginyi Health conducted vaccination visits and Territory Families have been providing welfare to the positive households. Unlike the first Covid-19 outbreak, positive cases are just required to self-isolate in their homes for 7 days with RAT testing only been done for symptomatic people. Vicky McCoy stepped in as Relief Area Manager while Tim was away on leave for a week and on a good note the Safe House “new Fence” was approved and building starts late February.

#### **Alpurrurulam:**

Alpurrurulam is isolated due to the rains with all roads closed at present, although I have heard that the Sandover Highway may be open soon to high clearance 4WD. As previously mentioned COVID has arrived in Alpurrurulam. Territory Families have flown in a staff member to assist with COVID issues and will be in community for a week.

Unfortunately the Police cannot attend the community to assist due to the road closures in the region, on a positive note it is good to see all of the Service Providers are assisting each other where they can to work through this difficult time.

There is ample food in the store although they are going stocks fairly rapidly due numerous visitors in Alpurrurulam and this will be addressed with a single trailer truck being given an exemption to travel to Alpurrurulam with additional supplies.

#### **Ampilatwatja:**

Bob and Tracey Smith finally got to leave the Council after being flooded in, and departed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. Michael Stanley-Hunt is covering the Area Manager Position whilst recruitment is taking place.

Ampilatwatja did it very tough for 3 weeks as they were isolated by rains and had a COVID outbreak whilst isolated. They also lost communications for 9 days and the only communication was through the satellite phones. The Director of Operations and Area Manager were in contact at several times a day on the Satellite phone. The outage was a Telstra fault on a solar exchange and Council used all of its resources to try and get this addressed as quickly as possible. The Airstrip was also closed due to the weather.

On a good note the stores new takeaway managers have arrived as well as all teachers we also have a doctor at the clinic for the next 3 weeks and Bob and Tracy finally made it out last Saturday morning they will be missed.

The Staff at Ampilatwatja did a fantastic job in these very testing circumstances to maintain services and support other stakeholders in this difficult time.

Vaccination rates are slowly increasing in the community.

Harvey Developments have also returned to complete the Ablution, Laundry buildings and the Basketball court upgrade. Work is expected to be completed on these projects in the coming weeks.

The end of Jan and the beginning of Feb has been difficult time for all in community with our first cases of Covid-19 as well all roads closed to community due to flooding, air strip closed due to the rain and no phone and internet service for 9 days. All stakeholders pull together to work through this difficult times

#### **Wutunugurra:**

In the last month Wutunugurra Community has received a large amount of rain which closed the roads, delayed the mail plane and truck deliveries. This meant that there was a shortage



of supplies available. Once the Airstrip was serviceable supplies were flown in and unfortunately the store was broken into multiple times with food being stolen. Wutunugurra has been doing well with no outbreaks of COVID as yet, a lot of the community members have been vaccinated. Wutunugurra has had a few people from other communities entering the community, they were all asked to wear masks at all times and were compliant in regards to this request.

The Clinic is back to operating 2 days a week alternating between Wutunugurra and Canteen Creek. Vaccines are available if community members wish to be vaccinated. We have not had any doctor visits since November 2021, having said this the Nurses are doing a great job even though they are over worked and exhausted.

The School is running well with good attendance and 2 new teachers have arrived to keep the school up and running.

With a break in the rain the Municipal Team are extremely busy with whipper snipping and mowing throughout the community.

**TC Depot:**

It has been a very testing time for the Depot team this month with rubbish trucks in Tennant Creek, Elliott and Ali Curung breaking down. This has mean that for a week Rubbish collection was done manually and continues to be done in Elliott and Ali Curung. We were able to source a compactor for two weeks that enabled us to get the Tennant Creek rubbish truck back on the road. The biggest issue has been getting parts in due to the wet weather throughout Central Australia. As always our Municipal Teams have done a great job in maintaining service delivery through these difficult times.

**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**



## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 16.1  
**TITLE** Tennant Creek Vet Update  
**REFERENCE** 338013  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Rushwaya, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council**

**a) Receive and note the report**

### **SUMMARY:**

Patta Councillors conducted a site visit to the Vet in Tennant Creek, and compiled a list to be tabled for council's consideration.

Please also note the correspondence from the Vet to the new CEO.

### **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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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Letter from Vet.pdf

Hi Emma,

Welcome to the Barkly!

As I'm at my main practice in the Upper Murray region of NE Victoria until around May, I feel I should provide background on myself, and the Barkly Veterinary Practice. Hopefully, we'll chat from time to time, as I have with your predecessors.

#### **DR DAVID HALL BVSC**

I've been practicing as a vet for 43 years.

Over my career, I've worked in mixed and small animal practice, overseas consultancy and animal health development, and in government. For the past 31 years, with overseas intermissions (mainly to Timor-Leste), I've been the principal vet of Walwa Veterinary Practice, which I established in 1991. Walwa is a small town on the Murray River; population around 100, but it's the centre of a highly productive farming region.

I now have a business partner, Dr Sarah Albert. We purchased the Tumbarumba veterinary practice four years ago. Tumbarumba has a population of similar size to Tennant Creek, and is 50 km north, in Southern Riverina.

We have two very busy clinics, as well as on farm work. The main enterprises are beef cattle breeding, sheep and dairy. We also have a large horse owning clientele. We provide the entire range of veterinary service: clinical, production, reproduction, soft tissue and orthopaedic surgery. Staff include Office Manager, 2 office staff, 5 vet nurses, 2 associate vets.

We could readily employ two more vets, but, as you'll be aware, there's a national shortage of vets. Unfortunately, remote rural mixed practice is finding the most difficulty accessing vets.

I've always had an interest in animal health development work.

#### **BARKLY VETERINARY PRACTICE**

In 2013, Barkly Regional Council Animal Control circulated an email request for a vet clinic to be established in Tennant Creek. A facility would be provided at the BRC Works Depot, and Animal Management Program work would be available. As this seemed a very worthwhile project, I visited Tennant Creek, met with the staff at the time, and took up the challenge of establishing a veterinary practice for the town and Barkly Region.

My vision was, and still is:

1. Provision of 24/7 veterinary availability
2. Quality, affordable veterinary care.
3. Engagement with all animal owners of the Barkly
4. Employment and training of an Indigenous veterinary nurse
5. Creation of a unique and efficient model of animal management through collaboration between private enterprise and local government
6. The Barkly Region to have the best animal management program in the NT, with at least two remote community vet visits annually
7. Succession to a younger generation of vets
- 8.

The past 8 years have been educational, personally rewarding (but not financially), taxing, challenging, and difficult.

Of my vision, we've achieved all but 6 and 7.

I'm constantly networking and advocating amongst vet students and young vets for them to take over the practice. Barkly Vet Practice could support two vets, if they were prepared. Up until the past twelve months, final year Charles Sturt University veterinary students have done their Public

Health placement with BVP on remote community trips. There is an overwhelming interest from students in the adventure and experience of remote visits. However, lack of funding support through Barkly Council has meant that it's almost a year since the last remote community visit, and, to date, it's impossible to forward plan, even though I have students and a vet available. These are the same team I had planned for the November 2021 trip. They will need to know very soon whether a trip will happen in April. Final year veterinary students need to program their various clinical placements well in advance.

The Barkly Region is presently known to have the poorest Animal Management in the NT. I'm beginning to doubt achievement of number 5.

Barkly Vet presently employs an Office Manager (Kate Foran), an Indigenous Vet Nurse (Shoshoni Smith), and a part-time Indigenous community Animal Health liaison person (Jacqueline Hingston). Veterinary staff have generally been myself, and locums on two to four week stints. Some of the locums have been former staff from my main practice. Staffing constraints at my main practice make it extremely difficult for me to spend much time at Barkly, and my time there I take as holiday from Walwa-Tumbarumba. Running the Barkly practice from 3000 km away is difficult, and staffing (considering wages, locum flights and accommodation) is expensive.

**Kate** has been a resident of Tennant Creek for almost 20 years, and has worked previously for various tourism bodies. Kate has been with Barkly Vet for 5 years. She knows most folk in town.

**Shoshoni** (Shoni) has family in Tennant Creek. She completed her Cert II in Animal Care through Riverina TAFE, at Wagga Wagga, and is presently studying Cert IV in Veterinary Nursing through Riverina. There is no Vet Nursing course in the NT. There are on-campus training weeks. Shoni has been accepted to study Vet Tech through Charles Sturt University upon completion of her Cert IV. Vet Tech degree would put her in a good position to enter the veterinary science course.

**Jacqueline** (Jac) was my first vet nurse. She commenced her Cert II, but family commitments curtailed her study. Jac is a well known TO around Tennant Creek, and folk from town and the town camps often contact her in the first instance with their pet health concerns, vaccination, tick control or de-sexing needs. Jac has finger on the pulse of the Tennant Creek dogs and cats.

We're presently on the lookout for trainee part-time vet nurse to assist Shoni, and to cover when she's on holiday, or on-campus placement.

Whilst the clinic is basic regarding equipment, we have gaseous anaesthesia, in-house blood analyser, and radiography. We perform most surgical procedures, as the nearest specialist surgeon is in Darwin. Clinics at Alice Springs, Katherine and Mt Isa, whilst larger, provide a similar level of service.

The recent expansion into the previous Animal Control room adjoining the clinic has allowed a designated surgery, lab and X-Ray area to be utilised.

Council provides the facility free of charge, in exchange for no charge for dog and cat euthanasias requested by Animal Control. BRC and BVP have an MoU specifying the relationship. I'm very grateful to Council for premises, as without this, economically, a veterinary service certainly could not exist.

There are presently a number of infrastructure improvements which were suggested twelve months ago, and have been agreed to by Council, which we look forward to seeing implemented.

Over the 8 year period, in discussion with the various predecessor Animal Control Managers, a model of Animal Management has evolved for the town and town camp veterinary activities, as well as the Pound. There is documentation setting out the procedures, and costs. BVP discounts heavily under the arrangement. The Animal Management Program covers only de-sexing, targeted vaccination, parasite treatment and microchipping; only welfare recipient owners are eligible. BVP carries out this work on a continual basis, in an effort to maintain control of the dog and cat populations.

There had been a short hiatus in the AMP last year, due to BRC funding constraints, but after discussion with the DoCS, the program is continuing.

BVP has a significant Indigenous clientele. All owners pay for service, but most pay via agreed Centrepay deductions. Unfortunately, a small number of owners have reduced or halted the agreement. Fees for Centrepay clients are discounted.

BVP has provided AMPs to the 6 main remote communities of the Barkly, under the direction of, and in collaboration with, BRC Animal Control. This has previously been biennial activity, in March/April and October/November. Each 'bush trip' had been an 8 to 10 day 'bush clinic and surgery'. Rather than a rushed fortnight program, a three week program would be ideal; there would be time for the students make school extension visits, and allow more time to fully engage with communities. Plans still go awry due to weather, funerals/sorry time, football matches, and owner absence....Flexibility and humour is required.

There is also documentation of the arrangement between BRC and BVP for the programs.

Each bush trip has a team consisting of: head vet, 2/3 final year vet students, vet nurse. I have a designated remote vehicle (Dual Cab Landcruiser) which can carry 4 passengers, and the required gear. I pay the vet and nurse, and the students are volunteers. I pay flights and transport to Tennant Creek. Other costs covered by me are medicines, equipment and consumables, fuel and food. BRC is charged an agreed figure for each 'surgical day' (aiming for 15 de-sexings a day), and another for 'travel day'. For me, these programs can be financially risky: whilst my costs are essentially fixed, the program days are subject to the variable factors mentioned, as well as Council's allocated budget. However, these visits need to occur. Rapidly, community dog numbers can increase, and health decline. The recent emergence of Ehrlichiosis in the north of Australia presents a welfare concern, as chronically infected dogs may require euthanasia. Ongoing, persistent, extension to inform owners of the need for tick control in their dogs should be the focus of these visits, as well as surgical or injectable breeding control.

Apart from the animal need, cessation of vet student placements reduces chances of future succession of the vet clinic.

Till now, Barkly Council has not had an Animal Management Plan appropriate for the entire Region. At the instigation of the Mayor, a Tick Management Group (representatives from Council, CMO, BVP, Julalikari, NTG, NIAA, AMRRIC, Anyingingi and TC community) was formed. As an adjunct to this, an Animal Management Working Group has formed to set out 'terms of reference' to tenderers for the formation of an Animal Management Plan, utilising grant money from CMO.

Barkly Council has relied on grant applications for the funding of animal management programs. Such funding has come largely through SPGs, which I'm told are not available at present. For a few years, programs were funded by the Local Authority Discretionary Funds; LAs of the main communities allocated various amounts for AMPs. I'm told that this means of funding was over-ruled by LGANT.

Various funding means have been discussed, and I believe there are some applications pending. However, my field experience, though offered, has never been requested. Possibilities mentioned have been:

- # SPG
- # Immediate Priority Grant
- # Clarify the LADF situation
- # Joint funding application with AMRRIC
- # Utilise possible funds in BRC general revenue, from an 'Animal Welfare Levy' on rates in 2013; is this levy still being collected? (it has been estimated that the levy produced \$65,000 pa)
- # BRC budget allocation?

In my opinion there needs to be **secure, dependable budget for biennial AMPs**. There's little point in ad hoc programs, as the dog and cat population and health situations can change rapidly, and all previous efforts become wasted. Community confidence in the programs is being eroded.

AMP funding requirements are not huge. An annual allocation of less than \$100,000 for remote and town programs could make a huge difference:

- Better dog health
- Fewer unwanted litters of pups and kittens
- Reduction in roaming and fighting dogs
- Reduction in aggressive dogs, fewer human bite injuries
- Reduction in zoonotic diseases carried by dogs and cats
- Improved mental outlook of owners
- Reduction in animal welfare concerns

**In the interest of veterinary service sustainability, and practice succession through engagement with vet students, AMPs must be a priority.**

**There needs to be bilateral and open dialogue between Council and the service provider, Barkly Vet.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this overview. I look forward to catching up by phone, and in person

Best regards,  
Dave

*Dr David R Hall BVSc  
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**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 16.2  
**TITLE** LGANT Call for motions  
**REFERENCE** 338104  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Rushwaya, Governance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Put forward motions for the LGANT meeting to be held in April 2022.

**SUMMARY:**

Council is asked to put forward any motions for the LGANT meeting to be held in April 2022.

**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.



## GENERAL BUSINESS

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**ITEM NUMBER** 16.3  
**TITLE** Questions for Consideration  
**REFERENCE** 338140  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Rushwaya, Governance Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

### SUMMARY:

The points in this report were brought forward by Cr. Ruger for discussion and update.

### BACKGROUND

- Go-kart track tyres
- Purkiss reserve- upgrade
- BMX track- tourism
- Main street beautification/upgrade
- Fazaldeen road drain crossing
- Crush car collection from communities
- Youthlinx building
- Telstra coverage Ampilatwatja & communities
- Lake Mary-Anne dirt fill
- Tennant Creek depot manager replacement ‘
- Schmidt Street building development (gazetted park)
- Curbside use for private enterprise (Double J, TC Sands)

### 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:

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 17.1  
**TITLE** Correspondence  
**REFERENCE** 337708  
**AUTHOR** Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

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

**SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND**

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**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 2022.01.28 - Letter to Chief Minister RE State Funeral for Rosalie Kunoth-Monks.pdf
- 2 2022.01.31 - Letter from Chief Minister RE State Funeral for Ex-Mayor.pdf
- 3 2022.02.07 - Letter of Support for Music NT.pdf
- 4 2022.02.08 - Letter of Support - Barkly Arts - Terriotry Day funding.pdf
- 5 2022.02.08 - Letter of Support - BBRF Grant for BRC.pdf
- 6 2022.02.08 - Letter of Support for Barkly Arts - Vehicle Grant.pdf
- 7 2022.02.04 - Wayne Green RE Purkiss Reserve Upgrade Letter.pdf
- 8 2022.02.10 - Support Letter for CouncilBIZ BBRF Application.pdf
- 9 2022.02.10 - Letter of Support for JCAC Grant Application.pdf
- 10 2022.02.16 - Letter to CEO from Chief Minister.pdf



Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin  
Barkly Regional Council  
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28 January 2022

Hon Michael Gunner  
Chief Minister  
GPO Box 3146  
Darwin, NT, 0801

Dear Chief Minister Gunner

**RE: State funeral for Rosalie Kunoth-Monks**

Following the passing of Rosalie Kunoth-Monks in Alice Springs hospital on Wednesday 26 January, 2022, The Barkly Council wish to formally request a state funeral and/or memorial service in honour of her valour and extensive contribution to the Northern Territory, the Barkly Region and the Indigenous community both nationally and on the world stage. This request is the result of a unanimous agreement at the latest Council meeting and with approval from family associated.

In 1953 as a teenager, she became the first Aboriginal female to star in a leading film role when director Charles Chauvel cast her in JEDDA, alongside the late Robert Tudawali.

Her ten years as an Anglican nun in Melbourne and her time establishing the first Aboriginal hostel in Victoria influenced her lifelong commitment to social work of many kinds. She campaigned for better housing, medical care and education for all Indigenous Australians.

In 1970 she married Bill Monks and their daughter, Ngarla Kunoth-Monks followed in her parent's footsteps, as did the grandchildren, Amelia and Ruby, all committed to social justice and direct action at the community level.

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On the ABC television program, Q&A, she famously rejected the suggestion that Aboriginal people needed to be assimilated, saying "I am not the problem...I am a woman of culture."

As Chancellor of the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and through her support for remote schooling in language, she raised her voice to improve educational opportunities for Indigenous children everywhere.

As president of the former Barkly Shire Council from 2008-2012, she advocated heavily for communities of the region and showed true leadership during her tenure.

Rosalie was born at Arapunya in 1937 to Allan and Ruby Kunoth, who were both Amadjere people, located in the Barkly Region of Utopia.

Barkly Regional Council respectfully request your government support a state funeral and/or memorial service for Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, to take place in Alice Springs as well as her traditional funeral, which as mentioned has been approved as part of her family's wishes.

You can telephone me at 08 8962 0048 or 0409 629 477 directly for further communications and to effectively execute this request in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin  
Barkly Regional Council

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Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin  
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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter dated 28 January 2022 in relation to the request for a State Funeral for Mrs Rosalie Kunothe-Monks.

The passing of Mrs Kunothe-Monks is a great loss for the Territory, she was a courageous elder and matriarch who was widely respected.

The staff from Protocol NT, who coordinate these matters, will be in contact with the family of Mrs Kunothe-Monks to commemorate her life in line with their wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Gunner'.

MICHAEL GUNNER

31 JAN 2021





7 February 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Music NT's application for funding through the Building Better Regions program to bring the National Indigenous Music Awards roadshow to Tennant Creek in August 2022.

For Tennant Creek and the Barkley Region to be involved in this pilot program would bring huge social and economic benefits to our region and provide a much needed boost to our local morale and economy after the ravages of COVID19.

We have the talent and the capacity in Tennant Creek to deliver such an event – and for our local community the pride of being able to showcase our enormous arts and cultural knowledge and our artists' music, dance, and visual art to a national audience is something the entire community will benefit from.

Our region has some of the most stunning landscapes in the Territory. Tourism has been non-existent during COVID restrictions and to be able to host an event of this calibre with the support of Music NT and the local community – will reinvigorate visitation to the region.

Strategically planned and implemented tourism experiences are an economic driver, contributing to the growth and development of the region through job creation and adding vibrancy and social benefits for the entire community.

I hope you see the benefits for our community that would be supported through this funding and I can be contacted on the below for any further questions.

Sincerely,



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8 February 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Barkly Regional Arts' application for the Community Benefit Fund (Community Event) grant.

Grant funds will be used for Barkly Arts to organise, produce and run the Tennant Creek Territory Day Celebration concert at the Tennant Creek Showgrounds. This event has been run annually by Barkly Arts, and this year funding from NTMEC is not available in Tennant Creek so Barkly Arts wants to utilise the Community Event funding to hold the event. Funding has already been allocated for pyrotechnics to Barkly Regional Council but not to run the event.

In 2021 the Territory Day Festival was organised by Barkly Arts. All attendees had to check in and records show that over 1,100 people were there. The concert included local bands and performers performing many songs in language.

Barkly Regional Arts offers a valuable service to residents of the Barkly acting as a facilitator for artists and musicians living in communities across the Barkly Region. This requires a great deal of remote travel on difficult to access roads across the vast region.

Through the facilitation of arts and music programs, Barkly Regional Arts delivers spiritual and cultural fulfilment to people living in multiple communities across the Barkly region.

Also Barkly Regional Arts supports in providing income for artists through the sales of artwork and performance fees.

A Community Event fund will support Barkly Regional Arts to deliver this wonderful event and bring the community together again to have a good time particularly after the struggles our community has faced over the last 2 years with COVID.

Sincerely,

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Dear Assessment Panel:

**RE: Tennant Creek Upgrades: Town Civic Hall and Council Administration Building**

The proposed upgrades of the Tennant Creek Civic Hall and the Council Administration Building will directly enable Barkly Regional Council to deliver on initiatives under the Barkly Regional Deal with more efficient, timely and a client-focused service delivery.

This Infrastructure investment project is critical to maintaining and improving the capacity of local government services for Tennant Creek and the broader Barkly region. The Civic Hall and Administration Building will be brought up to modern standards for accessibility, sustainability, energy efficiency and functionality to enable staff to provide services that are relevant, efficient, functional and cost effective. The upgrades will assist in driving economic growth and build a stronger remote/regional community into the future.

The upgrades will assist in job creation, have a positive impact on economic activity in a very remote council region, and enhance community facilities, leadership and community cohesion.

Should you require any further information on the local support for this project, please contact me.

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8 February 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Barkly Regional Arts Vehicle Gift Grant.

For the last 28 years Barkly Regional Arts have provided support for many of the Barkly's predominant visual and musical artists from local to international stages and art exhibitions.


The Barkly is the second largest local government area in Australia with some of the most remote locations on earth. Barkly Arts often travels to these communities with 10+ year old vehicles to work with artists and deliver programs and events throughout the Barkly.

For the Health and safety of arts workers who are providing professional development it is imperative that they are travelling in reliable vehicles.

The acquisition of a new/used Gift vehicle will definitely enhance the operation of Barkly Regional Arts service delivery, particularly to remote areas of the Barkly.

If you require any further information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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4 February 2022

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Dear Santosh,

I have picked up from your CEO Report included in the agenda of the latest Barkly Regional Council meeting, that in regard to the Purkiss Reserve redevelopment, DIPL has appointed a new consultant for looking after the project. It is stated that the Tender has closed and from the consultant, the tendered prices are way out of the remaining project budget of approximately \$7.5 million. The consultant is consulting with yourself and other stakeholders to choose the items which can be completed within the budget and have value for money. After this consultation, the consultant will present a summary of selected items from the project and ask for approval at the next council meeting in February 2022.

In regard to who the 'other stakeholders' mentioned above are, there is an existing Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committees set up under BRC and also a Project Control Group set up under the overall project.

Will both these groups be consulted as part of the process as mentioned above?

As a member of both groups, it has been disappointing to have not received any correspondence for close to a year now regarding the upgrade of Purkiss Reserve.

Would you also be able to advise which councillors have been appointed to Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee?

Regards,



Wayne Green



10 February 2022

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Commonwealth of Australia  
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Dear Assessment Panel:

**RE: councilBiz IT Migration Point to Point**

This letter is in support of the above noted application by councilBiz for funding to upgrade the current Information and Communications Technology (ICT) system cabling across member Councils, of which we are one.

The necessary capital works across the member Councils ensures that the primary source of data connectivity is delivered over fibre optic cable, allowing for the most robust form of connectivity whilst ensuring any future network bandwidth expansion is catered for without requirement of changing technologies.

This will assist in migrating from a Private Cloud based model (quickly becoming obsolete with aged technology no longer being supported) to a Public Cloud model, to ensure that remote and very remote member Regional Councils across the NT can provide services that are relevant, efficient, functional and cost effective to their regions in order to drive economic growth and build stronger regional communities into the future.

The upgrades will assist in job creation, have a positive impact on economic activity in council regions, enhance community facilities, leadership and community cohesion.

Should you have any further queries on our support for this project, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern

**RE: Letter of Support - Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation - Expand and create new local events - Tennant Creek  
Building Better Regions Fund- Community Investments Stream- Round Six**

I am writing this letter in support of the application by Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC) to seek service funding under the Australian Government–The Building Better Regions Fund.

JCAC is an Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisation (ACCO) and provider of community services based in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory. JCAC has been providing services to regional and remote communities within the Barkly Region for over 30 years and is committed to working holistically to improve and alleviate poverty, and progress the wellbeing of the Aboriginal people of Tennant Creek and surrounding homeland communities.

JCAC employs a multi-disciplinary team of professionals, administrative and community-based staff to enable it to fulfil the obligations of a community-controlled community service organisation and to overcoming disadvantage in Tennant Creek and the Barkly Region.

Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Culture Centre seeks to educate, to share culture and to teach young ones to maintain their culture. The Art Centre is located on a sacred site of the Warumungu people. When visiting the centre you can buy paintings and artefacts, including boomerangs, clapping sticks or coolamons carved using hard wood by Joseph Williams, Warumungu man and artist. Jimmy Frank, Warumungu man and tour guide will take you on a tour of our sacred site and share his great knowledge about the regions history and culture. Nyinnka Nyunyu scared site hosts many events and celebrations in Tennant Creek, such as NAIDOC WEEK. NAIDOC week is one of the main events in town, allowing - the community to come together to watch ceremonial dancing, a smoking ceremony and art come to life.

Barkly Regional Council acknowledges the considerable diversity among the Aboriginal communities of the Barkly Region and further acknowledges the work of JCAC in delivering culturally safe and responsive, place-based programs and services in Tennant Creek.

Barkly Regional Council supports Julalikari to take up the opportunity to improve service delivery in areas of community activities and cultural events through the Art Centre especially after the damages of COVID 19.

The Art Centre provides the following:

- Culturally safe events and activities with local Aboriginal community involvement and co-design.

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- Community connectivity and connection to local Aboriginal culture, contributing to improved overall wellbeing.

We look forward to ongoing events that Julalikari prepares in the Tennant Creek Community. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like any further information.

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Dear Mr Moore

The Northern Territory's economy is continuing to strengthen, with Deloitte forecasting economic growth in the Territory will be the strongest in the nation in 2022. It is critical that as our population increases, we have land and housing available – we want people living locally, spending locally, and raising kids locally.

Our Government commissioned an independent land development review to ensure more titled land is delivered to the market, to keep up with the expansion of the Territory. This is a priority for Government.

The review was undertaken by Team Territory co-chair Dick Guit and involved consultation with key stakeholders and industry from across the Territory.

The outcomes of the review are presented in the final report *Bringing Land to Market: An Independent Review of the Land Development Processes, Land Under Development and Titled Land*.

The Territory Labor Government is getting on with the job – progressing the 23 recommendations. These build on our current work of land investigation and preliminary design works underway for population growth in areas such as Holtze, Kowandi, Katherine East and Kilgariff in Alice Springs.

A cross-agency effort is already underway to progress the recommendations, including:

- planning for future demand across the Territory – so land and infrastructure can be delivered where it is needed and at the right time;
- making processes to bring land to market as efficient and as easy as possible – providing more certainty to Territorians and local business; and
- continuing to work with stakeholders to deliver affordable and accessible housing.

The recommendations build upon current initiatives including planning, land investigation and preliminary infrastructure design works being undertaken to support population growth across the Territory. To read the report please visit [www.dipl.nt.gov.au/strategies](http://www.dipl.nt.gov.au/strategies).

Yours sincerely

MICHAEL GUNNER  
16 February 2022

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