

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 30 May 2024

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held
in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek
on Thursday 30 May 2024 at 8:30 am.

Jeff MacLeod
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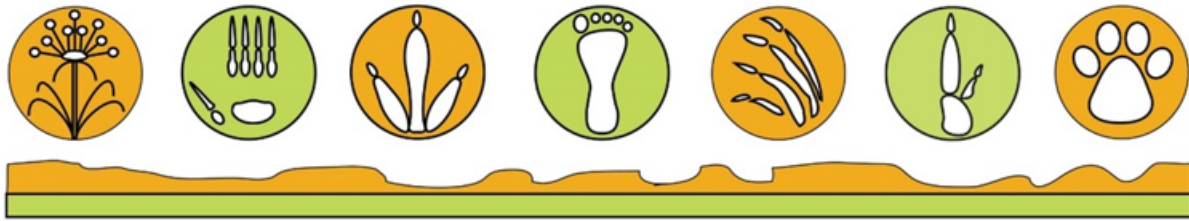
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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Elected Members Present
- 1.2 Staff Members Present
- 1.3 Visitors Present
- 1.4 Apologies and Leave of Absence

- 1.6 Review of Disclosure of Interest

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous minutes

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Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

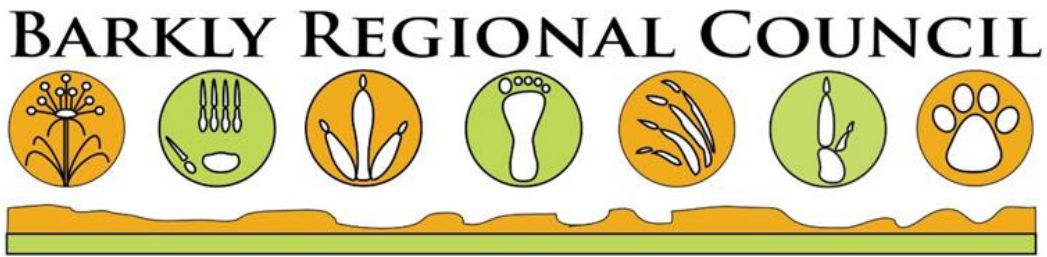
That Council receives and confirms the minutes from the ordinary meeting of council held on 24 April 2024 and minutes of special meeting of council held on 3 May 2024 as true and accurate record of that meeting.

SUMMARY

It is a requirement under s 101(3) of the Local Government Act for the previous meeting's minutes to be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Special Meeting of Council.- CE O-jp [2.1.1 - 5 pages]
2. Ordinary Meeting of Council_ - __t B 24 [2.1.2 - 15 pages]



MINUTES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Special Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Friday 3 May 2024 at 8:40 am.

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Special Council Meeting 3 May 2024



1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present

- Peter Holt - Official Manager

Meeting commenced at {8:40pm} with official manager as Chair

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Jeff MacLeod - Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Romeo Mutsago - Chief Financial Officer
- Emmanuel Okumu - Governance Manager
- Murray Davies - Director of Corporate Services

1.3 Visitors Present

Nil

1.4 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil

1.5 Disclosure of Interest

No interest declared in this meeting.

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

No previous minutes confirmed in this meeting.

Special Council Meeting 3 May 2024



6 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

6.1 Council Meeting Dates

MOTION

That the Official Manager receives and confirms the proposed scheduled dates for the ordinary meeting of council 2024

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/31

Chief Executive Officers Reports

6.2 Tennant Creek Speedway Club Sponsorship

MOTION

That the Official Manager;

1. Receive and note the sponsorship request from the Tennant Creek Speedway Club.
2. Resolve to donate \$1500 to sponsor the Tennant Creek Speedway Club 2024 event.
3. Writes to Tennant Creek Speedway Club requesting further support in the new financial year.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/32

Special Council Meeting 3 May 2024



8 TENNANT CREEK DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Tennant Creek Directorate Reports

8.1 Easyweb Direct Tender Approval

MOTION

That the Official Manager;

1. Receive and note the Easyweb direct tender
2. Resolve to approve the quotation submitted by Easyweb under regulation 38 of the Local Government General Regulation 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/33

Minute Note.

The Official Manager questioned why going with direct and not open tender.

The CEO advised that it was because the funding body required Easyweb to be the provider, and this type of arrangement is allowed under regulation 38 (i) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021. The CEO further mentioned that according to the contract, the council will receive the service free of charge for one year, after which there will be an ongoing cost to the council.



10 OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Operations Directorate Reports

10.1 LA meeting for 2024

MOTION

That the Official Manager receives and approves the LA meetings calendar 2024

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/34

Minute Note.

If the council meeting dates are changed to every second month, the official manager asked what would happen to LA decisions, such as projects that require council approval.

The CEO advised that there was no intention to change to Bi-Monthly Council Meeting at this point. However, one option would be for council to delegate some powers to the Local Authority in the new financial year to enable local decision-making. For example, the council could allow LA to approve the projects within a set limit (budget) and then report to the council the projects they approved within that delegated power.

16 NEXT MEETING AND MEETING CLOSE

The next Council Meeting of Barkly Regional Council will be held on 30 May 2024. The meeting closed at 9.15 am.

This page and the proceeding 4 pages are the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday, 3 May 2024 and are unconfirmed.



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 Wednesday 24 April 2024 at 9:30 am.

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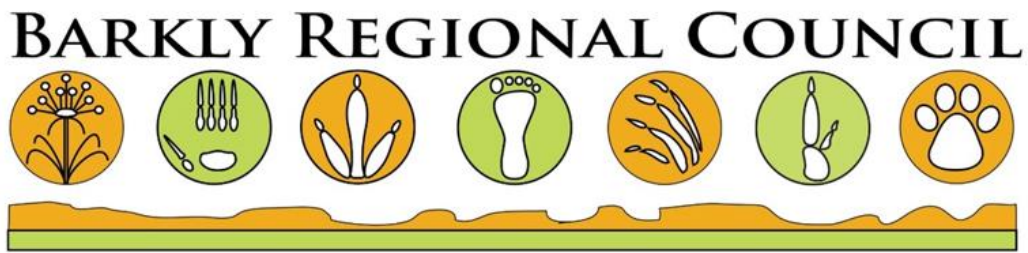
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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Audio recording of meeting.

An audio recording of this meeting is being made for minute taking purposes as authorised by Council Policy Audio Recordings of Meetings. Councillors may request, via majority vote if required, that no audio recording is made where issues of legitimate cultural or spiritual significance are to be discussed.

1.2 Elected Members Present

Meeting commenced at {9:30} with the Official Manager Peter Holt as Chair

Elected Members Present

- Peter Holt - Official Manager

1.3 Staff Members Present

Staff Members Present

- Jeff MacLeod - Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Faye Jennings - Executive Manager
- Romeo Mutsago - Chief Financial Officer
- Emmanuel Okumu - Governance Manager
- Murray Davies - Director of Corporate Services
- Brody Moore - Director of Operations and Remote Communities
- Gillian Molloy - Director of Community Development
- Ryan Francis - Acting Director - Tennant Creek
- Barry Natrass - Work Health and Safety Manager

1.4 Visitors Present

Visitors Present

- Kailas Kerr - Central Desert Training

1.5 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apologies

Nil

Absent Without Apologies

Nil

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

There was no declared interest in any item in this agenda



2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous minutes

MOTION

That the Official Manager receives and note the Minutes of the 27-03-2024 Ordinary Meeting of Council as a true and accurate record on that Meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/134

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Actions from previous minutes

MOTION

That the Official Manager;

1. Receive and note the items in the action register.
2. Resolve that the ELT review the action register and decide which items to recommend to the council for closing at the next ordinary meeting of the council.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/135

4 ADDRESSING THE MEETING

Nil



5 OFFICIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Official Manager's Report

5.1 The Official Manager's Report.

MOTION

That Council receives and notes the official manager's report on activities since the last OCM.

The Report

Barkly Regional Plan

The most critical issue for all Local Authority meetings during March and April was to provide input to the Regional Plan 2024-25. This has now been completed for all Local Authorities and the first draft of the Plan will be presented at the next round of meetings. The regional budget is also currently in development.

CEO Recruitment

With Ian Bodill's resignation as of the 28th March 2024, the council has commenced recruitment for a new Chief Executive Officer. ANSON was selected as recruitment agency and the application process closed on 15th April. In the interim, we have been most fortunate to gain the assistance of Mr. Jeff MacLeod, CEO of MacDonnell Regional Council for over a decade, and one of the most experienced and highly respected senior executives in local government in the Northern Territory. Mr. MacLeod will act as the CEO initially for two months up to the end of May 2024.

The BRC Investigator's Report

The report on the Investigation of the Barkly Regional Council by Ms. Ruth Morley has now been presented to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Chaney Paech. The report was completed and went to the Minister on 12 March. This week face-to-face briefings for all councillors and those referenced in the report will be provided by Ms. Morley at the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet office, independent of Council. Those referred to in the report will have opportunity over the following 21 days to respond to the report before the Minister makes his determination.

PowerWater

The council has commenced regular meetings with PowerWater to ensure improved collaboration across the Barkly. Some of the issues raised included the replacement of streetlights in Tennant Creek, emergency power in Ali Curung (where a 3-day power failure meant the community did not have power or running water), the failure of Smart Meters, issues raised by the Elliott LA including the quality of drinking water, and the possibility of a solar power project at Juno.

PowerWater has offered to provide briefings on the matters raised, although no response has been received as yet, and reports will be provided to BRC and local authorities.

Juno Farm

After a request from the Department of Education and the Youth Justice unit the BRC has agreed to allow the use of the Juno Farm accommodation, currently used for a high school skills program, to house school aged students referred by the courts. This arrangement will be in place until the Youth Justice facility funded under the Barkly Regional Deal is completed mid year.

LGANT Meeting

A meeting of the Local Government Association of the NT was held in Darwin on April 18 and 19. The Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition attended the meeting and were asked about their policies and plans for the local government sector. A key concern across the sector was the intention for further de-amalgamations and particularly for the return of community councils.

Barkly Regional Deal

The Governance Table recently announced that there would be a review of the governance of BRD but the council expressed some concern that there could be negative public perception if the review



was not seen to be independent of government and the other key partners in the Deal. The BRC has been critical of the lack of clarity in the Council's role and the lack of a clear auspicing agreement and would seek to raise these issues as part of the review.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/136

6 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

6.1 BRC bylaws report

MOTION

That the Official Manager;

1. Receive and note the BRC bylaw report.
2. Refers the bylaws to the ELT to discuss the necessary issues regarding the BRC bylaws and report back to the council on best option.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/137



Chief Executive Officers Reports

6.2 Audio Recordings of Meetings Policy

MOTION

That the Official Manager;

1. Receives and notes the Audio Recordings of Meetings Policy.
2. Approves the policy and makes amendment setting the length of time for storing the meeting recording to four years.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/138

Chief Executive Officers Reports

6.3 Governance report

MOTION

That the Official Manager;

1. Receives and note the current list of BRC committees; and
2. Resolves that the following names be corrected. Dr Diana Rayment and Louise Beilby.

Minute note.

The Official Manager said it has been more than four months now since he requested animal management issue to be resolved including convening of AMAC meeting.

The director of community Development said she will be waiting for clear instructions from the CEO and once that direction is received, she will implement it. As of now, no such instruction in relation to animal management has been given.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/139



7 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

7.1 Finance Report, YTD 31 March 2024

MOTION

That the Official Manager;

1. Receive and note the Finance Report for the YTD 31 March 2024.
2. Resolve that moving forward, Purchase Order summary be presented to council confidential session.

Meeting Notice.

The Official Manager asked that the CFO follow up with the Bank regarding the change of signatory from former CEO Ian Bodill to the current CEO.

In financials, the officers highlighted that there was an expense were overspent, particularly on one item. The overspent was mainly due to the cost of labour hire and equipment repairs. However, the items were being rectified, such as the labour-hire service stopping in most areas.

The Official Manager said that for transparency and the general public's benefit, he would like to see such a narrative on what led to the overspent included in officers' reports, including measures officers are putting in place to ensure overspent doesn't happen.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/140

8 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Corporate Services Directorate Reports



8.1 ICT Report

MOTION

That the Official Manager receives and notes the ICT Report

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/141

Corporate Services Directorate Reports

8.2 ICT transition

MOTION

That the Official Manager notes, approves and acts upon the recommendation:

- BRC acknowledges its previous intent to migrate away from Council Biz
- BRC issues the required six months' notice to the Minister and Council Biz of its intention to discontinue its alignment with and usage of Council Biz's services.
- Council continues to pay it's subscription with council biz until the migration process is complete.

Meeting note.

The Official Manager asked why the council was pulling out of Council Biz and whether appropriate risk measures had been implemented for IT to become in-house.

Officers responded that the decision to pull out of council business was not made hastily. All councils were provided with the option by council biz to pull out or not. After careful consideration, the council resolved to manage and control council IT in-house, citing the high cost charged by Council Biz.

Officers further said that the council had implemented sufficient security software and backups, including additional staff resources, in preparation for the withdrawal of the Council Biz.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/142



9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Community Development Directorate Reports

9.1 Community Development Directorate Report

MOTION

That the Official Manager receives and accepts the Community Development Directorate report.

Minute note 1.

Officers verbally reported that the council has had to refund aged care covid fund 2021-2022 totaling to \$198,000.

The Official Manager said that for transparency and the general public's benefit, he would like to see information about the council failing to use funds and instead refunding them included in officers' reports, including reasons why such funds were not used before the time expired.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/143

10 TENNANT CREEK DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Tennant Creek Directorate Reports

10.1 Tennant Creek Directorate March Report

MOTION

That the Official Manager receives and notes the March report from the Tennant Creek Directorate.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/144





11 OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Operations Directorate Reports

11.1 Councilor Membership on vacant respective Local Authorities

MOTION

That the Official Manager;

1. Note and accept the proposal for suspended Councilor inclusion on vacant Local Authority Committee positions.
2. Calls for LA nominations for the vacant positions and encourages the suspended Councilor interested to apply.
3. Accept the nominations and appoints the following people to fill currently vacant Local Authority positions in their respective communities.
 - Valarie Campbel - Arlpuurrulam LA.
 - Ashely Toby - Arlpuurrulam LA.
 - Lorraine Gibson N - Tennant Creek Local Authority

Minute note

The CEO advised that members' appointments to LA need to follow the council policy on appointment and resignation, which is provided for under the ministerial guideline and is also on the council website.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/145



Operations Directorate Reports

11.2 Operations Directorate Report

MOTION

That the Official Manager notes and accepts the attached Operations Directorate and Service Delivery Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/146

Operations Directorate Reports

11.3 Draft Minutes of Local Authority Meetings

MOTION

That the Official Manager;

1. 1.Note and accept the Minutes of the Tennant Creek, Elliott and Wutunugurra Local Authority Committee meeting minutes, as an accurate record of meeting.
2. 2. Notes and approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority Meetings held in Tennant Creek, Elliot and Wutunugurra communities;
3. 3. Notes and approves the following new projects established by the Local Authorities:
Elliott
 - -Investigate the installation of a water supply at Elliot Cemetery.
 - -If water supply is secured, install shade shelter and investigate ablution block to Cemetery.
 - -Request for Council to explore leasing options for the Memorial Area adjacent to Highway.
 - -Contact DIPL regarding securing on-going contract to maintain nature verge along Highway.
 - -Installation of Yarning Circle in Elliot – Supported by Elliot LAC, funded by AAI.
 - -Incorporation of Elliott youth to the Elliott Local Authority as guests.
 - -Correspondence to NT Government and Police requesting new Police facility in Elliott.
 - -Assess Shade Structure condition for potential repair or replacement.
 - -Request to repair solar lights at the Elliott Park, adjacent to Council Office.
 - -Request from Elliott LA to BRC to purchase and install shade cloth and furniture for Elliott Library.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/147



12 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

13.1 Kailas Kerr from Central Desert Training

MOTION

That Council receives and notes the presentation by Kailas Kerr from Central Desert Training.

Minute note;

The Official Manager asked if Central Desert Training supports indigenous people who would like to self-refer and seek training support.

The presenter explained that the eligibility for pre-employment support is determined by the funding agreement between CDT and NIIA, which necessitates partnerships with organizations such as Rainbow or RN. Therefore, applicants must be registered with Rainbow or RN. However, the council can benefit from the Scheme B program, which allows staff who are already employed to receive training and mentorship.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/148



General Business

13.2 General Business.

The Official Manager raised the following concerns which he required information and answers from officers.

Why has the Animal Management Advisory Group meeting not yet been convened to address the issues around animal management, even though he has been asking for it since January.

Whether officers contacted the vet service, AMRIC, and all the other parties and tried to find out what options they thought would work in solving animal management issues in the region and what roles they are prepared to play.

Whether the officers finished working on the draft project plan around the animal management as requested by the council?

How does the council support the local vet, and have officers been able to locate the MOU between BRC and the veterinary services? The Official Manager said that seeing that MOU is vital enables understanding the agreed obligation between what BRC is meant to offer towards the vet services and what the vet service is meant to do.

Otherwise, the vet may continue to act in a way that the council feels is inappropriate. There is no document that the council can use to guide its decision-making; the best would be an MOU between the council and the vet practice.

In reply, the CEO advised he would work with the officers to find out what the council already offers to the vet practice. He said that in relation to the council supporting the local vet, the council is already supporting the vet practice by providing the vet with a free place to run his business. If further support is needed, then that can be looked at after understanding what is in the MOU.

The CEO advised that the Director of Corporate Services will instruct his team to locate the MOU if it exists.

Regarding why the AMAC had not been convened, the Officer said the Official Manager had indicated that he would meet with the CEO and Director of Community Development to agree on certain issues before the AMAC could be convened, but that meeting has yet to take place.

Officers raised concerns that the local vet has been contacting the LA chairperson directly rather than through council structures.

The CEO advised that, first of all, if the vet required LA participation, the vet should only meet the whole LA during the LA meeting and not just the LA chair.

The Official Manager said that all these issues can be resolved once the MOU is located and both parties agree on obligations and processes. Plus, if AMAC can be convened to discuss these issues, we see a way forward.

The Director of Community Development indicated she would wait for further instruction from the CEO on what she is required to do around animal management.



14 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

14.1 Correspondence

MOTION

That the Official Manager receives and notes the BRC incoming and outgoing correspondence since the last OCM.

Minute notes.

The Official Manager said he was aware of letters sent to various agencies on behalf of LA, and he is wondering why those were not included in the list.

Officers said they would seek guidance from the CEO on whether such correspondence ought to be included.

RESOLVED

Moved: Peter Holt

Seconded: {Peter Holt}

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OMC-24/149

15 DECISION TO MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

16 NEXT MEETING AND MEETING CLOSE

The next Ordinary Council Meeting of Barkly Regional Council will be held on 24 April 2024. The meeting closed at 12.33pm.

This page and the preceding 15 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on, 24 April 2024 and are unconfirmed.

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Action Register

Reference <Enter Ref here>
Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Receive and note the items in the action register
2. Resolve to make any other direction in relation to the actions in the register.

SUMMARY

The action register shows the action that was required, the staff member responsible and the action taken.

BACKGROUND

After every council meeting, the office of the CEO assigns council resolutions that require action to respective staff members. The action register shows the action that was required, the staff member responsible and the action taken.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Report 20240527 132225 ACTION [3.1.1 - 4 pages]

Action Register

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Applied Filters

Action Statuses: Not yet started, In Progress

Meeting Types: Ordinary Council Meeting, Special Council Meeting

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Meeting Date	Document	Item No.	Item	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken	Due Date	Completed (Overdue)
23/02/2024	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 23 February 2024	6.2	NT Remuneration Tribunal Report	Not yet started	<p>Please action as per resolution.</p> <p>Send a copy of the determination to each Local Authority member whose entitlements are affected.</p>	Paul Hyde Kaduru		15/03/2024	Overdue by: 74 days
06/03/2024	Special Meeting of Council - 6 March 2024	10.3	Local Authority Minutes and Actions - Ampilatwaja	Not yet started	<p>Action required</p> <p>Colin Baker to provide list of recommendations from LA members for Regional Plan. Paul Hyde Kaduru and Brody Moore to follow up.</p>	Paul Hyde Kaduru		24/03/2024	Overdue by: 65 days
27/03/2024	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 27 March 2024	6.5	Vehicle use policy update.	In Progress	<p>Action required: The policy be discussed with the ELT and the concerns raised by the Official Manager resolved and the revised policy presented in the next ordinary council meeting. Acting CEO to lead the review with ELT.</p>	Brody Moore, Jeff Macleod, Murray Davies	<p>18/04/2024 Murray Davies</p> <p>This is a repetition of other matters reflecting the same draft policy - needs to be consolidated as one item</p>	18/04/2024	Overdue by: 40 days
27/03/2024	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 27 March 2024	7.1	Finance Directorate Report	Not yet started	<p>Action required:</p> <p>The CEO and ELT to discuss and review Audit Risk Committee/Finance Risk Committee and advise council.</p> <p>The CEO to follow up with the finance directorate and advise the council on when the internal audit of the procurement process will be carried out.</p> <p>The internal audit of procurement process was recommended by A & R committee in place of previously suggested review</p>	Jeff Macleod, Romeo Mutsago	<p>27/05/2024 Emmanuel Okumu</p> <p>Romeo advised, this is for second half FY2025.</p>	26/04/2024	Overdue by: 32 days

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					procurement policy.				
27/03/2024	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 27 March 2024	8.2	Monthly workforce profile report	Not yet started	<p>Action required:</p> <p>HR department to present the Workforce Graphs differently going forward – pie graph or similar.</p>	Emily Wells, Murray Davies	<p>18/04/2024 Murray Davies</p> <p>Will be addressed from next report onwards</p>	19/04/2024	Overdue by: 39 days
27/03/2024	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 27 March 2024	9.1	Barkly Animal Management facility - funding options	In Progress	<p>Action required.</p> <p>The Director of Community Development to provide Council with a developed comprehensive project plan showing; how much the facility is likely to cost, operational costs, as well as addressing the diverse needs and concerns of all parties involved.</p> <p>Refer the matter to the Animal Management Advisory Committee for further discussion and advise.</p>	Gillian Molloy	<p>18/04/2024 Gillian Molloy</p> <p>In progress</p>	23/04/2024	Overdue by: 35 days
27/03/2024	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 27 March 2024	9.2	Community Development report	In Progress	<p>Action required:</p> <p>The CEO to instruct the relevant staff to prepare the report on the Council Bylaws and present it to the next ordinary council meeting.</p>	Emmanuel Okumu, Jeff Macleod	<p>15/04/2024 Emmanuel Okumu</p> <p>In the process of digging for information for purpose of writing report, we discovered whereas three of BRC Bylaws were updated in 2021, Council continued to use the one dated 2016. This has now been rectified. The report writing is still in progress.</p> <p>21/05/2024 Emmanuel Okumu</p> <p>Report was submitted to council. Council referred it to ELT for further advise.</p>	26/04/2024	Overdue by: 32 days

Meeting Date	Document	Item No.	Item	Status	Action Required	Assignees	Action Taken	Due Date	Completed (Overdue)
24/04/2024	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 24 April 2024	6.1	BRC bylaws report	In Progress	<p>ELT to review the BRC bylaws plus the action register and make recommendation to council.</p> <p>The Director of Corporate Services to work with his team to locate the MOU between BRC and the Vet Practice if it exists.</p>	Emmanuel Okumu, Murray Davies	<p>21/05/2024 Emmanuel Okumu</p> <p>Report was sent to ELT for discussion. Waiting ELT decision and advise.</p>	18/04/2024	Overdue by: 39 days
24/04/2024	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 24 April 2024	11.1	Councilor Membership on vacant respective Local Authorities	Not yet started	<p>Calls for LA nominations for the vacant positions and encourages the suspended Councilor interested to apply.</p>	Paul Hyde Kaduru		18/04/2024	Overdue by: 39 days
24/04/2024	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 24 April 2024	11.3	Draft Minutes of Local Authority Meetings	Not yet started	<p>Investigate the installation of a water supply at Elliot Cemetry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -If water supply is secured, install shade shelter and investigate ablution block to Cemetry. -Request for Council to explore leasing options for the Memorial Area adjacent to Highway. -Contact DIPL regarding securing on-going contract to maintain nature verge along Highway. -Installation of Yarning Circle in Elliot – Supported by Elliot LAC, funded by AAI. -Incorporation of Elliott youth to the Elliott Local Authority as guests. -Correspondence to NT Government and Police requesting new Police facility in Elliott. -Assess Shade Structure condition for potential repair or replacement. -Request to repair solar lights at the Elliott Park, adjacent to Council Office. -Request from Elliott LA to BRC to purchase and install shade cloth and furniture for ElliottLibrary. 	Paul Hyde Kaduru		18/04/2024	Overdue by: 39 days

4 ADDRESSING THE MEETING

Nil

5 OFFICIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Nil

6 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

6.1 AMAC Chairperson

Reference

Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Official Manager resolves to appoint the Animal Management Advisory Committee Chairperson.

SUMMARY

Council established and appointed membership of the Animal Management Advisory Committee. However, the committee chairperson is yet to be appointed. Under s 98 (b) of the Act, a council committee chairperson is a member appointed by the council to be the committee's chairperson.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

It's a compliance requirement to have a chairperson for a council committee.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The issue is that having a committee without a chairperson presents difficulties in managing its activities, including requesting a meeting.

The option is for the Official Manager to appoint the chairperson and direct that a committee meeting be convened on a particular date for a specified agenda.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Committees and Membership Register P 2 4 [6.1.1 - 1 page]

Committee Name:	<i>Animal Management Advisory Committee</i>			
Register kept by:	<i>Chief Executive Officer's Office</i>			
Last reviewed:	<i>March 2024</i>			
Establishment details:	<i>Made up of members from the various stakeholders within Barkly Region with knowledge in animal management.</i>			
Committee status:	<i>Current</i>			
Legislative reference:	<i>Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and (s 82 of the LGA 2019.)</i>			
Remuneration status:	<i>Eligible members are paid sitting allowance</i>			
Name of committee member	Date commenced	Date Ended	File reference(s)	Comments
Ian Bodill	06/02/2024	25/03/2024		BRC CEO - Ended
Jeff MacLeod	25/03/2024	Current		BRC Acting/CEO
Peter Holt		Current		Official Manager
Elliot McAdam	06/02/2024	Current	SCM-24/21	Tennant Creek Member
Sharen Lake	06/02/2024	Current	SCM-24/21	Tennant Creek Member
Louise Beilby	06/02/2024	Current	SCM-24/21	DCMC
Bob Bagnall	06/02/2024	Current	SCM-24/21	Elliott Member
Dr Diana Rayment	06/02/2024	Current	SCM-24/21	Board Member – AIAM
Dr Brooke Rankmore	06/02/2024	Current	SCM-24/21	AMRRIC
Dr David Hall	06/02/2024	Current	SCM-24/21	Barkly Vet Practice
Jacqueline Hingston W	06/02/2024	Current	SCM-24/21	Warumungu TO
Gillian Molloy	06/02/2024	Current	SCM-24/21	BRC Director of Community Development
Dean Pollock	06/02/2024	Current	SCM-24/21	BRC Local Laws Manager

The Committee has been reinstated to address animal management issues across the Barkly Region. The Committee will remain active until the development and adoption of the 2024-27 Barkly Region Animal Management Plan by the Council is completed following a period of community consultations.

7 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

7.1 Finance Directorate Report - YTD 30 April 2024

Reference <Enter Ref here>

Author Romeo Mutsago (Chief Finance Officer), Susan Wright (Grants Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report for the YTD 30 April 2024.

SUMMARY

The report summarises the Finance Directorate activities for the YTD April 2024. The Finance Report complies with the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s17(2).

BACKGROUND

Acquittals

All FY2023 acquittals have been filed, including revised acquittals following suggested edits by funding agencies.

Staff Compliment for Finance Directorate

As of 30 April 2024, the Finance Directorate is staffed to enable normal independent checks of work to enhance internal controls entity-wide.

ATO (Australian Taxation Office) Lodgments

As of 30 April 2024, all statutory obligations were up to date.

FY2025 budget consultations

Budget consultations continue. The necessary guidance has been provided to respondents to ensure a smooth budget process.

ANZ Trust Account

We have since submitted relevant forms to ANZ to open a trust account as approved by the council. The account is not yet operational due to pending change of bank signatories.

Year-to-date 30 April 2024 Financial Statements

The financials are attached, with explanatory graph analyses.

- Attachment 1 – statutory financial report

- Attachment 2 – financial analyses.

Financials indicate the Council is in a healthy financial position.

The Council can meet its contractual obligations for the rest of FY2024 as and when they fall due and payable.



Comments:

Employee Costs

- YTD actual being slightly higher than budget despite unfilled positions during over the reporting period, is attributable to overtime work especially for Municipal, Area Managers and Night Patrol due to staffing challenges in those departments from time to time. Managers need to be strict with approving unbudgeted overtime.

Materials and Contracts

Notable overspending relates to:

- Labour Hire (\$550k) engaged when Area Managers could not recruit municipal workers, but the council had to deliver municipal services. Labour Hire has since been stopped.
- Repairs and Maintenance expenses (\$1,4m) turned out to be more excessive than anticipated due to the aged state of the property, plant and equipment which has become overly expensive to maintain. This can be attributed to the absence of an asset management replacement plan over the years which left BRC (Barkly Regional Council) with aged property, plant, and equipment.
- Continued engagement of Councilbiz after switching systems (\$820k).

Normal disengagement protocols from Councilbiz were not followed, which left BRC with all associated costs for a full year & a further 6 months' worth of bills from the time proper disengagement is lodged.

- Official Manager & A/CEO in their respective capacities as contractors, account for \$250k.

Operating Surplus (Deficit)

The YTD deficit position is worse than the budget on account of the over-spending on materials and contracts. It is comforting to note that the expected deficit approximates depreciation cost as opposed to being a cash deficit.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

YTD cash and cash equivalents are comparatively lower because of the timing of reporting. Only \$250k of grant funding is outstanding.

Grant funding

At 63 percent of annual expenditure, BRC's grant funding falls short of its needs to ensure we build decent reserves to enable timely asset replacement over time.

On a comparative basis, BRC has much lower grant funding than other regional councils. The implication is lower potential to earn admin fees. To operate sustainably, \$10m in new grant funding would be ideal. That would leave own generated funds to fund asset replacement sustainably to improve service delivery across diverse communities.

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:

1. 1. Financial Report for the period ended 30 th April 2024 [**7.1.1** - 10 pages]
2. 3 PPT Finance Report April 2024 [**7.1.2** - 10 pages]
3. Grants Overview May 2024 for 30 [**7.1.3** - 3 pages]



BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

ABN 32 171 281 456

Certification by the CEO to the Council

Council Name:	Barkly Regional Council
Reporting Period:	30/04/2024

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

CEO Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large loop followed by a series of horizontal strokes.

Date Signed

21/05/2024

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



Statement 1. Comparison of Actual Performance against Budget

Table 1.1 Income and Expenditure Statement for the month of April 2024

Account	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Annual Budget \$
Operating Income				
Rates	4,252,963	3,455,000	797,963	4,146,000
Fees and Charges	1,639,113	1,052,493	586,620	1,262,992
Operating Grants and Subsidies	19,511,980	16,167,500	3,344,480	19,401,000
Interest/Investment Income	60,449	11,670	48,779	14,004
Commercial and Other Income	1,059,492	1,229,170	-169,678	1,475,004
Total Operating Income	26,523,997	21,915,833	4,608,164	26,299,000
Operating Expenditure				
Employee Expenses	14,056,926	13,783,600	-273,326	16,540,320
Materials and Contracts	11,682,542	8,350,257	-3,332,285	10,020,308
Elected Member Allowances	83,836	155,650	71,814	186,780
Elected Member Expenses	43,217	40,510	-2,707	48,612
Council Committee & LA Allowances	37,389	29,330	-8,059	35,196
Council Committee & LA Expenses	63,885	51,440	-12,445	61,728
Depreciation, Amortisation, and Impairment	2,333,334	2,333,333	-1	2,800,000
Other Expenses	10,909	8,380	-2,529	10,056
Total Operating Expenditure	28,312,038	24,752,500	3,559,538	29,703,000
Operating Surplus/Deficit	-1,788,041	-2,836,667	1,048,626	-3,404,000

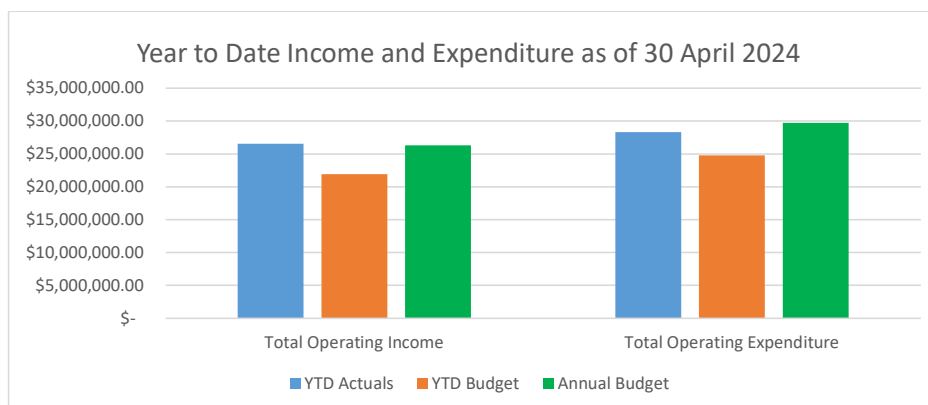
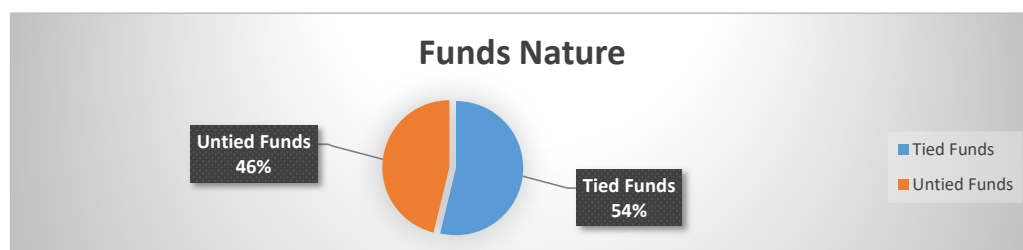




Table 1.2 Operating Position for the month of April 2024

	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Annual Budget \$
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	-	-	-	-
	1,788,041	2,836,667	1,048,626	3,404,000
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS				
Less Non-Cash Income	-	-	-	-
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	2,333,334	2,333,333	-1	2,800,000
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	2,333,334	2,333,333	-1	2,800,000
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS				
Capital Expenditure	1,249,361	490,581	758,780	588,697
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Reserves	-	-	-	-
Other Outflows (Grants Returned to Funding Body)	316,292	-	316,292	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	1,565,654	490,581	1,075,073	588,697
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS				
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-	-
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	3,656,811	1,124,371	2,532,440	1,124,371
Other Inflow of Funds	-	-	-	-
Transfers from Reserves	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	3,656,811	1,124,371	2,532,440	1,124,371
NET BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	2,636,450	130,457	4,656,138	-68,326





Statement 2. Capital Expenditure and Funding

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

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE **	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget *	YTD Variance	Current Financial Year (Annual) Budget *
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land and Buildings	98,892	88,697	- 10,195	88,697
Infrastructure (including roads, footpaths, park furniture)	79,443	-	-	-
Plant and Machinery	657,839	179,167	- 478,673	215,000
Fleet	413,187	237,500	- 175,687	285,000
Other Assets (including furniture and office equipment)	-	-	-	-
Other Leased Assets	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE*	1,249,361	505,364	- 664,555	588,697
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY: **				
Operating Income (amount allocated to fund capital items)	500,000	375,000	- 208,333	500,000
Capital Grants	-	-	-	-
Transfers from Cash Reserves	236,190	-	- 180,881	-
Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Sale of Assets (including trade-ins)	102,589	-	- 102,589	-
Other Funding (Community Benefits Funds + BBRF Funding for Tennant Creek Youth Centre)	410,583	88,697	- 300,068	88,697
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	1,249,362	463,697	- 791,871	588,697



Table 2.2 Report on Planned Major Capital Works for the month of April 2024

Class of Assets	By Major Capital Project *	Total Prior Year(s) Actuals (A)	YTD Actuals (B)	Total Actuals (C=A+B)	Total Planned Budget ** (D)	Total Yet to Spend \$ (E = D - C)	Expected Project Completion Date
Nil						0	
						0	
						0	
						0	
						0	
TOTAL ***		0	0	0	0	0	

The table below shows the capital expenditure as of 30th April 2024. These expenses are funded by Barkly Local Community Projects Fund, Local Authority Fund, Grants and Council's Reserves.

Classifications	Amount Expended
BBQ Trailer - Alpururulam	\$24,131.82
Bin Lifter tipper	\$35,990.00
Huski Skid Steer Loader - Tennant Creek	\$38,950.00
Kube Twin Compartment (Animal Lifter)	\$57,630.00
Mitsubishi Triton Ute	\$31,872.48
Skid Steer Loader and Excavator - Barkly Regional Deal	\$77,877.00
Station Tractor - Barkly Regional Deal	\$289,872.72
Structures - Construction of Dog Run Area (Tennant Creek - Dog Pound)	\$25,749.88
Structures - Containers for Tennant Creek Swimming Pool	\$51,012.32
Structures - Demountable Office (Tennant Creek Landfill)	\$10,195.10
Structures - Softball Pitch Construction (Alpururulam)	\$2,681.00
Structures - Tennant Creek Youth Centre	\$88,696.83
Toyota Hilux	\$73,830.67
Toyota Hilux VIN No: MR0KA3CD901289705	\$73,830.67
Toyota Hilux VIN No: MR0KA3CD501289703	\$73,830.67
Toyota Hilux VIN No: MR0KA3CD701289699	\$73,830.67
Toyota Landcruiser Prado	\$85,991.82
Zero Turn Mower - Wutungurra	\$19,872.73
Rubbish Trailer - Ali Curung	\$36,387.64
Skid Steer Loader - Tennant Creek	\$38,950.00
Car Trailer - Tennant Creek	\$16,359.09
Fire Management Trailer – Ali Curung	\$21,818.18

\$1,249,361.29



Table 3. Monthly Balance Sheet

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 th April 2024	YTD Actuals \$	FY2022/2023	Note Reference*
ASSETS			
Cash at Bank			-1
Tied Funds	3,349,773	9,418,000	
Untied Funds	2,876,122	3,160,000	
Accounts Receivable			
Trade Debtors	544,022	564,000	-2
Rates & Charges Debtors	2,185,057	1,769,000	
Other Current Assets	1,274,085	80,000	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	10,229,060	14,991,000	
Non-Current Financial Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	59,508,060	62,296,000	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	59,508,060	62,296,000	
TOTAL ASSETS	69,737,119	77,287,000	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	155,464	1,214,000	-3
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	19,742	27,000	-4
Current Provisions	1,269,701	794,000	
Other Current Liabilities	24,405	0	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,469,312	2,035,000	
Non-Current Provisions	417,000	408,000	
Other Non-Current Liabilities	0	0	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	417,000	408,000	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,886,312	2,443,000	
NET ASSETS	67,850,808	74,844,000	
EQUITY			
Reserves	42,718,226	52,814,000	
Accumulated Surplus	25,132,582	22,030,000	
TOTAL EQUITY	67,850,808	74,844,000	



Note 1. Details of Cash and Investment Held

As of 30th April 2024, the Council's cash and cash equivalent balances amounted to \$6.25m. A breakdown of the Council's cash and cash equivalent balances are as follows:

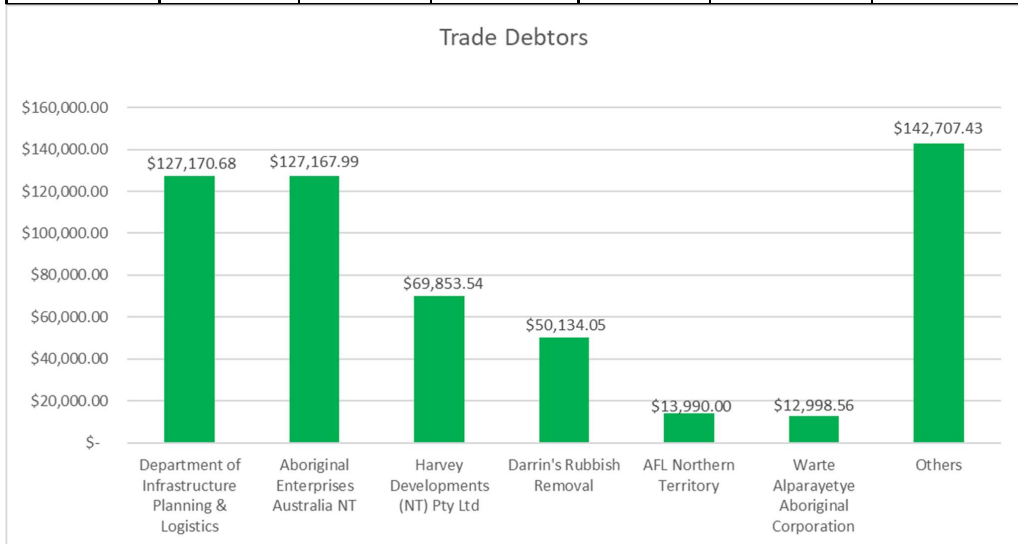
Cash in Hand and at Bank

Operational Account - ANZ			5,422,462
Trust account - WBC			306,317
Operational Account - WBC			497,116
			<u>\$6,225,895</u>

Note 2. Statement of Trade Debtors

As of 30th April 2024, the Council's trade receivables balance was \$544,022. Finance teams are continuously following up for overdue invoices.

	Current	Past Due 1-30 Days	Past Due 31-60 Days	Past Due 61-90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total
Trade Debtors	\$ 78,983	\$ 11,637	\$ 23,091	\$ 15,095	\$ 415,216	\$ 544,022
Percentage	15%	2%	4%	3%	76%	100%





Note 3. Statement on Trade Creditors

The Council's trade payable is \$ 155,464 as of 30th April 2024. The Council typically settles its trade payables within 30 days. There are no trade payables that the Council considers as non-current, i.e., not payable within 12 months.

	Current	Past Due 1-30 Days	Past Due 31-60 Days	Past Due 61-90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total
Trade Creditors	\$ 155,464	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 155,464
Percentage.	100 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	100 %

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

(a) Australian Taxation Office

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

- (i) Goods and Services Tax – Amounts are reported and remitted monthly.
- (ii) PAYG Income Tax Withheld – Amounts are reported and remitted monthly as part of Single Touch Payroll (STP) arrangements; and
- (iii) Fringe Benefits Tax – Instalment amounts are paid quarterly with an FBT return for the 12-month period ended 30th April required to be lodged each year.

As of 30th April 2024, the Council has a receivable of \$73,207 as a GST refund and FBT liability of \$19,742.

(b) Superannuation

In accordance with the superannuation legislation framework, employees receive defined superannuation contributions. Superannuation contributions are made to either the employee's choice of complying fund or the Council's default fund. The Council deposits 11% of an employee's ordinary time earnings into their chosen super account. Some Council employees have an additional superannuation contribution included in their agreed-upon compensation plan. Payments for superannuation are made on a weekly basis. As of 30th April 2024, Council has paid all the super liability fill date.

Note 5: Provisions

Current Provision - LSL	\$ 202,602.09
Annual Leave (Staff) Provision	\$ 1,067,098.64
	<u>\$ 1,269,700.73</u>
Non-Current Provision - LSL	\$ 417,000.00
	<u>\$ 417,000.00</u>



Note 6: Equity

Equity	Amount in \$
Accumulated Surpluses	25,132,582
Asset Revaluation Reserves	42,718,226
Total Equity	\$67,850,808

Table 4. Member and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions as of 30th April 2024

The Council has a credit card facility of \$47,000 credit limit.

For the month of April 2024 there was an aggregate spend of \$16,546.75

- Official Manager's Credit Card:

In April 2024, the Official Manager of the Council spent \$1,249.95 on his credit card. Below is the summary of the expenditure.

Transaction Date	Supplier Name	Amount	Reason for Expenses Occurred
22/04/2024	DARWIN RADIO 131008 DARWIN	-38.43	Media
22/04/2024	CABFARE PAYMENTS MELBOURNE	-34.65	Travel
22/04/2024	DARWIN STATE SQUARE DARWIN	-11.00	Car Parking (Travel)
22/04/2024	DARWIN STATE SQUARE DARWIN	-9.00	Car Parking (Travel)
24/04/2024	AIRNORTH MARRARA	-1,132.32	Travel
24/04/2024	CABFARE PAYMENTS MELBOURNE	-13.55	Travel
29/04/2024	SQ *BAY LEAF CAFE TENNANT CREEK	-11.00	Meals

-1,249.95

- CEO's Credit card: Nil



Key Indicators Year to Date:

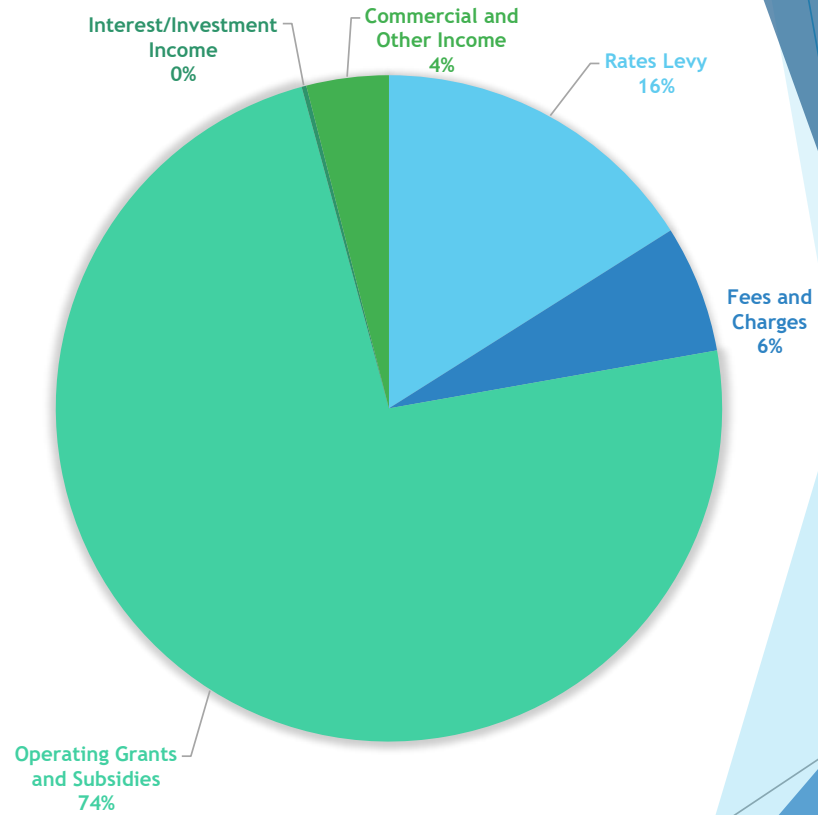
Liquidity Test (Working Capital Ratio)	Amount
Current Assets:	\$10,229,059.67
Current Liabilities:	\$1,469,311.63
Current Liquidity Ratio:	6.96
Quick Asset Ratio:	4.24
2023 Liquidity Ratio:	4.8



Financial Analysis for the period
ended 30 April 2024

Income and Expenditure Report

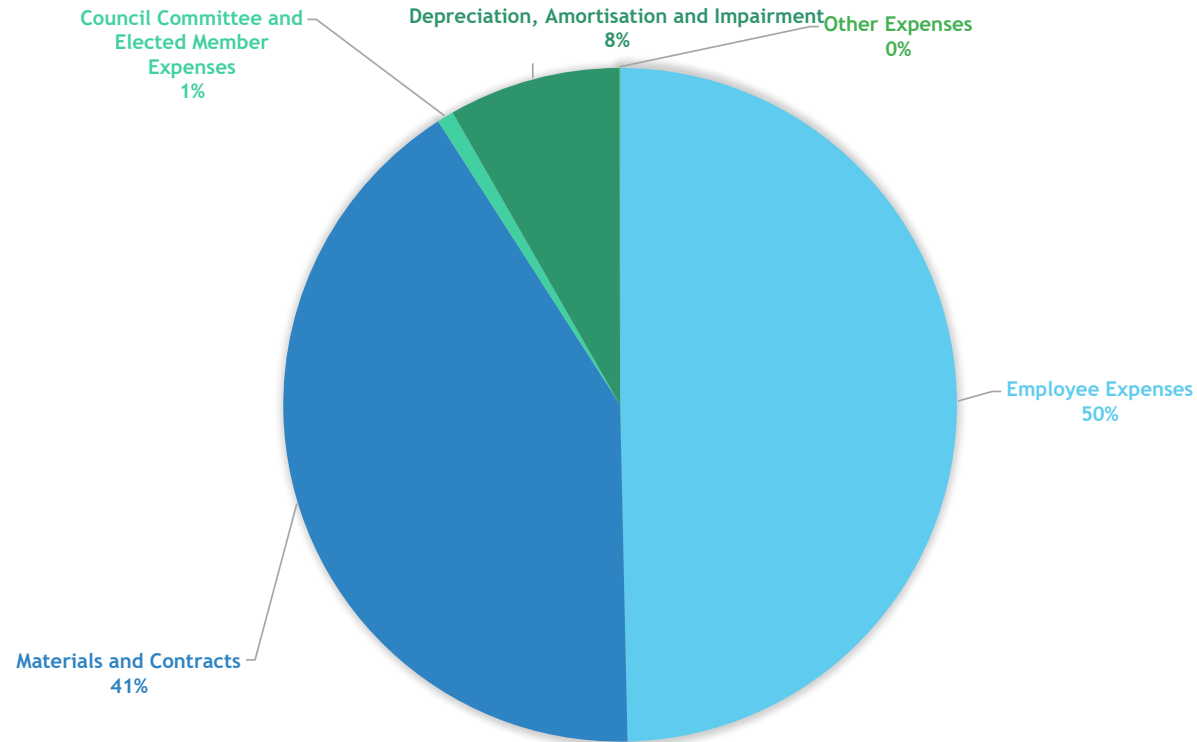
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Interest/Investment Income	60,449	11,670	48,779	14,004
Commercial and Other Income	1,059,492	1,229,170	-169,678	1,475,004
Total Operating Income	26,523,997	21,915,833	4,608,164	26,299,000
Operating Expenditure				
Employee Expenses	14,056,926	13,783,600	-273,326	16,540,320
Materials and Contracts	11,682,542	8,350,257	-3,332,285	10,020,308
Elected Member Allowances	83,836	155,650	71,814	186,780
Elected Member Expenses	43,217	40,510	-2,707	48,612
Council Committee & LA Allowances	37,389	29,330	-8,059	35,196
Council Committee & LA Expenses	63,885	51,440	-12,445	61,728
Depreciation, Amortisation, and Impairment	2,333,334	2,333,333	-1	2,800,000
Other Expenses	10,909	8,380	-2,529	10,056
Total Operating Expenditure	28,312,038	24,752,500	3,559,538	29,703,000
Operating Surplus/Deficit	-1,788,041	-2,836,667	1,048,626	-3,404,000



Where did the income come from?

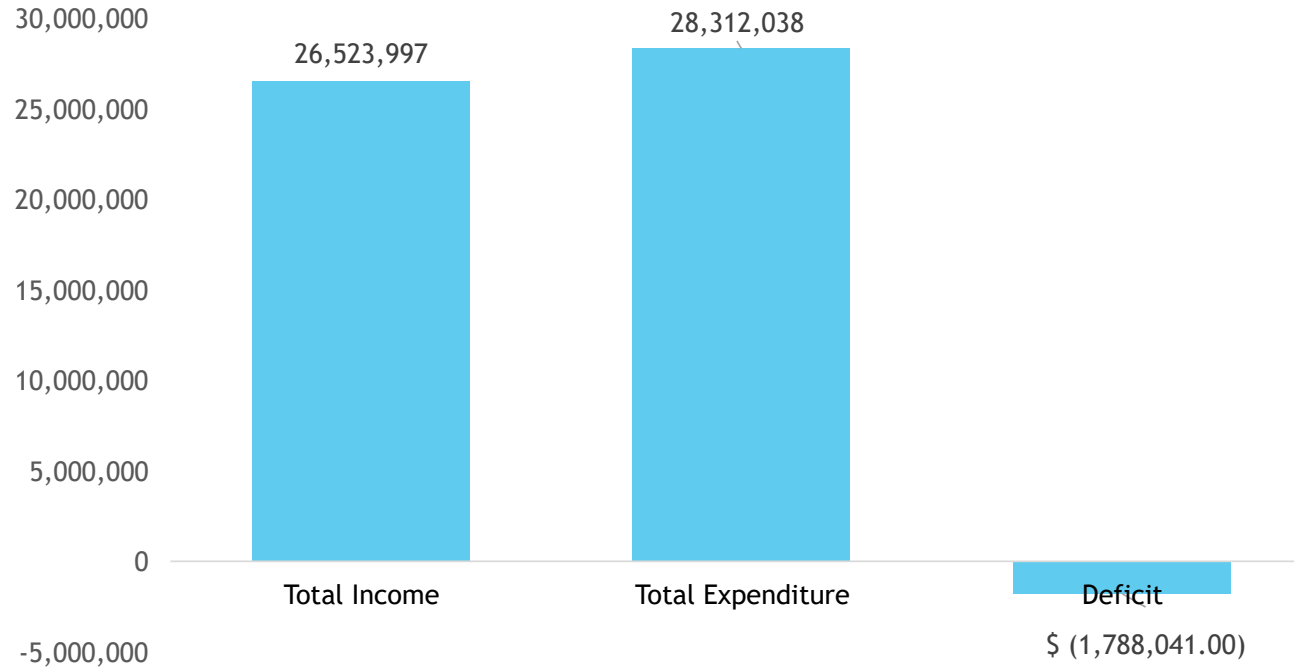
Total income = \$26,523,997

What were the expenses?

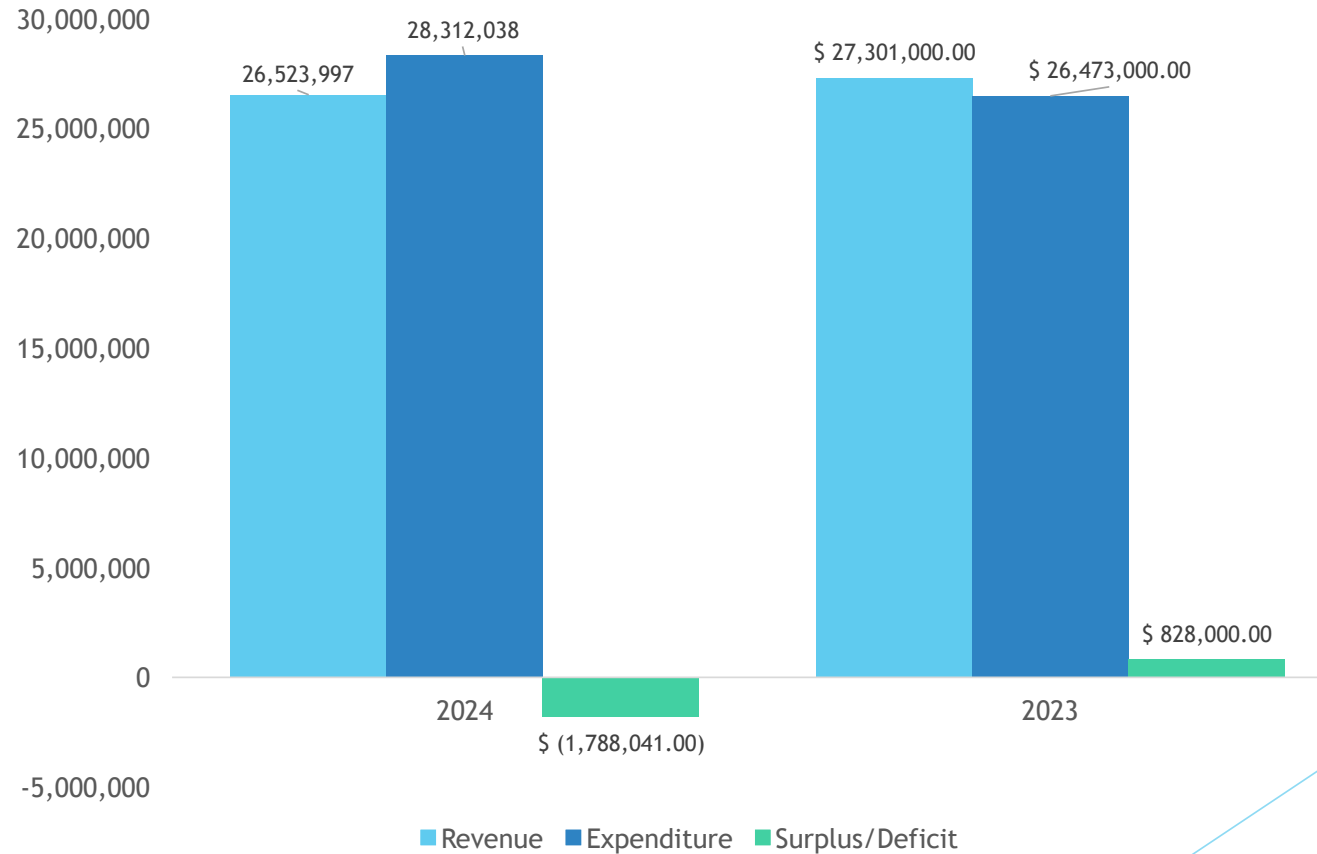


Total expenses = \$28,312,038

Results of operation



Income and Expenditure Trends



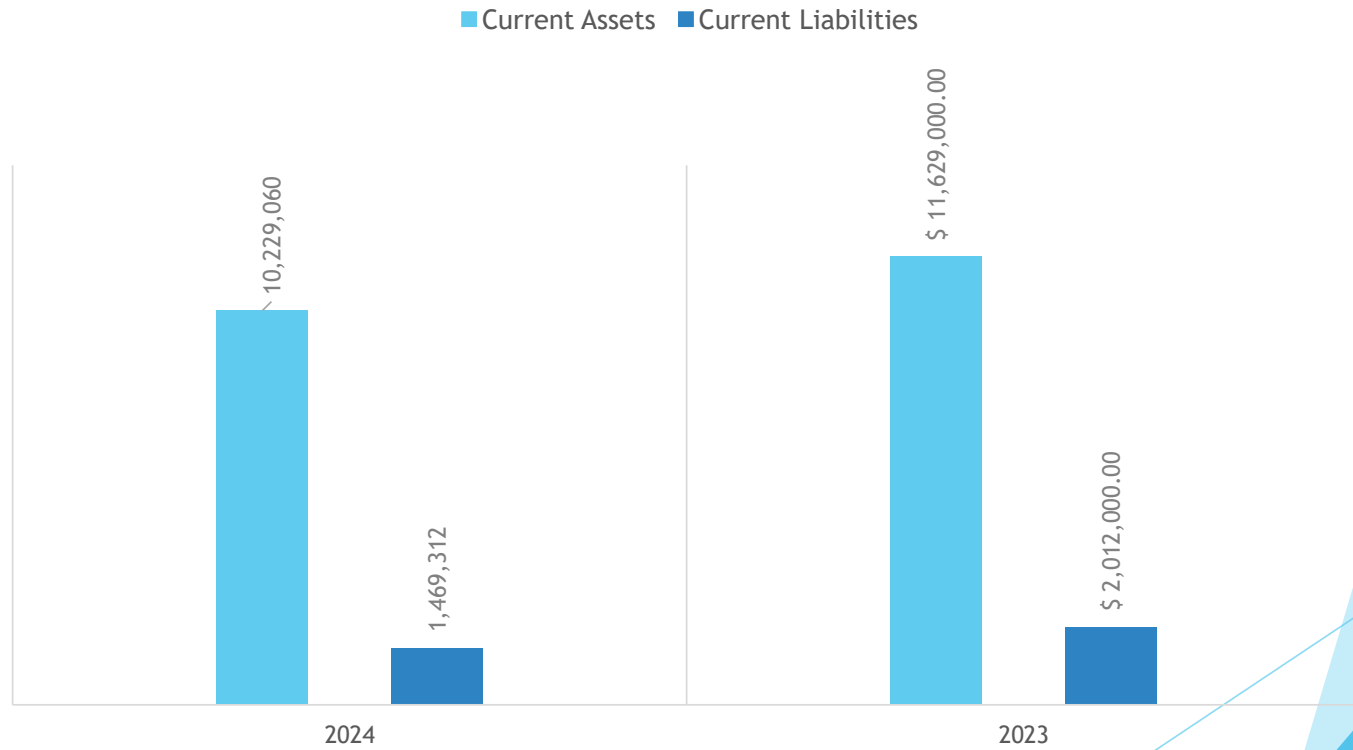
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Balance Sheet

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 th April 2024	YTD Actuals \$	FY2022/2023	Note Reference
ASSETS			
Cash at Bank			-1
Tied Funds	3,349,773	9,418,000	
Untied Funds	2,876,122	3,160,000	
Accounts Receivable			
Trade Debtors	544,022	564,000	-2
Rates & Charges Debtors	2,185,057	1,769,000	
Other Current Assets	1,274,085	80,000	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	10,229,060	14,991,000	
Non-Current Financial Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	59,508,060	62,296,000	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	59,508,060	62,296,000	
TOTAL ASSETS	69,737,119	77,287,000	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	155,464	1,214,000	-3
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	19,742	27,000	-4
Current Provisions	1,269,701	794,000	
Other Current Liabilities	24,405	0	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,469,312	2,035,000	
Non-Current Provisions	417,000	408,000	
Other Non-Current Liabilities	0	0	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	417,000	408,000	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,886,312	2,443,000	
NET ASSETS	67,850,808	74,844,000	
EQUITY			
Reserves	42,718,226	52,814,000	
Accumulated Surplus	25,132,582	22,030,000	
TOTAL EQUITY	67,850,808	74,844,000	

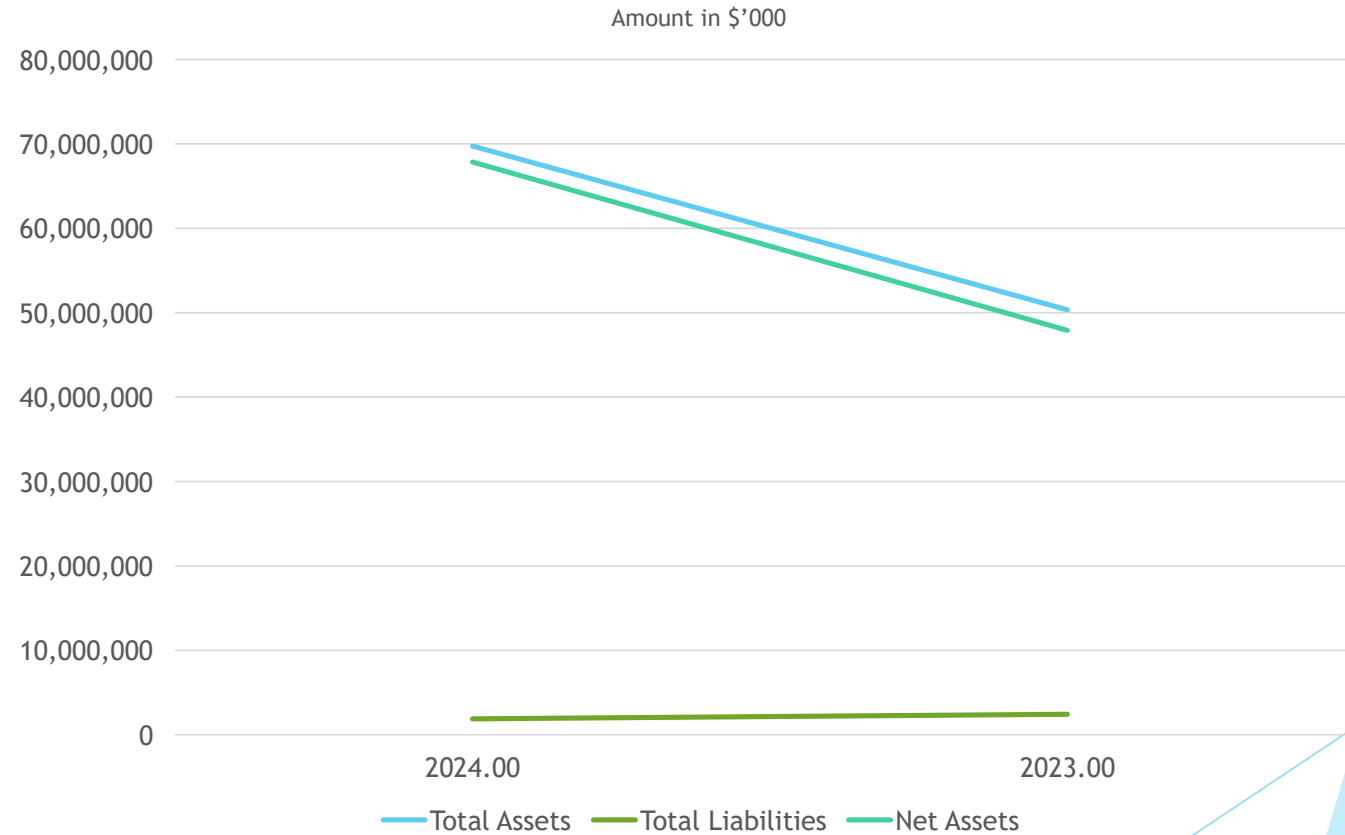


Able to pay its debts?



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Balance sheet trend



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Key performance indicators

Liquidity Test (Working Capital Ratio)	Amount
Current Assets:	\$10,229,059.67
Current Liabilities:	\$1,469,311.63
Current Liquidity Ratio:	6.96
Quick Asset Ratio:	4.24
2023 Liquidity Ratio:	4.8

Grants Overview May 2024 Council Meeting

Grants Successful

ApplicationNumber	GrantName	AgencyName	Amount
	No New Notice		

Grants Applied

Date	GrantName/Project	AgencyName	Amount
1.5.2024	New Jobs Trial Program	NIAA	\$691,648.00

Grants Unsuccessful

Date	GrantName/Project	AgencyName	Amount
	Vehicle Grant	NTG gift vehicle	Used minibus

Future Grants

Date Closing	GrantName/Project	AgencyName	Amount
	Wutunugurra vehicle in partnership with BRA	BRD	\$160,000
	Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program – Stream Precinct Development and Planning	Dept Infrastructure	\$500,000 minimum
	CBF Major Grant	NTG	Up to \$250,000
	CBF Minor Grant	NTG	Up to \$15,000

Grants Overview May 2024 Council Meeting

Grants Reporting Outstanding

ApplicationNumber	GrantName	AgencyName	ReportingType
AAI13100001	AAI 131 No Alcohol Drive In Movie Night in Alpururulam	Department of Health	Progress Report
AAI12600001	AAI 126 - Alpururulam Music Project	Department of Health	Performance Report
PW202300037	AAI 441 - Ali Curung Cultural Bush Trips	Department of Health	Performance Report
AAI12900001	AAI 129 - Barkly Regional Council - AOD Diversion - Alpururulam - No Grog No Violence Softball Project	Department of Health	Progress Report
2021PW00038	AAI 344 - Ampilatwatja Music and Events Project	Department of Health	Performance Report
CIGCPI00002	Tennant Creek - Cyber spots, safe seating and solar lighting	Department of Health	Performance Report
PW202200012	AAI 418 - The Circle of Creation: Walya Ngurpju Manu	Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities	Delivery Materials
NTSPCG00065	Suicide Story in Elliott Community	Department of Health	Progress Report
2021PW00017	AAI 337 Alpururulam Bush Tucker Garden Project	Department of Health	Progress Report
2021PW00033	AAI 343 - Epenarra Men's Shed Refurbishment	Department of Health	Progress Report
2021PW00006	AAI 341 - Elliott Yarning Circle	Department of Health	Performance Report
AAI20600001	AAI 206 - Multimedia and Music Workshops	Department of Health	Performance Report
2020PW00017	AAI 306 – Elliott Community Sports	Department of Health	Performance Report
AAI20400001	AAI204 – Alpururulam School Holiday	Department of Health	Performance Report
AAI12800001	AAI128 – Alpururulam Youth Diversion	Department of Health	Performance Report
AAI12700001	AAI127 – Alpururulam Diversion bush Tucker	Department of Health	Performance Report

Financial Acquittals for the AAI's are also outstanding due to the projects not being completed. The department has extended these to November 2024.

Grants Overview May 2024 Council Meeting

Infrastructure projects: There is an issue with the Epenarra Men's Shed Refurbishment where the building is in need of repairs that are in excess of the funds available.

WARM reporting due May 31, 2024, This project needs to sit before a council meeting and be minuted and those minutes uploaded to GrantsNT. No other reporting slated for May 2024.

8 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Corporate Services Directorate Reports

8.1 Corporate Services Directorate Report

Reference <Enter Ref here>
Author Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes this report

SUMMARY

This item embraces reports covering the Annual plan, monthly workforce profile report, ICT report and report around the Veterinary visits.

BACKGROUND

Report is provided as information to the Council on some of the Directorate's activities during the month.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Ability to deliver payroll services if there are any further delays in implementing the Elmo conversion.

Ability to deliver ICT services should the conversion be delayed further.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

n/a

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

n/a

CONSULTATION & TIMING

presentation & questions

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Corporate Services report May 24 [8.1.1 - 1 page]
2. APRIL 2024 WORKFORCE PROFILE REPORT [8.1.2 - 2 pages]
3. May24 Animal Welfare Rpt [8.1.3 - 2 pages]
4. ICT Report May 2024 [8.1.4 - 2 pages]

5. service desk overview [**8.1.5** - 2 pages]

Corporate Services report May 24

The Corporate team is pleased to report across the following areas of Council services:

23-24 Annual Plan:

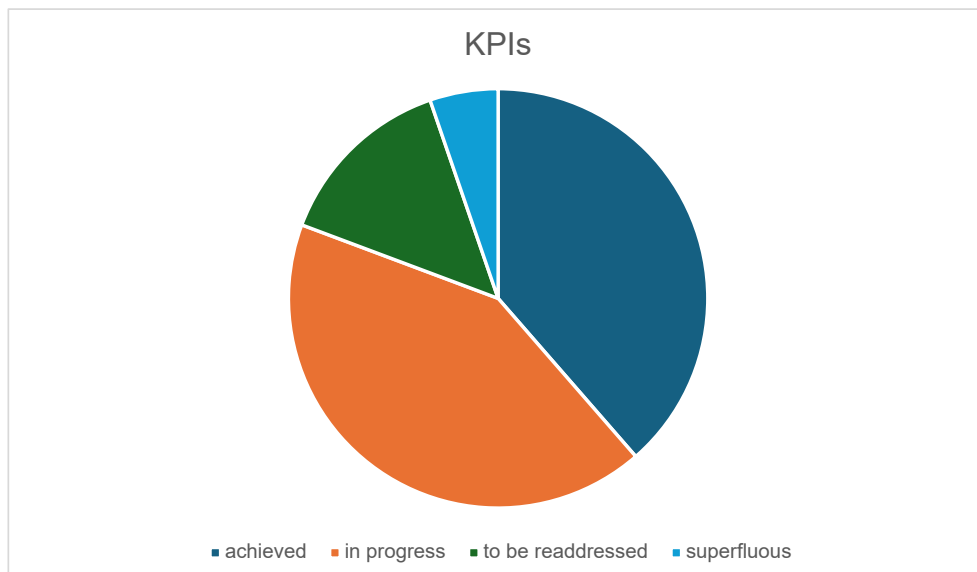
On behalf of the Executive Leadership Team (ELT), the current Annual Plan has been reviewed and assessed against its key performance indicators (KPIs). There are currently seven key goal areas determined by Council, embracing:

- Services, facilities and programs
- Council and community infrastructure
- Leadership and Governance
- Tourism and Economic Development
- Culture, Environment and Heritage
- Progressing stakeholder engagement
- Employer of Choice

with fifty-seven main deliverables across these headings.

The ELT has determined that of these twenty-two have been achieved yet may also be ongoing, twenty-four are progressing and appropriately embrace multiple years to achieve, three embrace services either Council does not provide, or provided by NTG. The remainder were either dependent upon receiving grant funding or with unmeasurable KPIs and if appropriate will be reformatted within the 24-25 plans.

Council staff have prepared the 24-25 Strategic and Operational plans, with the Strategic plan to be presented to this meeting at a later point on the agenda.



APRIL 2024 WORKFORCE PROFILE REPORT

Fast Statistics

- Budgeted FTE is 186.80 which remains unchanged from January 2024
- Actual FTE is 147.34 which is ▲ 8.13 from January 2024
- Head Count is 270 people which is ▼ five people from January 2024
- 57.78% of our Workforce are employed in Communities which is ▼ 0.60% from January 2024
- Females make up 38.15% of our workforce which is ▲ 0.10% from January 2024
- Our workforce is 65.93% (178) ATSI, which remains unchanged from January 2024
- 86.54% of our ATSI workforce work in Community, which is ▼ 0.42% from January 2024

Figure 1 Gender & Indigenous Demographic

GENDER	ATSI	Non-ATSI	TOTAL
Trans & NB	1 0.56%	1 1.09%	2 0.74%
Female	72 40.45%	31 33.70%	103 38.15%
Male	105 58.99%	60 65.22%	165 61.11%
TOTAL	178 65.93%	92 34.07%	270 100.00%

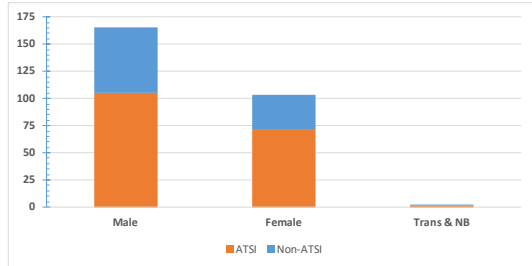
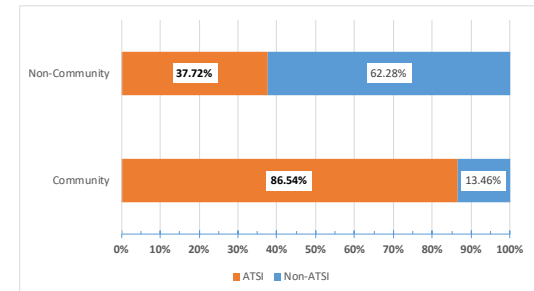


Figure 2 ATSI/Non-ATSI & Community Work Status

LOCATION	ATSI	Non-ATSI	TOTAL
Community	135 86.54%	21 13.46%	156 57.78%
Non-Community	43 37.72%	71 62.28%	114 42.22%
TOTAL	178 65.93%	92 34.07%	270 100.00%



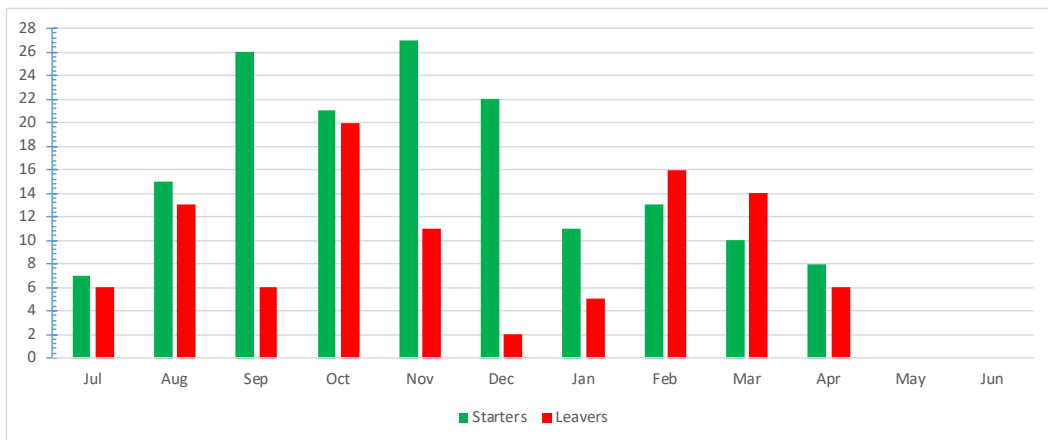
Starters and Leavers Report

FYTD There has been 160 new commencements. Recruitment has steadied off over the last 4 months as the focus has shifted to replacing only those positions that are funded and critical to delivering services into the communities. FYTD there has been ninety-nine terminations, with the majority being inactive casuals being removed from the payroll system.

As can be observed in Figure 3 during April 8 people joined the organisation and six people left the organisation, leaving the organisation with 270 employees.

Figure 1 Starters & Leavers Report

Month	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Starters	21	7	15	26	21	27	22	11	13	10	8			160
Leavers	16	6	13	6	20	11	2	5	16	14	6			99
Employed	209	210	212	232	233	249	269	275	272	268	270			270

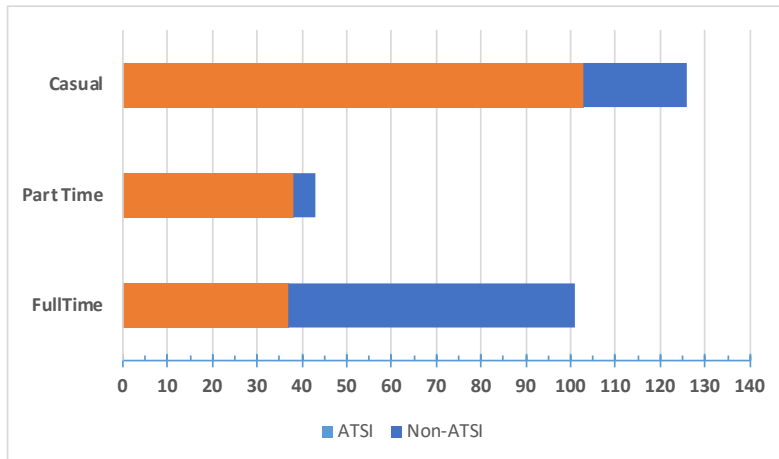


Employment Status

Shown in Figure 4, fulltime employees make up 37.4% of our workforce, with part time employees making up 15.9%. Casual employees represent 46.7% of the workforce.

Figure 2 Employment Status by ATSI Identity

Employment	ATSI		Non-ATSI		TOTAL	
FullTime	37	20.8%	64	69.6%	101	37.4%
Part Time	38	21.3%	5	5.4%	43	15.9%
Casual	103	57.9%	23	25.0%	126	46.7%
Total	178	100.0%	92	100.0%	270	100.0%



ELMO Update

The conversion to ELMO continued in April with data continuing to be converted to spreadsheets for uploading. Due to unplanned staff leave a delay in data conversion occurred, which delayed running test pay-runs. The remainder of the conversion spreadsheets are planned to be converted by mid-May with test pay-runs completed shortly thereafter. The current pay system will be turned off on 28 June 2024, so Elmo is required to be operational prior to the first pay run in the Financial Year 2024/25. The ICT Coordinator has made arrangements for the current data base to be copied and given to Council on or about 28 June 2024.

EBA Implementation

Fortnightly pay will commence with the first pay run in the new Financial Year. Post implementation consideration will be given to implementing the Sleepover Allowance section 29.

Key Resignations

Kim Stewart - Community Care Zone Manager (South)

HR Projects

Review of Working with Children Checks

Project: Review all staff files for persons who work with children as part of their duties to ensure full compliance with the Care and Protection of Children Act 2007.

- Project Start: 01/02/2024
- Expected End: 30/04/2024
- Project Status: Continuing
- Project Targets
 - Community Compliance – 55% completed
 - Tennant Creek Compliance – 35% completed
 - Senior Management Compliance – Not commenced
- Issue: Slow response times from workers and their Coordinators and Team Leaders in providing information required.
- Strategy: Request managers to organise collection of outstanding forms with the assistance of their Coordinators and Team Leaders.

Animal Welfare Report

During May, commenced from Monday 6th Barkly Veterinary service has been conducting the half-yearly clinics contracted by Barkly Regional Council (BRC) across Barkly Region.

At the time of this report, the clinics commenced with Ali Curung, then Imangara, Ampilatwatja, Wutunugurra and Canteen Creek completed. Further clinics will have occurred by the timing of the Council's meeting at Elliott and Alpururulam.

The clinic will provide reports to Council regarding each clinic. To date, the one relating to Ali Curung has been furnished:

Ali Curung Vet report

Surgical Procedures

- Speys (Ovariohysterectomies): 13
- Neuters (Castrations): 12
- General Surgeries:
 - 1 lump removal
 - 2 dental procedures

Health Findings

- Mange Infestation: 20% of dogs affected, treated with ivermectin and Credelio
- Lameness: Found in 5% of dogs
- Tick Prevalence: Less than 5%
- Average Age of Dogs: 5-7 years
- Litters of Puppies Seen: 5
- Average Body Condition Score (BCS): 3/5

Consultations

- General Consults: 3

Community Engagement

- Owner Absence: Less than 5%
- Community Response: Positive, with owners, primary health clinic, police, and council engaging well with the vets

half of the canine population already desexed. The average BCS of 3/5 indicates a generally healthy population.

BRC's Local laws manager accompanied the veterinary visits, conducting the annual dog welfare census, data which is useful in planning future clinics. A number of owners did not present their dogs to the current clinic, noting that they would do so in October at the next clinic.

One point noted is that appropriate sites need to be identified in each community for the clinic to operate from as at least in one community, the clinic was held from the Area Manager's residence, which is inappropriate. Appropriate facilities within the Council's works precinct/office would be more suitable, considering surgical processes involved.

As on this occasion the clinics were booked directly with each Area Manager, potential greater organisational benefit may be achieved through centralized management and scheduling of future clinics ensuring appropriate staffing levels, provision of appropriate resourcing, including identifying suitable clinic locations and staff accommodation.



IT Report – May 2024

Over the past one-month the Information and communication technologies (ICT) Team has assisted Barkly Staff with their IT issues via our Fresh Service ticketing system, ICT on call helpdesk, emails, and onsite visits.

Community Visits:

Alpurrurulam : IT staff visited Alpurrurulam community to plug in the new Telstra Direct Internet connection and upgraded the video conferencing system.

Alicurung and Ampilatwatja: IT Staff visited Alicurung and Ampilatwatja sites to connect and activate the recently installed Sar Link services to our network to mitigate the possibility of the risk of Telstra Internet disconnection due to Telstra IPVAS exit.

CouncilBIZ IT Transition:

Councilbiz is currently working on the Intune deployment for BRC, recently upgrading one test computer at each community and IT staff computers.

SharePoint Migration:

SharePoint migration is in progress as last updated by councilbiz IT manager, which is expected to be rolled out once the Intune deployment is finalised which is expected to be completed by the end of June.

Data Centre Shutdown:

CouncilBIZ has advised that they are ceasing the data centre at Darwin on 28 June 2024 with our server to be moved to the BRC Admin office at Tennant Creek. Citrix, MagiQ and Tech1 are internal sites which rely on the data centre.

IT Projects:

Doc's on Tap:

IT staff are currently implementing Doc's on Tap which is a structured document management system for agendas and minutes for Council and LA meetings.

Website upgrade:

Council website is due for a mandatory upgrade, needing to be done in place before June 30th. IT staff has been obtaining quotations from local suppliers (who are not on local buy) and currently seeking quotations through the Local Buy facility also.

Elliot Safehouse:

Elliott safehouse currently has a rather slow internet connection. IT is working to have Star Link connected which is estimated to be completed by end of May.

Service Desk Overview

Generated Date: May 22, 2024

Date Range: in the last 30 Days + 3 Additional filters.

Provides insights about ticket inflows and SLA compliance

🌐 Date Range : Last 30 Days 🌐 Agent Group 🌐 Agent 🌐 Requester Location

Received Tickets 59 ▲ 40.48%	Unresolved Tickets 56	Resolved Tickets 55 ▼ 5.17%	First Contact Resolution Rate 67.27% ▼ 22.92%
Resolution SLA Compliance 78.18% ▼ 4.44%	Average Resolution Time 3d 12h 34m 25s ▼ 27.52%	First Response SLA Compliance 54.05% ▼ 28.57%	Average First Response Time 20h 56m 24s ▲ 66.08%

Refer to the pages below for in-depth analysis of the above metrics.

9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Community Development Directorate Reports

9.1 Community Development Directorate Report

Reference <Enter Ref here>
Author Gillian Molloy (Director of Community Development)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and accepts the Community Development Directorate report

SUMMARY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Safe House

Ali Curung Safe House is encountering operational difficulties due to the absence of a Coordinator. Meanwhile, Elliott Safe House is managing operations smoothly despite the coordinator being on maternity leave, with an Acting Coordinator and four casual staff members in place.

Elliott Safe House continues to host regular programs like morning teas and information sessions, demonstrating the ongoing dedication to community service. However, similar programs have been temporarily halted at Ali Curung Safe House due to staffing shortages, expected to resume once a coordinator is recruited.

Despite these hurdles, BRC Safe Houses remains committed to its mission of providing essential support services. Community Development is focused on continuous improvement and innovation to effectively address the community's changing needs.

YSR

The Youth, Sports, and Recreation (YSR) program in some communities is facing disruptions due to staffing challenges. In Alpurrurulam, the absence of the team leader, who is temporarily relocated to Elliott, has impacted program leadership and daily operations.

Likewise, Ampilatwatja is struggling to deliver the YSR program effectively. The team leader's focus on administrative tasks rather than youth engagement has hindered program delivery, affecting its impact and meeting youth needs.

To address Ampilatwatja's challenges, a partnership has been established with Barkly Regional Arts and MusicNT to organise a Music Week during the school holiday period.

Despite these difficulties, efforts are underway to boost participation and cultural activities in the communities. Collaborative initiatives with stakeholders and flexible program scheduling are crucial strategies in overcoming obstacles and maintaining the program's success in serving youth effectively.

Staffing Updates

This is the present staffing level of Safe houses and Youth Recreation Programs:



BACKGROUND

Recently, Ali Curung Safe House has faced operational challenges due to the absence of a Coordinator, resulting in the temporary suspension of the Safe House. However, we haven't received any DFV reports from the Ali Curung Police. In contrast, the Elliott Safe House continues to operate smoothly under an Acting Coordinator, maintaining its commitment to DFV community service. BRC Safe Houses remains dedicated to providing essential DFV support despite these hurdles. Similarly, the Youth, Sports, and Recreation (YSR) program has experienced disruptions in Alpururulam and Ampilatwatja due to staffing issues. To address these challenges, BRC has partnered with Barkly Regional Arts and MusicNT to organise initiatives like Music Week during the school holidays and plans to resume YSR programs as soon as possible.

The Community Safety Program generally operates regularly across most communities, except for Arlparra, which urgently needs suitable candidates. Despite ongoing issues like break-ins, particularly in Ali Curung, efforts maintain community safety. The Aged Care program supports 74 Elders across several communities, focusing on improving service delivery through regular training and meetings. Although the NDIS Coordinator role has been vacant for 11 months, the program continues to support 11 clients with active services. BRC is committed to enhancing staff competence, increasing service delivery, and addressing operational challenges such as unauthorised staff absences and necessary repairs at Aged Care Centres. Upcoming activities include training sessions, community events, and new initiatives to improve care and support for community members.

Location	Department	Staff	Vacant	Comment
Tennant Creek	Safe houses and YSR	1	2	Recruitment ongoing
Ali Curung	YSR	4		
Alpururulam	YSR	3	1	1 Staff relocated to Elliott temporarily
Ampilatwatja	YSR	3	1	
Arlparra	YSR	3	1	
Elliott	YSR	4		
Wutunugurra	YSR	3	1	Team leader position vacant
Ali Curung	Safe House	2	1	Coordinator – commencing 29 th May
Elliott	Safe House	4		Coordinator on parental leave
RN Employment Trial Partnership Program		3	1	RN employment looking for candidate in Ali Curung

Highlights and Achievements

- Successful celebration of Music week in Ampilatwatja from 08/04/2024 till 12/04/2024 in partnership with Barkly Arts and MusicNT.

- School holiday program in communities: 08/04/2024 till 12/04/2024
- The Regional Manager presented the DRAFT proposal of the Cultural Bush Trip program for Ali Curung at the LA meeting, LA members were very supportive of this, and the Art centre and School requested to work together on this with us.

Goals & Objectives

The immediate objective of the department is to resume the YSR program in Alpurrurulam and Ampilatwatja

The goal is to meet the KPI as outlined in the agreement.

Challenges and Issues

- Insufficient Resources: YSR program urgently needs a vehicle for Ampilatwatja, Alpurrurulam, and Wutunugurra. Initial meeting to address this vehicle issue with Barkly Regional Deal was successful, we are now drafting a proposal to acquire a bus through Barkly Regional Arts as being a council we cannot apply for this fund.
- Leadership Gap: Alpurrurulam operates without a team leader, impacting program delivery and future performance reports. Ampilatwatja Team leader's focus on administrative tasks rather than youth engagement has resulted in a lack of YSR program delivery. This situation has created challenges in maintaining the program's impact and meeting the needs of youth in the community.
- Performance Evaluation Concerns: Leadership vacancies and other challenges are affecting the overall performance evaluation of the YSR program.

Stakeholder Engagement

This is the list of the stakeholders are working with us during the school holiday program in the communities:

Stakeholder	Date	Location	Comment
	Ongoing	Tennant Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To celebrate International Women’s Day - Elliott • Celebrate Music Week at Ampilatwatja and week program in Ali Curung focused on Youth
MusicNT	Ongoing	Tennant Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate Music Week at Ampilatwatja and week program
CAYLUS	Ongoing	Online, Ali Curung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support YSR program in Ali Curung 30/04/2024 to 26/06/2024

Resource Allocation

- YSR Team leader – Alpururulam is working at Elliott until the investigation is over.
- CAYLUS’s TROOPY from Alpururulam is relocated temporarily to Arlparra.

Training

- YSR staff attending the VSA training in Alice Spring next month.
- Safe house staff attending the Risk Assessment and Management Framework (RMAF) training in Tennant Creek next month.

Reporting

Upcoming reporting:

Program	Report	Due Date	Responsibility	Comment
Safe House	Monthly Report (April)	End of May	Safe House Coordinator	Regional Manager to check
Program	Report	Due Date	Responsibility	Comment
Safe House	Monthly Report (April)	End of May	Safe House Coordinator	Regional Manager to check

Feedback and Complaint

- A complaint was made by the Youth Sports and Recreation Team leader – Alpururulam on 16/02/2024. The matter is sitting with HR department.
- Complaint received from Elliott community member verbally, as it was a civil matter, informed her to report it to the police if needed.

Upcoming Activities

- Skateboard Workshop for communities in partnership with Build-up Skateboarding:
 1. Arlparra: 07/05/2024
 2. Ampilatwatja: 08/05/2024
 3. Ali Curung: 09 and 10/05/2024
 4. Elliott: 14/05/2024
- Ali Curung Music Therapy in partnership with Barkly Regional Arts: 20/05/2024 – 25/05/2024
- Ali Curung Cultural Bush Trip starting this month

COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAM

All Community Safety operations operate regularly except Arlparra Community, which has no workers, and the priority is to find suitable candidates for this community's services. Services are provided to Communities on a daily basis, reflecting the ongoing need for support due to break-ins in some of our communities, mainly Ali Curung.



BRC Community Safety remains steadfast in its mission of providing essential support services to individuals and Stakeholders in Communities. Our commitment to this mission is unwavering, and we continue to work diligently to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities.

Also, keeping up to date with working with children's cards and Police checks for individual staff
The community safety staff also assisted in sports and recreation in Elliott and Wutunugurra.

Staffing Updates

This is the present staffing level for Community Safety

Location	Department	Staff	Vacant	Comment
Ali Curung	Community Safety	5	1	Female Community Safety officer
Alpurrurulam	Community Safety	3	1	Female Community Safety Officer
Ampilatwatja	Community Safety	4	1	Male Community Safety Officer
Arlparra	Community Safety		4	One Team leader and Three Community Safety Officer
Canteen Creek	Canteen Creek	3	1	One Male Community Safety Officer
Wutunugurra	Community Safety	3	1	One Male Community Safety Officer
Mungkarta	Community Safety	3	1	One male Community Safety Officer
Elliott	Community Safety	4	2	One Female and Male Community Safety Officer
Tara	Community Safety	3	1	One Male Community Safety Officer
Murray Downs/Imangara	Community Safety	3	1	One Female Community Safety Officer

Goals & Objectives

The goal is more training for staff and Timesheet and completing the Stats report is ongoing. It would be good to have a training and development person who can assist us with that basic training which is mandatory for each member of staff. Keeping up with Vehicle check list and servicing for Community Safety Vehicles.

The goal is to meet the KPI as outlined in the agreement.

Challenges and Issues

Computer and 4WD and First Aid training are the key issues for Community Safety Staff and updating Ochre Cards and driver licence for some of the Community Safety Staff.

Keeping up to date with Community Safety Vehicle servicing, repairs, and registration.

Conducting a regular program in all Community Safety areas is a challenge after the recent partnership agreement with Central Desert Training dropped off because of the under delivery of services.

Stakeholder Engagement

This is the list of the stakeholders in the communities:

	Report	Due Date	Responsibility	Comment
Police/ Ali Curung	Break ins and alcohol on Community	Ongoing	Police and Community Elders to speak with Community Safety Manager and Community	Feedback from Police and Community Members and Area Managers
Police/Arlparra	Stolen Vehicles and Alcohol on Community	Ongoing	Police and Community Elders to speak with Community members	Feedback from Police and Elders
Area Managers on Communities	Break and enters, Community Safety Patrol	Ongoing	Area Managers to notify Community Safety Regional Manager and Zone Manager	Feedback from Area Managers for Community Safety patrol and performances

Feedback and Complaint

Computer and Scanner on Communities to be rectified by IT Support Team and IT are following up on these issues on Community.

Upcoming Activities

These following activities that are forth coming and needs Community Safety Staff to Support:

- Country and Town AFL / 25th of May – Tennant Creek
- 40th Anniversary Canteen Creek on June the 28th to 1st of July

COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAMS

Aged Care

- At present we have 74 participants (Elders) receiving our Home Care Services.
- Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, Arlparra, Ampilatwatja and Elliott Aged Care are operating on a regular basis.



- Regular fortnightly meeting with Team leaders is ongoing and now includes a regular inhouse training session.
- Sorry Business in Tennant Creek, Ali Curung and Ampilatwatja in the past month.
- New Clients are under the assessment process at both Alpururulam and Ali Curung Aged Care.

Ampilatwatja Aged Care	Number	Arlparra Aged Care	Number	Total Ampilatwatja / Arlparra
CHSP	9	CHSP	13	22
NATSIFAC	6	NATSIFAC	7	13
Total	15	Total	20	35

Ali Curung Aged Care	Number	Elliott Aged Care	Number	Total Ali Curung / Elliott / Alpururulam
CHSP	14	CHSP	9	25
NATSIFAC	4	NATSIFAC	4	14
Total	18	Total	13	39

Alpururulam Aged Care	Number		
CHSP	2	Total CSHP	47
NATSIFAC	6	Total NATSIFAC	27
Total	8	All Total	74

NDIS

The Community Care Team are currently reviewing our disability services. At present we have 11 NDIS clients with 3 active supports in place, across all 5 communities (combined). The NDIS Coordinator role has been vacant for the past 11 months.

Staffing Updates

This is the present staffing level of Community Care programs.

Location	Roles	Staff	Vacant	Comment
Tennant Creek	Regional Manager Zone Managers Administration	3	1	Recruitment process in place for new Zone Manager. New Zone Manager PD approved. Alana Khoory doing higher duties and acting in Zone Manager position. NDIS Coordinator position on hold.



Ali Curung	Team Leader Officers	4 (only 2 show up consistently)		<p>Unapproved leave a current challenge.</p> <p>Staff often only work one day a week.</p> <p>Have connected with RN regarding new applicants / employees.</p> <p>The Team Leader is about to go on leave due to family commitment's (June 3rd to June 28th).</p> <p>About to lose a dependable CC Officer as he is moving away in July.</p>
Alpurrurulam	Team Leader Officers	4		<p>Unapproved leave a current challenge.</p> <p>Team Leader has been acting in Lake Nash Area Manager role.</p>
Ampilatwatja	Team Leader Officers	4 (only 3 show up consistently)		<p>New Team Leader to start on 22nd of May. Working with Rainbow Gateway for additional staff.</p>
Arlparra	Team Leader Officers	3	1	<p>Resignation received on 15/5/24 for reliable CC Officer as he is moving away.</p> <p>HR informed we need to recruit. Team Leader Shirley has identified 2 new possible staff and is interviewing them this week.</p>
Elliott	Team Leader Officers	7		<p>Unapproved leave a current challenge.</p>

Highlights and Achievements

- New Regional Manager has now visited all 5 Home Maker Centres. While on community they contributed to care rounds and met most Elders / Community Care Participants. An *asset list* has been created for all centres.
- The Community Care team now have probation and staff appraisal policy in place. CC Zone Managers have been trained on how to use forms and conduct meetings with their staff. A plan has been developed to ensure all CC staff have regular support, appraisals done and

begin their employment with a probationary period. This means we will be compliant with Standard 7 of the Aged Care Quality Standards.

- A 'How to Guides' have been developed to refer new participants / Elders to RAS assessments. This will hopefully increase our participant numbers.
- 3 staff meetings with inhouse training have been conducted with Team Leaders. Each session the team are workshopping solutions to challenges and creating a shared plan to increase service delivery.
- The NDIS claims have been claimed (the permissible 3 months back dated) and all required follow up regarding client's new care management providers has been completed.
- A new plan has been developed to ensure BRC Home Makers work more closely with Allied Health Teams. A regular *community of practice* will also now take place with primary health staff from each community's clinics.
- Elliott Aged Care got a deep clean inside and out. In addition, they now have the required PPE equipment.
- The Funding Arrangement Manager from NT Health Grants Community Grants Hub has agreed to authorise BRC giving weekly 'personal care kits' to Elders and will recognise this as "a personal care activity". This will greatly increase our CHSP deliverables in each community. Team Leaders have been advised to continue to log Elders 'right to dignity of choice' in relation to their activities of daily living in the client progress notes. Zone managers have already sought costings and quotes for the kits.

Goals and Objectives

Staff:

- Increase staff competence, skill base and interest in their roles.
- Strengthen staff knowledge and understanding of their roles and responsibilities in alignment with the funding agreements.
- Provide a safe space for staff to confidentially air past grievances with BRC and do reconciliation work for them to recommit to new vision.
- Increase the number of casual CC Officers across all centres, to take pressure off Team Leaders.
- Create a training plan to ensure all staff have access to opportunities to gain knowledge of Aged Care and the needs of their Elders.

Service Delivery:

- Increase service delivery. Improve numbers in Personal Care, Domestic Assistance, Centre – Based Respite, Social Support (group and individual).
- Discontinue NDIS service provision.
- Introduce "Cooking Class / Health Promotion" activities in the Barkly Aged Care catchment as required by funding agreement.

Operational:

- Ensure all CC vehicles have registration, have completed current services, logbooks (staff trained in how to use them) and first aid kits and jacks. Ensure all staff know how to change a tyre, use a satellite phone, and respond to an emergency.
- Ensure all CC staff have current Police Checks and Working with Children Checks.
- Get a Budget and Monthly expenditure overview.

- Strengthen BRC reputation in the greater community. Re frame how people understand the role of the Home Maker centres.
- Ensure all CC Home Maker Centres have safety policies and procedures.
- Ensure all reporting requirements are completed and on time.

Stakeholder	Date	Location	Details
<p>RAS Service Manager Regional Assessment Service My Aged Care</p> <p>Home Support Assessor Regional Assessment Service Northern Territory ARRCS/ APM</p>	Friday 3rd of May	Online	<p>Discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Past challenges the RAS Service has had with BRC Aged Care Services. -Shared new staff resources BRC CC Team have develop for staff to improve their understanding of Elder Assessment processes. -Requested to be added to the My Age Care list registered providers, within referral portal. -Ask for that Elder Assessments be done between 1pm and 3:30pm (when staff available.)
<p>Service Delivery Division Ageing and Aged Care Group Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care</p> <p>Attending for Department of Health and Aging: Acting Director Regional Manager Engagement Officer</p>	Monday 29th of April	Online	<p>Gave an overview of current service delivery.</p> <p>Discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges and knowledge gaps in staff. -How the Dep of Health and Aging can support BRC to improve the quality-of-service delivery. -Discrepancies between data recorded and claimed for. DEX data needs improving. <p>Confirmed: Friday the 14th of June Networking opportunity for Service Providers. Department would like <u>all</u> remote Team Leaders to attend. <i>Relationships Australia</i> will be doing a workshop on Elder Abuse.</p>
<p>Dementia Australia Dementia Support Specialist Dementia Australia</p>	Tuesday 16th of April	In person	<p>Discussed ways Dementia Australia and the BRC Community Care team can work together to improve staff skills and better support Elders with dementia in the community better.</p> <p>Brainstormed possibilities for community awareness events in</p>



			<p>Home Makers in the later part of 2024.</p> <p>Confirmed FREE Staff training in partnership with PPK Nursing home and Dementia Australia for Monday, 3 June 2024 12:30 PM- 3:30 PM (UTC+09:30) Darwin.</p>
<p>Older Australians Wellbeing Program Clinical Nurse Consultant Older Australians Wellbeing Program Aged Care Unit NT Health</p>	<p>Wednesday 1st of May</p>	<p>Online</p>	<p>Discussed ways we can collaborate to improve staff understanding of Elders need for mental health supports.</p> <p>This service is supported by NT Primary Health Network and NT Health Psychogeriatric Service.</p> <p>Organised and confirmed FREE Training for Staff on 20th of May at the Arlparra Home Maker Centre.</p>
<p>RN Employment Post Placement Support Officer</p>	<p>Tuesday 14th of May</p>	<p>Online</p>	<p>Discussed possible candidates and open employment opportunities at the Home Makers.</p>
<p>Funding Arrangement Manager, NT Health Grants Community Grants Hub Northern Territory</p>	<p>Wednesday 15th of May</p>	<p>Online</p>	<p>Discussed funding deliverables, challenges and amendments required.</p>
<p>Rainbow Gateway</p>	<p>Thursday 16th of May</p>		<p>Discussed possible candidates and open employment opportunities at the Home Makers.</p> <p>Also gained approval to complete works on the Ampilatwatja Home Maker property.</p>
<p>Senior Provider Engagement Officer Provider Engagement NT National Disability Insurance Agency</p>	<p>Thursday 18th of April</p>	<p>Online</p>	<p>Discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BRC's 9 months of NDIS claims. -The NDIS' response to poor service delivery and no case management from BRC. -The reduction of NDIS clients under the care of BRC. -The viability of program.

Feedback and Complaint

- One complaint was received at Ali Curung Home Maker on 7/5/24. Participant / Elder requested additional food in their hamper. It was resolved that day.

Upcoming Activities

- Dementia Australia Training.
- Visit from Older Australian Wellbeing program.
- Weekly BBQs at each centre for group activities have started this month.
- Monthly pamper days (hair washing and hand massages) will start next month.

Challenges and Issues

- Staff unauthorised absence which results in delay with service delivery.
- Team Leaders have requested leave due to family commitments, which means over the next two months Zone Managers and the Regional Manager will need to cover shifts out on community.
- Repairs needed at Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja and Elliot Home Makers. Quotes have been sought.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

10 TENNANT CREEK DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Tennant Creek Directorate Reports

10.1 Mural Artwork to Purkiss Park Assets

Author Ryan Francis (Acting Director - Tennant Creek), Lauren McDonnell (Senior Administration Officer)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council receives and considers the proposal by Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation.

SUMMARY

Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation have put forward a proposal whereby anti-smoking mural artwork is painted to the public toilets and changerooms around the Purkiss Park football oval as part of a social marking campaign.

BACKGROUND

The council are asked to please refer to the attached email which details the request from Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Ensuring the artwork is in line with the overall master plan for the park.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

5 minutes.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Email from Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation [10.1.1 - 2 pages]

Ryan Francis

From: Reanna Bathern <reanna.bathern@anyinginyi.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 19 April 2024 9:51 AM
To: Ryan Francis
Cc: Garry James; Heather Burton
Subject: Mural proposal; Purkis reserve football oval.

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Dear Ryan,

My name is Reanna Bathern, I am the team leader for the Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) program at Public Health Section, Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation.

The TIS regional tobacco control program aims to improve the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through the reduction and cessation of tobacco use.

Our team covers the Barkly region and delivers smoking cessation messages through social marketing, education sessions at schools and communities and by hosting Public Health events.

As you may be aware, Tobacco smoking causes many health problems including chronic diseases such as ischaemic heart disease, stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, diabetes, and various cancers (for example, lung, throat, liver, and colorectal cancers). It is estimated to be responsible for 23% of the health gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. Since 2008, there has been a greater focus on reducing smoking prevalence among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Studies done in past have proven that social marketing campaigns have contributed to the reduction of smoking among people (A. Bryant and Grier 2005). Australian Government has also invested in social marketing campaigns focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who smoke such as the anti-smoking campaign "don't make smokes your story". It features an Aboriginal man (Ted) talking about his experiences of smoking and the benefits of quitting. This was aimed to discourage people from smoking and help people to stop smoking, have strong tobacco control policies and change community attitudes towards smoking.

Throughout the year, the football oval attracts many visitors from across the Barkly region, making it a perfect platform to promote smoking cessation and to also include other health awareness messages that Public health promote.

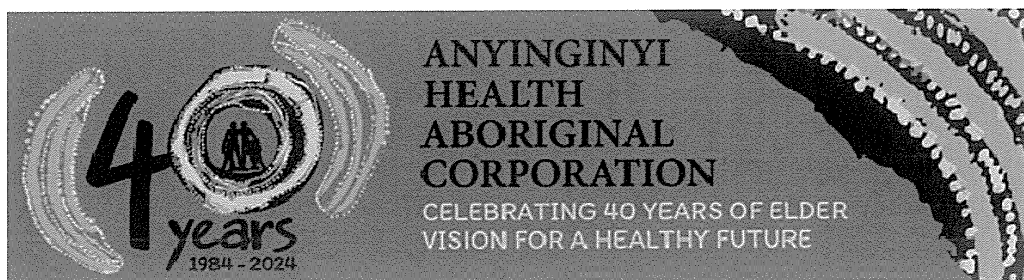
We wish to achieve this by depicting these messages on the back of footy benches, public toilets, and murals along the kiosk walls, with the help of community members and other services willing to participate. Involvement by community members, with the project aims to promote awareness, reduce smoking rates, create a sense of ownership and responsibility, and ultimately improve the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by tobacco reduction and cessation whilst also promoting other health messages.

TIS teams hope you will consider this proposal and the team is happy to cover the costs of the project and will welcome any support offered by Barkly Shire.
Thank you, I look forward to hearing from you.

Reference:

A. Bryant, C, and Grier, S, 2005, SOCIAL MARKETING IN PUBLIC HEALTH, *Annual Review of Public Health*, Vol. 26, p. 320, doi: 10.1146/annurev.publhealth.26.021304.144610

Yours Sincerely



Reanna Bathern

Team Leader

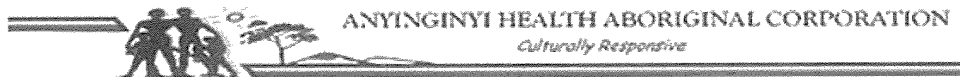
Tackling Indigenous Smoking program Public Health Section

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E: reanna.bathern@anyinginyi.com.au | W: www.anyinginyi.org.au | ICN: 189



Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the many lands of the Barkly Region on which we meet and conduct our services, respecting language and culture.

Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation is a Smoke Free Workplace

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Tennant Creek Directorate Reports

10.2 WaRM Funding 23/24 Project Recommendation

Author Ryan Francis (Acting Director - Tennant Creek), Lauren McDonnell (Senior Administration Officer)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council receives and notes the following recommendations for the acquittal of the 23/24 WaRM Funding.

SUMMARY

With an unexpected grant balance of \$188,083 of unspent funds combined with the 23/24 allocation of \$148,800.00 gives Council a total grant income for 23/24 of \$336,883.00.

This financial year the Council have undertaken remedial works to community tips totaling \$90,820.00 leaving a balance of \$246063.00.

It is our recommendation that the remaining funds are utilized with the following,

1. Purchase of an excavator to assist with waste management.
2. Engaging a contractor to attend Tennant Creek land fill and shred the tires for disposal.

BACKGROUND

The council receives annual funding of \$148,800.00 p/a from the NTG Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet under the program name of Waste and Recourse Management.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

5 minutes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Wa RM - Acquittal Report FY 2023-2024 [**10.2.1** - 1 page]



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Grant Details

Organisation	Barkly Regional Council
Grant Title	WaRM2300001: Waste and Resource Management 2023-24
Project Title	Waste and Resource Management 2023-24

Income & Expenditure					
Reporting period					
From		1 July 2023			
To		31 March 2024			
MYOB SCOA Ref	Account	Comments	Budget	Actual Income / Expenditure	Variation
4-0000	Income				
4-1000	Grants				
4-1040	Grants (NT) Operating – Recurrent		0.00	148,800.00	0.00
4-1100	Grants - Other	Opening Unxpendd Grant Balance	0.00	188,083.00	0.00
TOTAL GRANT INCOME			0.00	336,883.00	0.00
4-5000	Other Income				
4-5050	Other/Sundry Income	Council Contribution	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME			0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income			0.00	336,883.00	0.00
6-0000	Expenses				
Capital Expenses					
6-0720	Utilities Power,Water,Sewage,Gas		0.00	0.00	0.00
6-9999	Capital Expenses		0.00	90,820.00	0.00
Total Capital Expenses			0.00	90,820.00	0.00
Total Expenses			0.00	90,820.00	0.00
Balance (Income less Cost of Goods Sold less Expenses)			0.00	246,063.00	0.00

Tennant Creek Directorate Reports

10.3 Director Tennant Creek Report

Author Ryan Francis (Acting Director - Tennant Creek), Lauren McDonnell (Senior Administration Officer)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council receives and notes the April report from the Tennant Creek Directorate.

SUMMARY

The April report for the Tennant Creek Directorate identifies issues and achievements experienced by the team.

BACKGROUND

The council are asked to please refer to the attached report which details the activities of the Tennant Creek Directorate.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

- Reduction in public access to hazardous areas of the Landfill.
- Ensuring WHS obligations are met regarding excavations at the cemetery.
- Structural issues with allowing vegetation to establish on the Mark Anne Embankment

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Additional funding required for Maintenance of Mary Anne Dam.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

5 minutes.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. TC directorate April Report v 1 [10.3.1 - 2 pages]
2. Pics Showing Mary Ann Dam TC Landfill (002) [10.3.2 - 4 pages]

Tennant Creek Directorate Report April 2024

Assets

In collaboration with the finance team, we are exploring asset management software options for our organisation. Preliminary investigations have identified Brightly and IBM Maximo as preferred solutions. We are assessing their features to determine the best fit.

We have communicated our requirements to the Brightly team, who have scheduled a presentation to demonstrate their software's application across Barkly Regional Council. Following the presentation, we will use a demo version. We also plan to explore other software options and compare their pros and cons.

Data Collection and Analysis

We have commenced data collection for green spaces and parks using drone technology. The data is currently being analysed to enhance our infrastructure management. Additionally, we are preparing a register for all parks and council-owned green spaces. This register will help us analyse the condition of park amenities, electrical charges, repairs and maintenance, water charges, and municipal service charges. This exercise aims to plan and control expenses effectively.

Infrastructure

The tenders for the BRC001-24, BRC002-24 and BRC003-24 have now been completed. We are currently awaiting the Council's approval to raise the purchase orders and initiate the works.

An aerial survey has been completed for the Elliot and Ali Curung community, giving us the ability to accurately locate, identify, and measure all infrastructure assets. The aerial surveys for Wutunugurra and Ampilatwatja will be completed by the end of May.

Housing

Successfully negotiated lease extensions for four units and three houses. Completed all necessary repair and maintenance work on these properties, with inspections scheduled to ensure compliance and quality standards.

Achieved full compliance with gas certification and smoke alarm installations across all Council-owned and leased properties.

Handling an average of 20-30 repair and maintenance tasks per month across all Tennant Creek facilities and housing. This includes addressing various infrastructural issues to maintain the quality and usability of our properties. Completed pest control treatments at all Council-owned properties to ensure a safe and hygienic environment for residents.

Municipal Services

Recruitment is ongoing for the municipal team including the Municipal Managers role through to municipal officers.

The team have made great progress with the formation of the transfer station at the landfill along with the formation of the large storage bays for waste to recycled or shredded for daily cover on the tip. Of note is that all the tyres stored at the top of landfill have now been stored correctly in the new tyre bay.

Central Land Council have also issued a clearance certificate for the removal of the trees on the embankment at Mary Anne Dam. In conjunction with Barry Nattress the team will develop a safety plan for the removal operation.

Projects Update

BRC 011-23 Ali Curung Potholes. Asphalt delivery has been further delayed due to combination of issues with manufacturing plant in Darwin. Any asphalt produced has been dispatched to the larger projects notably the runway upgrade at Darwin Airport.

BRC006-24 Ampilatwatja Sports Hall Kitchen Upgrade: Contract has been awarded with contractor due to commence on site in early May.

BRC009-23 Tennant Creek WiFi Hotspots: Contract has been awarded and materials are being procured. Targeting completion for July 24.

BRC 001-24 Weigh Bridge TC Landfill: Being a speciality product supplied from a limited pool, there has been some challenges finding suppliers. Quotes received waiting for Council approval.

BRC 002-24 Street Lights Kargaru Camp Road, Tennant Creek: Tender closed for the project, waiting for the Council approval.

BRC003-24 Street Lights Kooringa Street, Elliott: Tender closed for the project, waiting for the Council approval.

BRC004-24 Yarning Circle at Elliot School: A purchase order has been issued to purchase the required materials. Material will be delivered by mid-June.

Shrubs and Tress Removal at Mary Ann Dam Retaining Wall and Spillway

Upon professional assessment, it has been noted that shrubs and large trees have encroached upon the Mary Ann Dam retaining wall and around the spillway. To prevent potential damage, we are planning to proceed with the removal of these trees. Pictures as shown below Pic 1.1 to 1.4



Mary Ann Dam - Spillway - Pic 1.1



Mary Ann Dam – Retaining Wall - Pic 1.2



Mary Ann Dam – Retaining Wall - Pic 1.3



Mary Ann Dam – Retaining Wall - Pic 1.4

Waste Management at Landfill

At our Tennant Creek landfill, we've implemented a new waste management system featuring designated skip bins for efficient segregation. These bins categorize waste into wood chips, electronic waste, bulk rubbish, household rubbish, and steel rubbish. This approach promotes operational efficiency, better recycling, environmental sustainability, compliance with regulations and enhances community engagement. Pictures as shown below Pic 2.1 to 2.4



Tennant Creek Landfill – Skip Bins - Pic 2.1



Tennant Creek Landfill – Skip Bins - Pic 2.2



Tennant Creek Landfill – Skip Bins - Pic 2.3



Tennant Creek Landfill – Skip Bins - Pic 2.4

11 OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Operations Directorate Reports

11.1 Barkly Region - Local Authority Minutes and Actions

Reference <Enter Ref here>
Author Brody Moore (Director of Operations & Remote Communities)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Note and accept the Minutes of the Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja and Tennant Creek Local Authority Committee meeting minutes, as an accurate record of meeting.
2. Notes and approves of the recommendations contained with the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority Meetings held in Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja and Tennant Creek.
3. Notes and approves the following new actions established by the Local Authorities;
 - Ampilatwatja – That Council approves the purchase of two (2) new commercial washing machines.
 - Tennant Creek – to note and accept the Stolen Generation correspondence from Ms. Lorraine Gibson

SUMMARY

Council considers the minutes of each Local Authority Ordinary Meeting or Provisional Meeting at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

Attached are draft (unconfirmed) minutes of the Local Authority meetings that occurred in the months of April and May 2024.

The Local Authority meetings covered in this report include:

Ali Curung – 17th April 2024

Ampilatwatja – 2nd May 2024

Tennant Creek – 8th May 2024

BACKGROUND

Please refer to the attached draft minutes of the meetings listed above for detail surrounding the matters discussed.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

N/A

BUDGET IMPLICATION

N/A

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

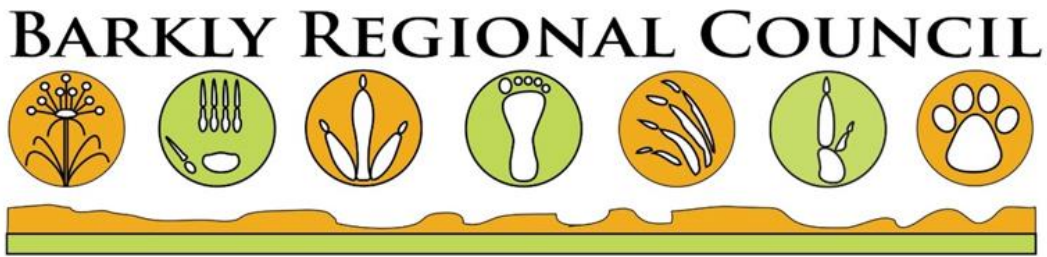
N/A

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Local Authority Committees; Tennant Creek, ALi Curung and Ampilatwatja

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ampilatwatja Local Authority Minutes [**11.1.1** - 10 pages]
2. ALi Curung Local Authority Minutes [**11.1.2** - 9 pages]
3. Tennant Creek Local Authority-minutes [**11.1.3** - 10 pages]
4. 0005 001 [**11.1.4** - 2 pages]



MINUTES

Ampilatwatja LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Ampilatwatja LA Meeting was held in the Ampilatwatja Council office on Thursday 2 May 2024 at 10:22 am.

Jeff MacLeod
Acting Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

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

The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

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

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

We are a responsible Council.

We will be a responsive Council.

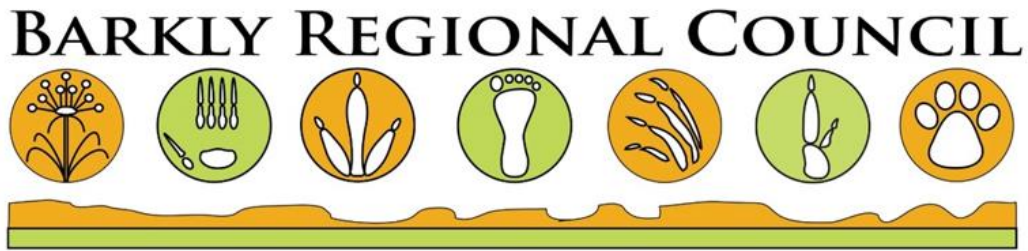
We want to empower local decision making.

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

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

We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region.

We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

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

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

COUNCIL PRAYER

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

Amen



1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

- Ricky Holmes (Chair)
- Elizabeth McDonald
- Geoffrey Morton
- Tony Morton
- Amaziah Club
- Anita Bailey (Via Teams)
- Lulu Teece

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Jeff MacLeod (CEO, BRC)
- Peter Holt (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operations and Remote Communities, BRC)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services, BRC)
- Gillian Molloy (Director of Community Development)
- Barry Nattrass (WHS Manager, BRC)
- Sagar Chand (Regional Manager for Safe and YSR, BRC)
- Amy Laslett (Regional Manager Community Care, BRC)
- Lockie Thomas (Night Patrol Zone Manager, BRC)
- Matthew Adams - Richardson (Office of Chief Minister NT)
- Kathleen Richardson (NT Electoral Commission)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Nil

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

1.5 Resignations

Nil

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

MINUTES Ampilatwatja LA Meeting 2 May 2024



1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

MOTION

That the Local Authority receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20/02/2024 are true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Elizabeth McDonald

Seconded: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/10

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Quote for community Laundry washing machines

MOTION

That the Local Authority accepts the quote and approves for the purchase of two speedqueen commercial washing machines.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Amaziah Club

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/11



Actions from previous Minutes

3.2 Cattle troughs purchase

MOTION

The Local Authority notes the quotes and requests that the council obtain and provide more information regarding installation costs and maintenance at the next LA meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Elizabeth McDonald

Seconded: LA Member Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/12

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Acting Chief Executive Officers Report - Jeff MacLeod

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

SUMMARY

- Progress on the regional plan is ongoing, with community feedback being incorporated.
- The draft plan is being refined for presentation at the upcoming council meeting, targeting final approval by June.
- Commitment to community engagement ensures the plan reflects regional needs and aspirations.
- Addressing funding expiration issues through discussions with government departments to secure extensions.
- Reaffirming Local Authority (LA) projects with members to ensure alignment and effectiveness.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/13

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 LAPF statement

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the LAPF statement and Local Authority allocates \$10,000 for the new washing machines and \$20,000 for the fencing around the laundry block.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ricky Holmes

Seconded: LA Member Elizabeth McDonald

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/14

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Nil

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Official Manager's Report - Peter Holt

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Official Manager.

SUMMARY

- **Regional Plan:** Input for the Regional Plan 2024-25 from all Local Authorities is complete, with the first draft to be presented at upcoming meetings. The regional budget is also in development.
- **CEO Recruitment:** Ian Bodill resigned on March 28, 2024. Recruitment for a new CEO is underway, with applications closing on April 15. Jeff MacLeod will act as interim CEO until the end of May 2024.
- **BRC Investigator's Report:** The report by Ms. Ruth Morley has been presented to the Minister for Local Government. Briefings for councillors and those referenced will occur, with a 21-day period for responses before the Minister's determination.
- **Power & Water:** Regular meetings have started to address issues such as streetlight replacement, emergency power failures, Smart Meter issues, and a potential solar power project. Briefings on these matters are awaited.
- **Juno Farm:** BRC agreed to use Juno Farm accommodation for school-aged students referred by the courts until the Youth Justice facility is completed mid-year.
- **LGANT Meeting:** Held on April 18-19 in Darwin, key concerns discussed included further de-amalgamations and the return of community councils.

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- **Barkly Regional Deal:** A review of BRD governance was announced, with concerns about public perception if the review is not seen as independent. BRC will raise issues regarding the council's role and the lack of a clear auspicing agreement.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Tony Morton

Seconded: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/15

General Business

7.2 New projects

MOTION

The Local Authority requests the council to return with the information on the following five projects, including quotes, location, and land tenure:

1. Washing machines in the community
2. Fencing around the laundry block
3. Watering system around the oval ground
4. Tree plantation around the oval
5. Scoreboard for the oval

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ricky Holmes

Seconded: LA Member Elizabeth McDonald

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/19

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil



10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 Report from the Director of Operations and Remote communities - Brody Moore

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the verbal report from the Director of Operations and Remote Communities.

SUMMARY

- Municipal services, led by Shannon, are running smoothly with no issues.
- Australia Post and Centrelink services are operating without interruptions.
- Power and Water department provided a response regarding drainage issues, attributing them to recent storms, not portable water issues.
- Ryan's team is working on a solution for the drainage problems.
- The council is currently working on a regional plan and budgeting for the upcoming financial year.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Amaziah Club

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/16

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.2 Verbal presentation from Regional Manager of Safe Houses & Youth Recreation - Sagar Chand

SUMMARY

Sagar Chand was unable to do the presentation at the meeting due to a scheduling conflict with another meeting at the same time, so he had to leave early.



11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

11.1 Presentation from NT Electoral Commission

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from the NT Electoral Commission.

SUMMARY

2024 Territory Election Key Information:

- **Get Ready:** Visit ntec.nt.gov.au for details.

- Key Dates:

- Postal voting applications: Open now
- Nominations open: Thursday, 1 August
- Electoral roll closes: Friday, 2 August
- Nominations declared: Thursday, 8 August
- Voting starts: Monday, 12 August
- Postal voting applications close: Thursday, 22 August
- Election Day: Saturday, 24 August
- Check Your Enrolment: Ensure you are enrolled and your details are correct at www.aec.gov.au.

- Voting Information:

- Voting services start on Monday, 12 August.
- Details about voting locations will be available on the website.
- Apply for a postal vote if you can't vote at a voting centre at www.ntec.nt.gov.au/apply-postal.

- Learn How to Vote:

- Watch a video in English and 14 Aboriginal languages at www.ntec.nt.gov.au/how-to-vote.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ricky Holmes

Seconded: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/18

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

MINUTES Ampilatwatja LA Meeting 2 May 2024



13 CLOSE OF MEETING

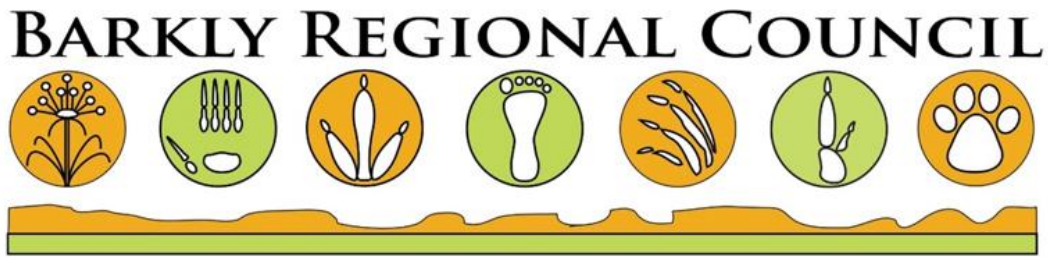
The Ampilatwatja LA next meeting date is 19/06/2024.

Meeting Closed at 12:29 PM

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MINUTES

Ali Curung LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Ali Curung LA Meeting was held in the Ali Curung Council office on Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 11:33 am.

Jeff MacLeod
Acting Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

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

The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

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

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

We are a responsible Council.

We will be a responsive Council.

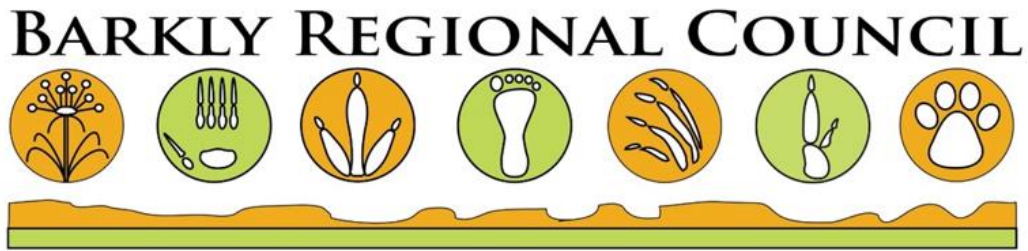
We want to empower local decision making.

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

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

We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region.

We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

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

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

COUNCIL PRAYER

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

Amen



1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

- Noel Hayes (Chair)
- Jerry Rice
- Ned Kelly
- Peter Corbett
- Andrew Tsavaris
- Lucy Jackson

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Peter Holt (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operations and Remote Communities, BRC)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services, BRC)
- Barry Natrass (WHS Manager, BRC)
- Sagar Chand (Regional Manager Safe Houses and Youth Recreation, BRC)
- Adrian Chong (Regional Community Safety Manager, BRC)
- Lockie Thomas (Night Patrol Zone Manager, BRC)
- Matt Wharton (Acting Area Manager, Ali Curung)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator, BRC)
- Marilyn Sonnenburg
- Ben Charteris
- Mark Piper

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Desmarie Dobbs
- Derek Walker

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Resignations

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

Nil



2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

MOTION

That the Local Authority receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 05/02/2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/31

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Actions from previous Minutes

SUMMARY

The Local Authority has expressed concerns regarding malfunctioning street lights and has urged the council to address the issue. In response, council representatives have assured that they will investigate the matter and collaborate with the Power and Water department for further discussions.

Adrian Chong suggested considering the suggestions of Local Authority (LA) members in selecting the new area manager. Peter Holt agreed, stating it could be proposed at the upcoming council meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/32

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Nil



5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 LAPF statement

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the LA Project Funding Statement.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/33

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Nil

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Official Manager's Report - Peter Holt

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Official Manager.

SUMMARY

1. Regional Plan 2024-25: Local Authority meetings in March and April focused on providing input for the Regional Plan to guide council's actions in the upcoming financial year.

2. CEO Recruitment: Following Ian Bodill's resignation, recruitment for a new Chief Executive Officer has begun, with interim assistance provided by Mr. Jeff MacLeod until May 2024.

3. Completion of Investigator's Report: The Investigation of the Barkly Regional Council by Ms. Ruth Morley has been presented to the Minister for Local Government, with full briefings for councillors expected by the end of April.

4. Australian Citizenship Ceremony: The BRC hosted an Australian Citizenship ceremony in March, welcoming 12 new citizens to the community.

5. Meeting with Senators: Council met with Senator Anthony Chisholm and Senator Malarndirri McCarthy to discuss regional development, infrastructure needs, and the new Remote Jobs program.

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6. PowerWater Meetings: Regular meetings with PowerWater have commenced to address various issues including streetlight replacement, emergency power, Smart Meter failures, water quality, and a potential solar power project.

7. Juno Farm Accommodation: Juno Farm accommodation will be utilized to house school-aged students referred by the courts until the completion of the Youth Justice facility funded under the Barkly Regional Deal.

8. Ministerial Visits: Chief Minister Eva Lawler and Ministers Selina Uibo and Ngaree Ah Kit discussed funding for local government and infrastructure support during their visits to the region.

9. Youth Center Meeting Planned : We are organizing a dedicated meeting to address the issue of the youth center soon.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/35

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 Director of Operations and Remote Communities - Brody Moore

SUMMARY

Animal Management: The vet will visit Barkly communities in May to address mange, desexing, and vaccinations for animals.

Municipal Services: The team is maintaining community parks and gardens, with assistance from the Wutunugurra Municipal team to address maintenance backlog caused by ex-cyclone Monica. Bin collections continue twice weekly, and assistance was provided to Murray Downs School with slashing and fire break creation.

Centrelink Agent: Minor service interruptions occurred due to staff shortages and community events.

Australia Post Agent: Mail services in Ali Curung are unaffected without any interruptions.



Road Repair: Road base has arrived in Tennant Creek, and the Mobile Road Repair vehicle is in Ali Curung, focusing on addressing pot holes as a priority. Local staff are being trained to provide this service.

Recruitment: Recruitment for the Area Manager position in Ali Curung is ongoing, with plans for a second round to increase the applicant pool.

Power and Water: Regular meetings between council officials and Power and Water have commenced for feedback and response coordination.

Airstrip Funding Allocations: Proposed airstrip funding has been listed for consideration by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning, and Logistics (DIPL).

Emergency Call-Outs: Discussions with NT Health and police regarding after-hours call-outs and responses have taken place.

Renal Services Request: NT Health has been contacted regarding the process for requesting renal services in Ali Curung, awaiting response.

Fire Management Trailer: Construction of the fire management trailer is nearly complete, with delivery expected before the next Local Authority meeting in Ali Curung.

Shade Structure Quotes: A quote for a shade structure has been received, with efforts to secure additional quotes ongoing. There is potential to reuse the original quote.

Regional Plan: Brody Moore has suggested convening another meeting in two weeks to further discuss the regional plan and gather feedback, a proposal to which the LA members have unanimously agreed and LA requested Gillian Molloy to attend in person for that meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/36

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.2 AAI Project plan - Sagar Chand

SUMMARY

1. Project Aim: Reduce alcohol-related harm in Ali Curung through bush trips focusing on bush tucker, hunting, and honey ant collecting in an alcohol-free environment, facilitated by education from the Primary and Public Health – Barkly team.

2. Project Components:

- Transport, bush trip activities, daily dietary requirements, camp equipment, facilitator, and miscellaneous expenses including a cultural advisor.

3. Itinerary: Monthly trips from May to September 2024, lasting 2 to 5 days each, with specific dates to be determined later.

4. Consultation and Collaboration: Consultation with Traditional Owners (TOs) and local authorities (LA) completed by April 2024, collaboration with Primary and Public Health – Barkly Team formalized by April 2024.



5. Project Management: Oversight by the Regional Manager Safe Houses and Youth Recreation Programs, with regular meetings, effective communication channels, and coordination by the Ali Curung Youth Sports and Recreation team.

6. Final Report and Acquittal: Submission of final report, Income and Expenditure Statement, and Declaration by October 2024, detailing project activities, impacts, and community feedback, along with photographs and talent release forms.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/37

12 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

12.1 Presentation from Principal Alcohol Action Officer - Jane Ndove

SUMMARY

Jane was absent from the meeting and offered her apologies for not being able to attend.

Visitor Presentations

12.2 Presentation on the Local Authority Review - Jacob Leonard

SUMMARY

- Local Authorities (LA's) serve as advocates for communities in regional councils, involving them in local government affairs, policy development, and budget allocations.
- The review found inconsistencies in how LAs operate across the Northern Territory (NT), highlighting the need for flexibility and clarity in their roles.
- Recommendations include more frequent meetings, training for LA members and youth, strengthened community consultation, and collaboration with other organizations to avoid service duplication.
- Changes to guidelines aim to enhance LA effectiveness, such as introducing proxy membership and streamlining procedural requirements.
- Next steps involve the promotion and implementation of the new approach by the Department, councils, LAs, and the Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT), with ongoing improvements and reviews planned.
- LA members has requested Local Government to send someone to the community to explain more in person to which Jacob has responded positively and mentioned his willingness to visit the community.



Visitor Presentations

12.3 Presentation from Central Desert Training - Kailas Kerr

SUMMARY

- Planning a long-term training program in collaboration with councils and other partners, focusing on skill development in the community.
- Developed over 10 years of partnership with councils, the program consists of two streams:
 1. Involving young people interested in employment opportunities.
 2. Providing long-term support for skill development as a pathway to employment.
- Training sessions set to commence soon, with trainers dedicated to spending time within the community.

13 OTHER BUSINESS

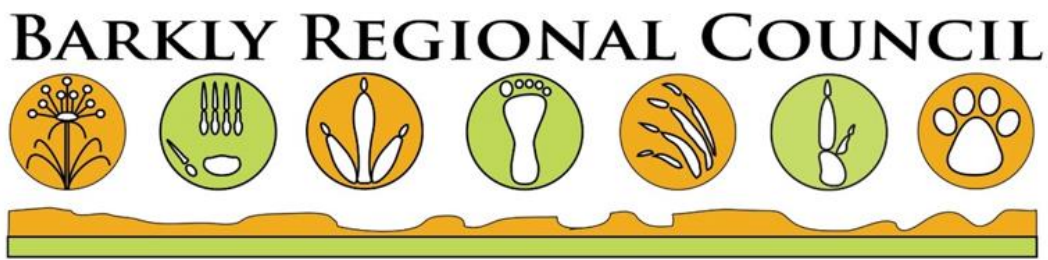
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14 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Ali Curung LA next meeting date is 11/06/2024.

Meeting Closed at 01:40 PM

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MINUTES

Tennant Creek LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Tennant Creek LA Meeting was held in the Council chambers on Wednesday 8 May 2024 at 4:30 pm.

Jeff MacLeod
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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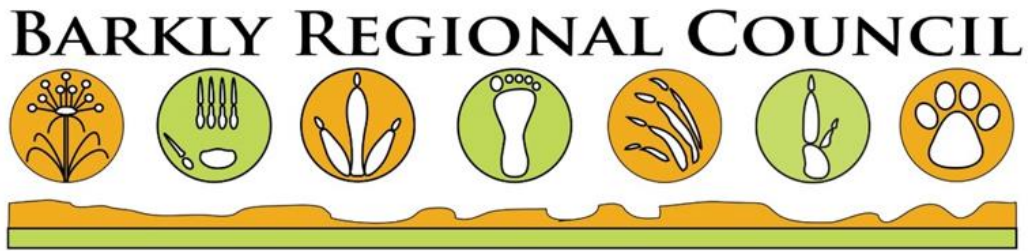
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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

- Darrin Whatley (Chair)
- Len Holbrok
- Russell O'Donnell,
- Anthony Pickel
- Lorraine Gibson
- Greg Marlow

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Jeff MacLeod (CEO, BRC)
- Peter Holt (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operations and Remote Communities, BRC)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services)
- Barry Natrass (WHS Manager)
- Lauren McDonnell (Senior Admin, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator, BRC)
- Greg (NT Electoral Commission)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Nathan Mills
- Heather Burton
- Penelope Cowin

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

1.5 Resignations

Nil

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Nil



1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

MOTION

That the Local Authority receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th March 2024 are true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Greg Marlow

Seconded: LA Member Len Holbrok

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved TCLA-24/72

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Update on Pool Hoist

SUMMARY

The Local Authority was notified that the pool hoist was delivered and is scheduled for installation soon.

Actions from previous Minutes

3.2 Action Tracker

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Action tracker for Tennant Creek LA.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anthony Pickel

Seconded: LA Member Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved TCLA-24/74





ACTION TRACKER ITEMS DISCUSSED

- Request to be sent to DIPL, asking them to present at the next LA on the Streetscape project on Paterson St. The TCLA would like to know the scope of the project so that there is no overlap with the TCLA projects.
- Request that a presentation be provided to LA members on the changes to the Local Authority Guidelines.
- Dog Park Discussion:
 - Len Holbrok pointed out that the question about a dog walking park has been raised at the LA many years ago, he would like to know if this will be moving forward.
 - Darrin Whatley pointed out that he did a recent radio interview and spoke about a potential dog park.
 - The question had also been put on the BRC Facebook page and there were very few legitimate responses, most seemed to be trolling the Tennant Creek community and had nothing constructive to say.
 - Brody Moore said that the few responses that could be considered legitimate were for Hilda Street Park, Jubilee Park, and somewhere along the highway to attract tourists.
 - Jeff MacLeod mentioned that the Purkiss Park plan has been finalised and that dog will be allowed on the walking paths, on their leads.
 - Len Holbrok said this was an old item that hadn't moved forward.
 - Darrin Whatley mentioned that this TCLA group wanted more involvement from the community. Wanted ideas and suggestions from the community for the TCLA to then consider. He mentioned that Karguru had been suggested but that it was dismissed as a location because it was used by many community members for other purposes.
 - Len Holbrok suggested that the TCLA decide and then let the community know, the community would then respond with either agreement or other suggestions.
 - Russell O'Donnell mentioned that there is an area near the Cemetery that Council had designated for special use, this could be a possible location for the dog park.
 - Jeff MacLeod pointed out that once the TCLA had decided it then had to go out for community consultation and be presented to Council.
 - **Request from TCLA to BRC (to be provided at next TCLA meeting):**
 - What plans are there for the southside of Hilda Street Park, can it be used as a Dog Park?
 - Could BRC please look at the east side of the Cemetery.
 - TCLA also request that BRC provide a report about vacant council land within the Tennant Creek town limits. One of these may serve as a location for the Dog Park.
 - What funding from the TCLA can be contributed to this Dog Park.
- Water Bubblers:
 - Brody Moore to provide a list of suggestion to Darrin Whatley that were received from the Facebook post.
 - Ryan Francis to provide an estimate of the costs, including installation.
- Pool upgrade:
 - Darrin Whatley had a question about the funding that was allocated to the pool at the last TCLA. He said that the TCLA money needed to be used to improve community access/enjoyment and not the existing operational equipment.
 - **Darrin Whatley requested that the words be changed from Pool Upgrade to New Infrastructure for Pool. This was approved by all LA members.**
 - BRC to provide quotes on new infrastructure to TCLA, items that will add value to the pool and attract patrons. (Such as another BBQ, shaded areas for seating, etc.)
 - The TCLA have also requested a copy of the pool report on upgrades, which will be



- produced during the winter shut down for repairs and maintenance.
- Jeff MacLeod made the point that the pool will need a major overhaul.
- Vet:
 - Darrin Whatley has spoken to the vet, and he will provide clarification for funding. The TCLA funding that has been allocated to the vet is for work in Tennant Creek and not the communities. The vet will provide a program report for Tennant Creek only.
 - Len Holbrok said that we need a vet in Tennant Creek long term. He suggested that we support the vet to the utmost. He also mentioned that when there was not vet in Tennant Creek there were many problems with animals.
 - Peter Holt said that they are reviewing the MOU that BRC has with the vet.

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Acting Chief Executive Officer's report - Jeff MacLeod

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

SUMMARY

Jeff gave an overview of what his goals are and what he hopes to achieve during his time as Acting CEO. He also complimented the TC Municipal team on their efforts to clean up the vegetation around Tennant Creek after the heavy rain that we had. He said that Alice Springs still has clean up to do and that he is happy to see our Municipal staff are on top of it.

Advancement on the regional plan continues steadily, boosted by the invaluable feedback from our local communities. Presently, we're earnestly refining the draft in readiness for its presentation at the upcoming council meeting. With the aim of securing final approval by June, our dedication to encourage continuous community engagement remains resolute. We are committed to ensuring that the final plan is both thorough and inclusive, accurately representing the varied needs and aspirations of our region as we collectively strive for development. Additionally, we are addressing challenges related to funding expiration in certain communities, resulting from unused allocations. Discussions with the Department Chief Minister, Cabinet, and Local Government Unit are underway to secure extensions, ensuring that vital resources are not lost. Simultaneously, we are reaffirming all Local Authority (LA) projects with LA members during meetings, ensuring alignment and the impact of our initiatives on the ground.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Darrin Whatley

Seconded: LA Member Len Holbrok

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved TCLA-24/75



5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 LAPF statement

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Tennant Creek LAPF statement.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Len Holbrok

Seconded: LA Member Darrin Whatley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved TCLA-24/76

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Nil

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Official Manager's report - Peter Holt

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Official Manager.

SUMMARY

- Completion of input to the Barkly Regional Plan 2024-25 was the main focus of Local Authority meetings in March and April, with the first draft to be presented at upcoming meetings.
- Recruitment for a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) commenced following Ian Bodill's resignation. Mr. Jeff MacLeod, CEO of MacDonnell Regional Council, will act as interim CEO until the end of May 2024.
- The Barkly Regional Council Investigator's Report by Ms. Ruth Morley has been presented to the Minister for Local Government, with face-to-face briefings for councillors and referenced individuals scheduled before the Minister makes a determination.
- Regular meetings with Power and Water have begun to address various issues across the Barkly region, including streetlight replacement, emergency power, Smart Meter failures, drinking water quality, and a solar power project at Juno.
- Juno Farm accommodation will be used to house school-aged students referred by the courts until the completion of the Youth Justice facility funded under the Barkly Regional Deal.
- A meeting of the Local Government Association of the NT highlighted concerns about further deamalgamations and the return of community councils, with discussions about policies and plans for the local government sector with the Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition.

MINUTES Tennant Creek LA Meeting 8 May 2024



- The Governance Table announced a review of the governance of the Barkly Regional Deal, with the Barkly Regional Council expressing concerns about the lack of clarity in its role and the absence of a clear auspicing agreement. These issues will be raised as part of the review.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anthony Pickel

Seconded: LA Member Len Holbrok

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved TCLA-24/77

General Business

7.2 Proposal from Lorraine Gibson

MOTION

That the Local Authority requests Lorraine Gibson to set up a meeting by coordinating with BRC with some Patta Elders and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the proposal of a memorial within Tennant Creek boundaries. To be a separate meeting from the next Local Authority meeting.

SUMMARY

Lorraine Gibson read a copy of a letter that she wrote to the LA, requesting a memorial be considered to represent and acknowledge the Stolen Generation. She would like to see this within Tennant Creek boundaries. Lorraine mentioned that she has had conversations with Patta Elders, and they are open to the idea. In her research Lorraine has found that there are some funding/grant opportunities for memorials such as this. Jeff MacLeod requested that Lorraine's letter be added to the correspondence in the next Council agenda.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: LA Member Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved TCLA-24/81

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil



9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Other Matters For Noting

9.1 Street Sweeper issues

SUMMARY

Brody Moore informed the Local Authority that BRC offers apologies to the community and the dust from the recent use of the street sweeper was due to operator error. The issue has been brought to the attention of the appropriate staff, and reassured that it will be addressed promptly.

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 Report from the Director of Operations and Remote Communities - Brody Moore

MOTION

That the Local Authority note and accept the Director of Operations and Remote Communities report on Tennant Creek Community Service Delivery.

SUMMARY

The Director of Operations has responsibility for the Tennant Creek; Youth Centre (TCYC), Fitness and Wellness Centre (Gym) and the Town Pool. Youth Centre

Youth Centre: Location: 17 Peko Road, Tennant Creek. Operational Hours: 12-8:00pm (School Holidays) 3:00pm-8:00pm (School Term). Services Offered: Supervised Youth Centre, activities and evening meal. Key Programs/Activities: Arts and crafts, Music, IT and Computer Lab, Sports and Ninja Obstacle. Staffing: Per BRC Youth Supervision Policy Challenges: Maintaining safety at the TCYC for staff and youth. Maintenance and Cleaning. Numbers – April Female under 15 (852), Female over 15 (85), Male under 15 (887), male over 15 (102).

Gym: Location: 82 Ambrose Street, Tennant Creek. Operational Hours: 6:00am – 10:00am and 3:00pm-8:00pm – 7 Days a week. Facilities Available: Free weights, Cardio equipment and Yoga Classes. Membership: \$45 per month or \$9 for casual visitors – 571 current gym members. Equipment Maintenance: Two remaining treadmills are not out of service. Issues: On-going member fob issues, maintenance due to broken windows and replacement of ageing / non-maintained equipment.

Pool: Location: 10 Peko Road, Tennant Creek. Operational Hours: 6:00am-8:00am (Morning Swimmers) 10:00am-4:00pm. Services Offered: Morning Swim Club, Youth Activities, Community Events. Lifeguarding: New Lifeguard course to commence August. Maintenance Schedule: To commence shortly with winter pool closure. Issues: Staffing and reliability. Due to the lack of trained staff, this has resulted in the pool being closed to the public on two occasions. Numbers – April Adults (96), children (332).



RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: LA Member Anthony Pickel

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved TCLA-24/79

11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

11.1 Presentation from NT Electoral Commission

SUMMARY

Greg presented to the TCLA about the upcoming Territory Election
-Based on their numbers; enrolments have increased but they want to work on increasing the percentage of people who vote. The team will be in Tennant Creek at the Civic Hall for two week, until just after election day. Ballot papers will be available for all electorates, not just Barkly, so that people can vote even if they are not enrolled in the Barkly Electorate.

For the 2024 Territory Election with key dates and information:

- Postal voting applications are open.
- Nominations open on August 1st.
- Electoral roll closes on August 2nd.
- Voting starts on August 12th.
- Election day is on August 24th.
- Check your enrolment status at www.aec.gov.au.
- Details about voting locations and services will be available on the website.
- Apply for a postal vote if needed at www.ntec.nt.gov.au/apply-postal.
- Learn how to vote by watching a video available in English and 14 Aboriginal languages at www.ntec.nt.gov.au/how-to-vote.

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Tennant Creek LA next meeting date is 03/07/2024.

Meeting Closed at 06:33 PM

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD on 08/05/2024 AND ARE UNCONFIRMED.

30th January 2024

To whom it may concern:

Re: Stolen Generations Memorial site being established in Tennant Creek

Att: Local Authority

I am writing to you in relation to establishing a memorial site in Tennant Creek in remembrance and acknowledgement of the Stolen Generations within the Barkly Region of the Northern Territory.

My Mother (Kumanjai P. Smith) established a Stolen Generations Committee in Tennant Creek years ago, I do not know what happened to this committee. Kumanjai P. Smith was also on the Stolen Generations Board in Darwin. I am the fourth generation that was impacted by the Policy of Assimilation and was sent to Dundee House back in 1972 in Darwin before being adopted out. Dundee House was a home where children of mixed race were sent to be fostered/adopted out, not many people wanted to foster or adopt children of mixed race, children that had the appearance of being Caucasian were snapped up pretty quick mind you. The Central Board for the Protection of Aborigines had been advocating such powers were Aboriginal children were removed from their families through government policies. This happened from the mid 1800's to the 1970's.

My Grandmother had all of her children removed/stolen under this racial policy from Powell Creek, my Nana was sent to Retta Dixon home in Darwin before being sent to Croker Island Mission (1940-1968) and her siblings were sent to different locations. Nana's father was a linesman at the Telegraph Station located at Powell Creek. However white men could not marry Aboriginal women during these times it was illegal and carried up to seven years jail time.

My Nana Kumanjai A. Smith was later sent off to the Croker Island Mission where Kumanjai N. Cameron was also taken. (Schmidt) Mrs Schmidt years later started working as a nurse at the former Tennant Creek hospital in 1964. She was working in the maternity ward when the current hospital was opened and had delivered hundreds of babies during her time in Tennant Creek. Both Kumanjai A. Smith and Kumanjai N. Schmidt were at the Croker Island Mission together. In 1942, an incredible feat of tenacity, strength and reliance in the face of danger and invasion unfolded. In the critically acclaimed documentary Croker Island Exodus we are taken in to the heart of this remarkable story, where 95 Aboriginal children in government "care", along with their 3 cottage mothers escaped the threat of Japanese invasion during WW2 by travelling from an island in the Top End to Sydney. Over 44 days of travel, this unique cohort journeyed 5,000 miles by foot, boat, canoe, truck and train.

The Croker Island Methodist Mission, was a village that was built to house Aboriginal children of mixed descent, who were forcibly taken from their families. In 1941, as World War II raged on and the threat of invasion by Japanese troops was imminent, all WHITE women and children were evacuated from Darwin. The cottage mothers of Croker Island Mission were also given the option to evacuate at this time, but remained to look after the children placed in their care. Once the first bombs dropped in Darwin in early 1942, they then had no choice but to make an escape plan. Exodus is a documentary of the story of survival, after being ABANDONED by the government.

This is just a snippet of the history of the Stolen Generations, there is a memorial wall in memory of the sixteen Aboriginal children who were removed from their home at Manga Marda to the Retta Dixon Home in Darwin. The memorial is also dedicated to all the families who lived on the site (Kuma Creek Mission). The Phillip Creek Mission was established in 1945 as an interim ration depot for Aboriginal people displaced from land following the discovery of gold in the Tennant Creek region in the

1930's. By 1956 the Native Affairs Department approved the removal of 16 part Aboriginal children from Maga Manda to the Retta Dixon home in Darwin. Warrabri was also established as a government settlement 100 kilometres south of Tennant Creek in 1956. It replaced the Phillip Creek Native settlement. Missionaries from Australian Baptist Home Mission provided welfare services at Warrabri from 1957. In 2004, eleven survivors of that group returned to the place of their abduction and dedicate a memorial at the long abandoned settlement. This memorial is called 'Kumanjai Creek Mission 1945-1956.

Banka Banka Station also has a history attached to the Stolen Generations, family were also placed there as well as Bungalow (Alice Spring Telegraph Station)

Australia has a black history and this history needs to be told, acknowledge and remembered.

I have started the conversation of establishing a Stolen Generations Memorial site being erected in Tennant Creek with the Mayor (Jeffrey McLaughlin) and the member for Barkly (Steve Edgington) The discussion of a where this memorial could be established was suggested by the member for Barkly at Anzac hill park when these discussions were taking place. This would be an excellent location.

There are two cement table and chair settings that are not being utilized in the ^{maintenace} ~~mainance~~ yard near the fire/ambulance station that would be perfect for this location. A memorial plaque/sculpture can be placed on this site aswell as the possibility of having bbq area placed there for people to be able to sit and have a feed together every day of the year not just on National Sorry day. May 26th is National Sorry Day ,so before the services and community members get stuck into a week of Reconciliation celebrations we must first acknowledge the injustices that have occurred for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people being the forced removals across the Barkly region and beyond. The Stolen Generations.

National Sorry Day remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, National Sorry Day is an annual event in Australia on 26 May. It commemorates the Stolen Generations- the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were forcibly separated from their families in an attempt to assimilate them into a white Australian culture. National Reconciliation Week is a time for Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. National Sorry Day falls on May 26th each year, the day before Reconciliation Week begins (27 May to 3 June), Reconciliation week ends on Mabo day.

So the significance of National Sorry Day being acknowledged and having a memorial site for the Stolen Generations that is easily accessible within Tennant Creek itself I have been strongly advocating for this to happen in Tennant Creek for sometime. The fact that each year there is a street march for Reconciliation week held in Tennant Creek each year and absolutely no mention or acknowledgement of National Sorry Day I find absolutly appalling.

I am writing to the local Authority group in relation to this important part of our history to acknowledged /supported and hopefully actioned by the establishment of this Stolen Generations Memorial site to be built at Anzac Hill park, Tennant Creek.

Yours Sincerely


Lorraine Gibson

Warlmanpa, Mudburra, Jingili, Warumungu

Operations Directorate Reports

11.2 Operations Directorate Report

Reference <Enter Ref here>
Author Brody Moore (Director of Operations & Remote Communities)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and accepts the Operations Directorate and Service Delivery Report.

SUMMARY

This report provides an update of Council delivered services provided across the area of Local Government service delivery.

Ali Curung

Municipal – Municipal Services remain productive under the management of our new Acting Area Manager – Mr. Tim Hema. Tim was previously employed by Barkly Regional Council as the Ali Curung Area Manager. Solar lights have been located in community, with the Municipal team consulting with the community and LA regarding the location of the lighting and which parks will be equipped with the new solar lighting.

Australia Post – No service interruptions during the reporting period. Only one current employee is registered as an Australia Post agent. Recruitment has commenced for additional staff.

Centrelink Agent – No service interruptions during the reporting period. Only one current employee is registered as a Centrelink Agent – resulting in a contractual breach with Services Australia. Being addressed with the sign-up of the Director of Operations and the Acting Area Manager for Ali Curung.

Airstrip – Ali Curung Airstrip remained servicable over the reporting period. There were no service interruptions. Grading of the Strip has now been completed after the extensive rains, and the Municipal team have completed a maintenance slashing of the strip, funded by DIPL.

Recruitment and HR – Recruitment will soon commence for the on-going position of Ali Curung Area Manager. Recruitment has commenced for two (2) vacant Administration positions.

Ampilatwatja

Municipal – Municipal Services remain productive under the management of our new Acting Area Manager – Ms Latoya Tilmouth. Latoya was previously employed by Barkly Regional Council as the Administration Officer in Ampilatwatja. Latoya's partner Shannon leads the Municipal team in community, who have been busy with completing fire breaks, grading and slashing at the Arlparra Airstrip.

Australia Post – No service interruptions during the reporting period. Only one current employee is registered as an Australia Post agent. Recruitment has commenced for additional staff.

Centrelink Agent – No service interruptions during the reporting period. Only one current employee is registered as a Centrelink Agent – resulting in a contractual breach with Services Australia. Being addressed with the sign-up of the Director of Operations and the Acting Area Manager for Ampilatwatja.



Airstrip – Ampilatwatja Airstrip remained serviceable over the reporting period. There were no service interruptions. Grading of the Strip has now been completed after the extensive rains, and the Municipal team have completed a maintenance slashing of the strip, funded by DIPL.

Recruitment and HR – Recruitment will soon commence for the on-going position of Ampilatwatja Area Manager. Recruitment has commenced for two (2) vacant Administration positions. Latoyta and the team were recently supported in community by Matt Wharton – our new Travelling Support Manager.

Alpurrurrulam

Municipal – Labour-Hire from Harvey Developments has now ceased in Alpurrurrulam and across the Barkly, leaving a vacant Municipal Services Supervisor position. Three (3) recruitment rounds have now been completed without a viable candidate. All candidates accepted alternate positions before commencing with Barkly Regional Council. Recruitment has commenced, with the potential to engage a FIFO Municipal Supervisor to assist community.

Australia Post – No service interruptions during the reporting period. Service remains compliant.

Centrelink Agent – No service interruptions during the reporting period. Service remains compliant.

Airstrip – Alpurrurrulam Airstrip remained serviceable over the reporting period. There were no service interruptions.

Recruitment and HR – Recruitment has commenced for a Municipal Supervisor in Alpurrurrulam.

Aged Care Manager – MS. Robbie Larkins continues to support Area Manager Heather Smith as she recovers from a workplace injury – stepping in as Acting Area Manager as required.

Arlparra

Airstrip – Arlparra Airstrip remained serviceable over the reporting period. There were no service interruptions.

Ampilatwatja Municipal have completed light audit, report and slashing as requested by DIPL.

Elliott

Municipal – the Elliott Municipal team have been working hard, after the end of the extensive wet season and ex-cyclone Monica. On-going work orders have been obtained by the team from DIPL to maintain the Highway verges and traffic islands.

Australia Post – No service interruptions during the reporting period. Service remains compliant.

Centrelink Agent – No service interruptions during the reporting period. Service remains compliant.

Airstrip – Airstrip remained serviceable over the reporting period. There were no service interruptions.

Recruitment and HR – There are no vacancies with Elliott.

Wutunugurra

Municipal – The Wutunugurra team have been working hard maintaining their community. The community has received recent positive feedback from stakeholders regarding the clean and tidy condition of the community.

Australia Post – No service interruptions during the reporting period. Service remains compliant.

Centrelink Agent – No service interruptions during the reporting period. Service remains compliant.

Recruitment and HR – Ex-Ampilatwatja Area Manager Colin Baker has now been appointed as the Area Manager for Wutunugurra.

Tennant Creek Youth Centre

One reportable incident – BRC Incident Form attached

Fitness and Wellness Centre

One reportable incident – Tennant and District Times article regarding the lack of functioning gym equipment.

Pool

The Pool closed for annual maintenance on the 18th of May. Early morning swimmers remain utilising the facility.

BACKGROUND

Service Delivery Report for the communities of Elliot, Ali Curung, Wutunugurra, Alpurrurulam, Arlparra and Ampilatwatja.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

N/A

BUDGET IMPLICATION

N/A

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

N/A

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Tennant Creek Council Services Manager

TCYC Coordinator

Youth Linx Coordinator

Area Managers

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

12 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

14 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

14.1 Correspondence

Author Faye Jennings (Executive Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the BRC incoming and outgoing correspondence since the last OCM.

SUMMARY

Under s 55 (2) of the LG (general regulation) 2011, the Council must keep a correspondence register referencing all correspondence addressed to or sent by, the Council or its principal member. The Official Manager is requested to note the listed BRC correspondence.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. corrs incoming [14.1.1 - 1 page]
2. Letter to Mr Peter Holt BR C_-_ Superannuation 1 [14.1.2 - 4 pages]
3. Email to all CEO 2 [14.1.3 - 2 pages]
4. Ltr letter Minister 3 [14.1.4 - 1 page]
5. Corrs Outgoing [14.1.5 - 1 page]
6. Warrabri letter 1 [14.1.6 - 1 page]
7. 2024 TC Speedway Sponsorship letter 2 [14.1.7 - 1 page]



REGISTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming Correspondence May 2024

Date Sent	Sender	Sent To	Correspondence details
10.05.204	Maree De Lacey	Mr. Peter Holt	Superannuation for council members
13.05.2024	Maree De Lacey (Executive Director Local Government)	All CEO's (Jeff MacLeod)	Via Email about further consideration and/or potential amendments to the Local Government Act 2019, the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021.
13.05.2024	NGAREE AH KIT (Minister for Youth, Seniors, and Equality)	Mr. MacLeod (BRC CEO)	Letter recognising the magnificent work being done by BRC at the Tennant Creek Youth Centre.



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File reference: HCD2021/03413-017~83

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Dear Mr Holt

Re: Superannuation for council members

As discussed at the recent LGANT Conference, the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet' Local Government Unit has continued to look for options for superannuation for council members.

The purpose of this letter is to provide councils with information on how members are able to be paid superannuation on top of council member allowances, and the implications for councils that choose to do so.

Caveat

This letter does not constitute legal or financial advice and councils and individual members are encouraged to obtain their own advice as appropriate.

Commonwealth superannuation laws

For a person to be eligible for the superannuation guarantee rate (currently 11 per cent) on their remuneration, they must meet the extended definition of 'employee' under section 12 of the Commonwealth's *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992 (the SGA Act)*.

Section 12(9A) of the SGA Act provides that "[s]ubject to subsection (10), a person who holds office as a member of a local government council is not an employee of the council".

Section 12(10) provides that a "person covered by paragraph 12-45(1)(e) in Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (about members of local governing bodies subject to PAYG withholding) is an employee of the body mentioned in that paragraph".

Essentially, under the provisions mentioned above, members of a Northern Territory local government council may unanimously resolve that they wish to be subject to PAYG withholding and then be eligible for the superannuation guarantee rate on top of their member allowances. A normal council resolution is not sufficient, it must be unanimous.

Following such a resolution, there is a process for the council to notify the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) of the resolution and commence the PAYG arrangements.

Would superannuation be paid on top of, or be deducted from, council member allowances?

Similarly to other council employees, where superannuation is paid on top of their salary or wages, the superannuation guarantee rate would be payable on top of member allowances. There would be no reduction to the amount paid to council members.

Which member allowances would superannuation be payable on?

The ATO has issued a ruling on how to categorise payments made to an individual for superannuation guarantee purposes – [SGR 2009/2 Superannuation guarantee: meaning of the terms 'ordinary time earnings' and 'salary or wages'](#).

Based on that ruling, our view is that of the council member allowances in the Remuneration Tribunal's Determination, superannuation would be payable on top of the:

- Councillors Allowance;
- Deputy Principal Members Additional Allowance;
- Principal Members Additional Allowance; and
- Extra Meeting/Activity Allowance.

It appears that superannuation would not be payable on other 'allowances' in the Determination such as the Travel Allowance, Professional Development Allowance or Vehicle Allowance, which are more in the nature of reimbursements.

Would there be fringe benefits tax (FBT) implications?

Once the members are subject to PAYG withholding, they will be considered employees for FBT purposes also. FBT is paid by the employer, and would not be paid by council members. It is anticipated that the FBT implications would not be significant for most councils. Councils are encouraged to consider the financial implications of any projected FBT liabilities if PAYG arrangements for members are entered into.

If a council member receives a pension, would entering into PAYG arrangements and receiving superannuation affect their pension?

If a person is under the Age Pension age (67 years, for those born on or after 1 January 1957), superannuation is not counted in the income or assets tests. After a person has reached the Age Pension age, superannuation is generally counted in the income and assets tests. More information on how superannuation may be relevant to a pension can be found at [Superannuation - Age Pension - Services Australia](#).

Other Australian jurisdictions

Queensland and New South Wales have amended their local government legislation so that councils may resolve to make contributions into superannuation accounts for council members.

There is some doubt as to whether contributions made by a Queensland or New South Wales council into member superannuation accounts would be entitled to the tax concessions (at contribution, accumulation and withdrawal stages) applicable to employer superannuation contributions made under the SGA Act.

There are no similar provisions under Northern Territory local government legislation, nor would inserting similar provisions ensure Northern Territory council members could benefit from all the tax concessions for superannuation.

In seeking the best possible outcome for council members, the Minister for Local Government has, on multiple occasions, advocated with the Commonwealth Government on the subject of superannuation for council members. The Commonwealth has been asked to consider deeming all council members to be employees for the purposes of the SGA Act, irrespective of whether their council has entered into PAYG arrangements. To date, the Commonwealth has not indicated an intention to do so.

What next?

I encourage all councils to consider opting into PAYG arrangements, enabling members to be paid superannuation on top of their allowances, which would be consistent with the enduring national policy goal of helping more Australians be financially well prepared for retirement.

It would be appreciated if you could table a copy of this letter at the Council's next ordinary meeting.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above matters further, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Susan Watson on (08) 8999 8405 or at susan.watson@nt.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Subject: FW: Request for Suggestions - Potential Legislative Amendments - Local Government Legislation

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Good morning CEOs

The *Local Government Act 2019* has been in place since 2021. As with any new legislation, there have been some areas identified over the past years that could benefit from further consideration and/or potential amendments to the *Local Government Act 2019*, the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* and the *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021*.

There is no intention for consideration of any amendments ahead of the Legislative Assembly elections later this year.

The intention is to assess any potential amendments and progress them for Ministerial consideration later this year, with any approved amendments to occur subject to timing of the legislative program. Further consultation on specific topics will occur in coming months as needed.

To date, the following high-level topics have been identified for review and consideration for potential legislative amendments, as part of this process:

- Any minor amendments to the local government legislation to remove administrative inefficiencies and unnecessary regulatory burden and address unintended outcomes;
- Publication requirements;
- Rates and exemptions;
- Conditional rating;
- Code of Conduct framework;
- Recommendations from the 2021 Local Government Elections Report (attached);
- Provisions related to Constituting Members;
- Procurement requirements.

The Local Government Unit is seeking advice from the local government sector about any other areas that should be considered.

If you have any detailed suggestions relating to the topics above or any further topics or details of potential legislative amendments that you would like to be considered by the Local Government Unit, please provide them to LGLaw.CMC@nt.gov.au by **cob Friday 31 May 2024**.

If you would like to discuss, please contact Susan Watson, Director Legislation and Policy on 8999 9405.

Regards

Maree

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Dear Mr Macleod

It was wonderful to meet you, along with Mr Peter Holt and Mr Brody Moore at the Tennant Creek Youth Centre when I visited in late March.

I was very impressed with the youth centre; both the building itself and the activities available for children and young people. I enjoyed seeing and interacting with kids who were busy, active and having fun in a well-supervised, planned environment. I love how the industrial kitchen not only turned out delicious and nutritious food for all children at the centre, but also gave kids an opportunity to get directly involved in meal preparation.

Please pass on my thanks to the staff at the centre for their work. It is obvious staff enjoy what they do and have great connection with the kids. This is so important; giving kids safe places to play and explore their creativity is one of the ways we can help them towards healthy, happy future lives.

I thank you and all the team for your dedication and hard work and look forward to following your progress and speaking with you again. Should you wish to reach out please do not hesitate to contact my office via telephone on 08 8936 5590 or via email at Minister.AhKit@nt.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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NGAREE AH KIT
13 MAY 2024





REGISTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

Outgoing Correspondence May 2024

Date Sent	Sender	Sent To	Correspondence details
	Barkly Regional Council	Warrabri Aboriginal Land Trust	Via Email; Consent to works- Lot 156, Alekareng
24.05.2024	Peter Holt – Official Manager (Barkly Regional Council)	Tennant Creek Speedway Club Association,	Sponsorship Confirmation and Invoice Request

Date

VIA EMAIL: legal.admin@clc.org.au

Attn: Warrabri Aboriginal Land Trust
Via Central Land Council
27 Stuart Highway
Alice Springs
NT 0870

Dear Warrabri Aboriginal Land Trust

Consent to works - Lot 156, Alekarenge ("Licence Area") for Alekarenge Footy Oval Light Design, Tender and Construction Support Project

The Land Trust, the Central Land Council and Barkly Regional Council ("**Licensee**") are parties to a licence over the Licence Area dated 19 November 2016 ("**Licence**").

Clause 7.2 of the Licence requires that prior to giving consent to any construction improvements on the Licence Area, the Land Trust must request and receive consent of the licensee to the works.

This letter, on behalf of the Licensee, grants consent to the Alekarenge Footy Oval Light Design, Tender and Construction Support Project on the Licence Area subject to the conditions specified in the CLC's Sacred Site Clearance Certificate issued for the Project.

Yours faithfully,



Barkly Regional Council



24.05.2024

Dear Tennant Creek Speedway Club Association,

Subject: Sponsorship Confirmation and Invoice Request

As you prepare for the 2024 Speedway season, I'm pleased to confirm that the Barkly Regional Council is happy to sponsor your club to the value of \$1500.00 for the Club 2024 event. As we are at the end of the financial year BRC suggests you resubmit your request for further funding in the new financial year.

We appreciate your contribution to community engagement and providing exciting motorsport experiences.

Please send us an invoice for the \$1500.00 sponsorship agreement. Upon receipt, we'll promptly process payment to support your initiatives.

Thank you for your efforts in promoting motorsports in the Barkly region.

Kind Regards,

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Peter Holt
Official Manager

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15 DECISION TO MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

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 listed to be discussed are of a confidential nature.

15.1 Tender Close- Street Lighting Project Kargaru Camp Road & Elliot

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Status 51(1)(c)(i) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(c)(i) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

15.2 Tender Close- Supply of Weighbridge for Tennant Creek Landfill

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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15.3 Confidential Action Register

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Status 51(1)(d) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(d) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

16 NEXT MEETING AND MEETING CLOSE

