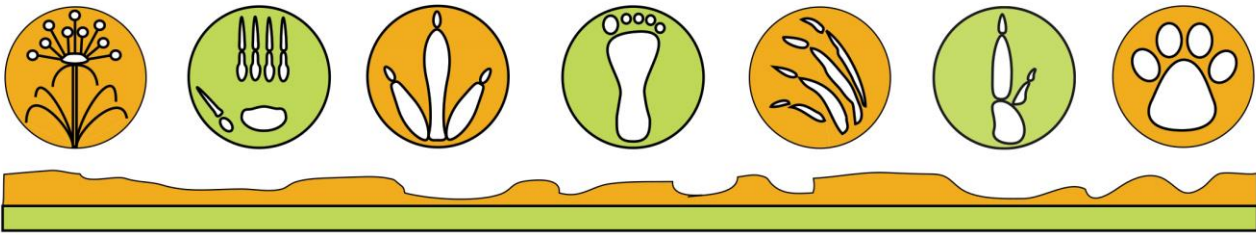


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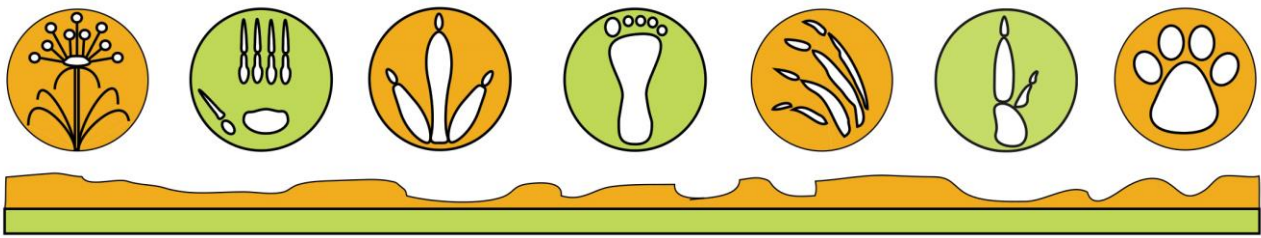
WUTUNUGURRA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2019

Barkly Regional Council's Wutunugurra Local Authority will be held in Wutunugurra on Tuesday, 6 August 2019 at 9:30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



COUNCIL PRAYER

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

Amen

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

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

AGENDA

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Nil

15 BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

16 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

17 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

18 CLOSE OF MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 2.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 278576
AUTHOR Owen Torres, Area Manager - Wutunugurra

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2019 as a true and accurate record.

SUMMARY:

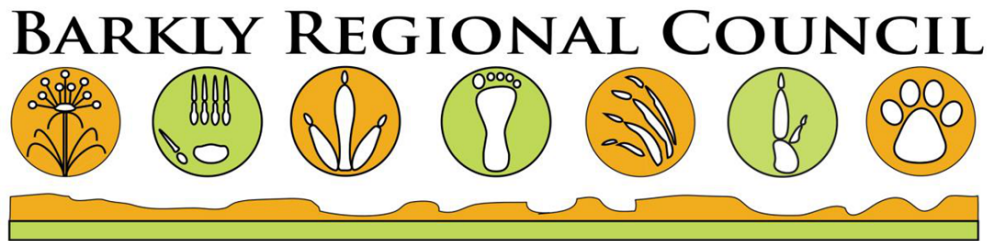
BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Wutunugurra LA Minutes 4th June 2019.PDF



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MINUTES

WUTUNUGURRA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2019

The Provisional Wutunugurra Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Wutunugurra on Tuesday, 4 June 2019 at 9:30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 9:40am with Dianne Pompey as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Appointed Members Present

- Dianne Pompey
- Rochelle Bonney
- Mark Peterson
- Lenney Beasley

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

- Mark Parsons – Director of Operations
- Owen Torres – Area Manager

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Mayor Steven Edgington
- Julie Peterson
- Geraldine Beasley
- Tommy Peterson

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

NIL

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this Wutunugurra Local Authority meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

<p>2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That the Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receive and note the report; and b) Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2019 as a true and accurate record. <p><i>Not moved</i></p> <p><i>Deferred to next meeting as beyond the scope of a Provisional Meeting.</i></p>
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3. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

<p>3.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>That the Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receive and note the report. <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>Moved: LA Member Diane Pompey</p>
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<p>Seconded:LA Member Rochelle Bonney <i>Resolved WLA 11/19</i></p>	<p>CARRIED UNAN.</p>
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4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 FIRST CIRCLES INFORMATION	
<p>MOTION</p> <p>That the Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receive and note the report; and b) Put forward their nominations. <p>RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Lennie Beasley</p> <p>Seconded:LA Member Mark PetersonCARRIED UNAN.</p> <p><i>Resolved WLA 12/19</i></p> <p>Community members were consulted but none were willing to be nominated</p>	

4.2 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE	
<p>MOTION</p> <p>That the Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Confirm the date of the next Local Authority meeting as the 2nd of July. <p>RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Diane Pompey</p> <p>Seconded:LA Member Rochelle BonneyCARRIED UNAN.</p> <p><i>Resolved WLA 13/19</i></p>	

4.3 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT	
<p>MOTION</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report. <p>RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Mark Peterson</p> <p>Seconded:LA Member Diane PompeyCARRIED UNAN.</p> <p><i>Resolved WLA 14/19</i></p>	

4.4 REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE	
<p>MOTION</p> <p>That the Authority:</p>	

a) Receive and note the report.
RESOLVED
Moved: LA Member Diane Pompey
Seconded:LA Member Lennie Beasley **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved WLA 15/19

5. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION

That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED
Moved: LA Member Diane Pompey
Seconded:LA Member Rochelle Bonney **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved WLA 16/19

Look to source quotes for a fence around the basketball court. Look into what it would take to name a cul-de-sac in the community.

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

6.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED
Moved: LA Member Lennie Beasley
Seconded:LA Member Diane Pompey **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved WLA 17/19

The Area Manager made special mention of Dianne doing a great job with the Sport and Rec children and how the children are a lot quieter because they are so worn out from all the activities.

7. LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS BREAKDOWN

Nil

8. CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA

Nil

9. BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED

Nil

10. SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

11. REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

MOTION

MOTION

That the Authority:

- a) Receive and note the supplementary budget

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Rochelle Bonney

Seconded: LA Member Diane Pompey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 18/19

12. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S POLICY ON DELEGATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

Nil

13. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

14. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

Nil

15. BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

16. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

17. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

18. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Provisional Wutunugurra Local Authority Meeting closed at 10:20am.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Provisional Wutunugurra Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Tuesday, 4 June 2019 AND CONFIRMED Tuesday, 2 July 2019.

Dianne Pompey
Chair

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Monthly Finance Report
REFERENCE 278696
AUTHOR Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Finance Report.pdf

Barkly Regional Council
Local Authority Allocation
Project: 405 **Wutunugurra**

	Income and Expenditures					Total
	Budget	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	
INCOME						
LA Grants Received						
Funding Received	134,635.86	19,601.86	31,077.00	31,077.00	26,440.00	134,635.86
INCOME TOTAL	134,635.86	19,601.86	31,077.00	31,077.00	26,440.00	134,635.86
EXPENDITURE						
Approved Minutes						
LA Funding Expended						
Jun-14 Community Centre Fencing	16,265.32	16,265.32				16,265.32
Nov-15 Christmas Party Contribution	1,840.06	1,840.06				1,840.06
Jun-17 Grand Stand Seating	24,184.00		24,184.00			24,184.00
Jun-17 Community Centre	33,100.00	1,496.48	6,893.00	24,710.52		33,100.00
LA Funding Committed						
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	75,389.38	19,601.86	31,077.00	24,710.52	0.00	75,389.38
Balance of funds to be committed	59,246.48	0.00	0.00	6,366.48	26,440.00	26,440.00
						\$59,246.48

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Alternate to Youth Detention Centre - Working Group update - July
REFERENCE	277924
AUTHOR	Jenna Walker, Executive Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the report from the Alternate to Youth Detention Centre Working Group meeting held on 17 July 2019

SUMMARY:

The Alternate to Youth Detention Centre Working Group met on Wednesday, 17 July 2019. At this meeting, Olga Haven presented key recommendations from the Royal Commission, best practise models, and findings on Diagrama, a program/ system for vulnerable youths that has proven success in Spain, and now more recently across Germany, France and the United Kingdom.

Territory Families advised that JUNO is back on the cards as a possible site for the alternate to youth detention facility.

The main topic for discussion was around site selection.

There was a resolution from four (4) different working group member representatives to oppose the site selected for an alternate to youth detention centre being at the Barkly Work Camp site. It was later motioned:

- ***Reject any proposal to locate a Youth Detention Facility might be built immediately adjacent to, or in close proximity to, the Barkly Work Camp.***

Actions from this meeting included:

- That papers formally opposing site at Barkly Work Camp be tabled at the next Governance Table meeting in August, 2019.
- That Territory Families present at the next meeting all available government land in Tennant Creek that can be potential sites for an alternate to youth detention centre.
- Governance Table to consider developing a masterplan for Tennant Creek of all 28 initiatives (program and location) in Barkly Regional Deal relevant to Tennant Creek, so Working Group Members can understand the bigger picture.
- Email out statistics around youth in Barkly from last meeting.
- Three active members to draft criteria for site selection before next meeting.
- Refrain from using the word 'detention', rather referring to the project as 'Barkly Youth Justice Accommodation Facility'.
- Call for alternate sites to be presented at the next meeting.

Next Working Group meeting to take place on Wednesday, 21 July 2019, 11am to 3pm.

BACKGROUND

Representatives from Barkly Regional Council, Territory Families, Health Service providers, community members, Correction Services, Department of Education, NT Legal Aid and the

Governance Table, convened to learn more about successful working systems that offer an alternative to a youth detention center and discuss in more detail site selection.

Confusion for some members of Working Group as during meetings 1 and 2, they were initially told that site selection was off the table and out of scope for Working Group, however in this meeting, it was indicated that their input in site selection was valid.

Working Group wanted more clarity around timeframes for project, who set the timeframes, what are the timeframes, and are these timeframes flexible. Kim from Northern Land Council, responded quite clearly that a 6 month timeframe has been assigned to ensure the region remains on track to deliver all commitments (28 initiatives) identified as part the Barkly Regional Deal – it is about looking at the bigger picture.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 4.2
TITLE Regional Deal Update
REFERENCE 277934
AUTHOR Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority:

- a) Receive and note the update

SUMMARY:

The Governance Table hasn't met since the last Council Meeting as the scheduled meeting was postponed due to a large number of absences. The next Governance Table meeting is scheduled for August.

Tim Chandler has been appointed as the Barkly Backbone Executive Officer. Tim may commence on the 29 July 2019, this date is to be confirmed.

The Youth Justice Facility Working Group had its second meeting on the 17th July. This is the only working group that has met so far.

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	4.3
TITLE	Draft Local Government Bill
REFERENCE	278244
AUTHOR	Andrew Scoffern, Governance and Quality Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the address from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.
- b) Instruct the CEO to provide a written response to the department incorporating feedback from Council and the Local Authorities

SUMMARY:

The Draft Local Government Bill has been circulated for feedback. The attached summary outlines the major changes in the document.

In addition to the attached information, the following points need to be brought to Council's attention.

- Section 52 – if a member stands for office
- Section 63 – filling casual vacancies
- Sections 76 (g) and 19 (a) – cemeteries
- Part 7.2 – annual returns of interest, all members
- Section 265 – cemeteries

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) LG Bill information sheet.pdf

DEPARTMENT OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Draft Local Government Bill

Summary of Information Sheet

Disclaimer: this information sheet is not legal advice and does not cover all of the requirements proposed under the draft Local Government Bill. It is intended only as a quick reference for some main provisions. The full Bill should be read for a complete picture.

Allowances for council members

Council members' allowances will be set by the independent remuneration tribunal established under the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*.

Annual plan requirements

A council will be required to adopt its plan (including budget) by 30 June each year, rather than 31 July.

Annual report requirements

Under the proposed legislation, the annual report of a council will have to contain:

- a copy of the council's audited financial statement for the relevant financial year;
- an assessment of council's performance against the objectives stated in the relevant council plan adopted for the relevant year;
- if the council has local authorities, an assessment of the activities of each local authority within the council's area;
- a report of the council's involvement in any shared services;
- all delegations of the council's functions and powers in force for the relevant financial year;
- the salary, allowances and any other payments made to, or fringe benefits received by or on behalf of, the council's CEO; and
- details of all fees and allowances paid to committee members.

Casual vacancies

In the event that a casual vacancy occurs within six months of the next general election, a council will have the option to not fill the vacancy.

Conflict of interest definition expansion

The exceptions that apply to conflict of interests are narrowed in new Act, particularly to non-profit entities.

To provide clearer guidance on what constitutes a conflict of interest, the following categories of interest will be used to determine what interests should be declared by members of councils, local authorities, council committees or local boards.

Direct interest – occurs when the member is likely to be directly affected if the matter is decided in a particular way.

Example: a company controlled by the member is tendering for a contract being discussed by council.

Indirect financial interest – occurs if the member is likely to receive a benefit or incur a loss because another person has an interest.

Example: the member has shares in a company that is tendering for a contract being discussed by council.

Indirect interest by close association – occurs if an associate of the member has a direct or indirect interest, or a resident of the member's household has a direct interest.

Example: the member's sibling is suing council and council is considering whether to settle the matter.

Example: a resident of the member's household is tendering for a contract being discussed by council.

Indirect interest because of conflicting duties – occurs if the member is a director, partner, agent, trustee or employee of a person or entity (including a non-profit) that has a direct interest.

Example: the member is a director of a non-profit entity that is seeking a sponsorship or donation being discussed by council.

Council delegations

Council will be able to delegate powers and functions except for the following:

- the powers to impose rates and charges;
- a decision to classify information as confidential;
- the ability to enter into a transaction where the conditions of the transaction are not arm's length conditions; and
- a decision that requires a council resolution.

In addition:

- if the power to incur financial liabilities is delegated, the council must fix reasonable limits on the delegate's authority;
- a delegation cannot duplicate or derogate from the CEO's functions (including delegated functions); and
- Council's function as the responsible entity for a public or community cemetery can only be delegated to a local government subsidiary.

Council member eligibility

For a person to be eligible for election or appointment as a member of a council, they must be enrolled as an elector in respect of a place of residence within the council area and their principal place of residence must be within the council's area.

A person will be disqualified from being a council member if they:

- hold a judicial office (other than justice of peace);
- are bankrupt;
- have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (which has not expired) of 12 months or more;
- are a staff member of the council;
- are a staff member of the local government subsidiary of which the council is a constituent council of the local government subsidiary;
- are indebted to the council and fail to discharge the debt within 6 months after the debt becomes due and payable in accordance with the regulations;
- are certified as mentally unfit to carry out the functions of a member;
- are disqualified from managing a corporation under the Corporations Act 2001 or the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006;
- are disqualified under the Northern Territory's Associations Act 2003 from being an officer of an incorporated association;
- are a member of the Federal House of Representatives or Senate;
- are determined by NTCAT to be unfit to be a member; or
- are incapable of holding a local government office under section 89(3) of the Criminal Code due to a finding of guilt for corrupt practices.

A resident of a council will be able to object to their member being in office, if the member has been convicted of an offence that could make the member unfit to remain in office. These proceedings will go through a formal process at the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NTCAT), rather than through the Minister. NTCAT can make a decision to remove the member and impose a time period of disqualification.

Disciplinary proceedings

Breaches of the code of conduct by council members must first be dealt with internally. The council will seek to resolve the matter according to council policy. The council may:

- take no action;
- reprimand a person; or
- recommend that a person attend training, mediation or counselling.

A party to the complaint can appeal a decision of council to LGANT.

LGANT will have a panel constituted by two representatives of LGANT and one from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development. The LGANT panel may:

- take no action;
- reprimand a person;
- recommend a person to attend training, mediation or counselling; and
- make any other recommendation the LGANT panel considers appropriate.

A party to the complaint can appeal a decision of the LGANT panel to NTCAT, which will be able to make any order that could be made by the LGANT panel, order the member not to breach the code of conduct again or make any other order NTCAT considers appropriate.

Donation disclosure requirements (elected principal members)

Principal member (mayor, president) candidates in local government elections will be required to give the Northern Territory Electoral Commission details of all the donations they received in their campaign. This will only apply where the principal member is elected or voted in by the public, not where the principal member is appointed or chosen at the first council meeting.

Elected members appointments to Local Authorities

A council will have to appoint at least one elected member (but no more than two elected members) to a local authority. Appointments will not be automatic, regardless of the ward that the local authority is in or if the person is a principal member.

Financial controller appointment

A financial controller will be able to be appointed for a local government council if the council is not performing its financial responsibilities appropriately or not complying with the Act. A financial controller will be responsible for implementing financial controls, including authorising all payments.

First council meeting

After a general election, a council meeting will have to be held within 21 days, rather than the current timeframe of 14 days.

High value contract

A council will not be able to enter any contract with a value more than what is allowed in the Regulations unless authorised by council resolution. It is anticipated that this value will be \$500 000.

LGANT incorporation

LGANT will not be continued as a statutory body under the Act. It is going to become incorporated under another Act. This will mean that the Government department that it lobbies on behalf of its members is not also responsible for regulating it.

Local boards

Will no longer be an option under the Act.

Meeting postponement

If the minimum number of council or local authority members required for a meeting are not present for a council, council committee or local authority meeting within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time, the meeting will be able to be postponed to a time later that day by:

- the Chair;
- if the Chair is not present, the majority of members present;
- if less than 2 members are present, the CEO or someone authorised by the CEO

Reasonable efforts will have to be made to notify all members of the new meeting time. If a meeting is not held later that day, existing requirements will apply and the CEO is responsible for postponing the meeting to a time within the next 21 days. The main purpose of the provision is to reduce the number of meetings that do not meet quorum due to late arrivals.

Member resignation

Currently, a council member may only give up to 14 days' written notice of resignation. The new Act will allow for up to three months' written notice.

New CEO eligibility requirements

A person who is disqualified from managing a corporation under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) or the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (Cth) or disqualified under the Northern Territory's *Associations Act 2003* from being an officer of an incorporated association will be ineligible to be a council CEO. A person who is bankrupt will also not be eligible to be a council CEO.

New independent representation review panel

Under the new Act, reviews about the existence of and boundaries for wards will be made by a panel consisting of the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), the Electoral Commissioner, the Surveyor-General and a person appointed by the Minister.

Offence for misleading information

It will be an offence for a person to provide misleading information to:

- a member of an audit committee, council, council committee or local authority;
- staff member of a council or local government subsidiary;
- council CEO or chief executive of a local government subsidiary;
- an inspector appointed under the Act;
- an investigator or official manager;
- an authorised officer or;
- financial controller.

This will include giving any of those persons or entities a document that is misleading. The concept of misleading includes any omissions and misinformation.

Official management of council

The Minister will be required to make a decision to either reinstate or dismiss suspended members within a maximum of 12 months after a council has been placed under official management. Where a period of official management overlaps with a scheduled general election, the general election for that council area will be postponed until after the Minister has either reinstated or dismissed the members.

Prescribed Code of Conduct

The new Act will prescribe a code of conduct that applies to elected members of all councils. This code cannot be changed by councils. The prescribed code will be similar to the existing code in schedule 2 of the current Act.

Professional development of members

Council members will complete specified training within 6 months after each general election. For a member who is elected through a by-election or appointed to fill a casual vacancy, the training will be undertaken within 12 months of election or appointment.

Rateability of land

A public benevolent institution or charity will have to be registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission for land it occupies for a non-commercial purpose to be exempt from rates.

The 'non-commercial purpose' exemption for land used by a public benevolent institution or charity will not include land used as residential accommodation by staff employed or contracted by the public benevolent institution or charity.

Crown land will not be rateable except where it has been leased or is used to provide public housing.

Register of annual returns of interests

As well as members having to declare conflicts of interest, council CEOs will keep a register of council members' interests. Members will be required to complete an annual return. The return will include matters such as properties owned, businesses owned and employers.

Shared services policy

Councils will be required to have a 'shared services' policy and report on shared services in its annual reports.

Special rates

Before declaring special rates, a council will be required to serve the ratepayer with a notice of intention to declare special rates. The notice must give the ratepayer at least 30 days to make submissions about the proposal. Council must consider any submissions received regarding the proposed special rates at a council meeting.

Strengthening local decision making

In order to strengthen local decision making, a council will seek advice and recommendations from local authorities, regarding the council's:

- budget allocations;
- spending priorities
- service delivery;

- plans;
- strategic direction;
- funding; and
- cemeteries and cemetery plans.

A council will also have to ensure that its strategies and plans are informed by the vision and priorities of the local authorities.

In addition, a council will have to work with local authorities to create strong relationships between council members, local residents and local organisations.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 4.4
TITLE Confirmation of Next Meeting Date
REFERENCE 278697
AUTHOR Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the date of the next Local Authority meeting as the 3rd of September.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Action Items from Previous Meeting
REFERENCE 278620
AUTHOR Owen Torres, Area Manager - Wutunugurra

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

No action list has been attached as of the last Local Authority Meeting all items had been confirmed as completed and no more have been added to date.

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

AREA MANAGERS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Area Managers Report
REFERENCE 278578
AUTHOR Owen Torres, Area Manager - Wutunugurra

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Wutunugurra Community.pdf
- 2 [↓](#) Night Patrol Epenarra LA 06082019.pdf

Wutunugurra Community

Monthly Report

July

Good to see the completion of the Basketball cover. The lights will be connected up soon, as there has been damage done to the electrical pit and Dexter Barnes is waiting on that to be repaired. New backboards, hoops and nets have been order and once we get them we will put them up straight away.

Sport & Rec looking good with new equipment added to the room and now we are able to have movie nights as well. So support the Sport & Rec team in making it better and getting the children participating.

Territory day was upon us again, everyone had a good night without incident, but has been spoilt by those who are still letting them of up to today.

Has been quiet in the community as people have been away for the Alice and Tennant Creek shows.

Congratulations to Susie Peterson on her award for NAIDOC Artist of the year, and for receiving a certificate from BRC, putting her art work on the Barkly Regional Plan booklet.

I have received an update on our Mobile coverage, after a consultation period, they are now getting ready to install the small cell tower, at this stage looking around September for them to install. I have been nominated to look after the RFSNA (Radio Frequency National Site Archive) and am getting familiar with the manual and guide book for the system.



NIGHT PATROL LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

COMMUNITY: Wutungurra

Date: 06/08/2019

Staff Members: Team Leader: Glenys Peterson

Night Patrol Officer: Adalida Beasley

Night Patrol Officer: Rebecca Morton

Night Patrol Officer: Racheal Mills

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 6pm – 11pm

Brief:

Wutungurra Night Patrol has 4 staff members....

Night Patrol will be at full potential....

What a community night patrol Project does

Community night patrol Projects:

- Assist people at risk of either causing or becoming the victims of harm in order to break the cycle of violence and crime in remote Indigenous communities.
- Ensure that, at an agreed time during the evening (decided in consultation with the community), children are at home or in another safe location with a parent or carer in order for the children to be able to attend and participate in school the next school day.

Community night patrol Projects employ non-coercive intervention strategies to achieve each of the above goals through the promotion of culturally appropriate conflict and dispute resolution in conjunction with contemporary law enforcement measures.

Community night patrol Projects must ensure that at an agreed time during the evening, children are at home or in another safe location with a parent or carer.

Other Project activities may include:

- Relocating a person to a 'safe' environment such as a relative's home (where the relative agrees to receive the person), recognised safe house, women's or men's refuge, hospital, sobering-up shelter or other medical facility, where that person agrees to the relocation.
- Defusing violent situations where it is safe to do so.



NIGHT PATROL LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

- Diverting intoxicated people away from unnecessary adverse contact with the criminal justice system.
- Providing advice, information or referral, for instance to a counselling service.

Community night patrol activities are available to all the residents of those remote Indigenous communities with a patrol. In addition to ensuring that children are home or in another safe location at night, communities must establish their individual community safety needs and priorities. Community night patrols will focus on the safety needs and priorities.

The Project delivery is flexible, while the Commonwealth will fund a vehicle for each patrol, the use of a vehicle may not always be the most efficient and effective manner of patrolling. For example, it may be better to patrol on foot for a portion of each shift.

Office:

Night patrol office

In the process to having some plumbing repairs done to the rear of the night patrol building.....

Training:

4 x staff members have just completed HLTAID003 (Provide First Aid) - 23rd July 25th July (Tennant Creek) which was delivered in Tennant Creek.

Vehicle:

The night Patrol vehicle is on community and can be contacted on channel 40 while moving around the community.



NIGHT PATROL LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

Statistic Report:

COMMUNITY: EPENARRA							
MONTH: July 2019							
Reason for Activity/Encounter	M	F	Action Taken	Meetings with			
1 Routine Patrol	5		1 No action required		1 Police		
2 Pick-up	5	9	2 No action help refused		2 School		
3 Individual at risk			3 Moved on/Settle down		3 Shire/		
4 Disturbance			4 Broke up fight		4 Stores		
5 Arguments			5 Took home	3	5 Clinic		
6 Domestic Violence			6 Took to safe house		6 Other		
7 Sexual Assault			7 Took to clinic				
8 Visitor Problems			8 Gave first aid		Under the influence		
9 Missing Person			9 Called Police		1 No/not apparent		
10 Property Damage			10 Called Ambulance		2 Alcohol		
11 Dangerous Driving			11 Called Fire Brigade		3 Gunja		
12 Gambling	2	2 6	12 Check vehicles		4 Petrol		
13 Grog running			13 Check Buildings		5 Other		
14 Medical Problem/Sick							
15 Medivac Client							
			Place	Age Group	M	F	
16 Kids Fighting			1 Clinic	5	7 0 - 12		9
17 Kids Lighting Fires			2 Store	5	2 13 - 17		
18 Jealous Fight			3 Council building	5	3 18 - 25		
19 Kids Fighting			4 School	5	4 26 - 35		
20 Family Fighting			5 Women Safe House		5 36 - 45		
21 Women Fighting			6 Men Safe House		6 45 - Older		
22 Men Fighting			7 Drinkers camp				
23 Sending Kids Home			8 Boundary Gate		Number of People		
24 Sending Kids School			9 Main Road	2	1 Men	0	
25 Supervise Disco			10 Church	5			
26 Supervise Sports			11 Football Oval		2 Women	0	
27 Attend Break In			12 Basketball Court	3			
28 Attend Breakdown			13 Residential House		3 Children	9	
29 Attend Accident			14 Public Area				
30 Inhalant Misuse			15 Recreational Hall				
31 Selling Gunja/Drugs			16 Playground		ALL QUIET		
32 Foot Patrol			17 Women Centre		Time:		
33 Spoken to			18 Men Centre				

George Peckham | Zone Manager

Night Patrol Barkly Regional Council

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CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Monthly CEO Report
REFERENCE	277945
AUTHOR	Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority:

- a) Receive and note the Operations Director Report.

SUMMARY:

The start of July has gone off with a bang haha seeing us Celebrate Territory Day, National NAIDOC Week , Tennant Creek Rodeo rolling into the Show season rearing its expensive head. Staff numbers around the community have dwindled as usual with this time of year.

- We managed to get quorum at 4 out of the 6 LA meetings with Wutunugurra and Arlparra not getting the numbers.
- We did manage to have a sit down talk with 3 new LA members in Arlparra and we went over the Councils expectations for the newly formed LA out there.
- Elliott had a great meeting and it was good to see a couple of long standing action items starting to work towards completion.
- Fantastic to see everyone out celebrating National NAIDOC Week at Tennant Creek and out on the Communities.
- Attended the 40th Tennant Creek Show Day, Barkly Regional Council ran a Stand giving out show bags and prizes to the kids. It was also an opportunity for the public to have a say in the development of Purkiss Reserve.
- The new CDP Provider Rise-Ngurrutjuta took over the CDP Program from Julilakari at start of the month. They are responsible for Tennant Creek, Elliott, Ali Curung and Wutunugurra.
- As of the 15th of July I will be in the Acting CEO role and Tim Hema will be coming into TC to cover the Operations Directorate. Tim is doing a Great job at Ali Curung and I'm sure he will step into the Directors role without any trouble.
- Early August will see the area managers travel into Tennant Creek for the quarterly workshop held with all the Area Managers and Executive staff to provide any updates on council procedures and gather feedback on council services in each community.

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:

BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Correspondance to Chief Minister
REFERENCE 278300
AUTHOR Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- A) Receive and note the letter from the Chief Minister.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Letter to Chief Minister 13 June 2019.pdf
- 2 [↓](#) Letter to Chief Minister 29 April 2019.pdf
- 3 [↓](#) Letter from Minister for Police 2 July 2019.pdf
- 4 [↓](#) Letter from Minister for LGHCD 4 July 2019.pdf



13 June 2019

Hon Michael Gunner MLA
Chief Minister
Northern Territory Government

Dear ~~Chief Minister~~ *Michael*,

I am writing to you to seek your feedback in regard to concerns raised by community members throughout the Barkly region.

Before I discuss the latest concerns I would like to express our Council's disappointment in that we have still not received a detailed reply from your office to our letter of 29 April 2019 regarding matters raised at a Public Forum.

During regular visits to Elliott, residents often raise concerns with me about the standard of housing in the North Camp (Gurungu) and South Camp (Wilyuku) and the need for your government to invest in new housing that will provide a safe and healthy environment for children to grow and thrive.

The Barkly Regional Council first wrote to you on 21 December 2017 to query housing arrangements in Elliott and to ask why a house destroyed by fire earlier that year had not been replaced in the South Camp (Wilyuku). Sadly, the house has still not been replaced.

In Arlparra, residents have expressed concern about your government's commitment to build 15 new homes which now appears to have come to a standstill. We were advised by residents that, since your government handed over 3 new homes in about April 2017 there has only been a further 2 homes built and the status of the remaining 10 new homes is now unknown.

On 20 May 2019, the 2019-20 Budget Overview was delivered by the Treasurer in Tennant Creek where a number of questions were asked. On behalf of the Barkly Regional Council I asked about the 'Grant Efficiency Dividend' of around 3% being applied to grants managed by Councils and the Non-Government Sector and the financial impact this will have on the Barkly region. To date, our Council has not received a response.

I also used the opportunity to speak with the Treasurer about the removal of policing services at Alpururulam and the need to reinstate the position of Business Champion that your government removed from Tennant Creek over two years ago.

One of the ongoing concerns raised by residents in the Barkly region is when calling for police assistance after hours and not being given a clear answer as to whether police will or will not be responding to the reported incident. Residents advise that they are frustrated that the call centre operator is unwilling or unable to make a decision while speaking on the phone with the complainant.

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Can you please provide a response to the above concerns and the following questions:

1. When can our Council expect to receive a detailed response to our letter to you dated 29 April 2019?
2. In early 2017, a house at South Camp, Elliott was destroyed by fire and eventually demolished. Will your government be replacing the house? If not, why not? If so, when will construction of the replacement house commence?
3. Do you agree with our Council and many of the residents in Elliott that your government should negotiate long term leases over the Elliott Town Camps with the land holders and provide support to the residents to establish a Housing Reference Group or an Aboriginal Corporation to partner with government to maintain and manage the housing stock in accordance with the Residential Tenancies Act? If not, why not? If so, can you please advise what stage your government is at with this?
4. Can you please advise the status of your government's commitment to build 15 new homes in Arlparra and the timeframe for delivering the remaining 10 new homes?
5. Rather than quoting percentages, what is the financial impact in real dollar terms of your government's efficiency dividend and the grant efficiency dividend being applied to government agencies, our Council and the non-government sector in the Barkly region?
6. Can you please advise your government's timeframe for building a new police station in Alpurrurulam, when will the permanent police presence be restored and whether there are any negotiations occurring with Queensland to establish a Cross Border Policing arrangement in the Alpurrurulam Community?
7. Does your government intend to reinstate the position of Business Champion / Business Development Officer in Tennant Creek? If not, why not? If so, on what date will the position be advertised?
8. When a resident in a remote locality reports an incident to police after hours can you advise whether or not the call centre operator has the authority to advise the complainant whether police will attend the complaint? If not, at what point in the process is the complainant advised of the decision as to whether or not police will attend to the complaint and by what means is the complainant advised of the decision?

Thank-you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Edgington
Mayor
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29 April 2019

Hon Michael Gunner MLA
Chief Minister
Northern Territory Government

Dear Chief Minister,

Michael

I am writing to you in regard to constant concerns being raised about the high level of property related crime occurring in Tennant Creek and the issues raised at a Public Forum on Monday 8 April 2019.

As elected members of the Barkly Regional Council we have continually monitored publicly available crime statistics, listened to the concerns raised by residents and acted by convening a Public Forum to allow people to have a say about property crime, how they've been affected and to provide some ideas about what needs to be done to reverse this alarming trend.

Over 120 concerned residents and business people attended the Public Forum and confirmed they had each been affected by property crime either as a victim or by knowing a friend or family member who has been directly impacted by crime. People spoke about their fear of crime and having to change plans for holidays and being concerned about leaving their houses unattended. The level of repeat victimisation was quite alarming with many dwellings and business premises being broken into multiple times leading to substantial costs, time and personal impact.

Concerns raised during the Public Forum included children of young ages roaming the streets late at night and in the early hours of the morning with no parental supervision or control. The lack of advocacy for victims, assistance with victim impact statements, lack of feedback about investigation outcomes, court dates and sentencing were all raised. Many people are interested in participating in victim offender conferencing but it was clear that there was little opportunity to do so.

Possible solutions raised at the Public Forum included a curfew, young children to be removed from the street and placed into a safe house, parents to be held responsible for their children's actions, justice reinvestment, greater use of victim offender conferencing, alternative detention programs, advocacy for victims, promotion of the BizSecure program to assist small businesses, delivery of arts, music and drama programs to engage young people at school and greater involvement with the Aboriginal community to help find solutions.

To help our Council understand what is happening with the management of property crime in Tennant Creek, can you please provide a response to the above concerns and to the following questions:

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1. What is the current gazetted number of police officers, police auxiliaries and aboriginal community police officers in Tennant Creek?
2. Are each of the above positions currently filled with staff on the ground in Tennant Creek? If not, how many vacancies are there?
3. Does your government have a Victims of Crime Charter in place? If so, are you satisfied that there are sufficient resources in Tennant Creek to ensure it is implemented effectively?
4. Is there an established position dedicated to supporting the safety and well-being of victims, helping with financial assistance, preparation of victim impact statements, and providing information throughout the justice process? If not, why not and will your government consider establishing such a position in Tennant Creek?
5. Restorative justice conferencing or victim offender conferencing can be effective in providing an opportunity for a young person to admit to an offence, accept responsibility for what they have done, understand how their actions have affected other people, including their victim and start repairing some of the harm caused by their offending behaviour to make amends. Does your government have legislation in place to allow for pre-court, sentencing and post-court conferencing? If so, under what circumstances is it used in Tennant Creek and across the Barkly region?
6. How many victim offender conferences have been held in Tennant Creek and the Barkly region since 1 January 2017?
7. On what date will your government's 'Back on Track' program commence in Tennant Creek?
8. What powers do Police and Territory Families have to remove children of young ages roaming the streets of Tennant Creek late at night and in the early hours of the morning with no parental supervision or control and under what circumstances are these powers exercised?
9. Does your government have in place any legislation that holds a parent responsible for the criminal actions of their child by way of a financial penalty, responsibility for paying compensation to a victim for property stolen or damage caused to another person's property? If not, why not? If so, can you please provide an overview of the legislation currently in place?
10. Does your government support a night-time curfew for young people? If not, why not? If so, how do you propose to develop and implement such a curfew?
11. If a child is identified by your government as being at risk or at risk of entering the justice system what steps does your government take in regard to early intervention and prevention with the child and their family?
12. What is your government doing to promote, support and deliver the BizSecure program in Tennant Creek?
13. Is your government involved in the delivery of arts, music and drama programs to engage young people at the Primary and High Schools in Tennant Creek? If not, why not? If so, can you please provide an overview of how the programs are working at the moment?
14. Does your government have any plans to increase the delivery of arts, music and drama programs to engage young people both during and out of school hours? If not, why not? If so, what plans does your government have in place?

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15. Given the ongoing concern, fear and level of property crime in Tennant Creek, has your government conducted an analysis to determine the causes of the problem, including the underlying causes of property crime and crime in general? If not, why not? If so, what was the outcome of the analysis, what evidence-based response has been implemented to reduce and prevent property crime and how is the response being evaluated?
16. Does your government have in place a documented Crime Reduction Plan in place for Tennant Creek to reduce crime in the short, medium and long-term? If so, can you please provide our Council with a copy of the Plan? If a Plan is not in place, does your government intend to develop a whole of government, whole of community Plan to reduce and prevent crime?

In closing, our Council is very concerned about the level of repeat victimisation with some dwellings and business premises being broken into multiple times leading to substantial costs, time and personal impact. As recent as today, our Council continues to receive additional reports from business and residents about crime, repeat victimisation, the fear of further crime and concerns that not enough is being done by government to tackle the issues raised during the Public Forum.

The Barkly Regional Council is keen to work in partnership with your government to reduce crime, we thank-you for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "St Edgington".

Steven Edgington
Mayor

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Mr Steven Edgington
Mayor
Barkly Regional Council

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Dear Mr Edgington, *Steve*

Thank you for your letter to the Chief Minister concerning the public forum in Tennant Creek. Due to the nature of the issues you raised stem largely from a community crime forum, as Police Minister, I am responding to your correspondence.

All Territorians have the right to be safe. As a government we have listened and will continue to listen and act.

I am sure you recognise that the recently-signed Barkly Regional Deal addresses some of the concerns raised at the meeting.

Over the past 12 months the Government has delivered on programs and services to address long-standing issues affecting Tennant Creek. We intend to continue with this work because the safety of the children of Tennant Creek is an absolute priority for this government. But having said that, we also want to ensure that people who are doing the wrong thing in Tennant Creek are held to account for their actions.

As you would appreciate, alcohol restrictions and the full point-of-sale-intervention coverage at takeaway outlets in Tennant Creek have had a dramatic impact on alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour in Tennant Creek. There are currently four Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors in town and there will be more in the future.

Official monthly crime statistics for March show total offences in Tennant Creek were also encouraging with total offences down by 8 per cent. Offences against the person were down 22 per cent, while assault was down by 24 per cent. Theft and related offences were down 14 per cent, while commercial breaks fell by 28 per cent.



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The implementation of alcohol restrictions in March 2018 have not only reduced crime but also Hospital admissions. Alcohol related Emergency Department presentations reduced from 86 admissions in February 2018 to 43 in March 2019 which is a fall of 50 per cent.

There was a spike in property crime in April and early May but Police advise this has, in the most part been addressed. Once these incidents were reported, additional resources (including detectives from Tennant Creek and Alice Springs) were allocated to the matter. The efforts of Police from both Tennant Creek Alice Springs led to 12 apprehensions in relation to unlawful entries. I am sure, like me, you would want to recognise the great work done by Police on these matters.

There are currently 52 sworn officers in Tennant Creek, which I am advised is more than adequate to support regular front-line duties. On 1 July 2016, just before Labor came to government there were 41 sworn officers in Tennant Creek. The Police response to the recent property crime series shows, additional officers can be, and will be, deployed to Tennant Creek if Police management considers it warranted. As you would appreciate, flexibility is essential to modern policing. Currently there are two vacancies due to recent staff departures that are in the process of being filled but are not impeding on the frontline service delivery.

The Northern Territory Police continue to work collaboratively with both government and non-government agencies, including regular inter-agency management meetings. This involves identifying youth at risk, which allows agencies to work in partnership to case-manage the young people and importantly, assist the families with appropriate services.

Tennant Creek Police continue to target young people who are at risk of offending while also working with Youth Patrol and Youth Link programs to address the issue of children on the street at night by providing supervision of a responsible adult.

The NT Police have a Victim of Crime Charter which includes the principals that victims should be treated with courtesy, compassion and respect; Victims should not be discriminated against on the basis of age, sex, race, ethnicity or cultural background; and Victims should be provided with appropriate information, advice and support assistance. The high professional service provided by NT police to victims is central around upholding these principals.

It is also worth noting existing victim counselling services are available locally through Catholic Care NT, as well as Territory-wide through a 24-hour phone support and crisis counselling service, which is operated by Victims of Crime NT. Victims of Crime also have a full-time support officer in Alice Springs, who services Tennant Creek.

Territory Families is developing more diversion programs and alternatives to detention to get young people from the Barkly who offend back on track. You will be aware of the announcement of \$5.5m for the construction of the facility that will focus on skill development and pathways to employment for young offenders. Further announcements will be made shortly about other programs being developed under the NT Government's "Back on Track" initiative.

In addition, and as part of the Barkly Regional Deal, Government has agreed to provide a safe accommodation facility as an alternative to detention for those on bail, police-ordered diversion or court orders. The work to develop this project is being developed as a priority by Territory Families, including securing a provider to deliver the services. Other parts of

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the Regional Deal include youth crisis accommodation, student boarding accommodation, trauma-informed care, community mediation and investment in sport and recreation.

As a government we also continue to assess social-service investment in the Barkly region which seeks to identify and address funding and delivery gaps, which have been overlooked for too long.

This work is starting to have an impact in a number of areas of social need and I am confident the current initiatives, combined with the Barkly Regional Deal will create long term benefits for Tennant Creek.

The Biz Secure program has been very successful in offering opportunities for businesses to improve security. To assist even more businesses, the Program has now been expanded and aligned with the Alcohol Secure Program. Businesses are now able to apply for up to \$10,000 for security improvements, including a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design audit, without co-contribution. A further \$10,000 is available with a co-contribution, so that businesses can now access up to a total of \$20,000 in grant funding for security improvements, using Territory enterprises to do the work. Further details and contact information can be found on the website www.bizsecure.nt.gov.au.

Should you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Edgington

I am writing in response to your letter to the Chief Minister dated 13 June 2019, regarding housing issues at Elliott and other matters.

You may be aware that the Labor Government is delivering a huge amount of housing across the Territory. As part of the Labor Government's investment in housing covering towns, remote communities and town camps, \$5.5 million has been allocated to housing and associated works in Elliott. Consultations with community members under our Local Decision Making policy are guiding the scope of works. Government is also working with local community members and the Northern Land Council to address leasing of the Elliott town camps and to create a local body to manage and maintain housing into the future.

In Arlparra the ten remaining houses are due to commence in 2019 along with further works in the Utopia region.

Your Chief Executive Officer has received correspondence from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development regarding the detail of the efficiency dividend for the Barkly Regional Council. As you would be aware, budget repair is necessary after being left with an \$876 million deficit by the former Government and having over \$500million cut from our GST by the Federal Coalition Government. The Northern Territory Government decided to request a pay freeze for all elected members as part of the budget repair measures, this may be something you wish to consider at the Council level.

As previously mentioned in a letter to you from the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Nicole Manison, date 9 April 2019, I can confirm that the Northern Territory



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Government is working to develop a cross-border agreement with Queensland which will see the establishment of a permanent police station in Alpururulam.

There is currently a business champion in Tennant Creek and the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation will shortly be advertising for a regional economic development manager for a period of 2 years as provided for under the Barkly Deal.

Authority to confirm Police attendance to a reported incident is at the Watch Commander and Territory Duty Officer level. Once a decision is made, the Triage Constable on duty within the JESCC will attempt to call the complainant to advise them of the decision that has been made. If the call is not answer then Police leave a message, if the complainant does not have a phone or has called from a pay phone, notification may not be possible.

Thank you for taking an interest in these important issues.

Yours sincerely



GERRY MCCARTHY
4/7/2019