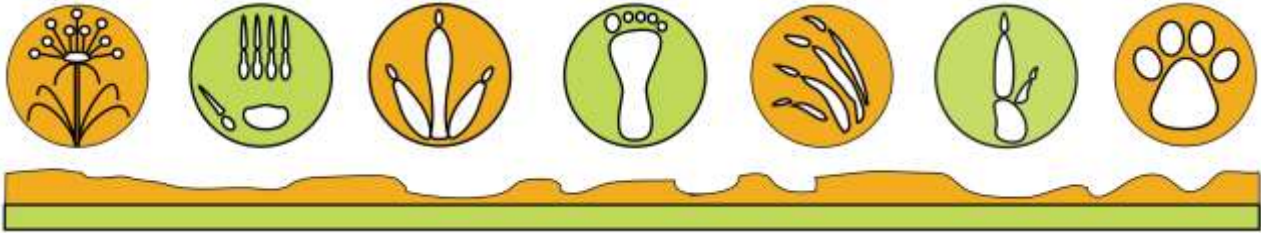


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AGENDA

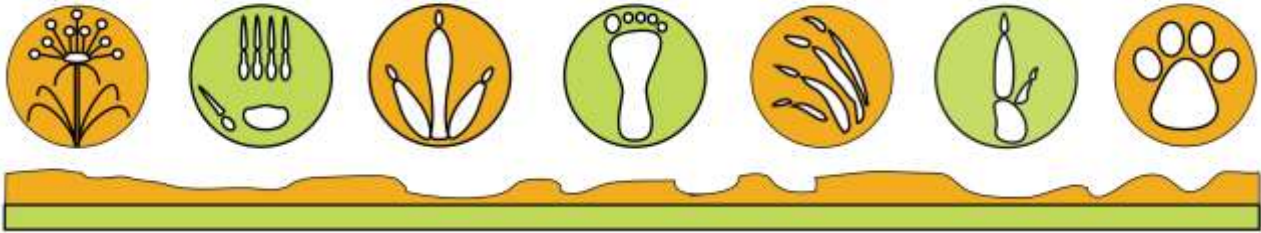
WUTUNUGURRA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2021

Barkly Regional Council's Wutunugurra Local Authority will be held in on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 at 10:30am.

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 Alywarr people.

AGENDA

ITEM	SUBJECT	PAGE NO
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1	OPENING & ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Authority Members Present	
1.2	Staff and Visitors Present	
1.3	Apologies To Be Accepted	
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	<i>Nil</i>	
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	<i>Nil</i>	
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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 2.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 327913
AUTHOR Owen Torres, Area Manager - Wutunugurra

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes of the Local Authority meeting held on the 13th April 2021 as a true and accurate record.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Wutunugurra Minutes 13.04.2021.PDF
- 2 [↓](#) WLA_08062021_MIN_734.PDF



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MINUTES WUTUNUGURRA LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Wutunugurra Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on Tuesday, 13 April 2021 at 10:30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 11:13am with Shirley Beasley as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Elected Members Present
 - Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
 - Shirley Beasley
 - Geraldine Beasley
 - Ada Beasley
 - Mark Peterson
 - Julie Peterson
- 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present
 - Mark Parsons
 - Senator Sam McMahon
 - Kris Civitarese
 - Anya Thomas
 - Owen Torres
 - Steve Edgington – Local MLA
 - Melissa Carse
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted
 - Rochelle Bonney
 - Kaye Beasley
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
- 1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	
MOTION	
That the Authority	
a) Confirm the minutes of the Local Authority meeting held on the 9 th March 2021 as a true and accurate record.	
RESOLVED	
Moved: LA Member Ada Beasley	
Seconded: LA Member Julie Peterson	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved WLA 3/21</i>	

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 MONTHLY ACTION LIST

MOTION**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Confirm all completed action items and remove them from the action list.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Mark Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Geraldine Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 4/21

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and Note the Operations Directors Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Mark Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Ada Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 5/21

5. FINANCE**5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the finance report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Julie Peterson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 6/21

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT**6.1 MONTHLY AREA MANAGERS REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ada Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Geraldine Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 7/21

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ada Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Mark Peterson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 8/21

7.2 AUSTRALIA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Geraldine Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 9/21

7.3 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

MOTION

That Council

- a) **Receive and note the report.**
- b) Provide feedback by the April Council meeting on the revised five year strategic plan.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Julie Peterson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 10/21

7.4 5 YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

Suggestions were put forward by the local authority members, those projects were the renovation and improvement of the women's centre and concrete foot pathing around the

community. It was also asked that contact be made with the Power and Water liaison for the Barkly Jessica Huxley in regards to water filtration on the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Julie Peterson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 11/21

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**
9. **OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING**
10. **REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

10.1 COUNCIL REPORT- FEBRUARY 2021

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ada Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Mark Peterson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 12/21

11. **THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN**
12. **VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**
13. **OTHER BUSINESS**

13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE.

MOTION

That the Authority

- (a) Confirm the next meeting date to be Tuesday 11th May 2021

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geraldine Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Shirley Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 13/21

14. CLOSE OF MEETING – 12:16pm

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Shirley Beasley

Owen Torres

Chair

Area Manager



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MINUTES WUTUNUGURRA LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Wutunugurra Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on Tuesday, 8 June 2021 at 10:30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 10.45am with Mark Parsons as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Rochelle Bonney
Kaye Beasley
Julie Peterson
Mark Peterson

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Andrew Beasley
Jen Cadzow
Tim Hermans
Annette Nungala
Owen Torres
Tim Hermans
George Peckham
Mark Parsons
Fionn Ellwood

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Ada Beasley
Shirley Beasley
Geraldine Beasley

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes of the Local Authority meeting held on the 13th April 2021 as a true and accurate record.

Provisional Meeting

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 MONTHLY ACTION LIST**MOTION**

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Confirm all completed action items and remove them from the action list.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kaye Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Julie Peterson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 14/21

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT****MOTION**

That Council

- A) Receive and Note the Director of Operations Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Mark Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 155/21

5. FINANCE**5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT****MOTION**

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the finance report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Mark Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 166/21

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT**6.1 MONTHLY AREA MANAGERS REPORT****MOTION**

That the Authority

<p>a) Receive and note the report. RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Julie Peterson Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley <i>Resolved WLA 177/21</i></p>	<p>CARRIED UNAN.</p>
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7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 RISE - NGURRATJUTA CDP REPORT	
<p>MOTION</p> <p>That the Authority</p> <p>a) Receive and note the report from RISE-Ngurratjuta CDP RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Rochelle Bonney Seconded: LA Member Mark Peterson <i>Resolved WLA 18/21</i></p>	
<p>CARRIED UNAN.</p>	

7.2 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE	
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That the Authority</p> <p>a) Receive and note the report</p>	

7.3 BRC REGIONAL PLAN	
<p>MOTION</p> <p>That the Authority</p> <p>a) Receive and note the report; b) Provide feedback to council on the regional plan.</p> <p>RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Kaye Beasley Seconded: LA Member Julie Peterson <i>Resolved WLA 19/21</i></p>	
<p>CARRIED UNAN.</p>	

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Sharen Lake outlined tick disease risk to animals and community.

Jen Cadzow reported on working with Wutunugurra school for data collection and liaison with vets to limit tick disease spread, offered to provide data to Council, and is in contact with Tennant Creek vet practice.

Mark Parsons noted funding is being sought for desexing program rollout, likely next year funds available.

Clinic hours now reduced to two days per week, Tuesday and Thursday.

No defibrillator in clinic. Children experiencing fever do not have access to children's Panadol – Canteen Creek is nearest outlet for this product.

Own monies have been spent on hospital grade medical supplies such as bandages.

Seeking medical attention and services elsewhere impacting school attendance.

10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

10.1 MAY COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Rochelle Bonney

Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 190/21

11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Mark Parsons encouraged attendees to review Regional Plan and advise changes.

12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

13. OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Request council submit the 26 questions raised to the Northern Territory Government.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Mark Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Rochelle Bonney

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 20/21

Owen Torres presented a document which the Local Authority asked to be presented to Council.

13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE.**MOTION**

That the Authority

- (a) Confirm the next meeting date to be Tuesday 13th July 2021

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Julie Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 21/21

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

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Chair

Area Manager



ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Monthly Action List
REFERENCE 327914
AUTHOR Owen Torres, Area Manager - Wutunugurra

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Confirm all completed action items and remove them from the action list.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Wutunugurra Action List.pdf

 BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL	WUTUNUGURRA LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST	<i>As of 10th February 2021</i>
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Item number	Meeting date	Task / project	Actions to be taken	Budget source	Action leader	Completed/status
2	03/09/2019	Men's shed upgrade	Funding to be sourced via community project funding	LA		Ongoing
3	03/09/2019	BMX track and the trail bike track		LA		Ongoing
4	15/12/2020	Shade over playground	Quotes to be sourced for quotes over the playground	LA		Ongoing



FINANCE

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Monthly Finance Report
REFERENCE 327915
AUTHOR Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the finance report.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Wutunugurra Finance Report.pdf

Barkly Regional Council
 Local Authority Allocation
 Project: 405 Wutunugurra

INCOME
 LA Grants Received
 Funding Received
INCOME TOTAL

Approved Minutes
 Expenditure Date

EXPENDITURE

LA Funding Expended
 Jun-14 Community Centre Fencing
 Nov-15 Christmas Party Contribution
 Jun-17 Grand Stand Seating
 Jun-17 Community Centre
 Feb-19 Fencing
 Mar-19 Cemetary Tank
 Aug-20 Portable Toilets
 LA Funding Committed

EXPENDITURE TOTAL

Balance of funds to be committed

Budget	Income and Expenditures									
	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	Total		
187,515.86	19,601.86	31,077.00	31,077.00	26,440.00	26,440.00	26,440.00	26,440.00	187,515.86		
187,515.86	19,601.86	31,077.00	31,077.00	26,440.00	26,440.00	26,440.00	26,440.00	187,515.86		
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AREA MANAGERS REPORT



ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Monthly Area Managers Report
REFERENCE 327916
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 [↓](#) AM report for Wutunugurra.pdf

WUTUNUGURRA MONTHLY REPORT

AUGUST 2021

VISITORS:

Barkly Arts: China De La Vega

Sports and Rec: Anna Tomlinson

Dept of Housing: Kelly Richards

Catholic Care: Louise Lam

MPH Contractors: Luke Neck

Voting: Fionn, George, Karen, Rebecca -(Dept of Chief
Minister & Cabinet

Papulu Apparre Kari Aboriginal Corp: Mahlie, Alyne, Maliyah

C.L.C: Wayne Kelly, Corey Holt

Territory Families: Patrick Rivers, Sincediwe Nabe

GENERAL:

- China from Barkly Arts continuing painting with the women doing an art expedition for online sales.
- Anna from Sport & Rec (Tennant Creek) helping out with our staff for Sport and Rec. Teaching tennis to the kids for a tennis comp in Darwin which was sadly cancelled because of lockdown in Darwin. Also arranging a softball team and driving the girls into and back from Tennant Creek for a softball tournament.
- Dept of Housing and Territory Families had a meeting with the Housing reference group about any housing needs or problems. Also had a discussion for Housing for Health Programme.
- Catholic Care arrived for a 4 day visit helping the community with any Tax, loans, debt, Telstra and counselling issues. Louise had a very full schedule and accomplished a long list of people needing her assistance.
- C.L.C visited for the election of a new delegate member for a short term vacancy from August to November 2021. Andrew Beasley is now the new delegate representative for future C.L.C meetings.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Papulu Apparre Kari Aboriginal Corporation visited the community for Naidoc Week Activities. Naidoc shirts were given to students who attended school. There was a Time Camp- with fun learning Time activities. Other daily sport activities, cooking, jumping castle and B.B.Q's each day.

Voting was held in the Council Building for 4 days with most of the community voting for their choice of elected Mayor and councillors.

We also had a visit from Rebecca Moone of The Chief Minister and Cabinet to give support.

Thank you to all involved with helping out through the week. Fionn, Karen, Dianne, George, Josiah, Camus and the municipal men. All hands on deck appreciated.

M.P.H Constructions are very close in finishing the new refurbished Art Centre. Just adding a few more touches before the community can use their new centre in a few weeks time.

ISSUES:

CDP is currently closed while they recruit a new manager. However, they do have someone coming down from Darwin to fill in for 3-4 weeks to the position is filled. The community are unable to attend appointments at this time but they can ring Tennant Creek Office to report.

The Health Clinic is still only running two days a week. Tuesday and Thursdays.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 7.1
TITLE Ehrlichiosis Disease in dogs
REFERENCE 327748
AUTHOR Makhaim Brandon, Operations Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Council has asked the local authorities for feedback on if they have noticed an increase in ticks or any dogs with the symptoms etc. and if they have any ideas on how to best get some educational materials out to people in the communities about how important tick treatment is.

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) 20210727 BRC_AMRRIC_Ehrlichiosis_low res.pdf

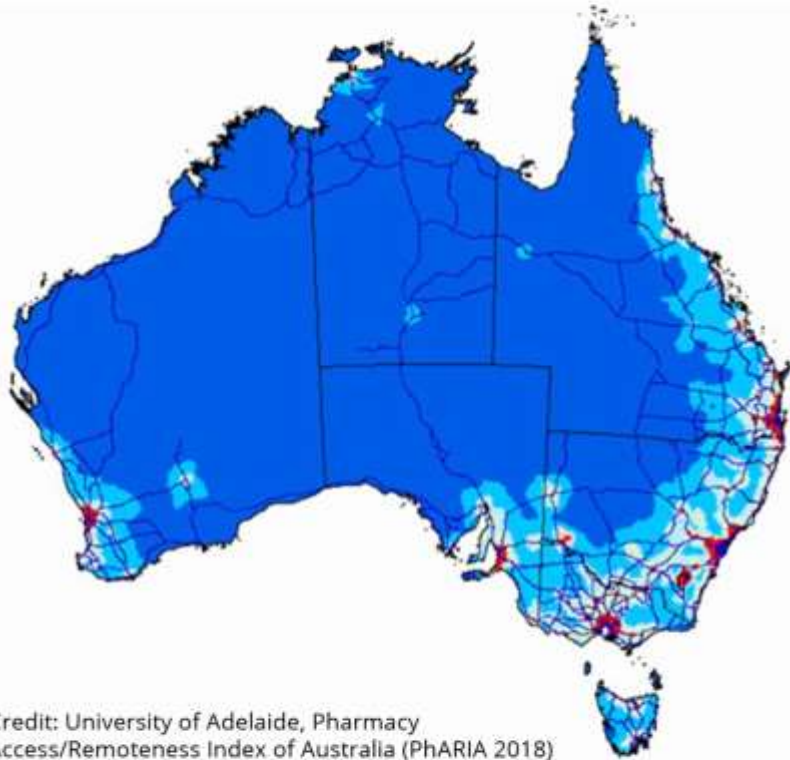


AMRRIC update - Ehrlichiosis in underserved communities



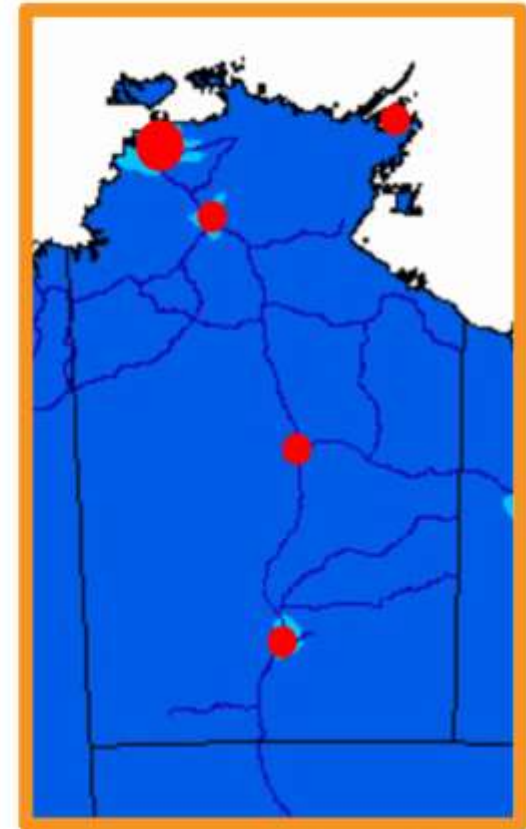
Dr Bonny Cumming, AMRRIC Program Manager – Strategic Delivery, AMRRIC

Australian Remoteness



Credit: University of Adelaide, Pharmacy
Access/Remoteness Index of Australia (PhARIA 2018)
<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/hugo-centre/services/pharia#pharmacy-aria-categories>

- 1 Highly Accessible
- 2 Accessible (Group a)
- 3 Accessible (Group b)
- 4 Moderately Accessible
- 5 Remote
- 6 Very Remote



Permanent vet clinics in NT





Limited access to animal health products & services, combined with seasonally favorable climatic conditions result in companion animals with extreme parasite burdens



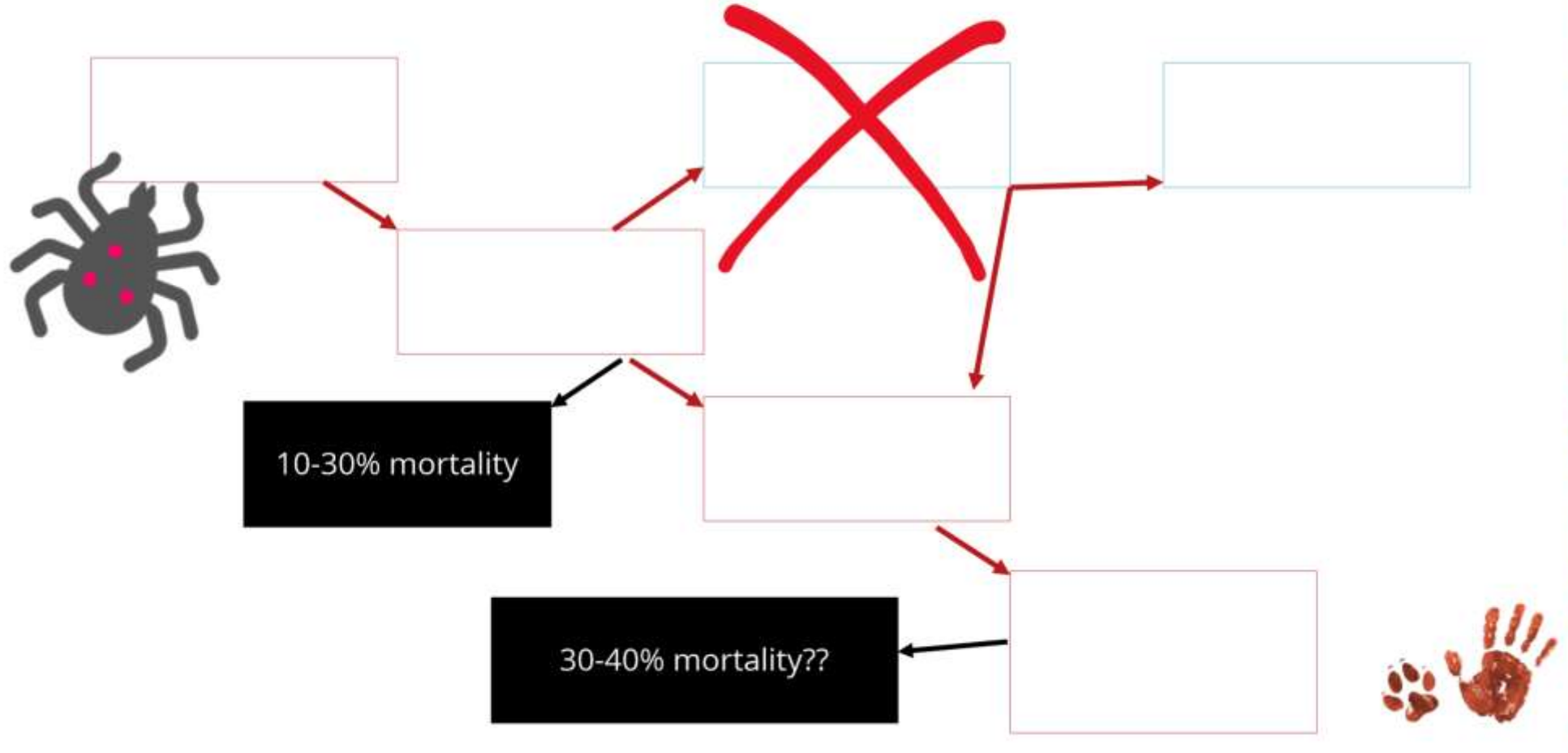


The challenges

- Remoteness
- Infrequent (sometime absent) veterinary services
- Sub-optimal parasite control

- 28day treatment course
 - Access?
 - Compliance?
 - Cost?

How serious is this disease?



***E canis* impacts**

- Estimated prevalence up to 100% in some communities
- Mortalities between ~10-30%
- Chronic cases → Animal Welfare crisis?



The value of companion animals

- The social and emotional benefits of animal companionship
- Incorporation into culture and kinship systems
- Hunting aids
- Keeping unwanted visitors at bay (people, rodents, snakes etc)
- A source of warmth



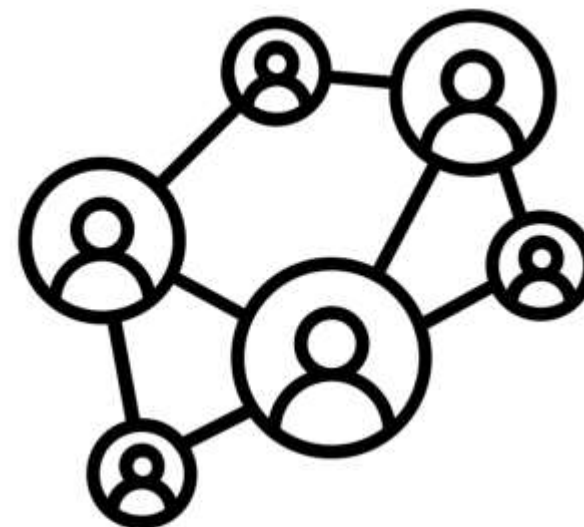


E. canis impacts

- trauma for people witnessing dogs dying in large numbers
- public health risks and disposal of deceased carcasses

AMRRIC's ehrlichiosis advocacy – early in the response

- Reached out to Chief Veterinary Officers, Departments of Health – Public Health Units, Indigenous organisations and remote Local Government Authorities, Vet Service Providers, Tick-Borne Disease experts, NAQS, WHA
- Shared national remote community vet service provision mapping
- Offered sample collection capacity
- Facilitated supply of discounted tick preventative products
- Communicated detections with community-level animal management stakeholders, and provided context-specific advice on tick mitigation strategies
- Briefed the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet - National Indigenous Australian's Agency



AMRRIC-DEVELOPED EHRlichiosis & TICK PREVENTION EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Tick Sickness



There is a new tick sickness called Ehrlichiosis



Dogs get the sickness from ticks. Sick dogs...

- Sleep lots and are tired
- Get skinny
- Don't want to eat food
- Get mucky or cloudy eyes




If your dog looks like this and is not feeling good, talk to your vet. Environmental Health Worker or AMRRIC about medicine for your dog.



Dog Tick Sickness

There is a new tick sickness in Australia called *Ehrlichiosis* and it's making DOGS SICK



Dogs get the sickness when bitten by a tick that has the Ehrlichiosis germ

-  Dogs are tired and sleep lots
-  Dogs don't want to eat
-  Dogs lose weight and get skinny
-  Dogs eyes go cloudy

Dogs can die from this sickness!



Stop dogs from getting or spreading tick sickness. Give dogs regular tick medicine.

4 Ways to Stop TICK SICKNESS

Stop your dog getting tick sickness (Ehrlichiosis)

-  1. Use a good tick collar like Killix or Seresto.
-  2. Give dogs regular medicine like Nexgard or Bravecto.
-  3. Keep your grass nice and short and keep dogs away from bushy areas
-  4. Speak to housing mob and get your house sprayed for ticks.

 Don't let your dog get the tick sickness. Do the steps to help your pet!





Human health risks

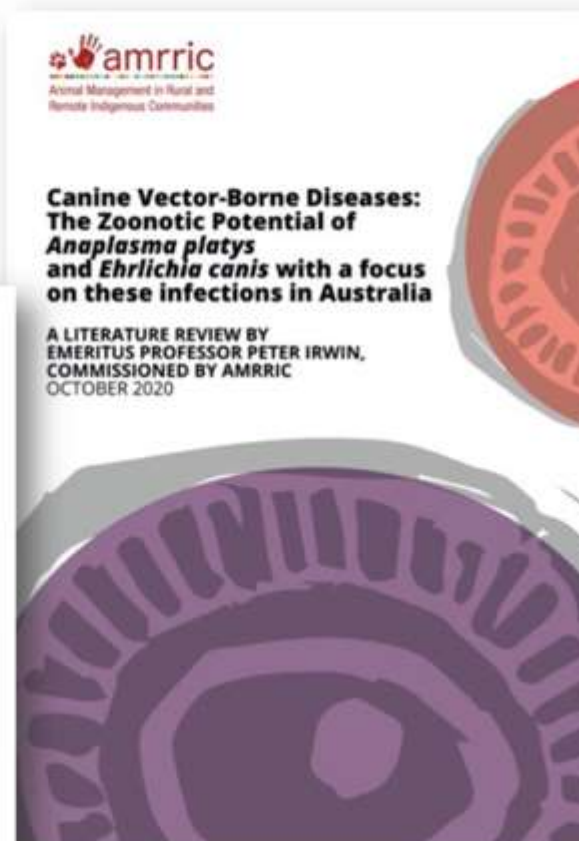
Concluding Remarks

There is little doubt that the recent detection of *E. canis* in Australia will have significant ramifications for canine health in this country. Whilst the full extent of this outbreak is not understood at the time of writing, the continual movement of dogs around the country, travelling with their owners and via commercial or rescue operations, represents a significant risk for the widespread dissemination of CME. Additionally, the capacity of its vector tick to establish in many environments raises further concern about *E. canis* becoming endemic throughout Australia.

The implications of *E. canis* (and *A. platys*) for human health are more difficult to predict. As described in sections 3.3 and 4.3 of this review, the total number of confirmed cases of human ehrlichiosis and anaplasmosis attributed to these organisms number less than a dozen worldwide. Furthermore, there is evidence that for *E. canis* at least, cases in humans are restricted to Central and South America and appear to be associated with a strain of *E. canis* that differs genetically, albeit in a minor way, from most isolates found in dogs in other parts of the world.

We should not ignore the zoonotic potential of these organisms, however. The relative paucity of reported human cases associated with *E. canis* and *A. platys* should be considered with respect to the fact that these organisms are rarely, if ever, screened for by medical diagnostic laboratories, routinely or even during deeper investigations. The fact that most published cases have originated from just two research groups is very pertinent to this consideration. Whilst critics might consider these studies irrelevant or, worse, attribute them to laboratory failures such as contamination, we should be careful not to dismiss them. Increasingly, animal-associated pathogens have been recognised for their ability to cause illness in people – the recent case of a haemoplasma infection in Queensland, in a person with extensive animal contact is a case in point (Alcorn et al., 2020).

It would seem prudent to remain vigilant for unexplained febrile illnesses in people who live closely with dogs, especially where ectoparasite control measures are suboptimal, when tick burdens are consequently high.



Human health risks – AMRRIC’s view

In remote communities that experience:

- high tick burdens
- sub-optimal parasite control at both dog and environmental level
- a high burden of chronic disease,

a precautionary approach to E canis is warranted.

AMRRIC has developed a proposal to work with renowned researchers to investigate the zoonotic potential of E canis and Anaplasma platys (another tick borne disease); this proposal is under consideration by Australian Government Department of Health, Agriculture and NIAA



AMRRIC's more recent ehrlichiosis advocacy and efforts

- Hosted two stakeholder workshops in Darwin in December 2020
 - One focused on animal population impacts; one focused on potential human health impacts
- Continued to advocate to, and assist jurisdictional authorities in their respective responses to this disease, including becoming a member of the Northern Territory Government's Ehrlichiosis Management Working Group
- Running a trial to assess the feasibility of administration of different tick preventatives that can be administered at community-wide scale and are effective in preventing ehrlichiosis transmission
- Fundraising and seeking pharmaceutical company support to enable the supply of effective tick control products to community stakeholders in impacted regions
- Visited Canberra to advocate the devastating impact of this disease and need for improved resourcing to Federal Government Ministers and Departmental Chiefs
- Delivered LGA focused webinar on E canis impacts and management strategies



Managing Ehrlichiosis – AMRRIC’s view

Effective management of Ehrlichiosis requires a collaborative, transdisciplinary One Health approach, of which Ehrlichiosis management is part of a broader animal health and management program delivered primarily through local capacity.

AMRRIC have proposals currently under consideration with Australian Government Departments to improve local capacity, enhance biosecurity surveillance and support animal management programs through regular data collection and anti-parasitic treatment administration.



Benefits of effective animal management



IMPROVED ANIMAL
HEALTH AND WELFARE



IMPROVED HUMAN
HEALTH AND
WELLBEING



ENHANCED EMPATHY
DEVELOPMENT



IMPROVED
COMMUNITY AMENITY
AND SAFETY



FEWER UNWANTED
ANIMALS



REDUCED NEGATIVE
IMPACTS ON WILDLIFE
AND ECOSYSTEMS



REDUCED
BIOSECURITY RISKS



Further information

- AMRRIC Resources:
 - [Ehrlichiosis FAQs](#)
 - [Tick Prevention Advice](#)
 - [Zoonotic potential literature review](#) (authored by Emertius Professor Peter Irwin)
 - [Educational Resources](#) including animation, posters, lesson plans
 - Webinar; [What the new dog disease, Ehrlichiosis, means for Local Government](#)
 - [Ehrlichiosis communications package](#)
- [Australian Government Outbreak Website](#)
- [NT Government Guidelines for Veterinarians](#)
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (WA) – [Ehrlichiosis in dogs](#)
- Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (NT) – [Ehrlichiosis disease in dogs](#)
- Department of Primary Industries and Regions (SA) – [Ehrlichiosis disease in dogs](#)
- Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (QLD) – [Canine Ehrlichiosis](#)
- Department of Primary Industries (NSW) – [Ehrlichia canis](#)
- Agriculture Victoria website – [Ehrlichiosis](#)
- Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (TAS) – [Ehrlichiosis in dogs](#)





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ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE Confirmation of Next Meeting Date.
REFERENCE 327919
AUTHOR Owen Torres, Area Manager - Wutunugurra

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

(a) Confirm the next meeting date to be Tuesday 13 October 2021

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS: