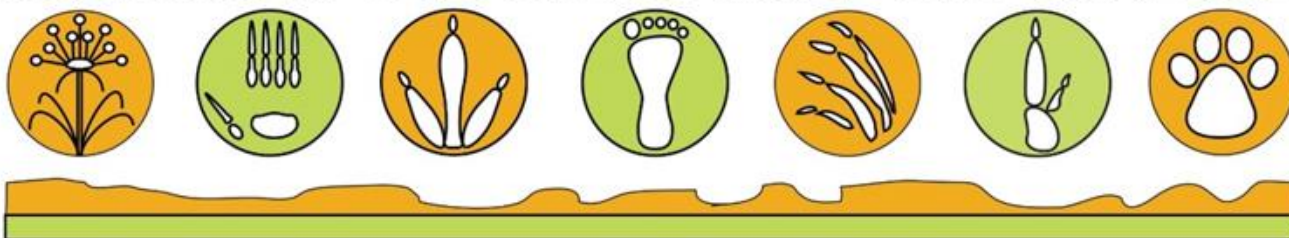


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA

Wutungurra LA Meeting

Tuesday 18 February 2025

Barkly Regional Council's Wutungurra LA Meeting will be held in Meeting Room on Tuesday 18 February 2025 at 11:00 am.

Chris Kelly

Chief Executive Officer

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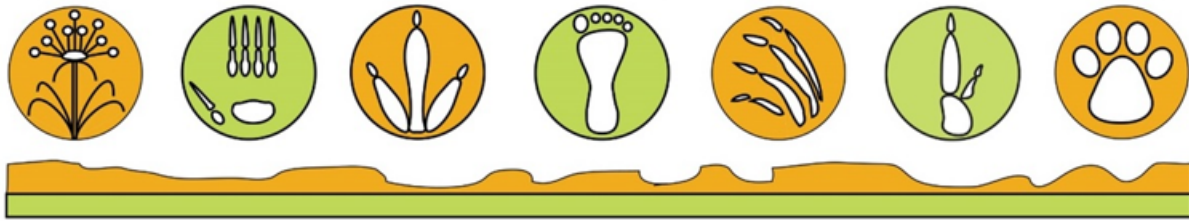
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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

Local Government Act 2019 (NT) Section 98 - Procedure at meeting

(1) The chairperson of a meeting of the local authority is a member appointed by the local authority to be the chairperson of the local authority; or, if the chairperson is not present (or no one is appointed to the position of the chairperson at the time of the meeting) – a member chosen by the members present at the meeting to chair the meeting.

(2) A quorum at a meeting of a local authority consists of a majority of its members holding office at the time of the meeting.

Watunugurra LA Members

1. Fiona Peterson (Chair)
2. Shirley Beasley
3. Julie Peterson
4. Mark Peterson
5. Ezra Casson
6. Tracy Peterson
7. Nathaniel Peterson
8. Cedric Price
9. Kaye Beasley
10. Annette Nungala
11. Deputy Mayor Noel Hayes
12. Cr. Valda Napurrula Shannon

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Section 95 (5) of the Act guides voting during meetings.

Each member present at a meeting has and must exercise one vote on a question arising for decision at the meeting and, if the council has a policy allowing the chairperson to exercise a casting vote, the chairperson must exercise, in the event of an equality of votes, a second or casting vote.

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Section 47 (1) (o) of the Act - Disqualification.

A person is disqualified from office as a member of a council if the person is absent, without permission of the council in accordance with the regulations, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings.

1.5 Resignations

Clause 12 of the Council Policy – RESIGNATION

1. Where a member no longer wishes to be a member of the Local Authority, they are required to resign from the post.
2. Resignations are to be made in writing, addressed to the Mayor, and delivered to Office of the CEO.
3. All Local Authority resignations are noted by Council at the next Ordinary meeting following receipt of the resignation.
4. The member will receive a letter of acknowledgement of their resignation.

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Section 115 the Local Government Act 2019 (NT) provides - Disclosure of interest

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- (b) participate in any decision in relation to the matter; or
- (c) engage in behaviour that may influence the audit committee, council, council committee or local authority's consideration of or decision in relation to the matter.

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

ITEM NUMBER: 2.1

TITLE: Confirmation of previous meeting.

Reference <Enter Ref here>

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator), Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

SUMMARY

Section 101 (3) requires that the Local Authority confirm its previous minutes at its next meeting.

The report provides the LA with minutes of the previous LA meeting for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wutungurra LA receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, 11 December 2024 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Wutungurra Local Authority Meeting Minutes 2024 [2.1.1 - 11 pages]
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MINUTES Wutungurra LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Wutungurra LA Meeting was held in the Meeting Room on Tuesday 10 December 2024 at 11:28 am.

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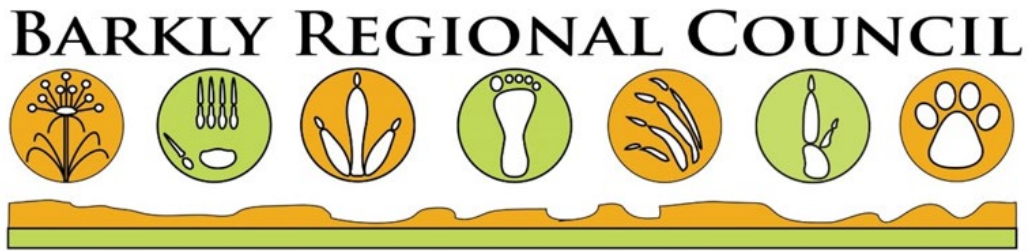
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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

- Fiona Peterson (Chair)
- Shirley Beasley
- Julie Peterson
- Mark Peterson
- Ezra Casson
- Tracy Peterson
- Sid Vashist (Mayor)

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Chris Kelly (Chief Executive Officer, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operational Services, BRC)
- Susan Steele (Director of Community Services, BRC)
- Surya Godavarthi (Acting Director of Infrastructure and Fleet, BRC)
- Colin Baker (Community Services Coordinator, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Council Services Coordinator, BRC)
- Kelly Richards (Department of Housing)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Nathaniel Peterson
- Cedric Price
- Kaye Beasley
- Annette Nungala

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 11/09/2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Tracy Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/46

3 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

3.1 LAPF statement

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Finance statement provided.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ezra Casson

Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/47

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

4.1 Request for increase of LA Project funding

MOTION

That the Local Authority requests the Mayor to write a letter to the Minister for Local Government, advocating for an increase in the LA Project Funding.

RESOLVED



MINUTES Wutungurra LA Meeting 10 December 2024



Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley
Seconded: LA Member Ezra Casson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/52

5 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

6 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.1 Report from the Director of Community services

Report from the Director of Community Services

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services Directorate Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ezra Casson
Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/48

SUMMARY

Community Safety Program (Night Patrol)

The Night Patrol team operates Monday to Friday, providing 50 hours of patrol per week. They assist with community safety, search for lost individuals, and support local youth services. The team also works alongside Community Safety staff from nearby communities and has had no reported incidents. In this period, they attended the 40th Anniversary of Canteen Creek and supported sports carnivals in Ampilatwatja and Arlparra, collaborating with local police and liaison officers. Staff participated in face-to-face and online training to enhance their skills.

Goals & Objectives

- Attend Local Authority meetings
- Conduct Community Safety staff compliance checks in the Barkly Region
- Provide Cert 3 training in Community Safety
- Monitor GPS trackers on all Community Safety vehicles
- Ongoing ICT/computer training for staff





Challenges

- Collection and collation of statistical reporting
- Computer training for staff

Stakeholders

- Police, Elders, and other community stakeholders in Wutunurra.

Youth, Sport & Recreation Program (YSR)

The YSR program is engaging young people in Wutunurra, with 10 children (mainly aged 12 and under) attending daily. The program offers outdoor and indoor activities, with soccer, cricket, and Capture the Flag being popular. The program has seen improved attendance and smoother operations, especially with two new staff members. The Team Leader has organized outdoor activities by the creek as part of the school holiday program. The focus is on local employment, and there is a request for the Local Authority to encourage community members to participate in program delivery.

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.2 Report from the Operational Services Directorate

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Operational Services Directorate.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ezra Casson

Seconded: LA Member Shirley Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/49

SUMMARY

Service Delivery	
<p><i>CSC Colin Baker has been away on personal leave most of this report period. Coverage has been provided by Regional Manager Tim Hema and Manager Local Laws Dean Pollock. Staff attendance during this period was slow at start with gradual increase, this was in part due to “sorry business” and football carnivals at Ampilatwatja and Arlparra. BRC employment survey for all staff was conducted. Deborah Dickenson started as Companion Animal Officer – funded position 20hrs per week. CSC Colin Baker returned to Wutunurra 02.12.2024.</i></p>	
Incidents / WHS	<p><i>Bushfires continued to burn in Wutunurra /Canteen creek areas. Disruptions to power due to fires-burning close to lines and power generator. Wet Season rains have started.</i></p>





Administration Services	
Opening hours	Monday to Thursday: 8:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 4:00pm Friday: 8:00am – 12:00pm Xmas Closure period: 23 rd Dec 2024 to 5 th Jan 2025. Main Office will be closed, Rubbish runs will occur twice weekly as per normal. YSR will still run program during this time.
Main Office	Plumbing repairs completed at Public Toilets.
Customer Services Officer	CSO 1: Bronwyn Weatherall CSO 2: Marilyn Kings Deborah Dickenson – back-up centrelink agent.
Centrelink	No disruptions to service this reporting period. Centrelink on-boarding of Deborah Dickenson and Marilyn Kings completed. CSO Bronwyn Weatherall is still pending her approvals. We now are in a good position to provide back-up Centrelink coverage.
Conference Hall	LLN Training – Central Desert Training – Ram the trainer. Services Australia – Remote Centrelink Services Team visit x2 HRG - meeting NT Elections – Voting CLC - Meeting
Visitors Accommodation	Territory Families – Housing Territory Families – Child Protection Services CDT Training -Ram ROM – Tim Hema MLL – Dean Pollock NT – Health CLC - Hose
Municipal Services	
Opening hours	Monday to Thursday: 7:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 4:15pm Friday: 7:00am – 12:00pm Xmas Closure period: 23 rd Dec 2024 to 5 th Jan 2025. Only x2 weekly rubbish runs.
Municipal Team	Works Supervisor: Dennis Campbell Works Crew: Andrew Beasley , Gary Edwards, Shamus Beasley , Adrian Lewis , Azra Casson.
Parks and Open Spaces	Wet Season – grass will be growing -
Roads	Generally OK
Waste	Rubbish Runs twice weekly.
Landfill	Tidy-up required.
Firebreaks	Done – during recent fire.
Car Bodies	Excess Cars around community need to be taken to tip
Trade Services	New Remote Mechanic – Llyod -visit to Wutungurra to assess plant and equipment.
Local Authority	
LA Board	Congratulations Noel Hayes, Andrew Tsavaris, Darryl Morton and Zacieus Long – New Councillors. For the Alyawarr Ward
LA Projects	
Other LA matters	
General Community Information	





Visiting Service Providers	Services Australia – Centrelink Remote team (x2) Bush Court – 13 th Nov 2024 LLN Trainer – Central Desert Training (x2 training blocks) CLC - Hose NTEC Elections remote team visit NT Elections / Local Govt Elections
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Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.3 Report from the Infrastructure and Fleet Directorate

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and approves the report presented by Infrastructure and Fleet Directorate.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Tracy Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/50

SUMMARY

1. Project Summary: Epenarra Men's Shed Refurbishment

- **Project Name:** Epenarra Men's Shed Refurbishment
- **Project Value:** \$20,000 + \$15,000
- **Scoping:** Completed in June 2023
- **Quotes Obtained:** July 2024
- **Initiation:** Commenced in July 2024
- **Completion:** Expected by January 2025

Overview:

The plumbing and electrical work outlined in the initial project scope has been completed. The next phase involves the installation of new doors.

Next Steps:

The installation of the new doors has been assigned to LA Build, who are currently working in the community. The doors are scheduled for installation in January 2025.

2. Project Summary: Women's Centre Refurbishment





- **Project Name:** Women's Centre Refurbishment
- **Project Value:** \$107,000
- **Scoping:** Completed in July 2024
- **Initiation:** Commenced in November 2024
- **Completion:** Expected by March 2025

Overview:

This project aims to revitalize the Women's Centre, addressing critical infrastructure needs to enhance the facility's usability, safety, and sustainability.

Next Steps:

BRC is coordinating the installation of a new septic system and flooring. Plumbers are scheduled to begin the septic tank work early next year. Sonja from NT Health, along with the community, is overseeing the remaining work.

3. Project Summary: Playground Upgrade and Maintenance

- **Project Name:** Playground Upgrade and Maintenance
- **Project Value:** \$60,569
- **Quotes Received:** September 2024
- **Initiation:** Expected to commence in November 2024
- **Completion:** Expected by June 2025

Overview:

The project has been scoped, and necessary quotes have been obtained. However, due to the high cost of playground equipment, we are unable to complete the project in its full scope within the current budget while meeting community expectations.

Next Steps:

Attempts to secure additional funding from CLC were unsuccessful. As a result, we will need to return to the Local Authority (LA) to discuss reducing the scope of the project to fit within the existing budget.

4. Project Summary: Visitor Park

- **Project Name:** Visitor Park
- **Project Value:** Not committed
- **Scoping:** Completed in September 2024

Overview:

The Local Authority (LA) is interested in installing shade shelters, a BBQ, and a water bubbler in the Visitor Park.

Next Steps:

The supply and installation of the shade structure, water bubbler, and BBQ is estimated to cost \$48,500. However, as CLC has also expressed interest in completing this project, confirmation of the next steps with the LA members is required.





7 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

7.1 Action Tracker

MOTION

That Local Authority notes and confirms the Action tracker provided.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ezra Casson

Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/51

8 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

Other matters discussed

9.1 Other matters discussed

Minutes of the Meeting

- **Pest Control Enquiry:**
- Shirley Beasley inquired with Kelly Richards regarding the pest control services for her house, as it has not been carried out for some time. Kelly responded that the pest control service is typically scheduled every three months, but it is possible that Shirley's house was missed during the last visit. Kelly will check the records and follow up with Shirley accordingly.
- **Housing Issues Discussion:**
- Kelly also mentioned that there was a recent meeting concerning housing, where most of the issues related to housing were already discussed.



MINUTES Wutungurra LA Meeting 10 December 2024



10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Wutungurra LA next meeting date is yet to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 12:36 PM

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3 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER: 3.1

TITLE: Notification of General Business Items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to allow Elected Members the opportunity to table items they wish to be debated by the Local Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chairperson invites Elected Members to raise matters of concern that they wish to discuss later in the meeting.

4 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

4.1

Action tracker

Reference

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator), Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority

- a. **Receive and note Councils response to LA requests and action taken.**
- b. **Receive and note the LA action tracker.**
- c. **Resolve to close completed actions or make any other decision.**

CONSULTATION & TIMING

CEO

ELT

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Wutungurra Tracker [4.1.1 - 1 page]

WUTUNUGURRA						
Resolution #	Meet Date	Task/Project	Actions to be Taken	Funds	Action Leader	Status
WLA 6/23	30/05/2023	Community access to air supply	install a compressed air outlet positioned outside the workshop for use by the community to inflate tyres	LA - \$4,000 committed	Area Manager	Materials delivered, Installation to be done.
WLA 24/14	26/03/2024	Men's Shed funding issues	BRC to decide where the funds to be spent in consultation with AAI and LA.		Project team	Works started, will be finished by end of January
WLA 24/15	26/03/2024	Solar lights and church equipment	To provide the quotes for new music equipment for church and 16 solar lights in parks & Alleways.		AM & Dir Ops	No funds committed
WLA-24/30, WLA 7/23, WLA-24/44	10/07/2024	LA has committed additional \$20,000, \$30,000 and \$10,569 for Playground maintenance and upgrade	BRC to provide the plan, mappings and layout to the LA in next meeting.	\$60,569	Dir Infra	Need additional funding, Project team to provide alternative options during the meeting
WLA-24/31	10/07/2024	To investigate the costing to establish a visitor park	BRC to provide the cost estimation for a visitor park establishment			No funding available
WLA-24/45	11/09/2024	LA allocated \$35,000 for the repairs and upgrades of Arts center accommodation building in the community(Lot number- 41).		\$35,000	Kelly White and Infrastructure team	Materilas have been ordered

5 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

6 OFFICERS' REPORTS

Officers' Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 6.1

TITLE: Chief Operations Officer

Reference <Enter Ref here>

Author Brody Moore (Chief Operations Officer)

SUMMARY

The following report provides the LA with an overview and relevant update on Operations managed by the directorate in Wutungurra.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Relevant information is provided within the attachments

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Identified within the attachment

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Discussed within the body of the report

CONSULTATION

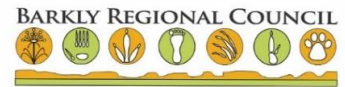
Presented in the various Local Authorities meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

1. WUT Community Report DEC2024 FEB2025 (1) [6.1.1 - 2 pages]
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Service Delivery Report – Wutunurra

Author	<i>Colin Baker</i>
Reporting Period	<i>10 December 2024 – 17 February 2025</i>
Service Delivery	
Complaints	<i>Nil known</i>
Incidents / WHS	<i>Wetenngerr Community store was broken into on 4/2/2025</i>
Administration Services	
Opening hours	<i>Monday to Thursday: 7:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 4:15pm Friday: 7:00am – 12:00pm</i>
Office Closures	<i>Christmas Closure 23/12/2024 – 06/01/2025</i>
Customer Services Officer	<i>CSO 1: Bronwyn Weatherall</i>
Centrelink	<i>Two Centrelink computers, Silver Service phone and one customer phone is now working since phone changeover.</i>
Post Office	<i>Not Applicable.</i>
Conference Hall	<i>LLN Training – Central Desert Training Services Australia – Remote Centrelink Services Team visit LA Board Meeting – BRC Staff 10/12/2025</i>
Visitors Accommodation	
Municipal Services	
Opening hours	<i>Monday to Thursday: 7:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 3:00pm Friday: 7:00am – 12:00pm</i>
Municipal Team	<i>X 1 Works Supervisor: Vacant X 4 Works Officers (FTE): Currently 11 Casuals on books but only 2 reliable attendees, Andrew Beasley & Gary Edwards. Men's business at Ampilatwatja is causing absences.</i>
Parks and Open Spaces	<i>Works crew have work on picking up hard litter around the public spaces and keeping the grass cut.</i>
Roads	<i>Road edges in some places need repairs. Potholes are increasing in numbers and severity.</i>
Waste	<i>Twice weekly. Hard rubbish pickups as required.</i>
Landfill	<i>Clean-up works – ongoing. Covering will need to be applied when repairs to plant equipment has occurred.</i>
Firebreaks	<i>Firebreaks are all in good condition.</i>
Car Bodies	<i>There are numerous car bodies in public areas of Wutunurra (also on house blocks) but no plant on site is capable of moving them.</i>
Airstrip	<i>Not Applicable.</i>
Trade Services	<i>New Mechanic Lloyd has started at Ali Curung. Lloyd has already attended Wutunurra to assess plant, however repairs to plant is very challenging.</i>



Local Authority	
LA Board	<i>No changes to members</i>
Community Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Men's Shed - Doors received 5/5/2025, awaiting fitting & painting by LA Build 2. Women's Centre – Septic replaced 4-7/2/2025, internal works continuing 3. Playground - TBA
Other LA matters	
General Community Information	
Visiting Service Providers	<i>Services Australia – Centrelink Remote team LLN Trainer – Central Desert Training Dept. TFHC – Housing staff various. Contractors various. MVR/Police matters – Ali Curung Police RN Employment – visited but currently no on-site services Brief visit by Member for Barkly, Steve Edgington</i>
Meetings /Events	<i>HRG Meeting – No quorum</i>
Funerals	<i>No funerals</i>
Training	<i>Upcoming training for Construction White Card & First Aid (TBA)</i>
General Comments	
<i>BRC has revised allocated positions across all departments and communities. The following positions apply to Wutunugurra: 1 x CSC (FTE), 1 x Admin Officer (FTE), 1 x Works Supervisor (FTE), 4 x Municipal Officer (FTE), 2 x Night Patrol (0.66FTE), 1 x YSR Team Leader (FTE), 2 x YSR Officer (0.66FTE). Each community has the same allocation of these positions.</i>	

Officers' Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 6.2
TITLE: Chief Financial Officer

Reference Local Authority Project Funding Report
Author Sunil Neupane (Acting Chief Financial Officer)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the financial information provided for the Wutungurra Local Authority Projects Funding for the period ending 31st December 2024.

SUMMARY

Details of the Wutungurra Local Authority Funding Position:

Particulars	Amount (\$)
Funding available for commitments (excluding PY commitments) on 1st July 2024:	39,442
Financial Year 2024-25 funding budget (fund has not been received yet):	26,300
Funds committed for projects in FY 2024-25:	65,569
Funds spent for all projects to 31st December 2024:	0
Total funding available to complete current projects (inc. PY) as of 31st December 2024:	124,826
Total funding available to be committed as of 31st December 2024:	173

BACKGROUND

As per Guideline 1 of the Local Government Act 2019, under section 10.1 Council is required to present:

A report from the CEO (or delegate) on all local authority matters before Council, including a progress and financial report on local authority.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

According to a letter received from the NTG Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (file reference LGR2016/00050), any LAPF balances that are older than two years and have not been formally committed or spent are likely to be requested for repayment, unless there are extenuating circumstances beyond the Council's control that have prevented the full expenditure of LAPF funds. **The Council must obtain written approval from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet for any extension to carry over and spend LAPF funding that is over two years old.** A full justification must be provided explaining the reasons for the under-expenditure.



IMPACT FOR COUNCIL

Under section 10.1 of Guideline 1 of the Local Government Act 2019, the Local Authority must receive a progress and financial report on local authority projects.

The Local Authority Wutungurra finance report for 31st December 2024 is attached to this report.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This report is aligned to the Barkly Regional Council Strategic Plan 2024-2025:

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	KPI & MEASURE	TARGET	BY WHEN
4.1 Barkly Council will continue to foster, develop and engage with the Local Authorities in achieving local stakeholder democratic participation in the processes of Local Government	Initiate, foster, engage with and develop the capacities and capabilities of Barkly region's local authorities	Frequency of LA Meetings	Each LA meet 6 times per year	100% Participation

ATTACHMENTS:

1. LAPF Income and Expenditure Report - Wutungurra [6.2.1 - 1 page]



Wutungurra

Local Authority Projects - as at 31st December 2024

Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects	Approved Budget	Year of Budget Approval	Resolution	Expenditure Prior Years	Prior FY Carried FW 01/07/2024	FY24/25 Approved Budget	Expenditure to date 2024-25	Cash Balance as at 31/12/2024	Status	Budget Funded FY
Ride on lawn mower	40,000	FY2022/23	WLA-5/23	19,873	20,127	-	-	20,127	Approved at LA Meeting 30/05/2023.	2022-23
Upgrade and maintenance to the existing community childrens playground	30,000	FY2022/23 FY2024/25	WLA-7/23 WLA-24/30 WLA-24/44	-	30,000	30,569	-	60,569	Approved at LA Meeting 30/05/2023, 10/07/2024 and 11/09/2024	2022-23 2024-25
Conduct a survey of the Wutungurra cemetry	6,000	FY2022/23	WLA-8/23	-	6,000	-	-	6,000	Approved at LA Meeting 05/06/2023	2022-23
Installation of 3 Cattle Grids to Replace Community Gates	34,430	FY2023/24	WLA-23/23	31,300	3,130	-	-	3,130	Approved at LA Meeting 26/09/2023 Project Completed.	2023-24
Upgrade and maintenance of Arts Centre accommodation building(Lot 41) in the community.	35,000	FY2024/25	WLA-24/25	-	-	35,000	-	35,000	Approved at LA Meeting 11/09/2024	2024-25
LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS 2024-25	145,430			51,173	59,257	65,569	-	124,826		

Local Authority Projects - as at 31st December 2024

Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects	Comments	Unallocated as at 30/06/2024	Cash Received to date (inc. Carried Fowrard)	Budget funds to receive	New Budget allocations to 31/12/2024	Unallocated balance as at 31/12/2024
LA Funding for 2022/23		10,012	10,012	-	10,012	-
LA Funding for 2023/24		26,300	26,300	-	9,988	16,312
LA Funding for 2024/25	Budget			26,300	45,569	-19,269
Total		36,312	36,312	26,300	65,569	-2,957
Add: Remaining Cash Balance (from Completed projects)						3,130
Net Amount		36,312	36,312	26,300	65,569	173

*Payment has not been received yet. This payment is estimated to receive in April/May 2025

Officers' Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 6.3
TITLE: Directorate of Community Services

Reference <Enter Ref here>
Author Susan Steele (Director of Community Services)

SUMMARY

This report outlines the Community Services Directorate overview for Wutungurra/Epenarra.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services Directorate Report for Wutungurra Local Authority meeting December 11th, 2024.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Community Safety Program (Night Patrol)

Community Safety are providing servicing daily and offer 5 evenings of support within Wutungurra.

The night patrol team works five hours a day, five days per week ours a week and have 2 staff members equalling 50 hours of patrolling, Monday to Friday.

The team patrols the local community, assists wherever required and assists the local community in searching for lost people wandering on the road and people caught in adverse weather conditions.

In Wutungurra, the Night Patrol team can assist Youth services if required and also with our Community Safety staff from Ampilatwatja and Ali Curung.

There have been no incidents reported by the team, during January.

Service Delivery/Interactions	Children	Women	Men
January 2025:	47	8	10

Goals & Objectives:

Attending LA meeting in Community

Compliance checks for all Community Safety Staff.

Monitoring GPS Trackers on all Community Safety Vehicles.

Statistics reporting and good news stories.

Challenges and Issues:

Collection and collation of statistical reporting for our reporting to NIAA

On the job computer training for staff

Stake Holders:

Working with stakeholders in Wutungurra and to deliver Community Safety in the Community.

Ongoing work with stakeholders in Wutungurra:

- Police
- Elders
- Other Community Stake Holders on Communities

Youth, Sport & Recreation Program

Youth, Sport and Rec (YSR) is continuing to provide a small but engaging program at Wutungurra offering various healthy activities for young people. We have one regular Youth Officer and we have an opportunity for another part time Youth Officer.

Programs Delivered:

This report uses attendance averages from previous months. The program included outdoor games like soccer, cricket, and capture the flag, as well as incorporating creek-based activities.

Attendance Overview: January average daily attendance: 15 young people per day
Age Range: 5 –12 years

Success Stories:

The flowing creek has created new opportunities for outdoor activities, which has excited the youth.

Challenges:

High temperatures lead to more indoor activities, limiting outdoor engagement.

Future Plans:

Organising after school creek visits to enhance youth engagement with nature.

YSR is working steadily with improving attendance and engaging activities in Youth, Sport and Rec program in Wutungurra with the new Regional Manager of Youth Services having commenced in December.

All Community Services teams would like to request the LA to encourage community members to engage with employment as there are positions available. Our focus is on local employment and assist Wutungurra community participate in delivering all programs successfully.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

Officers' Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 6.4

TITLE: Directorate of Infrastructure/Fleet

Reference <Enter Ref here>

Author Surya Godavarthi (Director of Infrastructure & Fleet)

SUMMARY

The following report provides the LA with an overview and relevant update on Infrastructure managed by the directorate in Wutungurra.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Relevant information is provided within the attachments

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Identified within the attachment

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Discussed within the body of the report




CONSULTATION

Presented in the various Local Authorities meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Wutungurra LA Report [6.4.1 - 5 pages]
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Wutungurra										
Infrastructure Department - Project Status Report - 10/02/2025										
Epenarra Men's shed										
Sl.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
1	BRC 005-23	Epenarra Men's Shed Refurbishment Project	NTG	20,000+ 15,000	Completed in June-2023	Obtained in Jul-2024	Commenced in Jul-2024.	Expected to be Completed by March- 2025	The plumbing and electrical work outlined in the initial scope has been completed. Requires installation of new doors.	The installation of doors has been assigned to LA Build, who are currently working in the community. The doors are scheduled to be installed by 1st week of March.
Photos Showing condition of Epenarra Men's shed before Refurbishment Project										
										
Photos Showing condition of Epenarra Men's shed after Refurbishment Project										



Wutungurra Women's Centre Refurbishment										
Sl.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
2	BRC 008-24	Wutungurra Womens Centre Refurbishment Project	NTG	107,000.0	Completed in Jul-2024	Multiple quotes obtained 8/1/2024	Commenced in Nov-2024	Expected to be Completed By Mar-2025	This project aims to revitalize the Women's Centre and address critical infrastructure needs, enhancing the facility's usability, safety, and sustainability.	BRC is organising the installation of new septic system, flooring and paint. Plumbers have already finished the upgrade of septic system. and expected to finish the whole project by March 2025.

Photos Showing Current Condition and Upgrades of Wutungurra Womens Centre:



Project Scope:

The Wutungurra Women's Centre Refurbishment and Septic System Upgrade project aims to revitalize the Women's Centre and address critical infrastructure needs. This project will enhance the facility's usability, safety, and sustainability.

Key Activities:

Refurbishment of Women's Centre:

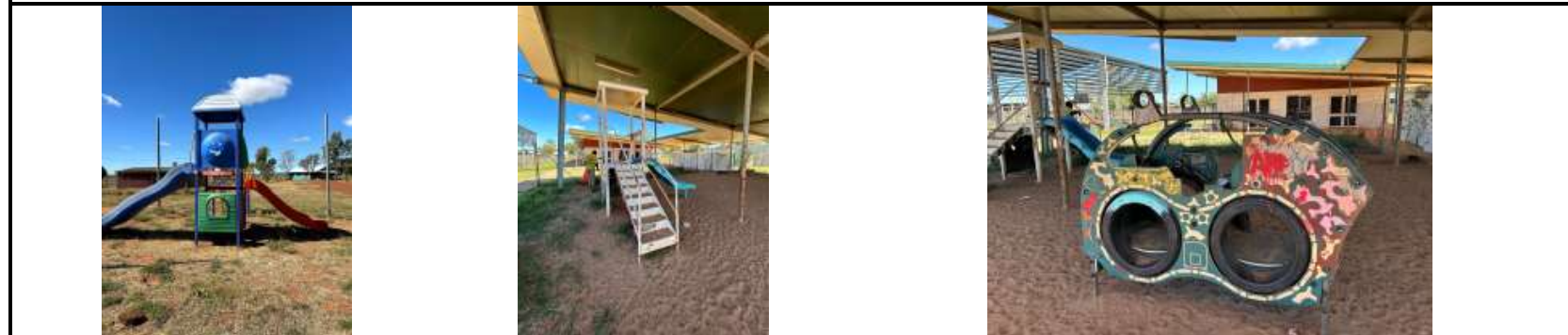
1. Removal and installation of new flooring.
2. Interior painting for aesthetic enhancement.
3. Replacement of security screening.
4. Comprehensive cleaning and rubbish removal.

Septic System Upgrade:

1. Calculation of water usage and design of absorption trenches.
2. Installation of absorption trenches and a soakage system to recycle water for irrigation.
3. Ensuring compliance with environmental regulations.

Wutungurra Playground Upgrade and Maintenance										
SL.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
3	BRC 009-24	Wutungurra Playground Upgrade and Maintenance	LA	60,569.0	Completed in Jul-2024	Sep-24	Expected to Commence in Nov-2024	Expected to be Completed By Jun-2025	The project has been scoped, and we have obtained the necessary quotes. However, due to the high cost of the playground equipment, we are unable to complete the project to its full scope within the current budget while meeting community expectations.	We attempted to secure additional funding from CLC, but unfortunately, it was unsuccessful. As a result, the revised scope now includes 4-5 small play equipment pieces. We will present photos and quotes during the meeting.

Photos Showing Current Condition of Wutungurra Playground:



Art Centre Building Repairs- Wutungurra										
SL.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
4	BRC 028-24	Art Centre Building Repairs	LA	35,000.0	Completed in Jan-2025	Feb-25	Expected to Commence in Feb-2024	Expected to be Completed By March-2025	The community has requested to get the repairs done for the art centre accomadation building whic includes replacing of damaged doors, roof leaks and other minor repairs.	The project scope has been finalized, and we are currently awaiting quotes from contractors to ensure the work is completed within budget. Once the quotes are received, the project is expected to be completed by March 2025.

Photos Showing Current Condition of Art Centre:



7 REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Regional Council's Proposed Regional Plan

ITEM NUMBER: 7.1
TITLE: Local Authority Priority Projects

Reference <Enter Ref here>
Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager), Chris Kelly (Chief Executive Officer)

SUMMARY

This report provides Wutunugurra LA with the wish list together with the 2024-25 priority projects.

Section 81 of the Act provides that Council must:

- (a) seek advice and recommendations from the local authority or local authorities in relation to the following:
- (i) the council's budget;
 - (ii) the council's priorities for expenditure;
 - (iii) the council's service delivery;
 - (iv) the council's regional plans;
 - (v) the council's strategic directions; etc.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority

- a. **Note the Wutunugurra wish list below and the attached 2024-25 priority projects.**
- b. **Provides Council with the 2025-26 priority projects for Wutunugurra Local Authority Area for inclusion into the Regional Plan.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The below wish list was picked from LA previous discussion and recommendations to Council. LA is asked to review and may make any amendment, addition, or subtraction to the wish list and the 2024-25 priority projects attached. Advise the Council on the Wutunugurra priority projects for 2025-26.

Wutunugurra wish list.

- Visitors Park
- Playground
- Shade structures
- Solar lights
- Grader
- Women's centre
- Men's centre
- Splash pad

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 1327 001 [7.1.1 - 1 page]



Wutunugurra Project Priorities

Advocacy

- + Better home maintenance
 - + Food security
- + More frequent/regular communication with BRC
 - + Review leasing re: lot capacity
- + Engage with CLC community development team
 - + APV (All Purpose Vehicle)

Roads

- + Supply road base
 - + Seal roads
- + Seal airstrip (owned by station)
 - + Concrete culverts
- + Internal roads: verges, potholes, speed humps

Buildings

- + Identify lot numbers with NTG
 - + Church kitchen & toilets
 - + Solar lights
 - + Machinery replacement
- + Women's & men's centres (L25 women's centre leased; requires upgrade)
 - + Drainage: AM residence
- + L41 workshop: upgrade or replace
 - + Office: water leaks-kitchen

Aged Care

- + Minibus would be useful

Youth, Sport & Rec (YSR)

- + Building maintenance
 - + YSR equipment
 - + Computers
- + Parks (community is 20% children)
 - + Playground equipment
- + Assist with reforming local football team

Animal Welfare

- + Vet – twice yearly
 - + Provide feedback
- + Feral animals (cattle at night) grids

Night Patrol (Collaborates with YSR)

- + Building maintenance



8 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED

10 CLOSE OF MEETING