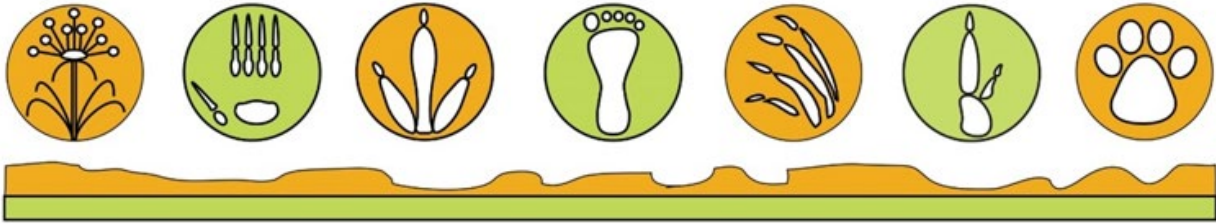


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES Ali Curung LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Ali Curung LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Wednesday 18 September 2024 at 1:10 pm.

**Chris Kelly**  
Chief Executive Officer

### OUR VISION

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

### The Way We Will Work

**We will make it happen!**

**We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.**

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

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

**We are a responsible Council.**

**We will be a responsive Council.**

**We want to empower local decision making.**

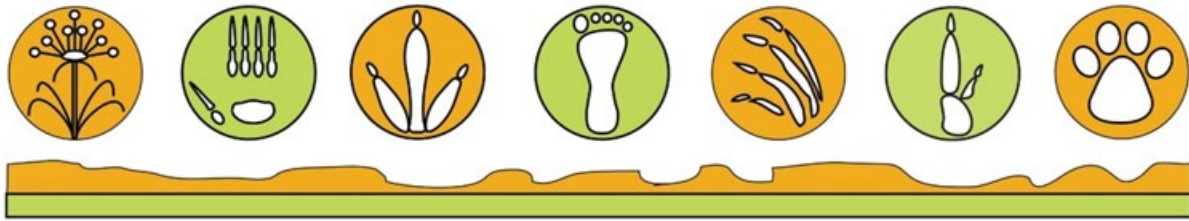
**We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.**

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

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

**We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.**

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

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

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

## AUDIO RECORDING OF MEETING

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## 1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

### 1.1 Authority Members Present

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

### 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Brody Moore (Director of Operational Services, BRC)
- Surya Godavarthi (Director of Infrastructure and Fleet, BRC)
- Susan Steele (Director of Community Services, BRC)
- Adrian Chong (Regional Manager - Community Safety, BRC)
- Tim Hema (Regional Manager, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator)

### 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Lucy Jackson

### 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 17/07/2024.

##### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

**Seconded:** LA Member Peter Corbett

##### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/55*

## 3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Actions from previous Minutes

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#### 3.1 Action Tracker

##### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the provided Action tracker.

##### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

**Seconded:** LA Member Jerry Rice

##### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/56*

## 4 FINANCE REPORTS

### Finance Reports

#### 4.1 LAPF statement

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Finance Statement provided.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/58*

## 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

#### 5.1 Request to back burn Ali Curung boundary areas - Tim Hema

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority has agreed and granted permission to Tim Hema to back burn certain areas as requested.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/63*

## General Business

### 5.2 Purchase of Shadesail

#### **MOTION**

The Local Authority has allocated \$10,000 for the purchase and installation of a shade sail.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Peter Corbett

**Seconded:** LA Member Jerry Rice

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/64*

## General Business

### 5.3 Speed signs

#### **MOTION**

The Local Authority has allocated \$5,000 for the installation of speeding signs in response to community concerns regarding speeding vehicles and public safety..

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Peter Corbett

**Seconded:** LA Member Jerry Rice

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/65*

## General Business

### 5.4 Speed Humps

#### MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated \$20,000 for the installation of speed humps in response to concerns about speeding vehicles within the community.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/66*

## General Business

### 5.5 Installation of solar lights

#### MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated \$10,000 for the installation of solar lights within the community.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/67*

## General Business

### 5.6 Visitor Park upgrades

#### MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated \$20,000 for the upgrades and development of the visitor park.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/68*

## General Business

### 5.7 Murray Downs Basketball court upgrades

#### MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated an additional \$35,000 for the repairs and upgrades of the basketball court in Murray Downs. (which does not include the previously allocated amount of \$7,357.79).

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** LA Member Peter Corbett

**Seconded:** LA Member Jerry Rice

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/69*

## General Business

### 5.8 Shade structures

#### MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated \$34,500 for the installation of two new shade structures in the community.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

**Seconded:** LA Member Jerry Rice

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/70*

## General Business

### 5.9 Repairs of Movie screen

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority has allocated \$5,000 for the repairs of the movie screen.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** LA Member Peter Corbett

**Seconded:** LA Member Jerry Rice

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/71*



## General Business

### 5.10 Letter to Police department

#### MOTION

The Local Authority has requested the council to write a letter to the Police Department on behalf of its members regarding concerns about speeding vehicles in the community and public safety. The letter will urge the implementation of any relevant safety measures.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

**Seconded:** LA Member Jerry Rice

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/72*

## 6 CORRESPONDENCE

*Nil*

## 7 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Reports from Barkly Regional Council

#### 7.1 Report from the Operational services Directorate

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Operational services directorate.

#### SUMMARY

##### Leadership and Staffing

- Tim Hema started as Regional Manager Operational Services (South) on 11.09.2024, covering Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja, Wutunugurra, and Alpururulam.
- Recruitment for a new Council Services Coordinator is underway.

##### Administration Services

- Tim Hema on-boarded as Centrelink Agent, awaiting onboarding as community postal agent (CPA).
- Recruitment for a second CSO is in progress to manage administrative workload and provide coverage during absences.
- Visitor accommodation housed youth workers from Caylus, pest control technicians, and LLN Trainers from Central Desert Training.

##### Municipal Services

- **Parks and Open Spaces:** Daily maintenance, increased rubbish collection, and fire incidents at middle park.
- **Roads:** Pothole repairs completed, more bitumen ordered, speed bumps to be painted.

- **Waste:** Regular rubbish runs, high demand for skip bins, hard rubbish runs on a needs basis.
- **Landfill:** New pit dug, old pit being filled and capped, tidy-up underway, new drop-off bays built.
- **Incidents:** Dozer vandalized, broken vehicles reported.

#### **Essential Services**

- **Airstrip:** Slashing, maintenance, solar and windsock lights reported for replacement, fenceline repairs ongoing.
- **Trade Services:** Mechanic resigned, contracted services in place, plant and machinery in good order.

#### **Community Projects**

- **Solar Lights:** Installation issues with batteries.
- **BBQ Installations:** Pending completion.

#### **Training**

- 1st Aide Training: Completed by 7 staff in July.
- Plant Ticket Training: Conducted from 12th – 23rd Aug.

#### **Events and Visits**

- July - September: LLN Training, Centrelink visit, NT Elections Voting, Territory Pest Control, Recall Tennant Creek, Dance Ceremony, LGANT BBQ session, HRG Meeting, PAW Media visit, WIFI Murray Downs Recce, Pre-employment training, NIAA Workshop, Bush Court, Water Monitoring, and Mental First Aid session

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

**Seconded:** LA Member Peter Corbett

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/59*

## Reports from Barkly Regional Council

### 7.2 Report from the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet Services

#### MOTION

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

#### SUMMARY

##### 1. Project Name: Women's Shelter Laundry Area Upgrades

**Project Value:** \$30,000

**Scoping:** Completed in July 2024

**Initiation:** August 2024

**Completion Target:** November 2024

**Overview:** The Ali Curung Women's Shelter is undergoing a comprehensive upgrade of its laundry area. The project has been meticulously scoped with a detailed plan in place, outlining necessary steps and resource requirements for efficient completion. Despite challenges in securing interest from additional contractors, two quotes have been obtained.

**Next Steps:** A contractor has been confirmed, and work has commenced. Completion is expected by November 2024, contingent upon material lead times.

##### 2.

- **Project Name:** Shade Structures

- **Scoping:** Completed in July 2024

- **Initiation:** September 2024

- **Completion Target:** October 2024

**Overview:** Quotes for the shade structures have been obtained. The estimated cost is approximately \$30,000 per structure if a concrete slab is required, or around \$18,000 if only concrete footings are needed. Finalization of the locations is pending, and funds need to be committed based on the quotes.

**Next Steps:** Once the locations are confirmed, the project can proceed, with an anticipated completion by October 2024.

##### 3.

- **Project Name:** Basketball Court - Murray Downs

- **Scoping:** Completed in July 2024

- **Initiation:** September 2024

- **Completion Target:** November 2024

**Overview:** The project has been scoped, revealing the need to replace three poles and four sheets. However, sourcing suitable materials for these repairs has posed challenges. Depending on the funds committed by the Local Authority (LA), there is potential to consider installing a new basketball hoop, lighting, and bollards around the court.

**Next Steps:** Once funding is finalized, a comprehensive project plan will be prepared, outlining the scope of work and obtaining the necessary quotes.



**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Jerry Rice**

**Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/60*

## **Reports from Barkly Regional Council**

### **7.3 Report from the Director of Corporate Services**

**MOTION**

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Director of Corporate Services.

**SUMMARY**

**- Overview:**

- Corporate Services acts as the Business Administration and Management hub, managing critical corporate risks to the Council and its impact on the community.

**- Recent Engagements:**

- Collaborated with other Directorates to advance processes for the upcoming Council election.
- Provided IT support across the region, including regular service visits to Ali Curung.
- Developed new human resource and payroll systems.
- Reviewed and delivered a new organizational structure.
- Restructured the Council's record and archival processes, implementing a new electronic records system.
- Made substantial IT improvements by replacing obsolete equipment and operating systems.

**- Budget Implications:**

- The recently approved Corporate Services budget addresses overall service delivery and budgeting for the elected Council's return and operation.

**- Community Engagement:**

- Corporate Services aims to engage with the community and Local Authority to explore improved service delivery and community benefits.
- A Human Resources table is attached, highlighting staffing at Ali Curung and current vacancies, with a focus on hiring and collaboration with the Local Authority.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris**

**Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ACLA-24/61*

## Reports from Barkly Regional Council

### 7.4 Report from the Community Services Directorate

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Community Services Directorate report.

#### SUMMARY

##### 1. Program Update

- Operations: Ali Curung Aged Care is functioning regularly.
- Staffing: The team leader is addressing staffing gaps due to unauthorised absences. Recruitment is ongoing, with some communities already onboarding new staff.
- Client Feedback Positive compliments have been received from clients. Daily check-ins by the team leader during meal deliveries have yielded positive feedback.
- New Client Assessment: One new client is currently being assessed.

##### 2. Highlights and Achievements

- One client is undergoing the RAS assessment process.
- A visit by the Regional Manager for Community Care and Community Safety took place on 29.08.2024 for a coordination meeting aimed at enhancing service delivery and workforce management.
- Coordination meetings were held with the Regional Manager and Acting Director of Community Services to discuss service delivery and reporting.
- A meeting with the CDCS team focused on training for Team Leaders in the community.
- Successful renewal of food registration, valid until August next year.

##### 3. Stakeholder Engagement

- Meetings held with the CDCS team regarding Team Leader training.
- Discussions with the NT Health Community Grant Hub about service delivery updates.
- Engagement with the Indigenous Aged Care Quality Framework for quality review updates.
- Communication with the Department of Health representative regarding aged care operations.

##### 4. Resource Allocation

- Disability aids equipment provided to NATSIFAC clients.

##### 5. Training

- Ongoing staff training includes toolbox sessions and online courses.
- Team Leaders are participating in training sessions with the CDCS team.
- Renewal of staff documents, such as Working with Children (WWC) and Police Checks, is in progress.
- Support for service delivery paperwork and tasks has been provided by the regional manager to Team Leaders.
- Coordination with Response Training in Darwin for various training programs, including Food Safety Supervisor skills, Certificate III in Individual Support, First Aid and CPR, and Basic Food Safety.

##### 6. Upcoming Activities

- Planning for weekly or fortnightly open days at Aged Care centers featuring activities like BBQs, painting, and collaborative social events for clients.
- Signing of the Work Protocol contract with the Health Clinic and BRC for updating clients' medical summaries and coordinating regular health updates.



## # Community Safety / Night Patrol Report

- **Training Support:** Desert Training has assisted with LNN training on community safety.
- **Staffing Issues:** The Team Leader faces challenges with reliable staff attendance.
- **Community Concerns:** Break-ins are occurring within the community. Community Safety staff require managerial support, especially during periods of "sorry business."
- **Service Delivery Impact:** Feedback from community elders and the Municipal Coordinator indicates that community safety services have not met standards, particularly during the football finals due to staff absenteeism.
- **Action Plan:** The manager plans to visit Ali Curung Community to address these issues, although Community Safety staff continue to conduct patrols and support Sports and Recreation activities.

### RESOLVED

**Moved:** LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

**Seconded:** LA Member Jerry Rice

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/62*

## 8 OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

- Brody Moore informed the Local Authority members about the upcoming council elections and encouraged community participation and candidacy. He requested that members disseminate this information within the community. He also mentioned the details of the elections and that the council would conduct information sessions for interested candidates.
- Additionally, the Local Authority members raised questions about the progress of the new sports and recreation facility. Surya responded, noting that the initial quotes received exceeded the budget. He assured members that they are seeking additional quotes and will provide more updates in the next meeting.
- The Local Authority members also suggested that it would be beneficial if representatives from various organizations in the community could attend the meetings. They requested the council's assistance in inviting these representatives.

## 9 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

### Visitor Presentations

#### 9.1 Presentation from the Central Desert training - Kailas Kerr

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from the Central Desert Training.

##### SUMMARY

- Kailas Kerr presented on the pre-employment programme and ongoing support for community members.
- The program assists individuals transitioning into employment by providing help with reading, writing, paperwork, and understanding job requirements.
- Recently completed a pre-employment program and facilitated transitions into roles within the Council, school, and clinic.
- Planning the next pre-employment program for the last quarter of the year depending on community needs.
- Aims to increase employment within the community and offers ongoing workplace training and support to ensure successful employment transitions.
- Addresses barriers such as resolving fines and helping with driver's licenses.
- Established for 10 years and recently secured funding to extend services to employers outside of the Council.
- Provides professional development opportunities, particularly in schools.
- Intensive pre-employment programs are held annually in each community.
- Ongoing workplace training is provided continuously for several weeks across the Barkly region.
- The presentation aimed to raise awareness of the program and its available services, ensuring community members receive the necessary support for successful employment transitions.
- The Local Authority members acknowledged the presentation and expressed their desire to see the representatives more frequently in the community.

##### RESOLVED

**Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris**

**Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett**

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/57*



## Visitor Presentations

### 9.2 Presentation from Department of Lands, Planning and Environment - Nicole Joy

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes the presentation from the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment.

#### SUMMARY

As Nicole Joy was unable to attend the meeting, Regional Manager Tim Hema from the Barkly Regional Council presented the report. The Local Authority members responded by requesting more details and asked for a representative from the relevant department to present at the next meeting, as they had questions regarding the issues discussed.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ACLA-24/73*

## 10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Ali Curung LA next meeting date is 20/11/2024.

Meeting Closed at 03:45 PM

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