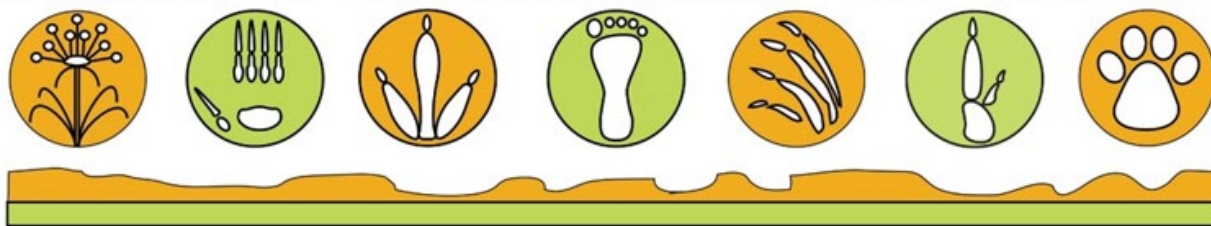


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Alpurrurulam LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Alpurrurulam LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Thursday 24 October 2024 at 10:30 am.

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.

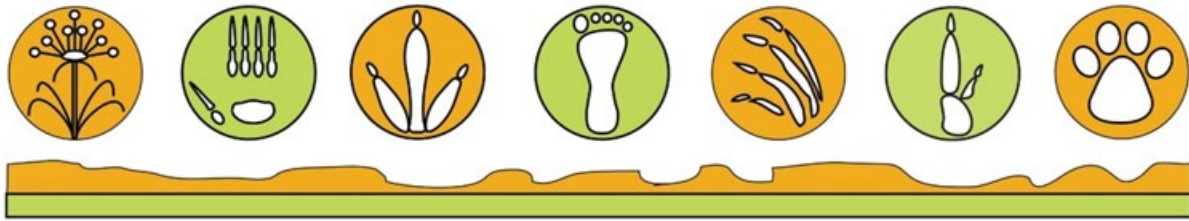
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

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

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

1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

- Jenny Mahoney (Chair)
- Charlie Larkins
- Ben Olschewsky
- Ashley Toby

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Chris Kelly (CEO, BRC)
- Jeff MacLeod (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operational Services, BRC)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services, BRC)
- Surya Godavarthi (Director of Infrastructure and Fleet, BRC)
- Susan Steele (Director of Community Services, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator, BRC)
- Lockie Thomas (Zone Coordinator, BRC)
- Cail Rayment
- Donna Champs
- Justin Fuller
- Matt Hill
- Valarie Campbell
- Marshall
- Peter Burnheim
- Jayde Armstead

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Nil

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Nil

1.5 Resignations

- Valarie Campbell
- Pam Corbett

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 21/08/2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/54

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Action Tracker

MOTION

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

Summary Issues discussed:

- Brody informed that he had contacted the relevant bodies regarding the signages, and they mentioned that it is up to the community members to decide on the wording and placement. LA members are to come up with wordings and placement by the next meeting. Surya to provide the quotes based on the feedback from the members.

- Brody mentioned that SIMS Metal Company will soon start the work on removing car bodies.

- Chris mentioned he had conversations with the relevant department about the new police station establishment in the community. He was informed that funding is being allocated and it will be added to the future plan.

- BRC is to coordinate and make arrangements for a vet visit to the community soon.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: LA Member Charlie Larkins

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/55

4 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

4.1 LAPF statement

MOTION

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

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/56

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

5.1 Quote acceptance

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the quote provided and allocates \$9,339. (Please find the below quote for the details)

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/61



JNR RURAL ELECTRICAL PTY LTD

ABN: 68 616 590 339
 22 Breakaway Drive
 Mount Isa QLD 4825
 0400 772 888
 business@jnruralelectrical.com

QUOTE

Quote No. 682
 Date 21st August 2024

Att Alpururulam Area Manager – Heather Smith
 Ben Alpururulam
 Barkly Regional Council - Alpururulam Office
 PMB 23
 Mount Isa, QLD 4825

Job Contact:
 07 47483246

JOB ADDRESS Lot 14 Apetyarr St, ALPURRURULAM, NT 4825

QTY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
1	Disconnect Line going to old shed next to basket ball court. Supply and install new switch board and point off attachment on laundry building (red building). Run new cable to board in laundry and power up test and commission. Run temporary overhead power to basketball shed to power up the lights.	\$8,489.95
SUBTOTAL		\$8,489.95
GST		\$849.00
TOTAL		\$9,338.95

JOB DESCRIPTION

Disconnect and make safe old building next to basketball court.
 install new board on laundry and run temp power to basketball court.

Thank you for your business. Please note a deposit of 30% is payable upon acceptance of this quote.



General Business

5.2 Signages

MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated \$2,000 in funding for the installation of Give Way signage within the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/62

General Business

5.3 Public toilets

MOTION

The Local Authority has agreed to meet soon to make a decision regarding the installation of public toilets.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/63

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

7 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.1 Report from Operational Services Directorate

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

1. Municipal Staffing:

- Operational staffing levels maintained.
- Training for newly appointed Community Safety Officer (CSO) underway.

2. Road Management:

- Pothole patching completed by Tennant Creek staff, project to resume next year.

3. Waste & Landfill Management:

- Two garbage services per week maintained.
- Ongoing collection and removal of hard rubbish to the tip.

4. Land & Fire Management:

- Several community fires managed during the reporting period.
- Main fire breaks graded and grass cutting ongoing to reduce fire risks.

5. Parks & Open Spaces:

- Hard rubbish removal continues to facilitate mowing, slashing, and whipper-snipping.

6. Cemetery Management:

- Cemetery maintained, mowed, and kept tidy.

7. Airstrip Maintenance:

- Airstrip regularly mowed and inspected as per contract.
- Bird deterrent machine malfunctioning; replacement in process.

8. Administration:

- Australia Post and Centrelink contract obligations met.
- Visiting Centrelink team in the community last week.

9. Training:

- Three municipal staff completed truck driver training (two with MR, one with HR license).
- Two staff certified in backhoe and skid steer operation.
- Central Desert Training conducted two weeks of training and assessments.

10. Incidents:

- Several community fires managed by volunteers and staff.
- Attempted break-in at the Aged Care Centre, reported to police. Repairs estimated.

11. Other Activities:



- Two election information BBQs held at the old basketball court.

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins****Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***Resolved ALLA-24/58*

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. Pothole Filling Project:**

The pothole repair project on Alpururulam's main road is nearing completion. Approximately 7 tons of asphalt have been used to fill most of the major potholes. Minor potholes and road breaks remain, with efforts underway to address them before the wet season. If resources or time are insufficient, repairs will be deferred until next year. Overall, the condition of the roads has significantly improved in preparation for the wet season.

2. Aerial Drone Survey:

An aerial survey of Alpururulam was successfully completed, providing valuable data for infrastructure monitoring and future flood modeling. The images from the survey will support informed decision-making for planning, development, and maintenance, enhancing the town's resilience.

3. Old Basketball Court:

After assessing the basketball court, it was determined that building permanent enclosures would be too costly, with an estimated price range of \$200,000-\$250,000. Instead, cost-effective improvements, such as fencing, permanent seating, and electronic signage, are recommended, provided security is ensured.

LED Screen Installation Estimate:

- Screen Size: 3.5m x 2m (7m²), P4.8mm, 7000 nits brightness.
- Cost: \$40,110 (ex GST) for the screen and installation.
- Frame Cost: Approx. \$15,000.

4. Stormwater Drainage:

The Barkly Regional Council (BRC) has acquired culverts to address flooding at the intersection of Airport Road and the main road. These culverts will improve water drainage and prevent road



flooding during heavy rains. A trial installation will be conducted before the wet season, aiming to enhance road safety and flood management.

5. Basketball Court Shed Installation:

Funding of \$313,000 has been secured for constructing a shed over the existing basketball court. The procurement process is underway, with construction expected to begin after the wet season, next year, due to a six-month supplier waiting period

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: LA Member Charlie Larkins

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/59

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.3 Report from the Director of Community services

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

1. Community Safety Program (Night Patrol):

- Service running, but not at full capacity due to staff absences (sick leave, cultural leave, and resignations).
- One resignation from a night patrol staff member.
- Night patrol assists Youth Services occasionally.
- Recruitment and staff engagement efforts needed, with the Area Coordinator to work with the community on staffing.

2. Youth, Sport & Recreation Program:

- Youth programs are continuing, with Matt ('Penguin') leading and coordinating activities.
- The Shiny Shed has reopened for Youth, Sport, and Recreation (YSR) activities after repairs.
- Programs include footy team support, BBQs, movie nights, photography, and nutrition programs, with youth involvement in delivering services.

3. Community Care Program (Aged Care & NDIS):

- Aged Care services are operating regularly despite staffing shortages and absences.
- Ongoing recruitment process to fill vacancies.
- Positive client feedback received; food survey completed.
- Coordination meetings held with regional managers and training for Team Leaders in the community.
- Key challenges include unauthorized staff absences and workforce shortages.
- Remedial actions include reviewing contingency procedures for staff absences.

- Stakeholder engagement includes meetings with NT Health, Indigenous Aged Care Quality Framework, and Department of Health.
- Ongoing staff training and document renewals in progress.

4. Upcoming Activities:

- Work protocol contract signing with the health clinic and BRC for client health updates and medical summary coordination.
- Encouragement for community members to engage in available employment opportunities to support local workforce participation in program delivery.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/57

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.4 Report from the Director of Corporate Services

MOTION

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

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/66

8 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

8.1 Presentation from Remote Water Team - Cail Rayment

SUMMARY

Ensuring Safe Drinking Water in Alpururulam:

1. Declaration of Unsuitable Drinking Water

- Chief Health Officer (CHO) Declaration: On 30th September 2024, NT Chief Health Officer, Dr. Christine Connors, declared the drinking water in Alpururulam unsuitable for children (12 and under) and pregnant women due to slightly elevated levels of fluoride.

- Fluoride Levels:
 - Recommended maximum fluoride guideline: 1.5mg/L
 - Alpururulam drinking water: 1.6mg/L
- Impact: This decision was based on new research indicating that fluoride at this level could potentially impact children's brain development.
- Safe for Adults: Tap water remains safe for consumption by individuals over the age of 12.

2. Provision of Bottled Water

- Power and Water Corporation (PWC): PWC is responsible for ensuring drinking water meets health guidelines and is providing bottled water to vulnerable groups as an interim solution.
- Vulnerable Groups:
 - Bottled water is provided free of charge to children, infants, and pregnant women.
 - Delivery: Twice a week by Utility Services Contract Worker (USCW).
 - Quantity: Approximately 2 liters of bottled water per day per person in the vulnerable group.
 - Storage & Supply: Water bottles/casks will be stored in a shipping container to ensure at least three months of supply in case roads are cut off.
 - School & Clinic Support: Arrangements are being made for filtered water dispensers at the local school and clinic.

3. Long-Term Solution

- Interim Measure: The bottled water provision is expected to continue for two years while a more permanent solution is developed.
- Future Plans: The Northern Territory Government is working on upgrading treatment systems to provide safe, suitable water throughout the water network.

4. Community Water Forum

- Remote Water Team Initiative: The team plans to hold a community water information forum to:
 - Raise awareness about water issues in Alpururulam.
 - Promote water stewardship and community participation in decision-making.
 - Enhance resilience and sustainability in the community.

Forum Objectives:

- Discuss water quality, security, and ownership.
- Gather community feedback on the bottled water provision and new information from the Chief Health Officer.

Seeking Local Authority Input:

- LA members have actively participated in discussions regarding the presentation and the proposed forum.
- There is some hesitation among LA members about including the clinic as one of the water supply locations, though they are supportive of having the school as a designated site.
- Following Cail's explanation about holding the forum in November, LA members have responded positively to the idea of scheduling it for late November.
- LA members will engage further with community members and confirm the final date with Cail.

Visitor Presentations

8.2 Presentation from Power and Water - Jayde Armstead

SUMMARY

- **Packs & Cards:** Each household will receive a pack that includes three cards with the pension concession. The concession is electronically processed and applied directly to the meter, based on files provided by the community.
- **Smart Meters:** The new smart meters allow for more accurate monitoring of power usage. Unlike the older manual meters, these smart meters can track consumption in 15-minute intervals, providing a clearer picture of power usage. If there are concerns about high readings or excessive consumption, the team can work with the household to identify the cause and find ways to reduce costs.
- **Benefits for Summer:** The smart meters offer significant benefits, especially in the summer months when energy consumption tends to increase due to harsher conditions.
- **Tariff Increase:** There has been a government-imposed tariff increase, effective from July 1st each year. Unlike the old AMP token meters, which required manual upgrades to reflect the tariff change, the new smart meters automatically adjust. However, households may notice a slight increase in their bills as the meters are now aligned with the current tariff rate.
- **Support & Assistance:** A dedicated 1800 support number is available for households, with staff ready to assist with any questions or concerns. Support is provided until all queries are resolved, ensuring that residents fully understand their power usage and billing.



9 OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

Other matters discussed

9.1 Other matters discussed

- LA members discussed the election of a new chair and deputy chair but decided to postpone the decision until the next meeting. This delay is due to the resignation of Valerie and Pam, who are running as candidates in the upcoming council elections. The matter will be revisited once the election is complete.

- Jeff MacLeod addressed the upcoming council elections, encouraging everyone to participate and emphasizing the importance of the election process. He also informed the group that the new meeting calendar will be released shortly after the first council meeting.

10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Alpururulam LA next meeting date is to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 02:00PM

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