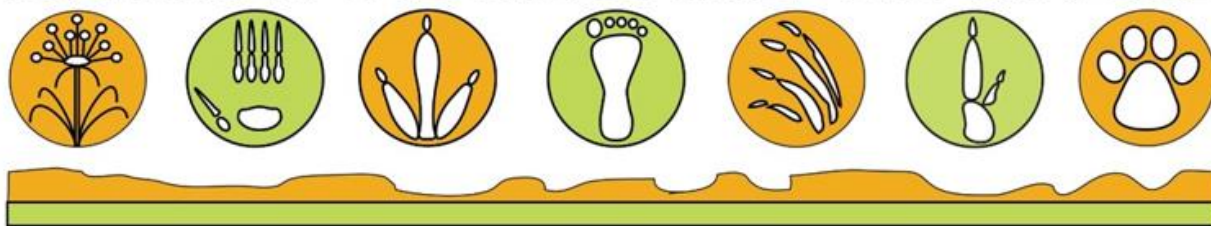


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Ampilatwatja LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Ampilatwatja LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Wednesday 14 August 2024 at 11:24 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.

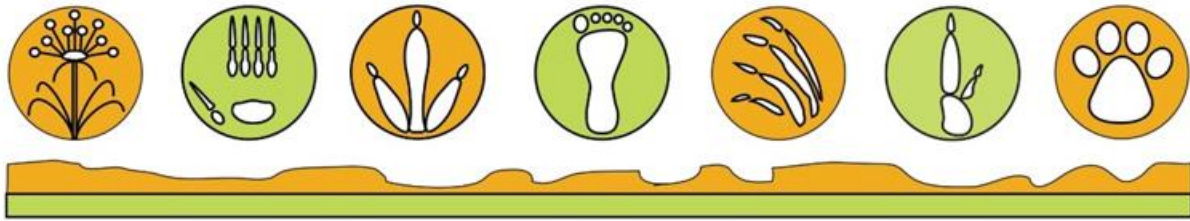
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

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 Country on which Barkly Regional Council live and work, 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.

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. 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

1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

- Anita Bailey (Chair)
- Lulu Teece
- Geoffrey Morton
- Ellwyn Holmes
- Amaziah Club

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)
- Gillian Molloy (Director of Community Services, BRC)
- Kelly White (Area Manager, BRC)
- Adrian Chong (Regional Manager - Community Safety, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator, BRC)
- John Jablonka (Access to Justice in Barkly)
- Rheannon Vea Vea (Aboriginal Peak Organisation, NT)
- Rebecca Moore (Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Tony Morton
- Elizabeth McDonald
- Jaiden Nelson
- Ricky Holmes

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 02 May 2024 are true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lulu Teece

Seconded: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/20

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.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jaiden Nelson

Seconded: LA Member Ellwyn Holmes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/21

4 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

4.1 LAPF statement

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the LAPF statement.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anita Bailey

Seconded: LA Member Lulu Teece

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/23

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

5.1 Signage

SUMMARY

Regarding the DIPL request for signage to Ampilatwatja from Stuart and Sandover Highway, LA members expressed their views. The Director of Infrastructure will coordinate with Adrian Chong and LA members to finalize the specific location and wording, then pass this information to DIPL.

General Business

5.2 Fencing around the Ablution Block

MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated an additional \$30,000 for the fencing around the ablution block.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Ellwyn Holmes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/29

General Business

5.3 Scoreboard for Oval

MOTION

That the Local Authority has allocated \$40,000 for the installation of a Scoreboard at the Oval.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Ellwyn Holmes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/30

General Business

5.4 Irrigation system for Trees around oval

MOTION

The Local Authority has allocated \$20,000 for the installation of an irrigation system for the trees around the oval.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Ellwyn Holmes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/31

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

7 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.1 Report from the Director of Operational Services

MOTION

That the Local Authority note and accept the Operational and Commercial Services Directorate report.

SUMMARY

Human Resources:

- **Council Community Coordinator:** Latoya Tilmouth continues in the role in an acting capacity. The permanent position is currently advertised, with interviews commencing shortly.
- **Recruitment:** The first round of recruitment for the Administration Assistant position has concluded, resulting in the successful appointment of Charlotte Tilmouth. Additional Administration positions, including a new Administration Traineeship, will be advertised in the coming weeks.

Council Restructure:

- **Operational Restructure:** Barkly Regional Council has completed an operational restructure to better serve the communities. The Operational Directorate now includes municipal services, libraries, and customer service.
- **Organizational Structure & Regional Plan:** The new organizational structure will be released shortly. The Barkly Regional Council Regional Plan has been completed and is currently being printed. Printed copies will be available to the LA and in the office for public access.

Municipal Services:

- **Parks and Open Spaces:** The Municipal team has been actively working around the community, resulting in a cleaner and tidier Ampilatwatja. However, some antisocial behavior from children has posed challenges in maintaining the cleanliness and integrity of community facilities.
- **Roads:** A road audit has been completed using Council's aerial drone technology. Road repairs and grading have started in the Utopia homelands access roads. The Infrastructure team is scoping regional roads to allocate funding and advance repair works. The Road Repair unit is now operational, with local municipal staff being trained to operate it for fixing community roads.
- **Waste Management:** Rubbish bin runs continue twice weekly. The landfill site remains in good condition with significant remaining life. Sims Metal visited Ampilatwatja and will return over the next 12 months to crush, cube, and remove old cars, enhancing community safety.
- **Street Lights:** A street light audit has been completed by the local team. Council is scoping and seeking costs to replace non-functional lights.
- **Airstrip:** Slashing and whipper snipper work were completed via DIPL work order in July and again in August in Ampilatwatja and Arlparra, thanks to the efforts of the Ampilatwatja Municipal Supervisor and team.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Amaziah Club

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/24

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.2 Report from the Director of Community services

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

Community Safety Program:

- The program is running effectively, with four positions filled and one vacancy for a male team member.
- The team actively participates in Community Safety and Police meetings in Ampilatwatja.
- Ongoing efforts focus on close collaboration with the police, elders, and community stakeholders to enhance safety and well-being, ensuring security and peace of mind for all.

Youth, Sport & Recreation (YSR) Program:

- YSR programs resumed on July 16 after resolving staffing issues, in collaboration with CAYLUS and local schools.
- Barkly Regional Arts plans to revisit Ampilatwatja following the successful Music Week initiative.
- Current staffing includes a Team Leader and a Casual Youth Worker. The vacant YSR officer positions have been advertised, and filling these roles is a priority.
- Basketball Court Security Incident: The basketball court was recently broken into via the roller door. Repairs are being coordinated, and community members are calling for a meeting to address the issue of break-ins.

Aged Care Program:

- The Ampilatwatja Aged Care program is operating smoothly despite challenges from unauthorized staff absences.
- Service delivery to aged care clients continues without incidents or complaints.
- The renewal of Working with Children clearances and Police checks for all staff is ongoing.
- The team is updating medical summaries and care plans, though facing challenges with the clinic's provision of summaries.
- Maintenance and hazard reports have been forwarded to the WHS Manager and Area Manager, with some issues already resolved.
- The team leader is coordinating with other BRC services to organize NAIDOC celebrations.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anita Bailey

Seconded: LA Member Ellwyn Holmes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/25

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.3 Report from the Director of Corporate services

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

The Corporate Services Directorate provided an update on its recent activities and services during the meeting. It was noted that the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) is actively recruiting in Ampilatwatja, with Local Authority members encouraged to inform the community about available positions. The Directorate emphasised the importance of engaging local staff.

The Directorate also commended the staff in Ampilatwatja for their proactive reporting of WHS hazards and incidents, highlighting that this has been of tremendous assistance in maintaining workplace safety.

Activities Reported by the Directorate:

- 2024-25 Regional Plan: The Directorate successfully managed, collated, prepared, and submitted the 2024-25 Regional Plan between February and June 2024.
- 2023-24 Annual Report: The compilation of the 2023-24 Annual Report is scheduled to begin shortly, with a due date of November 15. The Directorate will seek input from local communities for this report.
- Policy and Procedure Development: The review and development of policies and procedures are ongoing.
- HR and Payroll System: Development of a new human resources and payroll system, which began in December 2023, is still ongoing.
- Council Records Restructure: The Directorate is working on restructuring the Council's records and archives processes, including the rollout of a new records management system.
- IT Improvements: Significant improvements have been made to the Council's information technology, including the replacement of outdated software, equipment, and processes.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ellwyn Holmes

Seconded: LA Member Lulu Teece

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/26

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.4 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. Amplitawatja Kitchen Upgrade Project

Project Name: Amplitawatja Kitchen Upgrade

Completion Date: May 2024

Project Value: 42,900 AUD

Overview:

The Amplitawatja Kitchen Upgrade project was successfully completed in May 2024. The comprehensive upgrade included deep cleaning, graffiti removal, repainting, installation of stainless steel shelves and new appliances, replacement of damaged doors, and the installation of a new air conditioning system. All project objectives were met within the allocated budget of 42,900 AUD.

2. Fencing:

Regarding the fencing around the ablution block, Surya provided a quote of approximately \$50,000, including detailed information about the materials. Surya sought the Local Authority's opinion on committing additional funding for the fence, as only \$20,000 had been previously allocated. Surya mentioned that they would bring additional quotes to the next meeting if available.

3. Scoreboard

Surya provided the estimated costs and brochures for different types of scoreboards for the Local Authority's consideration, including potential funding allocation. The LA members discussed the options and decided to consult with the local AFL players to gather their input before making a final decision. Surya will coordinate with the LA members to finalise the selection.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Ellwyn Holmes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/27

9 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

9.1 Presentation from Access to Justice in Barkly - John Jablonka

SUMMARY

- In 2020, the Jubunna Institute conducted a study titled "Access to Justice in the Barkly Revisited," in collaboration with legal services including Legal Aid, NAAJA, CAWLS, and CAAFLU, to assess legal needs and services in communities such as Tennant Creek, Ali Curung, and Elliott.
- The report highlighted various justice issues faced by these communities and proposed 16 recommendations for improving the justice system. These recommendations included enhancing local access to legal assistance, better information dissemination, and the provision of interpreter services.
- Since 2020, legal services have been working on implementing these recommendations, supported by a project coordinator position currently held by John Jablonka until November 2024.
- The project focuses on engaging with communities and legal services to develop a plan that ensures accessible legal support for issues like housing, Centrelink, and court proceedings, including the use of video link attendance.
- Key discussion points include raising community awareness of the report, identifying critical law and justice-related issues within the community, assessing existing community initiatives, and planning future collaborations, with opportunities for engagement at events such as the Desert Harmony Festival.

Visitor Presentations

9.2 Presentation from the Aboriginal Peak Organisation NT - Rheannon Veava

SUMMARY

- **APONT Overview:** APONT, an alliance of Aboriginal peak organizations, was formed in response to the 2007 NT Emergency Response. It aims to advance Aboriginal rights and development.
- **NT Aboriginal Education Peak Body:** APONT successfully secured funding from the NT Department of Education to establish an NT Aboriginal Education Peak Body. This body will be Aboriginal-led, governed, and influential in educational decision-making.
- **Community Involvement:** Community members are encouraged to participate in designing the Peak Body model. Emphasis will be placed on including a representative from the Barkly region in the steering committee.
- **Upcoming Forums:** Two forums are planned for next year (tentatively in April) to discuss the proposed model for the Peak Body. Resources will be available to sponsor community members to attend and contribute.



10 OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

Other Matters Discussed

10.1 Other Matters Discussed

- **Street Lights:** LA members have raised concerns about street lighting in various community areas. Brody Moore will discuss these issues with Power and Water and provide an update in the next meeting.
- **Lighting Around the Basketball Court and Church:** Surya will provide an update on the lighting situation around the basketball court and church in the next meeting.
- **Lighting Around the Oval:** Surya will obtain a cost estimate for lighting around the oval. Chris and Jeff will engage with Power and Water to explore options and seek potential grants for this project.
- Latoya to identify the locations that need speed bumps and provide the laundry key to the appropriate person.
- **Official Manager Jeff MacLeod** announced that the upcoming council elections will be held on November 2 this year. He encouraged Local Authority (LA) members to engage with the community and promote strong candidates who can effectively represent the community. The NT Electoral Commission will call for nominations, likely in the second week of October. Information sessions will begin next month, and anyone interested in participating can join. The council will assist in any way possible and continue to engage with the community regarding the elections.

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Ampilatwatja LA next meeting date is 16/10/2024.

Meeting Closed at 01:07 PM

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