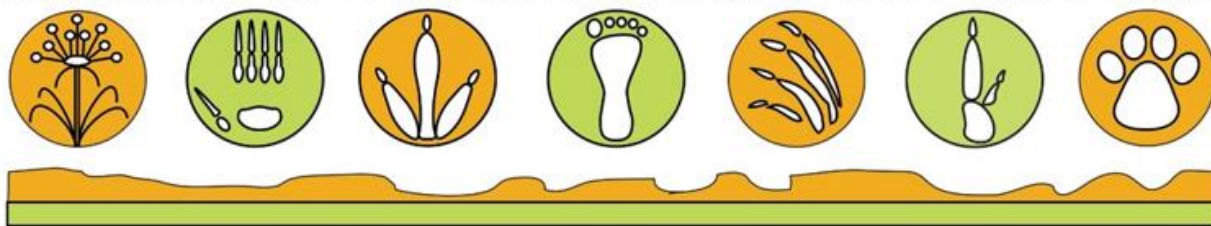


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Arlparra LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Arlparra LA Meeting was held in the Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation office on Wednesday 22 May 2024 at 12:50pm.

Jeff MacLeod

Acting 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.

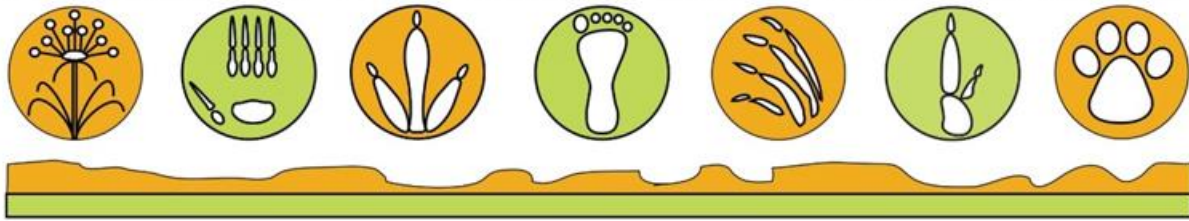
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

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

- Graham Long (Chair)
- Joyce Jones
- Malcolm Loy
- Kim Riley
- Shane Loy
- Michelle Stacey
- Allen Kunoth
- Valda Morton
- Malcolm Club

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Jeff MacLeod (Acting CEO, BRC)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services, BRC)
- Gillian Molloy (Director of Community Development, BRC)
- Barry Nattrass (WHS Manager, BRC)
- Sagar Chand (Regional Manager Youth Sports and Rec, BRC)
- Amy Lasslett (Regional Manager Community Care, BRC)
- Susan Wright (Grants Manager, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator, BRC)
- Anna Egerton (NT Electoral)
- Matthew Adams Richardson (Office of Chief Minister)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Nil

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 05/03/2024 are true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Malcolm Loy

Seconded: LA Member Graham Long

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/7

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

Nil

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Acting Chief Executive Officers Report - Jeff MacLeod

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

- Advancement on the regional plan is progressing steadily, enhanced by valuable community feedback.
- The draft is being refined for presentation at the upcoming council meeting, aiming for final approval by June.
- Commitment to continuous community engagement ensures the plan is thorough and inclusive, representing the region's needs and aspirations.
- Addressing challenges of funding expiration in certain communities due to unused allocations.
- Discussions with the Department Chief Minister, Cabinet, and Local Government Unit are ongoing to secure extensions for vital resources.
- Reaffirming all Local Authority (LA) projects with LA members during meetings to ensure alignment and effective impact on the ground.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Malcolm Loy

Seconded: LA Member Shane Loy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/8

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 LAPF statement

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Local Authority Project Funding statement.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Graham Long

Seconded: LA Member Kim Riley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/9

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Nil

Nil

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Official Manager's Report - Peter Holt

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Official Manager.

SUMMARY

- **Barkly Regional Plan:** Input for the Regional Plan 2024-25 has been completed for all Local Authorities, with the first draft to be presented at the next meetings. The regional budget is in development.

- **CEO Recruitment:** Ian Bodill resigned on 28th March 2024. ANSON is handling the recruitment process, which closed on 15th April. Jeff MacLeod, former CEO of MacDonnell Regional Council, is acting as interim CEO until the end of May 2024.
- **BRC Investigator's Report:** Ruth Morley's investigation report on the Barkly Regional Council was presented to the Minister for Local Government on 12 March. Briefings for councillors and those referenced in the report are being conducted, with a 21-day response period before the Minister's determination.
- **PowerWater Collaboration:** Regular meetings with PowerWater address issues such as streetlight replacement in Tennant Creek, emergency power in Ali Curung, Smart Meters failures, drinking water quality in Elliott, and a potential solar power project at Juno. Briefings and reports are pending.
- **Juno Farm:** The BRC agreed to allow Juno Farm accommodation for school-aged students referred by the courts until the Youth Justice facility is completed mid-year.
- **LGANT Meeting:** Held in Darwin on April 18-19, where policies and plans for local government were discussed, with concerns about de-amalgamations and the return of community councils.
- **Barkly Regional Deal:** A governance review of BRD was announced. The council expressed concerns about public perception and the need for an independent review, highlighting issues with the council's role clarity and the lack of a clear auspicing agreement.

RESOLVED**Moved:** LA Member Malcolm Loy**Seconded:** LA Member Kim Riley**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***Resolved ARLA-24/10*

General Business

7.2 Visitor day use area

MOTION

That the Local Authority confirms and allocated the funds of \$175,000 for the development of Visitor day use area.

SUMMARY

Below are details and the cost estimation of the project.

Project 1 – Visitor Day Use Area, Arlparra
Project Description: Development of a simple visitor day use area to ease pedestrian and vehicular traffic/parking around the Arlparra Store. Facilities to include shade structures, picnic tables, water points, refuse collection points. Fenced children's play area a possible later inclusion.

Location: Immediately north of the Arlparra Store area (lot 18) and bounded by the Sandover Highway and Access Road on two sides of the three sides (refer attached map)

Budget: The project was originally identified as a CDP project that would, where possible re-purpose existing materials and provide training opportunities (eg construction of picnic tables, repurposing

old tyres to bollard against vehicle access to pedestrian areas, etc). It was also envisaged that heavy plant on-site with the Sporting Field redevelopment that is scheduled to occur in the later half of this year. The most significant expenditure would be the construction of three 9mx6m steel fabricated shade structures.

Preliminary Estimate – Arlparra Visitor Day Use Area	
Item	Estimate
Earthworks and levelling	\$15,000
3 x 9mx6m Steel fabricated shade structures	\$90,000
Water connection and reticulation of water supply to shade structures	\$15,000
Solar powered lighting - allowance	\$20,000
Landscaping and Sundry material cost - allowance	\$35,000
TOTAL	\$175,000

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Malcolm Loy

Seconded: LA Member Kim Riley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/13

General Business

7.3 Playground

MOTION

The Local Authority agreed to seek an update on the proposed playground to allocate the necessary funding.

SUMMARY**Project 2 – Playground, Arlparra**

Unfortunately I have not been able to confirm which of two possible playground projects the LA intended. Both envisaged project contributions of \$150k.

Playground A: This is the major playground located under a shade structure which is need of major repair/replacement. It has been identified for attention in the Sporting Field Redevelopment Program, however the estimated cost of repairs/replacement were allowed for in the original budget. Although it expected that the repairs/replacement of the playground equipment and fencing will exceed \$150k, a contribution will meet the lion share of the costs. Ekistica, Project Managers, estimate that works will commence in November, 2024.

Playground B: UAC has previously identified the need for a simple children's play area within the new housing estate in Arlparra (refer attached map for suggested location). No plans, scope of

works or estimates have been prepared. An allowance of \$150,000 was made for the project. The location maybe subject to change following consultations with DIPL.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Malcolm Loy

Seconded: LA Member Kim Riley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/14

General Business

7.4 Roads condition

SUMMARY

Local Authority members have raised concerns about the deteriorating condition of the roads around the community. They requested the council to address this issue. Jeff (CEO) responded that he would send someone from the council to inspect the roads soon.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 Report from the Director of Operations and Remote communities - Brody Moore

SUMMARY

Brody Moore has sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.2 Youth Sports and Recreation Report - Sagar Chand

SUMMARY

Overview:

April 2024 was a dynamic month for the Arlparra Youth Sports and Recreation program, featuring a diverse range of activities and strong community engagement. Movie screenings, sports, and recreation activities like footy training and basketball remained popular among attendees. Creative outlets through music and art programs received positive feedback, contributing to a well-rounded experience. A standout event was the Newboys band's trip to Alice Springs for a concert, providing a unique cultural enrichment opportunity. Despite a few unscheduled closures due to building access issues, our program offerings remained robust and impactful.

Activity Highlights:

- **Movie Sessions:** Movie screenings remained a popular choice among attendees, providing entertainment and relaxation.
- **Sports and Recreation:** From footy training to basketball and ball games, our sports activities continued to foster physical activity and teamwork.
- **Music and Art Programs:** Music program and art sessions received positive feedback, offering creative outlets for participants.
- **Special Events:** The highlight of the month was taking the Newboys band to Alice Springs for a concert at Brown St, providing a unique opportunity for cultural enrichment and enjoyment.

Attendance and Activity Breakdown:

- **Total Attendance:** Attendance remained consistent, with above 500 attendees for the program.
- **Duration Hours:** Most sessions lasted between 2 to 4 hours, providing flexibility for participants to engage in various activities.
- **Activities:** A wide variety of activities including sports, movies, music, art, and recreational games were offered, catering to the diverse interests of attendees.

Notable Events

- **Anzac Day:** The centre observed Anzac Day, offering a moment for reflection and commemoration.
- **Donations:** We received a generous donation of music equipment from the Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation.

Challenges:

- **Building Access:** Unscheduled closures due to building access issues were encountered, affecting session schedules. Which has been addressed.

Administrative:

- Staff meetings and duties were conducted as scheduled, with ongoing efforts to maintain program quality and cleanliness.
- Volunteer support from Urapuntja contributed to the success of our sports and recreation activities.

Highlights and Challenges:

- **Participation Growth:** Increased participation was noted, especially with the inclusion of a female staff member and diverse program offerings.
- **Music Program:** The Newboys' success at the Wide-Open Spaces FESTIVAL highlighted the positive impact of our music program.

Issues/Repairs/Maintenance:

- Ongoing maintenance and repairs were conducted to ensure the safety and functionality of our facilities and equipment.
- Team leader coordinating to repair lights at the respite centre.

Conclusion:

April 2024 was marked by vibrant activities and meaningful connections within the Arlparra community. The month saw increased participation, particularly with the inclusion of a female staff member and diverse program offerings. The Newboys' success at the Wide-Open Spaces FESTIVAL highlighted the positive impact of our music program. Ongoing maintenance efforts ensured the safety and functionality of our facilities, while the centre respectfully accommodated cultural sensitivities during sorry business. We remain committed to providing a supportive and engaging environment, reflecting on both achievements and challenges to continuously improve our program.

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.3 Aged Care Home Maker Update - Amy Lasslett

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the updates on Aged Care Home Maker by Amy Lasslett.

SUMMARY

- Currently supporting 35 clients. We provide basic entry level care. Meals, Transport, Domestic Assistance, Social Support, Centre based Respite, Personal Care. We do NOT provide clinical care or care to people with advanced needs.
- Next Monday 20th May - Staff and Elders are being visited by the Older Australian Wellbeing Program who will be leading workshops on Mental Health and Psychogeriatric Services in the NT.
- They have 2 full time and 2 part time staff. A full-time staff member is leaving us soon as he is moving away. We are thankful for his work over the past couple of years. We will open recruitment soon.
- The Aged Care vehicles have received repairs and had their services updated.
- There is a contribution Elder's pay towards Home Care Services, this happens all around Australia. When an Elder is assessed and signs up for services with BRC they agree to pay a small amount to contribute towards the cost of food ingredients for their meals on wheels.
- A Centrelink deduction is organised through centre pay. If an Elder is going away or doesn't want to receive services for a period, they can ask the Team Leader at their local Home Maker to stop the payment for a time. Elders pay \$150 per fortnight (for 3 meals 7 days a week) that cost also includes a \$10 admin fee. That price is significantly lower than Home Care Services in Tennant Creek or other providers in remote communities.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Graham Long

Seconded: LA Member Malcolm Loy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/17

11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

11.1 Presentation from NT Electoral Commission

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from NT Electoral Commission.

SUMMARY

2024 Territory Election Information

Key Dates:

- **Postal voting applications:** Open now
- **Nominations open:** Thursday, 1 August
- **Electoral roll closes:** Friday, 2 August
- **Nominations declared:** Thursday, 8 August
- **Voting starts:** Monday, 12 August
- **Postal voting applications close:** Thursday, 22 August
- **Election Day:** Saturday, 24 August

Important Information:

- Check your enrolment: Territorians aged 18 or over must enrol to vote. Verify enrolment at www.aec.gov.au.
- Voting details: Available on the website from Monday, 12 August.
- Postal voting: Apply at www.ntec.nt.gov.au/apply-postal if unable to vote at a centre.
- How to vote: Educational videos in English and 14 Aboriginal languages available at www.ntec.nt.gov.au/how-to-vote.

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Arlparra LA next meeting date is 13/08/2024.

Meeting Closed at 02:10 PM

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