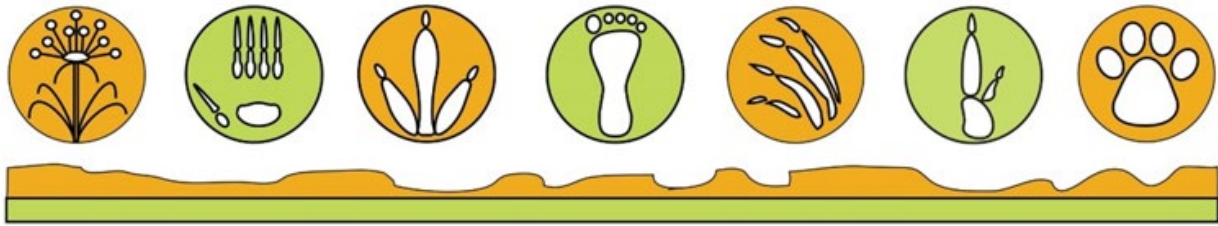


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Arparra LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Arparra LA Meeting was held in the Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation Office on Monday 4 November 2024 at 12:40pm.

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.

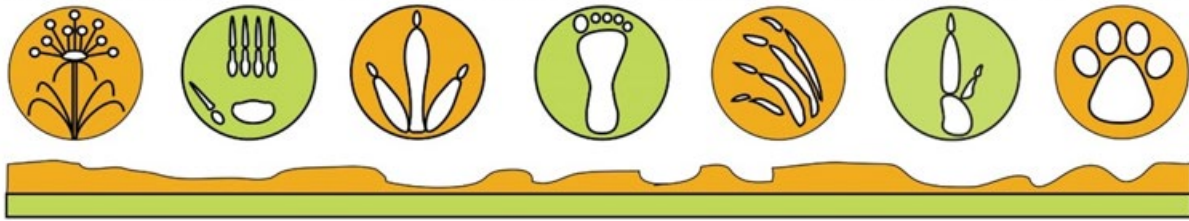
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

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

- Graham Long (Chair)
- Malcom Loy
- Joyce Jones
- Shane Loy
- Allen Kunoth
- Esau Nelsan

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Chris Kelly (CEO, BRC)
- Jeff MacLeod (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operations, BRC)
- Surya Godavarthi (Director of Infrastructure & Fleet, BRC)
- Susan Steele (Director of Community Services, BRC)
- Adrian Chong (Regional Manager - Night Patrol, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator, BRC)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Michelle Stacey
- Kim Riley
- Jack Clubb

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Nil

1.5 Resignations

- Nil

1.7 Disclosure of Interests

- Nil

1.8 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 13/08/2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Graham Long

Seconded: LA Member Shane Loy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/29

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 Malcolm Loy

Seconded: LA Member Graham Long

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/30

4 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

4.1 LAPF statement

MOTION

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

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Malcolm Loy

Seconded: LA Member Shane Loy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/31

5 CORRESPONDENCE

- Nil

6 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.1 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 Summary: Playground Upgrade

Project Value: \$150,000

Scoping Completed: October 2024

Quotes Received: November 2024

Project Status: Awaiting initiation

Overview:

The scoping for the Playground Upgrade project has been completed. The scope of work includes repairing damaged children's play equipment, installing new equipment, repairing the surrounding fence, installing gates, and painting the entire playground unit.

Next Steps:

- The original contractor has been contacted to obtain quotes and prepare installation cost estimates.
- Once the costs are finalised, a proposal will be submitted to the local authority (LA) for approval to move forward with the project.

2. Project Summary: Unsealed Roads Grading

Funding: LRCI

Project Value: \$77,604

Scoping Completed: October 2024

Quotes Obtained: October 2024

Project Initiation: November 2024

Completion: November 2024

Scope:

The project involves grading a total of 95.5 km of unsealed roads to a crowned profile. The specific roads to be graded are:

1. Sandover Hwy to Ngkwarlerlanem – 27 km
2. Sandover Hwy to Atnarara to Mosquito Bore – 9 km
3. Sandover Hwy to Soapy Bore – 5 km
4. Sandover Hwy to Kurrajong – 5 km
5. Sandover Hwy to Apungalindum to Antiltji – 16.5 km
6. Sandover Hwy to Antiltji – 12 km



7. Sandover Hwy to Thommyhawk Swamp – 4.5 km
8. Sandover Hwy to Ankerrapw (Utopia Homestead) – 9 km
9. Ankerrapw (Utopia Homestead) to Artekerr (3 Bore Road) – 7.5 km

Total Length 95.5 km

Overview:

Quotes have been obtained, and the road grading project has been assigned to the contractor offering the best value and service. The work will be completed before the wet season begins.

Next Steps:

The grading project is scheduled to start in the first week of November and be completed by the end of the month. Close monitoring will ensure all roads are graded to the required specifications.

3. Project Summary: Visitor Park

Overview:

The project involves collaboration between the Local Authority (LA) members and the Urapuntja Aboriginal Council to secure the necessary land permissions from the Central Land Council (CLC). Once these permissions are obtained, the works for the Visitor Park can begin.

4. Chris Kelly mentioned that the Airstrip has been serviced and audited under the DIPL work order.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Graham Long

Seconded: LA Member Shane Loy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/32

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.2 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.

SUMMARY

1. Community Safety Program (Night Patrol):

- The Night Patrol service has faced staffing challenges but is being revitalized. The Regional Manager is working with the community to recruit staff and improve engagement.
- Ongoing efforts aim to have the Night Patrol operational in the coming weeks.

2. Youth, Sport & Recreation Program (YSR):

- The YSR program continues to offer a range of activities for youth, including sports, games, and music.
- The program is led by an experienced staff member, Andrew, and has seen large participation in recent events, including the Arlparra Sports Carnival.
- There is one part-time staff vacancy being advertised in the community.

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

- Arlparra Aged Care is operating as usual with new clients added to the CHSP program.
- Ongoing staff training is taking place, and there has been coordination with the RAS team for new client assessments.
- Staff management and absenteeism remain challenges, with recruitment efforts ongoing.
- There are vehicle maintenance issues, with the aged care vehicle requiring replacement, and ongoing repairs needed for aged care premises and team leader housing.

4. Resource Allocation & Needs:

- Arlparra Aged Care requires a wheelchair-accessible bus and a new vehicle for meal delivery, laundry collection, and client services.
- Ongoing vehicle repair costs and the need for new equipment to support elderly clients are critical issues.

5. Staff Training and Development:

- Staff training continues at all levels, including certifications in food safety, first aid, and community care.
- The Regional Manager is coordinating with a training provider in Darwin to offer further professional development.

6. Community Employment Engagement:

- The Community Services teams are encouraging the local community to engage in available employment opportunities, emphasising local participation in delivering successful programs.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Malcolm Loy

Seconded: LA Member Graham Long

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/33

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.3 Report from the Director of Corporate Services

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

1. Governance:

- Congratulations to the newly elected Councillors for the Alyawarr Ward. With four candidates for four positions, the new Councillors were automatically elected. The announcement of the Mayor and remaining Councillors will follow shortly.
- The Governance team provides administrative support to the Local Authority, including compiling agendas and minutes.
- The 2023-24 Annual Report, outlining the year's achievements, was presented at the latest Council meeting and is available for review on the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) website.

2. Information and Communications Technology (ICT):

- No ICT issues or tasks have been identified in Arlparra at this time.

3. Records Management:

- A new Records Officer has been appointed, and a modern archival system has been implemented. The Records Officer is reassigning the structure, access, and implementation of the new records and archival system.

4. Work, Health and Safety (WHS):

- WHS remains a priority, especially given the region's vast geographic area. Local staff and the Local Authority assist in identifying any concerns for the WHS Manager.
- A region-wide Health and Safety template is being developed and will be available soon for risk identification.

5. Human Resources / People and Culture:

- Human Resources has transitioned to the Office of the Chief Executive, and a new organisational structure has been implemented.
- Staffing needs for Arlparra have been assessed, with ongoing recruitment and staff upskilling efforts focused within the Community Services Directorate.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Graham Long

Seconded: LA Member Allen Kunoth

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/34

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Remedial works on the Basketball Court

MOTION

That the Local Authority allocates \$63,242 for the remedial works on the Basketball court.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Graham Long

Seconded: LA Member Shane Loy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/35

General Business

7.2 Reallocation of Underspent money

MOTION

The Local Authority has agreed that any underspent funds from the Playground project will be used for the Visitor Park.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Graham Long

Seconded: LA Member Allen Kunoth

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/36

8 CLOSE OF MEETING

- The Arlparra LA next meeting date is to be confirmed.
- Meeting Closed at 01:46 PM
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