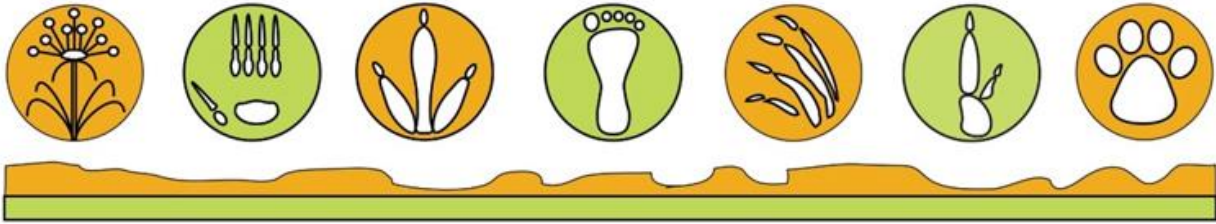


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Arparra LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Arparra LA Meeting was held in the Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation office on Tuesday 13 August 2024 at 1:28pm.

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.

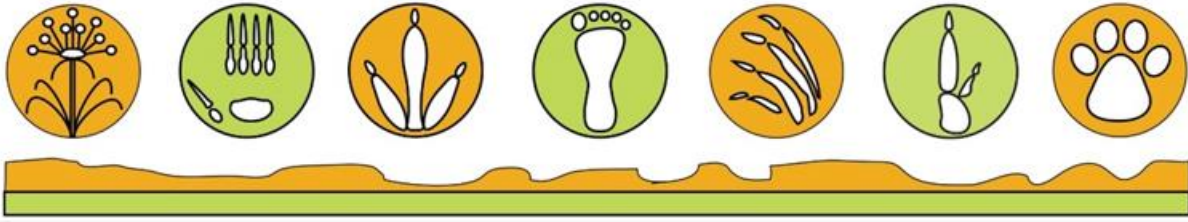
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

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

- Michelle Stacey (Chair)
- Shane Loy
- Jack Clubb
- Esau Nelson
- Allen Kunoth

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Chris Kelly (Chief Executive Officer, BRC)
- Jeff MacLeod (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operational Services, BRC)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services, BRC)
- Gillian Molloy (Director of Community Services, BRC)
- Surya Godavarthi (Director of Infrastructure and Fleet, BRC)
- Adrian Chong (Regional Manager- Community Safety, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator, BRC)
- Rheannon Veava
- John Jablonka

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Graham Long
- Malcom Loy
- Joyce Jones
- Kim Riley

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 22nd May 2024

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Michelle Stacey

Seconded: LA Member Shane Loy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/18

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 Allen Kunoth

Seconded: LA Member Shane Loy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/19

4 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

4.1 Finance Reports

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the LAPF statement.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jack Club

Seconded: LA Member Michelle Stacey

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/20

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

5.1 Proposed Play ground

MOTION

That the Local Authority has allocated \$150,000 for playground upgrades.

SUMMARY

The Council will provide updates on the playground upgrade project by the next meeting, along with pictures or brochures for the Local Authority's feedback before proceeding. The Infrastructure Director will oversee the project and report on its progress at the upcoming meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Allen Kunoth

Seconded: LA Member Shane Loy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/26

General Business

5.2 Visitor day use area

SUMMARY

As the Local Authority has already committed \$175,000 in the previous meeting, there was a discussion on the Visitor Day Use Area, specifically regarding the shade structures and the overall plan. The Director of Infrastructure and the CEO engaged with LA members to gather their feedback. The Council and UAC will coordinate to secure the relevant land leases from the CLC to establish this area, with more details to be provided at the upcoming meeting.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

7 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

8 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

8.1 Report from the Director of Operational Services - Brody Moore

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

- **New Positions & Interviews:** The Regional Area Manager positions have been advertised, and interviews have been conducted. These roles will directly support communities and Council Community Coordinators with regular visits.

- **200 Jobs Trial with NIAA:** Council secured a 200 Jobs Trial with NIAA, introducing the Companion Animal Project. This initiative will employ a Companion Animal Outreach Officer in each community to provide education on animal care. These part-time positions (25 hours/week) will receive training and will conclude in October.

- **Council Restructure:** Barkly Regional Council has completed an operational restructure, now encompassing municipal services, libraries, and customer service under the Operational Directorate. The new organisational structure will be released soon.

- **Regional Plan & Availability:** The Barkly Regional Council Regional Plan has been completed and is currently being printed. Copies will be available for the Local Authority (LA) and the public.

- **Commercial Services:** Airstrip maintenance, including slashing and whipper snipper work, was completed in July and August by the Ampilatwatja Municipal team via DIPL Work Order.

- **Companion Animal Outreach Worker Role:** This entry-level position will support community outreach by assisting with animal education and health services in Indigenous communities. Workers will receive accredited training from AMRRIC to effectively deliver and implement educational and veterinary programs.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Allen Kunoth

Seconded: LA Member Shane Loy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/21

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

8.2 Report from the Director of Community services - Gillian Molloy

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

- **Community Safety Program:** There are four vacancies in the Community Safety Program, and filling these positions is a priority to resume the program. Community members are encouraged to apply.

- **Youth, Sport & Recreation Program:** The Youth Program has three staff members with one casual vacancy. The program experienced some closures in July due to community situations and staff issues. Despite these challenges, the program saw significant engagement, with 518 attendees participating in a variety of activities, including Gymnastics NT clinics, NAIDOC Week celebrations, and an Under 18s Girls Football Trip.

- **Aged Care Program:** The Arlparra Aged Care program is operational but faces challenges due to staff shortages and absenteeism. The team is addressing these issues while ensuring all clients' care plans are up to date. The team also received mental health training from the Older Australian Wellbeing team in May 2024.

- **Access 2 Justice Collaboration:** Community Services is collaborating with Access 2 Justice to identify private facilities where clients can access justice support.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shane Loy

Seconded: LA Member Jack Club

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/22

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

8.3 Report from the Director of Corporate Services - Murray Davies

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

- **Corporate Services Update:** The Corporate Services Directorate manages business administration and corporate risk for the Council, ensuring smooth operations without any current service delivery issues specific to Arlparra.

- **Recent Activities:** The team has been involved in preparing the 2024-25 Regional Plan, starting the 2023-24 Annual Report, reviewing policies, developing a new HR and payroll system, restructuring records management, and upgrading IT infrastructure.

- **Staffing:** The Directorate is actively recruiting, with vacancies at Ampilatwatja, and encourages Local Authority members to inform the community about these opportunities.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Michelle Stacey

Seconded: LA Member Jack Club

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/23

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

8.4 Report from the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet Services - Surya Godavarthi

SUMMARY

1. Visitor Day Use Area Development:

- The project is in the early planning stages. A visit to the upcoming Local Authority (LA) meeting will be crucial for gathering detailed community input to develop an accurate scope of works and estimations.

2. Playgrounds Development:

- Similar to the Day Use Area, this project is also in the initial planning phase. The LA meeting will help refine the project details based on community needs and the original vision.

3. Arlparra Road Works:

- A grant application has been submitted to the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program to grade 146.5 km of roads. If approved, the roadwork will occur between mid-September and mid-October, vital for maintaining access and enabling emergency health services in remote areas.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jack Club

Seconded: LA Member Shane Loy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ARLA-24/24

10 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

10.1 Presentation from Access to Justice in Barkly

SUMMARY

1. Study on Legal Needs in the Barkly:

- In 2020, the Jubunna Institute, commissioned by four legal services in the Barkly (Legal Aid, NAAJA, CAWLS, CAAFLU), conducted a study titled "Access to Justice in the Barkly Revisited."

2. Community Consultation:

- The report was based on input from residents of Tennant Creek, Ali Curung, Elliott, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra, Canteen Creek, Epenarra, and Alpururulam, identifying various justice-related issues.

3. Recommendations and Implementation:

- The report included 16 recommendations to improve access to justice, such as providing community-based legal assistance, better information, and interpreter services. Legal services have been implementing these recommendations since 2020.

4. Project Coordination:

- A project coordinator, funded until November 2024, is working with communities to develop a plan ensuring access to legal support for issues like housing, Centrelink, and court proceedings (e.g., videolink attendance).

Visitor Presentations

10.2 Presentation from the Aboriginal peak Organisation

SUMMARY

- APONT Overview: APONT, an alliance of Aboriginal peak organizations, was established in response to the 2007 NT Emergency Response. It supports advancing Aboriginal rights and development.
- NT Aboriginal Education Peak Body: APONT successfully lobbied for funding from the NT Department of Education to establish an NT Aboriginal Education Peak Body, which will be Aboriginal-led, governed, and influential in decision-making.
- Community Involvement: Community members are encouraged to participate in the design of the Peak Body model, with a focus on including a representative from the Barkly region in the steering committee.
- Upcoming Forums: Two forums will be held next year (tentatively in April) to discuss the proposed model for the Peak Body, with resources available to sponsor community members to attend and contribute.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

12 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Arlparra LA next meeting date is 15/10/2024.

Meeting Closed at 02:30 PM

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