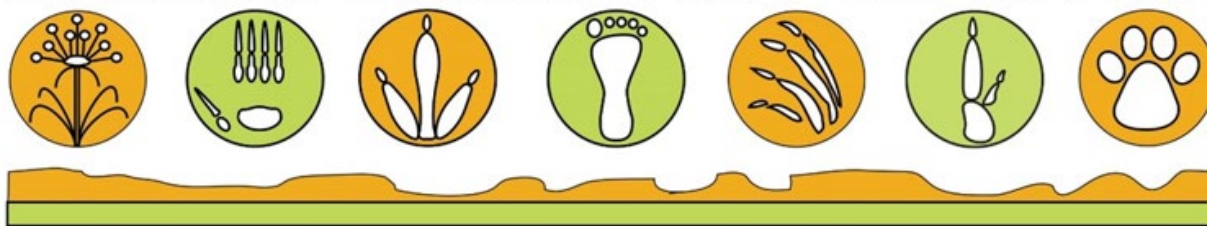


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES Elliott LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Thursday 3 October 2024 at 10:27 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.**

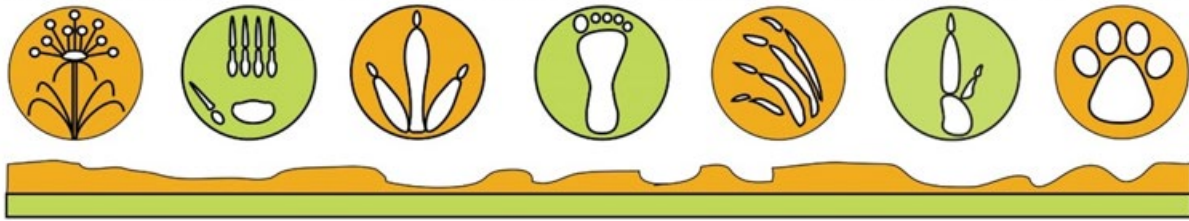
**We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.**

**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

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## 1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

### 1.1 Authority Members Present

- Bob Bagnall (Chair)
- Jody Nish
- Kevin Gaskin
- Lennie Barton
- Jason Mullan

### 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Chris Kelly ( Chief Executive Officer, BRC )
- Jeff MacLeod ( Official Manager, BRC)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services)
- Surya Godavarthi (Director of Infrastructure and Fleet)
- Susan Steele ( Director of Community Services)
- Kelly White (Regional Area Manager, BRC)
- Olivia Nguyen ( Public Relations Officer)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru ( Local Authority Coordinator)
- Maree Nayda (Police Officer)
- Danial Rochford (CEO, Tourism Central Australia)
- Amiel Nubaha (Community Justice Center)
- Peter Burnheim (Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet)

### 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Laura Jackson

### 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Christopher Neade
- Heather Wilson

### 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 - 01/08/2024

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 01/08/2024.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ELLA-24/88*

## 3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Actions from previous Minutes

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#### 3.1 Elliott Action tracker

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Action tracker.

##### SUMMARY

Local Authority members, along with staff, discussed the action register, covering several topics, some of them are:

- **House at 8 Lewis Street:** Surya mentioned that the estimated cost for a demountable house at this location is around \$200,000. BRC is currently seeking suitable funding to commence the project.
- **DIPL Issues:** Chris noted that Sally from DIPL will visit Elliott at the end of October to address ongoing issues and will work on resolving them.
- **Landfill Management:** Kelly mentioned that Operations Directorate has received quotes for a new pit and will provide an update in the next meeting.
- **Playground and Cemetery Facilities:** Surya presented quotes for these facilities. The LA will decide on the funding allocation at the next gathering.
- **Library Outdoor Furniture:** The outdoor furniture for the library has been ordered and is currently in transit.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ELLA-24/100*

## 4 FINANCE REPORTS

### Finance Reports

#### 4.1 LA Finance Report

**MOTION**

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the LAPF statement.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Jason Mullan

**Seconded:** LA Member Jody Nish

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ELLA-24/89*

## 5 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Reports from Barkly Regional Council

#### 5.1 Report from the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet Services

**MOTION**

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Directorate of Infrastructure report.

**SUMMARY**

##### 1. Street Lighting for Kooringa Street

- **Project Name:** Street Lighting for Kooringa Street
- **Project Value:** \$63,920
- **Scope Completion:** April 2024
- **Initiation:** September 2024
- **Completion:** September 2024
- **Overview:**
  - This project involved the installation of new solar-powered street lights along Kooringa Street, which spans approximately 200 metres.
  - All items required for the project have been delivered.
- **Next Steps:**
  - The project has been successfully completed.
  - Installation work was primarily managed in-house, with the exception of concreting. This approach significantly reduced the overall costs.

## 2. Cemetery Facilities

- **Project Name:** Cemetery Facilities
- **Project Value:** N/A
- **Scope Completion:** August 2024
- **Overview:**
  - The project was scoped in early August.
  - Quotes for shade structures have been obtained.
  - Currently awaiting planning for water supply.
  - Running a water line to the existing water tank is costly due to the nearest water line being 1.2 km away.
- **Next Steps:**
  - Shade structure quotes have been provided to the Local Authority (LA).
  - Additional quotes for toilet and water facilities will be presented to the LA in the next meeting.

## 3. Playground Equipment Upgrade

**Project Summary:** Playground Equipment Upgrade

- **Project Name:** Playground Equipment Upgrade
- **Funds Committed so far:** \$50,000
- **Scope Completion:** August 2024
- **Overview:**
  - Quotes for the upgrade have been presented at the meeting.
  - The Local Authority (LA) will make a decision on the quotes in the next gathering.
- **Next Steps:**
  - Work will commence once the quotes are accepted by the LA.

## 4. Kerbs and Gutters for Brown and Koorunga Streets

- **Project Value:** Approximately \$2 million
- **Scoping:** Completed in September 2024
- **Current Status:** Quotes obtained

### Overview

The LA has requested the construction of kerbs and gutters for Brown and Koorunga Streets. Scoping has been completed, and quotes have received.

### Next Steps

BRC staff will attempt to identify a suitable grant and proceed with a funding application.

### RESOLVED

**Moved:** LA Member Jody Nish

**Seconded:** LA Member Jason Mullan

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ELLA-24/90*

## Reports from Barkly Regional Council

### 5.2 Report from the Director of Operational and Commercial services

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and receives this verbal report from the Operational Services Directorate.

#### SUMMARY

##### Operations and Commercial Services Directorate

##### Areas of Responsibility

- **Elliott:** Municipal services, Library, Splash Park, Cemetery, and Landfills.
- **Community:** Municipal services, Customer Service, Administration, Accommodation.
- **Commercial:** Australia Post, Airstrip, Services Australia.

##### Executive Summary

- The report outlines activities and performance in Local Government service delivery and commercial services.

##### Services, Facilities, and Programs

- Delivery of municipal services, administrative support, Centrelink Agent, Australia Post site, and the new Companion Animal Outreach Project.

##### Council and Community Infrastructure

- Improvements to street lighting, street sweeping, Elliott Library facilities, and new landfill pit commencement.

##### Leadership and Governance

- Recent appointment of Regional Manager Operations North and South.

##### Tourism and Economic Development

- Engagement with Tourism NT regarding signage and advertising in Elliott.

##### Culture, Environment & Heritage

- Maintenance of local cemetery and engagement with Elliott artists at the Library.

##### Progressive Stakeholder Relationships

- Productive relationships with local businesses and Government bodies.

##### Employer of Choice

- Increase in employment applications to Council and numerous new hires.

##### Financial Impact

- Municipal services, Services Australia (Centrelink and NDIS Referral Services), and Elliott Library delivered within budget.

##### Elliott Service Delivery

- **Vacant Position:** Council Services Coordinator position is vacant; recruitment is underway.
- **Support:** Senior Regional Manager Matt Wharton is supporting the Elliott team and recruitment efforts.
- **New Landfill Trench:** Kurundi Station will provide the new landfill trench.

- **Vehicle Removal:** Sims Metal to collect, cube, and remove vehicles from Elliott.
- **Library Improvements:** Finalizing works and recruiting; partnership with local artists.
- **Utility Vehicle:** Small utility vehicle loaned from Tennant Creek added to Elliott Plant Asset List, now fitted with a boom spray device for weed spraying.
- **Skip Bins:** Elliott skip bins will be used at Tennant Creek Landfill, generating \$7,650 for the Elliott Local Authority. Freight costs should be considered for new bins.
- **Highway Works:** Ongoing works along the highway, truck stop, and memorial under a fee-for-service contract until funding agreement is signed.

#### **Legal and Compliance**

- Program and project delivery are compliant with legal and regulatory obligations.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Kevin Gaskin

**Seconded:** LA Member Lennie Barton

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ELLA-24/93*

## **Reports from Barkly Regional Council**

### **5.3 Report from the Director of Community services**

#### **MOTION**

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

#### **SUMMARY**

##### **Community Safety Program (Night Patrol and Safe House)**

##### **Elliott Night Patrol**

- The team has been patrolling the community and assisting Youth Services during staffing shortages.
- They have handled several domestic/family violence incidents and safely assisted intoxicated individuals back home.
- There is an ongoing issue with one staff member's attendance, which management is addressing.

##### **Elliott Safe House**

- The safe house has supported numerous overnight and day clients with Centrelink, housing, legal issues, and laundry.
- Staff have been busy with a deep clean of the facility.
- Recruitment is ongoing for a permanent Team Leader and a casual staff member.

##### **Youth, Sport & Recreation Program**

- The program continues to offer engaging activities for youth, including sports like football, basketball, soccer, softball, dodgeball, and cultural programs.
- Collaborations with schools, health clinics, and NGOs facilitate events and workshops.
- Support is provided for the Elliott Hawks team in the Suncable AFL competition, with plans to support future community sporting events.
- The team is recruiting for two new workers, as one current staff member is unable to work.



- Efforts are being made to attract youth participation despite competition from home gaming systems.
- During school holidays, the Remote School Attendance Strategy team will assist from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- Interest in hiring a music worker, pending funding availability.

### **Community Care Program (Aged Care & NDIS)**

#### **Program Update**

- Elliott Aged Care is operating regularly, though staffing gaps due to unauthorized absences are a challenge.
- Recruitment efforts are ongoing.
- Positive feedback has been received from clients, with compliments and completed food surveys.
- The team leader conducts daily checks and meal deliveries, receiving positive client feedback.

#### **Highlights and Achievements**

- Coordination meeting held with the Regional Manager and Acting Director.
- Discussed training for Team Leaders with the CDCS team.
- Completed food registration renewal, valid until August next year.

#### **Challenges and Issues**

- **Challenges:** Staffing remains a significant issue, with unauthorized absences and difficulty finding local, community-based workers.
- **Issues/Risks:** Unauthorized absences impact service delivery.
- **Remedial Actions:** Contingency procedures reviewed to handle unplanned absences, and support processes discussed with the Regional Manager Community Care and Team Leaders.

#### **Community Engagement**

- All Community Services teams request the LA to encourage community members to engage with employment opportunities, focusing on local employment to successfully deliver all programs.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Jody Nish

**Seconded:** LA Member Jason Mullan

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ELLA-24/91*

## Reports from Barkly Regional Council

### 5.4 Report from the Director of Corporate Services

#### MOTION

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

#### SUMMARY

##### Information and Communications Technology

##### Elliott Safehouse CCTV

- There is a server issue or possible graphics card error affecting the CCTV system. While it is currently recording, the footage might not be viewable. The IT team will visit to troubleshoot and resolve the issue.

##### Elliott Main Council Office

- There is a server issue or possible graphics card error affecting the CCTV system. The IT team is addressing this matter today and will be rectified today.

##### Access Points Issue

- The Meraki access points at the Main Council Office and the Sports and Recreation Office are currently offline, likely due to cabling errors; also be rectified today.

##### Elliott Community Workforce

- Aboriginal Staff Members: 21
- Non-Aboriginal Staff Members: 4
- Total Employees: 25

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lennie Barton

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ELLA-24/92*

## 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

#### 6.1 Special meeting

##### MOTION

The Local Authority has requested a special meeting in two weeks to allocate funding for the projects.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ELLA-24/94*

### General Business

#### 6.2 Irrigation equipment

##### MOTION

The Local Authority has requested that the Council present quotes for the installation of the irrigation equipment at the next meeting.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ELLA-24/95*

### General Business

#### 6.3 Membership Revocation

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority has requested Council to revoke the membership of Christopher Neade due to his absence for more than two consecutive meetings without offering an apology.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ELLA-24/96*

## General Business

### 6.4 Petition submission to Council

#### MOTION

The Local Authority has submitted a petition requesting that the BRC support the development plan for a new store on Lots 19 and 20, and a new accommodation complex on Lots 21 to 27. Additionally, the petition requests that the BRC work with Northern Interests to facilitate these plans and developments on behalf of the community.

#### SUMMARY

The LA members have shown their support for the petition during the discussion and the development plan of Northern Interests, and discussed it with BRC staff during the meeting. Chris Kelly presented an alternative proposed plan from the BRC and sought feedback from the LA members. The LA has requested that the BRC staff present the petition at the council meeting for a decision which was signed by 147 members. Jody Nish abstained from voting on this resolution.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved: LA Member Bob Bagnall**

**Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan**

#### CARRIED BY MAJORITY

*Resolved ELLA-24/97*

## General Business

### 6.5 Other matters discussed

- Jeff MacLeod presented at the meeting regarding the upcoming council elections. He informed that nominations will close on October 10th at 12 PM and emphasized the importance of submitting before the deadline. He advised applicants to request read receipts when they apply. Additionally, he mentioned that candidates can apply for both Mayor and Councillor positions, and the Mayor can be elected from anywhere within the region, not just Tennant Creek. Jeff also informed that LA members must resign in writing to the CEO to run in the elections. If unsuccessful, they can request to be reinstated.

- Danial Rochford, CEO of Tourism Central Australia, attended the meeting and expressed his intention to work more on the development of Elliott. He mentioned that there is an ongoing project in Newcastle Waters. When Bob inquired about the \$12,000 funding mentioned by the Official Manager of BRC last year, Danial clarified that those funds were allocated for the previous year. Due to the absence of projects, the funds were returned to the government. Danial also emphasised his commitment to working with the council and Local Authority on signage and centenary celebrations etc., He stated that his main challenge is encouraging tourists to stop and spend money in the community, and he is determined to address this issue. He assured to stay in contact and hopes to visit in person soon.

- LA members have requested that the Council hold a meeting on January 24, 2025, instead of the first week of February.



## 7 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

### Visitor Presentations

#### 7.1 Presentation from Community Justice Centre - Amiel Nubaha

##### SUMMARY

Amiel mentioned that they are going to work on a regional peace-building project, focusing on collaborating with local peace workers and exploring alternative ways to resolve conflicts within the community. The overall goal is to establish a regional body that locals can utilise. Elliott has been identified as a key area for this project, and Amiel explained how similar initiatives have been successfully implemented in other parts of the country. He expressed a keen interest in understanding what would benefit the Elliott community through this process. Local Authority members actively participated in the discussion, and Amiel left his contact details with them. The next steps include returning to engage with locals, continuing ongoing engagement with a few members, and gathering feedback on how to connect and work together to advance the project.

## 8 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Elliott LA next meeting date is 05/12/2024.

Meeting Closed at 03:17 PM

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