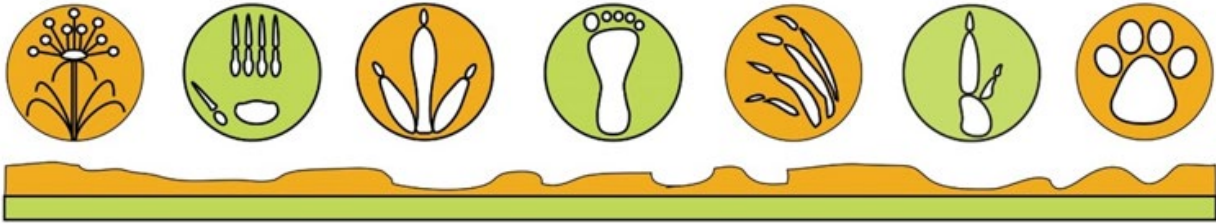


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES Tennant Creek LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Tennant Creek LA Meeting was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 4:30 pm.

**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.**

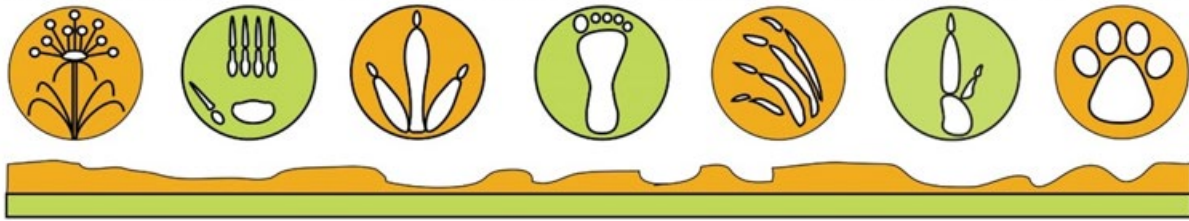
**We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.**

**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.**

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## 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

1. LA Member Darrin Whatley (Chair)
2. LA Member Len Holbrok
3. LA Member Nathan Mills
4. LA Member Russell O'Donnell
5. LA Member Lorraine Gibso

### 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

#### Visitors

1. Sid Vashist
2. Greg Marlow

#### Staff

1. Chris Kelly - Chief Executive Officer
2. Brody Moore - Chief Operations Officer
3. Surya Godavarthi - Director of Infrastructure
4. Susan Steele - Director of Community Services
5. Emmanuel Okumu - Governance Manager
6. Paul Hayde - LA Coordinator

### 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Heather Burton

### 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

### 1.5 Resignations

Nil

## 1.6 Code of Conduct – BRC

### MOTION

That LA members noted the Council's Code of Conduct Policy.

### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Darrin Whatley

Seconded: LA Member Nathan Mills

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-24/105*

## 1.7 Disclosure of Interests

### MOTION

That no LA member disclosed any conflict of interest during this LA meeting.

### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Darrin Whatley

Seconded: LA Member Len Holbrok

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-24/106*

## 1.8 Review of Disclosure of Interest

### MOTION

That LA Members:

- a) that members did not declare any Conflicts of Interest.

### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Darrin Whatley

Seconded: LA Member Russell O'Donnell

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-24/96*

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Confirmation of previous Minutes

#### 2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

##### MOTION

That the Tennant Creek LA receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, 4 September 2024 as a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Darrin Whatley

Seconded: LA Member Len Holbrok

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-24/97*

##### Note

*Meeting was on 8th but changed to 20th because the 8th was too close to the election time and everyone was busy with election.*

## 3 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

### 3.1 Presentation from the Department Local Government - Linda Weatherhead

##### MOTION

That LA

1. Note that the Presentation from the Department Local Government - by Linda Weatherhead was postponed. A date to be communicated.
2. Request Council to invite Linda Weatherhead to provide TCLA with the face-to-face training.
3. Training be organised after the vacant LA position has been filled so that all members can attend at once.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: LA Member Len Holbrok

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-24/98*

### **Key Notes**

1. The CEO Informed members that the presentation was postponed because he believes there needs to be a special arrangement between Linda and the LA members to have training on a date and time suitable for both.
2. The CEO suggested that the training be arranged before or after the meeting but not during the meeting. He suggested that members can do the training via teams since Linda is all the way in Darwin.
3. Members objected and said that they would like the Council to invite Linda back to provide them with face-to-face governance training so that they could better support the Council while delivering their mandate as LA.

## **4 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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### **4.1 Action tracker**

#### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority notes the Action tracker provided.

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Darrin Whatley

Seconded: LA Member Russell O'Donnell

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved TCLA-24/99*

## **5 FINANCE REPORTS**

### **Finance Reports**

#### **5.1 Finance Statement**

#### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority

1. Notes and confirms the Finance statement provided.
2. Requested BRC to advocate on behalf of LA for CPI increase.

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Len Holbrok

Seconded: LA Member Nathan Mills

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved TCLA-24/100*

## 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

#### 6.1 General Business

##### MOTION

That Local Authority

1. Requests Council to remove dogs roaming around the street and entering public areas such as shops.
2. Requests Council to review the Tennant Creek (Control of dogs) By-laws of 1992 and its implementation to protect the members of the community against roaming dogs.
3. Invite Mannie Sutton to start discussion with TCLA or through BRC on ways they can work together on issues relating to animal management.
4. Requests BRC to handle the Tennant Creek Car Parking regulations and implementation

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Darrin Whatley

Seconded: LA Member Len Holbrok

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-24/101*

1. LA Members raised concerns about dogs roaming the streets in town, entering shops like IGA, and attacking people, and asked that the Council do something about the dogs roaming in the community.
2. LA suggested that the Council remove roaming dogs, especially around public areas, without owners' control.
3. Members were also concerned that the BRC by-dog bylaw was ineffective and asked what the Council is doing to address its bylaws.
4. The CEO said the BRC Bylaw has not been reviewed for many years. However, Currently, BRC is conducting a complete review of policies, which will be presented to the Council for approval in the November OCM.
5. The next Plan is that Officers intend to present a report to the Animal Management Committee and to the Council requesting that the process of reviewing the bylaws begin once the new Council commences.
6. The CEO further informed members that the issue of animal management in the Barkly region goes beyond the bylaw and needs to be reviewed.

7. CEO said it also includes things like the funding available to deal with animal management.
8. The CEO gave an example and said that in the last year alone, BRC used over \$500k on animal management, but only around \$300k came from funding. The rest of the around \$200k had to come from the Council reserve, which significantly impacts the other areas of the Council's operation.
9. He informed members that the Council is already addressing the situation. The Council has engaged the vet practice and worked out a budget for animal management.
10. The other issue is that the BRC bi-law does not operate outside the town area. However, we have incidences in camps and communities that we need to deal with, and the bylaws can't be used there.
11. The CEO finalised by saying that once the new Council commences, the bylaw and animal management plan will be presented to the Animal Management Committee and Council.

## 7 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

## 8 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

<b>Reports from Barkly Regional Council</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Report from the Director of Operational Services</b>

### MOTION

That the Local Authority

1. **Receives and notes the Director of Operational Services report**
2. **Requests Council to note that the public toilets provided at the Purkiss Reserve is not sufficient for large crowd.**
3. **Requests Council to look for possibility of seeking extra funding to add additional public toilets.**

### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: LA Member Darrin Whatley

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved TCLA-24/102*

### Key Notes

1. Members raised concerns regarding some properties in town that did not have bins and asked what the Council was doing about it.



2. Officers informed LA that the Council has now acquired sufficient bins to supply all properties.
3. The officer informed LA that Purkiss Reserve is nearing handover, but the CEO has pushed that handover back as he still wants the contractor to sort out some issues before handing the project to BRC.
4. Members raised concerns about the lack of toilets in the Purkiss Reserve. They said that there are only two toilets, which they say cannot be enough for a large crowd if there is a major sports event.
5. Members requested that the Council be notified of the issue of the few toilets so that funding can be obtained for additional toilets.
6. LA members asked if there was any money left from the Purkiss Project and whether it was enough to add additional toilets because they broke down toilets that were there to be built new ones.
7. The CEO informed members that the financial acquittal hasn't happened yet, so we can't tell. What we think is that even if some money is remaining, it may not be much. Again, this information can only be confirmed by the DIPL, not us, as they are the ones who know how much is left.
8. On the issue of Painting equipment- Members said community members are giving good feedback about what the Council is doing and changing the face of Tennant Creek by painting the equipment along the road.

## Reports from Barkly Regional Council

### 8.2 Report from the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet

#### MOTION

#### That the Local Authority

1. Notes and accepts the report from the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet.
2. Requests BRC to post a message informing the community that the three government agencies are working together for the good of the community.
3. Allows Officers to buy 7 units of water bubbler but only proceed to connect 5 in locations that are already identified as suitable.
4. Requests BRC Officers to provide LA with a map showing all the suitable locations that has been identified for the 5 water bubblers.

5. **Asks BRC Officers first keep the two water bubbler and not fix in areas without electricity until LA resolves to increase funds so that they can connect electricity in the area or until another solution like solar is agreed on.**
6. **Request BRC to seek further information and advise on whether LA funds can be invested by putting water bubbler around the church and Dipl property or it must be only in Council property.**
7. **Requests BRC to maintain the Clock Tower.**

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Nathan Mills**

**Seconded: LA Member Darrin Whatley**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved TCLA-24/103*

**Key Notes**

1. CEO informed members that the Kargarru Road work is a combined effort by the various Government organisations which includes, BRC, The Territory Families and Department of the Chief Ministers Office.
2. LA members said that they were happy with this information, as it shows that all stakeholders are working together for the good of the community.
3. They recommended that BRC post a message informing the community that the three government agencies are working together for the good of the community.
4. Members advised that despite all this good effort, without informing the community, they will wonder where the Council is getting money for kargarru road work.
5. Members suggested BRC should look at option of having a display screen set up and controlled by BRC publicity staff so that the community can be informed of key progress and activities happening in the TC community. Members said this be discussed in future meetings to see if it's a viable project that LA can fund.
6. Water bubbler: Members said officers buy 7 units of water bubbler and connect 5 in locations identified.
7. Members agreed that Officers don't fix water bubbles in areas without electricity until LA resolves to increase funds so that they can connect electricity in the area.
8. Members suggested that if it's costly to install electricity in locations, LA should look into the possibility of putting one water bubbler can in front of church land or DIPL property, as it still serves the community around there.
9. The reason was that the LA fund must benefit the community, and there are many people around those areas who would benefit from free water.
10. Members also suggested that they could increase funds and go green by installing solar panels instead of electricity for the water bubbler at the park.

## Reports from Barkly Regional Council

### 8.3 Report from the Director of Community Services

**MOTION**

That the Local Authority receive and note the Director of Community Services report.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Darrin Whatley

Seconded: LA Member Nathan Mills

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved TCLA-24/104*

**Key Notes**

1. Members appreciated the BRC team for the great improvement in services being offered at the youth center to occupy the young people.
2. Members also asked for an update on issues around some of the broken ninja warrior equipment in TCYC.
3. Officers said they worked with a contractor and the issue of broken equipment was resolved.
4. Officers also informed members that funding came late however, it was still much needed as it enabled BRC to immediately increase opening hours and increase on the number of activities for the youths.

## 9 OTHER BUSINESS

<p><b>9.1 Other Business</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>That Local Authority</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adds for discussion, the issue of stolen generation in the next TCLA agenda regarding putting in place a memorial for the stolen generation.</li> <li>2. Have its own four-year plan that can benefit the community in preparation for coming events of 2028 (Solar Eclipse).</li> <li>3. Requests BRC to start planning for the forth coming 2028 event on how the Town is going to cope with the event.</li> <li>4. Request the Council to engage other Stake Holders and funding to put things like more shelters, toilets, parks with facilities like drinking water, hotels among others.</li> </ol>
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**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Darrin Whatley**

**Seconded: LA Member Nathan Mills**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Members said there is need for serious preparation because the events of 2028 (Solar Eclipse) is likely to accommodate more than 25k people in TC for one week plus.

## 10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The tentative date for TCLA next meeting date is 5 February 2025.

Meeting Closed at 7:23 PM.

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