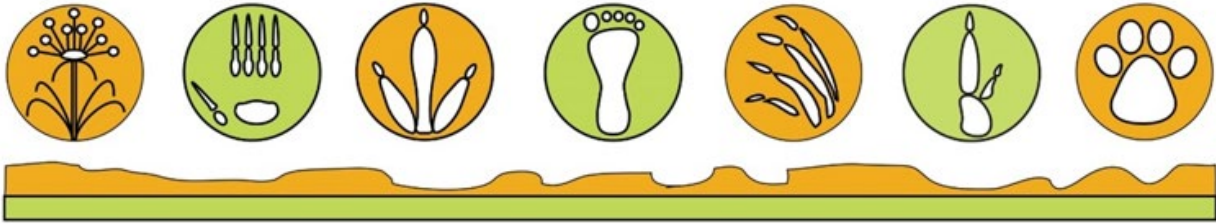


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES Wutungurra LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Wutungurra LA Meeting was held in the Meeting Room on Tuesday 10 December 2024 at 11:28 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.**

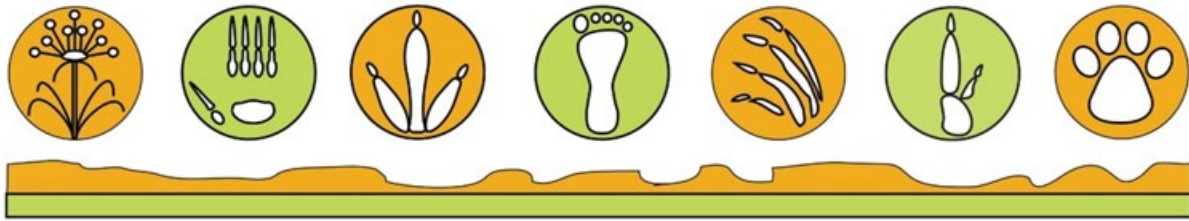
**We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.**

**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

- Fiona Peterson (Chair)
- Shirley Beasley
- Julie Peterson
- Mark Peterson
- Ezra Casson
- Tracy Peterson
- Sid Vashist (Mayor)

### 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Chris Kelly (Chief Executive Officer, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operational Services, BRC)
- Susan Steele ( Director of Community Services, BRC)
- Surya Godavarthi ( Acting Director of Infrastructure and Fleet, BRC)
- Colin Baker (Community Services Coordinator, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru ( Council Services Coordinator, BRC)
- Kelly Richards (Department of Housing)

### 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Nathaniel Peterson
- Cedric Price
- Kaye Beasley
- Annette Nungala

### 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 11/09/2024.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Tracy Peterson

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved WLA-24/46*

## 3 FINANCE REPORTS

### Finance Reports

#### 3.1 LAPF statement

##### MOTION

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

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ezra Casson

Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved WLA-24/47*

## 4 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

#### 4.1 Request for increase of LA Project funding

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority requests the Mayor to write a letter to the Minister for Local Government, advocating for an increase in the LA Project Funding.

##### RESOLVED

**Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley**

**Seconded: LA Member Ezra Casson**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved WLA-24/52*

## 5 CORRESPONDENCE

*Nil*

## 6 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Reports from Barkly Regional Council

#### 6.1 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.

##### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Ezra Casson**

**Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved WLA-24/48*

##### **SUMMARY**

##### **Community Safety Program (Night Patrol)**

The Night Patrol team operates Monday to Friday, providing 50 hours of patrol per week. They assist with community safety, search for lost individuals, and support local youth services. The team also works alongside Community Safety staff from nearby communities and has had no reported incidents. In this period, they attended the 40th Anniversary of Canteen Creek and supported sports carnivals in Ampilatwatja and Arlparra, collaborating with local police and liaison officers. Staff participated in face-to-face and online training to enhance their skills.

##### **Goals & Objectives**

- Attend Local Authority meetings
- Conduct Community Safety staff compliance checks in the Barkly Region
- Provide Cert 3 training in Community Safety
- Monitor GPS trackers on all Community Safety vehicles
- Ongoing ICT/computer training for staff

**Challenges**

- Collection and collation of statistical reporting
- Computer training for staff

**Stakeholders**

- Police, Elders, and other community stakeholders in Wutunugurra.

**Youth, Sport & Recreation Program (YSR)**

The YSR program is engaging young people in Wutunugurra, with 10 children (mainly aged 12 and under) attending daily. The program offers outdoor and indoor activities, with soccer, cricket, and Capture the Flag being popular. The program has seen improved attendance and smoother operations, especially with two new staff members. The Team Leader has organized outdoor activities by the creek as part of the school holiday program. The focus is on local employment, and there is a request for the Local Authority to encourage community members to participate in program delivery.

**Reports from Barkly Regional Council**

**6.2 Report from the Operational Services Directorate**

**MOTION**

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Operational Services Directorate.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Ezra Casson

**Seconded:** LA Member Shirley Beasley

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved WLA-24/49*

**SUMMARY**

Service Delivery	
<p><i>CSC Colin Baker has been away on personal leave most of this report period. Coverage has been provided by Regional Manager Tim Hema and Manager Local Laws Dean Pollock. Staff attendance during this period was slow at start with gradual increase, this was in part due to “sorry business” and football carnivals at Ampilatwatja and Arlparra. BRC employment survey for all staff was conducted. Deborah Dickenson started as Companion Animal Officer – funded position 20hrs per week. CSC Colin Baker returned to Wutunugurra 02.12.2024.</i></p>	
<b>Incidents / WHS</b>	<p><i>Bushfires continued to burn in Wutunugurra /Canteen creek areas. Disruptions to power due to fires-burning close to lines and power generator. Wet Season rains have started.</i></p>





Administration Services	
<b>Opening hours</b>	Monday to Thursday: 8:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 4:00pm Friday: 8:00am – 12:00pm Xmas Closure period: 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2024 to 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025. Main Office will be closed, Rubbish runs will occur twice weekly as per normal. YSR will still run program during this time.
<b>Main Office</b>	Plumbing repairs completed at Public Toilets.
<b>Customer Services Officer</b>	CSO 1: Bronwyn Weatherall CSO 2: Marilyn Kings Deborah Dickenson – back-up centrelink agent.
<b>Centrelink</b>	No disruptions to service this reporting period. Centrelink on-boarding of Deborah Dickenson and Marilyn Kings completed. CSO Bronwyn Weatherall is still pending her approvals. We now are in a good position to provide back-up Centrelink coverage.
<b>Conference Hall</b>	LLN Training – Central Desert Training – Ram the trainer. Services Australia – Remote Centrelink Services Team visit x2 HRG - meeting NT Elections – Voting CLC - Meeting
<b>Visitors Accommodation</b>	Territory Families – Housing Territory Families – Child Protection Services CDT Training -Ram ROM – Tim Hema MLL – Dean Pollock NT – Health CLC - Hose
Municipal Services	
<b>Opening hours</b>	Monday to Thursday: 7:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 4:15pm Friday: 7:00am – 12:00pm Xmas Closure period: 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2024 to 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025. Only x2 weekly rubbish runs.
<b>Municipal Team</b>	Works Supervisor: Dennis Campbell Works Crew: Andrew Beasley, Gary Edwards, Shamus Beasley, Adrian Lewis, Azra Casson.
<b>Parks and Open Spaces</b>	Wet Season – grass will be growing -
<b>Roads</b>	Generally OK
<b>Waste</b>	Rubbish Runs twice weekly.
<b>Landfill</b>	Tidy-up required.
<b>Firebreaks</b>	Done – during recent fire.
<b>Car Bodies</b>	Excess Cars around community need to be taken to tip
<b>Trade Services</b>	New Remote Mechanic – Llyod -visit to Wutungurra to assess plant and equipment.
Local Authority	
<b>LA Board</b>	Congratulations Noel Hayes, Andrew Tsavaris, Darryl Morton and Zacieus Long – New Councillors. For the Alyawarr Ward
<b>LA Projects</b>	
<b>Other LA matters</b>	
General Community Information	

<b>Visiting Service Providers</b>	<i>Services Australia – Centrelink Remote team (x2)</i> <i>Bush Court – 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024</i> <i>LLN Trainer – Central Desert Training (x2 training blocks)</i> <i>CLC - Hose</i> <i>NTEC Elections remote team visit</i> <i>NT Elections / Local Govt Elections</i>
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## Reports from Barkly Regional Council

### 6.3 Report from the Infrastructure and Fleet Directorate

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and approves the report presented by Infrastructure and Fleet Directorate.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** LA Member Shirley Beasley

**Seconded:** LA Member Tracy Peterson

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved WLA-24/50*

#### SUMMARY

##### 1. Project Summary: Epenarra Men's Shed Refurbishment

- **Project Name:** Epenarra Men's Shed Refurbishment
- **Project Value:** \$20,000 + \$15,000
- **Scoping:** Completed in June 2023
- **Quotes Obtained:** July 2024
- **Initiation:** Commenced in July 2024
- **Completion:** Expected by January 2025

#### Overview:

The plumbing and electrical work outlined in the initial project scope has been completed. The next phase involves the installation of new doors.

#### Next Steps:

The installation of the new doors has been assigned to LA Build, who are currently working in the community. The doors are scheduled for installation in January 2025.

##### 2. Project Summary: Women's Centre Refurbishment



- **Project Name:** Women's Centre Refurbishment
- **Project Value:** \$107,000
- **Scoping:** Completed in July 2024
- **Initiation:** Commenced in November 2024
- **Completion:** Expected by March 2025

**Overview:**

This project aims to revitalize the Women's Centre, addressing critical infrastructure needs to enhance the facility's usability, safety, and sustainability.

**Next Steps:**

BRC is coordinating the installation of a new septic system and flooring. Plumbers are scheduled to begin the septic tank work early next year. Sonja from NT Health, along with the community, is overseeing the remaining work.

**3. Project Summary: Playground Upgrade and Maintenance**

- **Project Name:** Playground Upgrade and Maintenance
- **Project Value:** \$60,569
- **Quotes Received:** September 2024
- **Initiation:** Expected to commence in November 2024
- **Completion:** Expected by June 2025

**Overview:**

The project has been scoped, and necessary quotes have been obtained. However, due to the high cost of playground equipment, we are unable to complete the project in its full scope within the current budget while meeting community expectations.

**Next Steps:**

Attempts to secure additional funding from CLC were unsuccessful. As a result, we will need to return to the Local Authority (LA) to discuss reducing the scope of the project to fit within the existing budget.

**4. Project Summary: Visitor Park**

- **Project Name:** Visitor Park
- **Project Value:** Not committed
- **Scoping:** Completed in September 2024

**Overview:**

The Local Authority (LA) is interested in installing shade shelters, a BBQ, and a water bubbler in the Visitor Park.

**Next Steps:**

The supply and installation of the shade structure, water bubbler, and BBQ is estimated to cost \$48,500. However, as CLC has also expressed interest in completing this project, confirmation of the next steps with the LA members is required.



## 7 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Actions from previous Minutes

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#### 7.1 Action Tracker

##### **MOTION**

That Local Authority notes and confirms the Action tracker provided.

##### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Ezra Casson

**Seconded:** LA Member Fiona Peterson

##### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved WLA-24/51*

## 8 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

*Nil*

## 9 OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

### Other matters discussed

#### 9.1 Other matters discussed

##### **Minutes of the Meeting**

- **Pest Control Enquiry:**
  - Shirley Beasley inquired with Kelly Richards regarding the pest control services for her house, as it has not been carried out for some time. Kelly responded that the pest control service is typically scheduled every three months, but it is possible that Shirley's house was missed during the last visit. Kelly will check the records and follow up with Shirley accordingly.
- **Housing Issues Discussion:**
  - Kelly also mentioned that there was a recent meeting concerning housing, where most of the issues related to housing were already discussed.

## 10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Wutunurra LA next meeting date is yet to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 12:36 PM

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