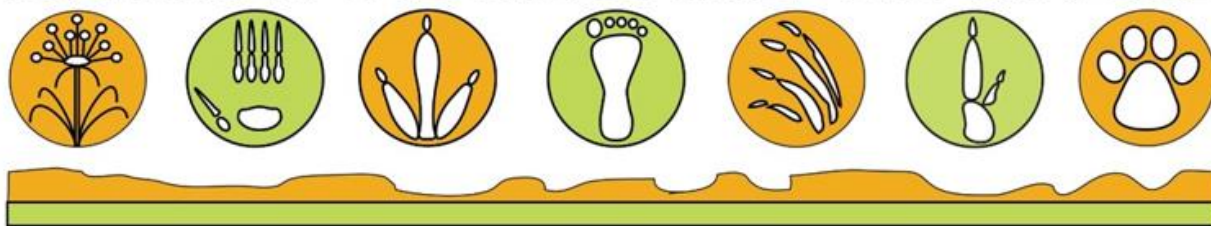


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Wutungurra LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Wutungurra LA Meeting was held in the Meeting Room on Wednesday 11 September 2024 at 11:42 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.

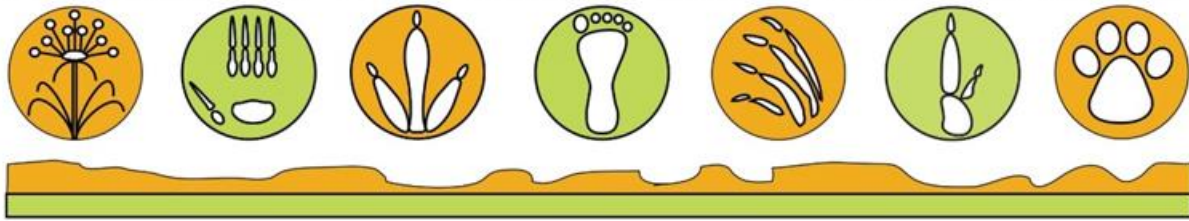
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

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

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

- Fiona Peterson (Chair)
- Shirley Beasley
- Julie Peterson
- Kaye Beasley
- Tracy Peterson
- Annette Nungala
- Mark Peterson

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Surya Godavarthi (Director of Infrastructure and Fleet, BRC)
- Kelly White (Regional Area Manager, BRC)
- Colin Baker (Community Coordinator, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator, BRC)
- Lockie Thomas (Zone Manager - Night Patrol, BRC)
- Sonja Marteus

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Nil

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Ezra Casson
- Cedric Price
- Nathaniel Peterson

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 10/07/2024

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Tracy Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/36

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 Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/38

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 Kaye Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/39

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

5.1 Additional funding to Play ground

MOTION

That the Local Authority has allocated additional funding of \$10,569 for the playground upgrades.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/44

General Business

5.2 Arts Centre accommodation building

MOTION

That the Local Authority has allocated \$35,000 for the repairs and upgrades of Arts center accommodation building in the community(Lot number- 41).

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/45

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

7 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.1 Report from the Director of Operational Services

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the verbal report from the Director of Operational Services

SUMMARY

- Human Resources:

- Colin Baker remains Operational Services Coordinator due to the Council restructure.
- Colin will soon be supported by Regional Manager Matt Wharton and Tim Hema.
- There is a lack of Administration and Centrelink staff in the Wutunugurra office. Recruitment is underway.

- Municipal Services:

- Parks and Open Spaces:

- Lack of Municipal staff affects community cleanliness.
- Recruitment for more staff to handle rubbish collection and park maintenance has begun.
- Community members are encouraged to apply for Municipal positions.
- Staff from Tennant Creek will assist on the ground.

- Roads:

- Pothole repairs, fire breaks, and flood mitigation works will commence soon to prepare for the wet season.

- Waste:

- Weekly rubbish runs continue.

- Landfill:

- Work recently completed by Ben Saint from Kurundi Station has extended the life of the current landfill site.

- Essential Services Projects:

- Women's Centre:

- Ongoing work includes installing a new septic system, cleaning, and painting, with support from Sonja from NT Health's Stronger Women program and the community.

- Commercial Contracts:

- Australia Post Service:

- Minor service interruptions due to a lack of staff.

- Services Australia:

- Minor service interruptions due to a lack of staff.

- Companion Animal Officers:

- Secured a paid trial under the 200 Jobs Program for a Companion Animal Outreach Officer in Wutunurra, Deborah Dickenson, working 25 hours a week part-time until October.

- Veterinary Services:

- Planning the next vet visit to communities.
- Council requests the Local Authority to consider regular contributions to vet services in Wutunurra to keep animals healthy and prevent disease spread.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Tracy Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/40

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.2 Report from the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet.

SUMMARY

1. Men's Shed Refurbishment Project

- **Project Value:** \$35,000 (\$20,000 initial budget + \$15,000 additional funding from LRCl)
- **Scoping:** Completed in June 2023
- **Quotes Obtained:** July 2024
- **Project Commencement:** July 2024
- **Expected Completion:** October 2024

Overview:

- The limited budget required strategic division of the refurbishment into different aspects.
- Specialized contractors were assigned to plumbing and electrical work, with 70% of the project already completed.
- An additional \$15,000 in funding was secured from LRCl.

Next Steps:

- Orders for internal doors and materials have been placed.
- Installation will be managed in-house to optimize costs and ensure timely completion.
- The project is expected to be completed by October 2024 once materials arrive.

2. Women's Centre Refurbishment Project

- **Project Value:** \$107,000
- **Scoping:** Completed in July 2024
- **Quotes Obtained:** August 2024
- **Project Initiation:** Expected to commence in September 2024
- **Expected Completion:** November 2024

Overview:

- The project has been thoroughly scoped with two quotes received.
- The primary goal is to revitalize the Women's Centre by addressing critical infrastructure needs to enhance the facility's usability, safety, and sustainability.

Next Steps:

- Awaiting confirmation of project responsibilities.
- The Operations team and the community will take on a portion of the project.
- Building upgrades and plumbing work will be handled by the project team.

3. Playground Upgrades and Maintenance Project

- **Project Value:** \$50,000 (\$30,000 initial budget + \$20,000 additional funding)
- **Scoping:** Completed in July 2024

- **Quotes Obtained:** September 2024
- **Project Initiation:** Expected to commence in October 2024
- **Expected Completion:** November 2024

Overview:

- The project has been scoped, and we are in the process of obtaining quotes within the \$50,000 budget.
- The aim is to revitalize the playground, enhancing its usability, safety, and sustainability by addressing critical infrastructure needs.

Next Steps:

- Review the quotes received from suppliers and seek approval from the Local Authority to proceed.
- Secure an additional \$40,000 to \$50,000 in funding through grants for further upgrades.
- Currently in discussions with the Central Land Council to explore the possibility of obtaining additional funding.

4. Cemetery Survey Project

- **Project Value:** \$6,000
- **Quotes:** Not applicable
- **Initiation:** Not applicable
- **Completion:** Not applicable

Overview:

- The cemetery is not a gazetted site, meaning it has not been officially recognized or designated by relevant authorities.
- As a result, the Council does not have jurisdiction or authority to manage this area.

Next Steps:

- Not applicable

- Surya has announced that the Central Land Council meeting is scheduled for October 10th at 10:00 AM. He encouraged all Local Authority members to attend and share their concerns and views to benefit the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/41

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.3 Report from the Acting Director of Community services

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

Wutunurra Community Services Program Update

- **Programs:** Night Patrol and Youth, Sports, and Recreation (YSR)
- **Funding:** National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)
- **Target Group:** Indigenous youth aged 8 to 24

- **Focus Areas:**
 - Community Safety
 - Structured sports and recreation activities
 - Reducing boredom and antisocial behaviour
 - Leadership initiatives
 - Participation in regional competitions
 - Workshops in digital media, music, and videography as incentives for good school attendance

- **Objectives:**
 - Foster community safety and well-being
 - Develop leadership skills
 - Provide pathways to future employment or education
 - Support community well-being through recreational and educational programs
 - Offer positive alternatives to substance abuse and harmful behaviours
 - Promote healthy, engaged lifestyles among Indigenous youth

- **Operating Hours:**
 - **YSR Program:** Monday to Friday, 2:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - **Night Patrol:** Monday to Friday, 5:00 PM – 10:30 PM
- **Staffing Needs:** Looking for staff for Night Patrol and YSR
- **Request for Input:** Seeking suggestions from Local Authority members on specific sport activities to conduct through the Youth Program

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Tracy Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/42

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

7.4 Report from the Director of Corporate Services

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

Corporate Services Directorate Update

- **Role:** Corporate Services acts as the Business Administration and Management hub, managing corporate risks and impacts to the community, ratepayers, and residents.

- **Recent Engagements:**

- IT support: Equipment upgrades, new software, and systems implementation.
- Staff recruitment and HR improvements: Enhanced recruitment, induction, payroll systems.
- Records practices: Implementation of improved practices.
- Policy and process reviews: Ongoing updates and reviews.

- **Organisational Risk Assessment:**

- Assists CEO and Council with risk management in compliance, contract management, governance, legal matters, HR management, information systems, records management, and workplace safety.
- The team focuses on mitigating and reducing corporate and workplace risks.
- Budget: Annual budget recently approved by Council, covering service delivery within Corporate Services work groups.

- **Community Engagement:**

- Seeking community and Local Authority input on improving service delivery and community benefits.
- Hiring efforts are ongoing, with current vacancies listed in the attached Human Resources table. Assistance from the Local Authority in promoting these positions is appreciated.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Shirley Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/43

8 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

8.1 Presentation from the Central Desert Training - Kailas Kerr

SUMMARY

- Kailas Kerr presented on the pre-employment programme and ongoing support for community members.
- The program assists individuals transitioning into employment by providing help with reading, writing, paperwork, and understanding job requirements.
- Recently completed a pre-employment program and facilitated transitions into roles within the Council, school, and clinic.
- Planning the next pre-employment program for the last quarter of the year, with potential locations being Wutunugurra or Ampilatwatja, depending on community needs.
- Aims to increase employment within the community and offers ongoing workplace training and support to ensure successful employment transitions.
- Addresses barriers such as resolving fines and helping with driver's licenses.
- Established for 10 years and recently secured funding to extend services to employers outside of the Council.
- Provides professional development opportunities, particularly in schools.
- Intensive pre-employment programs are held annually in each community.
- Ongoing workplace training is provided continuously for several weeks across the Barkly region.
- The presentation aimed to raise awareness of the program and its available services, ensuring community members receive the necessary support for successful employment transitions.

9 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Wutunugurra LA next meeting date is 06/11/2024.

Meeting Closed at 01:22 PM

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