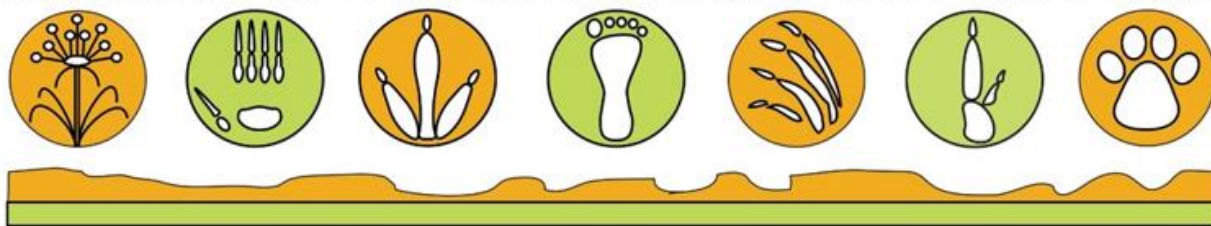


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES

Wutungurra LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Wutungurra LA Meeting was held in the Wutungurra Council Office on Wednesday 10 July 2024 at 11:00 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.

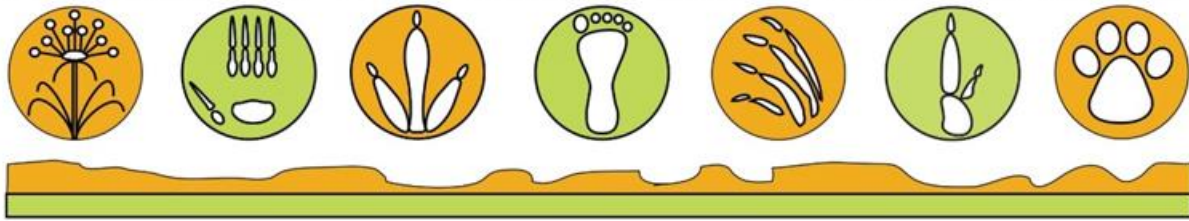
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

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 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

- Shirley Beasley (Chair)
- Tracey Peterson
- Cedric Price
- Nathaniel Peterson
- Fiona Peterson
- Julie Peterson
- Kaye Beasley
- Mark Peterson

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Chris Kelly (CEO, BRC)
- Jeff MacLeod (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Municipal services, BRC)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate service, BRC)
- Colin Baker (Community Coordinator, BRC)
- Barry Natrass (WHS Manager, BRC)
- Susan Wright (Grants Manager, BRC)
- Adrian Chong (Regional Community safety Manager, BRC)
- Anna Edgerton (NT Electoral Commission)
- John Jablonka (Access to Justice in Barkly)
- Hassan Tariq (AAI)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Lenny Beasley
- Basil Morrison
- Ezra Casson

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 26/03/2024 are true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Tracy Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/20

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Solar lights and church equipment

SUMMARY

Colin mentioned that the Central Land Council recently met with community members. They expressed their interest in funding upgrades for the church, which includes toilets and music equipment. Additionally, they are willing to contribute funding for solar lights. And also due to changes in NTG rules, they may need to reapply for funding for the lights to NTG.

Brody added that Barkly Backbone could potentially fund these lights. A representative from CLC has provided BRC the application, so he has been looking after this. In our previous meetings, there was discussion on where to install these lights in the community and plan to further discuss exact locations based on community preferences.

Chris Kelly emphasized the need to map out the locations for the lights soon.

Actions from previous Minutes

3.2 Men's shed

SUMMARY

Project team has informed the LA members that the works would be commenced within a week.

Below is the summary of the project plan submitted to the LA members in the meeting:
Regarding the Men's Shed refurbishment project at Wutungurra:

Project Overview:

The Epenarra Men's Shed Refurbishment Project aims to enhance the facility by upgrading doors, electrical systems, and plumbing fixtures. The project involves community members in door installation and painting, with professional contractors handling specialized electrical and plumbing work.

Project Timeline:

Start Date: 11/07/2024

End Date: 29/08/2024

Project Objectives:

1. Order and install 12 solid core wooden double doors and paint walls.
2. Install ceiling fans and internal lighting, and enhance outdoor lighting.
3. Replace switch boards and power boards for safety and functionality.
4. Install a new toilet and improve the hand wash area.

Budget:

Total Budget: 19,400 AUD

Community Involvement:

Voluntary participation from local community members in door installation and painting.

Evaluation and Reporting:

Regular progress reports to project sponsors, community members, and relevant authorities.

Project Closure:

Completion criteria include final inspection and approval from project stakeholders.

Actions from previous Minutes

3.3 LA Action tracker

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the LA Action tracker.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Cedric Price

Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/23

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Nil

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 LAPF statement

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the LAPF statement.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Tracy Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/24

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Area Managers Reports

6.1 Area Managers Report - Colin Baker

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Area Manager.

SUMMARY

Colin mentioned that he has been in Wutunugurra for approximately 2 months and is enjoying being part of the community. The municipal staff have started some minor roadworks, with more planned in the next month or two when the BRC road repair truck visits to address potholes properly. Rubbish pickup in the area has been ongoing, though households are encouraged to do more in their own yards. Colin aims to have old cars removed to the car graveyard in the coming weeks.

Various services including Centrelink, DriveSafe, Births, Deaths & Marriages, and CLC Community Development staff have all visited the community in the last month. Renovations for the men's shed are set to begin in the next two weeks. Colin also mentioned that his office door is always open for anyone who wishes to discuss matters.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Cedric Price

Seconded: LA Member Tracey Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/25

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Playground Upgrade

MOTION

That the Local Authority has committed \$20,000 for the upgrades of the playground.

SUMMARY

The local authority initially committed \$30,000 for the playground upgrade in May 2023. Due to additional funding requirements, they have now allocated an additional \$20,000. CEO Chris Kelly informed Brody to coordinate with the project team to develop a plan, including mapping and layout details, for presentation at the upcoming LA meeting concerning the playground upgrades.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Cedric Price

Seconded: LA Member Nathaniel Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/30

General Business

7.2 Visitor Park

MOTION

The Local Authority has decided to include the visitor park on their action list and requested council to provide a breakdown of costs and quotes for the upcoming meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Tracy Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/31

General Business

7.3 Water Park

MOTION

That the Local Authority has requested council to advocate for the Water park in the community with the relevant departments.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Cedric Price

Seconded: LA Member Nathaniel Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/32

General Business

7.4 Request to invite Department of Territory Families, Housing and Community

MOTION

That the Local Authority requested council to send an invitation for the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Community to address and discuss the issues within the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Cedric Price

Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/33

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 Report from the Director of Municipal Services - Brody Moore

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the verbal report from the Director of Municipal services.

SUMMARY

Brody welcomed Colin to Wutungurra in his new role as Community Coordinator and expressed gratitude. He explained recent restructuring at the council, including changes to staff roles and titles. Brody mentioned his intention to fill vacant municipal staff positions in the community, emphasising that women are encouraged to apply.

Acknowledging a temporary decline in municipal services due to some staff being sent to Alpururulam, Brody reassured that services will improve moving forward. He expressed satisfaction with the upcoming renovations for the men's shed and women's shelter, as well as updates on street lighting.

Brody also shared ongoing discussions with a metal company from Adelaide to crush car bodies and remove them from the community. Notably, he highlighted initiative to hire two employees to oversee animal-related issues for the first time.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Cedric Price

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/26

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.2 Report from the Regional Community Safety Manager - Adrian Chong

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the verbal report from the Regional Community safety Manager.

SUMMARY

Adrian Chong encourages community feedback to improve their performance. He mentioned their ongoing search for one female and one male worker within the community. He also mentioned that collaborating with Caleb to enhance service delivery in youth, sports, and recreation.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Cedric Price

Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/34

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.3 Verbal report from the Official Manager - Jeff MacLeod

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the verbal report from the Official Manager.

SUMMARY

Jeff mentioned that he will attend all future LA meetings. He informed that council elections are scheduled for November this year and encouraged community members to consider candidacy. Training will be provided for elected councilors. Jeff emphasised the council's dedication to community development and improvement. He also addressed fleet issues, promising thorough attention moving forward.

Jeff explained the regional plan and outlined project priorities for Wutungurra as specified in the plan.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kaye Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Nathaniel Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/35

11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

11.1 Presentation from the NT Electoral Commission

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from the NT Electoral Commission.

SUMMARY

- The Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) is responsible for Territory government and local government elections but not federal elections or the 'Voice' Referendum.
- The next Territory election is scheduled for August 2024, and the local government election for Arlparra in the Barkly Regional Council area is set for August 2025.
- Current local member for Barkly is Steve Edgington (CLP).
- NTEC will provide specific voting information closer to the election, including times and locations.
- Community information will be distributed through visits by NTEC teams to raise awareness about the 2024 Territory Election.
- Information will cover topics such as enrolling to vote, voting locations, remote voting procedures, and ensuring votes count.
- NTEC seeks local assistants to support election activities.
- Territorians may be automatically enrolled to vote via government agencies but should verify their enrolment status.
- Key dates include voting starting on August 12, with election day on August 24, 2024.
- Resources and instructions for enrolment, checking enrolment, applying for postal votes, and learning how to vote are available on the NTEC website.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/27

Visitor Presentations

11.2 Presentation from Access to Justice in Barkly

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes the presentation from the Access to Justice team.

SUMMARY

- In 2020, the Jubunna Institute conducted a study titled "Access to Justice in the Barkly revisited" in collaboration with legal services (Legal Aid, NAAJA, CAWLS, CAAFLU) to assess legal needs and services in communities like Tennant Creek, Ali Curung, Elliott, and others.
- The report highlighted various justice issues faced by communities and proposed 16 recommendations to improve the justice system, including local access to legal assistance, better information dissemination, and interpreter services.
- Legal services have been implementing these recommendations since 2020, supported by funding for a project coordinator, currently John Jablonka until November 2024.
- The project aims to engage with communities and services to develop a plan ensuring accessible legal support for issues such as housing, Centrelink, and court proceedings (e.g., video link attendance).
- Key discussion points include community awareness of the report, identifying critical community issues related to law and justice, assessing existing community initiatives, and planning future collaborations, with opportunities to engage at events like the Desert Harmony Festival on August 2, 4, 5.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Nathaniel Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/28

Visitor Presentations

11.3 Presentation from the Principal Alcohol Action Officer, NT Health

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes the presentation from the Principal Alcohol Action officer.

SUMMARY

Community-Led Solutions to Alcohol Management;

- NTG want to talk to community leaders and communities to understand best ways to reduce harm from alcohol and other drugs.
- We want to work together with communities make a Community Alcohol Plan (CAP)
- Communities will decide what actions are in these Plans;
 1. Reduce Supply - manage Alcohol and Drugs coming in and out of communities.
 2. Reduce Demand - change how Alcohol is used and how help reaches people
 3. Reduce Harm - any activities that prevent harm or support positive responses to Alcohol in community
- The actions in a Community Alcohol Plan can be funded.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Tracy Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/29

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Wutungurra LA next meeting date is 15/08/2024

Meeting Closed at 01:40 PM

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