

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA

Elliott LA Meeting

Tuesday 22 April 2025

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott LA Meeting will be held
in Conference Room on Tuesday 22 April 2025 at 10:00 am.

Chris Kelly

Chief Executive Officer

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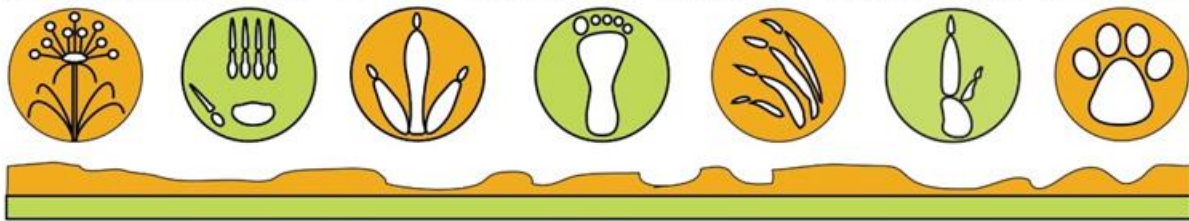
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Wambaya, Waanyi, Walpiri, Warlmanpa,
Alyawarr, Anmatyerre and Kaytetye Countries on
which Barkly Regional Council live and work,
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and recognise their continuing connection to
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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Authority Members Present
- 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
- 1.5 Resignations
- 1.6 Disclosure of Interests
- 1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (CSM - Tennant Creek)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 07/02/2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Elliott LA M Inutes Final. [2.1.1 - 18 pages]
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MINUTES Elliott LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Friday 7 February 2025 at 10:00 am.

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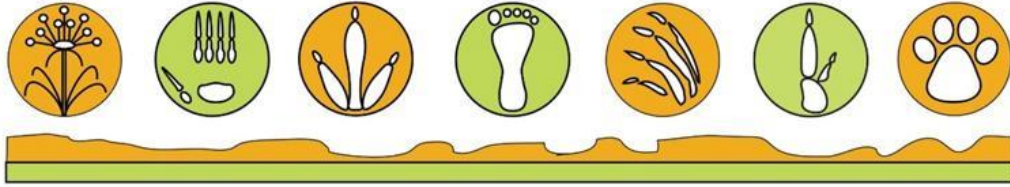
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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- Jodie Nish
- Jason Mullan
- Kevin Gaskin
- Kevin Neade
- Lora Jackson
- Cr. Ben Neade

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

Staff Members

- Brody Moore - COO
- Surya Godavarthi - Director of Infrastructure and Fleet.
- Susan Steele - Director of Community Services
- Paul Hyde Kaduru - Area Coordinator TC .
- Jonathon Lewis - Regional Manager Youth Services.

Visitors Present

- Mayor - Sid Vashist
- Peter Thomson - A/Regional Director - NT Health.
- Sergeant - Patrick Smith
- Constable - Ethan Waloh

MOTION

That Local Authority noted member present.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/01



1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

MOTION

That Local Authority

- a. Noted the Council Code of Conduct.
- b. Noted that no member sent apologies

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/02

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

MOTION

That Local Authority

Noted that no following member were absent without apologies.

- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Heather Wilson
- Kaye Dalywaters

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/03

1.5 Resignations

Nil

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Nil



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1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

MOTION

That Council:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) noted that members did not declare any Conflicts of Interest in this meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/04

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER: 2.1

TITLE: Confirmation of previous meeting.

SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting to be approved by Council.

MOTION

That the Elliott LA receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held Thursday 3 October 2024 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/05

Kevin Gaskin - left at 10:30 am

Kevin Gaskin - returned at 10:33 am





3 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM 3.1
NUMBER:
TITLE: Notification of General Business Items

MOTION

That members raised matters to be discussed in General Business as follows:

- Elliott entrance structure - Cr Ben Neade.
- Congratulation to the winner of Australia of the year – Mayor.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/06

Key Notes

Members suggested to make an entrance structure to Elliott town to improve on the image of the town. They gave example like one in Mataranka so that when people are driving and about to enter Elliott town, the entrance to Elliott is looking more welcoming and nice. Members pointed out that currently Elliott town entrance is looking dull and presentable.





4 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

4.1 Elliott Action tracker

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- b. Receive and note the LA action tracker.
- c. Resolve to close completed actions or make any other decision.

Added Motion

Allocate an arbitrary \$50,000 to seek a quote and engage a consultant to perform a master plan in conjunction with community consultation within the community for the scope of works at the Jim Rennie Memorial reserve.

Request Council to invite the Aboriginal Enterprise who run the Camp to attend to next LA. Both the north side camp and Marlinja Outstation.

Invite Sally from DCI to attend next Elliott LA and provide update on extra lighting at the airstrip.

LA request Council to investigate putting of the lighting at the airstrip at least in the interim.

Write to power and water to follow-up about Battery issue which is not working at the moment after power outage

Invite Anyinyingi to attend the next LA to discuss what funding or services is available for Elliott, and the sobering up shelter and its close proximity to the safe house.

LA request Council to write to Steve Edgington about the efficient problem in Elliott.

Allocate \$2,217 to purchase two lawn cutting machines (Cub Cadet) to be community assets to be loaned out, maintained and stored by Council.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lora Jackson

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/07

MINUTES Elliott LA Meeting 7 February 2025



Key Notes

Members raised concerns regarding the fire risk due to the fuel load in the community stations.

LA discussed committing funds to buy a lawn mower to keep it in the Council's shade and to serve each house and not each individual in the camp.

The Mayor informed the LA that while he was in Marlinja Outstation, he was asked about the fuel load in the community and outstation, and he has been reaching out to stakeholders to find a solution to the issue.

Regarding the road repair situation, the Mayor informed LA that he met with the Territory Treasury, and the information received is that the government is aware of the road situation but is not committing any money to the roads in the next financial year.

The Mayor further said that the only assurance the treasury gave them was that a grant had already been committed. The government's focus is to follow up with the service providers responsible. If they see that they are not delivering, then the government may consider making some changes.

Regarding the Elliott land and Northern Interest, members asked for a clear explanation from the Council as to whether Northern Interest is still going to proceed with their plan or whether the Council has now made the final decision.

Council officers replied that, as provided in the Action tracker, the Council has resolved not to proceed with Northern Interest. Members were informed that the issue of the Elliott land has been referred back to Elliott LA for further consultation that should benefit the community.

Council officers presented to LA a proposed plan by the Council, which was attached to the agenda, and informed members that they have the option to accept the proposed plan attached, recommend changes to the plan, or recommend totally a different plan on how the community would like the lots used.

The item regarding maintaining the nature strip should be closed as the Council now has a contract with DIPL.

Remove the item regarding the petition from the action tracker.

Meeting paused for break at 12:15 pm





5 CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER: 5.1
TITLE: Correspondence

SUMMARY

The report provides LA with correspondence relating to matters affecting their LA area.

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a. Receive and note the correspondence sent by the Mayor Sid Vashist and the response received from the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Community Development regarding Marlinja Outstation.

Added motion

- b. Request Council to invite the Aboriginal Enterprise Australia who manage Marlinja to attend to next LA. Both the north side camp and Marlinja Outstation.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/08



6 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 6.1
TITLE: Appointment of Chairperson

SUMMARY

The report provides Elliott LA with the opportunity to appoint the LA chairperson.

MOTION

That the Elliott Local Authority

- a. Appoint the chairperson for Elliott LA.**
- b. Requests Council that the Mayor and CEO come in the next LA meeting and provide them with explanation as to why Mr. Bob Bagnall was removed both as chair and member of LA without consulting Elliott LA.**
- c. Requests Council to advise Elliott LA on whether Mr. Bagnall now being a member of the community can re-apply for re-appointment or there is a section under the Local Government Act that bars him from ever being nominated as LA member.**
- d. Appoints Jody Nish as the chairperson of next LA meeting as LA looks at appointing someone else to be the chair.**

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin
Seconded: LA Member Lora Jackson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/09

Key Notes

LA members raised concerns and said they were not happy about how the Council handled the issue of their Elliott chairperson and a long-serving LA member, Mr. Mob Bagnall.

Members said they should have been given a chance or consulted on the situation, warranting the removal of their chairperson and a long-serving member before the Council could decide.

They also want to know if Mr. Bagnall, now a community member following removal from the LA, can reapply for re-appointment as an LA member if he is interested.

Members stressed that he has been a good role model and a respected member of the community, and they would like to see him back.



ITEM NUMBER: 6.2
TITLE: Financial Report

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the financial information provided for the Elliott Local Authority Projects for the period ending 31st December 2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Neade

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/10

ITEM NUMBER: 6.3
TITLE: Operations Report

SUMMARY

This report outlines the activities of the Operational Services Directorate in the areas of Municipal, Administrative and Local Government service delivery as well as the performance of monctractual commercial services.

MOTION

That the Local Authority note and accept the Operations and Commercial Services Directorate report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/11





ITEM NUMBER: 6.4
TITLE: Community Services

SUMMARY

This report outlines the Community Services Directorate overview for Elliott.

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services Directorate Report for Elliott Local Authority meeting, February 7th, 2025.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan
Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/12





ITEM NUMBER: 6.5
TITLE: Infrastructure/Fleet

SUMMARY

The following report provides the LA with an overview and relevant update on Infrastructure managed by the directorate in Elliott.

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a. Notes and accepts the report from the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet.

Added Motion

- b. Commit \$30,000 for the purchase and freight and registration of 2 single portable toilets.
- c. Requests Council / the Infrastructure Director to identify funding in order to pay for a scoping of the cemetery and to report back in the next LA meeting for decision.
- d. Commit \$15,000 for the shade structure and some sitting under the shade.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Lora Jackson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/13



ITEM NUMBER: 6.6
TITLE: Elliott Development Proposal

SUMMARY

The attached development plan proposal makes provision for a business hub in Elliott, to include an Art centre, office space for visiting social services providers, accommodation to retain these services, public library for residents and tourists and to rehabilitate the properties from soil contamination from previous use.

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a. **Note and proceed to comprehensive community consultation regarding the Bennett Architecture plan for office space, accommodation and art centre in Elliott.**
- b. **Accept in principle the community centre plan presented on the following condition;**
 1. **Council to add extra accommodation that is to be available to the community as well as service providers.**
 2. **Council to come back to LA with the architectural designs which reflects the LA recommendation.**

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/14

Key Notes

Members asked for a clear explanation from the Council as to whether Northern Interest will still proceed with its plan or whether the Council has made the final decision.

Council officers replied that, as provided in the Action tracker, the Council has resolved not to proceed with Northern Interest. Members were informed that the issue of the Elliott land has been referred back to Elliott LA for further consultation that should benefit the community.

Council officers presented to LA a proposed plan by the Council, which was attached to the agenda, and informed members that they have the option to accept the proposed plan attached, recommend changes to the plan, or recommend totally a different plan on how the community would like the lots used.

Members pointed out that Elliott town's big challenge is that there is no accommodation, and people have to travel another 100km to the next accommodation place.





Members said the accommodation is needed urgently for people who arrive in Elliott late and need to stop and rest and be safe; it's also needed for people to use when there is a ceremony time and people are coming from far away and need to sleep in Elliott. Members said there is no reason why members attending a ceremony in Elliott should have to drive late and look for accommodation 100km away and then return the next day when they could stay in Elliott.

Members said that their preference right from the beginning is that the Council should ensure that any plan to use those lots focuses on having enough accommodation rooms, which are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and not given preference to only service providers.

Members agreed that it could be a community centre, as the plan says, but they want more rooms added so that it has enough for service providers, tourists, and anyone else. Four rooms, as shown in the plan, are not sufficient.

Members said if people could sleep in Elliott, they would spend money there, and the Elliott economy would be boosted.

Members were very vocal and indicated their frustration with how they didn't understand how the Council had engaged Northern Interest against Elliott LA's recommendation.

Members said they were happy to hear that this matter was resolved. The Council has determined not to go with the Northern Interest but to re-consult with LA and develop a new plan for advice and further suggestions.

Notes

Members Mali and Cavin Gaskin left at 12:30 am.





7 REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

ITEM NUMBER: 7.1
TITLE: Elliott Priority Projects.

MOTION

That the Local Authority

Notes that the Elliott LA raised the following priority projects.

- Visitors' accommodation
- New splash pad and water pump
- Street sweeper & Rubbish truck
- Remediation of old tip
- Accessible children's playground
- Grader
- Drinkable water at the cemetery
- Town pool
- Visitors Park
- Upgrades to cemetery
- Lighting installed at the airstrip
- Sealing of the airstrip access road
- Sealing of the landfill access road
- Converting the Anyinginyi sobering up shelter to an aged care or respite center
- Men's shed or safe house
- Improve water quality to bring dialysis services
- Advocate for a new day care or childcare center
- New sports and recreational building

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: Cr. Ben Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/15

8 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil





9 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 4.1

MOTION

That Local Authority

- a. Note and discuss item regarding the entrance structure of Elliott town as raised by Cr Ben Neade.
- b. Accepts that this project be placed on the project list for the Elliott Local Authority.
- c. Request Council to come back with some pictures and ideas and potentially information to make the decision.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Lora Jackson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/16

Key Notes

Members suggested to make an entrance structure to Elliott town to improve on the image of the town. They gave example like one in Mataranka so that when people are driving and about to enter Elliott town, the entrance to Elliott is looking more welcoming and nice. Members pointed out that currently Elliott town entrance is looking dull and presentable.

GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 4.2

MOTION

That LA notes that Jenny Dixon and Kate DalyWaters have been nominated for LA membership. (forms attached)

That the two received nominations be forwarded to Council for appointment.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: Cr. Ben Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-25/17



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10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Elliott LA next meeting date is 22/04/2025

Meeting Closed at 1:00 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 17 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Elliott Local Authority meeting HELD on 7 February 2025 AND ARE UNCONFIRMED.

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3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Action Tracker

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (CSM - Tennant Creek)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Action tracker provided.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Elliott Tracker [**3.1.1** - 3 pages]

ELLIOTT

Meet date	Resolution	Item description	Resolution/Action	Funding	Action leader	Status	Comment
6/06/2017		House 8 Lewis Street	That BRC replaces demolished building		Dir Infrastructure	Ongoing	Added to 5 year infrastructure plan.Requires costing and plans to move forward.
7/02/2019		Kerb and guttering Brown and Kooringa Streets	Request BRC look at funding		Dir Infrastructure	Ongoing	Received quotes, presented in LA, awaiting funding
7/02/2019		Drovers Drive NCW	Road condition and options		Dir Infrastructure	Ongoing	Awaiting grant funding
11/08/2022	ELA 13/23	Plant purchase side by side	To review the comments mentioned		Area Manager	Ongoing	
10/11/2022		Street Sweeper	That the AM confirm a date for a visit to Elliott		Area Manager	Ongoing	Currently being used (September 2024)
6/04/2023		Upgrade Playground equipment	That LA source quotes for new playground equipment, and also awaiting for the funding from Backbone team	\$50,000	Dir Ops	Ongoing	Designs and quotes were presented in the LA October meeting 2024.
6/04/2023		Water Park			Dir Infrastructure	Completed	
9/11/2023		Assess Elliott bitumen roads condition	That BRC assess Elliott internal roads for resurfacing and also advocate for Wilyugu and Gurungu roads to be done at the		BRC	Ongoing	Roads have not been resurfaced since 2008.
14/12/2023	ELLA 23/30	Footy Change Rooms	That the grill entrance doors be upgraded to provide privacy.		Area Manager	Ongoing	Still having issues with the doors.
11/01/2024	ELLA 24/44	Telstra Issues	That the LA requests BRC to advocate for improvement to network issues.		Dir Ops	Ongoing	Whenever the power goes out so does Telstra. It requires the backup system and requires attention.
11/01/2024	ELLA 24/48	Sobering up shelter	That BRC follow up with Anyinginyi.		Dir Ops	Ongoing	Anyinginyi attended LA in August 2024 and advised they would follow up and get back in the next meeting.

4/04/2024	ELLA 24/62	Memorial area	BRC to explore options for the Memorial Area adjacent to the highway		Dir Ops	Ongoing	Awaiting information from DLI
4/04/2024	ELLA 24/63	Nature Strip	BRC to reach DIPL regarding the nature strip concern along the highway		Dir Ops	Ongoing	Awaiting information from DLI
4/04/2024	ELLA 24/67	Outdoor furniture (Library)	That BRC purchases shade cloth for existing outdoor structure at the library and outdoor tables and chairs.		CSM	Ongoing	
4/04/2024	ELLA 24/69	Solar lights	that BRC to repair existing solar lights in the park adjacent to Puma		CSM	Ongoing	No funding available
1/08/2024	ELLA-24/85	LA training	Training to be provided for the LA members			Ongoing	LGU have been made aware
1/08/2024	ELLA-24/83	Water around Oval	BRC to investigate the cost of putting the articulating water around the Oval		Dir Ops	Ongoing	No further updates available due to the staff turnover
7/02/2025	ELLA-25/07	Jim Memorial reserve	Allocate an arbitrary \$50,000 to seek a quote and engage a consultant to perform a master plan in conjunction with community consultation within	\$50,000	Dir Infra	Ongoing	Consultants would be attending the meeting to get the feedback from the members.
7/02/2025	ELLA-25/07	Lawn movers	Purchase two lawn cutting machines (Cub Cadet) to be community assets to be loaned out, maintained and stored by Council.	\$2,217	AM	Completed	Request to remove
7/02/2025	ELLA-25/13	2 single portable toilets	Commit \$30,000 for the purchase and freight and registration of 2 single portable toilets. (Burglar will)	\$30,000	Dir Infra	Ongoing	Shipment received at the Elliott Depot.

7/02/2025	ELLA-25/13	Scoping of Cemetery	Requests Council / the Infrastructure Director to identify funding in order to pay for a scoping of the cemetery and to report back in the next LA meeting for decision.		Dir Infra	Ongoing	Details in the Infrastructure Report
7/02/2025	ELLA-25/13	Shade structure	Commit \$15,000 for the shade structure and some sitting under the shade.	\$15,000	Dir Infra	Ongoing	
7/02/2025	ELLA-25/14	Elliott Development Proposal	Accept in principle the community centre plan presented on the following condition; 1. Council to add extra accommodation that is to be available to the community as well as service providers. 2. Council to come back to LA with the architectural designs which reflects the LA recommendation.		CEO	Ongoing	Federal Grant engagement ongoing on this project
7/02/2025	ELLA-25/16	Entrance structure	Request Council to come back with some pictures and ideas and potentially information to make the decision.		Dir Infra	Ongoing	

4 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN

Draft Regional Plan

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (CSM – Tennant Creek)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the project priorities listed in the Draft Regional Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Elliott Plan [**4.1.1** - 1 page]
 2. 3022 001 (1) [**4.1.2** - 40 pages]
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ELLIOTT: COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- + Aliases: **None recorded.**
- + Local Government Area: **Barkly.**
- + Main Language: **Kriol.**
- + Land Council: **Northern Land Council.**
- + Electorate: **Barkly.**
- + Population: **287 (from 2021 Census).**

Location: Elliott is located north of Tennant Creek on the Stuart Highway. **Accessible by road:** Elliott is located approx. 250km north of Tennant Creek by road on the Stuart Highway. The entire access road to the community is sealed and good road access all year.

Elliott has a local store, a sealed airstrip, a health centre, a police station, and a school.

Council Services:

- Municipal Services
- Cemetery
- Roads
- Sports Grounds
- Parks and Splash Park
- Playgrounds
- Waste Collection
- Council Infrastructure
- Customer Service
- Library
- Airstrip Contract
- Centrolink
- Post Office
- Streetlights
- Aged Care
- Night Patrol
- Youth, Sport, and Rec
- Youth, Sport and Recreation
- Outside School Hours Care

Elliott Project Priorities for Regional Plan

Council Led Initiatives (Require External Funding & Partnerships)

- Create a master plan for a new sports precinct including gym
- Conduct feasibility studies and seek funding for Town Pool for Elliott
- Upgrade the splash pad

Future or Advocacy-Based Projects (Require External Funding & Partnerships)

- Advocate for a new Aged Care Centre
- Advocate for a Men's Safe House/Shed
- Advocate for improved Dialysis Services, considering water quality issues
- Seek funding and support for Airstrip Access Road Sealing
- Advocate for improved Airstrip Lighting for safety
- Expansion on Safe House
- Support and explore funding options for a Community Bus for Football
- Advocate for North Camp Turn-Off Lighting to improve safety
- Improve Rubbish Access Turn Off for better waste management
- Advocate for library and art centre
- Advocate for general store (IGA?)
- Advocate for water security
- Advocate for sewerage pond

Local Authority (LA) Projects (Within LA Budget and Scope)

- Plan and establish a Visitor Park
- Develop Cemetery Facilities to improve public amenities
- Vet services

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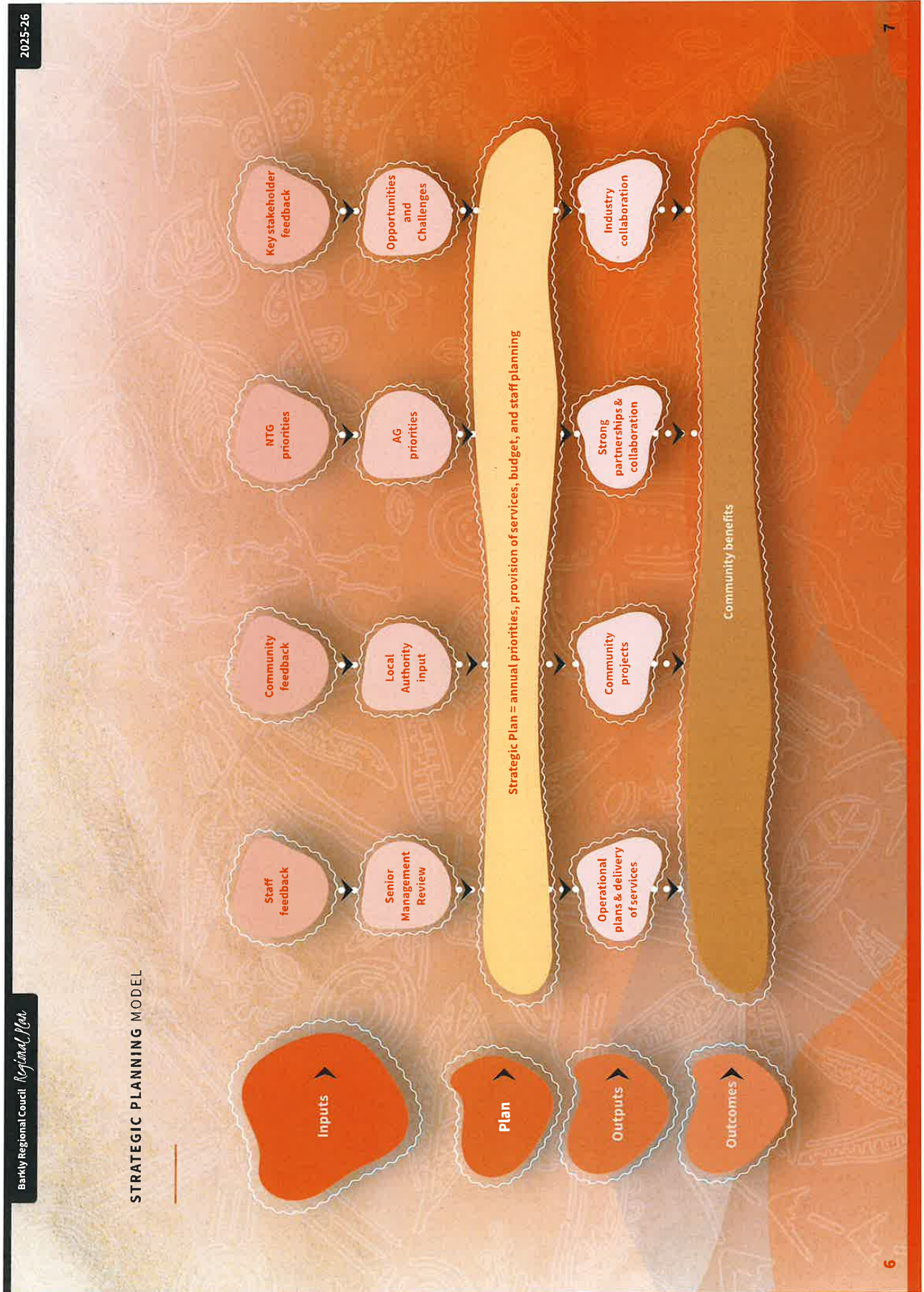


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Strategic plan





OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS

- 01 | *Our Communities*
- 02 | *Our Employees*
- 03 | *Strong Relationships*
- 04 | *Regional Growth*
- 05 | *Good Governance*
- 06 | *Our Assets*

Deliver sustainable services that meet the needs of the community

Become an employer of choice within the Barkly region

Sustain high levels of stakeholder engagement

Create opportunities for Economic Development and growth

Provide effective leadership & good governance

Maintain quality facilities, infrastructure and fleet

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

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of the great explorer of the
truth, the master-builder of
human happiness. No one
rejects, dislikes, or avoids
pleasure itself, because it is
pleasure, but because those
who do not know how to
pursue pleasure rationally
encounter consequences that
are extremely painful.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

I am pleased to present our Annual Plan, which sets out our strategic direction and priorities for the coming year. At the heart of our plan is a firm commitment to delivering sustainable services, fostering strong relationships, and driving economic growth, all while ensuring good governance and maintaining high-quality infrastructure across the Barkly region.



Our communities remain our primary focus, and we will continue to review and enhance the services we provide to ensure they meet the evolving needs of our residents. From improving disaster preparedness strategies to promoting health and wellbeing through recreational activities, we are dedicated to strengthening community resilience. Additionally, we will ensure that our services remain financially sustainable and that we provide the necessary support to all areas within the Barkly region.

As an organisation, we are committed to becoming an employer of choice in the Barkly region. We will continue to build an innovative workplace culture that values employee feedback and supports professional development. By reviewing our organisational structures and position descriptions, we aim to cultivate a workforce that is fit for purpose. Additionally, we are set to develop a comprehensive rewards and recognition framework, along with a thorough employee induction package that will reinforce our commitment to staff engagement and retention.

Strong relationships and effective communication are key to achieving our goals. We will actively engage with Local Authorities, community stakeholders, and government agencies to ensure inclusive decision-making and improved service delivery. By establishing various communication mediums and innovative platforms, we will create more opportunities for community input and transparent dialogue.

Economic development is vital for the prosperity of our region and we will continue to advocate for the natural resource and agricultural opportunities within the region. This is parallel to our ongoing promotion of the Barkly's unique cultural and geographical identity that continues to attract tourism and investment. In collaboration with key stakeholders, we will explore property development initiatives and work towards hosting major events that showcase the best of our region.

Good governance underpins our ability to serve the community effectively. We will establish internal review committees to ensure

best practices, prepare a Long-Term Financial Plan for sustainability, and implement a user-friendly records management system to achieve governance excellence. Additionally, a full review of our policies, procedures, and by-laws will ensure our framework remains relevant and effective.

Our assets, including infrastructure and fleet, play a crucial role in supporting our operations. We will develop plans to maintain and upgrade key facilities across all communities, conduct annual audits of roads and pathways, and implement a long-term cemetery management plan. Additionally, our commitment to waste management and environmental sustainability

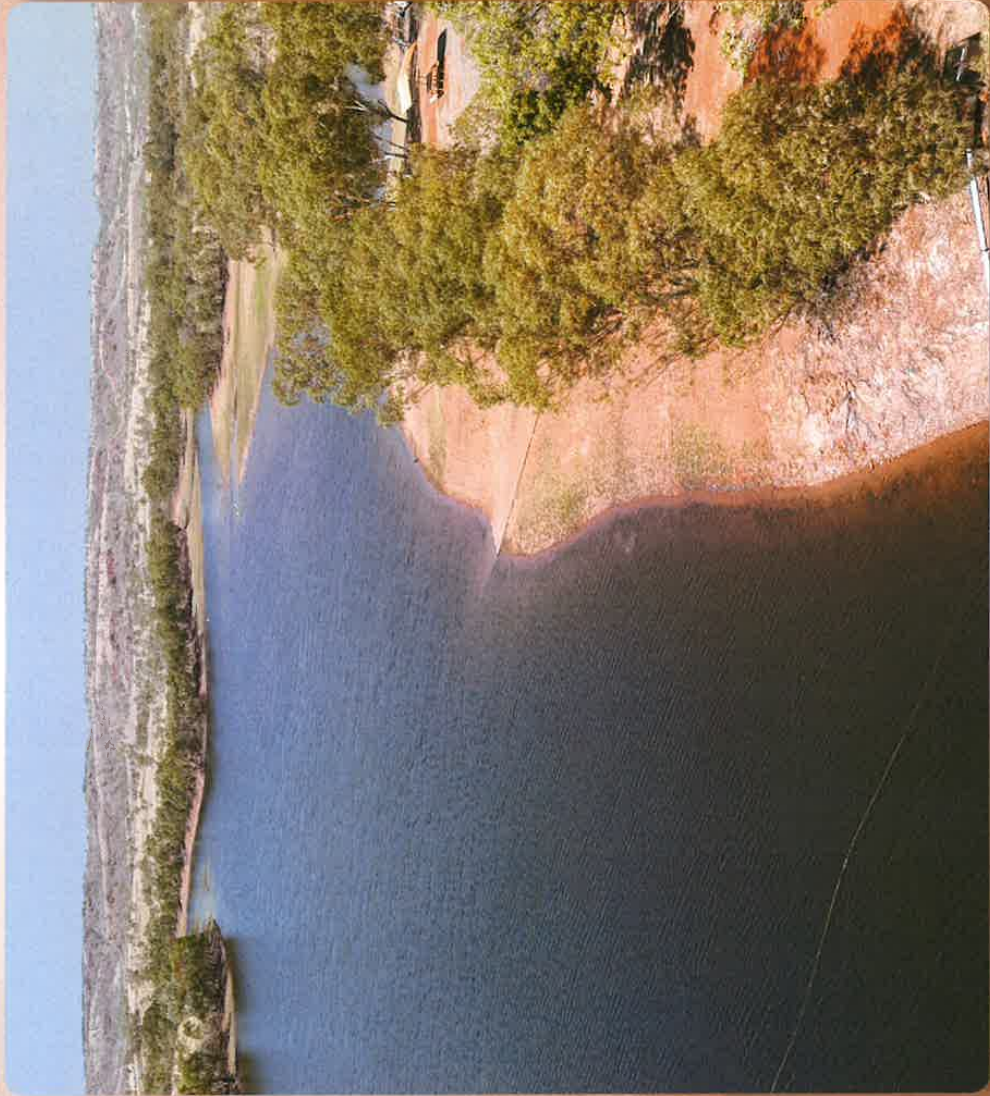
will drive the development of strategic initiatives to manage community waste effectively.

This Annual Plan reflects our unwavering commitment to our communities and their residents. By working together, we can achieve meaningful outcomes that enhance the liveability, sustainability, and economic growth of the Barkly region. I look forward to the year ahead and the positive impact we will create together.

Chris Kelly
Chief Executive Officer

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Our Region



WARDS, REGIONS, MAJOR COMMUNITIES,
OUTSTATIONS



POPULATION STATISTICS

Population, median age, languages,
Indigenous population

POPULATION	2021	2016	2011
Tennant Creek	2949	2993	3061
Ali Curung	394	494	535
Alpururulam	350	420	441
Ampilatwatja	430	418	365
Arlparra	444	452	517
Elliott	297	339	348
Wutunugura	143	166	207

FAMILIES	2021	2016	2011
Tennant Creek	647	622	649
Ali Curung	91	102	115
Alpururulam	94	102	106
Ampilatwatja	89	77	65
Arlparra	95	89	86
Elliott	71	72	66
Wutunugura	36	39	46

AVERAGE PEOPLE PER HOUSE	2021	2016	2011
Tennant Creek	2.7	2.7	2.9
Ali Curung	4.5	4.5	4.4
Alpururulam	4.3	4.8	4.8
Ampilatwatja	5.7	5.2	5.2
Arlparra	4.4	4.5	5.1
Elliott	3.8	4.1	4.9
Wutunugura	3.9	3.7	4.5

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE	2021	2016	2011
Tennant Creek	1632	1536	1591
Ali Curung	347	451	442
Alpururulam	335	387	416
Ampilatwatja	397	386	342
Arlparra	372	401	483
Elliott	244	299	256
Wutunugura	129	150	196

RATEABLE PROPERTIES (PRIVATE DWELLINGS)	2021	2016	2011
Tennant Creek	1108	1237	1061
Ali Curung	96	93	104
Alpururulam	79	94	97
Ampilatwatja	67	64	56
Arlparra	82	68	74
Elliott	106	88	78
Wutunugura	42	35	45

UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE	2021	2016	2011
Tennant Creek	111	97	90
Ali Curung	45	27	36
Alpururulam	14	20	23
Ampilatwatja	6	10	27
Arlparra	47	126	19
Elliott	0	43	6
Wutunugura	18	15	3

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Our Council



OUR VISION, MISSION & VALUES

Our Vision describes our organisation's desired future state, while a Mission would outline our Purpose and objectives, our Values are the core principles that we want as an organisation to guide our actions and behaviours.

Vision

'We will strive to be a innovative and sustainable Council that listens to our communities and empowers future generations of the Barkly.'

Purpose

"Our commitment is to serve and support our communities by delivering strong local leadership, purposeful advocacy, and impactful services."

Values

Integrity:	Upholding honesty and transparency in everything we do.
Diversity:	Embracing and celebrating the unique identities, traditions, and strengths of every community.
Empathy:	Understanding and valuing the needs and experiences of others.
Accountability:	Taking ownership of our actions through a commitment to BRC and our communities.
Service:	Dedicating ourselves to excellence, putting people first, and creating a positive impact.

OUR ELECTED MEMBERS



Sid Vashist
Mayor



Cr Valerie Campbell
Member for Alpururulam



Cr Darryl Rex Morton
Member for Alyawarr



Cr Zacieus Long
Member for Alyawarr



Cr Noel Hayes
Member for Alyawarr



Cr Ben Neade
Member for Kuwarrangu



Cr Lennie Barton
Member for Kuwarrangu



Cr Dianne Stokes
Member for Patta



Cr Greg Marlow
Member for Patta



Cr Pennie Cowin
Member for Patta



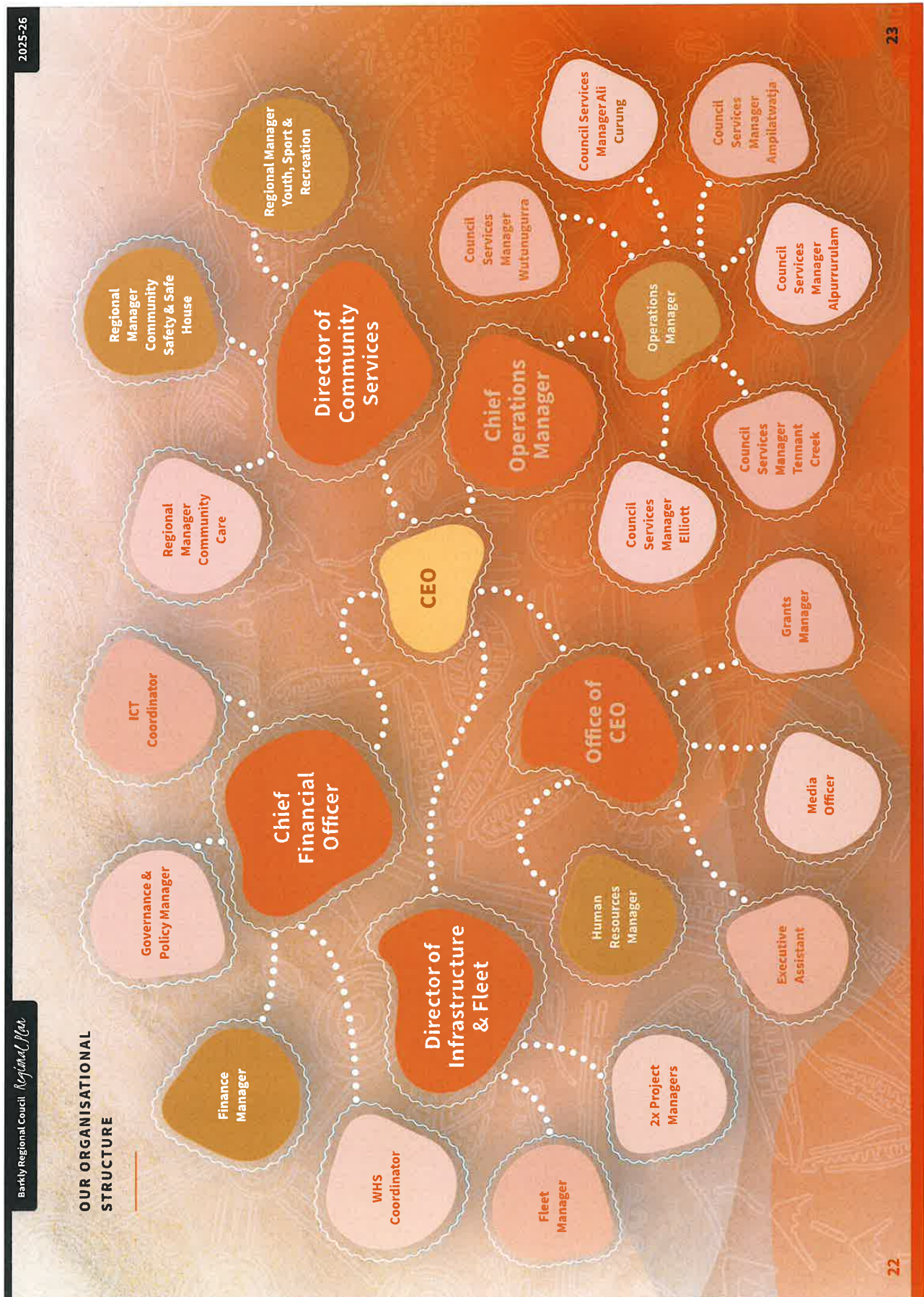
Cr Sharen Lake
Member for Patta



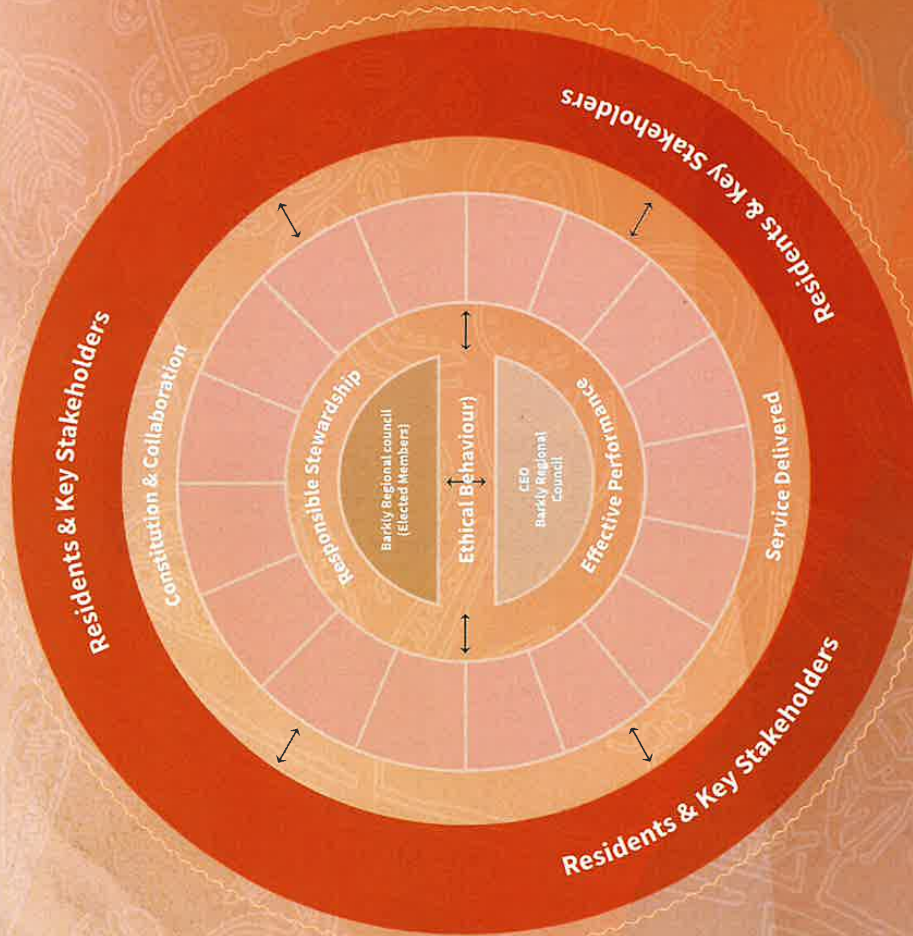
Cr Vida Napurrula Shannon
Member for Patta



Cr Andrew Tsavaris
Member for Alyawarr



OUR GOVERNANCE PLACED BASED DECISION MAKING PROCESS

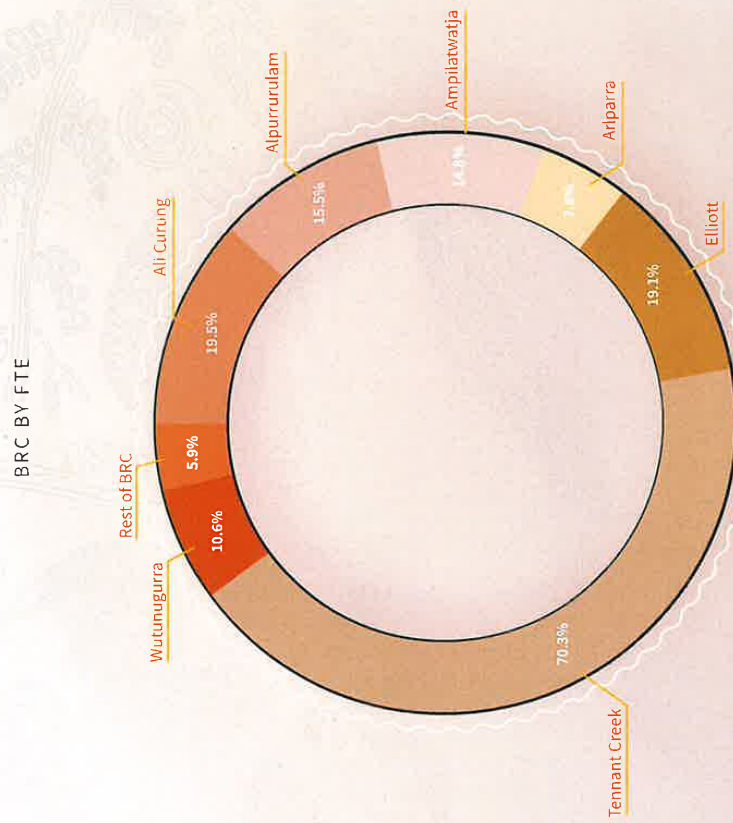


OUR EMPLOYEE STATISTICS

LOCATION	INDIGENOUS	NON-INDIGENOUS	TOTAL
Ali Curung	22	4	26
Alpururulam	16	4	20
Amplatwatja	15	2	17
Arparra	8	2	10
Elliott	23	4	27
Tennant Creek	29	73	102
Wutunugurra	17	1	18
Rest of BRC	13	0	13
Rest of BRC	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Wutunugurra	94.4%	5.6%	100.0%
Tennant Creek	28.4%	71.6%	100.0%
Elliott	85.2%	14.8%	100.0%
Arparra	80.0%	20.0%	100.0%
Amplatwatja	58.2%	41.8%	100.0%
Alpururulam	80.0%	20.0%	100.0%
Ali Curung	84.6%	15.4%	100.0%

NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED		233
GENDER	Male	60.5%
	Female	38.2%
	Trans/NB	0.3%
STATUS	Full Time	39.9%
	Part Time	23.2%
	Casual	36.9%

BRC BY FTE LOCALITY	FTE
Ali Curung	19.46
Alpururulam	15.48
Amplatwatja	14.82
Arparra	7.82
Elliott	19.12
Tennant Creek	70.30
Wutunugurra	10.64
Rest of BRC	5.94
Total FTE	163.58



OUR TEAMS

Operational Services
Regional Plan: Service Overview 29/03/2025

The Operational Services Directorate is responsible for delivering municipal services to the other commercial services of Ali Curung, remote communities of Ali Curung, Alpururulam, Wutunugurra and the towns of Tennant Creek and Elliott.

Municipal Services:

Parks and Open Spaces

Parks and open spaces are vital places for communities within the Barkly Region to connect, socialise and play. Coming from often crowded living conditions, community parks and open spaces are seen as a refuge and communal meeting places to share stories and enable culture to exist and flourish in a contemporary setting. Barkly Regional Council's municipal crews take great pride in ensuring these places are well maintained with regular mowing, spraying, irrigation and general maintenance and upgrade activities subject to available funding.

Internal Roads maintenance:

Barkly Regional Council understands the importance of maintaining our internal roads to a good level improves the overall safety of roads in our communities. Aerial mapping of all internal roads across all communities has been conducted as part of roads condition audit. Municipal staff receive training in pothole repair and installation of road furniture. BRC is working towards developing a traffic management asset plan for each community in consultation with Local Authority.

Cemetery management:

Barkly Regional Council maintains responsibility for managing and maintaining Burial Areas across five communities, plus the Tennant Creek and Elliott Cemeteries. This is coordinated under the *Burial and*

Weed control and Fire reduction management:

Barkly Regional Council follows best practice in Weed Control & Fire Hazard Reduction to improve the safety of its communities. Slashing, mowing, chemical spraying, clearing, manual control and pruning (tree lopping) operations are conducted pre-fire season across all communities.

Cremation Act 2022. Council regularly maintains and upgrades these sacred and culturally significant areas with strong support from Local Authorities and Traditional Owners.

Waste management:

Barkly Regional Council provides a range of waste management services for residents, businesses and community-based organisations, including regular waste collection services, kerbside garbage collection, litter patrol, regular hard waste removal, waste management facilities management and planning. Council's waste management practices and policies are guided by the *Northern Territory Waste Management Strategy 2015-2022*, the *National Waste Policy Action Plan 2019*, and the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 2007*.

Animal management:

Barkly Regional Council facilitates regular and frequent veterinarian visits across all communities, providing medical sterilisation, worming and continued education with assistance from our animal companion workers. Council understands the need for a culturally sensitive and appropriate Animal Management Strategy.

Commercial Services:

Australia Post:

Barkly Regional Council contracted by Australia Post to deliver postal services to three communities in the Barkly region: Ali Curung, Alpururulam and Amplatwatja. Council staff collect, sort, and distribute mail at each location.

Centrelink: Services

Australia contracts Council to provide Specified Personnel and access to self-service equipment across five communities in Ali Curung, Amplatwatja, Wutunugurra, Elliott and Alpururulam. They provide culturally appropriate customer services, monitor and report on service consumption and manage service equipment on site.

Aerodrome maintenance:

Barkly Regional Council conducts inspections and facilitates maintenance work and reporting for five aerodromes at Ali Curung, Amplatwatja, Alparra, Elliott and Alpururulam on behalf of the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DLI).

Local Civic Services

Manage Fitness and Wellness Centre – Tennant Creek

Manage Pool – Tennant Creek

Manage Splash Parks – Ali

Curung and Elliott

Manage Public Library –

Tennant Creek

FINANCE DIRECTORATE

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Governance

- **Barkly Regional Council** operates under the **Local Government Act 2019** and focuses on accountable and representative decision-making.
- The Council is dedicated to open communication and encourages community involvement in planning and decision-making.
- **Council, Committees and Local Authority Meetings:**
 - o Each Meeting will be held six times a year.
 - o Meetings to be open to the public unless it's confidential as per the Act.
 - o A briefing session before each meeting.
 - o Agendas and Minutes will be made available as the Act requirement.

Finance:

- **Budget 2024-25** includes several key components:
 - o Introduction, Goals, and Objectives.
 - o Budget Assumptions, Long-Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Plan.
 - o Budget Statements and Cash Flows.
 - o Rating Policy, Declaration of Rates and Charges.
 - o Economic and Social Effects, Elected Member Allowances.
 - o Local Authority Area Budget.
 - o Capital Expenditure and Fees & Charges Schedules (Appendices A and B).

Information Technology:

- Exploring digital platforms to improve service delivery, communication, and operations.
- Researching innovative technologies to enhance decision-making for infrastructure and resource management.
- The goal is to create a more efficient workforce and reduce time spent on administrative tasks.

Records Management:

- Emphasis on managing records for business operations, ensuring that both short-term and long-term records are properly maintained and accessible.

Work, Health and Safety (WHS):

- Development of a comprehensive WHS management system with policies and procedures for risk identification and control.
- Regular risk assessments and control measures.
- Training and supervision for employees to ensure safety responsibilities are understood.
- Procedures for incident reporting and investigation to prevent recurrence.
- Continuous review of WHS systems for effectiveness and compliance with legislation.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE – REGIONAL PLAN:
SERVICE OVERVIEW 19/03/25

The Community Services Directorate of Barkly Regional Council (BRC) plays a crucial role in contributing to the wellbeing of residents both individually, in groups, and across our communities.

Through a broad range of funded services and initiatives, BRC aims to foster community participation and strengthen connection to culture. Public activities, healthy lifestyles, and age-appropriate support are central to ensuring a safe and culturally appropriate living environment for all.

Aged Care remains a key focus, with BRC committed to supporting older residents in maintaining their independence and quality of life. Services are delivered across five remote communities - All Curung, Alpururulam, Elliott, Amplatwatja, and Arparra - as well as several homelands/outstations, with funding from Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) and the National Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program (NATSIAC). BRC will continue to identify potential aged care clients while enhancing their social wellbeing through expanded day respite, community events, and access to traditional bush medicines. Increased collaboration with health clinics, aged care advocates, and other health providers will ensure a holistic approach to care, while an audit of aged care facilities will identify funding opportunities to enhance services.

Youth Services and engagement remains a priority, with funding from National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) and the Northern Territory Government (NTG). BRC support culturally safe

and inclusive youth activities across six remote communities - Amplatwatja, Arparra, All Curung, Alpururulam, Elliott, and Wutunugurra - as well as through the Tennant Creek Youth Centre (TCYC). In collaboration with local stakeholders, BRC will develop a Youth Strategy that reflects the needs and aspirations of young people. The establishment of the TCYC Advisory Group will strengthen community input, while partnerships with schools, police, and other organisations aim to address local youth support. BRC aims to increase participation of 12 to 24-year-olds in youth programs and encourage young adults under 25 to become involved in Local Authority discussions.



fostering leadership and civic engagement. An audit of youth facilities will also be conducted to identify service gaps and inform future funding proposals.

Community Safety is a cornerstone of BRC's Community Services. Night Patrol teams operate across our remote communities to provide culturally safe support and intervention with funding from NIAA. BRC will continue to consult with communities to identify emerging patrolling needs, work collaboratively with police and education services, and undertake regular safety

audits of patrol facilities and assets. Strengthening these measures ensures a safer and more cohesive community environment.

Safe Houses in All Curung and Elliott provide essential crisis accommodation and case management through NTG funding. BRC is committed to increasing awareness and support for individuals and families affected by domestic and family violence (DFV). Collaboration with Tennant Creek-based and Territory-wide DFV services will strengthen safety planning. The role of a DFV Specialist Coordinator will be embedded

to ensure continuity of funding and service delivery. Additionally, DFV education sessions will be developed for remote community members to increase awareness and promote early intervention. Through these initiatives, BRC's Community Services Directorate remains committed to fostering culturally safe, connected, and thriving communities across the Barkly region.

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND FLEET

The Infrastructure & Fleet Services team is committed to delivering high-quality infrastructure projects that enhance community well-being and regional development. We focus on managing and executing Local Authority (LA), State and Federal grant-funded, and Council-funded projects while actively identifying new funding opportunities that align with community needs and infrastructure priorities. Our work directly impacts the safety, functionality, and liveability of the community.

Our Approach:

- **Proactive & Strategic** – We actively seek funding and plan projects that address long-term infrastructure needs in the region.
- **Community-Focused** – We prioritize infrastructure projects that meet community needs and enhance daily life.
- **Efficient & Cost-Effective** – We ensure all projects and services are delivered in a financially responsible and sustainable manner.
- **Collaboration** – We work closely with local authorities, contractors, and funding bodies to deliver quality services.
- **Compliance & Best Practices** – Our team follows industry standards and regulatory requirements to ensure safe and effective service delivery.

By focusing on infrastructure development, asset management, and operational efficiency, our team plays a critical role in supporting the region's growth and sustainability. We remain dedicated to improving infrastructure, managing resources efficiently and ensuring resilient communities across Barkly.



Key Areas of Service Delivery:

Project Delivery – We manage infrastructure projects from planning to completion, ensuring they are delivered on time, within budget, and to a high standard.

Roads & Footpaths – Upgrading and maintaining roads and footpaths, to improve accessibility and safety.

Council Asset Maintenance – Ensuring the upkeep and repair of Council-owned and leased buildings, community facilities, and essential infrastructure

Fleet & Machinery – Overseeing the Council's vehicles, heavy plant & machinery, and equipment to support operational efficiency.

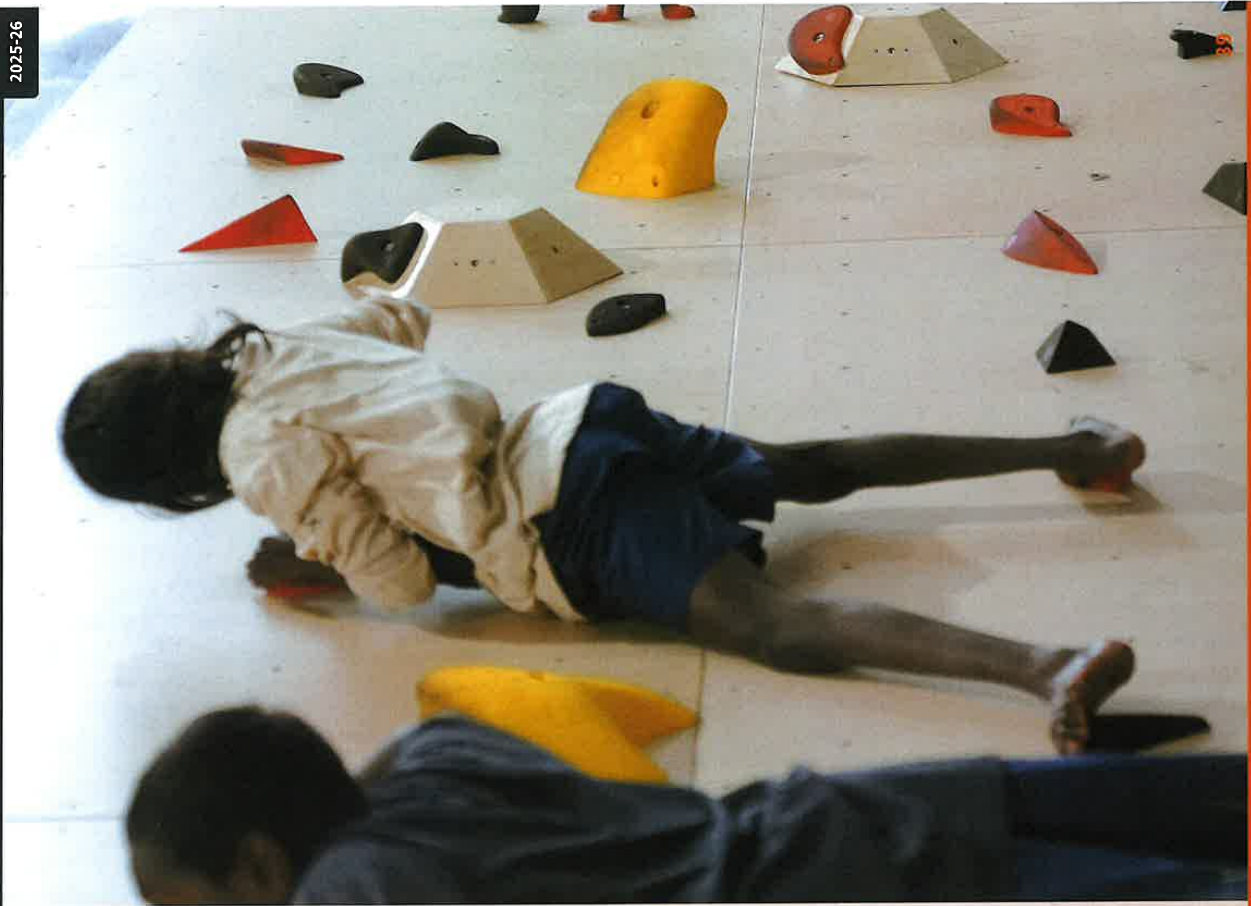
Development Applications – Assessing and approving development applications in line with BRC guidelines to support sustainable regional growth.

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL 10 YEAR ASSET REPLACEMENT COST

LIFE CYCLE COSTS - COST SUMMARIES										
BUILDINGS										
PERIODIC REPLACEMENT COST										
	YEAR 1 2025	YEAR 2 2026	YEAR 3 2027	YEAR 4 2028	YEAR 5 2029	YEAR 6 2030	YEAR 7 2031	YEAR 8 2032	YEAR 9 2033	YEAR 10 2034
CAT 1 = Replace with Design Element	\$2,412,687	\$2,421,727	\$2,430,767	\$2,439,806	\$1,209,752	\$204,507	\$5,153,092	\$6,971,400	\$8,647,135	\$4,820,794
CAT 2 = Standard Replacement v/o Design Element	\$24,113	\$0	\$447,812	\$1,019,359	\$529,410	\$490,949	\$812,036	\$1,254,556	\$2,512,025	\$1,127,345
See CAT 1 & CAT 2 Cost Breakdown's Attached										
Total	\$2,436,800	\$2,421,727	\$2,878,579	\$3,459,165	\$1,739,162	\$705,456	\$5,965,128	\$8,225,956	\$11,159,160	\$5,948,139
Total Cumulative	\$2,436,800	\$4,858,527	\$7,737,106	\$11,196,271	\$12,935,433	\$13,640,889	\$19,606,017	\$27,831,973	\$38,991,133	\$44,939,272
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PERIODIC REPLACEMENT COST										
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CAT 2 = Standard Replacement v/o Design Element	\$11,926,294	\$10,810,070	\$10,304,139	\$10,957,902	\$11,068,719	\$10,605,116	\$7,127,059	\$4,893,678	\$3,382,479	\$5,739,637
Total	\$11,926,294	\$10,810,070	\$10,304,139	\$10,957,902	\$11,068,719	\$10,605,116	\$7,127,059	\$4,893,678	\$3,382,479	\$5,739,637
Total Cumulative	\$11,926,294	\$22,736,363	\$33,040,502	\$44,008,405	\$55,077,124	\$65,682,240	\$72,809,299	\$77,702,977	\$81,085,456	\$86,825,093
FLEET PERIODIC REPLACEMENT COST										
Overall Ongoing Fleet Costs	\$5,702,746	\$6,154,090	\$3,283,595	\$4,407,084	\$594,997	\$308,183	\$7,043,246	\$8,037,646	\$3,374,172	\$1,257,042
Estimated Earnings from Fleet Asset Sale	\$2,350,000	\$1,093,546	\$674,109	\$333,718	\$177,202	\$71,013	\$6,436,069	\$4,021,542	\$2,797,771	\$849,316
Total	\$4,352,746	\$5,060,544	\$2,609,486	\$3,073,366	\$417,795	\$237,170	\$6,607,177	\$4,016,104	\$6,171,943	\$2,106,358
Total Cumulative	\$4,352,746	\$9,413,289	\$12,022,775	\$15,106,141	\$15,523,936	\$15,761,106	\$22,368,283	\$26,384,387	\$32,556,330	\$34,662,688
COMBINED TOTAL PERIODIC REPLACEMENT COST										
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Fleet Costs	\$4,352,746	\$5,060,544	\$2,609,486	\$3,073,366	\$417,795	\$237,170	\$6,607,177	\$4,016,104	\$6,171,943	\$2,106,358
Total	\$6,789,546	\$7,482,271	\$5,488,065	\$6,532,531	\$2,156,857	\$1,126,626	\$12,572,295	\$12,242,060	\$17,331,103	\$8,054,497
Total Cumulative	\$6,789,546	\$14,271,817	\$19,760,882	\$26,293,413	\$28,450,270	\$29,576,896	\$42,149,185	\$54,391,245	\$71,722,348	\$80,776,845

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL 10 YEAR ASSET REPLACEMENT COST CONT.

1. All trailer and heavy equipment and trucks have a calculated depreciation of 2.5% per annum
2. All new vehicle prices are based on quotes for 2025 models
3. Tyre and major service costs factored in every 4 years
4. All running costs cover servicing, fuel, telematics and registration
5. All running costs increase every year to accommodate changing fuel costs
6. In order to retain resale value of the light vehicle fleet, I recommend change over every 3-4 years
7. All costs are inclusive of GST
8. Telematics costs are factored in for all assets
9. All new vehicle and equipment pricing is based off the 2025 model year except the front end loader which is 2023
10. All evaluations do not take into account vehicle condition unless the vehicle known to be inoperable
11. Escalation assumed at 3% per annum
12. Replacement costs, remaining life and usefull life values are as per the June 2023 asset reports, updated to current date. Some usefull lifes adjusted to smooth expenditure
13. All quantities are as per the June 2023 asset reports. Assets have not been inspected as part of this report
14. Replacement Values and cycle as defined in life cycle cost data sheet
15. Replacement is assumed at the year after the estimated effective life (e.g effective life is 5 years; replacement at year 6)
16. Replacement Cycles assumed all materials and equipment maintained in accordance with suppliers details
17. Contingencies are included
18. Asbestos removal or treatment is excluded.
19. Budgets exclude GST and Loose furniture
20. Staffing cost and cleaning cost are EXCLUDED in the above calculation



STRATEGIC APPROACH: THE 10-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE & FLEET REPLACEMENT PLAN

The 10-Year Infrastructure & Fleet Replacement Plan provides a structured and financially sustainable approach to maintaining and upgrading Barkly Regional Council's essential assets.

This plan ensures that fleet, plant, equipment, and critical infrastructure, such as roads, footpaths, and Council buildings are progressively replaced and upgraded to prevent operational disruptions, minimize long-term costs, and enhance service delivery efficiency across the region. Our approach is divided into four key phases:

1-2 Years: Immediate Priorities – Restoring Essential Functionality

The first phase focuses on critical replacements and upgrades to restore essential functionality and ensure operational continuity. This includes:

- Fleet & Equipment: Prioritizing plant and machinery that have not been replaced for an extended period, reducing breakdowns and costly emergency repairs.
- Infrastructure: Addressing roads and buildings requiring urgent attention to bring them back to a safe and usable condition.
- Key Outcomes: Improved reliability, reduced downtime, and immediate safety enhancements for Council operations and community assets.

3-5 Years: Stabilizing and Upgrading to Standard

With the most urgent assets addressed, the second phase aims to bring the majority of our fleet and infrastructure up to a modern and sustainable standard. This includes:

- Fleet & Equipment: Systematic replacement of aging vehicles and machinery to optimize performance and reduce maintenance costs.
- Buildings & Facilities: Upgrading essential facilities to improve functionality, safety, and compliance with evolving regulations.

- Road & Footpath Network: Undertaking significant rehabilitation projects to enhance transport connectivity and accessibility.
- Key Outcomes: A stable and modernized fleet and infrastructure base, reducing unplanned repairs and extending asset life.

6-8 Years: Refining and Preparing for Future Needs

This phase focuses on completing the remaining lower-priority asset replacements while preparing for future cycles. This includes:

- Lifecycle Continuation: Replacing assets that were upgraded in the earlier phases, ensuring continuous improvement and minimal disruptions.
- Buildings & Facilities: Enhancing efficiency through sustainability-focused upgrades, such as energy-efficient systems and modern materials.
- Road & Drainage Systems: Implementing proactive maintenance to extend asset life and prevent costly emergency repairs.
- Key Outcomes: A fully modernized asset base that is well-maintained and positioned for long-term sustainability.

9-10 Years: Full Optimization and Sustainable Lifecycle Management

By this stage, we will have a fully functional, efficient, and well-maintained fleet and infrastructure network. The focus shifts to:

- Sustaining Operational Efficiency: Preventing cost spikes by proactively planning for replacements before assets reach critical failure.
- Financial Sustainability: Keeping operational costs stable by avoiding reactive spending and investing in long-term efficiency.
- Key Outcomes: A predictable and sustainable asset management cycle, ensuring that essential services are delivered without interruption, cost overruns, or unexpected breakdowns.

Long-Term Vision: Ensuring a Reliable Future

This plan is a commitment to long-term sustainability, financial responsibility, and delivering better outcomes for the Barkly region. By continuously monitoring asset conditions and proactively planning for replacements, we can maintain a well-functioning and cost-effective infrastructure network that supports regional growth and development.

03

Our Communities

ALI CURUNG, ALPURRURULAM,
AMPILATWATJA, ARLPARRA,
ELLIOTT, TENNANT CREEK,
WUTUNUGURRA



ALI CURUNG: COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- + Aliases: Ale-Kerenge, Alekareng, Warrabri, and Warribri.
 - + Local Government Council: Barkly.
 - + Main Language: Warlpiri, Alyawarr, Kaytetye, and Warumungu.
 - + Land Council: Central Land Council.
 - + Electorate: Barkly.
 - + Population: 394 (from 2021 Census)
- Location:** Ali Curung is located southeast of Tennant Creek on the Warlpiri Aboriginal Land Trust. Ali Curung is surrounded by Neutral Junction, Murray Downs, and Singleton Pastoral Properties.
- Accessible by road:** The community is located 170km south of Tennant Creek. The road from Tennant Creek to Ali Curung is sealed and is roughly a two-hour drive.

Ali Curung has a local store, unsealed airstrip, a health centre, a police station, and school.

Council Services:

- Municipal Services - (Murray Downs/Imangarra receive some municipal services).
- Cemetery
- Roads
- Sports Grounds
- Parks and Splash Park
- Playgrounds
- Waste Collection
- Council Infrastructure
- Customer Service
- Airstrip Contract
- Centrelink
- Post Office
- Streetslights
- Aged Care
- Night Patrol - including Murray Downs, Mungkurra, and Tara
- Youth, Sport and Recreation
- Outside School Hours Care
- Safe House

Ali Curung Regional Plan Project Priorities

Council-Led Initiatives (Requiring External Funding & Partnerships)

- Delivery of the Ali Curung Youth Centre
- Install grass and irrigation in key areas
- Construct a new fence, toilet/changeroom block, and scoreboard
- Install bollards at the basketball courts
- Resurface community roads
- Upgrade the safe house
- Provide toilets and water facilities at the cemetery
- Develop a new playground with shade
- Upgrade the splash pad

Future Projects (Requiring External Funding & Partnerships)

- Advocate for a stable power supply
- Advocate for reopening the respite centre
- Expansion on Safe House
- Provide a community master plan
- Advocate for sealed airstrips

Local Authority (LA) Projects (Within LA Budget & Scope)

- Install a cemetery sign for directions
- Develop BBQ areas in parks and the dancing ground (Murray Downs)
- Install solar lights in main parks and dark areas
- Vet services
- Install a BBQ at the softball oval

ALPURRURULAM: COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- + Aliases: Ipperhelam, Lake Nash, Wart Alparayetye.
 - + Local Government Area: Barkly.
 - + Main Language: Alyawarr.
 - + Land Council: Central Land Council.
 - + Electorate: Barkly.
 - + Population: 350 (from 2021 Census).
 - + Location: Alpururulam is a Community Living Area southeast of Tennant Creek within the Lake Nash Pastoral Property just west of the Queensland border.
- Accessible by road: Alpururulam is approx. 570 km east from Tennant Creek along the Barkly Highway via the Austral Downs Station Road turnoff approx. 11 km from the NT/QLD border. In the wet season the road, and the river can become impassable. Alpururulam can also be accessed via the Sandover Highway.

Alpururulam has a local store, a sealed airstrip, a health centre, and a school.

Council Services:

- Municipal Services
- Cemetery
- Roads
- Sports Grounds
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Waste Collection
- Council Infrastructure
- Customer Service
- Airstrip Contract
- Centrelink
- Post Office
- Streetlights
- Aged Care
- Night Patrol
- Youth, Sport and Recreation
- Outside School Hours Care

Alpururulam Regional Plan Priorities

Council-Led Initiatives (Requiring External Funding & Partnerships)

- Road upgrades
- Install a roof for the new basketball court
- Install a new public toilet

Future Projects (Requiring External Funding & Partnerships)

- Advocate for a permanent police station in Alpururulam
- Advocate for all-weather access to the airstrip
- Advocate for all-weather access road across the Georgina River
- Establish a water park
- Develop a visitor park plan
- Provide a community master plan
- Stormwater drainage works
- Endorse old basketball court with seating
- Advocate for water security
- Advocate for sewerage pond

Local Authority (LA) Projects (Within LA Budget & Scope)

- Install speed bumps for road safety
- Vet services
- Upgrade and maintain the laundromat

AMPILATWATJ: COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- + Aliases: Aharreng, Aherre, Ammaro, Ammaroo, and Amperlatwatye.
- + Local Government Area: Barkly.
- + Main Language: Alyawarr.
- + Land Council: Central Land Council.
- + Electorate: Barkly.
- + Population: 439 (from 2021 Census).
- + Location: Ampilatwatja is located northeast of Alice Springs on the Aherenge Aboriginal Land Trust. The community is surrounded by the pastoral properties of Ammaroo, Derry Downs and Elkedra.

Accessible by road: Ampilatwatja is approx. 315 km southeast of Tennant Creek (155 km unsealed) and approx. 325 km north east of Alice Springs, off the Sandover Highway (220 km unsealed). It's about 4 hours' drive if the road is in reasonable condition. A 4-WD road is required during rainy weather and the road can be impassable or closed to all vehicles with heavy rain.

Ampilatwatja has a local store, an unsealed airstrip, a health centre, and a school.

Council Services:

- Municipal Services
- Cemetery
- Roads
- Sports Grounds
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Waste Collection
- Council Infrastructure
- Customer Service
- Airstrip Contract
- Centrelink
- Post Office
- Streetlights
- Aged Care
- Night Patrol
- Youth, Sport and Recreation
- Outside School Hours Care

Ampilatwatja Regional Plan Priorities

Council-Led Initiatives (Requiring External Funding & Partnerships)

- Plant more trees in the community
- Install an outdoor gym
- Upgrade Youth Activity Centre including the stormwater drain
- Construct bin stands for houses

Future Projects (Requiring External Funding & Partnerships)

- Advocate for sealed airstrips
- Advocate for a water upgrade
- Develop a visitor park plan
- Provide a Community Football Team Bus
- Advocate for upgrade to football oval; fencing, lighting, seating, and trees
- Advocate for water security
- Advocate for sewerage pond

Local Authority (LA) Projects (Within LA Budget & Scope)

- Install shade structures
- Vet services
- Develop a Public BBQ Area

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ARLPARRA: COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- + Aliases: Ahalpere, Angarapa, New Shop, Urupuntja Store, and Utopia New Store.
- + Local Government Area: Barkly.
- + Main Language: Alyawarr.
- + Land Council: Central Land Council.
- + Electorate: Barkly.
- + Population: 444 (from 2021 Census).
- + Location: The community is located 270km northeast of Alice Springs via Sandover Highway on the eastern perimeter of the Western Desert 'block' next to the traditional land of the Eastern Anmatjyarre and Alyawarre people.

Arlparra has a local store, a sealed airstrip, a health centre, a police station, and a school.

Council Services:

- Municipal Services
- Roads
- Sports Grounds
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Waste Collection
- Council Infrastructure
- Customer Service
- Airstrip Contract
- Streetlights
- Aged Care
- Night Patrol
- Youth, Sport and Recreation
- Outside School Hours Care

Arlparra Project Priorities for Regional Plan

Council-Led Initiatives (Requiring External Funding & Partnerships)

- Shelters at airstrip

Future Projects (Requiring External Funding & Partnerships)

- Advocacy for disaster management equipment
- Advocate for water security
- Advocate for sewerage pond

Local Authority (LA) Projects (Within LA Budget & Scope)

- Visitor park
- Playground upgrades
- Vet services

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ELLIOTT: COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- + Aliases: **None recorded.**
 - + Local Government Area: **Barkly.**
 - + Main Language: **Kriol.**
 - + Land Council: **Northern Land Council.**
 - + Electorate: **Barkly.**
 - + Population: **287 (from 2021 Census).**
- Location:** Elliott is located north of Tennant Creek on the Stuart Highway.
- Accessible by road:** Elliott is located approx. 250km north of Tennant Creek by road on the Stuart Highway. The entire access road to the community is sealed and good road access all year.

Elliott has a local store, a sealed airstrip, a health centre, a police station, and a school.

Council Services:

- Municipal Services
- Cemetery
- Roads
- Sports Grounds
- Parks and Splash Park
- Playgrounds
- Waste Collection
- Council Infrastructure
- Customer Service
- Library
- Airstrip Contract
- Centrelink
- Post Office
- Streetlights
- Aged Care
- Night Patrol
- Youth, Sport, and Rec
- Youth, Sport and Recreation
- Outside School Hours Care

Elliott Project Priorities for Regional Plan

Council Led Initiatives (Require External Funding & Partnerships)

- Create a master plan for a new sports precinct including gym
- Review waste management facilities
- Upgrade the splash pad
- Conduct feasibility studies and seek funding for Town Pool for Elliott

Future or Advocacy-Based Projects (Require External Funding & Partnerships)

- Advocate for a new Aged Care Centre
- Advocate for a new Aged Care Centre
- Advocate for a Men's Safe House/Shed to improve safety
- Advocate for improved Dialysis Services, considering water quality issues
- Improve Rubbish Access Turn Off for better waste management
- Seek funding and support for Airstrip Access Road Sealing
- Advocate for library and art centre
- Advocate for improved Airstrip Lighting for safety
- Advocate for general store (IGA?)
- Expansion on Safe House
- Advocate for water security
- Support and explore funding options for a
- Advocate for sewerage pond

Local Authority (LA) Projects (Within LA Budget and Scope)

- Plan and establish a Visitor Park
- Develop Cemetery Facilities to improve public amenities
- Vet services

TENNANT CREEK: COUNCIL PROFILE

- + **Local Government Council:** Barkly
 - + **Land Council:** Central Land Council
 - + **Electorate:** Barkly
 - + **Population:** 2949 (from 2021 Census).
- Location:** Tennant Creek is located is located about 1015 kms south of Darwin and 507kms north of Alice Springs.
- +** The community can be accessed all year round via the Stuart Highway, the main highway traversing the Northern Territory.

Tennant Creek has an IGA, an airport, a hospital, a police station, a primary school, and a high school.

Council Services:

- Municipal Services
- Cemetery
- Roads
- Sports Grounds
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Waste Collection
- Council Infrastructure
- Customer Service
- Library
- Animal Management
- Pool Management
- Streetlights

Tennant Creek Regional Plan Priorities

Council Led Initiatives (Require External Funding & Partnerships)

- Upgrades to suburban parks across Tennant Creek
- Implement safety measures at the Tennant Creek Primary School pick-up/drop-off zone (Thompson Street & Lechlahrdt Street)
- Repairs to light towers to enable evening/night sports matches

Future or Advocacy-Based Projects (Require External Funding & Partnerships)

- Advocate for expanded glass/plastic recycling facilities
- Advocate for a new cricket pitch surface
- Install footpaths, prioritising access for vulnerable residents
- Review relocation of waste management facilities (review the current waste management practices to ensure sustainability)
- Advocate for portable vehicle crusher and tyre crusher
- Finalisation of Purkiss Reserve (upgrade stage 2 – as per original scope of works)
- Review Lake Mary Ann requirements

Local Authority (LA) Projects (Within LA Budget and Scope)

- Master plan for new aquatic centre
- High school bus shelter
- Vet services

WUTUNUGURRA: COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- + Aliases: Epenarra, Wetenngerr, Wuttunugurr, and Wutunurggura.
 - + Local Government Area: Barkly.
 - + Main Language: Alyawarr.
 - + Land Council: Central Land Council.
 - + Electorate: Barkly.
 - + Population: 143 (from 2021 Census).
 - + Location: Wutunugurra is located southeast of Tennant Creek, on the western side of the Frew River on a Community Living Area within the Epenarra Pastoral Property.
- Accessible by road: The community is located on the western side of the Frew River, 205km south-east of Tennant Creek. Access road consists of both sealed and unsealed sections (around 87km of sealed along the Stuart Highway to the Wutunugurra turn off and 118km of unsealed along the Kurundi Road). Access to the community is variable, depending on weather conditions the Kurundi Road may be closed due to flooding in the wet season.

Wutunugurra has a local store, access to an unsealed airstrip, a health centre, and a school.

Council Services:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Municipal Services | • Centrelink |
| • Roads | • Post Office |
| • Sports Grounds | • Streetlights |
| • Playgrounds | • Night Patrol |
| • Waste Collection | • Youth, Sport and Recreation |
| • Council Infrastructure | • Outside School Hours Care |
| • Customer Service | |

Wutunugurra Project Priorities for Regional Plan

Council-Led Initiatives (Require External Funding & Partnerships)

- Upgrade the stove at Women's Centre Kitchen
- Develop a master plan for a sports precinct
- Develop a new playground for children
- Install safety signs in key locations
- Install speed bumps for road safety

Future Projects & Advocacy Priorities (Requiring External Funding & Partnerships)

- Advocate for major infrastructure upgrades such as road.
- Seek funding for community welfare and aged care establishment.
- Advocate for a dedicated airstrip for Wutunugurra
- Establish a Wutunugurra Youth Centre with music instruments
- Advocate for funding for a Women's Centre Worker
- Advocate for Men's Shed gym and woodworking space
- Construct a toilet at the church with a small kitchen and additional shade structures
- Advocate for Barkly Roads (Kurundi Road) upgrades
- Fence around the community to prevent cattle intrusion by coordinating with the Station.
- Build a verandah for the Arts Centre with tables and chairs
- Establish a Study Centre with computers and internet access
- Construct shade shelters and benches at the cemetery
- Advocate for water security
- Advocate for sewerage pond

Local Authority (LA) Projects (Within LA Budget and Scope)

- Install a new BBQ at the Community Park
- Install solar lights around town for improved security
- Vet services

HISTORY: ALI CURUNG

During the late 1950s, small groups of people were collected from around the region and relocated to Warrabri Settlement. These included Kaytetye people from Barrow Creek, Warlpiri people from Bullocky Creek areas and Alyawarra people from Murray Downs and Hatches Creek. Over 1,200 people populated Ali Curung in its early days. Warrabri was established in 1956 under its original name of 'Warrabri Settlement'. The community changed its name to Ali Curung in 1978.

HISTORY: ALPURRURULAM

Alpururulam was formed out of a discord between Lake Nash Station and the Aboriginal population living on the nearby Georgina River. At the time many of the community members worked at Lake Nash Station but in the early 1980s there were plans to move the community to Bathurst Downs. For the locals this was "poison country", no good to live on and posed a risk during wet season. They wanted to stay at Alpururulam – their home where there was water in the river all year round. In 1982 the community wrote to the then Chief Minister of the Northern Territory Government requesting a parcel of land to call their own near Lake Nash Station. After many legal battles, 10 square km area was excised from the pastoral lease and given back to the community in 1983. Alpururulam Land Aboriginal Corporation (ALAC) was then formed to be the landowner (a board of Community Elders) for the land. This is what is now called Alpururulam.

HISTORY: AMPILATWATJA

The first European in the region was Charles Winnecke, a surveyor, who passed through in 1877. Although the Alyawarr people were shy of the Europeans, Winnecke's expedition needed the help of the local people to find water in the desert. Freehold title leases were granted by the federal government around 1910 to establish cattle stations on Alyawarr land in an attempt to bring white settlers and development to central Australia. Traditional owners lost rights to culturally significant sites and to hunting grounds to make way for the grazing cattle. In 1940, the land around Ampilatwatja was taken up by settler John 'Nugget' Morton, who is connected to the Coniston Massacre of Aboriginal people in 1928. The resultant Ammaroo Station became a gathering place for Alyawarr people in the '60s and '70s where many worked as drovers and fencers. In 1976 under the Native Titles Act Alyawarr families were granted a small plot at an area then known as Honeymoon Bore, about 10km from Ammaroo Station. This small settlement is what has now developed into the community of Ampilatwatja. In the 1990s the traditional owners gained small excisions from the local pastoral lease to continue their life on the land.

HISTORY: ARLPARRA



HISTORY: ELLIOTT

Elliott is the Barkly region's second largest town and sits on the edge of Newcastle Waters Station. Named after Army Captain Reginald Douglas Elliott (MBE), it began life at the site of Number 8 bore as an Australian Army Camp during World War II (1942). A war memorial statue stands on the site of the camp, directly adjacent to the bore used to supply water to troops. Its population is largely Aboriginal, who live in two outstations at either end of the town – Gurungu (North Camp) and Wilyuku (South Camp). Gurungu was formed in 1968 when workers left Newcastle Station following a dispute and Wilyuku started in the 1970s when people left the Barkly Tablelands after award wages were brought in.

HISTORY: TENNANT CREEK

European history in this area began in 1860 when explorer John McDouall Stuart passed this way on his unsuccessful first attempt to cross the continent from south to north. He named a creek to the north of town after John Tennant, a financier of the expedition and a pastoralist from Port Lincoln, South Australia. Tennant Creek was the site of Australia's last gold rush during the 1930s, and at that time was the third-largest gold producer in the country. The town was located 12 km south of the watercourse as the Overland Telegraph Station had been allocated on an 11 km reserve. An important contributor to the early history of Tennant Creek was Mrs Weaber, wife of the blind owner of the Rising Sun Mine, one of the richest mines in the district before World War II. She set up the Christmas Tree event which still continues to this day. In 1940, the Weaber family sold Nobles Knob, which went on to become the largest open cut mine in Australia. It ceased production in 1985, and the last mine closed in 1999.

HISTORY: WUTUNUGURRA

Wutunugurra (Epenarra) is a Community Living Area (CLA) sitting on 99ha, which was excised from Epenarra Pastoral Lease in the early 1980's. The Clough family have held the lease since 1952 and enabled a small portion of Epenarra Station to be returned to the traditional custodians as a living area. A handful of the TOs living today still speak of the ration days in the 1960s when many of the families moved back to Hatches Creek where there was a wolfram mine. Wolfram is an ore from which miners get Tungsten, a metal used for hardening the tips of drills among other things. The Aboriginal people went to work with the other tribes. They filled up bags and sent the mineral away on the train to Alice Springs. The largest mine, the Pioneer mine, operated up until 1970.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

PROPOSED STRATEGIC GOALS		
	BRCS STRATEGIC FOCUS	GOAL
1	Our communities	Deliver sustainable services that meet the needs of the community
2	Our employees	Become an employer of choice within the Barkly region
3	Strong relationships	Sustain high levels of stakeholder engagement
4	Regional growth	Create opportunities for Economic Development and growth
5	Good governance	Provide effective leadership & good governance
6	Our Assets	Maintain quality facilities, infrastructure and fleet



PROPOSED STRATEGIC GOALS		
GOAL	OBJECTIVE	OUTCOMES
Deliver sustainable services that meet the needs of the community	1.1 Review and appraise Council's service delivery annually across all core and ancillary services	Detailed operational reports provided to Council and Local Authorities
	1.2 Compile disaster management strategies that maximises community preparedness for disaster events	Detailed Disaster Management Ready Plan for each community
	1.3 Deliver structured recreational and diversional activities in all communities that promote health and wellbeing, and supports community safety	Meet required service delivery standards as per funding agreements
	1.4 Ensure all services are appropriately resourced and are financially sustainable	Budgets are succinct to the needs of service delivery and accurately reported to Council
	1.5 Provide succinct support for our aging community members	Meet required service delivery standards as per funding agreements, quality and safety guidelines, and Aged Care reforms

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CONT.

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GOAL	OBJECTIVE	OUTCOMES
Become an employer of choice within the Barkly region	2.1 Create an innovative work culture that listens to all employees and provides a platform for feedback	Conduct annual staff survey and identify areas for improvement and implement initiatives
	2.2 Create a training continuum that supports the needs of the business and provides professional development opportunities for all staff	Create a training framework including training needs analysis and an annual training performance management plan
	2.3 Review organisational structures and position descriptions to ensure Council has a fit for purpose work force	Annual classification review against Enterprise Agreement in conjunction with budgets
	2.4 Improve attraction, retention, and motivation of staff	Create a rewards and recognition program that promotes personnel achievements and milestones
	2.5 Develop a detailed employee induction package that offers a holistic view of all operations.	Create Cultural Awareness training, and corporate training video modules

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GOAL	OBJECTIVE	OUTCOMES
Sustain high levels of stakeholder engagement	3.1 Establish a BRC monthly newsletter for communities, and a monthly staff communique	Establish a BRC monthly newsletter for communities, and a monthly staff communique
	3.2 Ensure that Local Authorities are involved in the regional planning and the community decision making process.	Establish a strategic planning model for BRC and 6 Local Authority Meetings per year
	3.3 Create enduring partnerships with Territory and Federal	Securing ongoing support and collaboration for BRC initiatives
	3.3 Create enduring partnerships with Territory and Federal	
	3.4 Ensure all stakeholders are provided the opportunity to offer	Create mechanisms for community feedback and report to Council
	3.5 Create an innovative platform for Council Q&A	Create a forum for community members to liaise with elected members and ELT

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CONT.

GOAL	OBJECTIVE	OUTCOMES
Create opportunities for Economic Development and growth	4.1 Advocate for natural re-sources and agriculture de-velopment	Create a Barkly prospectus
	4.2 Council to continually promote Barkly's significant cultural and geographical uniqueness to support tourism campaigns	Collaborate with tourism partners to promote and support Barkly events
	4.3 Council to investigate initiatives to promote economic advancement and growth of the region	Creating an environment for stakeholders to connect and collaborate on opportunities within the Barkly region
	4.4 Council to explore opportunities to develop properties in conjunction with key stakeholders	Identify BRC properties for further development
	4.5 Identify opportunities to hold/develop a major events for the region	Work with stakeholders to bring major events to the Barkly region

GOAL	OBJECTIVE	OUTCOMES
Provide effective leadership & good governance	5.1 Council creates an environment for best practice by creating internal review committees	Work towards ISO accreditation in governance
	5.2 Prepare a Long-Term Financial Plan to ensure Council's ongoing financial sustainability	Conduct an annual review of BRC long term financial plan
	5.3 Create a records management system that is user friendly	Review and implement system improvements to current records management system
	5.4 Council to conduct a complete review of all Policies and procedures	Review existing policies and create procedures and supporting documentation
	5.5 Council to conduct a complete review of its by Laws	Embed new by-laws to empower local law officers

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CONT.

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GOAL	OBJECTIVE	OUTCOMES
Maintain quality facilities, infrastructure and fleet	6.1 Develop a plan to maintain/upgrade key facilities across all communities	Facilities safe for use and fit for purpose
	6.2 Conduct an annual audit on roads, pathways and drainage networks	Roads and pathways safe for use and meet contemporary standards
	6.3 Develop long-term Cemetery management plan	Implementation of Cemetery Management Plan
	6.4 Conduct an annual review of all fleet vehicles	Implement a 10 year fleet management plan in line with budget
	6.5 Develop a waste management strategy for all communities	Execute a Waste Management Strategy in accordance with contemporary Australian standards



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Budget Overview

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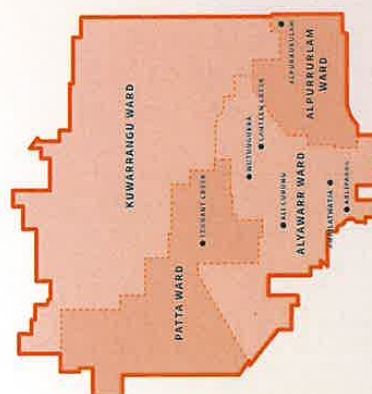
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- Declaration of Rates and Changes 2025-26 (Based on Rates, Rateable Land etc)
- Declaration of Rates and Changes 2025-26 (Dillon) – Local Rates Schedule?
- Declaration of Rates and Changes 2025-26 (Percent Rates Declaration, Payments of Rates and Charges, Penalty for Late Payment)
- Budget Initiatives – Rate Rises
- Rating Policy (cont'd) – Various Items (e.g. Harpoot etc) & Social and Economic Impacts of Rating Policy
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- Motor Vehicles etc



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Distance in km between selected points in Barkly Regional Council

KM	TCLA	ELLA	ACLA	AMLA	ALLA	ARLA	WLA
TENNANT CREEK (TC)		351.33	121.40	320.69	593.59	300.08	249.01
ELLIOTT (EL)	252.32		424.4	582.01	773.25	633	461.33
ALI CURUNG (AC)	172.03	474.3		340.6	476.88	208.59	167.93
AMPLATWATJA (AM)	331.63	585.01	340.6		336.23	74.09	224.71
ALPURRURULAM (AL)	507.33	771.25	472.18	310.20		390.63	554.99
ARLAPARRA (AR)	300.68	633	408.59	74.69	991.09		
WUTUNUGURRA (WL)	409.03	461.33	167.33	231.70	354.25	246.37	246.67
ALICE SPRINGS	506.42	758.11	376.44	111.50	687.76	247.55	540.34
DARWIN	918.01	732.75	1157.30	1637.13	1552.37	430.23	1094.16



Travel Times

Tennant Creek to Elliott 252.33kms – 2 hours 50 minutes.

Tennant Creek to Ali Curung 172.09kms – 1 hour 57 minutes.

Tennant Creek to Alpururulam (via Barkly Hwy) 569.39kms - 6 hours 31 minutes.

Tennant Creek to Ampilatwatja 312.69kms – 3 hours 42 minutes.

Tennant Creek to Arlparra 380.85kms – 4 hours 32 minutes.

Tennant Creek to Wutunugurra (via Kurundi Rd) 209.01kms – 2 hours 30 minutes.

Community Office Contact Details

Tennant Creek Office - Location: 41 Peko Rd, Tennant Creek NT 0860; Postal: PO BOX 821, Tennant Creek NT 0861; Phone: 08 8962 0000; Email: reception@barkly.nt.gov.au

Ali Curung Office – Postal: Community Mail Bag 188, Ali Curung NT 0872; Email: alicurung@barkly.nt.gov.au

Arparra Office – Postal: PMB 127, via Alice Springs NT 0872; Email: arparra@barkly.nt.gov.au

Elliott Office – Postal: C/o Post Office, Elliott NT 0852; Email: elliott@barkly.nt.gov.au

Wutunugurra - Postal: PMG 148, via Alice Springs NT 0872; Email: wutunugurra@barkly.nt.gov.au

Alpurrrurulam – Postal: PMB 23, via Mt Isa QLD 4825; Email: alpurrrulam@barkly.nt.gov.au

Ampilatwatja - Postal: PMB 68, via Alice Springs NT 0872; Email: ampilatwatja@barkly.nt.gov.au

THE STORY OF OUR LOGO

In 2008 Shire Transition Committee members worked closely together to choose from several different designs by three artists from the Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation in Tennant Creek.

The logistics for creating and selecting a logo was extremely difficult simply because of the sheer size of the region, but a design called 'Tracks of the Barkly' by Barbara Whippy using the previous smaller community councils' logos captured the spirit of the region.

For the committee members a footprint has no colour and humanity has to be there.

They felt that there were these visual tracks right across the Barkly region, which referred to a diversity of people living in the Barkly over time:

Indigenous, non-Indigenous, miners, and those men and women working in the cattle industry.

The base line for the logo is the "McDouall Ranges" north of Tennant Creek, named by John McDouall Stuart on Tuesday, 5th June, 1860. This was in honour of Colonel James McDouall, of the 2nd Life Guards, Logan and Wigtownshire.

Locally they are known as the "Honeymoon Ranges" so called by the newlyweds camping on their mining leases in the range during the 1930s gold rush.

Above, there is a row of symbols starting with the Sandover Lily which represents the Urupuntja or Utopia region, the Lizard which symbolises Nyinkka, a sacred symbol in Tennant Creek, and Emu which characterises Elliott and the surrounding region.

The footprint in the centre represents humanity – all of the people of the Barkly – with the Bat representing Alpururulum, Kangaroo characterising Ampilatwatja and Dingo a sacred symbol for Ali Curung.

The Tracks of the Barkly logo shows that Barkly Regional Council as represented by the Council laws are listening to the communities and to the people of this vast remote region, not only with their intellects but with their hearts.

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



SANDOVER LILY
LIZARD
EMU
HUMANITY
BAT
KANGAROO
DINGO

Text tranfered over from last year - but haven't been given directin where BRC would like it to go in the report

ELECTED MEMBER ALLOWANCES

In accordance with Section 353 (Chapter 21) of the Local Government Act 2019, Barkly Regional Council proposes to pay the following elected member allowances in 2024/25.

ALLOWANCE	MAYOR	DEPUTY MAYOR	COUNCILLORS
Councillors	\$20,500	\$20,250	\$20,500.00
Allowance			
Additional	\$92,000	\$35,000	\$-
Allowance			
Transportation	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Legislative			
Allowance			
Maximum	\$-	\$10,000	\$10,000
Meeting Allowance			
Total claimable	\$105,500	\$59,250	\$34,500

Councillors' allowances and additional allowances

The allowances cover the following expenses:

Any cost to Councillors of attending meetings and activities of Council where Council does not reimburse these costs.

- Contribution towards phone and internet usage.
- Contribution towards any home office and supplies.
- Allowance towards costs incurred in servicing constituents in the ward or Council Area.
- Including, but not limited to:
 - Donations
 - Organisation sponsorship
 - Membership fees.

- Patron expenses; and
- Constituent support.

Extra Meeting Allowances

An extra meeting allowance of up to \$10,000 per financial year, may be accessed by all Municipal and Regional

Councillors and Deputy Principal Members of the Council.

On each occasion, the allowance paid will depend on the duration of the meeting session:

- Meeting Up to 2 hours \$200.
- Meeting between 2 and 4 hours \$300.
- Meeting for More than 4 hours \$500.

The total budget for 2024-2025 Elected Member Allowances is \$536,500.

ELECTED MEMBER ALLOWANCES

Professional Development Allowance

Professional development allowance is \$4,000 per financial year for each elected member.

The Vehicle allowance, which will be paid fortnightly or monthly, will be as follows:

- Contribution \$25,000 per year for Municipal Principal Members; or
- Contribution \$40,000 per year for Regional Principal Members.

The remuneration tribunal has determined the allowances below which will be paid for each meeting of a Local Authority.

The Chair of a Local Authority will be paid as follows:

- If the meeting is held up to 2 hours \$300

Travel Allowance

- If the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours \$450

- If the meeting is held for more than 4 hours \$600

A Member of a Local Authority will be paid as follows:

- If the meeting is held up to 2 hours \$200
- If the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours \$300

- If the meeting is held for more than 4 hours \$400

The amount budgeted for the Local Authority member expenses and allowances (excluding catering, travel and support expenses) is \$103,019

The applicable rates to be paid are found in Table 1 of Taxation Determination TD 2021/6 or any subsequent Taxation Determination made in the substitution of that Determination.

Local Authority Allowances

In accordance with section 107 of the Local Government Act 2019, a member of a local authority is entitled to be paid the allowance or allowances determined by the Remuneration Tribunal under section 7 E of the Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006.

Provision of Motor Vehicle (Clause 7)

If Principal Members of Municipal and Regional Councils are not given a Council maintained vehicle they can receive a Vehicle allowance.

Vehicle Allowance

Vehicle Allowance will be available in the form of kilometre allowance, which will be paid at rates set by the Australian Taxation Office each year. The rate set by Australian Taxation Office is 85 cents per kilometre for financial year 2023-2024.



6 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.1 Chief Financial Officer

Author Sunil Neupane (Finance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Finance department.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. LAPF Income and Expenditure Report - Elliott [6.1.1 - 1 page]
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Elliott
Local Authority Projects - as at 31st March 2025

Current Financial Year 2024-25

Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects	Approved Budget	Year of Budget Approval	Resolution	Expenditure Prior Years	Prior FY Carried FW 01/07/2024	FY24/25 Approved Budget	Expenditure to date 2024-25	Cash Balance as at 31/03/2025	Status	Budget Funded FY
Purchase Skip Bins, Forks for Skid Steer, Forks for JCB Backhoe	9,557	FY2022/23	ELLA-16/23	9,153	404	0	2,965	(2,561)	Approved at LA Meeting 31/06/2022. Completed and underspent.	2022-23
Upgrade Playground Equipment	50,000	FY2023/24	ELLA-23/14	0	50,000	0	0	50,000	Approved at LA Meeting 07/09/2023.	2022-23
Purchase Plants (Replace Dead Trees)	8,597	FY2023/24		8,991	(395)	0	0	(395)	Approved at LA Meeting 09/11/2023. Completed and Overspent.	2023-24
Shade Structure (Extreme Marquees)	3,132	FY2023/24	ELLA-24/68	0	0	3,132	3,132	0	Project Approved at LA Meeting 04/04/2024. Completed	2023-24 2024-25
Jim Memorial Reserve	50,000	FY2024/25	ELLA-25/07	0	0	50,000	0	50,000	Approved at LA Meeting 07/02/2025	2024-25
Lawn Movers	2,217	FY2024/25	ELLA-25/07	0	0	2,217	2,015	202	Approved at LA Meeting 07/02/2025	2024-25
Portable Toilets	30,000	FY2024/25	ELLA-25/13	0	0	30,000	15,800	14,200	Approved at LA Meeting 07/02/2025	2024-25
Shade Structure	15,000	FY2024/25	ELLA-25/13	0	0	15,000	0	15,000	Approved at LA Meeting 07/02/2025	2024-25

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS 2024-25	168,502			18,144	50,010	100,349	23,912	126,446
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Local Authority Projects - as at 31st March 2025

Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects	Comments	Unallocated as at 01/07/2024	Cash Received to date (inc. Carried Forward)	Budget funds to receive	New Budget allocations to 31/03/2025	Unallocated balance as at 31/03/2025
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LA Funding for 2021/22		45,449	45,449	-	45,449	-	*Notes: \$40,000 approved budget for plant purchase has been reversed back to uncommitted funds.
LA Funding for 2022/23		50,900	50,900	-	50,900	-	
LA Funding for 2023/24		50,900	50,900	-	4,000	46,900	
LA Funding for 2024/25		-	-	50,900	-	50,900	*Signed letter for FY2024-25 has been forwarded to the Department.

Total	147,249	147,249	50,900	100,349	97,800
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Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.2 Chief Operations Officer

Author Jannette Stemp (CSM – Elliott) / Tim Hema (Acting COO)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Operations directorate.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Report [6.2.1 - 5 pages]
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Service Delivery Report – Elliott

Author	CSM Jannette Stemp
Reporting Period	7 th Feb to 22 nd April
Service Delivery	
Council Services Manager (CSM) Jannette Staff attendance early this report period has been low due to staff absences including now also as “men’s business” at Elliott and Tennant Creek. We have had no funerals in this period. We have had two passings family in Alice Springs and siblings in Elliott the second passing was a work colleague from the Municipal Team.	
Complaints	Community sustained a high level of power fluctuations and power outages during report period. Some community people have reported appliance damage during the fluctuations with Aged Care losing their walk-in freezer.
Incidents / WHS	24/02/2025 Stolen car was used to do donuts on the football oval causing damage to the grassed area. New locks have been placed on gates so there is no access to oval for vehicles only on game day for emergency vehicles. Near miss at the airport turn off involving clinic vehicle transporting patients. CSM has spoken to other stakeholders in Elliott regarding this incident. CSM will obtain emails and reports and submit to DPIL as this can turn into a fatality due to lack of proper signage and speed limit at the turn off. This is not an isolated incident as CSM has spoken to other stakeholders who have also complained about near misses.
Administration Services	
Opening hours	Monday to Friday: 8:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Office Closures	Sorry Business Office closed for the day Passing of a TO Sorry Business Office closed for Two and a half days due to passing of co-worker
Customer Services Officer	CSO Annette Kingston CSO Jody Nish
Centrelink	No disruptions to service this reporting period. Other qualified “Specified Personnel” on community are Jody Nish and Annette Kingston. Remote Services Team visits 4/03/2025. As they were only here for the day they will be holding a virtual assistance 7/04/2025 to 11/04/2025 via phone for anyone needing assistance.
Post Office	Elliott Office is not Australia Post agent although we get numerous phone calls regarding post.
Conference Room	17/02/2025 Central Desert Training Tracy has stayed in community for two weeks assisting Barkly employee’s with obtaining old tickets and USI numbers. Tracy has also held a morning tea for the men working in municipal. 18/02/2025 Community Tourism Forum introducing and collecting ideas for opening small business to promote Elliott. 18/02/2025 Catholic Care Finance have used our office to help the community with their needs.



	<p>10/03/2025 Central Desert training has returned to do a three-week course alongside RN Employment to help Job Seekers get work ready. Kailas has had a good turn-out for this course. Kails has conducted a white card course with the last employee of the municipal team obtaining his white card.</p> <p>25/03/2025 Drive Safe have attended Elliott for the day</p> <p>27/03/2025 Conflict Resolution Workshop has been held with Amiel, Valda, Triston and Jeannie this has been well received by both community and stakeholders</p> <p>17/03/2025 Build-up Skateboarding have conducted a workshop at the Youth Centre with Hoops for Health coming along for a day</p> <p>8/04/2025 Bradac have conducted a workshop in the conference room Reanna has also attended from the local D&A from the clinic</p> <p>28/04/2025 RN Employment will be conducting a first aide course in Elliott they have offered 2 placements for stakeholders in Elliott</p>
Visitors Accommodation	9 Buchanan Street has been utilised for the past two months with accommodation booked every week with one cancellation.
Municipal Services	
Opening hours	<p>Monday to Thursday: 6:30am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 3:15pm</p> <p>Friday: 7:00am – 12:00pm</p>
Municipal Team	<p>X1 Works Supervisor: Kevin Neade</p> <p>X6 Works Officer Darren Bathern, Cameron Rankine, Tykan Bostock, Bonanza Bostock Billy Robertson and Jason Mullen.</p> <p>X1 Parttime Raven Nelson</p>
Parks and Open Spaces	Key focus to keep areas clean and mowed. Due to the rise in snake sightings the municipal team have been focusing on areas the are used by the community walking areas
Waste	<p>X2 weekly rubbish runs incl Marlinja</p> <p>New bins have been supplied to Elliott township</p>
Landfill	<p>Clean-up works – ongoing – Signage needed.</p> <p>Turn off signs from highway have been cleaned around for better visibility. Municipal have been working to make room in dumping areas workers have requested Bulldozer so this can be completed safely.</p>
Firebreaks	<p>Firebreaks around community which are council property are being completed</p> <p>Firebreak around airport are waiting for DIPL approval.</p>
Car Bodies	Still remains a high number of car bodies scattered around community. Continue to work with owners to get them removed to car dump.
Airstrip	Airstrip, inspection reports conducted in accordance with contract requirements. Windsock will need replacing in the near future Airstrip maintenance done slashed high grass at front and rear also down both sides of runway
Local Authority	



LA Board	<i>Congratulations Kaye Dalywaters new to LA. Kevin Neade has resigned from Elliott LA LA Chair to be voted at next Councillor Ben Neade will act as chair until new chair has been voted in</i>
LA Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Shade Sails replacement at ANZAC Memorial</i> 2. <i>Portable Toilets</i> 3. <i>Shade Structures</i> 4. <i>Skip bins</i> 5. <i>Architectural designs for community hub and accommodation for Barkly visiting staff</i>
Other LA matters	<i>Playground equipment removed from projects New signage north and south of Elliott for tourist</i>
General Community Information	
Visiting Service Providers	<i>Services Australia – Centrelink Remote team (x2) Central Desert Training (x2 training blocks) NTEC Elections remote team visit LA BUILD Contractors – Have been completing upgrades to houses in North Camp. Catholic Care Aged Care advocate visit Community Justice centre Amiel Nubaha and Tristan Dougie have been doing mediation with community members Aboriginal Enterprise have started doing clean-up in and around North and South Camp</i>
Meetings /Events	<i>Drug and Alcohol – meeting Justice Mob – mediation.</i>
Funerals	<i>No Funerals this reporting period</i>
Training	<i>White card – Billy Robinson and Tykan Bostock</i>
Good News Stories	
Water Park is now working again	





Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.3 Directorate of Infrastructure and Fleet Services

Author Surya Godavarthi (Director of Infrastructure and Fleet)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority

- A) Notes and accepts the report from the Infrastructure Directorate
- B) Allocates funding of
 - \$5,000 to engage designer to develop a concept plan for Visitor Park.
 - \$30,000 for installation of Shade structure at cemetery
 - \$15,000 for the Vet Services

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Project Updates- Elliott [6.3.1 - 1 page]
 2. Community- Driven LA Funding Strategy for 24-25 Financial Year- Elliott [6.3.2 - 2 pages]
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**Elliott
Infrastructure Department - Project Status Report - 11/04/2025**

Jim Rennie Memorial Restoration Plan - Elliott										
Sl.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
1	BRC 005-25	Jim Rennie Memorial Restoration Plan	LA	50,000.0	Completed in March 2025	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	LA has requested a plan for restoration of Jim Rennie Memorial.	The consultant has been finalised and work has been assigned. The consultant liquid blu will be attending this LA meeting to take input from the community.

Portable Toilets

Sl.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
2	BRC 011-25	Portabel toilets with trailers	LA	20,000.0	Completed in March 2025	Mar-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	LA has requested for new portable toilets with trailers to use for community events.	Toilets have been delivered.

Cemetery Facilities- Elliott

Sl.No	Project No	Description	Funding	Project Value (AUD)	Project Progress				Over View	Next Steps
					Scoping	Quotes	Initiation	Completion		
1	BRC 014-24	Cemetery Facilities- Elliott	LA	5,000.0	Completed in August-2024	Shade structure quotes have been obtained	Apr-25	May-25	The Local Authority (LA) has requested a water line installation, shade structures, and toilets at the cemetery to support funerals. Quotes have been obtained and presented.	LA has requested to do a master plan for the cemetery which is in progress.

Community-Driven LA Funding Strategy for 24-25 Financial Year

Visitor Park- Design

Following the Local Authority's request during the last meeting, Barkly Regional Council is seeking an allocation of \$5,000 from the Local Authority to support the design phase of a new Visitor Park in Elliott.

This funding will contribute towards engaging a designer to develop a concept plan that reflects the community's vision, ensuring the park includes accessible, functional, and culturally appropriate features.

Cemetery Upgrades

As per the Local Authority's request, Council has obtained quotes from contractors for the supply and installation of a shade structure at the cemetery, including a concrete slab foundation. The estimated total cost for this project is approximately \$30,000.

The proposed shade structure will provide a sheltered area for families and community members to gather during ceremonies and visits.

Council is now seeking the Local Authority's consideration for funding support towards this project.



Vet Services

Barkly Regional Council kindly requests the Local Authority to consider allocating \$15,000 from its current budget towards supporting veterinary services within Tennant Creek.

Access to regular and professional veterinary care is essential to maintaining the health and wellbeing of animals in our region. These services help address key community concerns such as stray animal management, treatment of sick and injured animals, de-sexing programs, and vaccinations. In the past, limited availability of such services has led to increased health and safety risks for both animals and residents.

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

6.4 Directorate of Community Services

Author Susan Steele (Director of Community Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Director of Community Services.

SUMMARY

This report outlines the Community Services Directorate overview for Elliott.

BACKGROUND

Community Safety Program (Night Patrol and Safe House)

Elliott Night Patrol

The night patrol team have continued patrols of the community and have attended some Domestic & Family Violence issues or assisted when people have been intoxicated and are required to have support to go home safely. The team have assisted clients people needing to go to the Safe House; transported children home to their caregiver or guardians' property and also assisted Youth Services, when requested.

There has been additional staff recruited to the overall Community Safety program in general. We have a new Administration officer, a Community Safety Coordinator and a new Safe House and Domestic Violence Coordinator. These new faces bring added experience and efficiency to the program. The Community Safety team continues to work closely with families in the community.

Night Patrol Elliott has one Team Leader and two part time staff and patrolling from 1700 to 2200hrs totalling approximately 200 hours of Night Patrol during March 2025.

Community Interactions	Children	Women	Men
Elliott	49	8	8

Elliott Safe House

The Safe Houses in Elliott is operating on a 24/7 basis, with a full-time team and on-call casuals for after-hours access to ensure the Safe House is accessible to vulnerable women and child in the community.

Program Update

In March 2025, the domestic and family violence coordinator position for the Safe Houses in Ali Curung and Elliott was filled with the new female staff member taking on the role at the beginning of March.

Elliott

The International Women's Day BBQ in Elliot on March 7th and was a successful community event and provided the new coordinator the opportunity to meet with the Elliot community.

Staffing levels and Updates:

Location	Department	Staff	Vacant	Comment
Elliot	Safe House	1 Team Leader 1 Casual on-call	Casual on-call	Commitment of casual staff, a work in progress.

Casual on-call staff numbers have varied throughout the month at both centres, resulting in the vacancies at both Ali Curung and Elliot, these positions have been advertised, and interviewing has taken place.

Highlights and Achievements

The new coordinator has been actively involved with supporting the staff in both safe houses through regular site visits, teams meeting and calls. Currently sourcing relevant training and providing mentor support as required.

Challenges and Issues/Risks

Challenges for the both safe houses are similar regarding the casual staff position, due to the on-call, night shift nature of the positions often the staff are finding themselves unavailable when needed, resulting in the recruitment being undertaken.

Stakeholder Engagement

The coordinator has been busy meeting with relevant stakeholders including, the community council staff, Reanna, AOD worker at the clinic and police workers:
Amiel Nubaha, Senior Project Manager, for Community Justice Centre.
Fiona from CAWLS regarding DFV training.

Other introductions included:

Sharen Lake, Regional Coordinator, DF and S V Reduction Division, Dept of Children and Families.

Fiona McCabe, General Manager RN Employment.

Julianna Marshall, Acting CEO, Central Women's Legal Service Inc.

Goals & Objectives

Goals

Maintain staffing levels, re: casuals.

Training for team leaders and casuals in the following areas:

Training

- DF&SV fundamentals, and/or Safe and Together Model.
- SHIP training – booked for new team leader.
- Ship and Validata training - booked for coordinator.
- First aid and CPR. Booked
- Inductions.
- Chemical safety.

Additions area of training beneficial to all safe house staff.

- Lateral violence.
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE),
- Selfcare and vicarious trauma,
- Conflict resolution, mediation, managing aggressive behaviour.
- Food handling,
- Suicide awareness/prevention.

Objective

To build a knowledgeable and confident team who'll have excellent knowledge of the domestic and sexual violence field and be able to manage a healthy work life balance and model behaviours that reflect the goals and values of the BRC.

Client's numbers Safe House Program

Clients in March	Women	Children	Total
Elliott	5	4	9



International Women's Day



Youth, Sport & Recreation Program

Community Context:

Elliott has been affected by persistent infrastructure issues throughout the month, including ongoing water leaks and a heatwave that highlighted the limitations of the current air conditioning system. These environmental challenges made program delivery more difficult, but did not stop engagement altogether. Staff capacity has also been affected by personal leave and limited availability.

Program Delivery:

Despite challenges with facilities and staffing, youth activities were delivered consistently across the month, thanks largely to Wade's leadership. He maintained program delivery even when other staff were unavailable. Youth engaged in a variety of activities, with a strong interest in skateboarding and digital games. Evening sessions provided meals, and younger children were supported with structured departure times.

Activities Delivered:

- Indoor activities included playing PS5 games, watching movies, and participating in structured meal sessions.
- Outdoor activities focused on dodgeball, basketball, and skateboarding, with youth participating in both casual games and skill-building.
- Healthy snacks and meals, such as hot dogs, fried mince with vegetables and rice, and fruit, were provided regularly.
- A special event was held in celebration of International Women's Day, in partnership with Elliott AOD Worker, the Tennant Creek Women's Refuge, and the Elliott Safe House.

Participation Snapshot:

- Highest Daily Attendance: 49
- Average Daily Attendance: ~33

Successes:

- Skateboarding became a standout success, with young people of all ages learning new skills, helping build ramps, and actively engaging in peer-led fun.
- The TV stands were successfully assembled, improving the setup of the PS5.
- Despite significant staffing and environmental challenges, Wade ensured continuity of the program and maintained a positive space for youth.

Challenges:

- Three persistent water leaks have worsened, including one in the kitchen, posing safety and operational concerns.
- Only one working air conditioner in the entertainment room during a heatwave created an uncomfortable environment.
- Staffing remains a concern: One staff member was frequently unavailable with limited communication, and another did not submit leave application, impacting coverage.
- Youth Services were forced to close briefly due to water supply issues.



Looking Ahead:

- Repairs to water infrastructure and urgent servicing of air conditioning units are essential to ensure safe program delivery.
- Staff management support is needed to address ongoing absenteeism and improve reliability.
- Plans are in place to capitalise on the popularity of skateboarding by integrating structured sessions into the weekly schedule.



Community Care program (Aged Care)

Program Update

- Elliott Aged Care is operating as usual.
- The process of renewing Working with Children clearances and Police checks for all staff is ongoing.
- No complaints were reported during this reporting period.
- Team leader and staff are enrolled for Food Safety supervisor and basic food safety course with Australian Institute for Food Safety.

- WHS issues have been reported, and CSC and A/COO are working on these issues.
- Walk-in freezer malfunctioned due to power supply issues in the community. Two new chest freezers have been ordered, waiting for freighting of the freezers.

Client numbers CHSP and NATSIFAC Program

Elliott Aged Care	Number
CHSP	12
NATSIFAC	3
Total	15

March - 2025		Elliott
Service Type	Activity ID	
Centre-Based Respite	Activity Total	52
	4-7W5B781	
Domestic Assistance	Activity Total	42
	4-7W5G8D1	
Meals	Activity Total	666
	4-7W5G8KU	
Personal Care	Activity Total	4
	4-7W5B7FN	
Social Support Group	Activity Total	10
	4-7W5J1FQ	
Social Support Individual	Activity Total	35
	4-7W5J23D	
Transport	Activity Total	114

Community Care Staffing Updates:

Location	Permanent Full Time Staff	Permanent Part-Time Staffs	Casual Staffs	Vacant	Comment
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Elliott Aged Care	1	2	2	1	Vacancy advertised in community
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Aged Care - Challenges and Issues:

Challenges:

- Staffing remains the most significant challenge, with staff members absent without notice.

Issues/Risks:

- Unauthorised absences impacting service delivery.
- Repair and maintenance issues of vehicles

Remedial Actions:

- Contingency procedures reviewed to handle unplanned staff absences, and support processes were discussed with Regional Manager Community Care and Team Leaders.
- The Regional Manager is coordinating with the funding bodies to request additional funds for repairs and maintenance of the Aged Care buildings and vehicles in the communities.

Upcoming Activities

All of our Aged Care Team Leaders and staff are encouraged to conducting weekly/ fortnightly open day for all the clients. This can include a client/staff BBQ, painting, socialisation with each other, watching television and enjoying communal meals at the centre.

All Community Services teams would like to request the LA to encourage community members to engage with their employment or when there are positions available. Our focus is on local employment and this assists Elliott community participate in delivering all programs successfully.

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

7 DE-AMALGAMATION

De-amalgamation

7.1 De-amalgamation

Author Chris Kelly (Chief Executive Officer)

SUMMARY

A presentation on the de-amalgamation of Barkly Regional Council will be delivered by Mayor Sid Vashist.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Barkly Regional Council De Amalgamation Options Overview vFINAL [7.1.1 - 9 pages]
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Barkly Regional Council De-Amalgamation Options Summary

Acknowledgement of 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 lives and works, and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

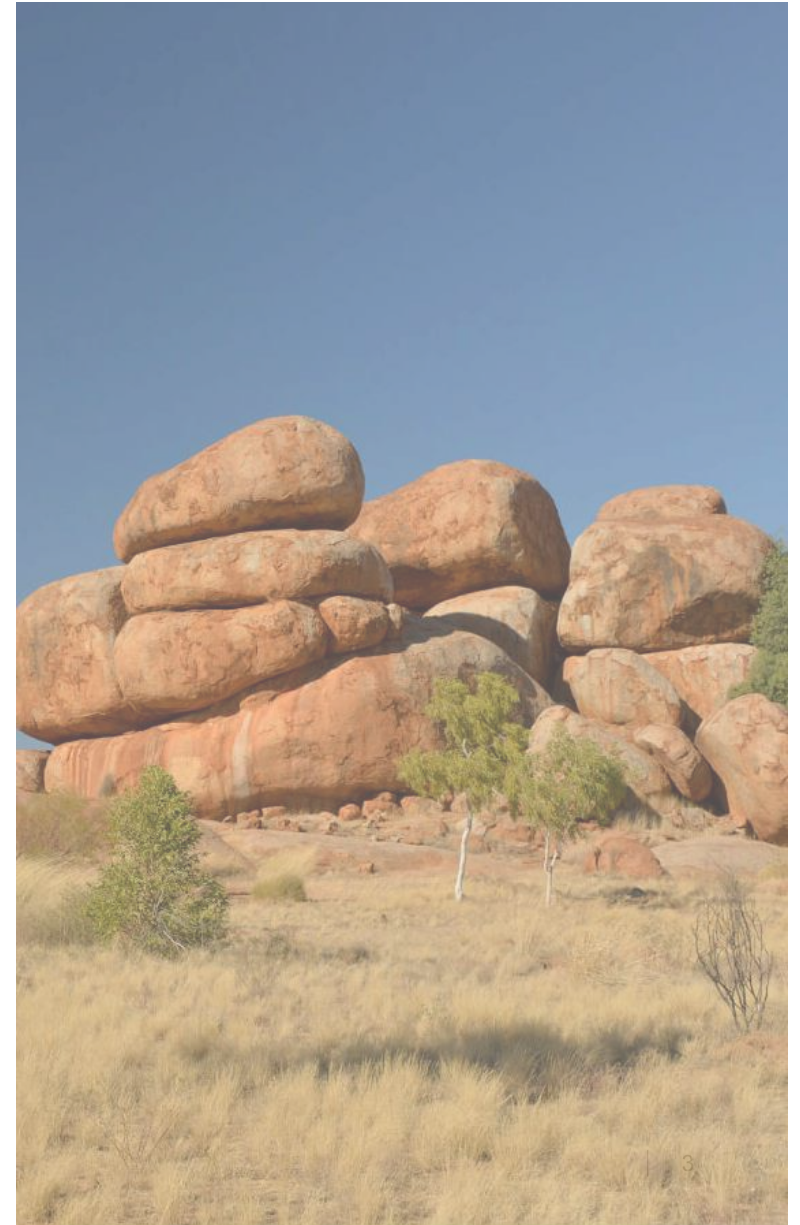
We pay our respects to the ancestors and elders of these lands, past, present and emerging. May we continue to work together to deliver sustainable outcomes through a process based on mutual respect and understanding.

Purpose







The purpose of this supporting summary document is to provide a concise overview of the key findings and recommendations from the options paper (*De-amalgamation Options for Barkly Regional Council*) on the de-amalgamation of Barkly Regional Council (BRC).

This document aims to facilitate a clear understanding of the proposed options, their financial implications, and the potential benefits and drawbacks associated with each model.

It is intended to be reviewed alongside *De-amalgamation Options for Barkly Regional Council* options paper to provide a comprehensive understanding of the analysis and recommendations.












Summary

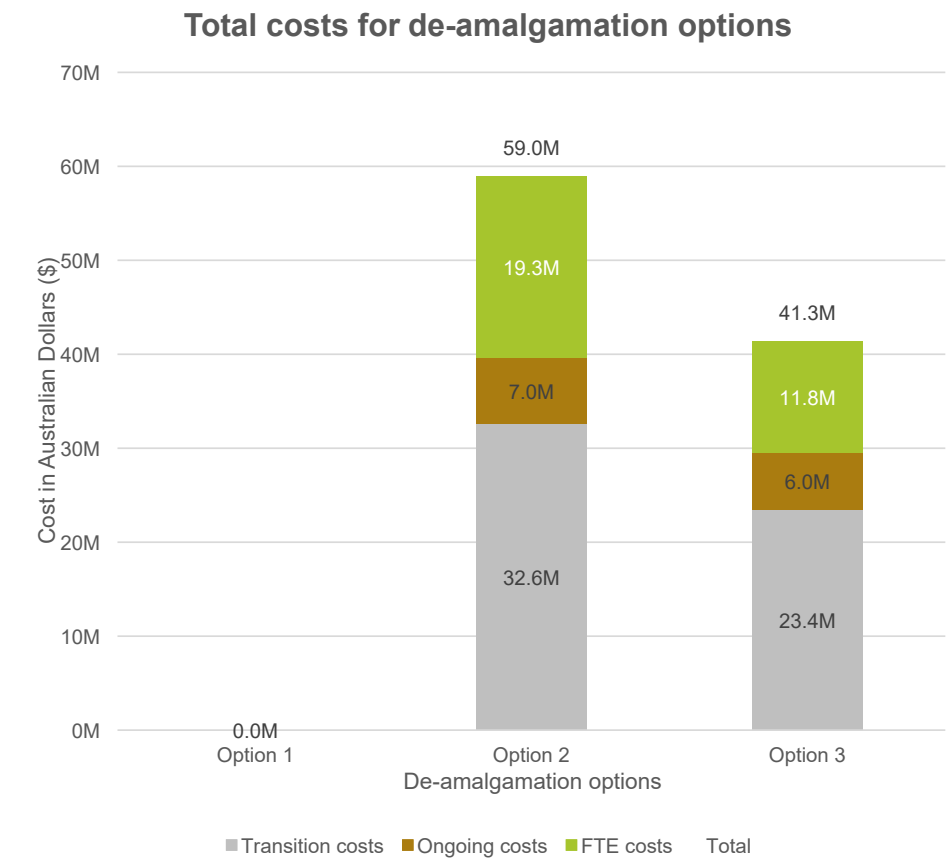
	Description	Additional Staff & Costs	Transition Costs	Ongoing Costs (annual)	Rating
Option 1 	No change from current BRC operations	-	-	-	
Option 2 	Full de-amalgamation into four LGAs (Alyawarr, Patta, Alpururulam, Kuwarrangu)	136 FTE \$20.3M ¹	\$34.3M ²	\$7.4M ³	
Option 3 	Full de-amalgamation into four LGAs plus shared corporate services	66 FTE \$12.4M ⁴	\$24.6M ⁵	\$6.0M ⁶	

Midpoint taken from a cost range of: 1. \$19.3M to \$21.2M; 2. \$32.6M to \$35.9M; 3. \$7.0M to \$7.7M; 4. \$11.8M to \$13.0M; 5. \$23.4M to \$25.8M; 6. \$6.0M to \$6.6M

Options analysis overview

Criteria	Option 1: Continue unchanged	Option 2: De-amalgamation into four LGAs	Option 3: De-amalgamation into four LGAs with a shared services layer
Overview of option	BRC continues operating as per the current state.	BRC de-amalgamates into the four LGAs (Alyawarr, Patta, Alpururulam, Kuwarrangu), with each LGA owning and running full services as required by individual LGA and community needs.	BRC de-amalgamates into four LGAs, with the creation of a shared corporate services layer to support the activities of each Council.
Financial Implications			
Workforce implications			
Service delivery implications			
Governance implications			
Community representation implications			
Social and economic development implications			
Overall rating			

Financial implications summary

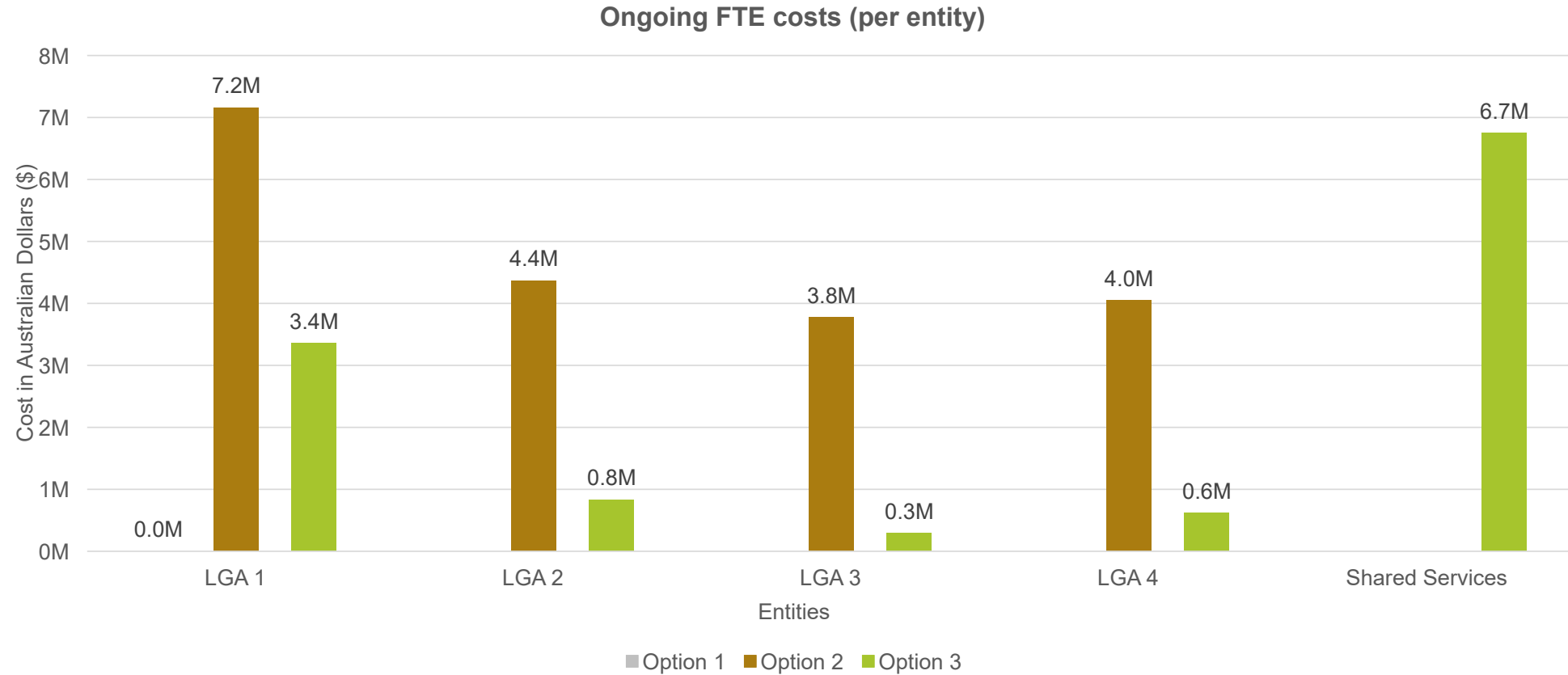


Transition costs	Ongoing Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HR costs (staff recruitment/relocation, incentive packages, onboarding, training and development costs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office building maintenance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technologies (ICT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marketing and advertising
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Head office costs (marketing, re-branding, licensing, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost of new office buildings and fit-out	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insurance costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bond lease costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elections
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land lease transfer costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal/ compliance costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election costs for new councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayoral allowance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Costs associated with changing contracts (both commercial and industrial)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillor allowance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operational costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technologies (ICT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refurbishment costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodation subsidy (ELT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visitors’ accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodation subsidy (senior management)

Staffing (FTE) requirements per option

	Option 1: Continue unchanged	Option 2: De-amalgamation into four LGAs	Option 3: De-amalgamation into four LGAs with a shared services layer
Estimated number of full-time equivalent	201 FTE	337 FTE	267 FTE
Number of executive leadership team members	6 ELT members	6 ELT members for each LGA	5 ELT members for each LGA and 2 ELT members for shared services layer
Number of senior management team members	13 senior managers	7 to 8 senior managers for each LGA	12 senior managers within the shared services layer
Number of Mayors and Councillors	1 Mayor and 12 Councillors	1 Mayor and 8 Councillors for each LGA (Total of 4 Mayors and 32 Councillors for each option)	
Total upfront costs (e.g., recruitment, training)	-	\$9.7M	\$4.4M
Total ongoing costs	\$12.4M	\$31.7M	\$24.2M
Ongoing cost difference from baseline (Option 1)	-	\$19.3M	\$11.8M

Staffing (FTE) ongoing costs





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8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

10 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

11 CLOSE OF MEETING