



WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

**WARRUWI LOCAL AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2024**



WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Local Authority Meeting of the West Arnhem Regional Council will be held in Warruwi on Tuesday 10 September 2024 at 10:00 am.

Andrew Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

Code of Conduct: The Local Government Act 2019

As stipulated in Schedule 1 of the Act, the Code of Conduct for Members is as follows:

1. *Honesty and Integrity:* A member must act honestly and with integrity in performing official functions.
2. *Care and diligence:* A member must act with reasonable care and diligence in performing official functions.
3. *Courtesy:* A member must act with courtesy towards other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.
4. *Prohibition on bullying:* A member must not bully another person in the course of performing official functions.
5. *Conduct towards Council staff:* A member must not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of, council staff.
6. *Respect for cultural diversity and culture:* A member must respect cultural diversity and must not therefore discriminate against others, or the opinions of others, on the ground of their cultural background.
A member must act with respect for cultural beliefs and practices in relation to other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.
7. *Conflict of interest:* A member must avoid any conflict of interest, whether actual or perceived, when undertaking official functions and responsibilities.
If a conflict of interest exists, the member must comply with any statutory obligations of disclosure.
8. *Respect for confidences:* A member must respect the confidentiality of information obtained in confidence in the member's official capacity.
A member must not make improper use of confidential information obtained in an official capacity to gain a private benefit or to cause harm to another.
9. *Gifts:* Members must not solicit, encourage or accept gifts or private benefits from any person who might have an interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.
A member must not accept a gift from a person that is given in relation to the person's interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.'
10. *Accountability:* A member must be prepared at all times to account for the member's performance as a member and the member's use of council resources.
11. *Interests of municipality, region or shire to be paramount:* A member must act in what the member genuinely believes to be the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.
In particular, a member must seek to ensure that the member's decisions and actions are based on an honest, reasonable and properly informed judgment about what best advances the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.
12. *Training:* A member must undertake relevant training in good faith.

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Acknowledgement of Country

West Arnhem Regional Council acknowledges the First Nations Custodians, and the many Language and Family groups who are Managers and Caretakers to each of their Traditional homelands and Waters across the West Arnhem Region Wards.

West Arnhem Regional Council pays its respects and acknowledges Elders, past, present and rising.

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda Reference:	3.1
Title:	Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absence Without Notice
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

SUMMARY

This report is to table, for the Warruwi Local Authority record, any apologies, and requests for leave of absence received from Authority members for the meeting held on 10 September 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Notes the absence of ...
2. Notes the apology received from ...
3. Determines ... are absent with permission of the Authority.
4. Determines ... are absent without permission of the Authority.

COMMENT

Local Authorities can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented, or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by the Local Authority will be recorded as absent without notice.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Clauses 7.1(f) and 9 *Guideline 1: Local Authorities 2021*

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Acceptance of Agenda
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

SUMMARY

Agenda papers are presented for acceptance at the Warruwi Local Authority meeting held on 10 September 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Warruwi Local Authority meeting held on 10 September 2024.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Section 92(1) *Local Government Act 2019*.

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Goal 6.5 Planning and Reporting

Robust planning and reporting that supports Council's decision-making processes

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

SUMMARY

Local Authority Members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration at the Local Authority meeting:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the meeting as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in a general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council meeting, disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.

Under disclosure, the Member must abide by the decision of the Local Authority on whether they shall remain in the Chambers and/or take part in the vote on the issue. The Local Authority may elect to allow the Member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting them to leave the Chambers.

Staff Members of the Council are required to disclose an interest in a matter at any time on which they are required to act or exercise their delegate authority in relation to the matter. Upon disclosure, the staff member is not to act or exercise their delegated authority unless Council expressly directs them to do so.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received the declarations of interest as listed for the Warruwi Local Authority meeting held on 10 September 2024.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Section 114 (Elected Members) *Local Government Act 2019*

Section 179 (staff members) *Local Government Act 2019*

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

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Goal 6.4 Risk Management

The monitoring and minimisation of risks associated with the operations of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

SUMMARY

Unconfirmed minutes from the 22 May 2024 Warruwi Local Authority meeting are submitted to the Local Authority for confirmation that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopted the minutes of the 22 May 2024 Warruwi Local Authority as a true and correct record.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Sections 101(4) and 101(5) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Clause 13.1 *Guideline 1: Local Authorities 2021*.

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Unconfirmed Warruwi Local Authority Meeting Minutes - 22 May 2024 [6.1.1 - 6 pages]



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Warruwi Local Authority
Wednesday, 22 May 2024 at 10:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Nicholas Hunter declared the meeting open at 10:09, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Nicholas Hunter
Member	Richard Nawirr
Member	Geri Narul
Member	Ida Waianga
Member	Alfred Gawaraidji

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	James Woods
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams (via video)
Councillor	James Marrawal

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Andrew Walsh
Director of Community and Council Services	Fiona Ainsworth (via video)
Director of Finance	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
General Manager, Technical Services (acting)	Clem Beard
Governance and Risk Advisor (acting)	Jasmine Mortimore
Information Advisor	Ben Heaslip (via video)
Manager Community Services Support	Marnie Mitchell (via video)
Senior Council Services Manager	Rick Mitchell
Council Services Manager (acting)	Misman Kris

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

Agenda Reference:	3.1
Title:	Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absence Without Notice
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absence Without Notice.

WAR19/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Member Gawaraidji
Seconded Member Nawirr

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY accepts the apologies received from Jason Mayinaj, William Wurulr and Phillip Wasaga for Warruwi Local Authority meeting held on 22 May 2024.

CARRIED

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Acceptance of Agenda
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

WAR20/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Marrawal
Seconded Member Waianga

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Warruwi Local Authority meeting held on 22 May 2024.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff.

WAR21/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Member Nawirr
Seconded Member Gawaraidji

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received no declarations of interest as listed for the Warruwi Local Authority meeting held on 22 May 2024.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes
Author:	Jessie Schaecken, Governance and Risk Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes.

WAR22/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Waianga
Seconded Member Narul**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopted the tabled minutes of the 8 February 2024 Warruwi Local Authority as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Presentations and Visitors - Power and Water Corporation - Water Demand Deduction Campaign
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentations and Visitors - Power and Water Corporation - Water Demand Deduction Campaign.

WAR23/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Gawaraidji
Seconded Member Nawirr**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Noted the presentations on water demand reduction campaign; and
2. Thanks presenter Nicole Joy from PowerWater Corporation.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Presentations and Visitors - Power and Water Corporation - 4G Power Meter
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentations and Visitors - Power and Water Corporation - 4G Power Meter.

WAR25/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Cr Marrawal
Seconded Member Waianga**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Noted the presentations on new Prepayment Meter Replacement Program.
2. Thanks presenter Trude Blizzard from PowerWater Corporation; and
3. Request PowerWater to provide information on options for online payment including option for those on income management.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	Presentations and Visitors - Northern Territory Electoral Commission
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

Meeting broke for lunch at 11:39 and recommenced at 12:13

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentations and Visitors - Northern Territory Electoral Commission.

WAR26/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Nawirr
Seconded Member Gawaraidji**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Noted the presentations on 2024 Territory Election.
2. Thanks presenter Anna Egerton from the Northern Territory Electoral Commission.

CARRIED

8 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Ben Heaslip, Information Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Review of Action Items.

WAR24/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Cr Marrawal
Seconded Mayor Woods**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Review of Action Items*.
2. Reviewed the outstanding action items and gave approval for completed items to be removed from the register.
3. Requested amendments to Croc management action for Warruwi Local Authority to write letter to Northern Land Council and Dept Agriculture and Fisheries seeking support for Warruwi Community to introduce crocodile safety and economic development initiatives relating to Croc Management, Awareness and Safety.
4. Requested amendments to Horse management action for CSM to organise meeting with Regional Coordinator West Arnhem NLC and Warruwi Local Authority to discuss Crocs and horses.
5. Requested amendments to shade sail action to be for repairs to existing shade sail between clinic and crèche.
6. Remove action for trailer screen as it is no longer a priority project.
7. Requested administration research mechanical apprenticeships for staff; and
8. Requested amendments to Sea Link action for administration to follow up with MLA on ferry service between Warruwi and Minjilang and seek support for funds for a business case to be developed.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Finance Report to April 2024
Author:	Corey White, Acting Finance Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Finance Report to April 2024.

WAR27/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Waianga
Seconded Cr Marrawal**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received and noted the report entitled *Finance Report to April 2024*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.3
Title:	Speed Bumps - Supply and Install Steel Grab Rail Bollards

Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager Technical Services
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The Local Authority considered a report on Speed Bumps - Supply and Install Steel Grab Rail Bollards.

WAR28/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Waianga
Seconded Member Gawaraidji**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Speed Bumps - Supply and Install Steel Grab Rail Bollards*; and
2. Approved the allocation of \$15,000 from the Warruwi LA Project Funding for stall steel grab rail bollards.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.4
Title:	Council's Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2024-2205
Author:	Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Council Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2024-2025.

WAR29/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Cr Marrawal
Seconded Mayor Woods**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Receive and note the report titled *Council's Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2024-2025*; and
2. Discussed future regional plan to consider investment in youth, staff housing, assets for youth hall, oval upgrades including seating, internal roads, aged care operations and family centres for social activities.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.5
Title:	Iyarrmulu Found on Weyirra
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

Bunug and Frank joined at 13:24 and left at 13:50

The Local Authority considered a report on Iyarrmulu Found on Weyirra.

WAR30/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Nawirr
Seconded Member Gawaraidji**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Iyarrmulu Found on Weyirra*; and
2. Determines location is not a known Burial site; and
3. Refer item to CEO to contact Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet and NLC for further action.

CARRIED**9 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS**

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Top End Youth Leadership Summit April 2024
Author:	Marnie Mitchell, Manager Community Services Support

Meeting broke at 1350 and recommenced at 1400
The Local Authority considered a report on Top End Youth Leadership Summit April 2024.

WAR31/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Marrawal
Seconded Member Waianga

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Top End Youth Leadership Summit April 2024*.
2. Allocate \$25,000 local authority funds to the Warruwi Cultural Camp 2024.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.2
Title:	CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services
Author:	Rick Mitchell, Senior Council Services Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services.

WAR32/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Member Waianga
Seconded Member Nawirr

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Received and noted the report entitled *CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services*.
2. Confirmed concerns with police presence in Warruwi and request police are stationed on the island and would like to see the current police accommodation fixed.

CARRIED

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	Local Authority Member Questions with or without Notice
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Local Authority Member Questions with or without Notice.

WAR33/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Member Nawirr
Seconded Member Waianga

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Noted the attendance Bunug Galaminda and Frank Nabalameri to discuss the future of the Warruwi office building; and
2. Discussed that Warruwi Community does not want the current building demolished and recommended WARC investigate building new office on another Council Lot.

CARRIED

11 NEXT MEETING

The next Warruwi Local Authority meeting is scheduled to take place on 16 July 2024.

12 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Nicholas Hunter declared the meeting closed at 14:45

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	PowerWater - Feedback and Questions on Cultural Camp Attendance
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Warruwi Local Authority with a list of presentations to be made by various stakeholders of the West Arnhem Regional Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Noted the discussion and gave feedback on the presentation at the Warruwi Cultural Camp by Power Water Corporation.

BACKGROUND

At various times, the Authority requests that presentations be made so that issues can be raised and information shared.

COMMENT

The following visitors/presentations will be in attendance at today's meeting.

Warruwi Local Authority Meeting – Presentations / Visitors			
Topic	Presenter/Visitor	Organisation	Invited by
Feedback from the outcome of PowerWater presentation at the Warruwi Youth Cultural Camp	Nicole Joy	Power Water Corporation	At their request

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Goal 1.1 Community Engagement

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHem REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	NT Health - Community Alcohol Plan
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Warruwi Local Authority with a list of presentations to be made by various stakeholders of the West Arnhem Regional Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Noted the presentations on Community Alcohol Plan by NT Health.

BACKGROUND

At various times, the Authority requests that presentations be made so that issues can be raised and information shared.

COMMENT

The following visitors/presentations will be in attendance at today's meeting.

Warruwi Local Authority Meeting – Presentations / Visitors			
Topic	Presenter/Visitor	Organisation	Invited by
Information on the Development and Funding of the Community Alcohol Plan (CAPs)	Sofia McPerson – Principal Alcohol Action Officer	NT Health	At their request to attend

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Community Alcohol Plan CAP overview [7.2.1 - 9 pages]
2. interim-apa-guide-for-communities [7.2.2 - 14 pages]

Department of Health

Community Alcohol Plan CAP

NT Health



Welcome

“I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the xxxx, and pay my respect to elders both past and present, I would also like to acknowledge any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island people that have joined us today.”

Background

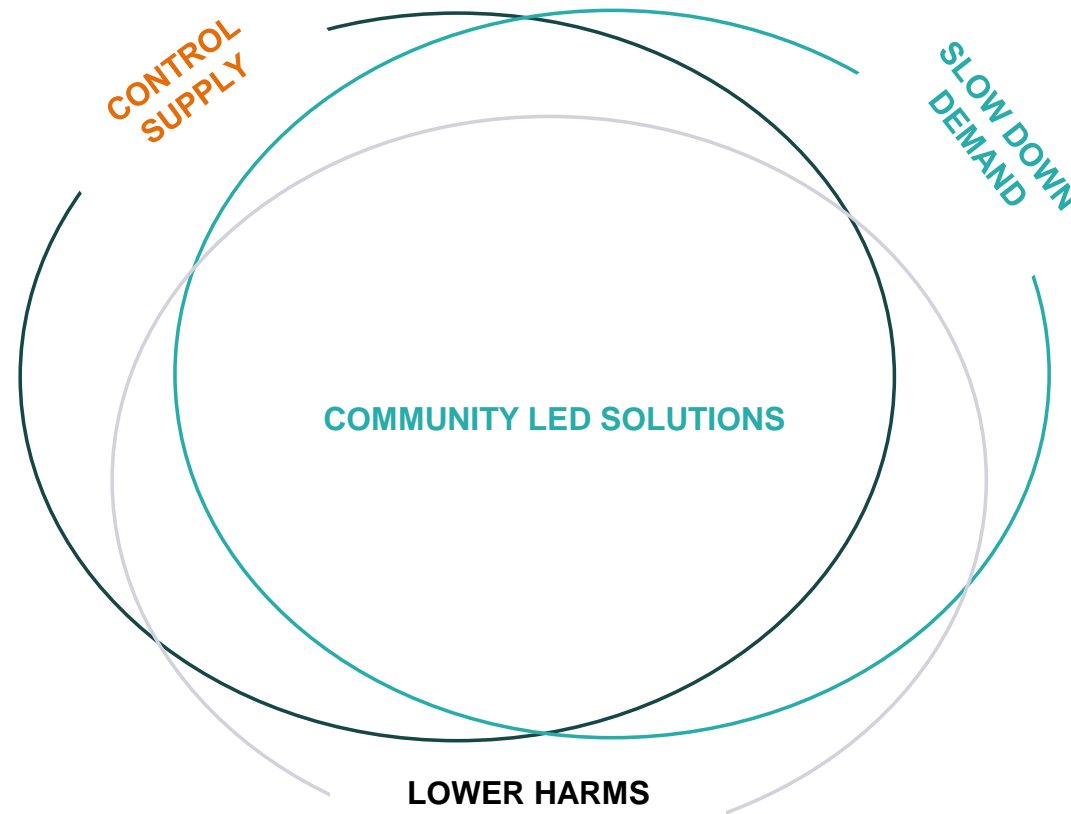
Community-Led Solutions to Alcohol Management;

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

CAP can be made by :

- A Community DIY approach
- NT Health Officers support making these Plans
- Consultants - communities can engage a consultant

Community Alcohol Plan



Supply Reduction

Any actions that help control supply and availability of alcohol

For example,

- Actions to stop “grog-running” e.g. police roadblocks and patrols; community patrols
- Dry areas with no alcohol-allowed
- Actions to control when and how alcohol is available
 - Alcohol free days
 - Limit alcohol amount for sale and how strong
 - Drinking zones in the community
 - Alcohol free houses
 - Community clubs
- Communities to liaise NT Licensing to agree controlled supply and access to alcohol e.g. Permit systems etc

Demand Reduction

Any actions that reduce demand for alcohol.

This includes:

- Community & health education and awareness campaigns
 - working with vulnerable people to not drink or drink less (e.g. pregnant women or young people);
 - having alcohol-free events.
- Health services providing community support;
 - training to talk to people with risky drinking behaviour
 - support pathway to treatment and rehabilitation services for individuals and families who need
 - link to social & emotional wellbeing (SEWB) services to address other reasons for heavy drinking.
- Supporting local activities and support for people to reduce their alcohol use
 - sport
 - youth diversion activities
- Community-based programs
 - role models
 - influence responsible drinking
- Other activities that help change drinking behaviours (cultural camps, sport, music, arts etc.)

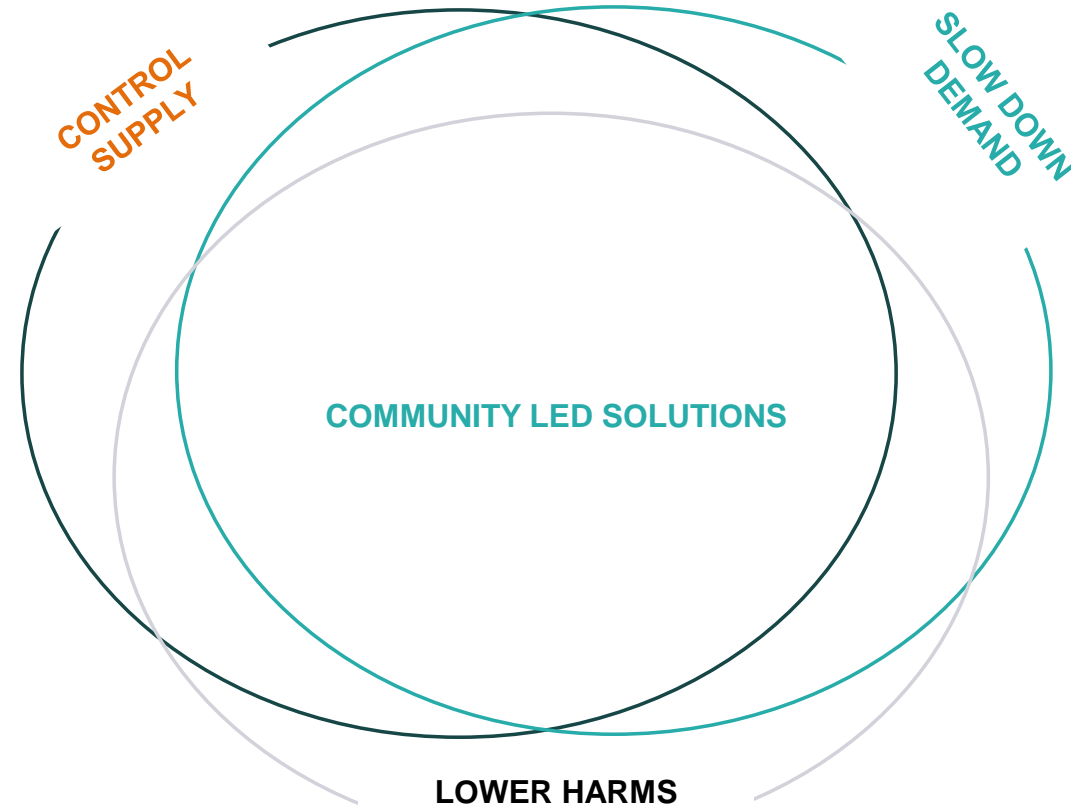
Harm Reduction

Any actions that reduce harm or support positive responses to Alcohol in community

This includes:

- Safety through night patrols, safe houses and sobering up places
- Community education aimed at reduction of harm
- Supports for alcohol related violence, homelessness and crime.
- Alcohol and other drug treatment and rehabilitation services available in the community
- Safe transport
- Upgrading of public spaces with better lighting
- Peer support groups such as Women's shelters; Men's Groups; and Youth Groups
- Diversion programs and Community policing

Community Alcohol Plan



Community-Led Discussion

Aim:

To discuss making a Community Alcohol Plan (CAP) that outlines local community solutions to alcohol-related harm.

This involves:

- Green Light from Traditional Owners, Landowners and Family leaders
- Carefully listening to community views
- Using local knowledge to manage alcohol in community with least harm
- Responsible drinking education for everyone
- Improving access to support - alcohol counselling and treatment for people who need it
- Starting sports, schools, music or youth diversion activities
- Education about support for people with alcohol issues
- Deciding what investments and activities will make most difference
- ~~How all the current supports and services can contribute~~

Understanding the interim alcohol protected area opt-out model:

A guide for Communities



Document title	Understanding the interim alcohol protected area opt-out model: A guide for Communities
Contact details	Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
Approved by	Giovina D'Alessandro, Senior Executive Director Alcohol Policy Coordination Unit
Date approved	2 August 2023
Document review	As required

Version	Date	Author	Changes made
0.1	5/06/2023	Alcohol Policy Coordination Unit	First version
1.0	2/08/2023	Alcohol Policy Coordination Unit	Approved version

Acronyms	Full form
AMP	Alcohol Management Plan
CAP	Community Alcohol Plan
DITT	Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade
GRA	General Restricted Area

Glossary

Director of Liquor Licencing	<p>The Director of Liquor Licencing (Director) holds a statutory role with power to make determinations in respect to certain liquor matters under the Liquor Act 2019 (the Liquor Act).</p> <p>As part of the application process to opt-out the Director must consider a Community Alcohol Plan. The Director's decision and reasons are published in a written notice.</p>
The Northern Territory Liquor Commission	<p>The Northern Territory Liquor Commission (the Liquor Commission) was established under the <i>Liquor Commission Act 2018</i>. The Liquor Commission is an independent statutory authority with extensive powers to regulate liquor licencing in the Northern Territory.</p> <p>It is the primary decision-maker in regards to liquor licence applications and in hearing and determining complaints under the Liquor Act.</p>



About this guide

On 16 February 2023, the new interim alcohol protected area (APA) opt-out model came into effect. The changes were informed by the Office of the Central Australia Regional Controller's first report to the Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments. The report recommended urgent amendments to the Liquor Act.

The Liquor Act includes ways in which alcohol can be controlled in different places in the NT. The amendments effectively changed interim alcohol protected areas (interim APAs) from an opt-in to an opt-out model.

If your community, homeland or outstation is now an interim APA this guide will help you to consider the following options:

- to have alcohol with no restrictions
- to have alcohol with customised restrictions
- to be a dry community.

The restrictions are time-limited and are set to finish up on 28 February 2027.

A new opt-out model

The opt-out model applies to all NT communities previously subject to alcohol restrictions under the Commonwealth's *Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012* legislation.

The model means that all communities will be dry, and it will be against the law to bring in, possess, consume, sell or supply alcohol in these areas unless authorised to do so.

Get the list of interim APA communities.

[Interim APA communities PDF \(545.3 KB\)](#)

[Interim APA communities XLSX \(42.2 KB\)](#)

Communities that were already an interim APA under the old model area are automatically covered by the new opt-out model. They will remain dry and will not need to do anything.

Communities that are a general restricted area (GRA) are also not affected and don't need to do anything.

Get the list of GRAs.

[General restricted areas PDF \(495.3 KB\)](#)

[General restricted areas XLSX \(43.8 KB\)](#)

How to opt-out

A community can decide how it wants alcohol to be sold and consumed in the community.

This can involve:

- if a community has a licensed premises, agreeing on specific days and hours of trade for a licensed premises
- types of alcohol
- locations for selling alcohol
- using a permit system
- a community can also decide that it wants to apply to remove any restrictions on alcohol.

If you want to allow alcohol back in your community, you need to opt-out of the model and stop being an interim APA.

There are two ways a community can stop being an interim APA:

- by having your interim APA status revoked by the Director of Liquor Licensing or
- by applying to become a GRA by the Liquor Commission and gaining approval.

Some models communities may wish to consider include:

Partial liquor restriction	<p>A community can choose to partially restrict the possession and consumption of alcohol.</p> <p>For example, Barunga has a partial restriction of alcohol where beer is permitted. However, all other liquor in the area is prohibited, unless the person has a liquor permit.</p>
Partial GRAs in a Community	<p>A community can also choose to designate a specific area of land to restrict the possession and consumption of alcohol.</p> <p>For example, the Nyirranggulung Mardrulk Ngadberre GRA covers a large portion of land, however excludes the community of Beswick.</p>
Liquor permit system	<p>A liquor permit system can be introduced into a GRA, enabling communities to manage alcohol responsibly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alcohol volume limits • establishing permit committees for approving, varying and revoking individual permits • breaches and penalties regime • local decision making in the management of permits
Community Clubs	<p>Applying to establish a community club is a separate process and requires an application for a Liquor licence. Further information on this process can be located in the Liquor Act and on the DIIT website.</p>

Developing a community alcohol

As a community decides whether to remain dry or bring back alcohol, an important part of the discussion involves considering supply, demand and harm reduction measures to support future alcohol management. The development of a Community Alcohol Plan (CAP) provides an essential framework to consider these elements.

A CAP must:

- be in writing
- specify the area the plan applies to
- how the plan will be implemented and managed by the community
- have the support of at least 60% of adults who live in the community
- comply with the Liquor Act and regulations
- state how long it will be in effect for
- include any other details set out in the Liquor Regulations.

The CAP must also include measures aimed at:

- managing the supply of alcohol
- reducing demand for alcohol in the community
- reducing harm or the risks of harm that may be caused by alcohol
- show how each measure will be measured.

Demonstrating community support for the plan

For communities with a population over 50 people, the CAP must include:

- the total number of adults who are genuine permanent residents of the community, that is, they do not have another place of residence
- the methods used to determine the total number of adults who reside in the community.

For communities with a population of 50 people or less, the CAP must include:

- a list of adults whose principal place of residence is within the community
- a signature from each adult showing their support of the Plan, provided that this represents at least 60% of the eligible cohort

Further information and guidance on CAP requirements can be found in the [Liquor Regulations 2019](#).

Assistance developing a Community Alcohol Plan

Communities who wish to explore these processes and support options should email AAISystems.DoH@nt.gov.au to register their interest.



Get your interim APA status revoked

To get your interim APA status revoked, follow these steps:

Step 1. Develop a community alcohol plan

The CAP must:

- be in writing
- have the support of at least 60% of adults who live in the community
- comply with the Liquor Act and regulations
- state how long it will be in effect for
- include any other details set out in the regulations

Get a copy of the [community alcohol plan template DOCX \(118.0 KB\)](#).

Step 2. Fill in the form

Fill in the [application to revoke an interim alcohol protection area DOCX \(66.9 KB\)](#) and have it signed by the registered land owners of the area.

Step 3. Attach supporting documents

You must provide all of the following with your application:

- detailed description of the area to be declared including a copy of the title or lease
- map of the area showing boundaries
- a copy of the CAP
- evidence that the CAP is supported by at least 60% of adults living in the area
 - you can ask the NT Electoral Commission to do a ballot of the community

Find out more about this service on the [NTEC website](#)

Step 4. Submit your application

Email your application and supporting documents to InterimAPA.Enquiries@nt.gov.au

After you apply

The Director will review your application and decide whether to revoke the interim APA status.

They will consult with NT Police, NT Health, healthcare providers and any other relevant stakeholders.

The Director may revoke all or part of an interim APA if satisfied that the revocation is in the public interest and not likely to have a significant adverse impact on the Territory community.

If approved, the Director will provide a notice of this decision and publish it on the [DIIT website](#), which will include a copy of your CAP. You can then legally allow alcohol back in your community as per the Director's decision.

The Director must review the CAP for a community within 12 months after the interim APA for the community is revoked.

If you decide later on to operate a community club and want to sell or supply alcohol, you must [apply for a liquor licence](#).

Become a general restricted area

After a community has chosen their customised alcohol restrictions model, they need to apply to become GRA.

As a GRA you can:

1. Allow alcohol in your community under certain conditions; or
2. Choose to ban alcohol completely in your community.

To apply to become a GRA, follow these steps:

Step 1. Fill in the form

Fill in the [GRA application DOCX \(66.8 KB\)](#).

You must include:

- a detailed explanation of the restriction being proposed
- a detailed description of the proposed GRA
- reasons for the proposed restriction
- Where available include a CAP.

Step 2. Submit your application

Email the form to InterimAPA.Enquiries@nt.gov.au

After you apply

The Director will:

- notify residents, licensees and any local councils of the restrictions
- consult on the proposed restrictions with residents and councils
- provide a report to the Liquor Commission on submissions received from the consultation.

The Liquor Commission will review the report and decide whether to declare the community a GRA.

If approved, a notice of the decision will be published on the [Liquor Commission website](#).



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More information

A range of useful resources can be located on NT.GOV.AU on the 'Changes to alcohol restrictions in NT communities' [page](#) including:

Former Alcohol management plans

If your community previously developed an alcohol management plan (AMP) under the Stronger Futures legislation, you can request a copy by emailing alcoholpolicy@nt.gov.au.

Get the list of communities with AMPs:

- [AMPs PDF \(85.7 KB\)](#)
- [AMPs XLSX \(39.4 KB\)](#)

Factsheets on interim APAs and GRAs

- [Interim APA fact sheet PDF \(175.7 KB\)](#)
- [GRA fact sheet PDF \(152.6 KB\)](#)

Alcohol Policy in the NT

The Northern Territory Government is working in partnership with communities to manage alcohol and reduce alcohol-related harm for all Territorians. The Alcohol Policy in the NT website provides useful information and resources about alcohol policy as well as key alcohol-related indicators in the Territory.

- Link to the [alcohol policy website](#)

Office of Central Australian Regional Controller

On 24 January 2023, the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Northern Territory Chief Minister Natasha Fyles announced the appointment of a Central Australian Regional Controller to coordinate government's response to the reported levels of alcohol-related harm occurring in Alice Springs. The role will also see the Controller develop and implement a medium to long-term plan for the region, which will include information on how to progress economic development and improve liveability.

- Link to further information on the [Central Australian Regional Response](#)



Key contacts

If you would like more information to help your community decide what to do, contact your nearest local regional office.

Barkly	Phone: 08 8962 4503 Email: barkly.cmc@nt.gov.au
Big Rivers	Phone: 08 8973 8588 Email: cmc.bigrivers@nt.gov.au
Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield	Phone: 08 8999 3425 Email: cmc.dplexec@nt.gov.au
East Arnhem	Phone: 08 8987 0536 Email: eastarnhem.cmc@nt.gov.au
Top End	Phone: 08 8999 5430 Email: cmc.topend@nt.gov.au
Central Australia	Phone: 08 8951 5781 Email: asp.cmc@nt.gov.au

Other contacts

Licensing NT	Phone: 08 8999 1800 Email: ditt.licensingnt@nt.gov.au
Banned Drinker Register	Phone: 1800 237 226 Email: BannedDrinkerRegister.doh@nt.gov.au
NT Electoral Commission	Phone: 1800 698 683 Email: ntec@nt.gov.au

Support

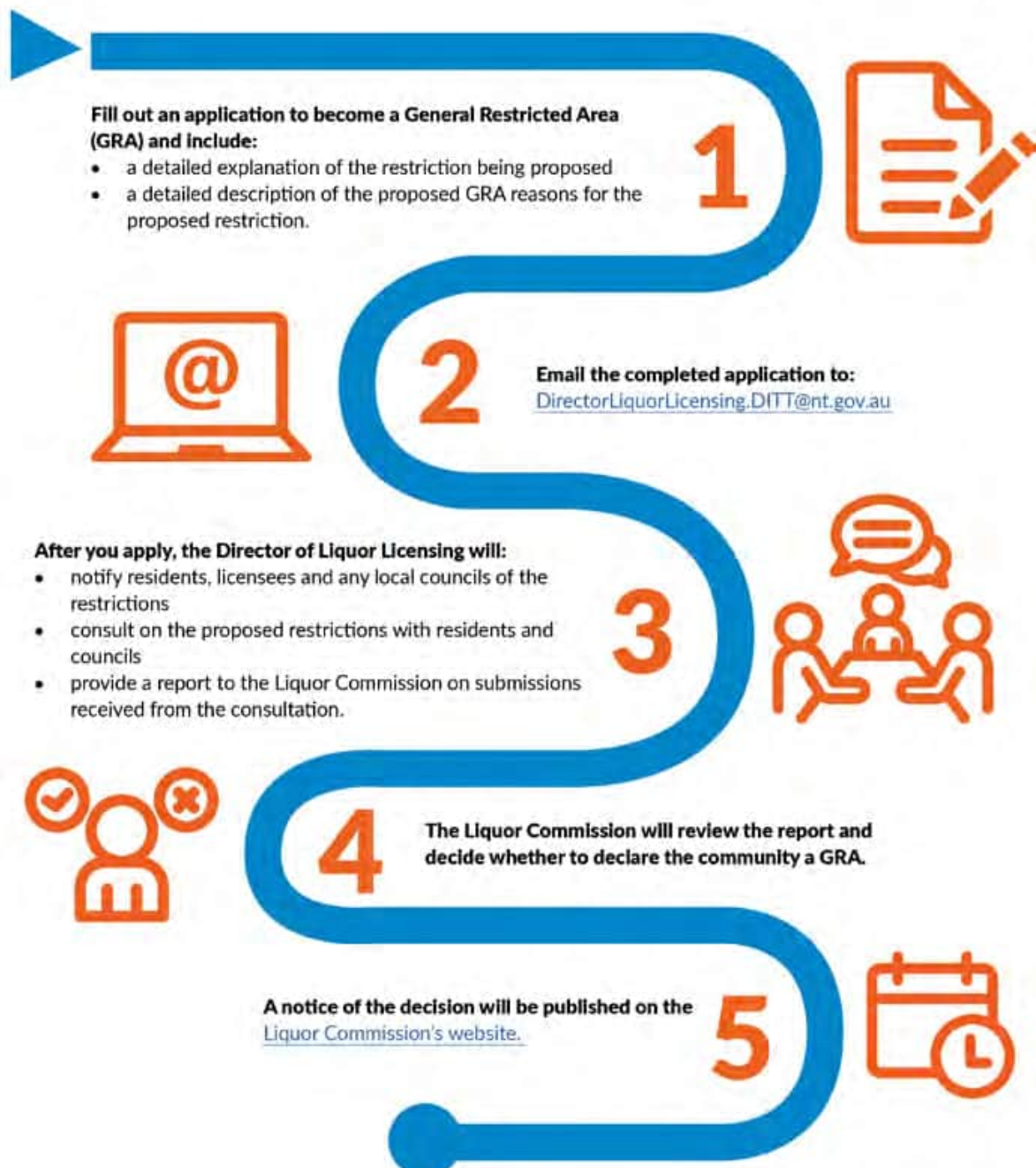
For drug and alcohol services in the NT, call [08 8999 1800](tel:0889991800) or email MHAOD.DOH@nt.gov.au

Overview of the interim opt-out model options



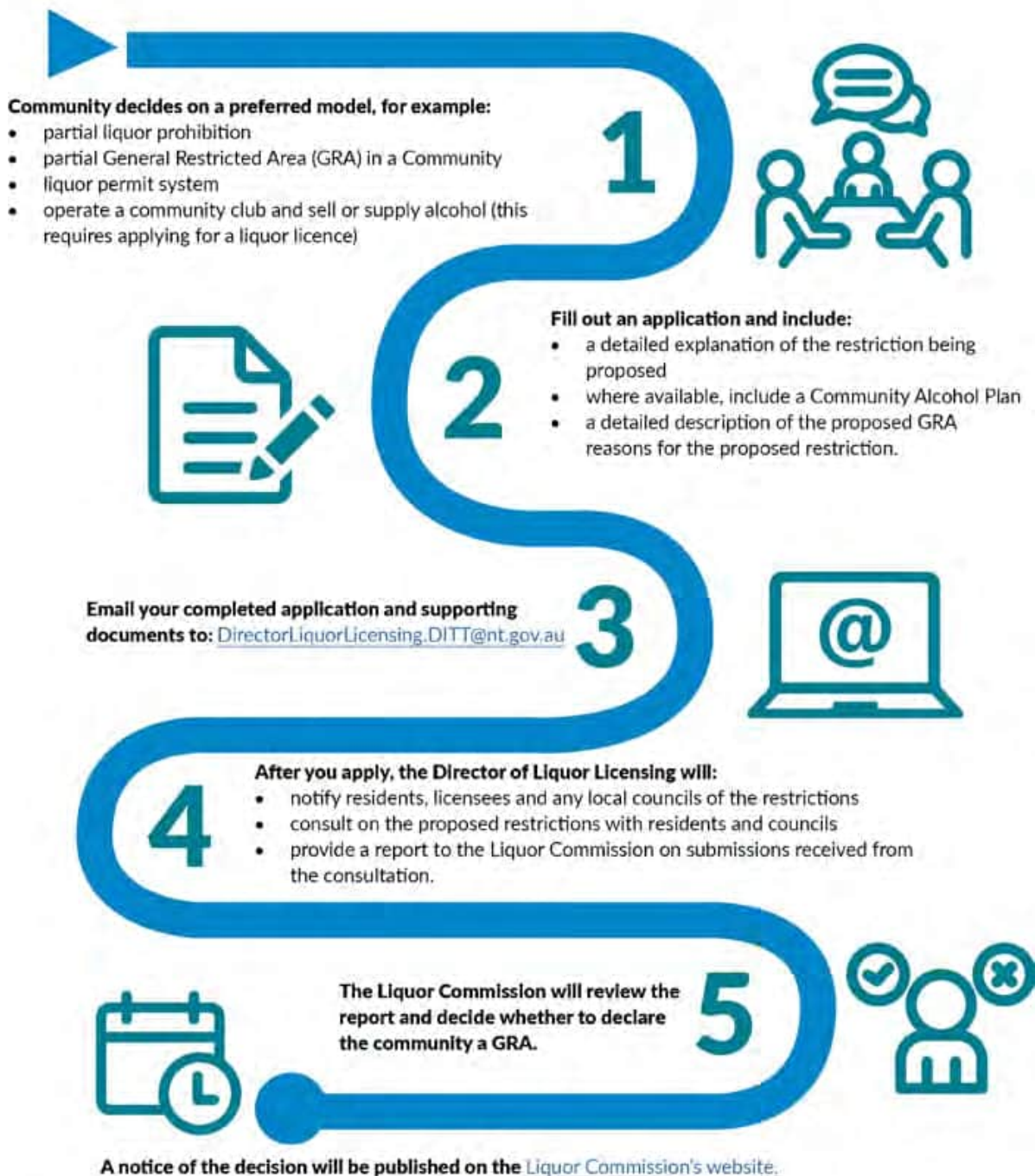
A quick guide to remaining a dry community

Pathway 1. Community decides to remain dry and completely ban alcohol.



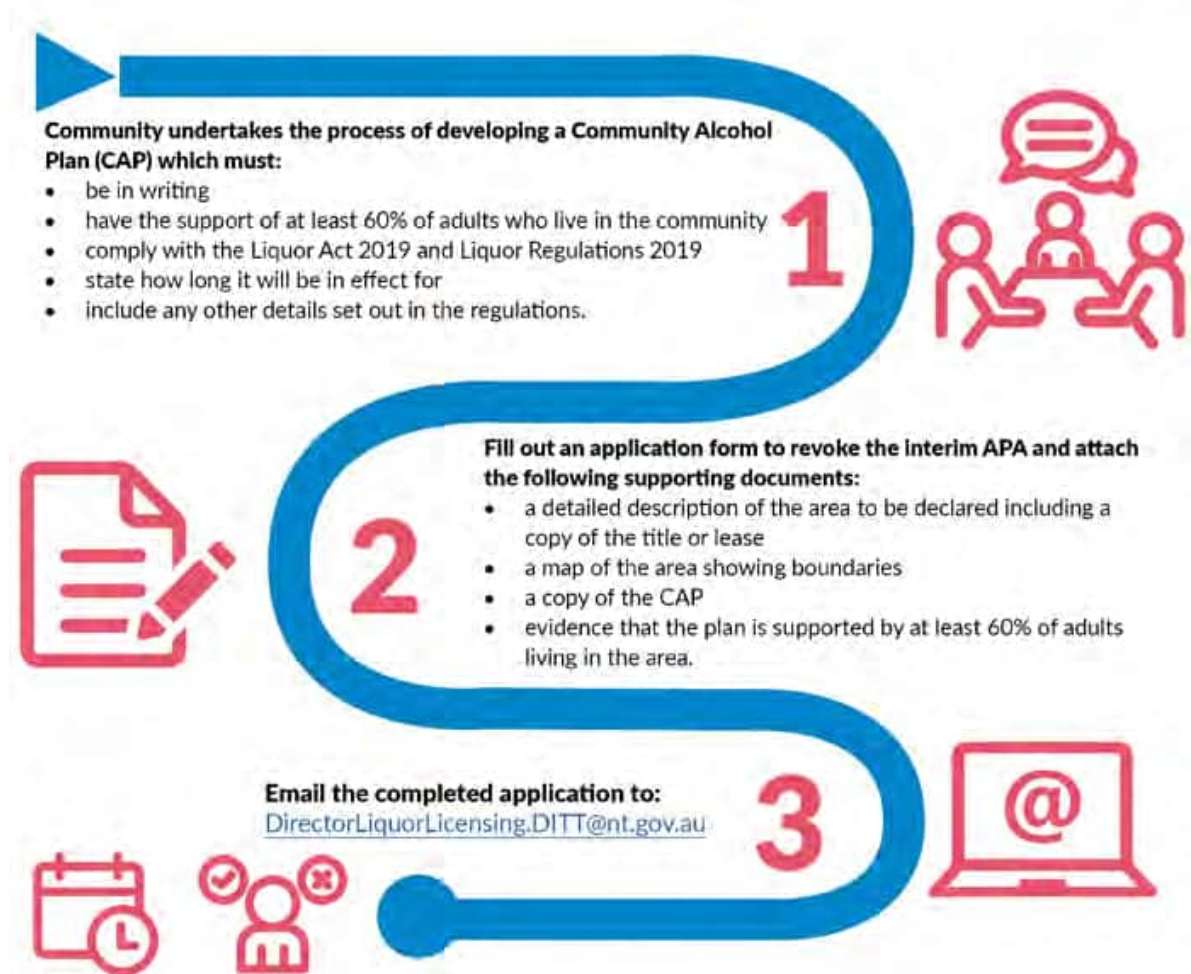
A quick guide to allowing some alcohol back into the community

Pathway 2. Community decides to have alcohol with customised restrictions.



A quick guide to remove interim APA status

Pathway 3. Community decides to have no alcohol restrictions and revoke their interim alcohol protected area (APA) status



After you apply the Director of Liquor Licensing (the Director) will review your application and decide whether to revoke the interim APA status. They will consult with NT Police, NT Health, healthcare providers and any other relevant stakeholders.

The Director may remove all or part of an interim APA if satisfied the revocation is in the public interest and not likely to have a significant impact on the Territory community .

If approved, the Director will provide a notice of this decision and publish it on the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade website, which will include a copy of your CAP. You can then legally allow alcohol back in your community as per the Director's decision. The Director must review the CAP for a community within 12 months after the interim APA for the community is revoked.

If you decide later on to operate a community club and want to sell or supply alcohol, you must apply for a liquor licence.

Understanding the interim alcohol protected area opt-out model:

A guide for Communities



WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	Aboriginal Peak Organisation Northern Territory - Aboriginal Education Steering Committee
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Warruwi Local Authority with a list of presentations to be made by various stakeholders of the West Arnhem Regional Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY noted the presentations on the Aboriginal Education Peak Body by Aboriginal Peak Organisation of the NT.

BACKGROUND

At various times, the Authority requests that presentations be made so that issues can be raised and information shared.

COMMENT

The following visitors/presentations will be in attendance at today's meeting.

Warruwi Local Authority Meeting – Presentations / Visitors			
Topic	Presenter/Visitor	Organisation	Invited by
Information of the Aboriginal Education Peak Body	Rheannon Vea Ve	Aboriginal Peak Organisation of the NT (APONT)	At their request to attend.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Goal 1.1 Community Engagement

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

ATTACHMENTS

1. APO NT ED Terms of Reference [7.3.1 - 6 pages]
2. Ed Forum report October 2023 FINAL [7.3.2 - 18 pages]



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ABORIGINAL EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE 2023

Terms of Reference

PURPOSE OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

SPEAK UP STRONG – advocate for key priorities and drive change.

CHANGE THE EXPERIENCE FOR OTHERS coming through the system.

CHANGE THE STORY – raise the expectations of children, young people, and their families.

Work towards **BALANCING OPPORTUNITIES** and resourcing between urban and remote schools.

Works towards **COMMUNITY CONTROL**.

SYSTEM CHANGE – support education to be meaningful and relevant.

SHIFT THE BALANCE OF POWER.

HOLD GOVERNMENTS TO ACCOUNT.

VALUING ABORIGINAL WAYS AND WESTERN WAYS EQUALLY.

BE PREPARED AND PURPOSEFUL – setting clear standards and vision that governments can support.

SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO RECONNECT TO SONG LINES – knowing who we are, where we come from and where we are going.

In addition to this, the committee will:

Explore options of establishing an independent, Aboriginal Education peak body including, providing direction on the governance structures, purpose, objectives, membership, terms of reference that will determine the peak body.

Establish a communications and engagement strategy.

Identify key priorities and develop an education advocacy campaign.

Advocate for Aboriginal children and young people in the NT that relate to the key priorities set by the committee, and that are informed by APO NT Aboriginal community engagement.



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WAYS OF WORKING TOGETHER

Our committee agree to work together in the following ways:

RESPECT – show respect for each other, our history, our knowledge, and experiences within the group, as well as with the communities, families, and everyone that we work with.

ACCOUNTABILITY – we will be accountable to each other and to Aboriginal people and communities of the NT.

SELF-DETERMINATION – We honour the leadership within the committee and within APONT. We recognise the rights of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be informed and determine our own futures and make our own decisions about what is right for our people.

CULTURE AND LANGUAGES – In all our conduct, actions and decisions, the acknowledgement and valuing of culture and languages is essential.

VOICE OF COMMUNITY, STAFF AND MEMBERS – It is important that all our work is community controlled. We value the expertise and experiences of committee members, APONT members, community, and staff.

HONESTY – if we are to make any great progress, there must be honest conversations, within the committee, with APONT and particularly with the government.

TRUST – There needs to be trust within the group, with APONT and with the government.

UNITY AND COLLABORATION – We will prioritise relationships and connections that support better educational outcomes for children, families, and communities. We will work together as one for the benefit of all Aboriginal children and young people. We will work in partnership the government and other partners.

CONFIDENTIALITY – The committees' meetings and interactions are conducted in a safe, confidential, and supported environment. Personal experiences and information shared in this group stay within the group. Any information shared by APO NT will be deidentified unless agreed to.

*Our committee will work in ways that reflect the practices that will be asked of schools and governments.



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WHO WE ARE WORKING FOR

We are looking forward to future generations. Our work is to improve the education systems for generations to come. Our view is that education starts at birth and continues through to the elderly. That is our scope.

It is important that members can represent a range of people and make decisions based on the greater good of all Aboriginal people in the NT. Accountability is ultimately to the children, young people and adults who are recipients of the work that will be undertaken by this committee.

Steering committee meetings

Members will commit to meeting:

- 3 times per year in person for a maximum of 2 days.
- Members will also attend virtual meetings 3 times per year for a half day via video link.

APO NT will fund members attendance at meetings including travel allowance, sitting Fees, travel and accommodation.

Meeting venues will vary throughout the year. Members will determine the most appropriate meeting places.

Where relevant, APO NT will ensure interpreters are engaged to support the group. Resources and presentations will be delivered in a way that is relevant and culturally appropriate to all members.

Minutes and other papers will be forwarded to members in a timely manner. The following will apply:

- Minutes of the meetings will go out 10 business days post the meeting date.
- Papers for consideration, discussion or information will be sent to members at least 1 week in advance where possible. The Senior Project Officer will be available to engage with members 1:1 as is required.

Roles and Responsibilities

Membership

Members will be in a unique position that enables them to represent their communities and/or organisations, as well as offer their expertise and knowledge of the education sector for the purpose of enhancing education experiences and outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people. In particular, the membership will:

- Be committed to positive change in Aboriginal education.



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- Be committed to supporting the Aboriginal Community Controlled sector, families, children and young people to have a voice.
- Experience working in or participating in Aboriginal education.
- Be, or have been a leader in education in one or more of the following areas of education: early childhood, primary, secondary, tertiary including VET, higher education, and other adult education.
- Have advocacy experience and skills.
- Ability to provide strategic and sound advice on the development of the NT Independent Aboriginal Education Peak Body
- Ability to commit to the responsibilities of the role i.e., attendance, represent the committee at forums/meetings, share knowledge with others about what is happening in Aboriginal education and what the committee are doing.

Representation

Where practical, the entire membership will represent the following:

- 12-16 members maximum
- 1 APO NT member representative (this should be an Aboriginal representative)
- Ideally there will be a mix of senior and younger Aboriginal educators.
- 2 young people
- A balance of genders
- 100% membership will be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Regional representation where practical = East Arnhem, West Arnhem, Top End, Top end West, Katherine, Barkly, Central Australia, Anindilyakwa.
- Where possible = remote communities, town camps, urban, regional, homelands and outstations.

Member responsibilities

Steering committee members will provide expert strategic advice, be able to advocate on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the NT, with regards to education and relevant external factors that impact a child and young person's ability to learn. As a steering committee member, you will also:

- As a steering committee member, you will bring passion and commitment to reforming the current education system.
- Agree to support the above stated purpose.
- Actively participate in committee activities to improve education that benefits all Aboriginal people and communities across the NT.
- Be a committee member for 18-24 months.
- Attend 3 meetings in person every year = maximum 2 days each.
- Attend 3 video meetings every year = 2-3 hour's each meeting.

In addition to this, you might be asked to:

- Attend special meetings that are relevant to the education priorities.

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- Attend and/or present at APO NT organised conferences or forums where relevant.
- Provide advice to APO NT about new government programs, services, policies, and legislation.
- Support the Senior Project Officer to engage with communities, organisation, or individuals where relevant.

Chairperson

The committee have agreed there will be no Chairperson at this stage.

Committee members have equal roles and responsibilities.

APO NT'S ROLE

Due to their being no Chairperson at the moment, the committee have agreed for the Senior Project Officer to facilitate the meetings.

APO NT is committed to doing everything it can to support the leadership within the steering committee to achieve its purpose. As such, APO NT will provide secretariat support such as:

- Organise meetings.
- preparing agendas
- prepare briefing papers.
- organise travel and accommodation.
- manage sitting fees if eligible.

We also commit to:

- Provide relevant and up to date information about session topics so that the committee can have informed discussions and decision-making processes.
- Provide regular updates out of session.
- Advice and/or recommendations where appropriate, based on the latest research and knowledges within the sector.
- Provide staff to support the establishment of the peak body.

Decision making

Our committee value and respect each other as equal members. When making decisions, this must be done all together to reach a consensus.



PASSING THE MESSAGE STICK

Education Forum - October 2023



Mulka Jarrama

"This message stick is about hope, peace and coming together. Starting a new journey, having the wisdom and knowledge together, to connect with Yolngu world and the western culture. This is what this message stick represents.

If we can build a bridge, our ancestors have done it before, it has been broken, so if we can build that bridge again, we can make things better.

The government need to understand, to listen to us, and listen to our voices.

Hopefully in the future, there will be changes for us and for the young ones as well"¹.



¹ Spoken by Garth Doolan – Aboriginal Education Steering Committee member, gifted the forum with Mulka Jarrama message stick.



Summary of forum key points:

Throughout the forum, there were several significant points raised that require immediate attention, including:

- Systemic racism is a significant issue experienced by many people on a day-to-day basis. This needs to be acknowledged and addressed as a matter of urgency.
- People feel voiceless. The concept of the peak body offers people hope.
- Less talking, more action.
- The current NT crisis in education can change, if government are willing to make this happen.
- Aboriginal people want a two-way system – Aboriginal education and western education to work together.
- The issues being experienced in education, are a human rights issue and should be approached from this perspective.

“We move forward together, in a spirit of hope and unity. One team, one voice. We will carry on the work of our ancestors, stand strong for our community, our people and our children”².



Graphic recording above – Where to from here?

² Participant quote



CALL TO ACTION

INVESTIGATION INTO THE INVESTMENT IN ABSTUDY (BOARDING SCHOOL SUPPORT).

The call to action is for the purpose of reviewing the investment into supporting students to leave communities to access boarding schools. The forum participants believe that some of this should be redirected to communities to assist students to remain on country, access secondary school there and graduate there.

ADDRESS SYSTEMIC RACISM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

For too long people have been speaking out about their experiences of discrimination and racism.

EDUCATION IS A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS SUCH.

Participants request human rights re: education and self-determination be recognised and implemented according to the relevant UN conventions and declarations.

EXPOSE THE FAILURES RE: LACK OF INVESTMENT IN HOMELANDS SCHOOLS.

For too long children and young people living on homelands have been neglected. Their rights to education have been violated. This has not always been the case. There was a time when homelands were thriving, and students were getting their educational needs met. This has been taken away. Infrastructure is left to degrade, and children and young people are forgotten.

EFFECTIVE ENROLMENT BE IMMEDIATELY ABOLISHED AND REPLACED WITH NEEDS-BASED FUNDING.

CREATE A MECHANISM THAT EMPOWERS COMMUNITIES TO HAVE A VOICE AND PROMOTES ACCOUNTABILITY WITH SENIOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS.

This call to action is in relation to the consistent issue of principals having too much power and autonomy with managing schools.

RAISE THE EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

This came from discussion about students finishing secondary school, but they can't read and write. This includes students who have attended boarding school.

IMPLEMENT CULTURALLY SAFE STANDARDS WITHIN ALL SCHOOLS ACROSS THE NT

These standards are being developed by the Aboriginal Education Steering Committee within APONT.



SETTING THE SCENE

The scene was set for an aspirational 2 days by Jerome Cubillo, Deputy Convenor for APONT and CEO of NT Indigenous Business Network. His opening speech acknowledged the voices of people at the forum:

“are integral to the formation of an Aboriginal Education Peak Body and to lead the change we envision for our children and young people. This forum represents a beacon of hope, a gathering of minds committed to transforming the landscape of Aboriginal education in the Territory”.

Mr Cubillo reminded us that;

“For Aboriginal communities, education holds even greater significance. It is the pathway to self-determination, cultural preservation, and social equity. It is the tool that empowers us to break the cycle of disadvantage, to bridge the gap that has persisted for far too long”.

“It is the foundation upon which we build our dreams, nurture our aspirations, and shape our destinies”.

“Education is not merely about acquiring knowledge or skills. It is about igniting the spark of curiosity, fostering a love for learning, and empowering individuals to become agents of change within their communities”.

We heard that genuine, meaningful partnerships with government, schools, families and students need to be collaborative, however guided by Aboriginal peoples’ terms and priorities. It cannot be done in isolation, however the significance of Aboriginal people’s place in transforming this system needs to be recognised and embedded in any reform. As we move forward throughout the transformative journey, Mr Cubillo stated;

“I am proud to stand alongside the exceptional educators and trailblazers in this room who are leading the way towards a better education system. Your dedication and innovative approaches inspire me, and I am honoured to be working alongside you”.

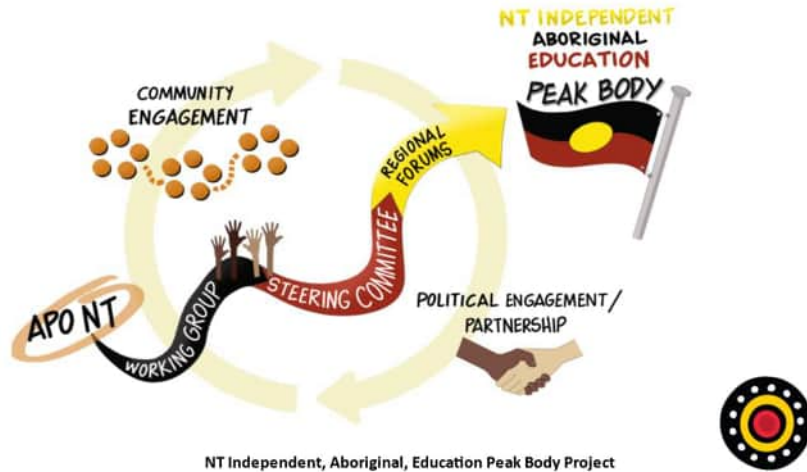


Photo – Jerome Cubillo



INDEPENDENT, ABORIGINAL EDUCATION PEAK BODY PROJECT TO DATE

Presentation by Christine Williamson



The forum heard about the APO NT advocacy that led to a commitment from the NTG Department of Education, including the recent commitment of 3 years of funding to establish a peak body. Initially a working group of APONT members was formed to guide and support APONT in developing the project. Through community engagement, a steering committee was formed (see below photo of committee members). APONT has also been participating in Territory and National groups, which include other State and Territory Aboriginal Education Peak Bodies. This initial forum is part of the regional forum stage, which will continue throughout the Territory at the request of the participants of this forum.



Aboriginal Education Steering Committee members

Tameka McMasters, Dale Hillen, Jocelyn Uibo, Fiona Gibson, Sharon Anderson, Angela Ross, APO NT Convenor Dr John Paterson, Hamilton Morris, Garth Doolan, Joseph Diddo



SETTING THE AGENDA

Facilitated by Christine Williamson

Our forum worked together to set the agenda for education across the NT. There were many priority areas identified for reforming and maintaining education; however, the key priorities are as follows:

- Appropriate funding for schools (abolish effective enrolment)
- Investment in local educators
- Investment in homelands schools
- Mandating culturally responsive learnings
- Accountability – government and community
- Community support
- Education appropriate for unique contexts
- Kids graduating on country
- Education being relevant
- Education being approached from a human rights perspective
- Practical future pathways / development of life skills in schools, learning on country



Graphic recording (L) Setting the Agenda & (R) Nawarddeken Academy



NAWARDDEKEN ACADEMY

Presentation by Conrad Maralngurra, Michelle Bangarr and Olga Scholes



Photo above – Speaker, Olga Scholes, CEO

Photo below – Speaker – (L) Conrad Maralngurra Chairperson

<https://www.nawarddeken.org.au/>



Our Story

The Nawarddeken Academy story begins in 2002 when professor Bardayal Lofty Nadjamerrek OAM established the Manwurrk Rangers at Kabulwarnamyo - a forerunner of the company today known as Warddeken Land Management Limited (WLML). This ranger program pioneered Australia's first carbon abatement project, allowing Traditional Owners to live and work on their country.

Our Vision

Our Academy and community will work together to make our kids strong

in both Bininj (Indigenous) and Balanda (non-Indigenous) learning, so that when they leave the Academy they have the knowledge, skills and confidence that they need to make good life choices.



NSW ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP (AECG)

Presenters – Leigh Ridgeway and Emeritus Professor Dr John Lester



Graphic recording – NSW AECG presentation

The forum heard from the NSW AECG who have been operational for more than 40 years. The AECG have a sophisticated structure which reflects representatives from local, regional and state levels, including young people at the Junior AECG. We heard that their partnership agreement was key to working in collaboration with the NSW State Government. Other key learnings for the NT, are to consider accountability mechanisms, membership, governance and code of conduct.

Website link <https://www.aecg.nsw.edu.au/>





HOW TO SET UP A PEAK BODY – TO INCORPORATE OR NOT TO INCORPORATE.

Facilitated by Sasha Kiessling - Aboriginal Governance and Management Program

Sasha presented to the group re: purpose of a peak, pros, and cons of incorporation. This session built on day 1 – membership and representation. We learnt about informal and formal organisations, as pictured below, as well as what a peak organisation looks like.



Photo – Facilitator, Sasha Kiessling, AGMP



Currently the Aboriginal Education Steering Committee are an informal group, supported by APONT.



If the Aboriginal Education Steering committee were to become an incorporation, they could have a mix of memberships, and the members would elect the board to represent them.





Aboriginal participants respectfully called for a closed session to discuss the peak body structure and purpose. This created a culturally safe space for participants to discuss their views on what an independent, education peak body should look like. A summary of this discussion was fed back to the larger group. Participants want:

- An incorporated body
- All Aboriginal board
- Diverse funding streams – government, philanthropic etc.
- Members to be nominated by their community
- Membership will be Aboriginal people, however associate membership was considered for friends / advisors / academics.



(L) Dale Hillen – Member of the Aboriginal Education Steering Committee summarising the key points from the closed session & (R) Robbie Hale – APONT Project Officer & emcee.





CULTURALLY SAFE STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS

Facilitated by Christine Williamson

"We want education, but not at the expense of our culture"³

For too long, many families have been forced to choose between culture and education. Whilst there are many initiatives happening across the NT from independent Aboriginal education expert groups, the Aboriginal Education Steering Committee within APO NT believe it is important to develop a set of standards across all institutes, when considering culturally safe learning spaces.

- ❖ Consideration for male and females roles working alongside each other
- ❖ Community member to be involved in the recruitment & review of teachers and principals
- ❖ Cultural inductions should be mandatory in every community & at university within the teaching degrees for all school staff
- ❖ All aspects of school should involve elders, from each language group
- ❖ Have culturally safe & quiet spaces for students, families & Aboriginal educators
- ❖ Consent for activities needs to be culturally appropriate
- ❖ Schools should express children's identity throughout the environment i.e. art work, language information, skin names etc.
- ❖ Education staff to have built into their contracts – growth of Aboriginal staff, teachers & principal numbers.



Photo – Speaker, Gemma Nganbe, Catholic Aboriginal Leadership Team speaking about how education is lifelong, we never stop learning.

³ Quote from forum participant



This was a significant discussion, as forum participants were able to speak to best practice re: ensuring that schools were culturally safe spaces, but also, that they were designed for children and young people to thrive. We also heard, the importance of having grandmothers and aunts in schools to create safety for students and for communities to take some ownership of disturbances that upset school attendance and learning.



(L) Graphic recording of Culturally Safe Schools
 (R) – Graphic recording of Yirralka Education Committee – Mapuru School.





YIRRALKA EDUCATION COMMITTEE - ARE SCHOOLS FIT FOR PURPOSE?

Presentation by Yingiya Guyula and John Greatorex

“We need to send kids to school, but what school you talking about?”

Mr Yingiya Guyula

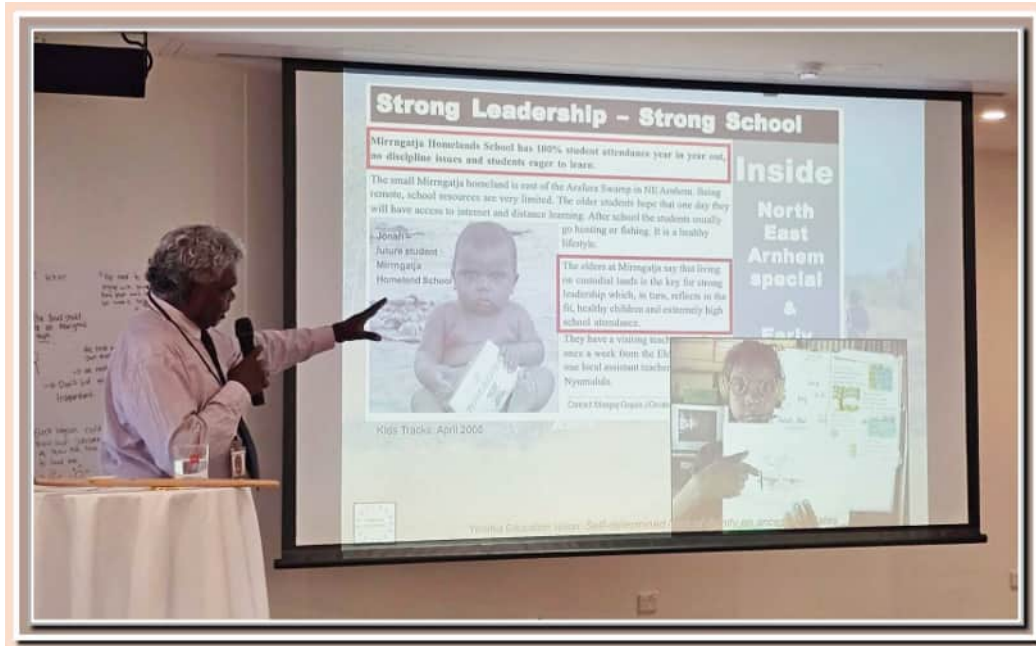


Photo of John Greatorex and Yingiya Guyula – Yirralka Education Committee

A powerful presentation about the importance of challenging western perspectives on *whose* education are we talking about when we refer to learning. In the community of Mapuru, students have their educational rights and responsibilities placed at the forefront on their learning. Learning in their own language, receiving that learning by local educators and the curriculum content being determined by the community, are all significant achievements that the Yirralka Education Committee have achieved.

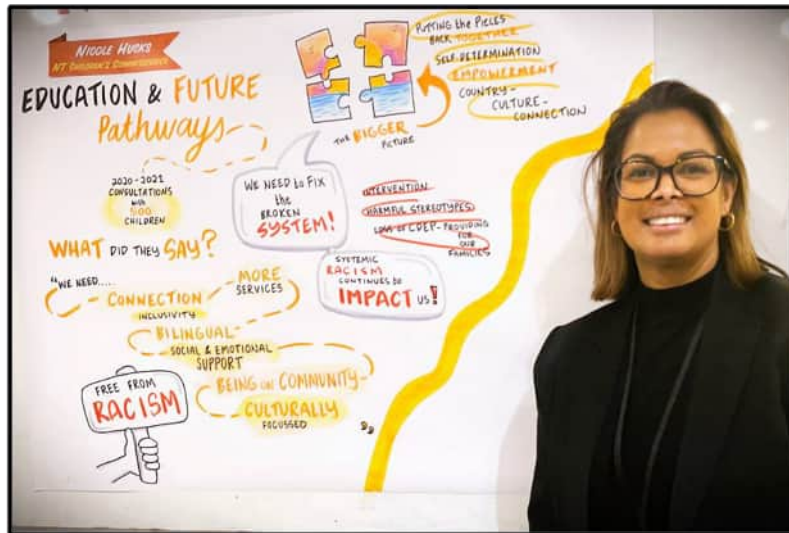
However these achievements are not a deliberate outcome of a mandated culturally appropriate system, rather they are in spite of a mainstream system that would otherwise have students learning just western education content. These successes are built off courageous and committed Yolngu who have paved the way for an inclusive education system that privileges Aboriginal knowledge's, ways of being and knowing, whilst valuing western education.





OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION (OCC) – EDUCATION AND FUTURE PATHWAYS

Presentation by the Acting Children's Commissioner, Nicole Hucks (photo below)



The OCC talked to 540 children & young people about their experiences of education (51% = Aboriginal). Children and Young people told OCC that positive learning environments need to include:

- ❖ Bilingual learning
- ❖ Culturally relevant content
- ❖ Support social & emotional wellbeing
- ❖ Be individualised & inclusive

In response to the presentation, forum participants talked about the impacts of life events outside education such as harmful policies and practices that have a major impact i.e., child protection, the NT Intervention, CDP, and systemic racism to name a few. These have significant implications for children's access and success with the education system.



Photo – Speaker, Matthew Ryan



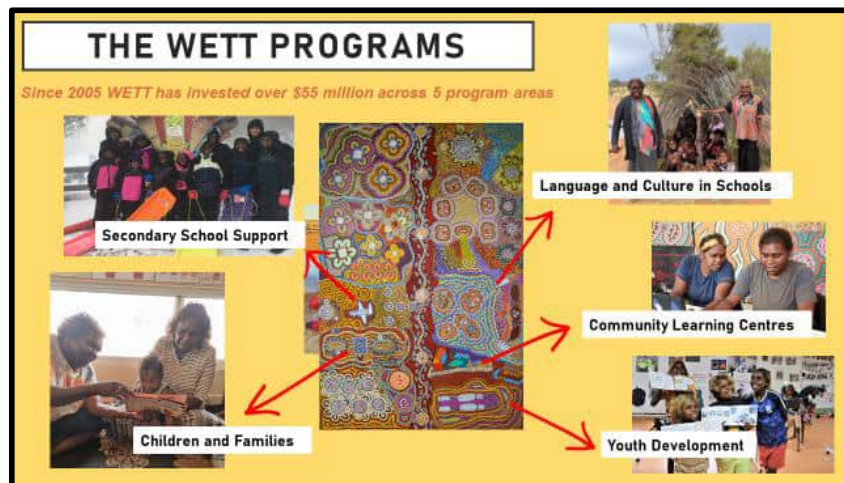


‘Yapa kuja kalu wangkami pirrijirdi jintangka - Warlpiri speaking up strongly together’ – Walpiri Education & Training trust (WETT)

Presenters: Annette Patrick, Sharon Anderson WETT Advisory Council Members (Photo below)



WETT has been meeting for 18 years. They support 4 remote communities including Lajamanu, Yuendumu, Nyirripi and Willowra through the Walpiri Theme Cycle curriculum.



WETT VISION

Our vision is for our children's children to be strong in their knowledge of culture, country and language, to be strong role models for future generations and to stand up for our communities. Our language, culture and decisions will be respected. Our voices will be heard. We will have the same opportunities as everyone else. Our children will be confident, knowledgeable, disciplined, healthy and respected. They will have good roles and jobs, as will the generations to come.

<https://www.clc.org.au/wett/>





NORTHERN LAND COUNCIL – LEARNING ON COUNTRY PROGRAM

Presentation by Shane Bailey and Hugh Kneebone

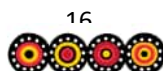
The Learning on Country Program is a partnership with communities, schools and the NLC. There are strong foundational values and practices that ensure the program is grounded in Indigenous Governance, recognising two way learning, intergenerational learning and setting up students for success in western and Bininj ways of life.

These program has been very success, recently expanding to include addition remote communities.

<https://www.nlc.org.au/building-the-bush/learning-on-country>



Graphic recording – Learning on Country presentation





Unfortunately, Wuyagiba Bush University were unable to present, however participated throughout the forum. For information click this link <https://www.wuyagibastudyhub.org/>

A total of 16 organisations and groups were represented at the forum, including:

- Nawarddeken Academy
- Catholic Aboriginal Leadership Team (CALT)
- Central Land Council, Walpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT)
- Northern Land Council, Learning on Country (LoC)
- Aboriginal Housing NT (AHNT)
- Yirralka Education Committee – Mapuru School
- Maningrida Homelands School Company
- Pertame Language Centre
- NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG)
- Wuyagiba Bush University
- Children’s Ground
- Charles Darwin University
- AFL NT – Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre (MLLLC)
- DoE Transition Support Unit (TSU)
- DoE – Strategic Engagement & Partnerships
- Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT (APO NT)



Group photo of forum participants and APO NT staff




Aboriginal Education NT


Education is a human right

Learning in your own language is a human right

Making decisions about what your kids learn and how they learn is a human right



Learn more about your rights



UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Report written by: Christine Williamson
For APO NT
November, 2023



WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda Reference:	7.4
Title:	NT Police - Law and Order Update
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Warruwi Local Authority with a list of presentations to be made by various stakeholders of the West Arnhem Regional Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Noted the presentations on Law and Order Update by NT Police.

BACKGROUND

At various times, the Authority requests that presentations be made so that issues can be raised and information shared.

COMMENT

The following visitors/presentations will be in attendance at today's meeting.

Warruwi Local Authority Meeting – Presentations / Visitors			
Topic	Presenter/Visitor	Organisation	Invited by
Community Law and Order Update	Christopher Harden	NT Police	Council

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Goal 1.1 Community Engagement

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda Reference:	7.5
Title:	National Indigenous Australians Agency - Remote Jobs and Economic Development
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Warruwi Local Authority with a list of presentations to be made by various stakeholders of the West Arnhem Regional Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Noted the presentations on the overview of the Remote Job Economic Development by National Indigenous Australians Agency

BACKGROUND

At various times, the Authority requests that presentations be made so that issues can be raised and information shared.

COMMENT

The following visitors/presentations will be in attendance at today's meeting.

Warruwi Local Authority Meeting – Presentations / Visitors			
Topic	Presenter/Visitor	Organisation	Invited by
Overview and answer questions on the Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) Consultation	Bec Langdon – Acting Assistant Director	National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)	At their request

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 September 2024

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Finance Report to August 2024
Author:	Corey White, Management Accountant

SUMMARY

This Local Authority Finance Report is for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 August 2024 (the first two months of the 2024-25 financial year) for Warruwi.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Finance Report to August 2024*; and.

BACKGROUND

This Local Authority Finance Report includes a graphical presentation with reports on:

- Revenue and expenses that relate to the community as compared to the budget;
- The Local Authority Project Funds (LAPF) balance not yet allocated to a project;
- The progress of Local Authority's projects from the last LA meeting report to now; and
- Council grant funding activities and community projects happening in the community.

COMMENT

The Local Authority Finance Report covers the Council's activities and projects within the community. There are activities that relate to Council's Core Services funded by both Tied and Untied, Commercial Services, and Community Services. From time-to-time there are some projects that are funded from Council's own money.

A summary of the total Warruwi income and expenditure is shown below.

Actuals v Budget - Warruwi

as at 31 Aug 2024

WARRUWI						
Description	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	%	Annual Budget	Progress
Operational Revenue						
Income Rates and Charges	8,600	17,201	(8,600)	(50%)	103,205	8%
Charges - Sewerage	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Charges - Water	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Charges - Waste	8,889	17,777	(8,889)	(50%)	106,664	8%
Income Council Fees and Charges	-	2,267	(2,267)	(100%)	13,600	0%
Income Operating Grants	4,892	96,477	(91,585)	(95%)	578,862	1%
Income Allocation	625	2,925	(2,300)	(79%)	17,550	4%
Other Income	114	917	(803)	(88%)	5,500	2%
Income Agency and Commercial Services	59,627	128,103	(68,476)	(53%)	768,620	8%
Total Operational Revenue	82,747	265,667	(182,920)	(69%)	1,594,001	5%
Operational Expenditure						
Employee Expenses	265,429	353,833	(88,404)	(25%)	2,122,998	13%
Contract and Material Expenses	30,561	75,434	(44,873)	(59%)	420,840	7%
Finance Expenses	150	110	40	36%	660	23%
Travel, Freight and Accom Expenses	17,640	29,954	(12,314)	(41%)	169,193	10%
Fuel, Utilities & Communication	11,919	40,973	(29,054)	(71%)	240,706	5%
Other Expenses	20,478	70,093	(49,615)	(71%)	495,715	4%
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-	-	-	0%
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Council Committee & LA Allowances	-	1,475	(1,475)	(100%)	-	0%
Council Committee & LA Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	0%
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Total Operational Surplus / (Deficit)	(263,431)	(306,206)	42,775	14%	(1,856,110)	14%

Annual Budget Operating Position

as at 31 Aug 2024

Description	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	%	Annual Budget	Progress
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Total Non-Cash Items	36,045	115,418	(79,373)	(69%)	669,670	5%
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS						
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Transfer to Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Other Outflows	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Total Additional Outflows	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS						
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Other Inflow of Funds	-	-	-	-	-	0%
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Net Budgeted Operating Position	(227,386)	(190,787)	(36,599)	(19%)	(1,186,440)	19%

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Clause 10 of the *Local Government Guideline 1: Local Authority* states what a local authority agenda must include. Sub-clause 10.1 says the report from the CEO is to include the progress and financial report on local authority projects and a report on current council services and projects in the local authority area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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Goal 6.1 Financial Management

Provision of strong financial management and leadership which ensures long term sustainability and growth.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Graphical Financial Presentation Warruwi - August 2024 [**8.1.1** - 8 pages]



**Warruwi Local Authority Committee
Financial Management Report for the
period ended 31st August 2024**

Actual v Budget – Operational – July 2024 to August 2024



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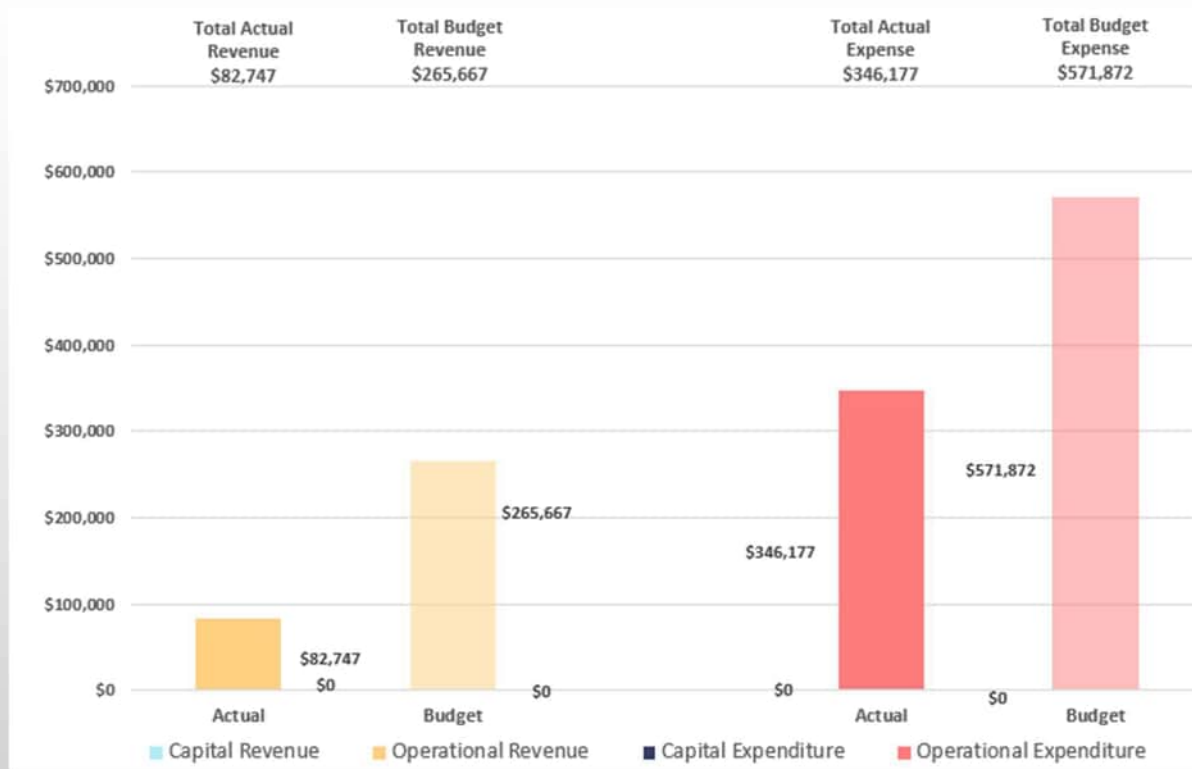
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- Favourable variance
- ! Variance over \$300,000





Actual v Budget – Warruwi – July 2023 to August 2024



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Council Funded Projects – August 2024



Reserve Activity	Approved Budget	Date of Approval	Expenditure Prior Financial Years	Expenditure this Financial Year	Commitments	Balance as at 31.08.2024	Status
5167.05 - Kerb and Channel Airport to Workshop Road - Warruwi	330,000	FY 19/20	(286,520)	-	-	43,480	Floodway to Construct with Balance
Capital Reserve Balance	330,000		(286,520)	-	-	43,480	

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Grant Funding – Local Authority Projects – Available Funds – August 2024

Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects	Funding Amount	Funding Year	Funds Received (A)	Funds not yet Received (B)	Allocated (C)	Balance as at 31.08.2024 (A-C)
Local Authority Projects Funding	58,700	FY 22/23	58,700	-	(58,700)	-
Local Authority Projects Funding	58,700	FY 23/24	58,700	-	(8,253)	50,447
TOTAL FUNDING	117,400		117,400	-	(66,953)	50,447

Add funds available from Projects completed under budget	-
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Total available for Allocation	50,447
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Progress of Local Authority Projects – August 2024



Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects - Active	Approved Budget	Meeting Date/ Resolution	Cash received to date (incl. Carried Forward) (A)	Expenditure prior years (B)	Expenditure to date 2024-25 (C)	Commitments (D)	Available Funds as at 31.08.2024 (A-B-C-D)	Status
LAP - Animal Management Program 2025	5,402	21.07.2022 OCM74/2022	5,402	-	-	-	5,402	Ongoing
LAP - Animal Management Program 2024	5,049	21.07.2022 OCM74/2022	5,049	-	-	(4,590)	459	Ongoing - Awaiting invoicing from vets to allocate funding.
LAP - Solar Pump System - Warruwi Airport	12,879	08.02.2024 WAR11/2024	12,879	(11,459)	-	(317)	1,102	Awaiting final invoice from contractor to close out project.
LAP - Speed Bumps - Supply and Install Steel Grab Rail	15,000	22.05.2024 WAR28/2024	15,000		(6,849)	-	8,151	Internal capacity not available - engage local contractor to complete works.
LAP - Warruwi Cultural Camp 2024	25,000	22.05.2024 WAR31/2024	25,000		(10,794)	(395)	13,811	Awaiting final charges to reconcile account
TOTAL LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS	63,330		63,330	(11,459)	(17,643)	(5,302)	28,925	



Grant Funding – Community Projects – August 2024

Grant Funding - Community Projects	Approved Budget (A)	Prior Year Expenditure (B)	Expenditure to Date 2024-25 (C)	Commitments to Date (D)	Available Funds as at 31.08.2024 (A-B-C-D)
Warruwi Community Hall Upgrade	415,000	(42,331)	-	(252,305)	120,364
TOTAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS	415,000	(42,331)	-	(252,305)	120,364

Grant Funding - Community Programs	Expenditure to Date 2024-25 (A)	Commitments to Date (B)	Total Expenditure (A+B)
Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)	(1,305)	(575)	(1,879)
NT Jobs Package - Aged Care	(19,378)	-	(19,378)
Night Patrol	(45,475)	-	(45,475)
Outside School Hours Care	(5,581)	-	(5,581)
Remote Sport Program	-	(111)	(111)
Deliver Indigenous Broadcasting Programs (RIBS)	(646)	-	(646)
Manage Crèche	(25,129)	(599)	(25,728)
Get Up Stand Up Show Up - NAIDOC Week Activity	(977)	-	(977)
Celebrating Aboriginal Culture (Australia Day)	(1,632)	-	(1,632)
Sports and Recreation	(4,894)	-	(4,894)
TOTAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS	(105,016)	(1,284)	(106,300)



WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

SUMMARY

This report is submitted for Warruwi Local Authority to review and discuss the progress on outstanding action items from meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Received and noted the report titled *Review of Action Items*; and
2. Reviewed the outstanding action items and gave approval for completed items to be removed from the register.

BACKGROUND

Action items arise out of resolutions of the Local Authority or questions asked by Members. The attached register provides the current status of the action items as provided by the administration. The administration recommends items as complete but it is for the Local Authority to determine whether the item remains active or is complete and can be removed.

COMMENT

The actions that Local Authority resolves to occur are to be acted upon by the administration. This report enables Local Authority to progressively discuss and acknowledge the status of items.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Warruwi Local Authority Action Item Register 6 September 2024 [8.2.1 - 7 pages]

Action Reference	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken
1	In Progress	<p>WAR24/2024 RESOLVED: Requested amendments to Sea Link action for administration to follow up with MLA on ferry service between Warruwi and Minjilang and seek support for funds for a business case to be developed.</p> <p>18 May 2023 WAR163/2023 Sea link ferry between Warruwi and Minjilang – invite MLA Manual Brown to LA meeting</p>	Andrew Walsh, Jasmine Mortimore	<p>28/02/2024 Ben Heaslip</p> <p>17 July 2023 – Jasmine Mortimore Mr Manuel Brown MLA in Warruwi from 17-20.07.2023 and is attending Warruwi Information Session on 19/07/23, invitation sent to attend Local Authority meeting also.</p> <p>25 July 2023 – Jasmine Mortimore Advocated to Mr Manuel Brown MLA for a Sea Link Ferry between Warruwi – Minjilang and potentially Maningrida. Awaiting further outcome.</p> <p>02 February 2024 – Matt Griffiths Nil further contact to Warruwi from MLA member</p> <p>03/05/2024 Jasmine Mortimore Recommend as completed as action has been referred to Member of Arafura to advocate on behalf of Local Authority</p> <p>05/09/2024 Jasmine Mortimore Have reached out to Member of Arafura to provide an update on this item</p>
2	In Progress	<p>WAR24/2024 RESOLVED: Requested amendments to shade sail action to be for repairs to existing shade between clinic and crèche.</p> <p>13 April 2022 Council directed the administration to try and seek funding for the upgrade of the shade structure near the crèche and health centre at an estimated cost of \$70, 400.</p>	Bryony Stracey, Sara Fitzgerald	<p>28/02/2024 Ben Heaslip</p> <p>08 October 2021 A cost estimate for the proposed project has been prepared and provided in the 'Future Projects' report which will be presented at the next LA meeting</p> <p>March 2022 A cost estimate for the proposed project has been prepared and provided in the Warruwi Local Authority</p>

Action Reference	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken
		<p>22 September 2021 OCM87/2021 Warruwi Crèche – Shade and Seating On the motion of Councillor Marrawal, seconded Deputy Mayor Williams (OCM28/2022), Directed the administration to prepare scope and budget for new shade and additional seating near Warruwi crèche</p>		<p>'Future Projects' report which will be presented at the LA meeting on 31 March 2022.</p> <p>09 May 2022 The grants team is currently investigating funding options for this project and will provide an updated report on this progress during the next meeting.</p> <p>13 July 2022 The Grants team is still investigating specific funding options for this project with grants writer, Susan Wright.</p> <p>30 September 2022 – Sarah Will The grants team applied for a Community Benefit Fund Grant on 19 August 2022 and were advised by the Department to withdraw the Application from the current round and reapply in January 2023.</p> <p>9 May 2023 – Bryony Stracey Resubmitted the community benefit fund grant application 09/03/23. Notification grant was unsuccessful 09 May. Will continue to seek funding.</p> <p>17 July 2023 – 2 February Bryony Stracey Grants still investigating funding. No further updates until funding successful or Action withdrawn.</p> <p>13/05/2024 Bryony Stracey Tech Services obtaining updated quotes - grants investigating funding. No further updates until potential funding sourced.</p>

Action Reference	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken
				<p>27/08/2024 Sara Fitzgerald</p> <p>Paper in today's meeting for LA consideration. Recommend close this item.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>In Progress</p>	<p>WAR24/2024 RESOLVED: Requested amendments to Croc management action for Warruwi Local Authority to write letter to NLC support and Dept Agriculture and Fisheries seeking support for Warruwi Community to introduce crocodile safety and economic development initiatives relating to Croc Management, Awareness and Safety.</p> <p>WAR7/2024 RESOLVED: Crocodile management - Letter to NLC addressing blockages.</p> <p>18 May 2023 WAR158/2023 Crocodile Management NPWS Training for Staff</p>	<p>Fiona Ainsworth, Geraldine Narul, Misman Kris, Rick Mitchell</p>	<p>28/02/2024 Ben Heaslip</p> <p>14 July 2023 – Matt Griffiths Awaiting NLC and Rangers to take further with anticipated arrival of Ranger Croc traps and training for WARC/NLC/Yagbani and Ranger Staff.</p> <p>30 October 2023 – Matt Griffiths Meeting with lead ranger on Island during visit from Darwin. A legal and WHS review has deemed the rangers at this time to undertake Croc traps and handling too high a risk. This is still being addressed via the Rangers and updates as they occur. Corporate licence for firearms should be in place mid to early 2024.</p> <p>February 2024 Matt Griffiths Nil further from NLC but aware WHS concerns from NLC dominate lack of action. Councillor James and CSM had meeting in January re multiple croc sighting and matter referred to A/CEO. Then sent to A/COO for action. Night Patrol to document on tasking sheets nightly croc sightings (numbers).</p> <p>16 May 2024 Local Authority to confirm action required</p> <p>06/09/2024 Jasmine Mortimore letter has been drafted Warruwi Local Authority</p>

Action Reference	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken
4	In Progress	<p>WAR24/2024 RESOLVED: Requested amendments to Horse management action for CSM to organise meeting with Regional Coordinator West Arnhem NLC and Warruwi Local Authority to discuss Crocs and horses.</p> <p>WAR7/2024 RESOLVED: Reporting on horse management numbers is insufficient and causing further issues. CSM to speak with Peter Phillips regarding feral animal and crocodile surveys.</p> <p>18 May 2023 WAR158/2023 Wild Horse Management Provide letter from Mayor to NLC requesting NT Parks, Dept of Agriculture and Fisheries, Australian Quarantine Services and Rangers provide a collaborative approach, to discuss recent studies and the introduction of new DNA into horse population for immediate risk management to reduce numbers.</p>	Geraldine Narul, Jasmine Mortimore, Misman Kris, Rick Mitchell	<p>28/02/2024 Ben Heaslip 17 May 2023 – Jasmine Mortimore Letter currently being drafted.</p> <p>25 July 2023 – Jasmine Mortimore Members requested that letter be consulted with TOs before being sent.</p> <p>30 October 2023 – Matt Griffiths In September NLC had experts and Rangers do a rough count via Helicopter. CSM still to receive official numbers but less horses than expected. Of note, believed to be over a thousand goats on North Goulburn Island. CSM to get official report from Rangers in due course. 3–5 horses have been put down by CSM and/or Yagbani since September.</p> <p>February 2024 – Matt Griffiths Matter to be put to T/Os for approval via letter.</p> <p>14/05/2024 Jasmine Mortimore Letter to be taken to the Local Authority for approval before distributing.</p> <p>06/09/2024 Jasmine Mortimore Reached out to NLC, to progress action.</p>
5	In Progress	<p>8 February WAR6/2024 RESOLVED: Maintenance on the Barge Landing by Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics. Members requested to meet with DIPL CEO to discuss the urgency of these works and raised with DIPL concerns with food security, fuel and supplies. As well as inviting DIPL to Warruwi to inform community of future planned works and timelines</p>	Andrew Walsh, Clem Beard, Fiona Ainsworth, Misman Kris, Rick Mitchell	<p>28/02/2024 Ben Heaslip July 2023 - Clem Beard Administration sent DIPL an invitation to attend next meeting 14/12/2023.</p> <p>February 2024 - Clem Beard</p>

Action Reference	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken
		<p>20 July 2023 - WAR176/2023 Members raised fixing the secondary barge landing (not a WARC asset).</p>		<p>Ed Smelt - DIPL Project Director Transport Planning has been invited to this meeting – Presentation from DIPL is scheduled for 11.30am at LA Meeting.</p> <p>26/08/2024 Clem Beard</p> <p>Ongoing discussions with the CEO of DIPL are progressing on a variety of DIPL assets across the region for additional funding to upgrade facilities.</p>
6	In Progress	<p>WAR24/2024 RESOLVED: Requested administration research mechanical apprenticeships for staff;</p> <p>18 May 2023 WAR163/2023 Mechanic started 29 May (Jabiru) and 40% of his time will be spent in Warruwi for WARC vehicles only at this stage. LA are requesting a permanent community mechanic be available for community vehicles</p>	Fiona Ainsworth, Mark Uwarow	<p>28/02/2024 Ben Heaslip</p> <p>13 July 2023 – Fiona Ainsworth Said mechanic has since resigned. Replacement commences first week of August. Initial travel schedule yet to be finalised however a contractor visited site with our existing Jabiru mechanic, conducted a survey of required stock and will return mid-August to complete identified repairs and maintenance. Investigations continue to determine an option for a full time community mechanic however securing a mechanic is significantly challenging, with current recruitment yielding nil in twelve months. Additionally, accommodation is exceptionally limited in Warruwi</p> <p>February 2024 - Fiona Ainsworth Interviews commenced for four applicants on 02 February 2024. Urgent works are being covered by contractors or Council's Gunbalanya based mechanic. Recruitment to all trades positions including mechanics is very difficult with over 12,000 mechanic vacancies on SEEK as of 02 February 2024</p>

Action Reference	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken
				<p>14/05/2024 Jasmine Mortimore Item will be referred to Council.</p> <p>05/09/2024 Jasmine Mortimore Action is being investigated by our training team, will provide findings once available. Currently employees from Warruwi are being enrolled in a cert III in Civil Construction and Plant Operation.</p>
7	Recommend Complete	<p>OCM60/2024 Resolved Cr Marrawal requested report to be taken to the Warruwi Local Authority for installing Bollards</p>	Clem Beard, Fiona Ainsworth, Rick Mitchell	<p>08/05/2024 Ben Heaslip Guideposts have been installed with mixed results - U shaped bollards/Grab Rails to be considered as a possible permanent solution. A full report is included in this agenda for consideration by the Local Authority.</p> <p>23/08/2024 Clem Beard Due to constraints in internal labour availability, installation will be carried out by local contractor - Stedman Constructions. Awaiting quote to be received with anticipation complete date by end of September 2024.</p>
8	Recommend Complete	<p>WAR7/2024 RESOLVED: WARC to assist in education for pet owners</p>	Clem Beard, Fiona Ainsworth, Rick Mitchell	<p>09/05/2024 Clem Beard The University of Melbourne the current provider of veterinary services for this year is dispatching educational material for the community to display on community notice boards and for community distribution. The scheduled</p>

Action Reference	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken
				<p>visit in June the veterinary team are happy to provide in person education to pet owners throughout the community.</p> <p>27/08/2024 Clem Beard</p> <p>Ongoing personal education to pet owners is proceeding at each visit. University of Melbourne (4 x Vets) will visit Warruwi in September Monday 16th - Friday 20th September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vets will revisit houses that have puppies that were too young to desex in June 2024. - Vets will attempt to visit every home to offer vet care and parasite treatment. - Vets have visited most houses once this year, however vets will focus on houses where pet owners were unavailable in the last visit and attempt to provide another dose of parasite treatments in all animals.

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda Reference:	8.3
Title:	Repairs to Shade Structure adjacent to the Warruwi Clinic
Author:	Clem Beard, Acting General Manager Technical Services

SUMMARY

This report is to provide the Warruwi Local Authority with an indicative cost estimate to carry out repairs to the existing Shade Structure at the Clinic.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Repairs to Shade Structure adjacent to the Warruwi Clinic*; and
2. Approve the allocation of \$38,390.00 from the LA Project Funding 2023/2024 to carry out repairs to Shade Structure adjacent to the Warruwi Clinic.

BACKGROUND

The administration was requested at the previous meeting to source cost estimates to replace the torn shade cloth and strength curve rafters support beams for consideration from the annual Local Authority funding.

COMMENT

The administration sought indicative costs from local suppliers to formulate an estimated budget for repair/replacement costs to current infrastructure.

Repairs to Shade Structure next to Clinic - Warruwi		
Description	Quantity	Indicative Price
Supply and install membrane to existing tunnel with fire retardant shade cloth	1	\$ 25,000.00
Flight charter to Warruwi	1	\$ 1,800.00
Vehicle barge freight and hire (contingency availability)	1	\$ 7,500.00
Accommodation x 2 nights	1	\$ 600.00
Contingencies 10%		\$ 3,490.00
Total		\$ 38,390.00

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Local Government purchasing and procurement applies to this infrastructure project

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Authority has delegated approval to commit funds from the current available funding amount of \$38,390.00. It should be noted the additional 2024/2025 funding (\$58,700.00) is expected to be available later this year once all acquittals have been lodged and accepted.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 4 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

We provide high quality infrastructure and service delivery that meets the unique needs of each

community, creates a sense of place and contributes towards promoting a sense of pride in community.

Goal 4.1 Strategic Infrastructure and Asset Management

Strategically manage, maintain and enhance community infrastructure.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Warruwi Shade Structure [8.3.1 - 1 page]

Attachment 8.3.1 Warruwi Shade Structure



WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 September 2024

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services
Author:	Geraldine Narul, Council Services Manager, Warruwi

SUMMARY

This report will present the Local Authority (LA) with an update on council services provided in the community for the period 15 May – 25 August 2024, as prepared and presented by Council Services Manager (CSM) Warruwi, Geraldine Narul.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received and noted the report titled *CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services*.

BACKGROUND

All issues / matters raised are to be discussed by Local Authority members, as detailed in the report.

COMMENT

1. Staffing/Teams

Currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Wellbeing Services Senior Officer – Advertised Friday 6th of September for three weeks
- Childcare Assistant – Casual position to be filled. Internal advertisement
- Team Leader Community Safety still currently on Parental Leave (extended)
- Senior Community Care Officer – Permanent position to be advertised internally on Friday 6th of September

Total number of vacancies	4
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2. Administration Services

2.1. Administration

The Warruwi Council administration office was open from 8:00am to 4:30pm on each business day during the report period with the exception:

- 3.5 hours from 1pm to 4.36pm on Friday 30th September due to office staff participating the Kurrung Festival in Jabiru
- 1.5 hours from 10.00am to 11.30am on Tuesday 25th June due to staff mandatory training
- 3.5 hours from 8.30am to 12pm on Monday 2nd September for Sorry Business
- A total of one (1) funeral occurred this year with another three (3) to take place in the coming weeks in Warruwi
- Computer systems were updated from “Councilbiz” with no disruptions, only little delays with the new system “Microsoft 365” in place but managed the risks
- The Credit Union continues to work alongside the office within the Council building
- ‘Intract’ Indigenous Housing are still using some office space
- Housing renewal project completed. WTD crew left Warruwi end of May/ early May.
- Detailed Local Emergency Meeting occurred on Wednesday 24th June via Microsoft Teams. The Warruwi Local Emergency Plan is now in place.

2.2. Post Office

Post Office services are provided by Warruwi Council administration staff during normal business hours. Mail was received, sorted and dispatched each business day.

- There has been a large volume of parcels recently, with residents seemingly making the most of online shopping
- Post office mail has now returned to week daily deliveries
- Average of 3.5 kg outgoing going has occurred and number of deliveries inbound has picked up with heavier loads now being freighted in via Sea Swift general cargo
- Office staff able to clear backlog of uncollected mail, with single day delivery of mail, and “return to Sender” for any other mail

Total postage received	812 kg
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2.3. Centrelink

The Waruwi Centrelink Office operates between 8:00am to 4:30pm each business day.

- Staff were kept busy assisting residents with enquiries and facilitating agency contact via computers and phone
- Both the new CSM and Senior Office Manager are Centrelink trained to assist where needed
- Centrelink services Darwin had a planned Island visit week of 12th Sept, but cancelled again. Social media utilised to inform locals of same. Email to Services Australia re continued cancellations to Island.
- Faulty silver service and other equipment faulted, some items arriving for replacement by mail. Still awaiting full replacement of faulty equipment.
- Short visit by Services Australia attending while CSM on leave and utilising Yagbani Offices. This issue to be addressed as should be utilising WARC office to assist our staff.
- New Centrelink signage ordered but has still not arrived

2.4. Cleaning

Scheduled cleaning of council assets have been completed as follows:

- Council office – twice a week – total of 8 occasions;
- Playground amenities – once a week – total of 4 occasions;
- Public toilets - twice a week – total of 8 occasions;
- Common areas cleaned once a week – total of 4 occasions;
- Visitor Accommodation rooms cleaned as required – total 40 room cleans; and
- Airport Area, Cleaned once a week – a total of 4 occasions.
- Hall now to be included on cleaning schedule

2.5. Visitor Accommodation

The total number of visitor accommodation available is two (2) properties, and bookings can be made through Little Hotelier, via WARC website.

- Lot 93 is emergency accommodation for WARC contractors only until some renovations occur
- Issue with sewerage in lot 93 is currently being rectified
- Accommodation is already busy with Community Care, Mechanics, NT Government, NLC and others all having Lot 21 booked
- Working out booking issues with the NT & Federal Government travel agent as some faults and notifications occurring with bookings. This is a primary reason for issues around Services Australia visitations. Many emails sent to travel company for Services Australia; AOT/Hello World travel in Melbourne and new solution found.
- Accommodation is currently booked nearly every day until mid- Feb.
- Other contractors and jobs that have been on hold during the last COVID outbreak can now be looked at for accommodation. (e.g.: Roads, power, general works, Vets)
- Discussion with Yagbani to arrange accommodation into the future, however they will be busy as housing contractors on site using some Yagbani accommodation for next 14 months
- Unit 21 in good shape, new oven arrived and to be installed by end of December

3. Wellbeing Services

3.1. Sport & Recreation

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program has seen numbers decrease with families moving around participating in cultural activities (Sorry Business/Ceremonial practices). A recent upgrade to the community hall has forced Sport and Recreation and Outside School Hours Care programs being delivered on school grounds.

School Holidays and some pre-planning programs with Sport and Rec staff to occur in the coming weeks.

- Continued “ad hoc” meetings with School management and WARC staff regarding ways forward and programs to develop
- Warruwi participated in the Kurrung Festival over two days in Jabiru on 30 & 31 August. Kurrung is an event that occurs annually and hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council. Warruwi entered three (3) teams (AFL Football, Men’s Basketball and Women’s Basketball) and 43 participants. The Women’s Basketball team won the round robin competition overall and two of the women playing had won a medal each, one was the “No More” medal for a player that conducted themselves with respect and showing great sportsmanship aligning the No More Campaign and the Most Valuable Player for the best play in the competition.
- Other events West Arnhem Regional Council has hosted include the NAIDOC Day and Color Fun Run celebration that occurred on the 19th of July in collaboration with the Warruwi School and Red Lily Health.
- West Arnhem Regional Council hosted the first inaugural Culture Camp over two days on the 17th and 18th of July with over 39 youth participants. The Culture Camp was a huge success with positive stakeholder engagement and collaboration including traditional owners and elders.
- Sport and Recreation collaborated with the Warruwi Church during the “Warruwi Rally” in the first week of July (5th to 12th) with 100’s of churchgoers from across Arnhem Land, as far as Milingimbi in the East Arnhem district.

Attendance totals over reporting period	372
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3.2. Early Learning

The creche operated Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 5:00pm

- Variety of activities provided including playdough and sensory play
- Staff is currently an issue in Warruwi with staff participating in Sorry Business and necessary medical appointments for a long period of time impacting working families in community
- Stedman’s Construction continue to repair all maintenance issues at the Warruwi Creche. All issues raised were actioned and completed by Stedman’s i.e. Curtains were removed due to strangling hazard, lights and fans switches fixed
- All staff attended First Aid training on Tuesday 12th August
- Child Care Educator was seconded to Warruwi Creche from the Jabiru Child Care Centre for three (3) weeks from 24th June to Friday 12th of July
- Quality Improvement Plan is up to date
- 3 meals, 5 days a week: Total 120 meals for children

Attendance totals for reporting period	191
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3.3. Aged Care

There has been very little change in aged care in client numbers. Total number of current clients are 1 x HCP 1 x CHSP

- Meals on Wheels provided 5 days a week, with a total of 50 HCP meals and 50 CHSP meals
- Weekend Pack also provided = 20 meals – HCP & CHSP
- Personal Care support provided to 1 HCP client = 1 hours per week

- Domestic care support provided to 1 HCP client = 1 hours per week
- Washing Days: Men on Mondays and Women on Fridays or upon client’s request, total of = 16 hours per month
- Transport Trips totalling 12 hours a month
- Social Support totalling 6 hours a month
- Limited service delivery due to staff availability

Total meals provided over reporting period	300
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3.4. Disability Care

Community Care team are the Community Connectors and Coordinator of Supports (CoS) under the National Disability Insurance scheme (NDIS). Services provided are as follows:

- Meals on Wheels provided 5 days a week, with a total of 80 meals provided to 4 NDIS clients
- Weekend Packs also provided to our current 4 NDIS clients totaling 32 meals
- Transport trips:
 - Staff only = 88 trips for service delivery
 - With NDIS clients = 8 trips totaling 8 hours a month.
- Social Support = 4 hours a month
- One NDIS client reinstated after voluntarily withdrawing from the service

Total number of NDIS participants	4
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3.5. Night Patrol

Night patrol services were provided five nights per week

- Patrols have continued with up to four staff which allows a minimum service delivery model of 2 staff members per shift
- Night Patrol are active in community locating several open gates/doors on civic/commercial buildings reducing risk to infrastructure. This has identified areas of concern that can be passed onto TO’s and other community members and stakeholders.
- New roster being implemented to allow Night Patrol staff to have every second weekend off
- “Yarning Circle” delivered every last Thursday of the month but due to staff reduction, Night Patrol is unable to deliver the program. The program includes Night Patrol staff taking the lead with young males in the community to chat, and elders to assist with music and engage in cultural activities and storytelling (similar to the day patrol initiative).
- Radios and torches now available for staff

The Warruwi community does not have a designated Women’s Safe House. However, emergency accommodation was required recently, for a family violence victim. Police and T/O raising with various forums, the need for some sort of shelter or emergency accommodation.

3.6. Broadcasting

In conjunction with TEABBA, broadcasting services were provided on some of the available days, between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

- Services were not provided on 30 shifts during the three months due to no staff availability
- TEABBA technician attended and repaired equipment
- TEABBA available from WARC office on 106.1 24/7 in Warruwi

Total number of On-Air hours in reporting period:	15
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4. Community Works

Weekly meetings conducted by CSM (every Monday) to ensure staff safety, all staff to wear the right PPE and complete all relevant documents i.e. toolbox, Take 5, prestart

4.1. Parks and Open Space

The community is generally clean and tidy

- Rubbish runs continue to operate three (3) times per week. Monday and Fridays are residential bin days and Wednesdays are stakeholder bin days. Works crew choose not to enter any residential property due to cultural safety protocols. Works crew ask all residents to leave their bins outside their yard for collection
- Community continues to look well maintained and rubbish collected on foot as needed or when the Rubbish Truck broke down due to faulty alternator. This was rectified by West Arnhem Regional Council mechanic recently and a new alternator was installed. Rubbish truck is now back running
- LA meeting supports the upgrade of “town Square” with improved shade cloth

4.2. Roads

General minor road repairs and maintenance continue to occur across the community

- Road maintenance continues
- Road repaired to North Point during Cultural Camp to ensure all travelling vehicles arrived safely to and from their destination
- Sealing now completed to Airport Road and Beach Rd outside Police Station/WARC Office
- Some minor potholes need repairing
- Works crew continue to do the barge runs once every week. Sea Swift have changed their schedule recently due to the change in weather
- West Arnhem Regional Council has awarded the tender for the road sealing and shoulder works in Warruwi and work will commence on the 23rd of September.

4.3. Waste

Landfill site operated between Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm with no disruption to service

- Landfill site has signs with further to be assessed and set up
- Designated dumping areas is working well
- Excavator recently serviced by West Arnhem Regional Council Mechanic
- Working with contractors to obey signage at landfill
- Area tidy and tip in good shape given extra loads
- Oil still to be disposed of
- NT EPA visit to tip and sewer including the Police station on the 24th of June. Nil major issues with advice given. Discussion around removal of old oil and batteries from the Island
- 240L Wheelie Bins are being damaged by residents during heated arguments. NIL bins have been replaced unless requested by the resident.

4.4. Plant and equipment

- Hydraulic hoses ordered for other parts of hydraulic items. Hose breakage a major part of plant and vehicle breakdowns currently.
- Hydraulic lift and equipment repaired and now operational
- Air conditioner repairs required for majority of vehicles & occurring next mechanics visit, majority serviced end of November
- 5000 L water tanker refurbished and now back on Island
- All heavy equipment operational, other than major fault with tipper and now grader hosing.
- Tipper parts ordered and awaiting delivery
- Yagbani/CDP assisting in areas where tipper required for essential town duties (rubbish, sorry business etc.)

5. Essential Services

5.1. Power

- 2 x genset services conducted and tune up each month

- Four (4) after hours call outs
- 3 large fuel deliveries during reporting period
- Single power outage after lightning strikes across Island. Repaired and contingencies reviewed
- Staff from Power attended during reporting month.
- Repair after lightning strike to power line. This line is used for Radar for Bureau of Meteorology.
- WARC quoting and now to complete under power line clean-up for Island. Will include Utilities Services Contractor (USC) and Works crews. 90% complete and expected completion end of February 2023. Hampered at this stage by weather.

5.2. Water

- Completed water samples bacteriological and waste
- Bore 8 not working - awaiting on contractors
- Water repair completed at lot 26
- Power Water Remote water team hosted a BBQ and water forum workshop, educational for residents and stakeholders in Warruwi on the 15th of August
- Chlorine analyzer stopped working so checked twice a day everyday till repaired/replaced
- Quarterly reads completed
- 6 x housing water leaks reported to Power water

5.3. Sewage

- Sewer station 4 X low level pump out and floats cleaned, and maintenance completed
- Sewage station pumps working well
- Sewer station macerator waiting on replacement
- Sewer station spare pump waiting on replacement

5.4. Airfield

Daily inspections were undertaken by the Aerodrome Reporting Officer (ARO)

- End of month, the large weeds cut, poisoned & grading of fence line
- Slashed the runway shoulders and fence perimeter on several occasions
- Backfilled exposed bottom of fencing to prevent animals entering aerodrome
- Upward of six (6) flights a day.
- Weekend planes movements now more frequent
- Four (4) after hours care flights
- Plane incident whereby a plane broke down with mechanical issues on Friday 23rd August. Plane company rectified the issue and flew the plane out the following day.
- Six (6) new lights arrived for replacement of faulty aerodrome lights

6. Trade Services

6.1. Scheduled Servicing

- Mechanic – Please refer to Craig for a report on all vehicles serviced recently in Warruwi.
- Electrician – Nothing to note.
- Carpenter – Nothing to note.
- Plumber
 - Works being conducted on Lot 9 for reconnection of improved water system with small filler tank and/or larger input pipes. All items for installation have arrived and decision pending on Stedmans reply to quote.
 - Similar upgrade occurring with works yard. Awaiting return of plumber to complete works and small concrete slab for tank.
 - Sewer at Lot 93 requiring urgent repair. Believed to be a tree at neighboring property boundary.

- Internal quote to be requested re tank system at Airstrip due to poor water pressure.

7. Community

7.1. Local Authority projects

- Current
 - Animal Management Program (Vet) recent visit outcome report attached
 - Bollard installation in identified locations (at speed bumps) to be installed

7.2. Community meetings and events

The Council Services Manager (CSM) and Acting CSM attended various meetings and events over the reporting period, including:

- West Arnhem Regional Council Chief Executive Officer and Council Services Manager meeting with traditional owners, senior members of the community and Yagbani Aboriginal Corporation Chief Executive Office & Chairman consulting potential partnership in the future;
- NAIDOC Day on the 19th of July;
- Warruwi Culture Camp on the 17th & 18th of July; and
- Council Services Manager meeting with NT Remote Stores Program Standards (Northern Territory Government). NT Remote Stores Program met with stakeholders and community members and discussed family and community health, the conversations were informal and encouraged mutual respect between the community stores and residents in Warruwi. NT Remote Stores Program Standards are ensuring all indigenous communities are consulted and to ensure the stores in community are aligned with the new legislative requirements surrounding food security.

Total number of meetings and events attended by the CSM:	25
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LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report aligns to the following pillars and goals as outlined in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Warruwi June Report [9.1.1 - 12 pages]

Report to WARC on veterinary visit to Warruwi

June 24th – 27th 2024

Dr Cam Raw BVSc

Dr Joanna Aitken BVSc

Dr Erica Shaw DVM

West Arnhem Land Dog
Health Program
(WALDHeP)



Introduction to WALDHeP (West Arnhem Land Dog Health Program)

- WALDHeP was founded by Dr Liz Tudor, in 2005 and, accompanied by her husband Rick, she has provided veterinary care to households in Gunbalanya since 2005, expanding to include Warruwi and Minjilang in 2015
- Dr Cam Raw, a palawa man from lutruwita, has been part of WALDHeP visits since 2013 and has been coming to Warruwi since our first visit in 2015
- Dr Joanna Aitken has been part of WALDHeP and visiting Warruwi since 2022
- WALDHeP is honoured to be providing veterinary care across all West Arnhem Regional Council communities in 2024 and was delighted to visit Warruwi for the eighth time in 2024.



Dr Cam Raw and Dr Joanna Aitken

Warruwi Local Authority
Tuesday 10 September 2024

How WALDHeP works...

- Liz Tudor, Cam Raw and Joanna Aitken work at the University of Melbourne Veterinary School
- WALDHeP's approach is based on building relationships of trust over time
- WALDHeP brings a large team of vets, and veterinary students (who fulfil the role of vet nurses) to communities
- However, from the community's perspective, it is the same trusted faces who visit homes and engage with animal owners every visit
- These individuals, Dr Liz with partner Rick, along with Dr Cam and Dr Joanna, visit homes, deliver animals to the surgical team, assist with surgery and return animals home at the end of the day
- The size of the WALDHeP team and the support of multiple surgeons means that WALDHeP can accomplish a large amount during each visit with great efficiency - whilst not swamping community members with new faces



Warruwi June Visit

We established our surgery at the council house at Lot 21

Cam and Joanna drove around town to visit houses and offer treatment and operations for dogs and cats

Dogs and cats were picked up and carried in secure cages to the surgery site

Once animals had woken up from their surgery they were returned home by car



Twenty-five surgeries were done in Warruwi

We did desexing operations on:

- 7 female dogs
- 6 male dogs
- 4 female cats
- 8 male cats



Other veterinary work in Warruwi

- We visited **36 houses** in Warruwi to offer **worm and scabies treatment to more than 80 dogs**
- We had **15 people call by for consultations**
- We treated dogs for tick disease (ehrlichiosis), treated dogs with wounds, gave dogs vaccinations, did checkups on animals we did surgery on last year, vaccinated two goats, examined a wallaby with a sore leg and gave a dog an injection to stop her having puppies until she could have an operation



How are the dogs in Warruwi?

- We were **very impressed with the general health of the dogs in Warruwi**
- Most dogs have **really good skin** (with no scabies) and are in **good body condition** (not too fat and not too thin!)
- There seems to be quite a **stable population of dogs** which is great
- Some dogs have signs of the tick disease (ehrlichiosis). We tested some dogs last year and found that a lot of them had the infection
- Dogs can become very sick from this disease and it has killed some dogs
- It can make it really hard for them to fight off infections and it can be very difficult for us to treat, so it's best to avoid infection
- Where possible we recommend that dogs are given preventive medication to stop ticks from biting them
 - Seresto tick collars or Advantix spot-on medication both work well
 - Chews like Nexgard can kill ticks, but doesn't stop them biting so dogs can still get the disease

Good reasons for dogs to have operations

- We know from all the data we have collected over twenty years that desexed dogs have:
 - Healthier skin
 - Better body condition
 - Fewer worms in their stomachs
- Also desexed dogs are less cheeky and stay closer to home
- There is a cancer that is spread between male and female dogs when they have sex. It is called TVT
- Desexing dogs means they don't spread this nasty cancer

What about cats?

- There are quite a few cats in Warruwi
- Cats breed very fast and often:
 - One female cat can produce 24 kittens in one year!
 - One pair of cats in their lifetime, through their offspring, can be responsible for the birth of 420,000 kittens
- Some households we visited had more than 20 cats, but we have desexed almost all of them in previous years, with only a few to desex this time. It is good to see a stable population of cats
- Too many cats leads to loss of wildlife (birds, small mammals and lizards) , and spread disease in homes (worms and Toxoplasma, which is really serious



Recommendations: Ongoing veterinary care in Warruwi

- We will have one more visit to Warruwi this year in September
- We will visit some houses that have puppies that were too young to desex in June
- We will attempt to visit every home to offer veterinary care and parasite treatment
- We have visited most houses once this year already, but we will focus on houses where owners were not in the community last time in our September visit, as well as attempting to provide another dose of parasite treatments to all animals

Next visit to Warruwi

- Monday 16th – Friday 20th September
 - Dr Cam Raw
 - Dr Joanna Aitken
 - And two final year veterinary students



Warruwi Local Authority
Tuesday 10 September 2024

Thankyou!

Our thanks to the West Arnhem Regional Council (especially Gerri, Mobie and Misman), the Traditional Owners and the residents of Warruwi for allowing us to visit Warruwi and to provide veterinary care for dogs and cats



WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	Local Authority Member Questions with or without Notice
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to give Local Authority Members a forum in which to table items they wish to be debated.

Local Authority Members are encouraged to raise any issues they wish to discuss during the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY recorded for action the following questions from Members.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

- 11 NEXT MEETING**
- 12 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED**