

MINUTES OF THE BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE
CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, BARUNGA ON
TUESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2018 AT 10:00AM

PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE (Chair)

1.2 Local Authority Member

Anne-Marie LEE

Anita PAINTER

Vita BRINJEN

Nell BROWN (Jungaiyi)

Symeon BULUMBARA (Traditional Owner)

Denni BARMA (Youth)

1.3 Staff

Nathan MCIVOR – Area Manager (Central Arnhem)

Wayn RADFORD – Governance Officer

Tessa CARNEGIE – Local Authority Support Coordinator

Susan GILLIES – Council Services Coordinator (Barunga)

Prerna RAMAWAT – Governance Officer

Chris GIPP – Council Services Coordinator (Manyallaluk)

1.4 Guests

Gary HILLEN – Office of Warren Snowdon

Moirra MCCREESH – Harm Minimisation Unit

Rodney HOFFMAN – Department of Housing and Community Development

Jo NICOL – Office of Warren Snowdon

MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 10:40 AM

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Chairperson Deputy Mayor Helen LEE welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council pledge was read.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

General discussion regarding next steps moving forward and overall attendance at Barunga Local Authority meetings.

Sharon HILLEN (Acting CEO) and Mayor Judy MACFARLANE both advised of their absence and apology.

Moreover, LA Member Tony WALLA and Illana RANKIN were absent and no apology was provided.

RECOMMENDATION

28/2018 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Vita Brinjen)

- (a) That the Barunga Local Authority rescind the Local Authority membership of Tony WALLA.**

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

29/2018 RESOLVED (Neil Brown/Anita Painter)

- (a) That the Barunga Local Authority approve the minutes with amendments as a true and accurate record of the Barunga Local Authority meeting held on Tuesday 3 July 2018.**

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Barunga Local Authority.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the Barunga Local Authority receive and note the Action List.**

Date	Agenda Item #	Item Description	Responsible Person	Status	Status Comments – Completion Date
14.11.17	11.6 GOVERNANCE REPORT - LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE	Seating around the trees Area Manager to organize out of session meeting with LA Members to discuss costs.	Area Manager	Ongoing	24.04.18 Currently in the process of purchasing seats (aluminum). Pictures and costs will be provided to Local Authority for perusal. <i>NOTE: Included within Project Funding, CDP Project</i>
14.11.17	11.13 GRANTS: FUNDING FOR EXERCISE STATIONS IN THREE COMMUNITIES	Quotes for static equipment to be sourced by Nathan McIvor. Locations to be decided.	Area Manager/ LA & Community	Ongoing	Exercise Station in Barunga. Site is being decided upon. Equipment arrived yet to be installed. 21/08/2018 Completed but awaiting installation.
24.04.18	8.1 ACTION LIST	Install 5 new Solar Lights	Area Manager/ CSC	Ongoing	CSC to mark 5 new solar lights on the Barunga map then will apply for quotes. ACTION: CSC and LA Members to identify location of Solar Lights.
24.04.18	11.6 GOVERNANCE REPORT - BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE	Install/Upgrade Scoreboard at the Football oval	Area Manager/ CSC	Completed	Scoreboard is almost ready to send to Katherine. Should be in Barunga within the next few weeks. 21/08/2018 Completed but awaiting delivery to Barunga.
24.04.18	11.6 GOVERNANCE REPORT - BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE	Install new Tap at NORFORCE PARK	Area Manager/ CSC	Ongoing	Plumbers have advised new application to Power and Water required before they can tap into main line. Request sent to Assets for new connection and meter for NORFORCE PARK. Awaiting permission to connect. 21/08/2018 No Updates
03.07.18	11.6 GOVERNANCE REPORT - BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE	Install more Speed bumps and Install a Pedestrian crossing at Lot 243.	Area Manager/ CSC	Ongoing	Sourcing quotes for new Speed Bumps. 2 signs and 2 speed bumps near the Crèche. Area Manager has supplier for speed bumps awaiting quote number of speed bumps is 10 not 2 21/08/2018 ACTION: Check road guidelines and Australian standards and FOLLOW-UP with design and costing. <i>NOTE: possible placement near Crèche.</i>

03.07.18	11.6 GOVERNANCE REPORT - BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE	Install Fence around the Football oval 21/08/2018 PURPOSE: To stop cars driving over OVAL, fencing similar to Katherine OVAL.	Area Manager/ CSC	Ongoing	Area Manager/CSC to apply for a Quote/Costing. Traffic Management around the green space.
21.08.18	ACTION LIST	Identifying unmarked graves in Barunga Cemetery (Phases 3 and 4)	Professor Claire Smith (Flinders University)/ Area Manager/ Barunga LA Members	Ongoing	Research Aims: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Locate unmarked graves at Barunga Cemetery and, where possible, identify the occupants of those graves. 2. Develop a burial register for Barunga Cemetery. 3. Provide the training needed to make Aboriginal management of Aboriginal cemeteries a reality. ACTION: RGRC/ Area Manager to inform Barunga Local Authority if funding can be committed to this project as the cemetery is a RGRC core service.

Note: LA Members request pictures in regards to projects and purchases moving forward, in order to make informed decisions.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

BUSINESS ARISING

GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 REGIONAL PLAN 2018-2019

Note: Barunga Local Authority requests that updated photos be used in future plans.

30/2018 RESOLVED (Neil Brown/Symeon Bulumbara)

(a) That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the 2018-19 Regional Plan.

11.2 DANGEROUS DOGS REPORT

Note: This report was completed and received at the Barunga Local Authority meeting

3 July 2018, therefore no further action is required.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes this report regarding Dangerous Dogs.**

11.3 DOG DETERRENTS

31/2018 RESOLVED (Anita Painter/Vita Brinjen)

- (a) **That the Barunga Local Authority receive and note the Dog Deterrents Report from the Department of Housing and Community Development.**
(b) **That the Barunga endorse the use of 'Dog Dazers' in communities for Department of Housing and Community Development staff.**

11.4 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

General discussion regarding:

- Honesty and transparency when delivering services in community
- Training and Development
- Community Members should have a big impact upon community changes
- Employing local community people

32/2018 RESOLVED (Anita Painter/Symeon Bulumbara)

- (a) **That the Barunga Local Authority receive and note the Council Service Report for 21 August 2018.**

11.5 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE personally applauded and acknowledged LA Member Anita PAINTER for her contribution regarding the activities planned over the school holidays in Barunga.

33/2018 RESOLVED (Denni Barma /Nell Brown)

- (a) **That the Barunga Local Authority receive and note the Community Safety Report.**

11.6 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

34/2018 RESOLVED (Anita Painter/Vita Brinjen)

- (a) **That the Barunga Local Authority receives and note the Elected Member report.**

11.7 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT 4TH QUARTER EXPENDITURE REPORT

35/2018 RESOLVED (Vita Brinjen/Symeon Bulumbara)

- (a) **That the Barunga Local Authority receive and note the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the fourth Quarter of 2017-18**
(b) **That the Barunga Local Authority receive and note the LA Project Expenditure Report as at 30th June 2018**

OTHER BUSINESS

BY-ELECTION

- Roles and responsibilities of Elected Members
- Voting Schedule
- Nomination Process

KNOWLEDGE GARDEN

General Discussion regarding:

- Options provided to Local Authority:



- Guidelines surrounding eligibility for plaque memorial and what may be included.

ACTION: LA Members to work together leading up to next meeting to provided feedback regarding the options provided.

MEMORIAL PARK

- Discussion regarding the POND at the Memorial Park and what can be achieved moving forward in minimising the risks associated with this hazard.
- Local Authority are hoping to create a space that works for the Barunga Community.

ACTION: Scope and design for improved access and use of Memorial Park.

HARM MINIMISATION UNIT – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Moirra McCreesh presented to the Barunga Local Authority regarding the project and what can be achieved utilising the Harm Minimisation Unit surrounding mental health, alcohol and other drugs activities and funding.

BARUNGA CEMETARY

QUOTATION FOR PHASES 3 AND 4 – Flinders University

RECOMMENDATION

Note: RGRC to inform Barunga Local Authority if funding can be committed to this project as the cemetery is a RGRC core service.

36/2018 **RESOLVED** (Anita Painter/Nell Brown)

- (a) That the Barunga Local Authority approves the expenditure of \$13,331 from Local Authority Project Funding for Flinders University (Archaeology, College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences).

IDENTIFYING UNMARKED GRAVES IN BARUNGA CEMETARY

QUOTATION FOR PHASES 3 AND 4

Research Aims:

1. Locate unmarked graves at Barunga Cemetery and, where possible, identify the occupants of those graves.
2. Develop a burial register for Barunga Cemetery.
3. Provide the training needed to make Aboriginal management of Aboriginal cemeteries a reality.

Business Opportunity: We aim to establish the viability of a consultancy business in identifying unmarked graves in remote Aboriginal communities: Grave Concerns <https://graveconcerns.org/>. This will be based on a model that includes archaeologists, Aboriginal people from Barunga, Northern Territory, (some of whom are archaeologists-in-training), and Aboriginal people from local communities. Funding to develop this opportunity will be sought from the Aboriginal Benefits Account.

Phase 1: The initial identification and preliminary mapping of graves. This was undertaken in July 2013. Funded by Flinders University.

Phase 2: The location of graves using a GPS, recording the physical grave and grave goods, identifying the precise location of graves and mapping the cemetery using a total station. This was undertaken in July 2018. Funded by Flinders University.

Phase 3: The location of currently unidentified graves using Ground Penetrating Radar technology, and further identification of graves with the assistance of family members. This is scheduled for September 2018. Flinders University researcher Jordan Ralph.

Phase 4: The final work with families on identifying graves, including a BBQ for community members who are willing to help with this. This is scheduled for December, 2018. Flinders University researchers Claire Smith and Gary Jackson.

Additional Training: Our budget includes the salary for four community people to be trained in archaeological techniques @ \$300 per day, for two days each (i.e. \$1,200 per trainee salary). The training component could be increased by up to six community trainees in archaeology at an additional \$600 per person, to cover that person's salary. So, an additional two trainees would cost \$1,200. An additional four trainees would cost \$2,400. An additional six trainees would cost \$3,600. There would be no additional costs for university staff.

Media Coverage:

- 1) Grave concerns - filling in the blanks, *Katherine Times*

<https://www.katherinetimes.com.au/story/5524161/filling-in-the-blanks/>

- 2) Thousands of Territorians lie lost in unmarked graves. *NT News*

<https://www.ntnews.com.au/lifestyle/thousands-of-territorians-lie-lost-in-unmarked-graves/news-story/dbe8c53d49195a5de00684352ed0d1ea>

- 3) A grave omission: the quest to identify the dead in remote NT. *The Conversation*

<https://theconversation.com/a-grave-omission-the-quest-to-identify-the-dead-in-remote-nt-100456>

4) Mapping unmarked graves: Thousands more in the NT and beyond. *National Indigenous TV*.
<https://www.sbs.com.au/nitv/article/2018/08/09/mapping-unmarked-graves-thousands-more-nt-and-beyond>

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 01:10 PM.

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Chairperson