



AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

19th May, 2015

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leigh Ashford', written in a cursive style.

Signed: Leigh Ashford Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON TUESDAY 19th May, 2015 AT 6.00PM

President of the Shire Council Andrew Turner declared the meeting open at 6.00pm and welcomed all in attendance.

1 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor	President Andrew Turner
Councillor	Vice President Bruce Jones
Councillor	Max Corliss
Councillor	Dave Gray
Councillor	Ewan Crook
Councillor	Sue Bulmer

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Leigh Ashford
Senior Administration Officer	Aleyshia Kim

PERSONS PRESENT

Environment Centre Representatives

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19th May, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

This report is to table, for Council's record, any apologies and requests for leave of absence received from Elected Members for the Ordinary General Meeting held on 19th May, 2015.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

COMMENT

Council 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 Council will be recorded as absence without notice.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

As per the Local Government Act s.39 (1) A person ceases to hold office as a member of a Council if the person: (d) is absent, without permission of the Council, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and notes Clr Bulmer's apology of absence for the Ordinary General Meeting held 19th May, 2015.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19th May, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Elected Members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council or a meeting of a Council committee by:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised. Under disclosure, the Member must abide by the decision of Council on whether he/ she shall remain in the Chambers and/ or take part in the vote on the issue. The Council may elect to allow the Member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

Staff Members of the Council are required to disclose an interest in a matter at any time at 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 his or her delegated authority unless the Council expressly directs him or her to do so.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

COMMENT

Not applicable.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act s73 & s74 (Elected Members).

Local Government Act (2008) s107 Conflict of interest (Staff Members).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Conflict of Interest – Code of Conduct.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the declarations of interest as listed for the Ordinary General Meeting held 19th May, 2015.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

4 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

4.1 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

NOTE

The Environment Centre will make a presentation to Council at 6:00pm regarding Hydraulic Fracturing.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 21ST APRIL 2015

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19th May, 2015
Author:	Aleyshia Kim, Senior Administration Officer
Attachments:	Copy of Minutes will be tabled at the meeting

SUMMARY

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held 21st April 2015, are submitted to Council for confirmation that those minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

COMMENT

Not applicable

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The minutes as submitted must comply with part section 67(2) Local Government Act 2011 and that confirmation of minutes is compliant with section 67(3) of the Local Government Act 2011.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held 21st April 2015 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

6 OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORTS

6.1 OPERATIONS REPORTS

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\Operations Manager
Date:	19th May, 2015
Author:	Robert Bright, Operations Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Roads

Flood damage work on Haynes Road and Strickland Road has been finished.

Work has started on heavy patching Memorial Drive as part of the Flood damage grant.

Water grade and roll program has started on the roads around Adelaide River.

Pot hole patching materials have been purchased and delivered for patching potholes on Chinner Road. The work will commence the week of 25th May 2015.

NT Landcorp has agreed to our request to release land back to us in the North and East of the shire to allow the development of legal road reserves to the current land locked properties. A full report and maps will be provided out of session and further report will be prepared for the June OGM.

Dumps

Slot has been put in at Batchelor and is now starting to be used.

Adelaide River waste will start coming back to Batchelor.

Slashing

The slashing and spraying program will be finished shortly. Rum Jungle Lake will be slashed one more time.

Buildings

The Special Purpose Grant to refurbish Council offices has almost been complete. The major item still to be carried out is to provide light along the Walkway.

The grant also provided for refurbishment of the Adelaide River Oval toilets with the remaining money. This will commence shortly.

Plans are being drawn up to start on the Bruce Jones Community Centre Servery.

An additional solar light has been installed adjacent to the Bruce Jones Community Centre with remaining funds from the Community Safety Grant.

Irrigation systems have been tested and the program to repair sprinklers has started around Batchelor

Subdivision

The permit for Litchfield Road subdivision has come through.

Tortilla Road subdivision is still ongoing.

Surveyor is back surveying Chin Road.

RECOMMENDATION

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and note the Operations Manager Report for April/May 2015.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

6.2 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\Animal Management Officer
Date:	19th May, 2015
Author:	Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Dogs caught, 2 at Batchelor dump and 1 Adelaide River dump. These dogs were of a dangerous nature and difficult to handle and have been destroyed.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Animal Management Officers Report for April/May 2015.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

6.3 POOL REPORT

Applicant: N/A

Location/Address: N/A

File Ref: CCGCDocs\Pool Supervisor

Date: 19th May, 2015

Author: Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer

Attachments: Nil

SUMMARY

Cool weather, cold pool water and long weekends have seen a drop in pool numbers. Pool is running well, water is clear. The Rum Jungle Bowls Club have cut down a tree in the pool area that was overhanging the bowls club. The Council agreed to the removal of the tree last year as it was claimed that it was shade on the bowling green. The stump will be removed when resources are available.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Pool Report for April/May 2015.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

7.1 INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Applicant: N/A

Location/Address: N/A

File Ref: N/A

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 19th May, 2015

Author: Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Correspondence to be tabled

SUMMARY

Council is provided with items of correspondence both received and sent during the months of April/May.

BACKGROUND

Hard copies are available to Council on the day of each Ordinary Council meeting for perusal, with additional copies available on request to individual Elected Members.

COMMENT

The correspondence inwards and outwards will be tabled at every meeting or included in agenda items as part of the background information for that particular issue.

The Items of Correspondence are as follows:

Correspondence In

DATE	ID	Source/Author	Subject
13/4/15	MI 1	Aurecon Group (Telecommunications)	Notification of Proposed Installation of Optus Telecommunication Facility Lake Bennett
13/4/15	MI 2	Aurecon Group (Telecommunications)	Telstra- Proposed Installation of Telecommunications Equipment at an Existing Site Adelaide River
13/4/15	MI 3	Gerry Wood	Recent changes to regulations regarding poker machines
14/4/15	MI 4	NT Redistribution	NT Electoral boundary changes Bulletin 3
23/4/15	MI 5	Department of Transport	Black Spot Program Nominations 2016-17
28/4/15	MI 6	Department of Local Government & Community Services	General Instruction 3 Audit Committees
15/4/15	MI 7	Minister for Young Territorians	JJ School Holiday Program Grant
27/4/15	MI 8	New Local Applicant	Native Title Claim
30/4/15	MI 9	Howards Fireworks	Notification of fireworks
30/4/15	MI 10	LGANT	Media Release - NT Budget
30/4/15	MI 11	LGANT	Community Housing Issues
30/4/15	MI 12	Gary Higgins Minister for Arts and Museums	Helping Libraries to manage catalogues
30/4/15	MI 13	Gary Higgins Minister for Sport and Recreation	Home run for Sport & Rec Budget
30/4/15	MI 14	Adam Giles Chief Minister	The Territory Remembers
30/4/15	MI 15	War Graves visitor	Adelaide River War Cemetery plaque
30/4/15	MI 16	LGANT	Morgues in Remote Communities
30/4/15	MI 17	Bushfires NT	Letter of thanks
30/4/15	MI 18	NT Land Corporation	Road accesses
7/5/15	MI 19	Department of Local Government and Community Services	Compliance Review Framework Documents
8/5/15	MI 20	Community landowner	Re Otto creek road
	MI 21	Holden Car Club	Special Event Permit

12/5/15	MI 22	Batchelor resident	Overgrown property
12/5/15	MI 23	NT Fire & Rescue	AR FERG 4x4 unit

Correspondence Out

DATE	ID	Source	Recipient & Subject
14/3/15	MO 1	AK	Period Contract - Cleaning of public toilets and Council assets Adelaide River
25/3/15	MO 2	LA	Department of Lands Planning and Environment re subdivision of Section 03008 Hundred of Goyder
31/3/15	MO 3	LA	Surveyor General proposed road opening through section 2915 Hundred of Goyder
31/3/15	MO 4	LA	Development Assessment Services re Subdivision of Section 3004 Hundred of Goyder
22/4/15	MO 5	LA	Provision of Audit Services 2014/15 & 2015/16
22/4/15	MO 6	LA	Provision of Audit Services 2014/15 & 2015/16 acceptance of quote
22/4/15	MO 7	LA	Provision of Audit Services 2014/15 & 2015/16
22/4/15	MO 8	LA	Garry Higgins request to provide additional funds to support the CRO's programs
22/4/15	MO 9	LA	Garry Higgins request to provide a twin cab ute to support CRO's programs
22/4/15	MO 10	LA	Garry Higgins re Litchfield National Park
30/4/15	MO 11	LA	CEO signed fireworks display permit for 1/7/15
23/4/15	MO 12	LA	Department of Transport re AR Market sign frame
1/5/15	MO 13	LA	Letter of support for Friends of Northern Australia Railway funding submission
8/5/15	MO 14	LA	Contract for road construction, maintenance grading & earthworks to Mr Ian Rixon, Ooloo Investments
7/5/15	MO 15	LA	Contract for mowing and landscape maintenance to Mr Robbie Douglas, RS Gardening
8/5/15	MO 16	LA	Contract- township waste collection for Batchelor and Adelaide River to Mr Russell Finck FinBins
11/5/15	MO 17	LA	Northern Australian Parks re Litchfield National Park

CONSULTATION

Not Applicable.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Not Applicable.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policies that apply to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the items of incoming and outgoing correspondence as tabled.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.2 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST MAY 2015

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19th May, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Action Items List April, 2015

7.3 COMPLAINTS REGISTER APRIL/MAY 2015

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19th May, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil Complaints

7.4 STANDING ORDER – AMALGAMATION REVIEW

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	Coomalie Councillors
File Ref:	CC/79
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19th May, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

The following is the decision of Council from its May 2012 meeting.

Moved Clr. Turner, Seconded Clr. Crook that Boundary Consultation/Expansion be a standing item on the Council agenda until resolved. Council supports making this a priority for Council.

COMMENT

May 2014

The Department of Local Government has arranged for the Surveyor General to draw up and define the Additional land proposed to be incorporated into the Coomalie Community Government Council area. The first area to be included is the locality known as Robin Falls.

June 2014

The Minister for Local Government visited Council on Thursday 6 June 2014. He was particularly supportive of Council's proposal to include areas outside the current proposal into the Council area. These included Litchfield National Park, Douglas Daly Region and Mt Ringwood area and the Litchfield region to the west to the current boundary.

A meeting was held between The Department of Local Government representative, CEO from Belyuen Council and the president and CEO from Coomalie. The meeting was to initiate dialogue between the parties regarding possible incorporation of areas with the respective Council areas.

July 2014

A further meeting has been held with Belyuen Council regarding the future inclusion of unincorporated land within the Local Council areas. The second meeting was held at Belyuen and was attended by representatives of both Councils and the Department of Local Government.

The participants agreed to continue joint discussions. It was suggested that this should be through a Transition Committee set up and supported by the Minister for Local Government.

A notice was published in the Government Gazette on 3 July 2014 which includes the Robin Falls area in the Coomalie Community Government Council area.

August 2014

The property information for the Robin Falls area has been difficult to obtain. A direct approach was made to the Minister for Lands Planning and Environment. Initially the Department's computer system could not produce the appropriate report. The Department has now provided copies of the individual title searches of each property.

September 2014

Council received advice that the Minister for Local Government and Regions did not agree to the formation of a Transition Committee. David Tollner resigned his position as Minister for Local Government and Regions and the Chief Minister The Hon Adam Giles has taken on the responsibility.

The Shire President and the CEO met with The Department of Local Government Executive Director Mr David Willing and The Special Projects Manager, Mr Shaun Hardy on Wednesday 3 September 2014 to discuss the future expansion of the Council area.

Council sent letters of introduction to the 59 properties listed in Robin Falls with the information provided by the Department of Lands. 12 Letters have been returned as not known at the address provided.. Contacting the current owners has been the largest single issue coming out of the new area being included in the Council Boundary.

October 2014

Council staff have responded to letters of complaint from affected Robin Falls residents. The Department of Local Government have advised that any further work will be delayed until the appointment of a new Minister for Local Government.

November/ December 2014

A number of landowners in the Robin falls area have made complaints to the NT Ombudsman regarding the incorporation of the area into Coomalie Community Government Council area. The Ombudsman has requested information regarding the incorporation and this has been provided to the Ombudsman.

February 2015

Ombudsman has finalised responses of complaints against Council. It found Council does not have a case to answer in relation to the process to incorporate the Robin Falls area into the Council area. Following a Council reshuffle the Hon Bess Price has retained the portfolio of Local Government and Community Services. The Minister visited Council on Friday 27 February 2015.

March 2015

The Minister has advised that she is supportive of the previous Minister's position in relation to the incorporation of the unincorporated lands. The Minister stated she would consider a request for assistance to develop a consultation and communication strategy.

April 2015

A request has been sent to The Parks and Wildlife Commission to start discussions regarding the incorporation of the Litchfield National Park into Coomalie Shire's area.

CONSULTATION

Department of Local Government NT

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.5 CEO ACTIVITIES REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\CEO
Date:	19th May, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Batchelor Airstrip

Council has been advised informally that The Department of Transport has been allocated \$300,000 in the NT Budget to develop Master Plans for Airstrips in the NT. The majority of these funds have been allocated to the development of the Batchelor Airstrip.

This is an important recognition by the NT Government of the importance of the Batchelor Airstrip. The work involves the development of a scope of works, engagement of an appropriate consultant and recognition and assessment of the issues affecting the Batchelor Airstrip. The CEO has been invited to sit on the steering Committee for this project.

Regretfully this does not address the immediate needs of the current users of the Airstrip and Council will still continue to lobby on their behalf.

Prisoner Work Programs

The Department of Corrections was approached to recommence the Prisoner Work Programs, particularly for the Adelaide River Races and Show.

Council has received a positive response and prisoner work details have been programmed for the week prior to and following the Adelaide River Races.

They will then visit for one day per week to assist in the clean-up of Adelaide River and the Heritage Rail Precinct.

Rum Jungle Advisory Committee

The Rum Jungle Advisory Committee held its bi-annual meeting on 23 April 2015. Representatives of the Department of Mines and Energy gave an update on progress to remediate the Rum Jungle Mine Site. This is currently planned to commence fully from 1 July 2016 subject to the Commonwealth Government making appropriate provision in the budget. Work to date has included investigations of the environmental health of the area and the structure of the tailings heap. Currently work is being carried out on the design of the final remediation plan.

Some issues were raised about the Rum Jungle South site and the Department of Mining and Energy agreed to arrange a separate meeting to discuss and work through the issues.

Anzac Day

The staff and volunteers did a fantastic job on Anzac Day and made everything look as if it ran like clockwork.

I believe we have done justice to the commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the first ANZAC landing at Gallipoli and showed respect and reverence to the memory of all those armed forces personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

The event management led by Ms Marilyn Morris was exceptional. She was ably supported by all the staff including both the administration staff and operations staff.

The Adelaide River Dawn Service and the Gunfire Breakfast could not have succeeded without the support of the volunteers and community groups that played a role prior to and during the day. One of the defining features of our community is the willingness of community members to pitch in and help.

It is also important to thank the Australian Defence Forces and Government agencies for their assistance and willingness to support our Dawn Service. The contractors who assisted were extremely professional and in many cases cut margins to barely cover costs.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the CEO's Activity Report for April/May 2015.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded Clr.

7.6 STRATEGIC PLAN /ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET

Applicant:	CCGC
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC/4
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	14 th May, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Strategic Plan Submissions from Community members regarding the existing Strategic Plan.

SUMMARY

Staff are currently working through the Budget process for 2014/15. There are considerable challenges for the budget as the real reduction in untied grants is placing a great deal of pressure on existing levels of service and programs.

Council is required under the Local Government Act to have a Budget which provides a surplus. Reserves have been used in the past to balance budgets and allow important programs to proceed. The level of reserves available has diminished over the last seven or eight years leaving them at the minimum for a public authority of Council's size.

The Finance Manager will table first cut of a budget at the internal Audit committee meeting following any requests or requirements from this meeting.

Council is requested to consider the community comment and provide advice to staff on the Strategic Plan and items that they wish to have considered, altered or removed to allow staff to prepare the necessary information at the Budget meeting

BACKGROUND

Council is required to present and adopt an Annual Plan and Annual Budget prior to the 30th July 2015.

Councillors were provided with a copy of the current Strategic Plan at the April meeting and the community have been invited to comment through the website and Stop Press.

COMMENT

The Long Term Strategic Plan provides the basis for determining the Annual Plan and Budget. There are many items listed in the Long Term Strategic Plan which are clearly aspirational, and which have not been able to be funded in the past, and given the current level of funding unlikely in the near future. These items have been provided to allow Council to also review them when considering the budget.

This is the opportunity to provide direction to the staff on changes to the Strategic Plan which will be incorporated in the updated Draft Strategic Plan, Annual Plan and Budget for consideration at the Budget meeting.

CONSULTATION

Finance Manager
Senior Administration Officer
Community invitation to comment

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Requirements of the Local Government Act

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil for preparation

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

DIRECTION

That Council to provide direction to the CEO on the draft Strategic Plan, Annual Plan and Budget.

Moved:

Seconded:

7.7 PROPOSED ROAD HIERARCHY

Applicant:	Road Hierarchy
Location/Address:	Coomalie Community Government Council Area
File Ref:	CC16A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15 th April, 2014
Author:	Leigh Ashford Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Proposed Road Hierarchy

SUMMARY

The Council Strategic Plan identifies the need to develop a road hierarchy and it is part of developing the Asset Management Plans for all of Council assets. A fully developed Asset Management Plan provides the long term works program based on the requirements to protect Council assets.

The Road hierarchy has been updated to include additional information.

The Road Hierarchy provides for an initial level of service for each category. This will assist in determining maintenance requirements. As the knowledge of the road system and asset management increases, levels of service can be changed to reflect both the technical requirements and the community standards.

Council should adopt the proposed Road hierarchy and review at least once during the term of a Council.

BACKGROUND

A report was prepared for the April meeting providing a draft Road Hierarchy for the Shire.

Community comment was invited following advertising in the Stop Press and the Website.

COMMENT

Council's Asset Management planning is still in its infancy, but will progressively improve with experience and time.

CONSULTATION

Operations Manager
Finance Manager
Invitation for the Community to comment

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Currently nil, but will be a major consideration in the budget planning process in the future.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Road Hierarchy attached to the report and that it is reviewed at least once during the term of Council..

Moved: Clr.

Seconded Clr.

7.8 FAGS GRANT- REQUEST FROM LGANT

Applicant:	LGANT
Location/Address:	Nil
File Ref:	CC 104.1
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	14 th May 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer.
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

LGANT has requested that Councils follow up on The Commonwealth Government's decision to freeze Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) in the 2014/15 budget for the next 4 years.

They have requested that Council formally resolve to embark on a public education program to inform the community of the importance of FAGs to the viability and operation of the Council.

In particular they have requested the programs associated with FAGs are appropriately identified and explained in Council publications, such as the Annual Report.

BACKGROUND

The Commonwealth Government froze FAGs at the 2014/15 level in last year’s budget for four years.

COMMENT

The FAGs Grant funds Council’s entire road maintenance in conjunction with Roads to Recovery Grant the Road Renewal and Improvement program.

It is an extremely important Grant as reductions affect the level of service to the roads programs and effectiveness of the Council operations.

Council wrote to the Member for Lingiari and both NT Senators last year regarding its concerns over the freezing of the FAG.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The commonwealth Government Freeze means a reduction of up to 16% in real terms over 4 years.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Acknowledges the importance of Federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grant Program for the continued delivery of Council services and infrastructure;

Will ensure that Financial Assistance Grant is appropriately identified as Commonwealth Grant funding in Council publications, including the Annual Report.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded:

7.9 ADELAIDE RIVER SHOW DISPLAY

Applicant:	CCGC
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC/45
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	13 th May, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Council usually provides a display for the Adelaide River Show. It is an important community event and Council should be seen to be supportive of the show.

BACKGROUND

The Adelaide River Show Society will hold the Annual Show on Saturday 6th June and Sunday 7th June 2015. Council has traditionally had a display at the show.

COMMENT

It is important that Council is seen to be supporting major local community events. Usually very few people will actually stop at the display, however the absence of representation at these events is noted adversely by some community members.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Cost of display material.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

DIRECTION

That the CEO arrange a suitable display at the Adelaide River Show.

Moved:

Seconded:

7.10 DARWIN PARACHUTE CLUB REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	14 th April, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Letter of Request

SUMMARY

The Darwin Parachute Club has requested Council donate the use of its chairs and table for use during the "Territory Rel Week" from 5th to 12th of September 2015.

This is an important event which promotes Batchelor and helps support local businesses. It is considered that Council should support the request with a maximum limit of 10 tables and 60 chairs.

BACKGROUND

The Darwin Parachute Club is a not for profit skydiving operation operating out of Batchelor airstrip. It hosts Rel Week biannually. The event is expected to attract 120 skydivers plus family and friends.

Council has provided tables and chairs to the group for previous events free of charge.

COMMENT

Council provided 10 tables and 60 chairs for the 2013 event. This equates to a sponsorship of \$600 at the time of the event.

Council has a prior commitment to COTA for their quiz night on 5th September 2015, however there should be at least 10 tables and 60 chairs available.

The organisers are expected to pick up the table and chairs and return them in a clean undamaged condition.

It is expected that the organisers recognise Council as a sponsor to the value of up to \$600.

CONSULTATION

CRO
Reception.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Community Support policy only relates to annual support and does not list the Darwin Parachute Club.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council support the Darwin Parachute Club Territory Rel Week 2015 by waiving the table and chairs hire fee charge of up to a value of \$600.00

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.11 HYDRAULIC FRACTURING POLICY

Applicant: Cr Bulmer

Location/Address:

File Ref: cc 104.1

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 14th May 2015

Author: Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer.

Attachments: Report to April Meeting of Council.
Summary of the Independent inquiry
Additional information provided by Cr Bulmer

SUMMARY

Council has been requested to adopt a position opposing the use of the Hydraulic Fracturing mining process throughout the Council area.

THE NT Environment Centre has requested to make a presentation to Council. They have been invited to make a presentation at 6.00pm following the Grants Commission Public hearing.

Council may wish to determine a policy position on Hydraulic Fracturing in the Shire

BACKGROUND.

This item has been held over from the April Council Meeting.

Cr Bulmer has requested Council have a Policy Position opposing the use of the Hydraulic Fracturing mining process throughout the Shire area.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

For Council's consideration.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

8 FINANCE REPORTS

8.1 PAYMENT REGISTER

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19 th May, 2015
Author:	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

As part of the monthly reporting procedures a full listing of cheques and EFT payments made is submitted to Council.

BACKGROUND

Attached is a listing of accounts paid for April 2015.

COMMENT

No additional comments are provided to this report.

CONSULTATION

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 18 of the Local Government Accounting Regulations 2008 Financial reports to Council –

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(b) the forecast income and expenditure for the whole of the financial year.

(2) The report must include:

(a) details of all cash and investments held by the Council (including money held in trust); and

(b) a statement on the debts owed to the Council including the aggregate amount owed under each category with a general indication of the age of the debts; and

(c) other information required by the Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policies that apply to this report.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

PAYMENT REGISTER

APRIL 2015

DATE	REFERENCE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
1/04/2015	96081	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	44.39
2/04/2015	6534	Adamant Property Services P/L	21,761.85
2/04/2015	6535	Area IT Solutions	1,598.30
2/04/2015	6536	T/as Fire and Safety Aust Nort	1,320.00
2/04/2015	6537	AUT Electric	1,360.00
2/04/2015	6538	Cr. Sue Bulmer	350.00
2/04/2015	6539	Cr. Max Corliss	350.00
2/04/2015	6540	Cr. Ewan Crook	350.00
2/04/2015	6541	Gaz NT Pty Ltd	3,850.00
2/04/2015	6542	Cr. Dave Gray	350.00
2/04/2015	6543	Cr. Bruce Jones	750.00
2/04/2015	6544	DT & MG Kerr	6,050.00
2/04/2015	6545	Bruce Mason	1,248.50
2/04/2015	6546	NT Quality Hay & Contracting P	770.00
2/04/2015	6547	OfficeMax	775.76
2/04/2015	6548	Cr. Andrew Turner	1,333.00
2/04/2015	6549	Worksense Darwin	258.37
2/04/2015	397	PowerWater	3,019.60
2/04/2015	96082	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	4.52
2/04/2015	96083	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	879.70
7/04/2015	6550	RWA Exact	123.75
7/04/2015	6551	Dannah Pty Ltd	124.35
7/04/2015	6552	Darwin Business Machines	271.17
7/04/2015	6553	HSS NT Pty Ltd	1,295.80
7/04/2015	6554	OfficeMax	15.73
7/04/2015	6555	Rum Jungle Construction	1,293.60
7/04/2015	6556	St John Ambulance Australia	762.05
14/04/2015	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	21,187.49
14/04/2015	14/04 PAY 0	14/04 PAY 0	262.08
14/04/2015	6557	Air Liquide WA Pty Ltd	87.29
14/04/2015	6558	AJ Couriers & Haulage Pty Ltd	269.50

14/04/2015	6559	Area IT Solutions	715.00
14/04/2015	6560	Adelaide River Show Society	5,500.00
14/04/2015	6561	Attache Software Australia Pty	62.00
14/04/2015	6562	Batchelor Service Centre	920.09
14/04/2015	6563	Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	693.70
14/04/2015	6564	Darwin Office Technology	149.59
14/04/2015	6565	Litchfield Springs Water Pty L	70.00
14/04/2015	6566	Darwin Bolt Supplies (Normist)	34.22
14/04/2015	6567	OfficeMax	115.54
14/04/2015	6568	Diedre Pickering	1,691.80
14/04/2015	6569	RS Gardening Care	9,576.10
14/04/2015	6570	Territory Steel	63.00
14/04/2015	6571	NT Rural Pty Ltd TA Territory	154.00
15/04/2015	96084	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	41.69
15/04/2015	96085	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	13.66
15/04/2015	96086	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	10.56
20/04/2015	458679	Petty Cash Reimbursements	1,323.05
21/04/2015	6572	RWA Exact	123.75
21/04/2015	6573	Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	231.28
21/04/2015	6574	Cheap as Chips Cars	2,200.00
21/04/2015	6575	Fawcett Cattle Co	174.90
21/04/2015	6576	Fulton Hogan Industries	4,950.00
21/04/2015	6577	Gaz NT Pty Ltd	1,551.00
21/04/2015	6578	HSS NT Pty Ltd	346.50
21/04/2015	6579	Bruce Mason	935.00
21/04/2015	6580	Darwin Bolt Supplies (Normist)	107.15
21/04/2015	6581	S.E. Rentals Pty Ltd	258.63
21/04/2015	398	Jacana Energy	57.78
21/04/2015	399	PowerWater	361.76
26/04/2015	96087	Click Super	6,693.74
27/04/2015	6582	Topend Windscreens & Tinting	220.00
27/04/2015	400	Jacana Energy	6,252.22
27/04/2015	401	PowerWater	2,550.90
28/04/2015	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	21,642.83
28/04/2015	402	Australian Taxation Office	3,639.00
TOTAL			\$ 145,547.24

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve and pass for payment the April 2015 payment register totalling **\$145,547.24**

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

8.2 FINANCE AND GRANT REPORT, MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19 th May, 2015
Author:	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

As part of the monthly reporting procedures a finance and grant report, and a financial summary report is submitted to Council.

BACKGROUND

Attached is a finance and grant report and financial summary report to 30th April 2015.

COMMENT

No additional comments are provided to this report.

CONSULTATION

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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(c) other information required by the Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policies that apply to this report.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30TH APRIL 2015

Cash at Bank	
Cash on Hand	\$ 2,000.00
Cheque Account	\$ 66,971.84
Investment Account	\$ 1,200,000.00
Trust Account	\$ -
Total Cash at Bank	\$ 1,268,971.84

Debtors	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	
Trade	-	11,994.00	297.00	1,890.00	\$ 14,181.00
Rate Arrears	-	-	-	86,331.99	\$ 86,331.99
Rates paid in advance	- 15,218.35	-	-	-	-\$ 15,218.35
Total Debtors					\$ 85,294.64

Creditors	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	
	66,748.24	-	-	-	\$ 66,748.24
Total Creditors					\$ 66,748.24

Reconciliation of Funds	
Balance as per General Ledger	\$ 68,971.84
Add outstanding Debtors	\$ 85,294.64
Less outstanding Creditors	\$ 66,748.24
Add Investment Account	\$ 1,200,000.00
Total Cash & Receivables Available	\$ 1,287,518.24

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GRANT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30TH APRIL 2015

Date Received	Grant	From	Amount	Expended to date	Amount Remaining	Acquittal Due
18/11/2014	Flood Damage Feb 2014 - 2nd Part	NDRRA	\$ 649,100.00	\$ 428,842.69	\$ 220,257.31	30/06/2015
26/06/2014	RJBC Shade and Seating	Dept Sport Rec & Racing	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 9,140.00	30/04/2015
30/06/2014	Upgrade Admin Buildings Bat & AR	SPG - Dept Local Government	\$ 146,030.00	\$ 116,463.56	\$ 29,566.44	30/06/2015
30/06/2014	Solar Park Lighting	SPG - Family Safe Environment	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 48,065.43	\$ 1,934.57	30/06/2015
30/07/2014	AR FERG Meeting Room - 80% paid	NT Emergency Services	\$ 60,831.81	\$ 59,143.49	\$ 1,688.32	20/02/2015
26/08/2014	Anzac Day 2015	Dept Chief Minister	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 8,474.89	\$ 5,525.11	30/06/2015
16/09/2014	Recycling Shed Batchelor	Dept Planning & Infrastructure	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 18,192.67	\$ -	10/09/2015
29/09/2014	Library Grant	Dept of Arts and Museums	\$ 50,757.00	\$ 35,195.35	\$ 15,561.65	31/07/2015
15/01/2015	National Youth Week 2015	Dept Chief Minister	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 254.88	\$ 1,745.12	30/06/2015
27/01/2015	AR FERG Fit out Meeting Room	Dept of Business	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,070.87	\$ 2,929.13	30/06/2015
20/02/2015	Servery Bruce Jones Community Centre	SPG - Dept Local Government	\$ 23,780.00	\$ -	\$ 23,780.00	30/06/2016
25/03/2015	Anzac Centenary Grant	Dept Veterans Affairs	\$ 9,185.45	\$ -	\$ 9,185.45	30/09/2015
22/04/2015	School Holiday Grant July 2015	Dept Chief Minister	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	31/08/2015
			\$ 1,034,184.26	\$ 719,563.83	\$ 288,347.65	
		Cash and Receivables			\$ 1,287,518.24	
		Unspent Grants & Subsidies			\$ 288,347.65	
		Cash Available to Council			\$ 999,170.59	

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT****30TH APRIL 2015**

Account Code	Account Description	13/14 Actual	Month Actual	YTD Actual	14/15 Budget
110 ADMINISTRATION					
110 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,207,863	4,104	1,528,266	1,524,570
110 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	719,659	110,853	665,982	896,837
110 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 110	488,204	-106,749	862,284	627,733
210 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES					
210 3899	TOTAL INCOME	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
210 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	91,669	7,389	46,907	85,200
210 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 210	-82,669	1,611	-37,907	-76,200
211 SANITATION AND GARBAGE					
211 3899	TOTAL INCOME	325,414	0	335,934	353,620
211 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	271,566	13,881	201,303	351,912
211 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 211	53,848	-13,881	134,631	1,708
212 CEMETERIES					
212 3899	TOTAL INCOME	4,236	0	2,100	2,000
212 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	13,390	0	11,137	14,500
212 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 212	-9,154	0	-9,037	-12,500
310 PARKS AND GARDENS					
310 3899	TOTAL INCOME	-3,628	627	51,585	51,200
310 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	158,823	13,873	163,067	241,732
310 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 310	-162,451	-13,246	-111,482	-190,532
311 LIBRARIES					
311 3899	TOTAL INCOME	48,858	0	50,757	50,757
311 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	49,999	6,124	35,192	50,757
311 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 311	-1,141	-6,124	15,565	0
312 SPORT AND RECREATION					
312 3899	TOTAL INCOME	5,430	31	36,595	13,400
312 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	109,390	6,238	63,855	140,872
312 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 312	-103,960	-6,207	-27,260	-127,472
313 SWIMMING POOL					
313 3899	TOTAL INCOME	5,285	610	4,638	4,800
313 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	106,789	5,800	67,156	113,849
313 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 313	-101,504	-5,190	-62,518	-109,049
314 COMMUNITY RECREATION					
314 3899	TOTAL INCOME	38,375	1,598	39,152	36,364
314 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	72,542	5,163	56,523	80,723
314 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 314	-34,167	-3,565	-17,371	-44,359
410 ROADS					
410 3899	TOTAL INCOME	699,327	53	995,525	1,218,146
410 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	858,630	17,657	795,056	1,606,765
410 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 410	-159,303	-17,604	200,469	-388,619
510 STREETLIGHTING					
510 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	12,875	6,034	12,642	21,000
510 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 510	-12,875	-6,034	-12,642	-21,000
511 TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
511 3899	TOTAL INCOME	25,463	690	105,071	97,545
511 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	70,747	7,925	97,328	127,235
511 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 511	-45,284	-7,235	7,743	-29,690
512 DOG MANAGEMENT					
512 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,824	46	2,159	2,000
512 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	14,678	1,243	13,012	14,322
512 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 512	-12,854	-1,197	-10,853	-12,322

513 GLYPHOSATE					
513 3899	TOTAL INCOME	4,509	873	3,490	10,000
513 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	3,136	10,000
513 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 513	4,509	873	354	0
514 GAMBA AND WEED MANAGEMENT					
514 3899	TOTAL INCOME	11,000	0	0	0
514 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	10,020	0	0	0
900 3899	TOTAL INCOME	2,381,220	17,632	3,164,272	3,373,402
900 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	2,560,777	202,180	2,232,296	3,755,704
900 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY)	-179,557	-184,548	931,976	-382,302

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report, Grant Report and Monthly Financial Summary for April 2015.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

9 COMMUNITY RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\ CRO
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19th May, 2015
Author:	Marilyn Morris, Community Recreation Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Aussie Hoops

Adelaide River School commenced the Aussie Hoops Program after Anzac Day. There are 35 to students in the program. Batchelor Area School will commence the program in the second semester. A PaRBA coach has been engaged by the School to come down and run three clinics throughout the 8 week sessions.

Basketball

I attended the PaRBA committee meeting on Thursday 7th May and thanked the committee for sponsoring our local Batchelor and Belyuen crew of 28 children at the recent NT Championships at Marrara. PaRBA committee are designing a logo for the new Association and there will be Coomalie colours (along with Palmerston and Litchfield colours) incorporated into the logo. A senior mixed comp will begin in June and we hope to submit a team from Coomalie.

A local girl Cristie Anderson was selected to travel to the US for a basketball and cultural exchange trip. There is a possibility of another Batchelor child being invited to also participate.

I have also submitted an email to The Hon Gary Higgins, Minister for Sport and Recreation requesting financial support for two other program initiatives.

Batchelor Markets

The first market for the year was held on 10th May and was a successful morning for stallholders and enjoyed by all locals and visitors who attended. Interestingly most people stayed for at least 2 hours, sitting on blankets and in small groups under the trees.

Coomalie Swim Group

As the weather has now cooled, the Swim Group has been suspended until September when the pool reopens and the weather warms up.

Anzac Day

Photos and thank you notes are being forwarded to all volunteer groups and people who were involved in the Dawn Service. Thank you to Councillors, President and Vice President for your support. Please email me any notes to be added to the debrief.

Community Safety Action Meeting

A Community Safety action Committee Meeting was held on the 7th May at Council Chambers. One of the Actions from the meeting is that the Police will arrange an information session focusing on awareness of *illicit drugs within our community*. Recognition of affected persons and appropriate responses is a critical risk mitigation procedure. Being able to identify at risk people will assist with maintaining a safe zone when holding events such as the Holiday Programs in public places.

Grants

- Family Safe Environment Fund for park lighting at the Adelaide River Oval and surrounding township. This was unsuccessful
- Quick Response grant for NT Basketball Championships – successful and utilized.
- Youth Vibe Holiday Grant for June/July holidays - submitted
- Festivals Australia Regional Grant & NT Arts grant for Lingalonga Festival – submitted.
- CCGC Community Grant for Lingalonga Festival – submitted.
- Seniors Month Grant – submitted.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Community Recreation Officer's reports for April/May 2015.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

11 LATE REPORTS

Nil

12 COUNCIL REPORTS

Nil

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council close the meeting to the general public in accordance with section 65(2) of the Local Government Act to enable Council to discuss in a Confidential Session an item described under Local Government (Administration) regulations 8 (a,b,c,d or e)

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council re-open the meeting to the general public in accordance with Section 65(1) of the Local Government Act

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

15 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Coomalie Community Government Council will be held at Batchelor on 16th June, 2015.