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Signed: Leigh Ashford Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2015 FOLLOWING THE BUDGET MEETING

President of the Shire Council Andrew Turner declared the meeting open at pm 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

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	16th June 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 16th June 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 the apologies of absence for the Ordinary General Meeting held 16th June 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:	16th June 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 16th June 2015.	
Moved:	**Clr.**
Seconded:	**Clr.**

4 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 19TH MAY 2015

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	16th June 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 19th May 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 19th May 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:	16th June 2015
Author:	Robert Bright, Operations Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Roads-

Work on Memorial Drive will be finished next week. All tests have come back okay and the sealing will commence Thursday.

Repairs to the Haynes Road flood damaged floodway have commenced. The work involves pavement stabilisation and bitumen sealing.

Water, grade, roll on Strickland, Haynes, Coach, Milton and Carr Road have been completed. Contractors will finish off the rest of roads as part of the program. This work will start next week.

Pot hole patching on Chinner Road has been done with the available material.

Negotiations are still continuing with the Northern Territory Land Corporation to release land back to the Council for road reserves in the North and West for the shire. It is proposed to have a report for the July Council meeting on progress to date.

The slashing and spraying program has finished for the season.

Waste-

The Batchelor landfill slot is filling up fast. The Adelaide River Landfill is currently okay. There is a lot of rubbish coming through at the moment.

Building-

The SPG grant program to upgrade and refurbish the Council Offices and machinery shed has been finished.

The Adelaide River toilets are being refurbished with the remaining money from the grant.

The Gates for the Batchelor Landfill shed are being fabricated.

Subdivision-

A permit for lot 525 Ringwood Rd to create 33 lots has been approved.

Irrigation-

Staff are currently repairing the irrigation systems. The systems around Batchelor are almost complete with the exception of Havlik Park. Most of the Adelaide River Oval sprinklers are not working correctly. This will be a priority in the near future.

RECOMMENDATION

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION	
That Council receives and note the Operations Manager Report for May/June 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:	16th June 2015
Author:	Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

There have been a few notifications of barking dogs in both Batchelor and Adelaide River. Patrols have been increased, but our powers to enter a property and seize a dog are limited unless directed by the Police or the CEO.

One dog was impounded and destroyed as the owner did not want to pay the fines and fees in registration of the dog.

A visible trapping program in Kirra Stand Flynn St Batchelor has resulted in an improvement in owners' behaviour with gates being closed and dogs being tied up.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

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

Moved:	**Clr.**
Seconded:	**Clr.**

6.3 **POOL REPORT**

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\Pool Supervisor
Date:	16th June 2015
Author:	Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

The pool will close on 29th of June and reopen in early September. There is currently little patronage as the pool water temperature has fallen to 27.5°c. The break will be use to renovate and repair the garden and surrounds.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Pool Report for May/June 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:	16th June 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 May/June.

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	Subject
23/4/15	MI 1	Department of Transport	Black Spot Program 2016-17
28/4/15	MI 2	The Waler Horse Society of Australia Inc.	Letter of thanks re ANZAC Day involvement
30/4/15	MI 3	Royal Australian Air Force	Letter of thanks and congratulations re ANZAC Ceremony involvement
8/5/15	MI 4	BIITE	Library use agreement
10/5/15	MI 5	Returned Servicemen's League	Letter of appreciation ANZAC Appeal fundraising
18/5/15	MI 6	Lake Bennett Body Corporate Committee & Lake Bennett landowner	Letters regarding access to Lake Bennett
19/5/15	MI 7	Local Government Association of the Northern Territory	Financial Assistance Grants
19/5/15	MI 8	Northern Territory Electoral Commission	Re Local Government (Electoral) Regulations Amendments
1/6/15	MI 9	Department of Sport & Recreation	Grant Funding Agreement PARBA junior competition
2/6/15	MI 10	National Native Title Tribunal	Application for registration on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements
3/6/15	MI 11	Batchelor Police	Complaint about dangerous dogs
4/6/15	MI 12	Ms Kathy Roe	Acceptance of position of Relief Library Officer Adelaide River
4/6/15	MI 13	Minister for Arts and Museums, The Hon Gary Higgins MLA	Lingalonga Festival grant funding
2/6/15	MI 14	Kungarakan Culture & Education Association	Request for information
9/6/15	MI 15	Minister for Senior Territorians	Seniors Month Grant approval
9/6/15	MI 16	Adelaide River Community Craft Market Inc.	Craft market highway signage
9/6/15	MI 17	Territory Natural Resource Management	Finness Reynolds Catchment, Mimosa & Feral Pig Management Project
9/6/15	MI 18	Department of Transport	Draft Darwin Regional Transport Plan

Correspondence Out

DATE	ID	Source	Subject
21/5/15	M01	LA	Provision of tables & chairs for Rel Week
26/5/15	MO 2	LA	Hon. Gary Higgins; request to provide additional funds to support the CRO's programs
26/5/15	MO	LA	Contracts for cleaning public toilets and council assets.

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27/5/15	MO 4	LA	MVR Palmerston; appointment of registration agent Hilux CCGC 02
27/5/15	MO 5	LA	MVR Palmerston; appointment of registration agent HinoTipper CCGC 04
28/5/15	MO 6	LA	Mr Tony Mayell CEO, Tourism NT; Batchelor Tourist Industry
28/5/15	MO 7	LA	Mr Michael Bridge Chairman , Tourism NT Alice Springs ;Batchelor Tourism Industry
1/6/15	MO 8	LA	Cheeney Road Landowner ; Cheeney Road Erosion

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 JUNE 2015

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	16th June 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Action Items List April, 2015

7.3 COMPLAINTS REGISTER MAY/JUNE 2015

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A

Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	16th June 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	

DATE	COMPLAINANT	COMPLAINT/ EVENT	ACTION
3/6/2015	Batchelor police	Police involved in a disturbance at 2.00am involving residents and dogs in Mardango Cres. One Person was bitten by a dog. Dogs were unregistered and aggressive.	Police have resolved the dispute between residents. Dog Management officer is patrolling the area for the dogs.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Events and Actions in the complaints register for May /June.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

7.4 STANDING ORDER – AMALGAMATION REVIEW

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	Coomalie Councillors
File Ref:	CC/79
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	16th June 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 reshuffled 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.

June 2015
A meeting of the BCWLGAG was held at Belyuen on Tuesday 9 June 2015. It attended by Presidents/Managers of the three Councils along with the CEOs. The Department of Local Government had three representatives including the Director Mr David Willing. The main discussion revolved around the incorporation of the remaining unincorporated areas into Councils. The Department will be guided by the discussions within cabinet to be held at the end of June. The Department Director has agreed in principal to meet with the President and CEO after the Cabinet Meeting to discuss the Coomalie Shire going forward.

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:	16th June 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

SUMMARY

Batchelor Airstrip

The Department of Transport is currently working on a Scope of Works to develop a Master Plan for the Batchelor Airstrip. It is also investigating options for the management of the airstrip.

Prisoner Work Programs

The Department of Corrections has recommenced the Prisoner Work Programs and has assisted the Adelaide River Show Society prepare for the Adelaide River Races and Show. The Adelaide River Show Society have thanked the Department of Corrections for the excellent work carried out by the prisoners which would not have occurred otherwise.

Batchelor Native Title Claim

Council has received notification from the National Native Title Tribunal of an application to register an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA). The agreement was lodged on 30 April 2015. The parties to the Agreement are the Northern Territory Government, representatives of the Warai and Kungarakany groups and the Northern Lands Council. The agreement advises the parties consent to extinguish Native Title over the township of Batchelor.

Persons who claim to hold Native Title to any part of Batchelor have until the 10th September 2015 to appeal the proposed ILUA. If no objections are received, the ILUA is registered and Native Title is extinguished. If objections are received then the objections are considered on their merits. A representative of the National Native Title Tribunal has advised that the appeals usually take about 3 months to consider, but it depends on the complexity of the appeal and claim.

Adelaide River Show

The Adelaide River Show Society held the Annual Show on Saturday 6th June and Sunday 7th June 2015. Council had a display and information desk at the show for the Saturday. The stand was manned by the CEO with the assistance of Councillor Turner.

TOPROC Workshop

TOPROC held a Strategic Planning Workshop at The City of Darwin offices. The workshop follows on from the workshop held prior to the March Council Meeting. The General vision of TOPROC centred on two themes, "A collective voice on Top End issues" and "A collective forum to strengthen Local Government in the Top End".

The major issues identified for TOPROC to consider are Planning, Waste and Council Amalgamations. The consultants will use the information to prepare a draft report which should be available early August 2015.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

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

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded **Clr.**

7.6 UNCONFIRMED AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A

File Ref:	CC/81A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11th June 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Unconfirmed Minutes of Audit Committee

SUMMARY

The unconfirmed Audit Committee Minutes of the meeting of 26th May 2015 are attached for Council's information. The minutes will be ratified at the next meeting of the Audit Committee scheduled for 7th October 2015.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable

COMMENT

Ni.

CONSULTATION

Audit Committee

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The Local Government (Accounting) Regulations 10(2) (b) requires Council to establish and maintain an Audit Committee and the Act requires Council to have an internal Audit Committee.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council change, receive and note the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Committee held on 26th May 2015.

Moved:	**Clr.**
Seconded:	**Clr.**

7.7 AUDIT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC 81A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	10 June 2015

Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	Revised Terms of Reference.Draft

SUMMARY

The Audit Committee Terms of Reference have been amended to take into account the Requirements of General Instruction No. 3 Audit Committees issued by the Department of Local Government. The Audit Committee resolved to recommend to Council to make changes to the Terms of Reference as presented in the report.

BACKGROUND

Council established an audit committee in 2012. The Committee did not officially meet until October 2014 due to Council not being able to find a satisfactory Chairperson.

Council adopted the Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee at its meeting of 19 August 2014. It amended the Terms of Reference at its meeting of 13 November 2014.

The Department of Local Government issued General Instruction No.3 Audit Committees in April 2015 that set out requirements for Audit Committee Terms of Reference.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Finance Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The Local Government (Accounting) Regulations 10(2) (b) requires Council to establish and maintain an Audit Committee and the Act requires council to have an internal Audit Committee.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Changes to the Terms of Reference

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the changes to the Audit Committee Terms of Reference as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.8 ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTS.

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC 104.3.1
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	10th June 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	Summary of Community Grant Applications
	Grant applications

SUMMARY

Eight Applications were received by the closing time for the Community Grant Program.. The applications were from:

1.	Lingalonga Festival	$1000 for LIngalonga Festival
2.	Adelaide River Show Society	$1000 for Adelaide River Show
3.	Adelaide River Craft Markets	$500 for Rosella Festival
4.	Batchelor Recreation User Group	$900 for storage at Rum Jungle Bowls Club
5.	Batchelor Museum	$4000 Approval cost for Café and Verandah extension
6.	Entertainment NT Pty Ltd	$2000 towards costs of Adelaide River Music Muster
7.	Friends North Australian Railway	$3300 contribution towards utility costs
8.	Friends North Australian Railway	$1500 Costs to insure Museum (Late Application)
	TOTAL Requested	$14200

BACKGROUND

Council initiated Community Grants for the 2014/15 year. Grants were called for in February and March for grants in the 2015/16 financial year.

Grants are open to all incorporated and unincorporated groups. Private companies are not specifically excluded from the grant process, but applications have to demonstrate how the grant will improve the community. The Council considers each application on its merits based on consideration of the community benefit of each application The maximum grant per application is $5,000.

COMMENT

Council has a policy to allocate $1,000 to the Lingalonga Festival and $1,000 to the Adelaide River Show Society on an annual basis. Both groups have made application for the funds under this program.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

$9,400 has been allocated in the draft 2015/16 budget for Community Grants.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION	
That Council determines the Community Grants for 2015/16.	
Moved:	**Clr.**
Seconds:	**Clr.**

7.9 REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PART OF OWEN LAGOON ROAD

Applicant:	Northern Territory Land Corporation		
Location/Address:	N/A		
File Ref:	CC / 19F		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil		
Date:	11th June 2015	**Author:**	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Map of proposed Temporary Road Closure.		

SUMMARY

The Northern Territory Land Corporation (NTLC) has requested Council limit access to the eastern end of Owen Lagoon Road abutting their property. The road is a dead end road servicing nine parcels of land. The request only affects one landowner, NTLC, unless properties are sold or transferred.

Council can consider a Substantial Temporary Road Closure after consultation with the Minister and the Local Member.

This appears to be a reasonable request as it can only affect one landowner. Council could support the proposal in principal subject to NTLC agreeing to conditions that protect Council's interests. This could be simply by exchange of letters. Alternatively Council could reject the proposal.

BACKGROUND

Council at its November meeting requested that the CEO prepare a draft policy to lease unused Council roads. This followed a request from a local landowner to lease three roads within the Council area. Further reports were presented at the January 2015 meeting and the March 2015 meeting. It was decided not to have a policy and that its decision would not be reviewed until 2019.

NTLC initially requested that Owen Lagoon Road be closed permanently from the western boundary of Section 121 Hundred of Howard. Owen Lagoon Road, from this point is a dead end road and services nine land parcels. NTLC own all nine land parcels and it is understood they have leased them to three individuals.

The NTLC were advised that it is not in Council's interest to permanently close roads accessing individual land parcels as this alienates the parcels if the land ownership transfers in the future.

They have now requested that Council close the road temporarily in accordance with the Local Government Regulations.

They advise that they wish to gate the roadway and only provide access to the lease holders. They have also indicated that they would take responsibility for statutory fire breaks and weed control on the road reserve.

COMMENT

Council has decided not to have a policy on the lease of unused roads within the Shire boundaries due to the complex nature of the various land ownership abutting the road reserves.

This request from the NTLC is the simplest scenario as the current road only services the nine blocks and they are all owned by the NTLC. No other land owners are affected whilst the NTLC own all the land parcels.

The NTLC are prepared to take over control of weeds and ensure fire breaks comply with requirements. They have also advised that they will maintain the gate and fence across the road.

The Minister for Local Government and the Member for Daly must be consulted and comments considered prior to council considering a substantial temporary road closure.

If Council decided to support NTLC request in principal then Council needs to ensure that there are appropriate conditions in place to protect its interests.

These would be:

- NTLC to indemnify Council of any claim arising from the fence, gate and signage.
- Access is available to emergency services and Council.
- NTLC to provide and install signage indicating the road is closed to the public.
- Construction of the fence/gate barrier across the road is at no cost to Council.
- The fence, gate and signage to be maintained by NTLC to satisfaction of Council.
- NTLC to control all weeds and firebreaks to the satisfaction of Council and regulators.
- The Temporary Road closure is automatically revoked if NTLC sell or transfer any of the parcels of land affected by this proposal.

CONSULTATION

Operations Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Administration) Regulations- Reg20

Substantial Temporary Road Closure

(1). If a Council purposes to close a road temporarily but for a substantial period (at least 1 month), the Council must, before proceeding with its proposal, consult with the minister (or Minister's nominee) and the electoral division in which the road is situated.

(2) The Council:

(a) Must carefully consider written submissions made by the Minister (or the Minister's nominee) and the MLA in the course of the consultation; and

(b) Must not proceed with the closure unless satisfied that the reason for the closure justify the disruption to traffic resulting in the closure;

(3) However this regulation does not apply if;

(a) The road to be temporarily closed is a laneway; or

(b) The road closure is urgently necessary in the interests of safety.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

There may be some road maintenance savings due to NTLC providing fire breaks and weed control.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION	
That Council consider supporting the Northern Territory Land Corporation's request in principal to temporarily close part of Owen Lagoon Road.	
Moved:	**Clr.**
Seconds:	**Clr.**

8 FINANCE REPORTS

8.1 PAYMENT REGISTER

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	16th June 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 May 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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(a) the actual income and expenditure of the Council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and

(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			
MAY 2015			
DATE	**REFERENCE**	**DETAILS**	**AMOUNT**
1/05/2015	96089	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	11.15
1/05/2015	96090	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1.73
4/05/2015	96088	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1,944.33
5/05/2015	6583	All Tools	1,599.00
6/05/2015	6584	Northbound Records	550.00
7/05/2015	6585	Cr. Max Corliss	350.00
7/05/2015	6586	Cr. Ewan Crook	350.00
7/05/2015	6587	Cr. Dave Gray	350.00
7/05/2015	6588	Cr. Bruce Jones	750.00
7/05/2015	6589	Cr. Andrew Turner	1,333.00
7/05/2015	403	Australian Communications Auth	106.00
7/05/2015	404	Motor Vehicle Registry	998.40
7/05/2015	405	PowerWater	395.37
7/05/2015	406	Telstra	1,541.32
12/05/2015	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	21,513.53
14/05/2015	6590	Adamant Property Services P/L	34,301.69
14/05/2015	6591	Batchelor Area School	73.93
14/05/2015	6592	Fin Bins	10,638.00
14/05/2015	6594	Topend Windscreens & Tinting	140.00
14/05/2015	407	Motor Vehicle Registry	170.90
14/05/2015	96092	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1.10
15/05/2015	96093	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	13.66
15/05/2015	96094	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	9.90
15/05/2015	96095	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	32.45
19/05/2015	6595	B P Australia Limited	2,115.81
19/05/2015	6596	DT & MG Kerr	6,930.00
19/05/2015	6597	Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	10,395.00
21/05/2015	6598	Air Liquide WA Pty Ltd	559.66
21/05/2015	6599	Airpower (NT) Pty Ltd	21.24
21/05/2015	6600	AJ Couriers & Haulage Pty Ltd	115.50
21/05/2015	6601	Area IT Solutions	1,270.50
21/05/2015	6603	Adelaide River Primary School	2,200.00
21/05/2015	6604	Dannah Pty Ltd	365.12
21/05/2015	6605	Batchelor Service Centre	665.65
21/05/2015	6606	Nick Belfield	700.00
21/05/2015	6607	B P Australia Limited	2,252.58
21/05/2015	6608	Capital Security	1,576.74
21/05/2015	6609	Darwin Business Machines	249.74
21/05/2015	6610	Darwin Office Technology	132.61

21/05/2015	6611	Fin Bins	10,638.00
21/05/2015	6612	Flick Anticimex	4,598.00
21/05/2015	6613	Go Wide Cattle Company	2,337.50
21/05/2015	6614	Harvey Norman	599.00
21/05/2015	6615	Higgie Mechanical Engineering	922.24
21/05/2015	6616	Local Govt Assoc of NT	55.00
21/05/2015	6617	Litchfield Springs Water Pty L	30.00
21/05/2015	6618	Bruce Mason	1,947.00
21/05/2015	6619	Mount Bundy Station	2,075.00
21/05/2015	6620	Intergrated Land Information S	79.20
21/05/2015	6621	OfficeMax	41.98
DATE	**REFERENCE**	**DETAILS**	**AMOUNT**
21/05/2015	6622	Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	32,648.00
21/05/2015	6623	Packard Goose Pty Ltd	2,320.00
21/05/2015	6624	Diedre Pickering	2,178.17
21/05/2015	6625	Rum Jungle Bowls Club	3,694.43
21/05/2015	6626	RS Gardening Care	9,974.40
21/05/2015	6627	Sew What	4,500.00
21/05/2015	6628	Sing Australia Darwin	400.00
21/05/2015	6629	NT Rural Pty Ltd TA Territory	3,110.91
21/05/2015	6630	Vanderfield Northwest	738.17
22/05/2015	408	Jacana Energy	2,565.88
22/05/2015	409	Motor Vehicle Registry	236.90
22/05/2015	410	PowerWater	4,379.54
22/05/2015	411	Telstra	1,464.82
22/05/2015	412	PowerWater	5,958.68
22/05/2015	96101	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1.10
26/05/2015	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	21,714.52
26/05/2015	96102	Click Super	10,210.75
27/05/2015	6631	Air Liquide WA Pty Ltd	106.69
27/05/2015	6632	Andrew Dudley Enterprises (ADV	3,417.70
27/05/2015	6633	Area IT Solutions	946.00
27/05/2015	6634	Adelaide River Freight Service	537.90
27/05/2015	6635	RWA Exact	123.75
27/05/2015	6636	Attache Software Australia Pty	33.00
27/05/2015	6637	Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	316.29
27/05/2015	6638	Commander Centre Darwin	706.20
27/05/2015	6639	Fin Bins	5,290.40
27/05/2015	6640	Flowers By Elise	1,335.00
27/05/2015	6641	Future Visions	500.00
27/05/2015	6642	Gaz NT Pty Ltd	1,016.40
27/05/2015	6643	Higgie Mechanical Engineering	95.00
27/05/2015	6644	Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics Pty	1,500.00
27/05/2015	6645	DC Jesser	165.00
27/05/2015	6646	Cr. Bruce Jones	62.40
27/05/2015	6647	Lee Point Electriccal Service	599.50
27/05/2015	6648	Darwin Bolt Supplies (Normist)	112.01
27/05/2015	6649	OfficeMax	6,953.48
27/05/2015	6650	Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	1,672.00
27/05/2015	6651	Portner Press Pty Ltd	99.00
27/05/2015	6652	Rum Jungle Construction	495.00
27/05/2015	6653	S.E. Rentals Pty Ltd	258.63
27/05/2015	6654	St John Ambulance Australia	180.00
27/05/2015	6655	Think Water	1,827.10
27/05/2015	6656	Turbo's Tyres	498.30
29/05/2015	6657	The Big Mower	4.40
29/05/2015	6658	Darwin Business Machines	59.97

29/05/2015	6659	Fawcett Cattle Co	165.00
29/05/2015	6660	Intergrated Land Information S	26.40
29/05/2015	6661	Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	28,008.75
29/05/2015	6662	Turbo's Tyres	655.60
29/05/2015	96103	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1.10
3/06/2015	6663	Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	426.74
3/06/2015	6664	Go Wide Cattle Company	2,805.00
3/06/2015	6665	NT Quality Hay & Contracting P	990.00
DATE	**REFERENCE**	**DETAILS**	**AMOUNT**
3/06/2015	6666	Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	78,214.40
3/06/2015	96105	Batchelor Area School	73.93
		Total	**$ 376,422.84**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve and pass for payment the May 2015 payment register totalling **$376,422.84.**

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:	16th June 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 May 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 31ST MAY 2015

Cash at Bank						
Cash on Hand					$	1,000.00
Cheque Account					$	491,913.66
Investment Account					$	600,000.00
Trust Account					$	-
Total Cash at Bank					**$**	**1,092,913.66**
Debtors	**Current**	**30 Days**	**60 Days**	**90 Days**		
Trade	-	3,647.70	-	1,780.00	$	5,427.70
Rate Arrears	-	-	-	83,555.84	$	83,555.84
Rates paid in advance	- 16,953.35	-	-	-	-$	16,953.35
Total Debtors					**$**	**72,030.19**
Creditors	**Current**	**30 Days**	**60 Days**	**90 Days**		
	4,378.00	-	-	-	$	4,378.00
Total Creditors					**$**	**4,378.00**
Reconciliation of Funds						
Balance as per General Ledger					$	492,913.66
Add outstanding Debtors					$	72,030.19
Less outstanding Creditors					$	4,378.00
Add Investment Account					$	600,000.00
Total Cash & Receivables Available					**$**	**1,160,565.85**

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

GRANT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST MAY 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	$ 529,626.69	$ 119,473.31	30/06/2015
26/06/2014	RJBC Shade and Seating	Dept Sport Rec & Racing	$ 12,000.00	$ 10,927.21	$ 1,072.79	15/06/2015
30/06/2014	Upgrade Admin Buildings Bat & AR	SPG - Dept Local Government	$ 146,030.00	$ 124,308.91	$ 21,721.09	30/06/2015
30/06/2014	Solar Park Lighting	SPG - Family Safe Environment	$ 50,000.00	$ 48,858.94	$ 1,141.06	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	$ 13,750.24	$ 249.76	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	$ 38,060.81	$ 12,696.19	31/07/2015
15/01/2015	National Youth Week 2015	Dept Chief Minister	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,607.43	$ 392.57	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	$ 8,249.49	$ 935.96	30/09/2015
22/04/2015	School Holiday Grant July 2015	Dept Chief Minister	$ 1,500.00	$ -	$ 1,500.00	31/08/2015
18/05/2015	Hino 3T Tip Truck	SPG - Dept Local Government	$ 53,800.00	$ -	$ 53,800.00	30/06/2016
			$ 1,087,984.26	**$ 854,796.75**	**$ 241,380.18**	
		Cash and Receivables			**$ 1,160,565.85**	
		Unspent Grants & Subsidies			**$ 241,380.18**	
		Cash Available to Council			**$ 919,185.67**	

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL					
MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY					
MAY 2015					
Account Code	**Account Description**	**13/14 Actual**	**Month Actual**	**YTD Actual**	**14/15 Budget**
110 ADMINISTRATION					
110 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,207,863	14,905	1,543,171	1,524,570
110 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	719,659	45,119	711,101	896,837
110 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 110	488,204	-30,214	832,070	627,733
210 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES					
210 3899	TOTAL INCOME	9,000	0	9,000	9,000
210 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	91,669	4,970	51,877	85,200
210 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 210	-82,669	-4,970	-42,877	-76,200
211 SANITATION AND GARBAGE					
211 3899	TOTAL INCOME	325,414	0	335,934	353,620
211 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	271,566	23,193	224,496	351,912
211 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 211	53,848	-23,193	111,438	1,708
212 CEMETERIES					
212 3899	TOTAL INCOME	4,236	0	2,100	2,000
212 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	13,390	253	11,390	14,500
212 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 212	-9,154	-253	-9,290	-12,500
310 PARKS AND GARDENS					
310 3899	TOTAL INCOME	-3,628	-32	51,553	51,200
310 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	158,823	18,404	181,471	241,732
310 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 310	-162,451	-18,436	-129,918	-190,532
311 LIBRARIES					
311 3899	TOTAL INCOME	48,858	0	50,757	50,757
311 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	49,999	2,820	38,012	50,757
311 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 311	-1,141	-2,820	12,745	0
312 SPORT AND RECREATION					
312 3899	TOTAL INCOME	5,430	0	36,595	13,400
312 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	109,390	13,143	76,998	140,872
312 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 312	-103,960	-13,143	-40,403	-127,472
313 SWIMMING POOL					
313 3899	TOTAL INCOME	5,285	40	4,678	4,800
313 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	106,789	7,462	74,618	113,849
313 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 313	-101,504	-7,422	-69,940	-109,049
314 COMMUNITY RECREATION					
314 3899	TOTAL INCOME	38,375	81	39,233	36,364
314 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	72,542	6,633	63,156	80,723
314 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 312	-34,167	-6,552	-23,923	-44,359
410 ROADS					
410 3899	TOTAL INCOME	699,327	156,391	1,151,916	1,218,146
410 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	858,630	141,040	936,096	1,606,765
410 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 410	-159,303	15,351	215,820	-388,619
510 STREET LIGHTING					
510 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	12,875	2,745	15,387	21,000
510 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 510	-12,875	-2,745	-15,387	-21,000
511 TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
511 3899	TOTAL INCOME	25,463	0	105,071	97,545
511 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	70,747	16,539	113,867	127,235
511 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 511	-45,284	-16,539	-8,796	-29,690
512 DOG MANAGEMENT					
512 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,824	6	2,165	2,000
512 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	14,678	1,250	14,262	14,322
512 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 512	-12,854	-1,244	-12,097	-12,322
513 GLYPHOSATE					

513 3899	TOTAL INCOME	4,509	0	3,490	10,000
513 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	3,136	10,000
513 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 513	4,509	0	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
514 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 514	980	0	0	0
900 3899	**TOTAL INCOME**	**2,381,220**	**171,391**	**3,335,663**	**3,373,402**
900 4999	**TOTAL EXPENSES**	**2,560,777**	**283,571**	**2,515,867**	**3,755,704**
900 5000	**SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY)**	**-179,557**	**-112,180**	**819,796**	**-382,302**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report, Grant Report and Monthly Financial Summary for May 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:	16th June 2015
Author:	Marilyn Morris, Community Recreation Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Aussie Hoops

The Aussie Hoops Basketball program at Adelaide River School is progressing well. Batchelor Area School has decided not to participate.

Coomalie Swim Group

The Coomalie Swim Group has gone into recession until September when the pool reopens and the weather warms up.

Batchelor Markets

The next Batchelor Markets will be held on Sunday 14th June 2015 at the Batchelor Oval. Two new stallholders have booked in to attend. I have mentioned to several community members that we are seeking a local volunteer who can take over the coordination of the local markets. COTA representatives met with the CRO to discuss a volunteer who is interested in coordinating the Markets in the future.

Basketball News

A senior mixed basketball competition began on 12th June 2015 in the Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association. We have a few players entered to play from Coomalie. The junior competition is set to start on 8th

August 2015 at the Bees Creek Primary School courts. It will be an 8 week competition, played on a Saturday morning. Coomalie will submit 4 teams thanks to a grant for $3168.00 from the Minister for Sport and Recreation The Hon Gary Higgins MLA. The grant will pay the insurance and registration of 32 players. Following alternative arrangements being agreed with Mrs Ros Jones, the Community bus will be used in conjunction with the Adelaide River School Bus to transport the children to the competition each Saturday. A volunteer parent group is being coordinated to assist organise and supervise the children.

Local girl Cristie Anderson is preparing to depart on 17th June to travel to the US for a basketball and cultural exchange trip. The Minister for Indigenous Affairs, The Hon Senator Nigel Scullion has been involved with the passport applications for Cristie and also for another local boy who may be also be able to join the group at this late stage. The Minister's office has been relentless in their focus on trying to make the Passport process easier for these indigenous youngsters, to enable them to get to the USA.

Community Safety Action Meeting

The Batchelor police chaired a Community Safety Action Meeting on 7th May 2015 at the Council Chambers. It was agreed at the meeting that the CRO would investigate the possibility of a public information session being held focussing on awareness of *illicit drugs within our community.* The CRO has contacted a couple of Mental Health Service groups with regard to a future meeting.

School Holiday Program

The school Holiday program will be reduced from 4 weeks to 3 weeks during the forthcoming School holidays due to grant funds being reduced. The CRO is currently working on a suitable program for the 3ee week period.

Territory Day Fireworks

The annual Territory Day fireworks will be held on the 1st July 2015 at the Batchelor Oval. The Batchelor Area School will coordinate food from 5pm and LingaLonga Festival Committee will sell drinks (soft drinks, water, tea, coffee and milkshakes). Pyrotechnicans will arrive around 2pm to set up. The Adelaide River FERG will be arranging the display at Adelaide River.

Grants

- Youth Vibe Holiday Grant for June/July holidays – submitted for $1895 and received $1500 so will therefore run over 3 weeks instead of four weeks.
- Festivals Australia Regional Grant and NT Arts Grant – Festivals Australia unsuccessful / NT Arts grant successful for Lingalonga $7200.
- Seniors Month Grant – successful $1380.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

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

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

11 LATE REPORTS

Nil

12 COUNCILLOR 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 21st July, 2015.