



AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

20th October 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 20th October 2015

President of the Shire Council Andrew Turner will declare the meeting open at 6:00pm and welcome 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

VISITORS PRESENT

Nil

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	20th October 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 20th October 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 20th October 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:	20th October 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 20th October 2015.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

4 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 15TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	20th October 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 15th September 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 15th September 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:	20th October 2015
Author:	Robert Bright, Operations Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Roads

The Chinner Road Works Contract has commenced. Work is currently progressing steadily. The Contractor has experienced some breakdowns in plant. It is hoped to finish the heavy patching and initial sealing prior to the wet season. A final seal will be laid over the repaired sections next dry season.

Maintenance grading will commence after it rains in the next month.

Waste

The slots at the Batchelor landfill are full and a new slot will be dug this week. There appears to a lot of additional building renovation work being dumped at the landfill. The source of this material is being investigated.

Buildings

Work is continuing on the servery at the Bruce Jones Community Centre. The electrical work has been completed and the bench, sink work has been installed. The roller door has been installed.

Parks

The parks in Batchelor are okay. Most of the watering points have been fixed. It is suggested Council looks at the current maintenance contract which limits mowing in the parks at Batchelor and Adelaide River to every 2 months. This is a particular problem on the irrigated areas as a couple of areas are getting out of control.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Operations Manager's Report for September/October 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:	20th October 2015
Author:	Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

There have been comments from residents near the War Cemetery relating to a dog allegedly killing wallabies. Owner of the dog has advised that the dog has been locked up. The situation will continue to be monitored.

There have been ongoing comments about barking dogs in both Batchelor and Adelaide River. This is extremely difficult to monitor and control given the current level of funding.

One Dog was impounded and processed.

The Dog Control Officer has been subject to abuse whilst carrying out his duties. One resident has claimed that they are being singled out. However this is an area where a large proportion of the problems occur.

NOTE

For the information of Council.

6.3 POOL REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\Pool Supervisor
Date:	20th October 2015
Author:	Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

The Batchelor Pool is in good running order. The new gardens are coming along and looking great.

There has been an increase in usage over the month with the one week of school holidays and a lot of new clients.

The Swim group agreements have been reviewed and altered to better reflect the actual risks involved with the groups. Discussions have been held with the school and outdoor education in relation to the notification requirements.

NOTE

For the information of Council.

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:	20th October 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 September/October.

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 Received		Source	Subject
10/9/15	MI 1	Jan Jewell	COTA Public Transport update
14/9/15	MI 2	Litchfield Council	Recommendation for Participation in Common Services Agreement
14/9/15	MI 3	Top End Health Services	Establishment of Regional Community Advisory Groups
14/9/15	MI 4	Department of Local Government and Community Services	Office of Women's Policy Grant Programs
16/9/15	MI 5	PAWA	Streetlights Assets Points of Clarification /Capital Charges
16/9/15	MI	Lake Bennett Landowners	Request for exemption from Waste Management levy

	6		and Cadogan Road
16/9/15	MI 7	Department of Children and Families	Application for Working with Children Clearance Exemption for Batchelor Volunteers
16/9/15	MI 8	Minister for Arts and Museums	Public Library Funding Agreement/Library Operational Grant
22/9/15	MI 9	H&K Earthmoving	Signed Contract 201516-001 Heavy Patching Works Chinner Road
22/9/15	MI 10	Minister for Transport	Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund and Improving Strategic Local Roads Infrastructure Fund grants round 2
22/9/15	MI 11	Department of Local Government and Community Services	Compliance Desktop Reviews
22/9/15	MI 12	Northern Territory Redistribution	Bulletin 6 ,Legislative Assembly Divisions Announced
22/9/15	MI 13	Miles Road Landowner	Telstra tower comment
22/9/15	MI 14	Scott Road Landowners	Scott Road Rum Jungle re illegal access & request to close road
17/9/15	MI 15	Place Names Committee	Proposed Road Naming Section 1438/780 Coach Road
19/9/15	MI 16	Resident	Comment on Draft letter to Minister for Mines and Energy
21/9/15	MI 17	Resident	Comment on Draft letter to Minister for Mines and Energy
28/9/15	MI 18	Batchelor Resident	Comment on proposed tree removal
29/9/15	MI 19	ALGWA	Membership form and request
29/9/15	MI 20	Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation	MOU Adelaide River Compound, CDP activities
29/9/15	MI 21	Resident	Invitation addressed to Councillors to attend Gas field Free Coomalie Meeting
29/9/15	MI 22	Coomalie Branch COTA	Re Public Transport for Coomalie
17/9/15	MI 23	Resident	Letter to Councillors regarding item at Council meeting 15 September 2015
30/9/15	MI 24	Meertens Chartered Accountants	Top End Buffalo Circular to Creditors
1/10/15	MI 25	Department of Transport	Provision of Funding for the Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund Agreement
7/10/15	MI 26	NT Environmental Health	Batchelor Markets
8/10/15	MI 27	FNAR	Awards Ceremony Thank you letter
7/10/15	MI 28	Meeting convenor	Resolution – Public Meeting Unconventional gas fracking
29/9/15	MI 29	Ratepayer	Council rates for unserviced blocks
2/10/15	MI 30	Gerry Wood Media Release	PWC charges on streetlights
6/10/15	MI 31	Ratepayer	Rates on unserviced roads
6/10/15	MI 32	M Kerle	Obstructions on Scott Road North

Correspondence Out

DATE		Source	Subject
1/9/15	MO 1	LA	Department of Housing Batchelor Museum Driveway
11/9/15	MO2	LA	Access to Section 886 Hundred of Goyder
14/9/15	MO 3	LA	Department of I Authority to Act on Councils Behalf
16/9/15	MO 4	LA	Response to access Council Rate Records
17/9/15	MO 5	LA	UnsuccessfulTender notification.
17/9/15	MO 6	LA	Property owner Fence Across Scott Road
17/9/15	MO 7	LA	Property owner Fence Across Scott Road
17/9/15	MO 8	LA	Mr HT Hassell Contract 201516-001 Heavy patching Works Chinner road
23/9	MO 9	LA	Minister Tollner - Community Concerns regarding Hydraulic fracturing mining technique
23/9	MO 10	MK	Dept of local Government– Acceptance of operational grant 15/16
14/10	MO 11	LA	Dept of Transport – Capital Grant funding agreement for Heavy patching
14/10	MO 12	LA	Dept of Transport – Capital Grant funding for AR Tourist Precinct
17/9	MO 13	LA	LGANT – Elected member service awards
17/9	MO 14	AT	Resident . response regarding fracking
17/9	MO 15	AK	Property Owner– Waste management reply
14/10	MO 16	LA	Dept of Transport – signed agreement and tax invoice for Feasibility study AR Tourist Precinct

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 OCTOBER 2015

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	20th October 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Action Items List to October, 2015

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Actions Items List.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.3 COMPLAINTS REGISTER SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	20th October 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Complaints Register

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the items listed in the Complaints Register and the actions taken.

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:	20th October 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

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.

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.

September 2014

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. 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.

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.

June 2015

A meeting of the BCWLGAG was held at Belyuen on Tuesday 9 June 2015. It was 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.

July 2015

The President and CEO met with The Director of the Department on Thursday 16 July to discuss the sustainability of the Council and discuss the Coomalie Shire going forward.

CONSULTATION

Department of Local Government

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

NOTE

For the information of Council.

7.5 CEO ACTIVITIES REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\CEO
Date:	20th October 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	ALGWA Information Litchfield Sub Regional Land use Plan Consultation Document Media Release Tourism Grants

SUMMARY

Department of Transport Regional Economic Infrastructure Grants.

The Department of Transport invited Council to submit applications for Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund. The applications require a quotation for the project involved.

Two applications were submitted. They were

1. Sealing of 10kms of Cheeney Rd from Solomon Rd to Milton Rd. The estimated cost was \$2.1 million. Council is not in a position to match the 50% funding required. However we have indicated we contribute Next year's roads to Recovery Money towards the project of \$276k. This is outside the current 10 year works plan which focuses on asset renewal such as reseals. Council will need to review its long term works plan if Council is offered the grant.
2. Feasibility Study for Aged Units in Batchelor. The estimated cost for consultancy was \$80000. This is to investigate the demographics, markets, options, costs and funding sources to construct aged units in Batchelor.

Meeting With Local Member Gary Higgins MLA

The CEO met with the local member Gary Higgins on Tuesday 13 October 2015. The meeting was primarily aimed at alerting the local member of Council's desire to pursue the development of an aged unit facility in Batchelor. However other issues were discussed such as public transport and access to grants to renew and upgrade Tourist assets to improve the amenity of the towns. There was discussion relating to sealing of the back road between Batchelor and Adelaide River. The Local member has asked the Department of Transport to prepare estimates for the work.

Meeting with the Department Of Mines and Energy

The CEO met with Representatives of the Department of Mines and Energy in relation to aspects of the Rum Jungle Mine Rehabilitation project. The discussion centred on the need for clear and simple information to be provided to the community about the project and the issues and questions which might arise.

Batchelor Airstrip

Tenders to develop the Master Plan and Management Plan for the Batchelor airstrip have closed. The Department is currently assessing tenders with the aim of announcing the successful tenderer shortly.

LGANT

LGANT has forwarded on invitation from the Australian Local Government Women's Association NT to become either corporate members or individual members. Individual Membership is \$30.00 per annum and Corporate Membership is \$120 per annum.

The mission is:

- To promote knowledge of the role and function of Local Government.
- Promote support and encourage women to participate and be represented in Local Government.
- Promote, support and encourage women to make Local Government a career choice.
- Promote and advocate for the common interests of Women who are in, or interested in Local Government.

Litchfield Sub Regional Land Use Plan

The NT Planning commission is currently reviewing the Litchfield Subregional Land Use Plan. This work follows on from the Darwin Regional plan introduced last year. The scope of the plan deals only with the Litchfield Council area. The plan is currently at a consultation phase. It is focusing on the options around the Rural Activities centres such as Berry Springs and Coolalinga.

Annual Library Grant

The Minister For arts and museums The Hon Gary Higgins MLA has written to Council advising that Council has received a grant of \$55,833 inc GST for the operation of the Adelaide River and Batchelor community libraries. The increase is slightly above CPI and in line with the budget estimates.

Tourism Grants

The Chief Minister the Hon Adam Giles MLA has announced the three local Tourism operators will receive grants under the Tourism Infrastructure Grants Program.

The successful applicants were:

1. Batchelor Butterfly Farm -\$27,272. Upgrade to the butterfly house.
2. Rum Jungle Bungalows -\$30,000. Solar panels and a water bore.
3. Litchfield Tourist Park -\$65,000. Two bedroom family Cabin.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the CEO's Activity report for September/October 2015.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.6 STREET LIGHTING CHARGES

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC 14
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 th October, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Power and Water Letter LGANT media Release Member for Nelson Media Release

SUMMARY

Council has traditionally paid an annual charge to Power and Water for street lighting. This is approximately \$12,000 per annum.

Council made provision in this year's budget for an additional \$12,000 to cover the cost of the maintenance charge which Power and Water introduced late last year.

Power and Water have written to Council to clarify that the street light maintenance charges will increase from \$12,176.60 in 2015/16 to \$22,838.48 in 2015/16. They have advised that they also intend to charge Council for the replacement cost of the streetlight. They plan to introduce this from 1 December 2015. The Cost for the remainder of the year will be \$12528.41 rising to \$21,477.28 in 2016/17.

Overall the previous street light charge of \$12000 will increase to \$56,000 in 2016/17. The increase is %467.

LGANT has issued a media release stating that municipal council have decided that they would not be making payments on the operations, repairs and maintenance charges or capital charges until all legal issues associated with their imposition are examined.

The Council consider that they are not the owners of the street lights. They are not recorded as an asset and council has no control as if it is the owner and therefore should not be paying for the capital replacement of the asset.

BACKGROUND

Power and Water advised in 2013 that in addition to the electricity charge for street lighting they would be also charging for street light maintenance and a capital charge on each street light.

Power and Water have attempted to significantly increase Street Lighting charges over the last few years. This is in line with similar changes interstate.

Negotiations between LGANT/Council and Power and Water have been unsuccessful. Power and Water appear to be particularly intransigent in negotiations from our perspective.

COMMENT

Councils and LGANT have rejected the proposals presented by Power and Water as they appear completely weighted towards Power and Water. Requests for copies of appropriate service agreements have not been fully provided and it is unclear what service will be provided.

Power and Water have taken a very strict line in providing only very limited compromises in its dealings with LGANT and Councils.

My previous dealings with this issue interstate had significantly different outcomes. The Electricity Utility accepted that it owned the luminaries and poles. It agreed to maintain ownership until the next scheduled lamp replacement took place. On this date the structure and luminaries became an asset of the Council. I understand the current routine lamp replacement was about every three years.

They also agreed on a regular inspection regime. This was in our case every three months. They were supposed to also advise Council of the inspection prior to it being carried out. This allowed Councils to alert the utility of any issues that Council had become aware of.

They were to provide a report after each inspection on the number and percentages of outages and the condition of the luminaries.

They also implemented a rebate to any person reporting a street light adjacent to their property if it was not fixed within two weeks of the notification.

These types of concessions have not been mentioned by Power and Water in any negotiations up to date.

The current cost of solar street light and pole is approximately \$5,500 plus installation. The life of the street light luminaries and battery is between 8 and 10 years. The pole structure should last at least 20 years. The estimated depreciated cost will be about \$475 to \$525 per year. The solar panels should also be cleaned regularly. Maintenance cost is estimated at \$50.00 to \$100 per year. These costs have been falling consistently over the last 10 years. The introduction of LED technology should increase the life of the lamp substantially and further reduce the overall costs.

The price per street light under Power and Water's current proposal is approximately \$530 per year. This price is still marginally less than the equivalent cost of a solar street light.

The additional annual cost to the rate payer will be about \$45 per rate payer across the shire or \$124 per urban rate payer as this is where all the street lights are located.

It is considered that Council should join the municipal Council's moratorium on paying the street lighting charges until LGANT receives legal advice and has advised Council of its options.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's adopted long term strategic plan states that Council will provide street lighting in public and residential urban areas. It also states they Council should investigate effectiveness, over servicing and new areas of demand as well as implement new street light technology as opportunities arise.

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The implementation of these charges will have significant adverse effect on council's Budget. It appears the adverse impact this year will be \$12,000 and \$32,000 on future years.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council defer payment of any invoices from Power and Water for street lighting until Council receives further advice from LGANT.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.7 UNCONFIRMED AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

SUMMARY

The unconfirmed Audit Committee Minutes of the meeting of 14th October 2015 are attached for Council's information. The minutes will be ratified at the next meeting of the Audit Committee scheduled for 10th February 2015.

The minutes propose changes to Council's Fraud Management Policy to include a section on Fraud Investigation procedures. The audit committee has recommended that these changes be included in the Fraud Protection Policy and it is considered that council should adopt this change. A copy is included in the Audit Committee Minutes.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable

COMMENT

Nil.

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 14th October 2015 and approve the inclusion of the Fraud Investigation Procedures in the Council's Fraud Protection Plan.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.8 COOMALIE COUNCIL COMMUNITY BUS POLICY REVIEW

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC / 196
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 th October 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Coomalie Council Community Bus Policy

SUMMARY

Council last reviewed the Community Bus Policy in 2013. The review cycle for Council's policy is 4 years, however the date stated in the policy for review is April 2016. After a review of the document It is considered that the overview should be altered to improve the understanding of the appropriate use of the bus.

It is suggested that the first sentence of the overview be changed to:

The purpose of the bus is to provide transport for not for profit community group purposes and council approved Sport and Recreation activities. The bus shall not be hired out for commercial private purposes.

It is also considered that the policy should state that;

the cost per kilometre rate will be reviewed annually when Council reviews its fees and charges.

The opportunity should be taken to revise the next scheduled review date to match the review timeframe.

BACKGROUND

Cr Bulmer has asked that Council review the Community Bus Policy.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council revise the Community Bus Policy to include the statements outline in the body of the report.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.9 DISCUSSION DRAFT AVIATION INDUSTRY AND SERVICES STRATEGY 2020

Applicant:	Northern Territory Department of Transport
Location/Address:	Darwin
File Ref:	CC 83
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12 th August 2014
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Aviation Industry and Services Strategy Discussion Draft

SUMMARY

The Discussion Draft Aviation Industry and Services Strategy 2020, lists four strategic objectives and numerous priority Actions to support the Objectives.

The discussion draft makes limited comment about the Batchelor airstrip in Strategic Objective 3. under Regional and Remote.

It states that:

the Batchelor airstrip is strategically positioned as the gateway to Litchfield National Park and is already the base for a number of aviation businesses. The airport has potential to develop into a commercial general aviation support precinct for the region.

It is considered that Council should support the comments about the Batchelor airstrip in a submission to the Discussion Draft.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Transport released a Discussion Draft Aviation Industry and Services Strategy 2020. They have invited feedback from the community.

The document lists 4 Strategic Objectives:

1. Support sustainable growth in the International and Domestic services.
2. Drive aviation sector development as an enabler of tourism and economic growth
3. Ensure airport needs meets future aviation needs and supports economic development.
4. Establish policy Planning and Regulatory settings that support aviation sector growth.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine if it wishes to make a submission to the Discussion Draft Aviation Industry and Services strategy 2020.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.10 PUBLIC MEETING-UNCONVENTIONAL GAS MINING

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC 14
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 th October, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Map of Exploration Permits and Applications July 2015. Commentary on Social Licence to Operate.

SUMMARY

A public meeting was held in Batchelor on 6 October 2015 on unconventional gas fracking in the Coomalie Council area. Organisers claim that the meeting was attended by 50 people.

The meeting endorsed a request to the Coomalie Council that the Council resolve to pass a motion stating the following:

Coomalie Council acknowledges and gives voice to the concerns and overwhelming opposition to unconventional gas fracking in the Coomalie region.

- i.) We request that the NT Mines and Energy Minister revoke the existing Petroleum Licence application over the Coomalie Region EP (A) 255, and declare a gas reservation area over the Coomalie Council area to protect our land, water and communities from the risks of exploration and drilling for shale gas.*
- ii.) We will work with other local councils to take this position to the next LGANT meeting and discuss options to strengthen protections for all Territory residents and the environment from shale gas fracking.*

Council may wish to consider a position on the request from the public meeting.

BACKGROUND

The request from the public meeting follows on from previous requests to declare a moratorium on hydraulic Fracturing mining technique in the Coomalie Region.

Council resolved to write to the Minister of Mines and Energy outlining community concerns regarding this technique.

COMMENT

The initial part of the first item relates to an Exploration Permit Application covering an area from Dundee to north of Katherine. The area excludes the catchment areas for Darwin Dam and the proposed Marrakai and Warri Dams which are known as Reserved Blocks. Exploration and mining is excluded from these areas.

Litchfield National Park does not appear to be in the application area, but does not appear to be a reserve block.

A previous comment from the Department of Mines and Energy in July relating to this the application is it is in the assessment stage and has not yet been advertised for public submissions. It appears the Department is considering a Reserve Block over the town of Batchelor.

One of the terms used that has been used in the mining industry over the last 15 years has been in the Social Licence to Operate. This is when a project has an ongoing approval within a local community to continue the project. It is made up of Social legitimacy, Credibility and Trust. It is a process that should run for the entire project and will likely change during the project. There are no legislative requirements or guidelines for Social Licences to Operate. Some companies see it as a key part of any business project. Others do not and comply only strictly with legislation.

It is understood that currently the only engagement that a mining company is required to undertake is notification to landowners and land managers. It is suggested that to ensure that mining companies fully engage communities that they should be required to hold a Social Licence to Operate which meets a formal set of guidelines. The structure needs to be flexible but should comply with a number of performance based criteria.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

The council consider its position on the request from the recent public meeting.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.11 AGREEMENT TO USE ADELAIDE RIVER WORKS DEPOT

Applicant:	Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation
Location/Address:	Darwin
File Ref:	CC 199
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	14 th October 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Proposed Draft Agreement

SUMMARY

Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation has requested that Council enter into an agreement with them to use the Adelaide River Works Depot until 30 June 2016 as a base for a Green Army project.

The corporation have offered to pay all electricity and water charges for the property whilst they use it. Council will also be able to continue using the depot when it is required.

Council will not only benefit from the payment of electricity and water but also from works that occur around the town. The community should benefit with limited adverse effects. It is considered that Council should agree to the proposal.

BACKGROUND

Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation has obtained a grant to carry out a Green Army Project in the area. Part of the project may include landscaping works and landscape maintenance in Adelaide River.

Initial discussions have been held with the corporation representatives and there was general agreement on the proposal.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

NA

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be some minor benefit to Council as Ironbark will pay the electricity and water costs.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council enter into an agreement with Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation to use the Adelaide River works depot until 30 June 2016.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.12 NAMING OF A ROAD

Applicant:	Place Names Committee
Location/Address:	Section 1436 Hundred of Waterhouse.
File Ref:	CC 158
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	14 th October, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

The Place Names Committee requested that Council consider the name Telegraph Road for the road through Erkelens subdivision as an urgent item. The matter was dealt with by Councillors responding to an out of Session request to make a decision. The majority of Councillors responded in the affirmative and The Place Names Committee were advised of the result.

It is appropriate that Council confirm its decision by adopting a formal resolution that it recommends that the name of the new road through the subdivision of Section 1436 Hundred of Waterhouse will be Telegraph Rd.

BACKGROUND

The Place Names Committee request Councils recommend the road through the new Erkelens subdivision be known as Telegraph Road. This was dealt with in an out of session decision and should now be ratified.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Place Names Committee

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to recommend to the Place Names Committee the name Telegraph Road for the road abutting Sections 1436 Hundred of Waterhouse.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.13 PROPOSED ROAD OPENING COACH RD ADELAIDE RIVER

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC/19C
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 th October 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Copy of Coach Road Survey Plan.

SUMMARY

As part of the finalisation of the Adelaide to Darwin Rail Line, the Department of Lands and Planning have advised the alterations to Coach Rd including the rail crossing should be formally opened as a road. They have requested Council's assistance with this matter to open the Road under the provisions of the Local Government Act.

The first step of the process was for Council to undertake public notification of the intended road opening. This involved advertising the intent to open the road on Council's website and making the plan available to the public for a period of at least 28 days.

The plan has been advertised on Council's Website and submissions closed on 2nd October 2015. There were no submissions.

Once the public notification process is complete, Council then needs to write to the Minister for Local Government and Community Services asking her to gazette the road opening. This letter needs to include:

- The reason for the road opening;
- A copy of the survey plan;
- Advice that you undertook the public notification process and the results of this process; and
- A request to now gazette the road opening.

The Department of Local Government and Community Services then arranges for the gazette notice which formally opens the road.

BACKGROUND

Nil

COMMENT

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Advertised on council's website for 28 days for public submissions

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Administration) Regulations

18. Establishment of new road

(1) Before a council establishes a new road in its area, it must give public notice of the proposal to do so.

(2) The proposal (which must include a plan delineating the proposed new road with reasonable accuracy and detail):

(a) must be accessible on the council's website; and

(b) must be available for inspection by interested members of the public at the council's public office.

(3) The notice must include an invitation to any person who may object to the proposal to lodge a written objection to the proposal within a reasonable period (at least 28 days) stated in the notice.

(4) The council must consider any written objections lodged in accordance with the invitation.

(5) If, after publishing a notice under this regulation, the council substantially modifies its proposal (either as a result of objections or for some other reason), the council must publish a fresh notice under this regulation of the modified proposal.

(6) This regulation does not apply to the establishment of a road on a temporary basis.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council write to the Minister for Local Government and Community Services asking her to gazette that Coach Road as shown on the attached survey plan be opened as a Public Road.

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:	20th October 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 September 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 –

(1) The CEO must, in each month, lay before a meeting of the Council a report, in a form approved by the Council, setting out:

(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****SEPTEMBER 2015**

DATE	REFERENCE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
1/09/2015	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	20,685.88
1/09/2015	CBA Merc Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	238.35
2/09/2015	CBA POS Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	162.52
2/09/2015	CBA Trn Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	40.42
4/09/2015	6910	Charlotte Gittins-Bulmer	300.00
4/09/2015	6911	Cr. Sue Bulmer	450.00
4/09/2015	6912	Cr. Max Corliss	450.00
4/09/2015	6913	Cr. Ewan Crook	450.00
4/09/2015	6914	Cr. Dave Gray	450.00
4/09/2015	6915	Higgie Mechanical Engineering	784.62
4/09/2015	6916	Cr. Bruce Jones	850.00
4/09/2015	6917	Bruce Mason	955.90
4/09/2015	6918	Intergrated Land Information S	27.40
4/09/2015	6919	Cr. Andrew Turner	1,500.00
4/09/2015	434	Motor Vehicle Registry	787.15
9/09/2015	6920	AJ Couriers & Haulage Pty Ltd	38.50
9/09/2015	6921	Area IT Solutions	715.00
9/09/2015	6922	Attache Software Australia Pty	37.50
9/09/2015	6923	Dannah Pty Ltd	79.72
9/09/2015	6924	Batchelor Institute	103.20
9/09/2015	6925	Darwin Office Technology	825.92
9/09/2015	6926	Fin Bins	5,290.40
9/09/2015	6927	HSS NT Pty Ltd	764.50
9/09/2015	6928	Litchfield Springs Water Pty L	80.00
9/09/2015	6929	NT News	453.00
9/09/2015	6930	OfficeMax	934.56
9/09/2015	6931	Ooloo Investments Pty Ltd	1,980.00
9/09/2015	6932	RS Gardening Care	4,187.60
9/09/2015	6933	Safety Training Services	495.00
15/09/2015	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	20,976.02
15/09/2015	CBA Bpay Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	59.57
15/09/2015	CBA CommBiz	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	11.44
15/09/2015	CBA Tran Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	33.11
18/09/2015	6934	Acacia Electrical NT Pty Ltd	5,005.00
18/09/2015	6935	Air Liquide WA Pty Ltd	54.32
18/09/2015	6936	Adelaide River Auto Port	164.48
18/09/2015	6937	Area IT Solutions	1,148.73
18/09/2015	6938	Batchelor Service Centre	1,101.20
18/09/2015	6939	B P Australia Limited	3,206.39
18/09/2015	6940	Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	873.33
18/09/2015	6941	Darwin Business Machines	591.00
18/09/2015	6942	Gaz NT Pty Ltd	2,926.00
18/09/2015	6943	Bruce Mason	833.80
18/09/2015	6944	NC Blocklaying	1,260.00
18/09/2015	6945	Diedre Pickering	2,415.00
18/09/2015	6946	RS Gardening Care	1,429.25
18/09/2015	6947	Signcity (NT) Pty Ltd	239.25
18/09/2015	6948	Stratco (N.T.) Pty Ltd	616.38
18/09/2015	6949	NT Rural Pty Ltd TA Territory	1,385.34
18/09/2015	6950	Top End Web Design	95.00
23/09/2015	6951	RWA Exact	123.75
23/09/2015	6952	Barry Hansen Chartered Account	8,360.00

23/09/2015	6953	Caslectrix NT	2,418.00
23/09/2015	6954	FERG Adelaide River	843.70
23/09/2015	6955	Fin Bins	5,347.60
23/09/2015	6956	LingaLonga Festival Account	193.73
23/09/2015	6957	OfficeMax	238.31
23/09/2015	6958	S.E. Rentals Pty Ltd	258.63
23/09/2015	6959	Think Water	33.00
24/09/2015	435	Jacana Energy	1,587.03
24/09/2015	436	Motor Vehicle Registry	364.75
24/09/2015	437	PowerWater	5,300.50
24/09/2015	438	Telstra	1,476.86
25/09/2015	Super Aug 15	Click Super	6,859.25
29/09/2015	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	21,864.47
1/10/2015	6960	Access Hardware	422.29
1/10/2015	6961	The Big Mower	134.75
1/10/2015	6962	Greening Australia	198.50
1/10/2015	6963	Higgie Mechanical Engineering	269.66
1/10/2015	6964	DT & MG Kerr	11,187.00
1/10/2015	6965	Bruce Mason	915.20
1/10/2015	6966	Darwin Bolt Supplies (Normist)	39.60
1/10/2015	6967	OfficeMax	418.33
1/10/2015	439	Motor Vehicle Registry	2,428.30
Total			159,824.96

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve and pass for payment the September 2015 payment register totalling **\$159,824.96**

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:	20th October 2015
Author:	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachments:	Detailed Monthly Financial Summary – September 2015 Quarter

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 the finance and grant report and financial summary report to 30 September 2015.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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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

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Cash at Bank	
Cash on Hand	\$ 1,000.00
Cheque Account	\$ 515,694.89
Investment Account	\$ 902,056.44
Trust Account	\$ -
Total Cash at Bank	\$ 1,418,751.33

Debtors	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	
Trade	-	-	2,200.00	2,882.70	\$ 5,082.70
Rate Arrears	967,906.81	-	-	83,618.52	\$ 1,051,525.33
Rates paid in advance	- 2,573.42	-	-	-	-\$ 2,573.42
Total Debtors					\$ 1,054,034.61

Creditors	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	
	-	8,562.83	-	238.00	\$ 8,800.83
Total Creditors					\$ 8,800.83

Reconciliation of Funds	
Balance as per General Ledger	\$ 516,694.89
Add outstanding Debtors	\$ 1,054,034.61
Less outstanding Creditors	\$ 8,800.83
Add Investment Account	\$ 902,056.44
Total Cash & Receivables Available	\$ 2,463,985.11

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

GRANT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Date Received	Grant	From	Amount	Expended to date	Amount Remaining	Acquittal Due
30/07/2014	AR FERG Meeting Room - 80% paid	NT Emergency Services	\$ 67,590.91	\$ 65,755.51	\$ 1,835.40	31/12/2015
20/02/2015	Servery Bruce Jones Community Centre	SPG - Dept Local Government	\$ 23,780.00	\$ 20,266.03	\$ 3,513.97	30/06/2016
17/07/2015	Seniors Month Grant	Dept Chief Minister	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 50.00	30/11/2015
7/09/2015	Landfill Cameras	NTEPA	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	30/06/2016
			\$ 96,750.91	\$ 87,351.54	\$ 9,399.37	
		Cash and Receivables			\$ 2,463,985.11	
		Unspent Grants & Subsidies			\$ 9,399.37	
		Cash Available to Council			\$ 2,454,585.74	

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report, Grant Report and Monthly Detailed Financial Summary for September 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:	20th October 2015
Author:	Marilyn Morris, Community Recreation Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY**Batchelor Markets**

Batchelor Markets were held on Sunday 11th October 2015 at the Batchelor Oval. The new coordinator has fitted in well and the markets ran smoothly. The number of stall holders has increased but the number of visitors was down.

Basketball News

The PaRBA competition at Bees Creek has finished for the year.

Christmas Carols

I am working with community people to organize Christmas Carols at the Outdoor Education Centre on Sunday 6th December. Miss Wills is practising with students from Batchelor and Adelaide River Schools. It is hoped that each group of students will perform 2 songs. Miss Bligh is also working with other Batchelor school students to sing a few numbers too. A group of indigenous ladies will be participating, as will several teenagers from our local area.

Seniors Christmas Luncheon

The seniors Christmas Party will be held at the Mt Bundy Homestead is Tuesday 15th December 2015.

Coomalie Swim Group

Classes are floating along swimmingly with several new students. We have incorporated a new initiative to entice adults, teenagers and also our young strong swimmers. We have begun pool volleyball and once we all become stronger, will try water polo.

The recent Pool Party was a great fun day and very well attended. Rana Everett (Coomalie Swim volunteer trainer) and I met with Royal Life Saving last week to discuss ongoing initiatives and events to keep our pool

busy. We are looking at a 'Seniors swimercise' class and I am looking at quotes for a chair lift for disabled and elderly. Royal Life Saving are coordinating an Aquatic Day in early February.

The Bronze Medallion Course will be held on 31st October and 1st November.

Cricket

Local volunteers are trying to coordinate monthly cricket, with assistance from the CRO. October markets were quiet with no interest. We shall continue to turn up at November and December – so as to keep the initiative going and maybe get something happening.

AFL School Holiday Clinic.

The CRO attended a 2 day clinic with seven children at Marrara. This clinic was coordinated by AFL and City of Darwin. The NT Thunder players present were an inspiration to the children who attended.

Remembrance Day

An Email was sent to the Returned Serviceman's League asking if they require assistance for the commemoration.

Anzac Day 2016

Emails have been sent requesting confirmation of attendance from Arafura Wind Ensemble, Darwin Piper and Drummer, Master of Ceremonies, bugler, waler horses. I sent through a request to the Office of Australian War Graves in Canberra seeking permission for future Dawn Services to continue to incorporate the Waler Horses and the NZ flag and anthem. Both have been approved.

Grants –

- Youth Vibe Grant for the January 2016 Holiday Program – Pending
- Quick Response Grant for Friday Night Fun event at the Community Centre (celebrating the opening of the new Servery) on 13th November - Pending
- Youth Week grant – in discussion with the School (need to meet with older children to discuss their ideas).

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

NOTE

For the information of Council.

10 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

10.1 ADELAIDE RIVER WATERING AND PARK MAINTENANCE

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC 146
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	7th October 2015
Author:	Councillor Max Corliss
Attachments:	Email from Local Resident

SUMMARY

ADELAIDE RIVER TOWNSHIP

I have received several complaints recently from Adelaide River residents regarding the state of Myrtle Fawcett Park, Memorial Terrace and the Bush Cemetery in Adelaide River.

Myrtle Fawcett Park is watered regularly with the irrigation system but is only mowed every 2 months in the dry season, so is becoming very over grown by the end of the 2 months.

Memorial Terrace is a disgrace with most of the garden beds dying and no lawn from the school to the cemetery. This is the most visited area in our Shire, surely we can make an effort to ensure it is visually pleasing to walk along the footpath and drive up there.

The Bush Cemetery used to be watered during the dry season, but the last few years has been left brown and dry due to the water restrictions Council implemented.

Adelaide River is renowned as a beautiful, peaceful place to stop and visit; I feel we need to ensure the main places the public see are just that.

I would like to see Council review the watering and mowing schedules that are currently in place. If we can improve them within budget to ensure watering is carried out along Memorial Terrace and at the Bush Cemetery, and mow to keep it all tidy it will enhance the experience our visitors and residents have living in and visiting our town.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council review the watering and mowing schedules for Adelaide River to assist in improving the visual aspects of the community, in particular Myrtle Fawcett Park, Memorial Terrace and the Bush Cemetery.

Moved:

Seconded:

11 COMMON SEAL

11.1 USE OF COMMON SEAL

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	AN 854
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	20 th October, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford Chief Executive Officer.
Attachments:	Grant Funding Agreement Common Seal – Adelaide River Tourist Precinct

SUMMARY

Council is required to affix the common seal to the Capital Grant Funding agreement for the Adelaide River Tourist Precinct feasibility study.

BACKGROUND

NIL

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Accounts officer

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

As per the Local Government Act Section 26(2). The affixing of the common seal to a document:
(a) must be authorised or ratified by resolution of the council; and
(b) must be attested by the signatures of the CEO and at least one member of the council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the use of the common seal on the Application for the Capital Grant Funding agreement for the Adelaide River Tourist Precinct feasibility study

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

11.2 USE OF COMMON SEAL

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	AN 854
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	20 th October, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford Chief Executive Officer.
Attachments:	Grant Funding Agreement Common Seal – Chinner Road

SUMMARY

Council is required to affix the common seal to the Capital Grant Funding agreement for Heavy Patching on Chinner Road.

BACKGROUND

Nil

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Accounts officer

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the use of the common seal on the Capital Grant Funding agreement for Heavy Patching on Chinner Road.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

14 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Coomalie Community Government Council will be held at Batchelor on 17th November, 2015.