



AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

17th November 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 17th November 2015

President of the Shire Council Andrew Turner will declare the meeting open at 5:45pm 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:	17th November 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 17th November 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 17th November 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:	17th November 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 17th November 2015.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

4 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 20TH OCTOBER 2015**

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th November 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 20th October 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 20th October 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:	17th November 2015
Author:	Robert Bright, Operations Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Roads-

The first stage of Chinner Road works are almost finished, just waiting for the last seal which should be done by the meeting. Some 18,756sqm of pavement has been done and 14,700sqm new seal. The second part of the contract is to reseal the areas where the work was done with S10E polymer bitumen. This will be done in accordance with current practice which requires the initial seal to settle for 3 months.

Maintenance grading has commenced on the roads around Adelaide River where we have had rain.

Waste-

The new slot has been dug at Batchelor landfill and is currently being used.

Cameras have been purchased through an EPA grant. These have arrived and will be installed when posts and frames can be manufactured and installed.

Building-

The servery project at the Bruce Jones Community Centre, which was funded from a Special Purpose Grant, has been completed up to the available money.

Parks-

Staff have been working on cleaning up Memorial Drive in Adelaide River. Myrtle Fawcett park has had an additional mow. Contractors have also requested that The Batchelor Parks receive an additional mow.

The sprinkler system at the Adelaide River oval has continually failed due to the filters blocking up. The matter is being addressed with Power and Water. They will look at where the dirty water is coming from in the next month.

Staff-

Staff working okay, I will be taking time off as soon as I have finished Chinner Road.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Operations Manager's Report for October/November 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:	17th November 2015
Author:	Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

The last month has been a hectic month for dogs. Two dogs killed a horse in Adelaide River. One of the dogs involved was destroyed by the Local Police and the other by the Dog Management Officer. There was also a complaint that numerous large dogs are being kept in one property in Adelaide River. This has been investigated and a letter forwarded to the alleged occupier.

There was also a complaint from Batchelor of roaming dogs rushing and scaring a pedestrian. The letter has been sent to the alleged owner of the dogs in relation to this matter.

Five dogs were impounded from Batchelor and Adelaide River. One was returned to owner after fees and fines were paid. The other four have been destroyed.

NOTE

For the information of Council.

6.3 POOL REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\Pool Supervisor
Date:	17th November 2015
Author:	Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

<u>Period ending</u>	<u>Paying at gate swimmers and takings</u>						<u>Pass Swimmers</u>		<u>Outdoor Ed/School</u>	<u>Swim group</u>	
	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Pens</u>	<u>Gate</u>	<u>value of sold passes</u>	<u>Pool Takings</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Children & Adults</u>	<u>Children & Adults</u>
9/09/2015	4	28	5	2	80	\$82.50	\$162.50	10	5		
16/09/2015	12	45	6	1	\$129.00	\$165.00	\$294.00	20	15	37	8 & 2
23/09/2015	13	24	9	2	\$116.50	\$182.50	\$299.00	23	16	54 + 16	
30/09/2015	7	27	6	2	\$91.132.		\$91.00	11	13		
7/10/2015	9	55	6	2	5	\$215	\$347.50	14	12		17 & 1
14/10/2015	6	15	5	1	87	27.5	\$114.50	13	10		19 & 1
21/10/2015	12	41	9	3	173		\$173.00	21	10	30 kids 3 adults	21
28/10/2015							\$0.00				

The Batchelor pool has been popular with a lot of swimmers of all ages. Water is clear and pool in good order.

The RLSS conducted a Bronze Medallion course on Saturday 30 October 2015 and was attended by 17 people.

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:	17th November 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 October/November.

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		Source	Subject
14/10/15	MI 1	ALGA	National Local Roads and Transport Congress invitation
15/10/15	MI 2	Peter Styles Minister for Young Territorians	Youth Vibe Holiday Grant for December January 2015/16
19/10/15	MI 3	Adelaide River Resident	Adelaide River Parks and Gardens
27/10/15	MI 4	Department of Local Government and Community Services	Special Purpose Grants round 1 2015/16 unsuccessful applications
27/10/15	MI 5	Department of Land Resource Management	Gamba Grass Assistance Program
27/10/15	MI 6	Minister for Local Government and Community Services	Successful Special Purpose Grant tractor and slasher
27/10/15	MI 7	Department of Transport	Signed copy of Capital Grant Funding Agreement Adelaide River Tourist Precinct Study
27/10/15	MI 8	Department of Transport	Signed copy of Capital Grant Funding Agreement Heavy Patching Chinner Road
27/10/15	MI 9	Meertens Chartered accountants	Top End Buffalo Circular to Creditors
2/11/15	M 10	Department of Local Government and Community Services	Special Purpose Grant Offer ; tractor & slasher
5/11/15	MI 11	Austswim	Swimming Pool Silver Level Recognition Certificate
5/11/15	MI 12	Minister for Young Territorians	Successful Quick Response Youth Engagement Grant
9/11/15	MI 13	Minister for Mines and Energy	Response to Letter of Community Concerns regarding Hydraulic Fracturing
10/11/15	MI 14	Department of Transport	Darwin Regional Transport Plan-Consultation Draft

Correspondence Out

DATE		Source	Subject
22/10/15	MO 1	LA	Hon David Tollner, Further Community Concerns Regarding Hydraulic Fracturing Mining Technique
22/10/15	MO 2	LA	Mr Tony Tapsell, CEO LGANT Request to Consider Community Concerns Regarding Hydraulic Fracturing Mining Technique
23/10/15	MO 3	LA	Rum Jungle Ratepayer, Re Coomalie Waste Service Charges
24/10/15	MO 4	LA	CEO Department of Transport Submission on Aviation Industry and Services Strategy 2020
26/10/15	MO 5	LA	Hon Bess Price, Request to Gazette Opening of Coach Road
11/11/15	MO 6	LA	Batchelor Resident, complaint of threatening dogs
11/11/15	MO 7	LA	Adelaide River Resident, dog complaint (Dogherly Street)

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 NOVEMBER 2015

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th November 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Action Items List to November, 2015

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Actions Items List.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.3 COMPLAINTS REGISTER OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2015

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th November 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:	17th November 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.

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.

February 2015

The Ombudsman found that 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.

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. The main discussion revolved around the incorporation of the remaining unincorporated areas into Councils.

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.

November 2015

The President and CEO have had a further meeting with the Executive Director of Department of Local Government about improving the long term sustainability of the Council. The matter was raised at the meeting of the BCWLGAC held in Wagait on 10 November 2015 by Department representatives. The meeting was attended by the three shire Council and a representative of the Belyuen Progress Association.

CONSULTATION

Department of Local Government
Belyuen, Coomalie, Wagait Local Government Advisory Committee.

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:	17th November 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Compass Resources Information Sheet Letter Legislative Assembly Elections

SUMMARY

Northern Territory Tidy Towns Awards

The Northern Territory Tidy Town Awards were held on Friday 23rd October in Katherine.

The Keep Australia Beautiful Northern Territory Committee (KABNTC) recognised the link between Tidy Towns and the economic benefits of tourism. In 2014 KABNTC initiated the 4star rating Tidy Town Award. This recognises the long term commitment of communities to ensure their towns are continually presented in a manner which can assist and drive economic development through tourism. The first community to be nominated a 4 Star-Rated Tidy Town was Wallace Rockhole in Central Australia in 2014.

Both the communities of Adelaide River and Batchelor have been awarded the honour this year at the Annual Northern Territory Tidy Town Awards. Four other towns have been also awarded the honour.

Meeting with Chairman and CEO Compass Resources

The CEO met with Chairman Mr John Allen and the CEO Mr Ross Muller on the 29th October 2015. They outlined the current situation with the mine. The site is currently in care and maintenance mode. It will remain at this status for at least another 12months. During that time the Company intend to carry out further testing and assessments of the ore bodies on the mining lease. The Company is also seeking Expressions of Interest for partners to commercialise its metal resources in the Northern Territory. The Chairman and CEO have offered to brief Council at its January 2016 meeting.

Batchelor Airstrip

Tenders to develop the Master Plan and Management Plan for the Batchelor airstrip have been awarded. The winning tenderer was Rehbein Airport Consulting. It is understood that the first inception meeting with the

consultants will have been held by the time of the Council meeting. The CEO is a member of the reference group.

A work shop for interested Councillors and community members has been arranged 3 December 2015 from 5.00pm until 7.00pm at the Council Chambers. The consultant is keen to hear comments from council and the community about the future development and management of the Batchelor airport.

Legislative Assembly Elections 2016

The Department of Local Government and Community Services have forwarded a letter outlining the rights of Councillors who wish to stand for the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly elections.

The anticipated date for the Election is currently 27 August 2016. In this case a Councillor wishing to stand for the Legislative Assembly and be reinstated as a Councillor if their election unsuccessful should resign from Council between 16 July 2016 and 9 August 2016, stating they are doing so in order to stand in the Legislative Assembly elections. If the Councillor is unsuccessful they must apply to the CEO for reinstatement within 7 days of the Declaration of the results of the Legislative Assembly election.

Stronger Community Grant Program

Each Federal Local Member has been allocated \$150,000 under the Stronger Community Grant Program to fund small capital projects. The desired outcome of the program is to improve local community participation, cohesion and contribute to vibrant and viable communities.

The process is that the Local Member must invite groups to apply, but it has been suggested that Council should be suggesting projects to the Local Member.

Council provided the Local Member Warren Snowdon MP with 5 possible projects for assessment. The Local Member has forwarded three of the projects onto the Department of Infrastructure and Regions for funding. The projects selected were:

- Installation of synthetic cricket pitches in Adelaide River and Batchelor,
- Replacement of a damaged shade structure at the Batchelor Pool and
- Restoration/upgrading of the Castle at Havlik Park.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.6 LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC 1
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 th November, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Draft Litchfield National Park Management Plan

SUMMARY

The Draft Plan of Management for Litchfield National Park has been released for public comment.

The Draft Plan appears to be a very internally focussed document relating to addressing perceived deficiencies within the boundaries of the National Park.

Overall the plan does not have a clear vision for the future and strategy appears to focus on current internally perceived problems. It appears that various sections of government have differing ideas about the Park and there are conflicting priorities between protection of environmental biodiversity, conservation of historical and culture aspects, active recreation and tourism.

It appears the Draft Plan of Management will place a greater emphasis on offering recreational experiences for the spirited and adventurous visitor as well as the family.

It is considered appropriate that Council forwards a submission raising a number of issues that affect local businesses and the community. These are:

- Clarify the purpose for the National Park.
- Effects on local businesses of increasing accommodation in the National Park.
- The development of the access roads to the National Park and the anticipated effect on local businesses.
- Regular tri-annual consultative reference group meetings which includes a representative from Council.
- Review of the National Park Waste Management policies and in particular the effect on adjoining businesses and communities.
- Clarify the intent that the Parks and Wildlife Commission offices also act as Visitor Information Centres.
- Provide training and support to volunteers who manage the Batchelor Information Centre.

BACKGROUND

The Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory have released a Draft Plan of Management for comment. Public comments will be received up until 20 November 2015.

It is the second most visited park in the Northern Territory and a key driver of Tourism in the Top End.

COMMENT

The document makes generalisations about supporting the Batchelor tourism industry but does not make any clear comments or suggests actions to engage and consult with the tourist and associated industry to support local businesses.

The Draft Plan comments on increasing accommodation within the Park to alleviate overcrowding but does not comment on the alternative option of increasing accommodation surrounding the Park. It also ignores discussion on any positive or negative effects that increasing the accommodation in the Park will have on surrounding businesses.

Likewise Council has yet to receive any substantive and documented anticipated effects on the local tourism and associated businesses in relation to the sealing of the Litchfield Park Road from Berry Springs. This is a major concern for local tourism operators that appear to have been sacrificed to meet the Darwin based operators' requests. Tourism NT has belatedly engaged with local operators.

There is no comment about improving the Batchelor, Rum Jungle and Litchfield National Park Rd to match the quality of the new Berry Springs Litchfield National Park Road, further discouraging the use of this road.

The Draft Plan suggests there has been regular meetings through a stakeholder Reference Group which comprised the Batchelor Tourism Development group, operators, Tourism Top End and the Northern Land Council. I am unaware that regular meetings occur. These should be on 4 monthly intervals.

The unilateral decision to remove rubbish bins from Litchfield National Park was done without consultation and has had an adverse impact on the operators outside the Park and Council. Accommodation operators advised that the rubbish being dumped in their bins has increased significantly over the tourist season. There was also a significant increase in rubbish dumped in Batchelor particularly near the shop. On two or three occasions the CEO was required to empty the bins over the weekend. This is clearly a case of cost shifting from the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

The Plan comments on the Parks and Wildlife Commission offices being open to the public to access information, but makes no comment on the actual number of visitors to Parks and Wildlife Commission offices. Signage at offices does not encourage enquiries to be made at the Parks and Wildlife Offices which is contrary to the situation implied in the draft plan.

It is a great idea that visitors are able to personally contact and visit Parks and Wildlife offices which can focus and enhance the visitor experience and provide more detailed technical information. However the offices need to appear welcoming to visitors. Staff should be trained to provide great customer service.

Likewise the Draft Plan of Management suggests that the Visitor Information Centre in Batchelor is able to provide all the information required. Again this overstates the reality. The Batchelor Visitor Information Centre is manned by local volunteers and only manned when volunteers are available. The volunteers have not received any training from Parks and Wildlife in relation to the attractions, constraints and hazards associated with the Park.

The Plan needs to list as a priority action that all volunteers are properly trained and kept informed or the Management Plan should state the reality, which is the Parks and Wildlife Commission only provide limited support to the Volunteers at the Batchelor Visitor Information centre.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

DIRECTION

The CEO forward a submission to the Parks and Wildlife Commission in response to the Draft Plan of Management for Litchfield National Park outlining the comments and concerns listed in the Body of the Report.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.7 CLOSURE OF THE COUNCIL OFFICE OVER CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR PERIOD

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC / 63
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	13th November, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Christmas public holiday's this year fall on Friday 25th December 2015, Monday 28th December 2015 and New Year's falls on Friday 1st January 2015.

This is a very quiet period of the year with very little commercial, business or Local Government activity. It is appropriate that Council not open the Administration office during this time and the staff take leave. This year it is proposed to close the Administration office from 4.00pm Wednesday 23rd December 2015 and reopen on Monday 4th January 2015.

Provision has been made to ensure that essential operational requirements will be maintained. These include the cleanup of the parks, pushing up of the rubbish tips and emptying of the transfer bins. Operation of the pool, and garbage collection will be as normal.

Finn Bins has advised that the collection scheduled for Monday 27 December 2015 will be carried out the next day on Tuesday 28 December 2015.

BACKGROUND

Nil

COMMENT

Whilst the administration is very quiet there is still a requirement to carry out activities such as Rubbish Transfer and clean up in the parks and gardens as well as provide emergency assistance if required. The skeleton works staff crew will carry out any maintenance or normal programmed work. A person will be available on call in the case of any emergencies.

CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Not Applicable

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

DIRECTION

Council instruct the CEO to close the Administration office for the Christmas period from 4pm Wednesday 23rd December 2015, reopening on Monday 4th January 2015 and to provide essential services during the shutdown period.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.8 CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

Applicant: N/A

Location/Address: N/A

File Ref: CC / 111a

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 13th November, 2015

Author: Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

SUMMARY

Council has had various adhoc arrangements for Councillors, Staff and their Families to recognise the achievements of the year and thank Councillors and staff for their dedication, commitment and professionalism to support the community.

A successful function was held at the Rum Jungle Tavern in 2014 and it is suggested a similar function be held this year. It is suggested that this should be held at the Lake Bennett Resort on Friday 11th December 2015.

The event is for Councillors, Staff and their Families.

Lake Bennett Resort has proposed a \$25 per head cost, which will include warm and cold finger food. The Resort will provide complimentary beer, wine & soft drink.

It is requested that Council consider funding the function.

BACKGROUND

Nil

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Separate funds have not been allocated in the budget.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider holding a Christmas function on Friday 11th of December at Lake Bennett Resort to celebrate and recognise the achievements of the year.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.9 LGANT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC / 52
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	13 th November, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

LGANT held the Annual General Meeting and other associated meetings in Darwin from Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th November 2015. THE CEO attended some of the sessions.

Amongst the Speakers where The Hon Bess Price MLA Minister for Local Government and Communities and Cr Troy Pickard Mayor of City of Joondalup WA and president of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

Cr Packard emphasised the amount of lobbying which had occurred to protect the Federal Assistance Grants from further cuts, estimated at 13.5 % in real terms over the three year freeze. Lobbying was also successful in linking the reintroduction of the Fuel Excise Duty automatic increases with the Roads to Recovery program over the next 2 years and hopefully longer. This has resulted in an additional \$135k to the Council net financial year for roads to Recovery projects. ALGA believes it has been successful in raising the importance of Local Government with Federal politicians. Cr Parkard warned against Councils making decisions completely outside their core business. This has in the past adversely impacted on Federal Governments view of Local Government.

The NT Electoral Commission gave a presentation on the complexities of running an election which is above allegations of impropriety. They also provided an initial estimate for the 2017 elections of \$1.7million. The initial estimate of cost to the Council is \$18,705. They suggested that this could be reduced by Council

supplying assistance to the Electoral Commission during the election process. It is anticipated that they will contact Councils individually over the next few months.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics outlined that the next Census will occur in early August 2016. They are encouraging households to enter the required information online, however the traditional paper based Census documents will still be available.

The major issues facing the other NT Council's appear to be frustrations dealing with Land Councils, particularly in negotiating and finalising Section 19 Leases and Licences. They also stated concerns with the detail that the Department of Local Government has insisted upon with the Compliance Audits it has carried out, particularly in relation to the affairs of Regional Authorities.

The City of Darwin is currently investigating the installation of a Leachate treatment plant at the Shoal Bay Landfill. Estimate of costs is in the order of millions. They continue to lobby for an Emergency waste Facility to be allocated in the event of a Cyclone. The Council will shortly commence a Waste Management strategy. Palmerston Council also plans to rehabilitate their old landfill site. The cost is also estimated in the millions.

BACKGROUND

LGANT generally holds two meetings per year. One in Darwin and one in other parts of the Territory. The CEO usually attends parts of the meetings if they are within reasonable driving distance.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The first initial estimate of the cost of the 2017 local Government election is \$18,705.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

NOTE

For the information of Council

8 FINANCE REPORTS

8.1 PAYMENT REGISTER

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th November 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 October 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:

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

(2) The report must include:

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

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

(c) other information required by the Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policies that apply to this report.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**PAYMENT REGISTER****OCTOBER 2015**

DATE	REFERENCE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
1/10/2015	CBA Merc Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1,582.20
2/10/2015	CBA POS Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	126.42
2/10/2015	CBA Visa Oct 15	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	938.36
6/10/2015	6968	Cr. Sue Bulmer	450.00
6/10/2015	6969	Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	1,963.99
6/10/2015	6970	Cr. Max Corliss	450.00
6/10/2015	6971	Cr. Ewan Crook	450.00
6/10/2015	6972	Cr. Dave Gray	450.00
6/10/2015	6973	Higgie Mechanical Engineering	203.50
6/10/2015	6974	Cr. Bruce Jones	912.40
6/10/2015	6975	Intergrated Land Information S	630.20
6/10/2015	6976	OfficeMax	44.64
6/10/2015	6977	Rural Fire Protection	1,508.10
6/10/2015	6978	Cr. Andrew Turner	1,500.00
8/10/2015	6979	AJ Couriers & Haulage Pty Ltd	77.00
8/10/2015	6980	Area IT Solutions	1,331.00
8/10/2015	6981	Attache Software Australia Pty	39.00
8/10/2015	6982	Dannah Pty Ltd	194.97
8/10/2015	6983	Batchelor Service Centre	691.70
8/10/2015	6984	Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd	116.53
8/10/2015	6985	Litchfield Springs Water Pty L	90.00
8/10/2015	6986	NQ Resource Recovery Pty Ltd	52.69
8/10/2015	6987	OfficeMax	190.27
8/10/2015	6988	Diedre Pickering	2,381.82
8/10/2015	6989	Royal Life Saving NT	180.00
8/10/2015	6990	Territory Steel	4.85
8/10/2015	440	Jacana Energy	74.05
8/10/2015	441	PowerWater	1,845.61
13/10/2015	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	21,189.39
13/10/2015	442	Australian Taxation Office	8,253.00
14/10/2015	6991	Air Liquide WA Pty Ltd	54.32
14/10/2015	6992	Adelaide River Auto Port	93.78
14/10/2015	6993	B P Australia Limited	2,525.27
14/10/2015	6994	Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	74.07
14/10/2015	6995	Cool Glass	372.00
14/10/2015	6996	Darwin Office Technology	214.62
14/10/2015	6997	Fin Bins	5,290.40
14/10/2015	6998	Friends - North Australia Rail	2,000.00
14/10/2015	6999	Gaz NT Pty Ltd	1,562.00
14/10/2015	7000	Think Water	187.00
15/10/2015	CBA BPay Fees	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	330.56
15/10/2015	CBA Trans Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	11.66
15/10/2015	CBA Commbiz	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	32.12
22/10/2015	7001	RWA Exact	123.75
22/10/2015	7002	Fin Bins	5,347.60
22/10/2015	7003	H&K Earthmoving Pty Ltd	91,132.38
22/10/2015	7004	Bruce Mason	833.80
22/10/2015	7005	OfficeMax	147.62
22/10/2015	443	Jacana Energy	6,189.00
22/10/2015	444	PowerWater	3,325.70
23/10/2015	Super Sep 2015	Click Super	10,566.74
27/10/2015	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	20,929.58

30/10/2015	7006	Access Hardware	23.10
30/10/2015	7007	R W Anderson	901.20
30/10/2015	7008	Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	331.04
30/10/2015	7009	Bruce Mason	264.00
30/10/2015	7010	Norsign NT	161.59
30/10/2015	7011	Palmerston & Regional Basketba	2,100.00
30/10/2015	7012	Practical Safety Australia Pty	427.35
30/10/2015	7013	Rum Jungle Construction	1,309.00
30/10/2015	7014	RS Gardening Care	6,038.15
30/10/2015	7015	S.E. Rentals Pty Ltd	258.63
30/10/2015	7016	Turbo's Tyres	847.00
TOTAL			211,926.72

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve and pass for payment the November 2015 payment register totalling **\$211,926.72**

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:	17th November 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 the finance and grant report and monthly financial summary report to 31st October 2015.

COMMENT

Nil

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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(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 OCTOBER 2015

Cash at Bank					
Cash on Hand					\$ 1,000.00
Cheque Account					\$ 606,367.74
Investment Account					\$ 1,000,000.00
Trust Account					\$ -
Total Cash at Bank					\$ 1,607,367.74
Debtors					
	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	
Trade	-	41,495.00	-	4,680.70	\$ 46,175.70
Rate Arrears	234,151.07	-	-	88,674.83	\$ 322,825.90
Rates paid in advance	- 9,984.30	-	-	-	-\$ 9,984.30
Total Debtors					\$ 359,017.30
Creditors					
	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	
	-	4,332.53	-	238.00	\$ 4,570.53
Total Creditors					\$ 4,570.53
Reconciliation of Funds					
Balance as per General Ledger					\$ 607,367.74
Add outstanding Debtors					\$ 359,017.30
Less outstanding Creditors					\$ 4,570.53
Add Investment Account					\$ 1,000,000.00
Total Cash & Receivables Available					\$ 1,961,814.51

90 Day Debtors –

\$2,410.70 Sharon Arthur – Top End Buffalo – Rum Jungle Lake lease fees and legal fees – In Administration will likely have to write off entire amount when receive notification from Administrators

\$2,200.00 RACE – Tip Fees – remittance advice paid November 2015
 \$ 70.00 Jodie Paech – Dog pound fees – unlikely to be recovered – Write Off

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

GRANT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST OCTOBER 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	\$ 23,027.66	\$ 752.34	30/06/2016
17/07/2015	Seniors Month Grant	Dept Chief Minister	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,380.00	\$ -	Acquitted
7/09/2015	Landfill Cameras	NTEPA	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	30/06/2016
2/10/2015	Community Libraries	Dept Arts and Museums	\$ 50,757.00	\$ 18,460.00	\$ 32,297.00	31/08/2016
14/10/2015	School Holiday Program Jan 2016	Dept Chief Minister	\$ 1,250.00		\$ 1,250.00	14/03/2016
14/10/2015	AR Tourist Precinct Feasibility	Dept of Transport	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 40,000.00	30/07/2016
27/10/2015	Friday Night Fun Youth	Dept Chief Minister	\$ 1,495.00		\$ 1,495.00	31/12/2015
28/10/2015	Heavy Patching Chinner Road	Dept of Transport	\$ 150,000.00		\$ 150,000.00	30/07/2016
			\$ 340,252.91	\$ 108,623.17	\$ 231,629.74	
		Cash and Receivables			\$ 1,961,814.51	
		Unspent Grants & Subsidies			\$ 231,629.74	
		Cash Available to Council			\$ 1,730,184.77	

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY****OCTOBER 2015**

Account Code	Account Description	14/15 Actual	Month Actual	YTD Actual	15/16 Budget
110 ADMINISTRATION					
110 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,537,246	4,174	1,117,640	1,410,951
110 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	701,935	29,767	290,511	770,886
110 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 110	835,311	-25,593	827,129	640,065
210 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES					
210 3899	TOTAL INCOME	9,000	0	0	9,000
210 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	75,894	3,399	15,796	81,900
210 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 210	-66,894	-3,399	-15,796	-72,900
211 SANITATION AND GARBAGE					
211 3899	TOTAL INCOME	335,934	-223	342,737	343,685
211 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	246,840	17,345	65,493	306,171
211 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 211	89,094	-17,568	277,244	37,514
212 CEMETERIES					
212 3899	TOTAL INCOME	2,100	0	0	2,000
212 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	12,651	1,123	3,029	10,600
212 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 212	-10,551	-1,123	-3,029	-8,600
310 PARKS AND GARDENS					
310 3899	TOTAL INCOME	51,940	33	162	1,100
310 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	168,025	11,793	53,497	177,339
310 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 310	-116,085	-11,760	-53,335	-176,239
311 LIBRARIES					
311 3899	TOTAL INCOME	50,757	50,757	50,757	50,757
311 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	53,785	3,490	18,460	50,757
311 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 311	-3,028	47,267	32,297	0
312 SPORT AND RECREATION					
312 3899	TOTAL INCOME	15,780	0	23,780	100
312 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	98,221	6,941	33,480	126,668
312 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 312	-82,441	-6,941	-9,700	-126,568
313 SWIMMING POOL					
313 3899	TOTAL INCOME	4,909	298	890	4,000
313 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	103,965	5,984	21,548	107,755
313 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 313	-99,056	-5,686	-20,658	-103,755
314 COMMUNITY RECREATION					
314 3899	TOTAL INCOME	41,138	2,904	4,759	34,714
314 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	76,063	7,263	26,241	80,645
314 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 312	-34,925	-4,359	-21,482	-45,931
410 ROADS					
410 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,134,398	190,123	446,158	1,056,972
410 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,345,674	95,922	167,575	1,633,180
410 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 410	-211,276	94,201	278,583	-576,208
510 STREETLIGHTING					
510 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	18,676	3,289	6,034	24,200
510 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 510	-18,676	-3,289	-6,034	-24,200
511 TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
511 3899	TOTAL INCOME	105,571	955	8,835	21,690
511 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	120,992	2,007	24,615	50,270
511 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 511	-15,421	-1,052	-15,780	-28,580
512 DOG MANAGEMENT					
512 3899	TOTAL INCOME	2,210	51	467	2,000
512 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	15,839	1,562	5,567	14,766
512 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 512	-13,629	-1,511	-5,100	-12,766
513 GLYPHOSATE					

513 3899	TOTAL INCOME	3,600	0	109	5,000
513 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,136	0	0	5,000
513 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 513	464	0	109	0
514 GAMBA AND WEED MANAGEMENT					
514 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	0	10,000
514 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 514	0	0	0	-10,000
900 3899	TOTAL INCOME	3,294,583	249,072	1,996,294	2,941,969
900 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,041,696	189,885	731,846	3,450,137
900 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY)	252,887	59,187	1,264,448	-508,168

RECOMMENDATION

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

That Council write off the debt of \$70.00 from Jodie Paech.

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:	17th November 2015
Author:	Marilyn Morris, Community Recreation Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Batchelor Markets

Batchelor Markets were held on the on Sunday 8th November 2015 at the Batchelor Oval. The new coordinator is running the markets well and stall holders are happy with the turnout from locals and visitors. A group of kids and adults also played cricket.

Friday Night Fun & Basketball News

The Friday Night Fun evenings began again on Friday 13th November with the opening of the new Servedy. A successful Quick Response grant for \$1495 covered a couple of workshops – plus a big barbecue and pizza evening. Woolaning Christian College and the BIITE Cadets joined our local community evening – with many basketball games occurring.

Basketball games will continue each fortnight in line with the Friday Night Fun event and barbecue. Night Patrol will support these fortnightly events.

Christmas Carols.

Christmas Carols will be held from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Outdoor Education Centre on Sunday 6th December. A group of 6 to 10 locals have volunteered to organise the Carols event

Students from Batchelor School will be singing and it is hoped there will be representation from Adelaide River School. 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 on Tuesday 15th December 2015. Invitations have been sent out and sponsor letters will be mailed out this week.

Coomalie Swim Group

Classes are expanding with several new students, mainly from Adelaide River and also many babies and toddlers from the Batchelor and rural region. We have incorporated a new initiative to entice adults, teenagers and also our young strong swimmers.

The Bronze Medallion Course was held on 31st October and 1st November. This course was very successful with nine people doing their updates and eight new people completing their full Bronze Medallion.

Remembrance Day

The event was held on Wed 11th, with Veterans from Darwin utilizing the Community Bus – as per agreement with Council. The event was attended by students from Adelaide River, Middle Point and Pine Creek Schools. Councillor Jones laid the wreath on behalf of Council.

Australia Day

Nomination forms will be at Post Offices, Schools and on website from 18th November and due in by Wednesday 6th January. Concerns were raised by several Councillors last year regarding the limited nominations, so I would like to request the assistance of Councillors with seeking nominations.

Anzac Day 2016

We have received confirmation of attendance from Arafura Wind Ensemble, Darwin Piper and Drummer, bugler and Waler horse Group.

Grants –

- Youth Vibe Grant for the January 2016 Holiday Program. Requested \$2000 – granted \$1250
- QR Grant for Friday Night Fun Celebration @ Community Centre – Requested \$1995 – granted \$1495
- Harmony Day Grant for 12th February – Requesting \$950.
- Youth Week grant for 9th April – Requesting \$3000

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

NOTE

For the information of Council.

10 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil

11 COMMON SEAL

Nil

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

13 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 b & c(i).

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.

14 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Coomalie Community Government Council will be held at Batchelor on 15th December, 2015.