



MINUTES
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
15th March 2016

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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

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON TUESDAY 15th March 2016

President of the Shire Council Andrew Turner declared the meeting open at 6:17pm and welcomed all in attendance.

1 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor	President Andrew Turner
Councillor	Vice President Bruce Jones
Councillor	Max Corliss
Councillor	Dave Gray
Councillor	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:	15th March 2016
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 15th March 2016.

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

NOTE

That there are no apologies of absence for the Ordinary General Meeting held 15th March 2016.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15th March 2016
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

NOTE

That there are no declarations of interest for the Ordinary General Meeting held 15th March 2016.

4 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 16TH FEBRUARY 2016

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15th March 2016
Author:	Aleyshia Kim, Senior Administration Officer
Attachments:	Copy of Minutes will be tabled at the meeting

SUMMARY

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held 16th February 2016, 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

RESOLUTION 15/03/2016/004

That the Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held 16th February 2016 are confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Clr. Corliss

Seconded: Clr. Turner

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6 OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORTS

6.1 OPERATIONS REPORTS

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\Operations Manager
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15th March 2016
Author:	Robert Bright, Operations Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Roads

The shoulders on Chinner Road, Haynes Road and Strickland Road have been slashed. Coach Road, Cheeney Road, Solomon Road and Miles Road are the next roads programmed to be slashed starting from the Adelaide River end. It is also planned to slash and spray around Rum Jungle Lake prior to Easter.

Spraying has been carried out on Chinner Road and Haynes Road.

The potholes in the streets in Batchelor have been patched. Further sealed road patching has been programmed in the coming weeks. A bitumen sealing contractor will reseal Nurndina St from Awilla Rd, along to Tarkarri Road near the museum in the next few weeks. Timing is dependent on the weather.

The final seal for Chinner Road will also be carried out in the next few weeks depending on the weather conditions.

Waste

Batchelor and Adelaide river rubbish dumps are currently operating well. The cameras at the Batchelor Rubbish dump are operational. Staff are currently testing the data from the cameras.

Parks

The rain tree over hanging the bowls club was pruned last week. Trimming of trees and plants around Batchelor and Adelaide River has also been completed. There are a few requests to remove trees. These are currently being investigated.

Lights

The lights at the Northern end of the bowls club have now been repaired along with the light in the community centre. The solar light closest to the basketball court has also been repaired and is working again.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RESOLUTION 15/03/2016/005

That Council receives and notes the Operations Manager's Report for February/March 2016.

Moved: Clr. Gray

Seconded: Clr. Corliss

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6.2 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Applicant: N/A

Location/Address: N/A

File Ref: CCGCDocs\Animal Management Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 15th March 2016

Author: Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer

Attachments: Nil

SUMMARY

There have been a number of service requests in Adelaide River to follow up on roaming dingos. To date no dingos have been detected during the inspections of the town.

An incident was reported to the police which involved a resident placing a stray dog in the dog catcher's trailer whilst he was at the pool. The dog was removed from trailer by persons believed to be the owners.

Four dogs have been impounded. One has been released.

NOTE

Council note the Animal Managements Officer's report for February/March 2016.

6.3 POOL REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\Pool Supervisor
Date:	15th March 2016
Author:	Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Pool is in good working order and has had regular use over this month. Outdoor Education are constantly using the pool. After school numbers have also been consistent. A senior's gentle exercise class has commenced. There has been very positive response to the installation of a hand rail to assist patrons to enter and exit the pool.

NOTE

Council note the Pool Supervisor's report for February/march 2016.

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:	15th March 2016
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 January/February.

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
12/2/16	MI 1	Fawcett Cattle Company	Request for road repairs
15/2/16	MI 2	Miles Road Landowners	Intent to establish crocodile hatchery/farm
15/2/16	MI 3	NT Department of Transport	Signed Capital Grant Funding Agreement, Seal Cheeney Road project
15/2/16	MI 4	Adelaide River Landowner	Problem tree
15/2/16	MI 5	Batchelor Area School Business Manager	Letter of appreciation for new pool handrail
18/2/16	MI 6	Commander Australian Army 1 st Brigade Department of Defence	Response to noise complaint at Batchelor airstrip
24/2/16	MI 7	Australian Local Government Association	2016 National General Assembly of Local Government – Call for Motions
27/2/16	MI 8	Mardango Crescent resident	Cat control complaint
1/3/16	MI 9	Department of Local Government & Community Services	Amendments to local government Act and general updates
9/3/16	MI 10	Capricorn Mapping & Mining Title Services	Cheeney Rd resident erosion issue

Correspondence Out

DATE		Source	Recipient & Subject
10/2/16	MO 1	RB	R Giles HWL Ebsworth re; roads serving Section 2894 Hundred of Goyder
16/2/16	MO 2	LA	Miles Road landowners re; establishment of crocodile farm/hatchery
16/2/16	MO 3	LA	The Hon. Bess Price Minister for Local Government and Community Services re; request to gazette the opening of Chin Road and extension of Cheeney Road
16/2/16	MO 4	LA	S Smith AEC Group re Adelaide River economic business study including tourism precinct feasibility
16/2/16	MO 5	LA	M Parker Macroplan Demasi re Adelaide River economic business study including tourism precinct feasibility
16/2/16	MO 6	LA	P Mathews Workplace Edge Pty Ltd re Adelaide River economic business study including tourism precinct feasibility
16/2/16	MO 7	LA	B Cole PHC Projects re Adelaide River economic business study including tourism precinct feasibility
16/2/16	MO 8	LA	M Osborne FYFE re Adelaide River economic business study including tourism precinct feasibility
17/2/16	MO 9	MK	Department of Veterans Affairs acquittal of Adelaide River Dawn Service grant
29/2/16	MO 10	LA	Adelaide River resident re problem tree
29/2/16	MO 11	LA	Adelaide River business owner re request to repair Coach Road
2/3/16	MO 12	LA	Batchelor resident re cat complaint

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

RESOLUTION 15/03/2016/006

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

Moved: Clr. Gray

Seconded: Clr. Corliss

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7.2 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST FEBRUARY 2016

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15th March 2016
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Action Items List to February, 2016

RESOLUTION 15/03/2016/007

That Council receives and notes the Actions Items List.

Moved: Clr. Bulmer

Seconded: Clr. Corliss

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7.3 COMPLAINTS REGISTER FEBRUARY/MARCH 2016

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15th March 2016
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Complaints Register

There were no complaints registered this month.

NOTE

There are no complaints this month.

7.4 STANDING ORDER – AMALGAMATION REVIEW

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	Coomalie Councillors
File Ref:	CC/79
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15th March 2016
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	

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.

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 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 Executive 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 meetings 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.

December 2015

The Department of Local Government provided a background briefing for Councillors. The Territorian published a brief article on the proposal on Sunday 6th December 2015 making comment about the proposal.

January 2016

Letter sent to Department of Local Government requesting Litchfield National Park be included in the Coomalie Community Government Council area.

February 2016

The Department of Local Government have advised that there will be no further decisions made in relation to formation of new Councils in this term of Government. The Department has acknowledged Council's request in relation to Litchfield National Park.

March 2016

The President and the CEO met with the Executive Director of the Department of Local Government on Tuesday 23rd February 2016. The department confirmed that there would be no changes to local government areas prior to the Northern Territory Elections. This included Council's request to incorporate the Litchfield National Park into the Council area.

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:	15th March 2016
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Office
Attachments:	Retirement Village information provided to KPMG Sport and Rec letter and Information Sheet

SUMMARY

Adelaide River Economic Development and Tourism Precinct Study.

Tourism NT consider that elements of the current project scope is at odds with current NT Government policy and direction. It is suggested that the scope of the project could be modified to ensure it retains the full support of Tourism NT.

A further meeting was held with Tourism NT and Department of Transport to discuss a way forward. The Department of Transport is open to the scope of the project being modified as long as the aim of the project remains the same.

It is proposed that the project will identifying and coordinate the existing government projects that currently will effect Adelaide River and then developing economic development strategy for tourism and other businesses.

Tourism NT has provided details of contacts who may be able to provide assistance.

Batchelor Retirement Village.

Following representations by the local COTA representatives to the Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians, the CEO was contacted by KPMG to discuss the issue further. KPMG are the consultants for the NT Government investigating the provision of services for senior Territorians.

A phone interview with KPMG was held on 19th February 2016. The discussion revolved around the history of Council's endeavour to secure the development of a retirement village in Batchelor. It included the frustration associated with the 15 year old unresolved native title claim over Batchelor, the expression of interest Council circulated, provision of land and the response from Government officials. It was also pointed out the median age in the Shire is now 45.7 years, well above the territory average.

Following a further request a written response was also forwarded to KPMG.

Batchelor Airport

The working party has held another meeting with the consultants. The purpose of the meeting was discuss the information provided by stake holders and a discussion regarding the future process for the preparation of the draft Master Plan.

Remote Sports Voucher Program.

The CEO was invited to a meeting with Sport and Recreation Department representatives on the 15th February 2016. At the meeting the CEO was advised that the NT Government Cabinet had removed the Remote Sports Voucher Grants program from the local schools and it had been given to Councils. The change was to be effective immediately.

Council staff met with both schools who were unaware of the changes. LGANT were also unaware of the changes. Council has only just now received a letter from the Department in relation to the Sports Voucher Program. The contents of the letter is yet to be assessed.

LGANT General Meeting

The first biannual General meeting of the year for LGANT will be held at the Jabiru Town Hall on Thursday 14th April commencing at 8.30am. Council is a member of LGANT and is entitled to one voting representative. Council may wish to nominate a representative but has traditionally not attended these meetings. Nominations close on 1st April 2016.

RESOLUTION 15/03/2016/008

That Council receives and notes the CEO's Activity report for February/March 2016.

Moved: Clr. Jones

Seconded: Clr. Turner

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7.6 REVIEW OF CURRENT STRATEGIC PLAN

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12th March 2016
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	2015/2020 Strategic Plan.

SUMMARY.

The current Strategic Plan is reviewed and updated annually to assist in the preparation of the Annual Shire Plan. This is the first stage of the annual planning cycle. Many of the items in the current plan rely on funding from other sources. Therefore in many cases the Strategic plan is purely an aspirational document.

It is appropriate for council to seek community comment on the current Strategic Plan, prior to Council considering updating it as part of the annual planning process.

Council also envisaged at its February Meeting that it would hold Community information session at Batchelor, Lake Bennett and Adelaide River on the 11th, 12th and 14th April. The comments received will help council provide clear direction to staff in relation to the preparation of Annual Shire Plan and Budget at the April Council meeting.

The draft Annual Shire Plan and Budget will be presented to Council in May for consideration. The plan and budget are then advertised for community comment. The comments are considered in June and the plans and budgets revised as needed prior to adoption by the Council.

The process this year is one month earlier than last year to ensure Council has a valid budget prior to 1 July 2016.

BACKGROUND.

Council undertook an extensive community consultation program in 2013. From the consultation Council developed the 2013-18 Strategic Plan. The plan and its revisions underpins annually the preparation of the Annual Plan and Annual Budget.

COMMENT.

Nil

CONSULTATION.

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT.

24. Annual review of Municipal or Shire Plan.

- (1) A Council must adopt its municipal or shire plan (or revisions to its municipal, regional or shire plan) between 1 April and 31st July in each year and forward a copy of the plan (or revised plan) to the agency by the latter date.
- (2) Before the Council adopts its municipal, regional or shire Plan (or revisions to its municipal or shire plan) for a particular year, the Council must:
 - (a) prepare a draft of the plan (incorporating any proposed revisions); and
 - (b) make the draft plan accessible on the Councils website and make copies available for public inspection at the Council's public offices; and
 - (c) publish a notice on its website and in a newspaper circulating generally in the area inviting written submissions on the draft plan within a period (at least 21 days) from the date of the notice:
and
 - (d) consider the submissions made in response to the invitation and make any revisions to the draft the Council considers appropriate in the light of the submissions.
- (3) Although the council's budget forms part of its municipal, regional or Shire plan, this section does not apply to the adoption of the budget or of amendments to it.
- (4) The adoption of a budget, or of amendments to it, operates to amend the municipal, regional or shire plan so it conforms with the most recent text of the Council's budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

This becomes the base document for the preparation of the Annual shire Budget..

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority.

DIRECTION

The CEO invite comments on the existing strategic plan to assist council consideration revisions for the preparation of the 2016/17 Annual Shire Plan.

The CEO arrange community information sessions in Batchelor Lake Bennett and Adelaide River on 11th, 12th and 14th April 2016.

7.7 HISTORICAL CHANGES TO GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC104A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12th March 2016
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Summary of Government Grants.

SUMMARY.

Approximately 50% of Council's income is in the form of annual grants provided by the Federal Government and the NT Government. The two major grant programs are the Federal Assistance Grant (FAG). This has been a long standing annual Federal Government Grant which recognised Local Government's limitations in raising revenue. It was originally linked to a percentage of income tax revenue. When the current CEO commenced in the industry the proportion allocated to Local Government was 2%. This has now eroded to approximately 0.6%. The grant was originally provided for an untied component and a component for roads maintenance and renewal. The untied component was dramatically reduced in about 2006. The value of the roads component has also reduced but not to the extent of the untied component. The current government froze the Federal Assistance Grant in 2014. The value of the grant has reduced by 24% in actual terms since 2006

The Northern Territory Government also provide an annual Operating Grant to Regional and Shire Councils. This grant also peaked in 2006 and was frozen for 4 years. Council was then adversely affected by changes to criteria applied to the grant in 2010. The value of the grant is now currently 12% less in actual terms than the peak.

These reductions have been compounded as inflation has increased by 25% since 2006.

The Roads to Recovery program introduced in the late 1990s has assisted councils to some extent, however these are project based grants. Council is provided with an annual allocation for which it may apply to carry out road renew and improvement projects. The base figure for Coomalie is \$136000 per year it has not changed for 10 years. The Government provided for a doubling of the allocation this year in this term of the program and the changes to the Fuel Excise Duty have also seen an increase. These allowed Council to successfully apply for additional government funding to seal Cheeney Rd. It is hoped that this continues into the future to allow the backlog of road renewal projects to be completed.

BACKGROUND.

Nil

COMMENT.

The decreases in the Government annual recurrent grant funding has a major impact on Council's ability to balance its annual budget. This is particularly the case in small rural Council who rely almost exclusively on Rates and Government Grants for their income. The effect on ratepayers of Government Grants being frozen in Coomalie is that Rates should increase by twice the inflation level just to maintain the status quo. This is not well understood by ratepayers who believe Council is price gouging. This scenario does not take into account the actual reduction in the grants which has additional adverse effects on the budget.

CONSULTATION.

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT.

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority.

RECOMMENDATION

For Councils information

7.8 REVIEW OF LONG TERM WORKS PLANS

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12th March 2016
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Preliminary Long Term Works Plans

SUMMARY

Preliminary Forward Works Plans have been developed for 2016/17 and extended for a further 10 years. It is considered that the plans should form the basis for discussion regarding the development of the Annual Plan.

The underlying premise for each of the Preliminary forward Works Plans is to protect Council's existing assets. The issue of asset management of public assets has been a major program for the last 5 years in Australia and has been pushed by government.

This is particularly the case with our road assets which are valued in the millions of dollars. Council is progressively improving its level of maturity in understanding the road assets and the requirements to protect them. The current major deficiency has been the ad-hoc programs to reseal the existing sealed roads. There is a long backlog with some risk that the existing roads seals may be lost before they can be resealed.

Building maintenance is limited to carrying out repairs as various assets fail. The standards of some of these buildings may no longer meet modern requirements, particularly the minimum access requirements which must be provided if a building is altered.

The asset management of Councils parks and reserves has not been developed. The park infrastructure is either inherited from the pre Council era or has been provided as result of an opportunistic grant application.

There is a duplication of some park items and others which do not meet current minimum standards. In particular most of Council's playground equipment does not have any under surfacing and clearly does not meet the requirements of the Australian Standards. On the other hand there appears to be an overabundance of swings.

The Preliminary Forward Works Plan for Parks and Reserves relies mostly on grant funding to either renew or upgrade facilities and equipment. Council should be aware that it did not receive a grant from Sport and Recreation in 2015 for capital works as it made no budget allocation for a cash contribution of at least 50%. The in-kind contribution suggested in the application is no longer sufficient.

Assets associated with footpaths and drainage usually have long useful lives of between 50 and 100 years. Asset Management Plans for these assets have not been developed. The preliminary Forward Works Program for these assets is limited strictly to aspirational projects and will require 100% grant funding.

The Plant Replacement Program is an internal operational document. The Council's plant fleet is for the primary tool to carry out works and services to residents. It is currently a very fluid document as this is one area which the Government appear to be funding at the moment. Council has received Special purpose Grants for trucks, backhoes and Tractors over the last two years.

It is appropriate that Council make the Preliminary Forward Works Plans available for community comment. The comments will allow Council to consider alterations to the proposed plans.

Council may also wish to arrange for an inspection of various projects and items listed on the Plans to assist inform them of the issues involved. Council may also wish to put forward other Projects for consideration.

BACKGROUND.

Council develops Forward Works Plans for its roads, buildings, community facilities, footpath and drainage. It also prepares a long term plant replacement program. The Plans provide a snapshot of Council's immediate intentions and also provides a strategic overview of its long term plans. The plans form part of Council Strategic Plan and Annual Plan. The Plans are reviewed and altered annually to meet the current needs of council.

COMMENT.

NA

CONSULTATION.

NA

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT.

NA

POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

NA

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

NA.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

DIIRECTION

Council direct the CEO to provide a list of Items for Councillors to look at and decide if there is a value in inspecting them in line with the Long Term Plan.

7.9 CHANGES TO PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12th March 2016
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Council's adopted Plant Replacement Program for 2015/16 allowed for the replacement of one Toyota Hilux utility. A provision of \$17,000 was made in the Budget for the changeover.

A review of the Council's fleet found that the Toyota Kluger has approximately 91,500 km on the odometer. It is considered that Council will maximise its trade in value by changing it over before it reaches 100,000km. This figure is likely to be reached this year.

The vehicle is part of the CEOs salary package, but is available for staff to use during working hours and is occasionally used for this purpose. The four seats also allow for a number of people to travel to events and meetings in reasonable comfort.

It is suggested that Council consider deferring the changeover of the Hilux utility until 2016/17 and changeover the Toyota Kluger this financial year.

BACKGROUND.

Council purchased the Toyota Kluger in October 2012.

COMMENT.

Nil

CONSULTATION.

Operations Manager
Finance Manager.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT.

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority.

RESOLUTION 15/03/2016/009

That council amend the approved Plant Replacement Program to allow for the replacement of the Toyota Kluger in place of the Toyota Hilux CA00KW with a light vehicle prior to it reaching 100,000kms.

Moved: Clr. Gray

Seconded: Clr. Jones

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7.10 NAMING OF ROAD

Applicant:	Place Names Committee
Location/Address:	Section 1381 Hundred of Waterhouse.
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	N2I
Date:	15th March 2016
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY.

Council considered a report at its 20th October 2015 Council Meeting to name the road through Erkelens subdivision as Telegraph Rd. Council resolved to recommend Telegraph Rd as a suitable name for this Road.

The Place Names Committee advised Council in early January this year that this name was not approved and instead recommended Banyan Rd. This was apparently the name of a historic property in the immediate area. The matter was dealt with an out of session report and the majority of Councillors advised in the affirmative.

The Place Names committee has now requested that Council confirm this decision by a formal resolution.

BACKGROUND.

NA

COMMENT.

Nil

CONSULTATION.

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT.

NA

POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority.

RESOLUTION 15/03/2016/010

That council advise the Place Names Committee that it recommends that the road through Erkelens Subdivision, previously Section 1436 Hundred of Waterhouse be known as Banyan Rd as per out of session decision.

Moved: Clr. Gray

Seconded: Clr. Jones

5/5

7.11 PROPOSED LAND CLEARING APPLICATION SECTION 174 & 181 HUNDRED OF HOWARD

Applicant:	KSI Land and Water Planning
Location/Address:	Tortilla Flats
File Ref:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12th March 2016
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Property Management Plan

SUMMARY.

The Department of Planning and the Environment has received a proposal from KSI Land and Water Planning to clear approximately 2255ha of Section 174 and Section 181 Hundred of Howard. This represents approximately 75% of the property. Previously 2233 ha was cleared.

Section 10.2(5) of the NT Planning Scheme requires approval for all clearing of vegetation of more than 1ha in size. This includes all areas of regrowth.

The property borders Ringwood Rd and Munz Roads in the Tortilla Flats area. The current owners have used the property for cattle production and a stock feed mill. The wish to expand both parts of the business and this requires land to be cleared for pasture and hay production. They intend to use Jarra Finger Grass and Calvalcade in the pasture areas and also Tully Humidicola in the wetter areas for hay production.

The Property Management Plan outlines the areas to be cleared. This includes the unsuitable landforms, buffers to waterways and areas identified by the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority.

Council may wish to make comment to the Department of Planning and Environment in relation to the application. Comments should be received by 18 March 2016.

BACKGROUND.

NA

COMMENT.

The property owners intend to develop their agricultural business from its current level. There are limited numbers of income generating businesses within the Council area. Development of businesses will increase local economic activity with the flow on effect of generating local jobs and improving the sustainability of other local support businesses.

CONSULTATION.

Operations Manager.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT.

Northern Territory Planning Scheme.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority.

RESOLUTION 15/03/2016/011

That council advise the Department of Planning and Environment that it has no objection to the clearing application over Section 174 and 181 Hundred of Howard.

Moved: Clr. Turner

Seconded: Clr. Gray

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8 FINANCE REPORTS

8.1 PAYMENT REGISTER

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15th March 2016
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 February 2016.

COMMENT

No additional comments are provided to this report.

CONSULTATION

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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

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(a) the actual income and expenditure of the Council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and

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

(2) The report must include:

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

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

(c) other information required by the Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policies that apply to this report.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL			
PAYMENT REGISTER			
FEBRUARY 2016			
DATE	REFERENCE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
2/02/2016	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	22,094.22
2/02/2016	ATO BAS Dec 15	Australian Taxation Office	5,276.00
2/02/2016	POS Fee Feb 16	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	6.44
2/02/2016	Merc Fee Feb 16	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	26.87
2/02/2016	VISA Feb 2016	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1,108.64
9/02/2016	7169	AUT Electrics	1,444.00
9/02/2016	7170	Cr. Sue Bulmer	450.00
9/02/2016	7171	Cr. Max Corliss	450.00
9/02/2016	7172	Cr. Ewan Crook	450.00
9/02/2016	7173	Fin Bins	5,290.40
9/02/2016	7174	Glowstix Australia Pty Ltd	561.20
9/02/2016	7175	Cr. Dave Gray	450.00
9/02/2016	7176	JAC Embroidery	88.00
9/02/2016	7177	Cr. Bruce Jones	850.00
9/02/2016	7178	Bruce Mason	793.10
9/02/2016	7179	Darwin Bolt Supplies (Normist)	91.00
9/02/2016	7180	Intergrated Land Information S	54.80

9/02/2016	7181	OfficeMax	155.09
9/02/2016	7182	RS Gardening Care	12,126.40
9/02/2016	7183	Cr. Andrew Turner	1,500.00
12/02/2016	7184	Air Liquide WA Pty Ltd	57.57
12/02/2016	7185	AJ Couriers & Haulage Pty Ltd	269.50
12/02/2016	7186	Area IT Solutions	715.00
12/02/2016	7187	Batchelor Area School	771.04
12/02/2016	7188	Dannah Pty Ltd	1,465.54
12/02/2016	7189	Batchelor Service Centre	2,626.87
12/02/2016	7190	Darwin Office Technology	448.24
12/02/2016	7191	Higgie Mechanical Engineering	197.67
12/02/2016	7192	DT & MG Kerr	2,112.00
12/02/2016	7193	Litchfield Springs Water Pty L	110.00
12/02/2016	7194	OfficeMax	14.70
12/02/2016	7195	Diedre Pickering	2,482.98
12/02/2016	7196	Rum Jungle Construction	308.00
12/02/2016	7197	Turbo's Tyres	442.20
12/02/2016	467	Jacana Energy	41.85
12/02/2016	468	PowerWater	1,364.80
15/02/2016	CBA Commbiz Feb	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	33.22
15/02/2016	CBA Trans Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	11.00
15/02/2016	CBA BPay Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	20.24
16/02/2016	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	22,688.70
17/02/2016	7198	B P Australia Limited	404.85
17/02/2016	7199	JEL Holdings Pty Ltd	30.00
17/02/2016	7200	Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd	48.26
17/02/2016	7201	Bruce Mason	955.90
17/02/2016	7202	Officeworks Ltd	53.95
17/02/2016	469	Jacana Energy	2,452.54
17/02/2016	470	PowerWater	4,813.52
23/02/2016	7203	Area IT Solutions	580.36
23/02/2016	7204	RWA Exact	123.75
23/02/2016	7205	Fin Bins	1,100.00
23/02/2016	7206	Gaz NT Pty Ltd	792.00
23/02/2016	7207	Higgie Mechanical Engineering	1,372.63
23/02/2016	7208	NT News	407.70
23/02/2016	7209	OfficeMax	395.47
26/02/2016	Super Jan 16	Click Super	6,909.80
TOTAL			109,888.01

RESOLUTION 15/03/2016/012

That Council approve and pass for payment the February 2016 payment register totalling **\$109,888.01**

Moved: Clr. Corliss

Seconded: Clr. Gray

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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:	15th March 2016
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 29th February 2016.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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(2) The report must include:

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(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 29TH FEBRUARY 2016					
Cash at Bank					
Cash on Hand					\$ 1,000.00
Cheque Account					\$ 980,431.77
Investment Account					\$ 1,502,761.64
Trust Account					\$ 16,736.33
Total Cash at Bank					\$ 2,500,929.74
Debtors					
	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	
Trade ***				11,410.70	\$ 16,470.70
	-	4,950.00	110.00		
Rate Arrears				122,071.35	\$ 122,071.35
	-				
Rates paid in advance					-\$ 20,522.54
	20,522.54				
Total Debtors					\$ 118,019.51
Creditors					
	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	
					\$ 1,958.65
	1,958.65				
Total Creditors					\$ 1,958.65
Reconciliation of Funds					
Balance as per General Ledger					\$ 998,168.10
Add outstanding Debtors					\$ 118,019.51
Less outstanding Creditors					\$ 1,958.65
Add Investment Account					\$ 1,502,761.64
Total Cash & Receivables Available					\$ 2,616,990.60
*** Trade Debtors					
Dept Chief Minister - FNF Grant				1,495.00	
Dept Housing - Wheelie Bin			110.00		
BIITE - Commercial Tip Fees		4,950.00			
NTES - AR FERG Meeting Room				7,435.00	
Jodie Paech - Pound Fees				70.00	
Top End Buffalo - IN ADMINISTRATION				2,410.70	
		4,950.00	110.00	11,410.70	

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

GRANT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 29TH FEBRUARY 2016

Date Received	Grant	From	Amount	Expended to date	Amount Remaining	Acquittal Due
20/02/2015	Servery Bruce Jones Community Centre	SPG - Dept Local Government	\$ 23,780.00	\$ 23,941.00	\$ -	Acquitted
7/09/2015	Landfill Cameras	NTEPA	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,055.80	\$ 1,944.20	30/06/2016
2/10/2015	Community Libraries	Dept Arts and Museums	\$ 50,757.00	\$ 32,196.59	\$ 18,560.41	31/08/2016
14/10/2015	School Holiday Program Jan 2016	Dept Chief Minister	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,386.45	\$ -	Acquitted
14/10/2015	AR Tourist Precinct Feasibility	Dept of Transport	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 425.33	\$ 39,574.67	30/07/2016
28/10/2015	Heavy Patching Chinner Road	Dept of Transport	\$ 288,772.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 38,772.00	30/07/2016
5/11/2015	Tractor Slasher	SPG - Dept Local Government	\$ 79,820.00	\$ 79,445.00	\$ -	Acquitted
17/11/2015	Roads to Recovery Chinner Road	Dept of Infrastructure	\$ 276,000.00	\$ 126,702.62	\$ 149,297.38	30/06/2016
2/12/2015	Australia Day	Australia Day Council NT	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,439.61	\$ -	Acquitted
22/12/2015	Harmony Day	Dept Chief Minister	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	30/06/2016
26/02/2016	Roads to Recovery Cheeney Road	Dept of Infrastructure	\$ 668,313.00	\$ -	\$ 668,313.00	31/10/2016
			\$ 1,434,392.00	\$ 517,592.40	\$ 916,961.66	
		Cash and Receivables			\$ 2,616,990.60	
		Unspent Grants & Subsidies			\$ 916,961.66	
		Cash Available to Council			\$ 1,700,028.94	

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL					
MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY					
FEBRUARY 2016					
Account Code	Account Description	14/15 Actual	Month Actual	YTD Actual	15/16 Budget
110 ADMINISTRATION					
110 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,537,246	9,957	1,380,564	1,399,685
110 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	701,935	34,848	455,306	777,200
110 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 110	835,311	-24,891	925,258	622,485
210 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES					
210 3899	TOTAL INCOME	9,000	0	0	9,000
210 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	75,894	7,950	36,063	80,200
210 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 210	-66,894	-7,950	-36,063	-71,200
211 SANITATION AND GARBAGE					
211 3899	TOTAL INCOME	335,934	4,500	347,230	343,400
211 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	246,840	9,449	128,487	312,246
211 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 211	89,094	-4,949	218,743	31,154
212 CEMETERIES					
212 3899	TOTAL INCOME	2,100	0	0	2,000
212 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	12,651	394	4,612	10,600
212 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 212	-10,551	-394	-4,612	-8,600
310 PARKS AND GARDENS					
310 3899	TOTAL INCOME	51,940	84	396	1,100
310 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	168,025	10,701	84,258	181,439
310 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 310	-116,085	-10,617	-83,862	-180,339
311 LIBRARIES					
311 3899	TOTAL INCOME	50,757	0	50,757	50,757
311 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	53,785	3,788	32,196	50,757
311 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 311	-3,028	-3,788	18,561	0
312 SPORT AND RECREATION					
312 3899	TOTAL INCOME	15,780	0	23,840	23,880
312 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	98,221	10,390	67,004	146,803
312 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 312	-82,441	-10,390	-43,164	-122,923
313 SWIMMING POOL					
313 3899	TOTAL INCOME	4,909	2,146	4,282	4,000
313 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	103,965	7,305	49,773	109,755
313 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 313	-99,056	-5,159	-45,491	-105,755
314 COMMUNITY RECREATION					
314 3899	TOTAL INCOME	41,138	114	50,387	50,115
314 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	76,063	10,204	52,182	84,190
314 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 314	-34,925	-10,090	-1,795	-34,075

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL					
MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY					
FEBRUARY 2016					
Account Code	Account Description	14/15 Actual	Month Actual	YTD Actual	15/16 Budget
410 ROADS					
410 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,134,398	718,375	1,670,954	3,544,772
410 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,345,674	14,270	664,802	4,097,055
410 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 410	-211,276	704,105	1,006,152	-552,283
510 STREETLIGHTING					
510 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	18,676	0	14,813	37,200
510 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 510	-18,676	0	-14,813	-37,200
511 TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
511 3899	TOTAL INCOME	105,571	0	17,994	26,130
511 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	120,992	1,766	31,897	54,660
511 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 511	-15,421	-1,766	-13,903	-28,530
512 DOG MANAGEMENT					
512 3899	TOTAL INCOME	2,210	243	1,849	2,000
512 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	15,839	1,703	12,338	14,766
512 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 512	-13,629	-1,460	-10,489	-12,766
513 GLYPHOSATE					
513 3899	TOTAL INCOME	3,600	436	1,963	5,000
513 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,136	0	3,264	5,000
513 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 513	464	436	-1,301	0
514 GAMBA AND WEED CONTROL					
514 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	0	10,000
514 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 514	0	0	0	-10,000
900 TOTAL					
900 3899	TOTAL INCOME	3,294,583	735,855	3,550,216	5,461,839
900 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,041,696	112,768	1,636,995	5,971,871
900 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY)	252,887	623,087	1,913,221	-510,032

RESOLUTION 15/03/2016/013

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report, Grant Report and Detailed Monthly Financial Summary for February 2016.

Moved: Clr. Corliss

Seconded: Clr. Jones

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8.3 ACQUITTAL OF SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANTS

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15th March 2016
Author:	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachments:	SPG Acquittals – BJCC Servery and Tractor

SUMMARY

Special Purpose Grants require a Council minute as part of the acquittal process.

BACKGROUND

Attached are the acquittals for the Special Purpose Grants for the Bruce Jones Community Centre Servery and the Tractor and Slasher.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policies that apply to this report.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RESOLUTION 15/03/2016/014

That Council receives and notes the Special Purpose Grant acquittals for the Bruce Jones Community Centre Servery and Tractor and Slasher.

Moved: Clr. Gray

Seconded: Clr. Jones

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9 COMMUNITY RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\CRO
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15th March 2016
Author:	Lauren Dean, Community Recreation Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Batchelor Swimming Pool & Coomalie Swim Group

The Learn to swim classes are on Wednesday afternoons continue to be well supported. Gentle water exercise classes commenced on the 9th March. This program is aimed at the older / less mobile members of the community, helping them gain fitness and mobility with low impact water exercises.

Friday Night Fun

The next Friday Night Fun is to be held on 18th March. There is a basketball coach from PaRBA is coming to run the basketball games. Regular community support is required for this event to continue.

Bombing of Darwin Commemoration

The City of Darwin's Bombing of Darwin commemoration was held on the 20th February 2016 at the Adelaide River war Cemetery. Council staff assisted support the event.

CRO Community Farewell

The community farewell for Ms Marilyn Morris was held on Friday 4th March 2016 at the Bruce Jones Community Centre. It consisted of a BBQ, speeches and presentations. The event was very well supported by the community with many offers assistance on the night and with great attendance of approx. 110 adults and children.

Clean Up Australia Day

The Clean Up Australia day was conducted on Sunday 6th March 2016, with sites being conducted at Batchelor, Eva Valley, Adelaide River & Lake Bennett. Numbers do not appear to be as high as previous years and the amount waste reported was also less than last year.

Youth Week

Youth week will be held from the 4th to 9th April 2016. The final program is currently being prepared. This year Council staff will be working with Parks & Wildlife to create a digital promotion for the, Be Crocwise Program. It will involve youth learning how to create costumes, sets, make up, create dialogue & utilise digital media.

Anzac Day 2016

All the major participants for this year's Anzac day have now been confirmed. Road restrictions and event details will be advertised within the next few weeks.

Youth Vibe Grant – School Holiday Program Jun/Jul 2016

A Grant application has been submitted.

Seniors Month Grant – August 2016

The CRO is currently working on a Grant application.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

NOTE

Council note the Community Recreation Officer's report for February/March 2016.

10 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil

11 COMMON SEAL

Nil

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

13 LATE ITEMS

13.1 SERVER UPGRADE

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC 97
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15 th February, 2016
Author:	Melissa Kerr Finance Manager
Attachments:	Area 9 Quotes

SUMMARY

Council's back up drive has been failing over the past two weeks and was due to be replaced last week. On Friday Council's server hard drive failed which required a back up, and the backup drive had also failed so Council lost two days work as Friday had to be backed up with Wednesday's data.

A replacement server was to be included in next year's budget, however it is vital that Council replace the server as soon as possible to avoid any future losses of important data.

BACKGROUND

Council's server was last replaced in January 2012 for a cost of about \$15,000. A server generally has a life expectancy of about three years, and was due to be replaced in next year's budget.

We have two quotes from our IT provider Area9. One is for \$18,000 the other is for \$27,000. If all goes well with either quote there is potential to have savings with the labour component. By allowing \$30,000 we are covering all options.

COMMENT

Council cannot operate in an environment where data is lost; we hold valuable policies, procedures, minutes, agendas, and financial statements etc that are irreplaceable if we are to have another failure with the server. It is crucial that Council consider amending the 2015/16 budget to include \$30,000 to replace the server from our current IT providers Area9.

We have the funds available to amend the budget for this financial year and it will not have any huge repercussions on the end of year results.

CONSULTATION

Area9

Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer

Aleyshia Kim, Senior Administration Officer

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Amend the 2015/16 budget for Capital Office Equipment 110.4051 to \$30,000.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

DIRECTION

Council direct the CEO to proceed with quotes on a new server and report back to Council in an out of session Item.

14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RESOLUTION 15/03/2016/015

That Council close the meeting to the general public in accordance with section 65(2) of the Local Government Act to enable Council to discuss in a Confidential Session an item described under Local Government (Administration) regulations 8 (a) (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the Council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;

Moved: Clr. Jones

Seconded: Clr. Corliss

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RESOLUTION 15/03/2016/016

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

Moved: Clr. Gray

Seconded: Clr. Corliss

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15 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Coomalie Community Government Council will be held at Batchelor on 19th April, 2016.

Meeting closed 8:20pm