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Signed: Leigh Ashford Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON TUESDAY 17th February, 2015 AT 6.00PM

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

1 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Leigh Ashford
Senior Administration Officer	Aleyshia Kim

PERSONS PRESENT

Wendy Smith	Elton Consulting.	Coomalie Land Use Objectives
Tony Tapsell	LGANT	By-Laws Project

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th February, 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 February, 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 that there are no apologies of absence for the Ordinary General Meeting held 17th February, 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 February, 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 February, 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 JANUARY 2015

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

SUMMARY

Operation Manager's January/February report

Roads

Graded Heathers Lagoon Road and part of Owen Lagoon Road. Further grading will not occur until after the wet season.

The Memorial Drive repairs will commence after the wet season. The balance of flood grant work will commence also.

The new work that has been carried out this season is standing up OK. Quite a lot of new washouts on Cheeney Road and Milton Road.

Dumps

Waste is being dumped on the face of the back dumps as there will be no slots until the dry season.

At the moment working around the weather. The dumps are taking one fulltime staff member. The shed for storage and recycling has been started.

Subdivisions

Section 113 hundred of Waterhouse driveway has been completed and signed off on.

Subdivisions under the new guidelines are becoming very complex and time consuming.

General

The machinery shed at the depot has been finished. The refurbishment in the main office is in progress.

Adelaide River toilets are the next project, with the floors to be resurfaced.

Trees

The Tavern has requested a large mahogany tree to be removed. We are currently obtaining quotes to trim the large branches. A resident has requested that large dead rain tree be removed from the walkway in Turana Street. A quotation for the work is currently being obtained. Trees at Adelaide River have been removed by locals and Council Staff. The tree down at Bicentennial Park is still to be removed. A few others around the oval and parks also need to be assessed.

Other

Starting slashing – spraying as weather and time allow.

2 new staff have fitted in well and greatly appreciated.

Last solar light has arrived and will be put in place.

RECOMMENDATION

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION	
That Council receives and note the Operations Manager Report for January/February 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 February, 2015
Author:	Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Animal Management Officers January/February report

2 dogs were destroyed this month, 1 from Adelaide River and 1 from Batchelor.

Dogs are raiding bins at the red brick flats and Kirra and Flynn crest. l have been setting traps ,but they have been damaged and interfered with by unknown persons but l intend to hunt at night and stay with the traps.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION	
That Council receives and note the Animal Management Officers Report for January/February 2015.	
Moved:	**Clr.**
Seconded:	**Clr.**

6.3 POOL REPORT

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

SUMMARY

Pool Supervisor's January/February report.

Pool is running clear and clean and people numbers are returning to normal, as kids return to school.

Repair work to the fence bordering pool and bowls club after a tree fell on it. Works manager and l are sourcing material and hope to have repairs completed by the week end.

Storms are dumping a lot of leaf litter almost daily and is the main consumer of time.

Pool Takings

Period ending	Adult	Children	Families	Pens	Gate	Pass value	Pool Takings	Adult	Children
28/01/2015	2	20	3		46.50		46.50	6	
4/02/2015	7	11	5	1	60.50		60.50	20	10

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and note the Pool Report for January/February 2015.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

7.1 INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

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

BACKGROUND

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

COMMENT

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

The Items of Correspondence are as follows:

Correspondence In

DATE	ID	Source/Author	Subject
18/1/15	MI 1	Township resident	copy of letter to Territory Housing re rubbish @ flats
19/1/15	MI 2	Township resident	re tree risk management
19/1/15	MI 3	Minister for Local Government & Regions	SPG Bruce Jones Community Centre servery
27/1/15	MI 4	Resident & Playgroup parent	Playgroup Committee
19/1/15	MI 5	Lake Bennett Body Corporate	re Chinner Road Lake Bennett verge maintenance
27/1/15	MI 6	Australia Day Council	re 2016 Australian of the Year Awards
28/1/15	MI 7	Allianz Insurance	Workers Compensation claim Administration Staff
29/1/15	MI 8	NT Ombudsman's office	re complaint about Coomalie Community Government Council
27/1/15	MI 9	National Australia Day Council	Re Citizen of the Year Awards; consideration for National Aust Day award 2016
3/2/15	MI 10	NT Ombudsman's office	Outcome of complaint from Landowner of incorporated properties in Robin Falls Locality
3/2/15	MI 11	NT Ombudsman's office	Outcome of complaint from landowner, incorporated properties Robin Falls
3/2/15	MI 12	NT Ombudsman's office	re complaint about Coomalie Community Government Council
4/2/15	MI 13	NT Ombudsman's office	re complaints about Coomalie Community Government Council finalised and closed

Correspondence Out

DATE	ID	Source	Subject
20/1/15	MO 1	LA	re: signs and trees
22/1/15	MO 2	RB	to: NTLC re Chin Subdivision road
19/1/15	MO 3	LA	to Ombudsman's office re landowners complaint
19/1/15	MO 4	LA	to Ombudsman's office re landowners complaint
19/1/15	MO 5	LA	to Ombudsman's office re landowners complaint
27/1/15	MO 6	LA	to Lake Bennett resident home business operator re roadside sign
29/1/15	MO 7	LA	to the Hon. Gary Higgins re invitation to meet with Council
28/1/15	MO 8	LA	to the Hon. Peter Chandler re request for meeting with Council representatives- Batchelor Airstrip
30/1/15	MO 9	LA	to the Hon Bess Price re invitation to meet with Council
29/1/15	MO 10	LA	to the Hon. Gary Higgins re assistance to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Lands and Planning- Batchelor Airstrip
4/2/15	MO 11	LA	to Ms Terry Gillian Manager Library information Services BIITE re Library Use Agreement 2015-2017
5/2/15	MO 12	LA	to Mr Luke Bowen, Northern Australian Development Authority re development of Batchelor Airstrip
5/2/15	MO 13	AK	D Pickering variation to cleaning contract(AR CCGC office)

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 FEBRUARY - 2015

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

7.3 COMPLAINTS REGISTER FEBRUARY - 2015

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th February, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil – no complaints

7.4 STANDING ORDER – AMALGAMATION REVIEW

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	Coomalie Councillors
File Ref:	CC/79
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th February, 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

February, 2013

Clr Turner and CEO met with the Minister for Local Government to discuss this issue.

March 2013
The Minister for Local Government has approved a SP Grant of $10k to assist with financial modelling and review of boundary changes.

May 2013

Information on the number of lots, roads etc in the unincorporated land area has been requested from the Dept. of Local Government.

November 2013

A/CEO to write to Minister for Local Government and Regions and Member for Daly to meet with Council.

January 2014

Boundary Expansion Opportunity document completed.

February 2014

Meeting with Minister Tollner, Local Government and Regions to discuss Boundary Expansion Opportunity

April 2014

The Department of Local Government were advised that Council wished to proceed immediately with the Dorat Road area and the Litchfield National Park. Council was continuing to investigate the Mt Ringwood Road and the Douglas Daly region. The areas are to be processed individually to ensure that issues arising in one area do not impact on other areas. An invitation has been forwarded to Minister Tollner's office.

May 2014

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

June 2014

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

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

July 2014

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

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

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

August 2014

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

September 2014

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

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

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

October 2014

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

November/ December 2014

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

February

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

CONSULTATION
Department of Local Government NT

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

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

7.5 CEO ACTIVITIES REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\CEO
Date:	17th February, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Cox Peninsula Local Government Advisory Committee

The next planned meeting of the Committee has been deferred until early March due to a death in the Belyuen community. Council's concerns regarding the committee's focus have been raised with Department representatives.

TOPROC

A Toproc meeting was held on 3 February 2015. The principle item of business was the Presentation by the Minister for Local Government and Community Services. However due to an internal CLP dispute the Minister was unable to attend. The Director of Local Government Mr David Willing represented the Minister at short notice. Council's questions previously sent to the Minister's office were unfortunately not adequately answered.

Toproc's request to transfer unused grant funds from the Regional Waste Governance arrangements was rejected. TOPROC will apply for a grant to review its Strategic Plan and Direction.

LGANT By-Laws Project

LGANT are currently developing a project to review and update the Council By-Laws throughout the Territory. The project is partially funded from LGANT's increased budget and a contribution from participating Councils.

The CEO of LGANT Mr Tony Tapsell has agreed to meet with Council at this meeting to discuss the issue and advise Council of other LGANT initiatives.

Batchelor Airstrip

Contact has been made with the Minister for Planning and Lands office to arrange a meeting regarding providing access to the existing operators at the airstrip. Council has not received a response to date.

Discussions have been held with Mr Luke Bowen, Chief Executive Officer of Northern Territory Development Authority. Mr Bowen has indicated his support for Council's concerns and has advised that he will be making enquiries into finding the blockages.

The Member for Daly has also provided an internal Government opinion on the status of the airstrip.

Meeting with Member for Daly

An invitation has been forwarded to the Hon Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly to meet with Council. Mr Higgins office has accepted the offer and will attend the March Council meeting.

Australia Day

A successful Australia Day celebration was held on 26th January 2015. The Australia Day awards celebrate those people who have made a contribution to the community. The award winners for 2015 were:

Citizen of the Year	Miss Lyla Wills
Young Citizen of the Year	Sharna Mulhall

Community event of the Year	Rum Jungle Tavern Childrens' Christmas Party
Sportsperson of the Year	Barry Kirk
Young Sorts Person of the Year	Tyla Bilston
Volunteer of the Year	Lyle Johnson

Adelaide River Library Staff review

Ms Pam Donovan resigned her position as Library Officer at the Adelaide River library from the beginning of February. The existing receptionist's position at Council's Batchelor office has been redesigned to incorporate the library work at Adelaide River. The library times will remain the same. Council can now offer basic Council services at Adelaide River for 3 days per week instead of once a month. The services Council now offer are, resident information and requests, registration of dogs and payment of Rates as well as the library services. This change will enhance the level of service to the Community, particularly now that Robin Falls is included in the Council area. Ms Hilary Brett is now working in the Library Officer position.

Staff

Mr Alex Selems finished up as a Casual Service Operator on 30th January 2015. Mr Selems provided a valuable resource during his time with Council and intends to pursue a career elsewhere.

Council advertised again to fill the vacancies in the operation's section prior to Christmas. There were two standout candidates and they have been engaged. They are Mr Hayden Edwards and Mr Ben Harwood

Mr Bill Selems role has changed and a large part of his work is servicing the Adelaide River Transfer Station and the Batchelor Landfill. The new positions will take up the slack previously covered by Mr Selems.

All the vacancies are now filled and the staff team are working well together It is hoped that we can further develop the team knowledge and particulary leadership within the team.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the CEO's Activity Report for January/February 2015.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded **Clr.**

7.6 NT GOVERNMENT MINISTRY RESHUFFLE

Applicant:	Chief Minister
Location/Address:	NA
File Ref:	CC 162
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th February 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	List of Ministers and Portfolios

SUMMARY

The Chief Minister, The Hon Adam Giles MLA announced a Cabinet reshuffle on Tuesday 10th February 2015. The reshuffle was needed to fill the vacancies resulting from demotions and resignations within the Government over the last few days.

The Member for Stuart, The Hon Bess Brice MLA continues to be the Minister for Local Government and Community Services. The Minister has agreed to meet with available Councillors on Friday 27th February 2015 at 9.30am at Council.

The Member for Daly, The Hon Gary Higgins MLA has retained the Ministry for Sport and Recreation, as well as the Environment. He now also takes on full responsibility for Arts and Museums.

BACKGROUND

The Chief Minister, The Hon Adam Giles MLA announce a ministry Reshuffle on 12th December 2014.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

NA

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the changes to the Northern Territory Government Ministry

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.7 REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Applicant:	Chief Minister
Location/Address:	NA
File Ref:	CC 162
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th February 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Local Government Act Table of Contents LGANT Submission

SUMMARY

The Department of Local Government and Regions has announced a review of the Local Government Act. The Department will receive submissions up until 30 April 2015. The current Act is approximately 150 pages and covers the scope of Local Government activities. A copy of the current act is available the Department of Local Government website. http://www.localgovernment.nt.gov.au/home.

A copy of the Table of Contents is provided in the attachments to allow Councillors to identify areas of concern.

Council may wish the CEO prepare a submission on any areas of concern.

BACKGROUND

A revised Local Government Act was enacted in 2012 with the introduction of the Regional Councils and Authorities. The Act followed on from major changes in 2008 when Local Government was extended across most of the Northern Territory.

COMMENT

The Current Act has 20 Chapters and covers areas such as the system of Local Government, Planning, Meetings, Obligations, Elections, Staff, Finance, Audit, Rates, Property, Reporting, Compliance, Reviews and Repeals.

LGANT have prepared a submission for consideration. Should Council have any areas it wishes to make comment on, than the CEO can prepare a report for approval by Councillors prior to submission to The Department of Local Government.

CONSULTATION

Minister's Office

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

NA

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council advise the CEO to prepare a report for circulation on the issues raised in relation to the Review of The Local Government Act.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

7.8 REVIEW OF COOMALIE LAND USE OBJECTIVES

Applicant:	Chief Minister
Location/Address:	NA
File Ref:	CC 162
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th February 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Elton consulting will be attending the February meeting at 6.00pm to discuss with Council the Coomalie Land Use Objectives and formulate draft Planning Principles and draft Area Plans. The consultants are seeking Council comments so they can finalise the plan.

BACKGROUND

The NT Planning Scheme refers to The Coomalie Land Use Objectives and Planning Concepts Document which was prepared in the year 2000. Council engaged Elton Consulting in 2013 to review the plan and update it. Work on this project has been delayed due to development of the Darwin Regional Land Use Plan which occurred throughout 2014. The Darwin Regional Land Use Plan has been finalised with only the public hearings remaining.

Elton consulting were engaged to review the existing Coomalie Land Use Objectives and formulate draft Planning Principles and Area Plans.

COMMENT

Planning in the NT is controlled by the NT Government; however applicants must consider the existing Coomalie Land Use Objectives document when assessing developments.

CONSULTATION

Elton Consulting

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Northern Territory planning Legislation

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding was provided for this project in the 2013/14 Budget.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION
That Council provide input into the review of the Coomalie Land Use Objectives.
Moved: **Clr.**
Seconded: **Clr.**

7.9 CARETAKER PERIOD POLICY

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	G: Policies and Procedures
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th February, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Draft Caretaker Period Policy

SUMMARY

Changes to the Local Government Act in 2014 require Council to have a formal Caretaker Period Policy. The Caretaker Period is from the date of nominations for a general election until the results of the election is declared.

The Caretaker Period Policy outlines the type of business that Council can consider, and the actions of Councillors and staff, to ensure there is no advantage or perceived advantage to sitting Councillors over new candidates in the forthcoming general election.

A draft Policy has been prepared for Council's consideration.

BACKGROUND

Nil

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 96A of the Local Government Act provides that:

(1) A council must formally adopt by resolution a caretaker policy governing the conduct of council and staff during the period that:
   (a) Commences on the nomination day for a general election as defined in the Local Government (Electoral) regulations; and
   (b) Ends when the result of the election is declared under Regulation 56 of those Regulations.

(2) The caretaker policy must be made in accordance with any guidelines that the Minister may make.

(3) If the Minister makes guidelines under subsection (2), the Council must formally amend by resolution its Caretaker Policy so that it complies with the guidelines, as soon as practicable after the guidelines are made.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

New Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Caretaker Policy.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

7.10 COUNCILLOR VACANCY POLICY

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	G:Policies and Procedures
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th February, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Draft Councillor Vacancy Policy

SUMMARY

From time to time Councillor Vacancies occur. If the vacancy occurs more than 12 months from the next scheduled General Election Council must hold a by-election. However, sometimes a vacancy occurs within the twelve months leading up to an election. The Local Government Act allows Council to have a policy to cover the issue.

A draft Policy has been prepared on the procedure to occur if a vacancy occurs within 12 months of the next General Election for Council's consideration.

BACKGROUND

Nil

COMMENT

The draft policy provides a procedure for Council to follow if a vacancy occurs. If the vacancy occurs within 12months of the next general election, Council may co-opt a person to fill the vacancy. As there is no default clause for this situation, it is considered that if Council does not co-opt a person then the vacancy remains until the next General Election.

There appears to be no provision to hold a by-election during this time.

CONSULTATION

Finance Manager

Operations Manager

DLG.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 39 Clause 5 the *Local Government Act* provides that:

(5) the following rules govern the filling of Casual Vacancies:

(a) if a casual vacancy occurs within 12 months or less before the next general election, the Council may(in accordance with its policy) co-opt a person to fill the vacancy until the next general election;

(b) If a casual vacancy occurs more than 12 months before the next general election, a by-election is to be held to fill the vacancy.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Councillor Vacancy Policy.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

7.11 CHANGES TO COUNCIL OFFICE

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC 103
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th February, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford Chief Executive Officer.
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

$80,000 was allocated to upgrading the Council Administration office in Batchelor. The plan involved changing the entrance and layout of the building.

Further advice has indicated that changes to the Building structure will trigger the requirements of the Disability Access Code 2011. This requires building used by the public to be upgraded to meet the Code if any planned alterations require a Building permit. The cost to complete this work will be prohibitive and well outside the funds available.

Following a number of staff meetings the work will concentrate on refurbishing the existing Administration building as well as construction of a separate covered walk way to the Council Chambers. The major change will be the existing compactus file cabinet will be relocated into the area adjacent to the toilet currently occupied by the cupboards.

BACKGROUND

Council received a special purpose grant for $146,030 to renovate and upgrade the administration building, depot and toilets.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Finance Manager
Operations Manager
Staff
Suppliers

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The project will be funded from a Special Purpose Grant received in 2014.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

8 FINANCE REPORTS

8.1 PAYMENT REGISTER

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th February, 2015
A**uthor:**	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 January 2015.

COMMENT

No additional comments are provided to this report.

CONSULTATION

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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

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

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

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

(2) The report must include:

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

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

(c) other information required by the council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policies that apply to this report.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

PAYMENT REGISTER

JANUARY 2015

DATE	REFERENCE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
2/01/2015	96052	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	8.79
2/01/2015	96053	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	169.30
5/01/2015	96054	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	674.30
6/01/2015	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	18,152.92
6/01/2015	96055	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1.10
12/01/2015	96056	Click Super	22.00
15/01/2015	96057	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	17.18
15/01/2015	96058	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	13.86
15/01/2015	96059	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	33.33
16/01/2015	6394	Area IT Solutions	1,086.87
16/01/2015	6395	Attache Software Australia Pty	33.50
16/01/2015	6396	Dannah Pty Ltd	79.86
16/01/2015	6397	C-MAX CInema's Pty Ltd	147.75
16/01/2015	6398	Fin Bins	5,347.60
16/01/2015	6399	Higgie Mechanical Engineering	264.00
16/01/2015	6400	Litchfield Springs Water Pty L	90.00
16/01/2015	6401	Bruce Mason	1,325.50
16/01/2015	6402	Mount Bundy Station	1,340.00
16/01/2015	6403	NT Quality Hay & Contracting P	1,170.00
16/01/2015	6404	OfficeMax	384.76
16/01/2015	6405	S.E. Rentals Pty Ltd	258.63
16/01/2015	6406	Vescovato P/L Clothing direct	162.48
19/01/2015	380	Jacana Energy	2,094.04
19/01/2015	381	PowerWater	2,120.01
20/01/2015	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	18,017.60
22/01/2015	6407	Transfurb	1,000.00
27/01/2015	96060	Click Super	6,841.66
30/01/2015	6408	Arafura Surveying Consultants	2,585.00
30/01/2015	6409	Attache Software Australia Pty	247.50
30/01/2015	6410	B P Australia Limited	2,135.33
30/01/2015	6411	Coateshire	1,650.00
30/01/2015	6412	Fin Bins	5,290.40
30/01/2015	6413	Gaz NT Pty Ltd	3,542.00
30/01/2015	6414	DT & MG Kerr	1,980.00
30/01/2015	6415	OfficeMax	337.98
30/01/2015	6416	ORCA Solar Lighting	6,682.50
30/01/2015	6417	Diedre Pickering	1,481.78
30/01/2015	6418	Portelli Entertainment	350.00
30/01/2015	6419	S.E. Rentals Pty Ltd	258.63
30/01/2015	6420	The Uniform Guys	132.90
30/01/2015	6421	Turbo's Tyres	1,210.00
30/01/2015	6422	Worksense Darwin	79.20
3/02/2015	03/02 PAY 0	Payroll	3,071.67
		Total	**$ 91,891.93**

RECOMMENDATION	
That Council approve and pass for payment the January 2015 payment register totalling **$91,891.93**.	
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 February 2015
Author:	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

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

BACKGROUND

Attached is a finance and grant report and financial summary report to 31st January 2015.

COMMENT

No additional comments are provided to this report.

CONSULTATION

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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

(2) The report must include:

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

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

(c) other information required by the council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policies that apply to this report.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST JANUARY 2015

Cash at Bank						
Cash on Hand					$	2,000.00
Cheque Account					$	320,774.51
Investment Account					$	1,200,000.00
Total Cash at Bank					**$**	**1,522,774.51**

Debtors	**Current**	**30 Days**	**60 Days**	**90 Days**		
Trade	4,050.00	-	-	1,600.00	$	5,650.00
Rates	-	-	-	103,259.31	$	103,259.31
Total Debtors					**$**	**108,909.31**

Creditors	**Current**	**30 Days**	**60 Days**	**90 Days**		
	1,717.92	-	-	-	$	1,717.92
Total Creditors					**$**	**1,717.92**

Reconciliation of Funds		
Balance as per General Ledger	$	322,774.51
Add outstanding Debtors	$	108,909.31
Less outstanding Creditors	$	1,717.92
Add Investment Account	$	1,200,000.00
Total Cash & Receivables Available	**$**	**1,629,965.90**

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

GRANT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST JANUARY 2015

Date Received	Grant	From	Amount	Expended to date	Amount Remaining	Acquittal Due
18/11/2014	Flood Damage Feb 2014 - 2nd Part	NDRRA	$ 649,100.00	$ 428,842.69	$ 220,257.31	30/06/2015
26/06/2014	RJBC Shade and Seating	Dept Sport Rec & Racing	$ 12,000.00	$ 2,860.00	$ 9,140.00	30/04/2015
30/06/2014	Upgrade Admin Buildings Bat & AR	SPG - Dept Local Government	$ 146,030.00	$ 31,506.18	$ 114,523.82	30/06/2015
30/06/2014	Solar Park Lighting	SPG - Family Safe Environment	$ 50,000.00	$ 47,915.43	$ 2,084.57	30/06/2015
30/07/2014	AR FERG Meeting Room - 80% paid	NT Emergency Services	$ 60,831.81	$ 22,228.18	$ 38,603.63	20/02/2015
12/08/2014	Recycling Transportation Bins	Keep Australia Beautiful Council	$ 6,000.00	$ 5,823.00	$ 177.00	20/02/2015
26/08/2014	Anzac Day 2015	Dept Chief Minister	$ 14,000.00	$ 3,684.11	$ 10,315.89	30/06/2015
16/09/2014	Recycling Shed Batchelor	Dept Planning & Infrastructure	$ 10,000.00	$ 1,053.16	$ 8,946.84	27/02/2015
29/09/2014	Library Grant	Dept of Arts and Museums	$ 50,757.00	$ 21,312.47	$ 29,444.53	31/07/2015
29/10/2014	SHP Grant - January 2015	Dept Chief Minister - OYA	$ 1,320.00	$ 497.44	$ 822.56	31/03/2015
27/11/2014	Australia Day 2015	Australia Day Council NT	$ 1,000.00	$ 374.23	$ 625.77	31/03/2015
15/01/2015	National Youth Week 2015	Dept Chief Minister	$ 2,000.00	$ -	$ 2,000.00	30/06/2015
27/01/2015	AR FERG Fit out Meeting Room	Dept of Business	$ 5,000.00	$ -	$ 5,000.00	30/06/2015
			$ 1,008,038.81	**$ 566,096.89**	**$ 441,941.92**	

Cash and Receivables		**$ 1,629,965.90**
Unspent Grants & Subsidies		**$ 441,941.92**
Cash Available to Council		**$ 1,188,023.98**

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

JANUARY 2015

Acc Code	Account Description	13/14 Actual	Month Actual	YTD Actual	14/15 Budget
110 ADMINISTRATION					
110 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,207,863	242,245	1,501,181	1,398,668
110 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	719,659	37,461	429,459	864,847
110 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 110	488,204	204,784	1,071,722	533,821
210 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES					
210 3899	TOTAL INCOME	9,000	0	0	9,000
210 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	91,669	2,545	32,938	85,200
210 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 210	-82,669	-2,545	-32,938	-76,200
211 SANITATION AND GARBAGE					
211 3899	TOTAL INCOME	325,414	100	334,843	337,155
211 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	271,566	12,755	142,996	336,912
211 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 211	53,848	-12,655	191,847	243
212 CEMETERIES					
212 3899	TOTAL INCOME	4,236	0	0	2,000
212 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	13,390	711	9,309	9,800
212 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 212	-9,154	-711	-9,309	-7,800
310 PARKS AND GARDENS					
310 3899	TOTAL INCOME	-3,628	0	50,318	51,200
310 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	158,823	10,731	113,864	241,072
310 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 310	-162,451	-10,731	-63,546	-189,872
311 LIBRARIES					
311 3899	TOTAL INCOME	48,858	0	50,757	48,000
311 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	49,999	1,772	21,267	48,000
311 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 311	-1,141	-1,772	29,490	0
312 SPORT AND RECREATION					
312 3899	TOTAL INCOME	5,430	75	12,707	12,680
312 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	109,390	3,827	46,434	138,472
312 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 312	-103,960	-3,752	-33,727	-125,792
313 SWIMMING POOL					
313 3899	TOTAL INCOME	5,285	2,034	3,765	4,800
313 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	106,789	4,641	45,486	102,849
313 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 313	-101,504	-2,607	-41,721	-98,049
314 COMMUNITY RECREATION					
314 3899	TOTAL INCOME	38,375	2,282	37,502	35,450
314 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	72,542	4,573	38,670	78,178
314 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 312	-34,167	-2,291	-1,168	-42,728
410 ROADS					
410 3899	TOTAL INCOME	699,327	0	873,587	1,133,948
410 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	858,630	9,531	746,682	1,550,219
410 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 410	-159,303	-9,531	126,905	-416,271
510 STREETLIGHTING					
510 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	12,875	0	3,476	27,820
510 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 510	-12,875	0	-3,476	-27,820

Acc Code	Account Description	13/14 Actual	Month Actual	YTD Actual	14/15 Budget
511 TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
511 3899	TOTAL INCOME	25,463	31,581	95,196	18,500
511 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	70,747	3,401	48,586	47,200
511 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 511	-45,284	28,180	46,610	-28,700
512 DOG MANAGEMENT					
512 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,824	358	1,814	2,000
512 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	14,678	1,303	8,569	14,322
512 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 512	-12,854	-945	-6,755	-12,322
513 GLYPHOSATE					
513 3899	TOTAL INCOME	4,509	436	1,854	10,000
513 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	3,136	10,000
513 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 513	4,509	436	-1,282	0
514 GAMBA AND WEED MANAGEMENT					
514 3899	TOTAL INCOME	11,000	0	0	0
514 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	10,020	0	0	0
514 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 514	980	0	0	0
900 3899	**TOTAL INCOME**	**2,381,220**	**279,111**	**2,963,524**	**3,063,401**
900 4999	**TOTAL EXPENSES**	**2,560,777**	**93,251**	**1,690,872**	**3,554,891**
900 5000	**SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY)**	**-179,557**	**185,860**	**1,272,652**	**-491,490**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the financial and grant report and monthly financial summary at 31st January 2015.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

8.3 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING 5/2/15

Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th February, 2015
Author:	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachments:	Audit Committee Minutes 5th February 2015

SUMMARY

The Audit Committee met on Thursday 5th February 2015. The Amended Budget 2014/2015 and Rates and Charges Policy were discussed.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

COMMENT

The draft minutes are attached for noting by the Council.

The Rates on Charges policy will be further discussed by the Audit Committee at its May meeting and a recommendation presented to the following council meeting for consideration.

CONSULTATION

Audit Committee

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 128
(2) A council may, after adopting its budget for a particular financial year, adopt an amendment to its budget (but once allowances for the members of the council, or of a local authority established by the council, for a particular financial year have been set, they cannot be changed by amendment).

(3) As soon as practicable after adopting its budget, or an amendment to its budget, for a particular financial year, a council must:
(a) publish the budget or the amendment as adopted on the council's website; and
(b) notify the Agency in writing of the adoption of the budget or amendment; and
(c) publish a notice in a newspaper circulating generally in the area informing the public that copies of the budget or amendment may be downloaded from the council's website or obtained from the council's public office.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Amended Budget has resulted in a cash surplus of approximately $95,000 for the financial year.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the draft Audit Committee minutes from the meeting 5th February 2015.

That Council accept the Amended Budget 2014/2015 as presented, advertise and publish on the website.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

8.4 TRUST ACCOUNT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11th February, 2015
A**uthor:**	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Council's entire investment funds have been transferred from TIO to Commonwealth Bank of Australia prior to 31st December 2014. We are required to open a trust account to receive certain grant funds.

BACKGROUND

Council transferred all funds from TIO to CBA prior to 31st December 2014, and now require a trust fund to receive grant funds.

COMMENT

Council to open a trust account with CBA with signatories to remain the same.

CONSULTATION

CEO – Leigh Ashford

CBA – Daniel Tan

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

120 Segregation of certain money

(1) Trust money must be kept separate from the general funds of the council but money subject to different trusts may be kept together in a common authorised deposit account (to be designated as a trust account).

(2) If a council receives funds for a particular purpose, the funds may only be used for that purpose unless the provider of the funds authorises use of the funds for some other purpose.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 Investment Policy

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the opening of a trust account with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia with no change in signatories.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

9 ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th February, 2015
Author:	Aleyshia Kim, Senior Administration Officer
Attachments:	Picture of uniforms

SUMMARY

Coomalie Community Government Council Staff are now wearing uniforms, black blouses for the office staff and Red polo shirts for the Community Recreation Officer and volunteers that help out during Council events, all uniforms have Council logo embroided.

It is suggested that Council may like to have a red polo with Council logo embroided to wear during Council events. This will promote the Council and provide a coordinated professional image.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

COMMENT

Not applicable

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Not applicable.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of the Polo shirt with Logo affixed is $28.45 for Ladies shirts and $28.45 for Men's shirts. The cost can be accommodated within the current budget.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

Council approve the purchase of uniforms for Councillor's to be worn for Council events.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

10 COMMUNITY RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\ CRO
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17th February, 2015
Author:	Marilyn Morris, Community Recreation Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

CRO report January/February 2015

Aussie Hoops

Met with Adelaide River School Principal to discuss an Aussie Hoops Program. It will be programmed for the 2nd and 4th term. Batchelor Area School sports voucher funding for first half of year already committed to funding 'Corrugated Iron' to teach dance, acrobatics etc.. There is a possibility of utilizing funds in 2nd semester to fund Aussie Hoops and other basketball initiatives.

Basketball NT Junior Challenge

The Basketball NT junior challenge will be held at Marrara over Easter weekend. There is a possibility of a combined Belyuen, Batchelor and Adelaide River team competing. We are investigating a quick response grant to fund Coomalie children for this weekend.

Coomalie Swim Group

The swim group commenced on 4th February and will continue on a Wednesday afternoon, followed by a Yoga class @ 5.45pm at the Bruce Jones Community Centre. Yoga class is by donation only.

Friday Night Fun

A call for adult volunteers has been put on Council Facebook page and website. The Night Patrol have agreed to provide one dedicated member to assist The Police also will attend whenever possible. I also have a list of adults and parents starting to grow. Start up date at Bruce Jones Community Centre is still to be determined.

Australia Day

Approx 200 people gathered from 7.30am at Batchelor School for breakfast with the later starting time being appreciated. This year we trialled the Australian, the NT and the Indigenous flag being carried on horseback, the change worked well and received many positive comments. The event was well supported by St John, FERG and NT Police. The dog and duck show proved a crowd pleaser.

Clean Up Australia Day

Five different locations are registered for the Coomalie Region. All Councillors are involved with the various sites as supervisors or driving clean up vehicles. Barbeques will be held at Batchelor, Adelaide River and Lake Bennett. I have purchased 5 Rubbish pickers @ $25 each, plus soft drinks and food for the barbeques.

Anzac Day

Have had discussions with War Graves Canberra regarding the Waler horses participating in the event. Toilet block, security, lighting and sound technician, singers, accommodation, Arafura Wind Ensemble, pipers,

drummers, bugler, NT Scouts all booked. Defence have responded with confirmation of support from Tindal 452 Squadron with Chaplain, Special guest speaker, Catafalque Party, Wreath layer, a Flight of Personnel and a Flypast. Additionally they have confirmed two Wing Commanders and the Commanding Officer of 44 Wing (in charge of Northern Australia) will be attending. We are still waiting to hear from the RAA (Army) with respect to set up on the 24th and help at the Breakfast on the 25th.

Grants Applications

- Quick Response grant for NT Basketball Championships.
- Quick Response Grant for Pizza Oven for all Coomalie Community events – to be housed at Bruce Jones CC.
- Youth Vibe Holiday Grant for June/July holidays.
- Festivals Australia Regional Grant for Lingalonga Festival.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

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

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

11 LATE REPORTS

Nil

12 COUNCIL REPORTS

Nil

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

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

Seconded: **Clr.**

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

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

15 NEXT MEETING

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