



MINUTES
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
15th September 2015

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leigh Ashford', written in a cursive style.

Signed: Leigh Ashford Chief Executive Officer

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON TUESDAY 15th September 2015

President of the Shire Council Andrew Turner declared the meeting open at 6:06pm and welcomed all in attendance.

1 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor	President Andrew Turner
Councillor	Vice President Bruce Jones
Councillor	Ewan Crook
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 September 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 15th September 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

NOTE

There are no apologies of absence for the Ordinary General Meeting held 15th September 2015.

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 September 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

NOTE

There are no declarations of interest for the Ordinary General Meeting held 15th September 2015.

4 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 18TH AUGUST 2015**

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15th September 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 18th August 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

RESOLUTION 15/09/2015/001

That the Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held 18th August 2015 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Clr. Corliss

Seconded: Clr. Gray

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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
Date:	15th September 2015
Author:	Robert Bright, Operations Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY**Roads-**

Chinner Road tenders have been received. Some minor works on culverts and drains around the shire by our crew.

Waste-

The dumps are running well, fill for cover has been brought in.

Buildings-

Community Centre Servery- The block work and ceilings are completed. The plumber and electrical work will commence shortly.

Parks and Gardens

Normal weekly parks and gardens clean-ups are continuing. The pool area has been cleaned up for the new season.

Council has received comments from Adelaide River residents that the town is looking shabby due to the limited watering occurring. The amount of watering has been reduced in line with council reviewing its operations in 2013 to reduce costs. Watering is generally limited to Mrytle Fawcett Park and the town oval area. Memorial Terrace parklands and gardens are no longer watered. A large part of the excess water problem in Adelaide River appears to be from unauthorised access to taps and leaks. It is believed that these issues have now been remedied. It may be appropriate for Council to request staff to review the watering strategy in Adelaide River.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RESOLUTION 15/09/2015/002

That Council receives and note the Operations Manager Report for August/September 2015.

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
Date:	15th September 2015
Author:	Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Number of dogs reported as roaming the streets is low. There are continuing comments in relation to barking dogs in Adelaide River. A local resident has been interviewed and a further letter has been sent to her outlining the complaint.

NOTE

Council notes the Animal Management report.

6.3 POOL REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\Pool Supervisor
Date:	15th September 2015
Author:	Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

The pool is up and running for the season. Some landscape removal works have been carried out to clean up the grounds. The current out of hour's agreement is being reviewed. The users have been inducted onto the site and trained in the use of pool testing equipment.

NOTE

Council notes the Pool report.

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 September 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 August/September.

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
12/8/15	MI 1	Gerry Wood MLA	Report on Consensus Government and offer to address Council
13/8/15	MI 2	Northern Territory Grants Commission	Northern Territory Grants Commission Allocations 2015-16
10/8/15	MI 3	Peter Chandler Minister for Transport	Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund successful projects
10/8/15	MI 4	Peter Chandler Minister for Transport	Successful Infrastructure Fund Projects Throughout NT
25/8/15	MI 5	RJ Cowan Director Top End Buffalo Pty Ltd	Top End Buffalo Liquidation notice
25/8/15	MI 6	Cobham	Search and Rescue Training Notification
25/8/15	MI 7	Adelaide River resident	Complaint about dogs causing nuisance, Adelaide River township
20/8/15	MI 8	Adelaide River landowner	Re property in Adelaide River township dust nuisance, response to Council letter
31/8/15	MI 9	Research Student, The University of Sydney	Request for Local Government Mining Rates Data
31/8/15	MI 10	Telstra	Payphone outside Batchelor Post Office removal proposal
31/8/15	MI 11	Department of Local Government and Community Services	Audit confirmation request

1/9/15	MI 12	JLT Insurance	Workers Compensation Insurance Policy 2014/15 premium refund
1/9/15	MI 13	ALGA & LGANT	Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government
1/9/15	MI 14	Adelaide River resident	Signage around Adelaide River
1/9/15	MI 15	PAWA	Removal water mains Batchelor and Adelaide River
1/9/15	MI 16	NT Electoral Office	Redistribution Bulletin 5
2/9/15	MI 17	Department of Local Government and Community Services	Conflict of Interests and Desktop Compliance Reviews
7/9/15	MI 18	LGANT	Executive Casual Vacancy Call for Nominations
8/9/15	MI 19	NTEPA	Project Environment Grants "Landfill Survey Cameras" Funding Agreement
8/9/15	MI 20	NT Government Department of Business	Acquittal of Grant for Adelaide River FERG training room
7/9/15	MI 21	H&K Earthmoving	Tender for Heavy Patching Chinner Road
7/9/15	MI 22	Ooloo Investments	Tender for Heavy Patching Chinner Road

Correspondence Out

DATE		Source	Recipient & Subject
17/8/15	M O 1	LA	Rum Jungle landowner; Application for road closure AN 731
11/8/15	M O 2	LA	CBA Australia; Closure of accounts
20/8/15	M O 3	LA	Community Benefit Fund; Support to install a Synthetic Bowling Green @ Rum Jungle Bowls Club
24/8/15	M O 4	LA	Minister Gary Higgins Member for Daly, Minister for Sport & Recreation; Active Remote Community Grant Program thank you
28/8/15	M O 5	LA	Adelaide River resident & dog owner; re second dog complaint
28/8/15	M O 6	LA	Adelaide River resident ;re dog nuisance second complaint
17/8 15	M O 7	RB	Roy Jansan Practical Safety Australia; letter of thanks for support.

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 15/09/2015/003

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 SEPTEMBER 2015

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15th September 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Action Items List to September, 2015

RESOLUTION 15/09/2015/004

That Council receives and notes the Actions Items List.

Moved: Clr. Corliss

Seconded: Clr. Jones

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7.3 COMPLAINTS REGISTER AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2015

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15th September 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

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 September 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

The following is the decision of Council from its May 2012 meeting.

Moved Clr. Turner, Seconded Clr. Crook that Boundary Consultation/Expansion be a standing item on the Council agenda until resolved. Council supports making this a priority for Council.

COMMENT

June 2014

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

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

July 2014

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

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

August 2014

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

September 2014

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

Council sent letters of introduction to the 59 properties listed in Robin Falls with the information provided by the Department of Lands. Contacting the current owners has been the largest single issue coming out of the new area being included in the Council Boundary.

October 2014

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

February 2015

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

March 2015

The Minister has advised that she is supportive of the previous Minister's position in relation to the incorporation of the unincorporated lands. The Minister stated she would consider a request for assistance to develop a consultation and communication strategy.

April 2015

A request has been sent to The Parks and Wildlife Commission to start discussions regarding the incorporation of the Litchfield National Park into Coomalie Shire's area.

June 2015

A meeting of the BCWLGAG was held at Belyuen on Tuesday 9 June 2015. It was attended by Presidents/Managers of the three Councils along with the CEOs. The Department of Local Government had three representatives including the Director Mr David Willing. The main discussion revolved around the incorporation of the remaining unincorporated areas into Councils. The Department will be guided by the discussions within Cabinet to be held at the end of June.

July 2015

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

CONSULTATION

Department of Local Government

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

NOTE

Council notes the amalgamation review.

7.5 CEO ACTIVITIES REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\CEO
Date:	15th September 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY**Special Purpose Grants**

The Department of Local Government invited Council to submit applications for Special Purpose Grants. The applications require a quotation for the project involved.

Three applications were submitted. They were

1. Purchase of a tractor and slasher to improve the road side verges slashing program. Project Cost \$79,820 ex GST
2. Installation of a 25kw Solar panel installation on the Administration building roof. This should reduce Council's electricity bill by approximately \$10,000 per annum. Project Nett Cost\$35,953.43 ex GST
3. Upgrading and replacement of Councils entire Key network. This will significantly improve control of access to council's building and facilities. The work involves alterations to various gates and doors to allow efficient use of a card locking system. Project Cost \$115,381.08 ex GST.

Council should be advised of the outcome of its applications in late October.

Batchelor and Rum Jungle Tourism Reference Group

The signage sub- committee are currently reviewing all the road traffic signage along Stuart Highway and Batchelor Road to recommend changes to the Department of Transport. The proposed changes should better identify and promote Batchelor and Adelaide River.

The current Litchfield Park tourist map identifies Coach Road as an alternative route from Adelaide River to Batchelor. Top End Tourism has be advised that the road has not been constructed and is not maintained. They have been requested to remove the road from the map as Council has received a complaint from a resident claiming that he is regularly required to assist caravaners who become bogged on this unformed road.

Department Of Business Community Grants

The CEO has provided a letter of support to the Rum Jungle's Bowls Club application to install a synthetic bowling green at the Rum Jungle Bowls Club. The quotation for the green is \$230,000.

The CEO has also provided a letter of support to the NT Christian School to construct a hanger at the Batchelor Aerodrome under the same program.

Employment Program Grants

Council has been approached by the Department of Industry and Science to support an application for a Green Army project based in Adelaide River and particularly the Amangal Community. This is the second application made by the group. A similar application made in March this year was unsuccessful. The project aims to make participants work ready for jobs that will become available when the Rum Jungle mine is rehabilitated. The grant application will focus on weed control, noxious animal control and native plant nursery.

Ironbark industries are also applying for a Green Army Grant to carry out landscape maintenance and construction work in Memorial drive Adelaide River. Their proposal is to remove weeds, dead trees, along the

nature strip and parklands adjacent to the roadway, construct a shelter over a picnic table and repair the drip irrigation system. They are currently considering the Council Depot at Adelaide River as a possible base

Batchelor Area School

Discussions have been held with Batchelor Area School and the current key holders regarding the conditions of use of the Batchelor Pool. The discussions empathised the need for qualified staff to be in attendance and that Council must be notified of the number of swimmers.

The opportunity was also taken to discuss the future of the Batchelor Playgroup and its possible relocation to the Batchelor School grounds.

Batchelor Airstrip

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

RESOLUTION 15/09/2015/005

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

Moved: Clr. Gray

Seconded: Clr. Turner

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7.6 LGANT ISSUES

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC 52
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 th September, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	LGANT Documents

SUMMARY

Council has forwarded the following issues for Council's consideration.

1. LGANT has invited Council to submit Policy and 'Action' Motions for consideration to the LGANT General Meeting to be held in Darwin in November this year. Any motion put forward should be relevant to Northern Territory Local Government Sector.
2. The April 2015 LGANT general meeting resolved to increase the LGANT Executive from eight to nine members. LGANT has invited nominations up until 2 October 2015 to fill the casual vacancy for the ninth member. Any nomination must be endorsed by Council.

An election will be held at the AGM in November 2015 and the successful candidate will then remain in office until November 2016 when elections for the Executive are next being held.

Most LGANT Executive members participate in meetings by teleconference because it is too expensive to do otherwise. All costs associated with attendance at most ordinary LGANT Executive meetings are to be met by the council.

3. LGANT has provided a copy of letter sent to the Treasurer the Hon David Tollner MLA requesting that the Australian Local Government Association be granted a presence at the Treasurers' meetings for the discussions on, and drafting of the Green Paper on the Reform of Taxation. Local

Government raises \$14b annually from rates. It is the largest income source for most Councils, raising 40% of Local Governments income.

4. LGANT has provided a copy of a letter sent to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority regarding a number of issues relating to Councils acting as agents for the Northern Territory Government for both the maintenance of registered airstrips and the reporting officer function. The concerns raised are very relevant in relationship to the proposed Master plan for the Batchelor airstrip.

BACKGROUND

Nil

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

NOTE

Council notes the LGANT information.

7.7 LGANT LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Applicant:	LGANT
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC 52
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 th September, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Service Award Guidelines

SUMMARY

LGANT has developed the Elected Members Service Awards as a way to recognise long term contributions of elected members.

The Awards will be presented to elected members who have served 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30+ years for any Northern Territory Local Government body. The awards are open to current and former Elected Members. Service does not need to be continuous and includes Elected Members on Community Government Councils prior to 2008. The awards do not restrict representation to an individual Council.

Nominations close on 1 October 2015. The Awards will be presented to recipients at LGANTS Annual General Meeting to be held in Darwin in November this year.

It is considered that Council should nominate all Councillors, including deceased Councillors, who have served more than 10 years on Council.

BACKGROUND

At its general meeting in Tennant creek in April this year, LGANT resolved to recognise long standing Councillors.

COMMENT

Council records have revealed five current and former Councillors who are eligible for a Long service Award. They are;

Cr Bruce Jones	24 Years	1991-present
Tom Fawcett	17 Years	1991-2002 and 2006-2012
Geoff Selems (dec)	13 years	1994- 2007
Wendy Leech	12 Years	1991- 2000 and 2004-2007
Cr Sue Bulmer	12 Years	2003- present

CONSULTATION

Senior Administration Officer

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION 15/09/2015/006

That Council nominate all eligible Councillors for the LGANT Long Service Awards.

Moved: Clr. Crook

Seconded: Clr. Gray

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7.8 REQUEST TO ACCESS ASSESSMENT RECORDS

Applicant:	Thomas Michel
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC 52
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 th September, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Letter from Thomas Michel

SUMMARY

Mr Michel has requested Council resolve to grant access to the assessment records of all mining tenements within the shire. The applicant has advised that he is working on a study of the Northern Territory Rural Local Government Sector with a focus on the 2008 Shires reform.

In particular he states he is interested in conditional rating of mining tenements in the Northern Territory compared to other states and the effect it is having on Regional Councils.

Assessment records include, Allotment description, assessed value, name of owner and address and principal ratepayer and other information Council directs to be included.

The Local Government Act provides that a person may inspect any rate assessment record at Council's office, but this is significantly different to accessing Council records.

Council charges a minimum rate of \$867.34 for each of the 5 mining tenements in the council area.

It is understood that title details of the mining tenements appears to be publically available from the Department of Mines and Energy and it is considered that Mr Michel should be referred to them for this information.

BACKGROUND

Nil

COMMENT

Ratepayers generally consider that Council's Rating assessment records are a matter between the ratepayer and council. There is an expectation that these will be managed professionally and not generally accessible to the public.

The Local Government Act section 152 does allow the public to inspect any assessment record at the council office. It does not give Council the power to provide copies or access Councils records.

CONSULTATION

Office of Information

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 152 (4) of the Local Government Act states

A copy of the assessment record must be available for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the public at Council's public office.

Section 152 (5) states:

The CEO must, at the request of a person to whom the entry in the assessment record relates, suppress the person's name or address (or both) from the publicly accessible copy of the record.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION 15/09/2015/007

Council do not accept Mr Michel's request to access Council's assessment records for mining tenements within the Shire.

Moved: Clr. Gray

Seconded: Clr. Jones

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7.9 REQUEST TO REMOVE SIGNIFICANT TREE ADJACENT TO RUM JUNGLE TAVERN

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	Batchelor Park
File Ref:	CC 149
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 th September, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Rum Jungle Tavern Rain Tree Report

SUMMARY

Council has received a request to remove a large rain tree (*Albizia saman*) from Council's property adjacent to the Rum Jungle Tavern.

This is an operational matter, however given previous history and location of the tree it is appropriate that Council are aware of matter

An inspection of property boundaries indicates that the tree is located on public land under Council's control.

An arborist report indicated that the tree was suffering decline due to a termite infestation. The termites have ring barked the tree and the arborist advise it will not recover. Due to the location of the tree next to a car park and a public walkway the arborist has recommended that the tree should be removed. A quotation to remove the tree is \$4620.

In accordance with Council's policy it is planned to advertise, inviting written comments regarding the proposed removal. An advertisement will be placed on the Shop notice board, adjacent to the tree and on Council's website.

The final decision regarding the future of the tree will be delayed until the period for comments has passed.

BACKGROUND

A large limb fell from a rain tree adjacent to the Rum Jungle Tavern late last year. The proprietors of the Tavern have requested that Council remove the tree.

Staff carried out an initial inspection and considered that the tree was in poor health and given its location it was appropriate to arrange for an arborist to carry out a tree assessment.

COMMENT

The large parkland trees are a noted feature of Batchelor. They provide one the most enduring memory of the township. The removal of signature trees are not an issue taken lightly. It is considered that the removal should be offset by the planting of appropriate trees in nearby locations to ensure the long term stock of trees is maintained.

CONSULTATION

Operations Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Councils Tree removal policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Budget for tree management in 2015/16 is \$10,000.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

NOTE

For the information of Council.

7.10 BATCHELOR AGED UNITS

Applicant:	LGANT
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC 160C
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 th September, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Age Friendly Town Audit Template. Business Plan Example Community Land Grant

SUMMARY

Council has been investigating the concept of a retirement village/aged units on Lot 313 Batchelor for many years. The Department of Planning have noted Council's interest in this area. Council can apply for a Land grant but this is subject to supplying additional information and will not be considered until the Native Title claim over Batchelor has been resolved.

The application for a land grant requires a level of detail similar to the requirements of a Development Application with additional areas relating to financing. The important aspects are:

- Financial Plan
- Construction Program
- Plan including buildings, roads, carparking and landscaping.
- Floor layout plans
- Environmental assessment.

The fee for application is currently \$793 for Community Groups and \$1520 for other bodies.

Discussions have been held with a NT retirement village operator regarding the process for proceeding with a proposal for a retirement village. They have advised that it is likely that they will not be interested as the project is small and unlikely to meet their needs and their customer expectations.

They consider the process to be:

1. Community need, Market Assessment and Feasibility Study
2. Development of a proposed business Plan.
3. Development of a conceptual site plan suitable for Department assessment.
4. Application for the grant of the land.
5. At this stage it may be possible to apply for a Department of Social Services Capital works Grant through the Regional and Remote provision of services program. However these grants are very limited.

The commercial operator advised that a ball park estimate for the feasibility study is \$20,000.

Lot 313 is approximately 2.2has. It has room for approximately 20 to 30 independent villas, and a future assisted care facility and nursing home.

There is considerable professional work required to investigate and progress a workable and financially sustainable development that is affordable, meets the needs of potential residents and is sustainable in the long term.

It is considered that the first step is to carry out the Community needs, Market Assessment and Feasibility Study. Council previously applied for grant for this work approximately 10 years ago but was unsuccessful.

There currently does not appear to be any obvious grants available however it is appropriate to approach the Local Member to assist in this matter.

BACKGROUND

Council directed the CEO to investigate and report on the possible provision of aged units in Batchelor.

The initial suggestion for the construction of aged units in Batchelor stems back to 1998. The Department of Planning was requested to set aside Lot 313 in the Town of Batchelor for an aged care facility in 2003. This was reaffirmed in 2005 and again in 2013.

Council investigated applying for a Land Grant in 2013 but were advised that an application could not be considered by the Department as the background details required were not provided. The Department require sufficient detail to advertise publically and receive feedback from the service providers such as Electricity and water.

The Department did advise in 2013 that Council's interest in the block is noted in the department records and following the resolution of native title the department would contact council in relation to the proposal. The department will require a formal complying application to consider any land grant.

A meeting was held with COTANT representatives and it became clear that the provision of aged units is only a part of people's expectations throughout their senior years.

It has been reported that the main reasons for people considering retirement villages are:

1. Assistance with declining health
2. Less reliance on family
3. Convenience to facilities
4. Assistance to manage households
5. Less stress

However in rural areas there is strong evidence that older residents wish to continue living in their own communities.

Older citizens have suggested that there is a number of key criteria for them to consider Aged accommodation. These include:

1. Ability of family and friends to visit and stay.
2. Accessible design of buildings
3. Adequate storage
4. Good security
5. Garaging for cars or access to regular reliable transport to shops and services.
6. Social interaction

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Operations Manager
 Southern Cross Care (SA & NT) Ltd
 Department of Social Services
 Office of the Chief Minister

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

NA

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Item 12.10 of the Strategic Plan
 Facilitate the development of an Aged Care facility

12.10.4
 Assist in the development of a feasibility study and business case.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No provision has been made in the Long Term Financial Plan for funding of planning.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

DIRECTION

That Council direct to CEO to initiate discussions with the Local Member regarding funding for a Community needs, market assessment and feasibility study for the development of an aged care facility on Lot 313 Batchelor and report back to the November OGM.

7.11 FENCING OF SCOTT ROAD NORTH

Applicant:	LGANT
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC 19F
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 th September, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Letter from Complainant

SUMMARY

Council has received an Email from affected residents complaining about a fence that has been constructed across the legal road of Scott Rd north of Litchfield Park Road.

This road is not constructed but does provide legal access to lots to the north.

It is offence under the control of Roads Act to obstruct the public use of a road or part of a road. The construction of a fence across the road is considered an obstruction to public use. The person who has erected the fence across a road is has committed an offence and is liable to a fine of 0.8penalty unit (currently \$122.40)

Given that there are fences across unmade roads in many parts of the Shire. An appropriate response in this case is to write to the person considered responsible for erecting the illegal fence outlining that complaints had been made and requiring them to remove it.

It is considered that council has the power to remove the obstruction if the person who erected the obstruction does not.

BACKGROUND

There are many unformed public roads within the Shire area. Some have been fenced off by adjoining owners. Council guiding principles up to date is not to take any action in relation to the fencing off of these roads unless there is a complaint. The fencing off of the roads does provide some benefits as it deters pig hunters and fisherman illegally accessing private property. However this can be greatly reduced by landowners correctly fencing their road.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Control of Roads Act.

Section 59 (1)

Subject to this section, a person must not do any of the following:

- a) Erect or build or cause to be erected or built a fence.
- d) Obstruct the public use of a road or part of a road

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council has determined not to have a policy on the leasing of Road reserves throughout the Shire.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

DIRECTION

Council direct the CEO to write to the persons considered responsible for the erection of fences and obstructions across Scott Road North requiring them to remove the fences and at the same time phone the person considered responsible to notify them that they will receive the letter.

8 FINANCE REPORTS

8.1 PAYMENT REGISTER

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15th September 2015
Author:	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

As part of the monthly reporting procedures a full listing of cheques and EFT payments made is submitted to Council.

BACKGROUND

Attached is a listing of accounts paid for August 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****AUGUST 2015**

DATE	REFERENCE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
2/08/2015	96124	CBA POS Fee	0.82
3/08/2015	96125	CBA Merchant Fee	19.93
4/08/2015	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	20,777.31
4/08/2015	CBA Visa Aug 15	CBA VISA	2,437.87
5/08/2015	6831	DT & MG Kerr	13,926.00
6/08/2015	6832	Arafura Tree Services Pty Ltd	550.00
6/08/2015	6833	Dannah Pty Ltd	186.37
6/08/2015	6834	C-MAX Cinema's Pty Ltd	187.15
6/08/2015	6836	EcoAir AirConditioning	1,072.80
6/08/2015	6837	Jeannie Gadambua	500.00
6/08/2015	6838	Stacie Selwood	560.00
6/08/2015	6839	Higgie Mechanical Engineering	190.52
6/08/2015	6840	JAC Embroidery	52.80
6/08/2015	6841	Koori Kids Pty Limited	155.30
6/08/2015	6842	Bruce Mason	955.90
6/08/2015	6843	June Mills	300.00
6/08/2015	6844	Shirley O'Toole	200.00
6/08/2015	6845	Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	17,679.75
6/08/2015	6846	Diedre Pickering	2,499.30
6/08/2015	6847	Practical Safety Australia Pty	780.02
6/08/2015	6848	Michael Renshaw	350.00
6/08/2015	6849	Rex Entertainment	200.00
6/08/2015	6850	Spuds Sound Services	1,600.00
6/08/2015	6851	Bruce Verberg	230.00
6/08/2015	6852	Cheryl Zurvas	500.00
6/08/2015	CBA	CBA Reject Fee	1.10
7/08/2015	CBA	CBA Reject Fee	1.10
10/08/2015	6853	Kumsia David	400.00
11/08/2015	6854	Air Liquide WA Pty Ltd	54.32
11/08/2015	6855	AJ Couriers & Haulage Pty Ltd	143.00
11/08/2015	6856	Attache Software Australia Pty	52.50
11/08/2015	6857	Darwin Office Technology	173.40
11/08/2015	6858	OfficeMax	102.81
11/08/2015	6859	Officeworks Ltd	785.95
11/08/2015	6860	RS Gardening Care	1,941.07
11/08/2015	6861	Shadeworks Hire	1,210.30
11/08/2015	6862	Territory Steel	178.40
11/08/2015	6863	NT Rural Pty Ltd TA Territory	132.00
11/08/2015	6864	Topend Windscreens & Tinting	540.00
12/08/2015	6865	Adelaide River Auto Port	122.24
12/08/2015	6866	Area IT Solutions	715.00
12/08/2015	6867	Therese Balanzategui	400.00
12/08/2015	6868	Batchelor Area School	301.13
12/08/2015	6869	Batchelor Service Centre	780.98
12/08/2015	6870	B P Australia Limited	2,359.67
12/08/2015	6871	Meredith Davies	400.00
12/08/2015	6872	Dept of Lands Planning & the E	7,202.98
12/08/2015	6873	Fin Bins	5,290.40
12/08/2015	6874	LingaLonga Festival Account	41.00
12/08/2015	6875	Kevin McCarthy	200.00
12/08/2015	6876	Turbo's Tyres	115.50
12/08/2015	428	Jacana Energy	69.05

12/08/2015	429	Motor Vehicle Registry	816.85
12/08/2015	430	PowerWater	2,355.26
14/08/2015	CBA	CBA Audit Certificate Fee	60.00
17/08/2015	CBA	CBA Trans Fee	14.54
17/08/2015	CBA	CBA Commbiz Fee	12.32
17/08/2015	CBA	CBA Trans Fee	33.11
18/08/2015	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	20,657.46
19/08/2015	6877	Adelaide River Community Craft	500.00
19/08/2015	6878	Area IT Solutions	38.50
19/08/2015	6879	RWA Exact	123.75
19/08/2015	6880	Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	92.63
19/08/2015	6881	Higgie Mechanical Engineering	794.75
19/08/2015	6882	DT & MG Kerr	4,224.00
19/08/2015	6883	Bruce Mason	1,047.20
19/08/2015	6884	OfficeMax	424.88
19/08/2015	6885	Turbo's Tyres	2,411.20
19/08/2015	6886	Narelle Verzeletti	200.00
19/08/2015	458682	Receiver of Territory Monies	23.00
20/08/2015	431	Jacana Energy	1,290.84
20/08/2015	432	PowerWater	7,439.66
24/08/2015	6887	Attache Software Australia Pty	8,052.00
24/08/2015	6888	Batchelor Boys	400.00
24/08/2015	6889	Limitless Promotions	165.00
24/08/2015	6890	S.E. Rentals Pty Ltd	258.63
24/08/2015	6891	Vanderfield Northwest	416.98
24/08/2015	433	Telstra	1,461.49
26/08/2015	CBA Visa Aug 22	Click Super	6,917.51
27/08/2015	6892	Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	694.71
27/08/2015	6893	Higgie Mechanical Engineering	487.24
27/08/2015	6894	OfficeMax	207.49
27/08/2015	6895	Rum Jungle Construction	1,188.00
27/08/2015	6896	Royal Life Saving NT	90.00
27/08/2015	6897	Territory Surgical Supplies	454.01
27/08/2015	6898	Think Water	1,597.20
27/08/2015	458683	Petty Cash Reimbursements	348.35
31/08/2015	6899	Adelaide River Freight	517.00
31/08/2015	6900	Capital Security	575.96
31/08/2015	6901	Copytime	2,067.80
31/08/2015	6902	Darwin Community Arts Inc	250.00
31/08/2015	6903	Fin Bins	5,347.60
31/08/2015	6904	Grove Hill Hotel	1,188.00
31/08/2015	6905	IBIS Informaton Systems	2,640.00
31/08/2015	6906	Jan Jewell	101.00
31/08/2015	6907	L&V Nominees Pty Ltd	1,310.00
31/08/2015	6908	OfficeMax	24.81
31/08/2015	6909	Roller Door Services N.T.	2,600.00
31/08/2015	458684	Receiver of Territory Monies	23.00
TOTAL			\$ 171,569.47

RESOLUTION 15/09/2015/008

That Council approve and pass for payment the August 2015 payment register totalling **\$171,569.47**

Moved: Clr. Gray

Seconded: Clr. Corliss

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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 September 2015
Author:	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

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

BACKGROUND

Attached is the finance and grant report and financial summary report to 30th August 2015.

COMMENT

Depreciation and Accrued Expenses have not yet been processed in these accounts.

CONSULTATION

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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(c) other information required by the Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policies that apply to this report.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2015

Cash at Bank					
Cash on Hand					\$ 1,000.00
Cheque Account					\$ 382,969.70
Investment Account					\$ 602,056.44
Trust Account					\$ -
Total Cash at Bank					\$ 986,026.14
Debtors					
	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	
Trade	-	2,200.00	-	2,882.70	\$ 5,082.70
Rate Arrears	976,632.81	-	-	86,621.52	\$ 1,063,254.33
Rates paid in advance	- 2,573.42	-	-	-	-\$ 2,573.42
Total Debtors					\$ 1,065,763.61
Creditors					
	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	
	-	787.15	-	238.00	\$ 1,025.15
Total Creditors					\$ 1,025.15
Reconciliation of Funds					
Balance as per General Ledger					\$ 383,969.70
Add outstanding Debtors					\$ 1,065,763.61
Less outstanding Creditors					\$ 1,025.15
Add Investment Account					\$ 602,056.44
Total Cash & Receivables Available					\$ 2,050,764.60

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
GRANT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2015

Date Received	Grant	From	Amount	Expended to date	Amount Remaining	Acquittal Due
30/07/2014	AR FERG Meeting Room - 80% paid	NT Emergency Services	\$ 60,831.81	\$ 59,878.16	\$ 953.65	20/02/2015
27/01/2015	AR FERG Fit out Meeting Room	Dept of Business	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,595.87	\$ -	Acquitted
20/02/2015	Servery Bruce Jones Community Centre	SPG - Dept Local Government	\$ 23,780.00	\$ 11,355.69	\$ 12,424.31	30/06/2016
22/04/2015	School Holiday Grant July 2015	Dept Chief Minister	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,505.74	\$ -	Acquitted
17/07/2015	Seniors Month Grant	Dept Chief Minister	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 50.00	30/11/2015
			\$ 92,491.81	\$ 78,665.46	\$ 13,826.35	
		Cash and Receivables			\$ 2,050,764.60	
		Unspent Grants & Subsidies			\$ 13,826.35	
		Cash Available to Council			\$ 2,036,938.25	

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

AUGUST 2015

Account Code	Account Description	14/15 Actual	Month Actual	YTD Actual	15/16 Budget
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110 ADMINISTRATION					
110 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,537,246	837,904	1,115,345	1,410,951
110 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	701,935	67,253	214,790	770,886
110 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 110	835,311	770,651	900,555	640,065
210 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES					
210 3899	TOTAL INCOME	9,000	0	0	9,000
210 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	75,894	6,420	10,552	81,900
210 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 210	-66,894	-6,420	-10,552	-72,900
211 SANITATION AND GARBAGE					
211 3899	TOTAL INCOME	335,934	335,025	339,425	343,685
211 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	246,840	16,763	40,346	306,171
211 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 211	89,094	318,262	299,079	37,514
212 CEMETERIES					
212 3899	TOTAL INCOME	2,100	0	0	2,000
212 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	12,651	807	1,468	10,600
212 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 212	-10,551	-807	-1,468	-8,600
310 PARKS AND GARDENS					
310 3899	TOTAL INCOME	51,940	0	87	1,100
310 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	168,025	14,928	28,016	177,339
310 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 310	-116,085	-14,928	-27,929	-176,239
311 LIBRARIES					
311 3899	TOTAL INCOME	50,757	0	0	50,757
311 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	53,785	4,694	9,413	50,757
311 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 311	-3,028	-4,694	-9,413	0
312 SPORT AND RECREATION					
312 3899	TOTAL INCOME	15,780	0	0	100
312 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	98,221	7,200	14,489	126,668
312 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 312	-82,441	-7,200	-14,489	-126,568
313 SWIMMING POOL					
313 3899	TOTAL INCOME	4,909	0	0	4,000
313 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	103,965	6,577	13,389	107,755
313 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 313	-99,056	-6,577	-13,389	-103,755
314 COMMUNITY RECREATION					
314 3899	TOTAL INCOME	41,138	0	264	34,714
314 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	76,063	5,982	11,582	80,645
314 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 312	-34,925	-5,982	-11,318	-45,931
410 ROADS					
410 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,134,398	50,027	255,913	1,056,972
410 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,345,674	29,778	70,534	1,633,180
410 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 410	-211,276	20,249	185,379	-576,208
510 STREETLIGHTING					
510 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	18,676	0	6,034	24,200
510 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 510	-18,676	0	-6,034	-24,200
511 TOURISM, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
511 3899	TOTAL INCOME	105,571	0	680	21,690
511 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	120,992	10,303	17,597	50,270
511 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 511	-15,421	-10,303	-16,917	-28,580
512 DOG MANAGEMENT					

512 3899	TOTAL INCOME	2,210	62	164	2,000
512 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	15,839	995	1,729	14,766
512 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 512	-13,629	-933	-1,565	-12,766
513 GLYPHOSATE					
513 3899	TOTAL INCOME	3,600	0	0	5,000
513 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,136	0	0	5,000
513 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 513	464	0	0	0
514 GAMBA AND WEED MANAGEMENT					
514 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	0	10,000
514 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 514	0	0	0	-10,000
900 3899 TOTAL INCOME 3,294,583 1,223,018 1,711,878 2,941,969					
900 4999 TOTAL EXPENSES 3,041,696 171,700 439,939 3,450,137					
900 5000 SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 252,887 1,051,318 1,271,939 -508,168					

RESOLUTION 15/09/2015/009

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

Moved: Clr. Turner

Seconded: Clr. Gray

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8.3 ANNUAL REPORT

Applicant:	Melissa Kerr
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CC81
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	9 th September 2015
Author:	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachments:	Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2014/15 – Attached Separately

SUMMARY

The annual report and financial statements for Council are complete. The annual audit was completed with an unqualified audit report.

BACKGROUND

Council's financial statements are audited every year. The audited financial statements and annual report are due to the Dept of Local Government and Regions by 15th November each year.

COMMENT

No additional comments are provided to this report.

CONSULTATION

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

131 Annual financial statement

- (1) A council must prepare a financial statement for each financial year.
- (2) The annual financial statement must give a true and fair view of:
 - (a) the council's revenue and expenditure for the financial year; and
 - (b) the council's assets and liabilities as at the end of the financial year.
- (3) The annual financial statement must conform with the accounting standards and other requirements stipulated in the regulations and any guidelines that the Minister may make.

132 Reference of annual financial statement for audit

The annual financial statement must be prepared, and referred to the council's auditor for audit:

- (a) as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the relevant financial year; and
- (b) in any event, in time to ensure that the audited statement will be available no later than 15 November in the calendar year in which the financial year ends.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RESOLUTION 15/09/2015/010

That Council receive and note the annual report and audited financial statements for 2014/15 year and forward to the Department of Local Government and Community Services.

Moved: Clr. Turner

Seconded: Clr. Crook

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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 September 2015
Author:	Marilyn Morris, Community Recreation Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Batchelor Markets

The next Batchelor Markets will be held on Sunday 13th September 2015 at the Batchelor Oval. There will be three additional local community stallholders. The CRO is working with a new coordinator for the monthly markets to enable this to become a true community run market. Council assists with tables, chairs, insurance, posters and shades. However the CRO will no longer be required to work seven hours on a Sunday.

Basketball News

The junior competition starts on 8th August at Bees Creek Primary School courts and is an 8 week comp being played on a Saturday morning. Three buses from Adelaide River, Belyuen and Batchelor took the juniors to Palmerston. The registration for the players was funded from a grant obtained through the Minister for Sport and recreation the Hon Garry Higgins MLA.

A group of 15 students from Batchelor School joined the Adelaide 36ers for a training session at Berry Springs School on 8th Sept. A group from Adelaide River School attended the big game at the Palmerston Rec Centre on 10th September and watched the Adelaide 36ers take on the Townsville Crocodiles, and then our Coomalie kids went on at half time to entertain the crowd.

Community Safety Action Meeting

A representative from Amity House came down to the recent meeting on 27th August and spoke with the group about the causes and effects of harmful methyl amphetamine use. The meeting was attended by representatives from Parks & Wildlife, Batchelor Clinic, FERG, BIITE, Night Patrol, Batchelor School, Rum Jungle Tavern, Cooke's Tours and a couple of interested community people. A letter of thanks is being sent to Amity House..

Seniors Month events

The trip to Grove Hill was hugely successful and catered for 42 Seniors. The journey on Monday 31st August to the Malak Community Dinner was attended by 17 seniors on the bus and we were met up there by an additional 4 seniors

Christmas Carols

I am working with community people to organize Christmas Carols at the Outdoor Education Centre – possibly on Sunday 6th December.

Seniors Christmas Luncheon

Tentative date at the Mt Bundy Homestead is Tuesday 15th December.

Coomalie Swim Group

Rana Everett (our swim instructor) and I both contacted the NT Swimming Executive Officer by email and have received no reply to date. Swimming classes begin again on 16th September, Aust Swim and Royal Life are planning to run a Pool Party with us on the 23rd Sept – open to all. The Bronze Medallion Course will be held on 31st October and I have eight people booked in for the full course and eight booked in for the update.

Cricket

Local volunteers are coordinating a monthly cricket match, with assistance from the CRO. The plan is for local community people to take on the coordination of an ongoing monthly match, which allows the CRO to step back and simply be involved in the game. This monthly match is planned for the same date as the markets.

Grants –

- Submitted a Youth Vibe Grant for the January 2016 Holiday Program.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

NOTE

For the information of Council.

10 LATE REPORTS

Nil

11 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 FRACKING

Applicant:	Clr Bulmer
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 th August, 2015
Author:	Leigh Ashford Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Request to List Item for Council consideration

SUMMARY

Clr Bulmer has given notice that the following item of business be listed, researched and reported to the Council meeting.

With over 95% of Coomalie Council area surveyed and over 95% of the constituents wanting their neighbourhood gas field free, as representatives of our constituents Council should consider Declaring A moratorium against Fracking in the Coomalie Shire as Wagait and Katherine and over 60 councils around Australia have. Tasmania and Wagait have extended their ban on Fracking.

BACKGROUND

NIL

COMMENT

Council has previously had a presentation from The NT Environment Centre and the Department of Mines and Energy in relation to this issue. Council may wish to consider a policy position on the issue.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Council has no statutory rights in this matter.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

DIRECTION

Council direct the CEO to draft a letter to the Minister for Mines and energy for Councillor comment expressing the concerns of Council and the Community.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**RESOLUTION 15/09/2015/011**

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

Moved: Clr. Gray

Seconded: Clr. Crook

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RESOLUTION 15/09/2015/014

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

Moved: Clr. Corliss

Seconded: Clr. Gray

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15 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Coomalie Community Government Council will be held at Batchelor on 20th October, 2015.

Meeting closed 8:32pm