



**MINUTES**  
**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2014**

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

Signed: Leigh Ashford Chief Executive Officer

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2014 AT 6.00PM

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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	Sue Bulmer
Councillor	Max Corliss
Councillor	Dave Gray
Councillor	Ewan Crook Arrived 6.35pm

#### STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Leigh Ashford
Senior Administration Officer	Aleyshia Kim

#### PERSONS PRESENT

Peter Wyatt	Department of Local Government and Regions
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## 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	N/A
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	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 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

### BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

### COMMENT

Council can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented, or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absence without notice.

### CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

As per the Local Government Act s.39 (1) A person ceases to hold office as a member of a council if the person:  
(d) is absent, without permission of the council, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings of the council.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

### NOTE

That Council receive and notes that there is no apologies of absence for the Ordinary General Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

### 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	N/A
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	16th September, 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

#### SUMMARY

**Elected Members** are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council or a meeting of a Council committee by:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised. Under disclosure, the Member must abide by the decision of Council on whether he/ she shall remain in the Chambers and/ or take part in the vote on the issue. The council may elect to allow the Member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

**Staff Members** of the Council are required to disclose an interest in a matter at any time at which they are required to act or exercise their delegate authority in relation to the matter. Upon disclosure the Staff Member is not to act or exercise his or her delegated authority unless the Council expressly directs him or her to do so.

#### BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

#### COMMENT

Not applicable.

#### CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act s73 &s74 (Elected Members).

Local Government Act (2008) s107 Conflict of interest (Staff Members).

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Conflict of Interest – Code of Conduct.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple majority

#### **NOTE**

That Council receives and notes that there is no declarations of interest for the Ordinary General Meeting held 16th September, 2014.

#### **4 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

#### **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

##### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2014**

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	N/A
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	16th September, 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Aleyshia Kim, Senior Administration Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Copy of Minutes will be tabled at the meeting

#### **SUMMARY**

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014, 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 16/9/2014/001

That the minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Clr. Jones

**Seconded:** Clr. Corliss

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## 6 OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORTS

### 6.1 OPERATIONS REPORTS

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	CCGCDocs\Operations Manager
<b>Date:</b>	16th September, 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Robert Bright, Operations Manager
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

## SUMMARY

### Roads

Coach, Milton, Cheeney, Cheeney North, Chinn, Solomon, Miles, Poett, Scott and Fowler Roads have been graded.

Flood damage work has been completed on Miles, Pereia Road, and Cheeney Road North. The worst areas of Cheeney Road South have been repaired. Further work will be programmed work is carried out on Strickland road.

### Waste

The second bin at Adelaide River has been installed. Waste is being transferred to Batchelor landfill. The transfer is taking approx. 8-10 hours a week.

A new waste trench has been dug at the Batchelor landfill. Cover material is being brought in to cover the waste for the wet season.

### Subdivisions

The subdivision of Section 1250 on Owen Lagoon Rd has been completed. The driveways on Cameron road Batchelor have been sealed and the driveways on Miles Rd have been completed satisfactorily.

Section 117 Cheeney Rd has been approved for subdivision into three blocks.



Section 211 Ringwood Rd has been approved for subdivision into two blocks.

The Department of Planning are still in discussions with the applicant of the thirty block subdivision on Ringwood Rd.

### **Footpaths**

Batchelor footpath project has been finished with the exception of some tidying up work to be done when labour available.

### **Trees**

We have taken a couple of trees out around the Batchelor oval.

The meeting with Worksafe in relation to our risk management of trees still requires some work. The policy is not reflected in the amount of resources required to management. We are currently developing a list of trees which it is considered pose a significant risk to the community. This will be presented to Council when completed. Of particular concern are the royal palms in the Batchelor swimming pool grounds. These will be fenced off until the table located under the palms is relocated.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Nil

### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple majority

#### **RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/002**

That Council receives and note the Operations Manager Report for August/September 2014.

**Moved:** Clr. Jones

**Seconded:** Clr. Gray

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### **Clr. Crook entered the meeting at 6:35pm**

## **6.2 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	CCGCDocs\Animal Management Officer
<b>Date:</b>	16th September, 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

### **SUMMARY**

Animal Management Officer's report for the Ordinary General Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

Dog patrols to Batchelor and Adelaide River have shown that a lot of dogs have left town or missing Territory Housing has been actively enforcing compliance with tenants.

One dog was impounded and after two days was destroyed.

I investigated a report of a dog near the Territory Housing flats with its intestines hanging out. The area was patrolled for half an hour without finding the dog. The residents provided no assistance to my investigation.

Two new folding dog traps have been ordered to add to dog control.

Council has received a report of rabbits near and at the Butterfly Farm. The native fauna usually provides the best control of rabbits. The issue will be monitored and increased numbers will be reported to the Department of Environment.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple majority

#### **RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/003**

That Council receives and note the Animal Management Officers Report for August/September.

**Moved:** Clr. Jones

**Seconded:** Clr. Crook

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#### **6.3 POOL REPORT**

**Applicant:** N/A

**Location/Address:** N/A

**File Ref:** CCGCDocs\Pool Supervisor

**Date:** 16th September, 2014

**Author:** Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer

**Attachments:** Pool Photos

#### **SUMMARY**

The pool opened on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. The pool pumps and dosing equipment have been inspected and cleaned. The pool has been cleaned and the water tests are satisfactory. There were good crowds over the weekend. Pool is running well, discussions have been held with the Operations Manager regarding the risk of injury from falling palm fronds in the Pool area. This area will be fenced off until a risk assessment is completed.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

#### **RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/004**

That Council receives and note the Pool Report for August/September 2014.

**Moved:** Clr. Corliss

**Seconded:** Clr. Crook

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#### **7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**

##### **7.1 INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

**Applicant:** N/A

**Location/Address:** N/A

<b>File Ref:</b>	N/A
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	16th September, 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	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	CODE	SOURCE	SUBJECT
11 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 1	Lingalonga Festival Committee	Community Grant Application
11 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 2	Worksafe NT	Inspection Report from 31/7/2014
11 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 3	Derek Scanlan	Email re noise, dogs, and pot hole.
12 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 4	Keep Australia Beautiful Organisation	KAB National Association Beverage Container Recycling Grant
14 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 5	NT Environment Protection Authority	NT EPA Individual Environment Grant
14 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 6	ARC Michael Rawiri	ARC funding Grant
18 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 7	Department of Local Government	Local Government Funding Levels 2014-2015
18 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 8	Department of Chief Minister	2014-2015 Community Support Grant
19 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 9	NT EPA	Draft Funding Agreement for Grant ref 4113
19 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 10	NT Grants Commission	Allocations 2014-15
19 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 11	Department of Local Government and Regions	Grant Certificates
5 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 12	NT Broadcasting	AR Radio Tower Agreement
21 <sup>st</sup> August	MI 13	NT Emergency Service	Request for Tax Invoice, Meeting Room Grant
26 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 14	Adelaide River Community Craft Market Inc.	CCGC Community Grant Application
28 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 15	Adelaide River Playgroup	CCGC Community Grant Application
28 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 16	Batchelor Museum Development Association Inc.	CCGC Community Grant Application
29 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 17	Adelaide River Show Society	CCGC Community Grant Application
29 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 18	Department of Local Government and Regions	Special Purpose Grants 2014-15

25 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 19	Myra Skinner	Thanks for the new footpaths.
25 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 20	Power and Water Corporation	Adelaide River Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
25 <sup>th</sup> August	MI 21	Mitchell Rider , Manager Mining Projects, Department of Mines and Energy	Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project Rum Jungle Creek South Field Sampling Program

### Correspondence Out

DATE		AUTHOR	TO/SUBJECT
8 <sup>th</sup> August	MO 1	LA	Nair Watkins Chartered Accountants re Management Letter to Auditor 2013-2014
11 <sup>th</sup> August	MO 2	LA	D Scanlan re noise ,dogs and pothole
12 <sup>th</sup> August	MO 3	LA	Keep Australia Beautiful National Association re Beverage Container Recycling Grants Acceptance
13 <sup>th</sup> August	MO 4	LA	Department of Local Government re Compliance Review
13 <sup>th</sup> August	MO 5	AT and LA	Robin Falls Locality Landowners re Incorporation into Coomalie Community Government Council Area
20 <sup>th</sup> August	MO 6	LA	NT Broadcasters, re AR tower agreement
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	MO 7	LA	The Hon Malcolm Turnbull, Re Telecommunications and NBN Issues
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	MO 8	LA	The Hon Ian MacDonald, Re Telecommunications and NBN Issues
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	MO 9	LA	The Hon Warren Entsch, Re Telecommunications and NBN Issues
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	MO 10	LA	The Hon Warren Snowdon, Re Telecommunications and NBN Issues
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	MO 11	LA	The Hon Alannah MacTiernan, Re Telecommunications and NBN Issues
28 <sup>th</sup> August	MO 12	LA	The Hon Gary Nairn Submission to the Document "Draft Darwin Regional Land Use Plan 2014 "
4 <sup>th</sup> September	MO 13	LA	Mr S Watkins and Ms G Billings re Rates Notice 2014/15

### 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 16/9/2014/005**

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

**Moved:** Clr. Crook

**Seconded:** Clr. Corliss

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**7.2 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST SEPTEMBER - 2014**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	N/A
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	16th September, 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Action Items List September, 2014

**7.3 COMPLAINTS REGISTER SEPTEMBER - 2014**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	N/A
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	16th September, 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil – No Complaints August/September 2014

**7.4 STANDING ORDER – AMALGAMATION REVIEW**

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	Coomalie Councillors
<b>File Ref:</b>	CC/79
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	16th September, 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	

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. Clr. Turner has undertaken to provide the initial structures for our decision making.*

*The following is the decision of Council from its July 2012 meeting*

*Moved Clr. Gray, Seconded Clr. Turner that Council's priority is for the CEO to initiate discussions with the various stakeholders and commence detailed research into the extension of our boundaries to develop (if possible) a sustainable Council that will provide the necessary service and capital expansion required for the total area serviced by the expanded Council. Once all negotiations have been completed with the relevant stakeholders, this proposal be then put out for Community consultation.*

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

*Moved Clr. Crook, Seconded: Clr. Turner that to progress the amalgamation question, the President Cr J Colver, Cr A Turner and the CEO meet with representatives of the Department of Local Government NT following the NT Elections on a date to be determined.*

*No action taken at November meeting 2012.*

## **BACKGROUND**

The Deloitte report has now been released and every Councillor has received a copy of this report. This report has been discussed by Council.

## **COMMENT**

15/11/12 Invitation sent to the Minister for Local Government to attend the December meeting of Council.

4/12/12 Clr A Turner and the CEO met with Giovina D'Alessandro Director Local government and Community Services, John DeKoning Deputy Chief Executive, John Tobin Director – Shires Sustainability Project. The points of interest from the meeting were as follows;

- Local Government Department have not tested the water in respect to the amalgamation of Council's
- Local Government Advisory Board has been formed which is made of representatives from Local government and others. Coomalie Council is not represented.
- The Advisory Board will be reviewing the smaller Councils over the next 2 months.
- CCGC Requested financial assistance from the Dept. of Local Government to undertake an in house investigation into the possibilities of including the unincorporated land into the Coomalie Shire. The area did not include Dundee.
- Recommended that Council prepare a financial model for consideration by the Dept. of Local Government by the end of January 2013. The model to include the financial advantages and disadvantages of including unincorporated land into the Coomalie Shire. Dept. advised they will advise Council if funding is available.

### **14<sup>th</sup> December, 2012**

Letter received from Minister for Local Government advising of the establishment of a Regional Governance Working Group to provide advice on the future of local government in the Northern Territory. Refer attached letter

### **20<sup>th</sup> December, 2012**

CEO wrote to Minister for Local Government requesting the President of CCGC be invited to sit on the Local Government Advisory Board.

CEO applied for funding from Department of Local Government for a Special Purpose Grant of \$30,000.00 to assist the Council in undertaking financial modelling relating to viable boundary expansion options. Refer attached letter

### **13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**

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

### **Amalgamations**

The Government's position in relation to Amalgamations, Unincorporated land and where you see the Coomalie Council position in relation to Government's policy.

### **ACTION:**

Council seeks the Minister's comments and suggested action for Coomalie to remain a Shire in its own right. The Regional Governance Working Group has met on 4 occasions and a report will be released in the immediate future. Is Coomalie to be considered a Regional Council or a Shire? This decision is important in relation to Item 2 below and how the Coomalie Shire is to move forward. **Minister's Comment: If Council can get the unincorporated landowners to agree to join Coomalie Shire he will sign off on those areas of land being incorporated into the Shire of Coomalie.**

### **8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **July 2013**

Information on the number of lots in the unincorporated land area has not been received.

### **August 2013**

Melissa Kerr will commence the preparation of costing and income in relation to the unincorporated land on Dorat Road as Proposal No 1 and the area of unincorporated land on the eastern side of Adelaide River as Proposal No 2.

### **September 2013**

Land information received, no UCV's (Unimproved Capital Values) as land is unincorporated. Melissa will have to base exercise on another form of information.

### **October 2013**

There are 71 properties in option 1 – Dorat Road only. If they are all charged only the minimum rate for rural landholders, it would raise \$58,000 in general and rural waste levy revenue.

There are about a dozen larger properties included in the data that would recover more than the minimum, but until we have a UCV we cannot calculate the general rate.

### **November 2013**

Investigation of additional subdivision of one parcel into 20 blocks will bring total blocks along Dorat Road to 91, if charged at minimum rate, total revenue is \$75,075.

Please see map of area of additional properties in Attachments.

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

### **December 2013**

Meeting with Minister for Local Government and Regions, David Tollner was scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013 but has recently been rescheduled to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014. Council will discuss NT Operational Funding grant, boundary expansion and long term financial sustainability.

## **January 2014**

Boundary Expansion Opportunity document completed with options a, b, and c.

## **February 2014**

Meeting with Minister Tollner, Local Government and Regions to discuss Boundary Expansion Opportunity Document. Option A is favourable at this point in time.

## **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.

Discussions have been held with the Department of local Government in relation to the Communication Strategy and the history of the previous community consultation. The Department Representative will provide an update at the May Council meeting.

## **June 2014**

The Minister for Local Government visited Council on Thursday 6 June 2014. He discussed a number of issues including Local Government in the Greater Darwin area and the term of the current Councils. 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. There was a very brief discussion of funding the feasibility of incorporating these areas.

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. The meeting was positive and did not generate any barriers to future possibilities.

## **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. Belyuen has outlined that it believes its Community of interest is based around the Kembi Land claim area. They have written to the Minister of Local Government outlining their views. Coomalie Council has already expressed its view to the Minister that it intends to investigate the inclusion of Douglas Daly region, Mt Ringwood, Litchfield National Park and all areas to the west of the current Council. This leaves Fog Bay Road and Dundee Beach in the unincorporated area.

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. The aim of the Committee is to create expanded Local Government areas which are suitable for both Councils.

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**

Council wrote to the Department of Local Government supporting Belyuen Council's request for the Minister of Local Government to form and support a Transition Committee made up of representatives from both Councils and the Department of Local Government with the aim of creating expanded Local Government areas that suit both Belyuen Council and Coomalie Community Government Council's objectives.

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 Department of Local Government are currently preparing a briefing note to the Chief minister to form a Community Advisory committee initially made up of representatives of Coomalie Community Government Council, Belyuen council and Department of local Government Representatives.

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. They appear to be particularly keen to pursue the formation of the committee.

Council sent letters of introduction to the 71 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. Council staff have received comments from approximately 6 property owners expressing their concerns over being incorporated in the Council area. Contacting the current owners has been the largest single issue coming out of the new area being included in the Council Boundary.

## **CONSULTATION**

Department of Local Government NT

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple majority

## **NOTE**

Council receives and notes the September 2014 review.

## 7.5 CEO ACTIVITIES REPORT

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	CCGCDocs\CEO
<b>Date:</b>	16th September, 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

### SUMMARY

#### Department of Infrastructure Meeting

A meeting was held on Wednesday 13 August 2014 between Councillors, Council Representatives and Department of Infrastructure representatives. The items discussed included the clearing that occurred adjacent to Coomalie Creek, The Adelaide River Service Road, Road and verge maintenance contracts, signage and tourist signage. The meeting was generally productive and it was recommended that a regular follow up meetings should occur. These would be no more often than annually.

#### Developing Northern Australia Inquiry

Council accepted an invitation to make a verbal submission to Inquiry into the Development of Northern Australia. Cr Crook accepted an invitation from The President to prepare an make the submission to the inquiry. Cr crook was supported by the CEO. The hearing took place at the Casuarina Campus of Charles Darwin University on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014. The submission emphasised Council's frustration with the length of time taken to resolve Native title claims, developing relationships with the NLC and Traditional owners, the inadequacy of the Darwin port and the poor or non-existent mobile phone coverage and internet services.

#### Rum Jungle Lake

The Department of Mining have advised that they will be carrying out some excavation and testing of the overburden stockpile. This is part of their ongoing monitoring program. It is planned that the work should take 3 days and is planned to commencing on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014. To secure the worksite the Department has requested that the area is closed on Poett Rd for the period of the work. As this is an operational issue, we have agreed to the closure and advised Outdoor Education and Council's Cleaning contractor.

#### Staff

Ms Jasmine McGuinness has resigned her position as Senior Administration Officer with Council. Ms McGuinness has been on Leave without pay following the birth of her son. The role has been filled by Ms Aleyshia Kim in the intervening period. Ms Kim's contract has been extended until 7 November 2014 to allow advertising and engagement of a new Senior Administration Officer. Applications closed on Monday 1 September 2014 and it is proposed to conduct interviews on Wednesday 17 September 2014.

Council has also advertised in the newsletter for a relief librarian at the Adelaide River Library. This will allow Council to cover any absences form the existing librarian Ms Pam Donovan.

The Operations supervisor Ms Emma Dunne has requested leave for the birth of her baby. Mr Bill Selems is currently the primary operator the new backhoe and tilt tray truck. Mr Selems has learnt quickly and is doing a good job of transferring the waste bins and cleaning up the tips.

### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

**RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/006**

That Council receives and notes the CEO's Activity Report for August/September 2014.

**Moved:** Clr. Jones

**Seconded** Clr. Crook

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**7.6 GRANTS**

**Applicant:** Department Local Government &Regions  
**Location/Address:** N/A  
**File Ref:** CC/104.1  
**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil  
**Date:** 12th August, 2014  
**Author:** Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachment:**

**SUMMARY**

Council has been advised of the operational grants which it is normally entitled. These were advised in late August this year.

Federal Assistance Grant	\$437,822	Budget	\$422,948	Difference	+\$14,874
NT Operational Grant	\$477,351	Budget	\$423,471	Difference	+\$53,880
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$915,173</b>		<b>\$846,419</b>		<b>+\$68,754</b>

The senate has only recently passed the legislation containing the continuation of the Roads to Recovery Program. Council has yet to be advised of its allocation or the program. Given the advice in the Federal Budget announced in May, it appears that this year's allocation will be the same as the previous program \$135,000.

Council has obtained a grant from Keep Australia Beautiful Council for \$6,000 to purchase new collapsible recycling bins to use at the Adelaide River Transfer Station and the Batchelor Transfer Station.

Council has obtained a grant of \$10,000 from the NT Environment Protection Agency to construct a shed for equipment and storage as well as construct storage bays and install signage.

**BACKGROUND**

Council has to prepare its budgets without confirmation of the regular annual grants that it obtains from the Federal Government and the Northern Territory.

**COMMENT**

The grants this year are on the positive side of the original budgets, which is in a direct contrast to last year. The overall income will increase by 2.26%. Council normally reviews its budget in October after the first quarter of operations. All the expected grant allocations should be known giving Council a much clearer view of its financial position.

## CONSULTATION

Department of Local Government  
**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget will require revision when the impacts are fully known.

## VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

### RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/007

That Council receives and notes the grants received.

**Moved:** Clr. Jones

**Seconded:** Clr. Crook

6/6

## 7.7 COMMUNITY GRANTS

**Applicant:** N/A

**Location/Address:** N/A

**File Ref:** CC 104.3.1

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2014

**Author:** Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer

**Attachment:** Summary of Community Grant Applications

ARSS Strategic Plan

BMDA Business Plan

## SUMMARY

Five Applications were received by the closing time for community grant applications. The applications were from:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Lingalonga Festival                   | \$959.15 ex GST for preparation work and PA equipment                       |
| 2. Adelaide River Craft Market Committee | \$1728.00 for a PA System   |
| 3. Adelaide River Playgroup              | \$5170 towards installation of a filtered water bubbler and a security cage |
| 4. Adelaide River Show Society           | \$4770 ex GST to refurbish the kitchen                                      |
| 5. Batchelor Museum                      | \$5000 towards the operation costs of the Batchelor Museum                  |

TOTAL Requested \$17387.17

A further round of community grants will be invited for the next financial year to allow Council to consider them as part of the budget process.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Council considered a request from the Batchelor Museum Development Association for a grant of \$5,000. Council resolved to invite applications from community groups across the Council area.

\$8,000 was allocated in the budget for community grants.

Applications were invited in the August edition of Stop Press and closed on 29 August 2014

#### **COMMENT**

After the budget meeting this year, a review of Council's policies revealed that \$1,000 is to be allocated to the Lingalonga Festival and \$1,000 to the Adelaide River Show Society on an annual basis. Both groups have made application for funds under this program. The funds allocated to Lingalonga were committed well before the budget meeting as part of the planning process.

The application for the filtered water bubbler at the Adelaide River Shed may not be needed with the construction of a new treatment plant for Adelaide River by PAWA.

#### **CONSULTATION**

Nil

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

\$8,000 was allocated in the budget for community grants.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### **RESOLUTION 16/09/2014/008**

That Council determines the Community Grants for 2014/15 are to be distributed as follows:

Lingalonga Festival	\$1000
Adelaide River Show Society	\$1000
Adelaide River Craft Market Committee	\$1728
Adelaide River Playgroup	\$2136
Batchelor Museum	\$2136
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8000</b>

**Moved:** Clr. Gray

<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>Clr. Corliss</b>	<b>5/1</b>
<b>Against:</b>	<b>Clr. Bulmer</b>	
<b>DIRECTION</b>		
<b>Council directs the CEO to write to the Batchelor Museum Development Association seeking their support to relocate the Batchelor Tourist Information Centre to the Batchelor Museum.</b>		

## 7.8 SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT - BUILDINGS

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	CC 104.2
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	12th August, 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachment:</b>	Options for Administration Building Batchelor Estimate of Costs for projects

### SUMMARY

Council has received a special Purpose Grant to renovate and upgrade the administration buildings, depot buildings and toilets.

An estimate has been prepared which shows the proposed break-up of the grant. In summary

1. Administration Building Batchelor	renovations	\$80,000
2. Plant Shed Batchelor Depot	shed for Backhoe and tilt tray truck	\$38,000
3. Administration building Adelaide River	Skillion roof and verandah	\$13,000
4. Adelaide river oval toilets	renovations	\$15,030.
TOTAL		\$146,030

Three alternative options have been developed for the renovation of the Batchelor Administration Building. All the options relocate the front door from its existing location to the North Side adjacent to the garden.

It is considered that option 1 best achieves the goal of separating the administration section of the Council from the public areas of the Council Administration Building. The options show the existing 2 substandard toilets are renovated as a disabled toilet.

Council is requested to consider the options as well as other options which may include continuing to use the existing layout or a variation and provide direction to staff to continue.

### BACKGROUND

The Northern Territory Government has allocated \$146,030 to council for the Renovations and upgrade to Council's administration buildings and toilets. Council is required to acquit the grant by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

### COMMENT

This is probably a rare opportunity to be able to revise the layout of the Batchelor Administration building. In particular it gives an opportunity to separate the community, public and staff areas. This will improve security and safety of staff. This is particularly important as often there are only one or two staff members in the office at any one time.

It provides the opportunity to relocate the Computer server and photocopier to a separate room. These generate a high level of background noise which is an irritant to staff working besides them at best.

#### **CONSULTATION**

Staff

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Grant received from the Northern Territory government of \$146 030.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple majority

#### **RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/009**

That Council approves the breakup of the Special Purpose Grant and the renovation to the Batchelor Administration Office in principal, with the priority to be the Batchelor Administration Building, Depot shed, Adelaide River toilets and finally the Adelaide River Office skillion roof, and subject to the final Administration Building plans being approved by Council

**Moved:** Clr. Crook

**Seconded:** Clr. Gray

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### **7.9 DEVELOPMENT OF BATCHELOR AIRSTRIP**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Coomalie Air Maintenance & Aerotech NT
<b>Location/Address:</b>	Batchelor Airstrip – Crown land. Lot 324 & 318
<b>File Ref:</b>	CC/83
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014.
<b>Author:</b>	Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

#### **SUMMARY**

Meetings have been held with the Department of Infrastructure regarding the history of the Batchelor Airstrip. It is pleasing to see that the NT Government still see it as their role to maintain the airstrips. They also

expressed a desire to develop commercial enterprises along the airstrips where this is feasible. They were of the opinion that the native title issues currently restraining development at Batchelor aerodrome can be overcome with an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA).

It was agreed that the Department of infrastructure would determine the appropriate area required for the airstrip and that they would provide a plan of the Batchelor airstrip showing the proposed boundaries. Areas outside the airstrip boundaries could be developed for commercial purposes.

The Department's consultant Aerodrome Inspector has visited Council as the department has engaged him to develop the plan. He has suggested that the Batchelor Aerodrome should be developed to the highest level possible. He is suggesting a category 3C airstrip which is able to take aircraft up to 30 passengers. The category defines the minimum dimensions required for an airstrip. .

## **BACKGROUND**

Council has been considering the development of the Coomalie Airstrip for a number of years. Council has received advice previously that any application for a development proposal will not proceed due to the Native Title Claim over the Crown Lands in Batchelor.

Council submitted a grant application for \$132,000 in 2010 to prepare a feasibility study, development plan and business plan for a commercial aviation industrial precinct operating at the Batchelor airfield. The grant was not successful.

## **COMMENT**

The Department of Infrastructure have been very positive in Council's proposal to develop commercial interests at the Batchelor Airstrip.

The proposed strategy meeting will involve the major users of the airstrip and Council. The purpose of the meeting is to confirm and flesh out the long term development of the airstrip. At the end of this process Council should have available a conceptual plan and a number of principles to guide the process.

It is hoped that this will give Council and the airport users a document which it can enter into serious discussions with the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment and potential commercial users of the airstrip.

## **CONSULTATION**

Aerodrome Services NT  
Department of Infrastructure  
Department of Lands, Planning and Environment.

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Native Title Clearance and planning approval will be required for freehold title of Land in this area to be finalised.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**



Council has allocated \$8,000 in this year's budget to initiate the development of the airstrip. There will be financial costs, risks and possible profits involved in the development of an airstrip industrial park for the developers.

#### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

#### RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/010

That Council receive and note the report.

**Moved:** Clr. Crook

**Seconded:** Clr. Corliss

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#### 7.10 DRAFT DARWIN REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN 2014

**Applicant:** Northern Territory Planning Commission

**Location/Address:** Darwin

**File Ref:** CC 75

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014

**Author:** Leigh Ashford, Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** Darwin Land Use Plan Briefing Minutes

#### SUMMARY

The Northern Territory Planning Commission has released the Draft Darwin Land Use Plan 2014. They have invited feedback from the community. Submissions Close on 1 August 2014.

The report makes limited comment about the Coomalie region. It generally presents a positive tone where the limited comment has been made. The page (Pg. 41) related specifically to Coomalie concludes by stating "*that resolving native title claims will create opportunities for the development of Batchelor and Adelaide River*". It further states "*that resolving historic access issues will similarly create opportunities for new rural lifestyle development.*" Whilst the first comment is clear, it is difficult to understand the meaning and context of the second.

The chairman The Hon. Gary Nairn will be providing a briefing to Council at 3.30pm prior to the Council meeting.

The consultants supporting the Community Consultation phase of the Darwin Land use plan have forwarded the minutes of the meeting.

Council also forwarded a second submission for consideration to the Draft Darwin Land Use Plan. The major points raised were;

1. Water supply catchment restrictions.
2. Transport corridor
3. Industry
4. Native Title Claim
5. Airstrip Development
6. Retirement Living
7. Land use in the Coomalie Region
8. Development of Adelaide River and Batchelor

## BACKGROUND

The Northern Territory Planning Commission announced it was preparing a Darwin Regional Land Use Plan in July 2013. Council made a submission to the Discussion Paper released in February 2014.

The Northern Territory Planning Commission released the Draft Darwin Land Use Plan 2014 in late July 2014. They invited feedback from the community. Council submitted a second submission to the Draft Darwin Land Use Plan.

Council's submission raised a number of points which are of concern to Council. In particular these were

1. There is continued interest from the General Aviation industry that Batchelor Airstrip should be developed as a light aircraft/ general aviation hub. This should be recognised on the plan.
2. The northern Australian Railway corridor should be set aside for a second North-South distributor road.
3. Request confirmation that the existing right to Subdivide parcels into 8 ha lots as a minimum.
4. Confirm the ability of the land shown as agricultural can be used for general subdivision purposes.
5. Allow smaller lot subdivisions in areas where there is demand and the areas can be serviced to a suitable higher Standard.
6. Request evidence that the land shown as agriculture is appropriate for this purpose.
7. Advise if the boundaries of the Council area change, then these will be included in the plan.
8. Advise of any impacts on land shown with the mineral extraction overlay or the future water supply catchment overlay.
9. Confirm that the area currently unzoned will not be zoned under this plan but further consideration will be made under the Coomalie Land Use Strategy Plan.

## COMMENT

Nil

## CONSULTATION

Northern Territory Planning Commission

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

NA

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

## VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

### RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/011

That Council receives and notes the report.

**Moved:** Clr. Gray

**Seconded:** Clr. Jones

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## **8 FINANCE REPORTS**

### **8.1 PAYMENT REGISTER**

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	N/A
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
<b>Attachments:</b>	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 2014.

#### **COMMENT**

No additional comments are provided to this report.

#### **CONSULTATION**

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

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

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

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

(2) The report must include:

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

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

(c) other information required by the council.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no specific policies that apply to this report.

## VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

<b>COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL</b>			
<b>PAYMENT REGISTER</b>			
<b>AUGUST 2014</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1/08/2014	DD	Click Super	6,491.93
1/08/2014	Merch Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	54.74
2/08/2014	POS Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	3.40
4/08/2014	CBA VISA	CBA Visa - First Aid Training, CD	377.99
5/08/2014	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	17,827.98
5/08/2014	6101	Jeannie Gadambua	500.00
5/08/2014	6102	Wendy Hart	500.00
7/08/2014	6103	Chookshed Studio	500.00
7/08/2014	6104	Colchar Entertainment	350.00
7/08/2014	6105	Stacie Selwood	560.00
7/08/2014	6106	Lonemudcrab Enterprises	400.00
11/08/2014	6107	Dannah Pty Ltd	324.65
11/08/2014	6108	Capital Security	992.20
11/08/2014	6109	Coomalie Concrete	7,114.80
11/08/2014	6110	Darwin & District Plumbing	396.00
11/08/2014	6111	B Evans	3,180.00
11/08/2014	6112	HSS NT Pty Ltd	2,387.00
11/08/2014	6113	Bruce Mason	4,603.50
11/08/2014	6114	Darwin Bolt Supplies (Normist)	97.41
11/08/2014	6115	Norsign NT	247.50
11/08/2014	6116	Diedre Pickering	1,432.43
11/08/2014	6117	RS Gardening Care	3,586.00
11/08/2014	6118	Smile A Mile Fun Bus & Toy Lib	1,418.00
11/08/2014	6119	Turbo's Tyres	115.50
15/08/2014	Commbiz Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	11.22
15/08/2014	Tran Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	23.98
15/08/2014	Bpay Fee	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	11.02
19/08/2014	G/L Consolidate	Payroll	18,551.58
22/08/2014	6120	Air Liquide WA Pty Ltd	87.29
22/08/2014	6121	AJ Couriers & Haulage Pty Ltd	236.50
22/08/2014	6122	Adelaide River Auto Port	223.45
22/08/2014	6123	Area IT Solutions	3,163.95
22/08/2014	6124	Adelaide River Freight Service	82.50
22/08/2014	6125	RWA Exact	915.75
22/08/2014	6126	Batchelor Service Centre	964.15
22/08/2014	6127	B P Australia Limited	2,771.60
22/08/2014	6128	Colchar Entertainment	230.00
22/08/2014	6129	Coomalie Concrete	7,113.70
22/08/2014	6130	Cridlands	437.05
22/08/2014	6131	Darwin Business Machines	852.50
22/08/2014	6132	Darwin & District Plumbing	2,200.00
22/08/2014	6133	Darwin Office Technology	111.83
22/08/2014	6134	Fin Bins	5,290.40
22/08/2014	6135	Robbie Hoad	3,070.00
22/08/2014	6136	IBIS Informaton Systems	2,557.50

22/08/2014	6137	LingaLonga Festival Account	423.00
22/08/2014	6138	Litchfield Tourist Park	181.50
22/08/2014	6139	Litchfield Springs Water Pty L	50.00
22/08/2014	6140	NQ Resource Recovery Pty Ltd	33.00
22/08/2014	6141	OfficeMax	394.58
<b>DATE</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
22/08/2014	6142	Ooloo Investments Pty Ltd	79,563.00
22/08/2014	6143	ORCA Solar Lighting	36,087.48
22/08/2014	6144	Outbush Pitchas	350.00
22/08/2014	349	Motor Vehicle Registry	110.05
22/08/2014	350	PowerWater	863.26
25/08/2014	6145	The Big Mower	1,544.00
25/08/2014	6146	Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	177.77
25/08/2014	6147	Darwin Community Arts Inc	200.00
25/08/2014	6148	Dept of Lands Planning & the E	6,360.86
25/08/2014	6149	HSS NT Pty Ltd	5,456.00
25/08/2014	6150	Jardine Lloyd Thompson	120.09
25/08/2014	6151	L&V Nominees Pty Ltd	1,940.00
25/08/2014	6152	Spuds Sound Services	1,600.00
25/08/2014	6153	Territory Steel	174.46
25/08/2014	6154	Think Water	300.06
25/08/2014	6155	Bruce Verberg	280.00
25/08/2014	351	Motor Vehicle Registry	684.40
25/08/2014	352	PowerWater	6,188.97
29/08/2014	6156	Area IT Solutions	192.50
29/08/2014	6157	Coomalie Concrete	10,590.80
29/08/2014	6158	Cridlands	640.50
29/08/2014	6159	Fawcett Cattle Co	1,221.00
29/08/2014	6160	Fin Bins	5,347.60
29/08/2014	6161	HSS NT Pty Ltd	5,456.00
29/08/2014	6162	Jardine Lloyd Thompson	458.48
29/08/2014	6163	Darwin Bolt Supplies (Normist)	185.90
29/08/2014	6164	OfficeMax	379.72
29/08/2014	6165	Worksense Darwin	114.86
29/08/2014	353	Motor Vehicle Registry	765.40
29/08/2014	354	Telstra	1,470.94
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 272,273.18</b>

#### RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/012

That Council approve and pass for payment the August 2014 payment register totalling **\$272,273.18**.

**Moved:** Clr. Corliss

**Seconded:** Clr. Turner

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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

<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
<b>Attachments:</b>	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 are the Finance and Grant report and financial summary report to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

## COMMENT

No additional comments are provided to this report.

## CONSULTATION

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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

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(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

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**COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2014**

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**Cash at Bank**

**Cash on Hand**

\$ 2,000.00

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<b>Cheque Account</b>	\$ 99,164.30
<b>Investment Account</b>	\$ 409,932.55
<b>Total Cash at Bank</b>	<b>\$ 511,096.85</b>

<b>Debtors</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>30 Days</b>	<b>60 Days</b>	<b>90 Days</b>	
<b>Trade</b>	-	56,805.00	-	2,510.90	\$ 59,315.90
<b>Rates</b>	1,098,569.30	-	-	58,164.19	\$ 1,156,733.49
<b>Total Debtors</b>					<b>\$ 1,216,049.39</b>

<b>Creditors</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>30 Days</b>	<b>60 Days</b>	<b>90 Days</b>	
<b>Trade</b>	-	-	-	-	\$ -
<b>Total Creditors</b>					<b>\$ -</b>

<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>		
<b>Balance as per General Ledger</b>		\$ 101,164.30
<b>Add outstanding Debtors</b>		\$ 1,216,049.39
<b>Less outstanding Creditors</b>		\$ -
<b>Add Investment Account</b>		\$ 409,932.55
<b>Total Cash &amp; Receivables Available</b>		<b>\$ 1,727,146.24</b>

**COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**  
**GRANT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2014**

<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Expended to date</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Acquittal Due</b>
6/12/2013	Footpaths Batchelor	SPG - Dept Local Government	\$ 151,000.00	\$ 152,253.62	\$ -	30/06/2014
17/06/2014	Flood Damage Feb 2014	NDRRA	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 40,557.50	\$ 159,442.50	30/06/2015
24/06/2014	Lingalonga Festival 2014	Dept of Arts and Museums	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 11,003.31	\$ 1,496.69	3/11/2014
25/06/2014	School Holiday Program July 2014	Dept Chief Minister - OYA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 191.04	\$ 808.96	31/08/2014
26/06/2014	RJBC Shade and Seating	Dept Sport Rec & Racing	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	30/04/2015
30/06/2014	Upgrade Admin Buildings Bat & AR	SPG - Dept Local Government	\$ 146,030.00	\$ -	\$ 146,030.00	30/06/2015
30/06/2014	Solar Park Lighting	SPG - Family Safe Environment	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 32,806.80	\$ 17,193.20	30/06/2015
8/07/2014	Seniors Month	Dept Chief Minister	\$ 1,455.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 1,090.00	30/11/2014
30/07/2014	AR FERG Meeting Room	NT Emergency Services	\$ 33,795.45	\$ -	\$ 33,795.45	20/02/2015
12/08/2014	Recycling Transportation Bins	Keep Australia Beautiful Council	\$ 4,363.64	\$ -	\$ 4,363.64	20/02/2015
26/08/2014	Anzac Day 2015	Dept Chief Minister	\$ 14,000.00	\$ -	\$ 14,000.00	30/06/2015
			<b>\$ 626,144.09</b>	<b>\$ 237,177.27</b>	<b>\$ 390,220.44</b>	
		<b>Cash and Receivables</b>			<b>\$ 1,727,146.24</b>	
		<b>Unspent Grants &amp; Subsidies</b>			<b>\$ 390,220.44</b>	
		<b>Cash Available to Council</b>			<b>\$ 1,336,925.80</b>	

**COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY****AUGUST 2014**

<b>Acc Code</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Month Actual</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>14/15 Budget</b>	<b>13/14 Actual</b>
<b>110 ADMINISTRATION</b>					
110 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,051,875	1,076,215	1,398,668	1,207,863
110 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	38,694	177,788	864,847	719,659
110 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 110	1,013,181	898,427	533,821	488,204
<b>210 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES</b>					
210 3899	TOTAL INCOME	0	0	9,000	9,000
210 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	8,150	15,325	85,200	91,669
210 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 210	-8,150	-15,325	-76,200	-82,669
<b>211 SANITATION AND GARBAGE</b>					
211 3899	TOTAL INCOME	327,824	331,944	337,155	325,414
211 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	27,364	42,683	336,912	271,566
211 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 211	300,460	289,261	243	53,848
<b>212 CEMETERIES</b>					
212 3899	TOTAL INCOME	0	0	2,000	4,236
212 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	360	701	9,800	13,390
212 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 212	-360	-701	-7,800	-9,154
<b>310 PARKS AND GARDENS</b>					
310 3899	TOTAL INCOME	0	64	51,200	-3,628
310 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	39,319	51,477	241,072	158,823
310 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 310	-39,319	-51,413	-189,872	-162,451
<b>311 LIBRARIES</b>					
311 3899	TOTAL INCOME	0	0	48,000	48,858
311 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	2,909	6,167	48,000	49,999
311 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 311	-2,909	-6,167	0	-1,141
<b>312 SPORT AND RECREATION</b>					
312 3899	TOTAL INCOME	80	182	12,680	5,430
312 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	5,664	15,507	138,472	109,390
312 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 312	-5,584	-15,325	-125,792	-103,960
<b>313 SWIMMING POOL</b>					
313 3899	TOTAL INCOME	0	29	4,800	5,285
313 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	8,748	14,657	102,849	106,789
313 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 313	-8,748	-14,628	-98,049	-101,504
<b>314 COMMUNITY RECREATION</b>					
314 3899	TOTAL INCOME	2	-683	35,450	38,375
314 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	6,560	11,789	78,178	72,542
314 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 312	-6,558	-12,472	-42,728	-34,167
<b>410 ROADS</b>					
410 3899	TOTAL INCOME	120,200	121,028	1,133,948	699,327
410 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	128,620	158,295	1,550,219	858,630
410 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 410	-8,420	-37,267	-416,271	-159,303
<b>510 STREETLIGHTING</b>					
510 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	0	3,503	27,820	12,875
510 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 510	0	-3,503	-27,820	-12,875
<b>511 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>					
511 3899	TOTAL INCOME	-19,795	49,251	18,500	25,463
511 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	10,762	12,789	47,200	70,747
511 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 511	-30,557	36,462	-28,700	-45,284



		Month Actual	YTD Actual	14/15 Budget	13/14 Actual
<b>512 DOG MANAGEMENT</b>					
512 3899	TOTAL INCOME	190	490	2,000	1,824
512 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	359	861	14,322	14,678
512 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 512	-169	-371	-12,322	-12,854
<b>513 GLYPHOSATE</b>					
513 3899	TOTAL INCOME	0	0	10,000	4,509
513 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	10,000	0
513 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 513	0	0	0	4,509
<b>514 GAMBA AND WEED MANAGEMENT</b>					
514 3899	TOTAL INCOME	0	0	0	11,000
514 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	0	10,020
514 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 514	0	0	0	980
<b>900 3899 TOTAL INCOME</b>					
		<b>1,480,376</b>	<b>1,578,520</b>	<b>3,063,401</b>	<b>2,381,220</b>
<b>900 4999 TOTAL EXPENSES</b>					
		<b>277,509</b>	<b>511,542</b>	<b>3,554,891</b>	<b>2,560,777</b>
<b>900 5000 SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY)</b>					
		<b>1,202,867</b>	<b>1,066,978</b>	<b>-491,490</b>	<b>-179,557</b>

**RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/013**

That Council receive and note the finance and grant report and monthly financial summary at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

Moved: Clr. Crook

Seconded: Clr. Corliss

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### 8.3 NT LIBRARY GRANT ACQUITTAL 2013/14

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	N/A
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
<b>Attachments:</b>	NT Library Grant Acquittal 2013/14

#### SUMMARY

NT Library Grant Acquittal for 2013/14 is to be endorsed by Council.

#### BACKGROUND

NT Library Grant Acquittal to be endorsed by Council.

#### COMMENT

No additional comments are provided to this report.

#### CONSULTATION

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policies that apply to this report.

#### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

#### RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/014

That Council receive and note the NT Library Grant Acquittal for 2013/14.

**Moved:** Clr. Crook

**Seconded:** Clr. Corliss

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### 9 ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Nil

## 10 COMMUNITY RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	CCGCDocs\ CRO
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014
<b>Author:</b>	Marilyn Morris, Community Recreation Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Solar Light Map – Colour copy provided

### SUMMARY

#### CRO Report –September

##### Lingalunga Festival

The event was very successful with many local volunteers offering to do shifts with the set up on Friday, the Festival Day, as well as on the Sunday morning. The full day workshops at Batchelor Area School on Friday and the movie night on the Friday evening were very successful with up to 200 people attending. Saturday saw up to 1000 people enjoy a variety of local music, art, workshops, and 35 market stalls. A debrief of the event will be held this week.

##### Batchelor Monthly Markets

The next monthly Batchelor Markets will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September. There should be several new stallholders attending. A PAWA electricity outage planned for Sunday in Batchelor may impact on the markets

##### Friday Night Fun

Friday night Fun was held on 22nd August. It is scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014, and 3rd October 2014. These events will be supported by the BIITE library, Batchelor School and the Night Patrol.t.

##### Seniors' Month

The Seniors' month events held on 12th August 2014 to Litchfield National Park was successful with 14 seniors attending. The event would not have been possible without the support of the two volunteers. The volunteers were able to assist the mobility of some of the seniors.

The second event on the 25th August 2014 to the Darwin Military Museum and Malak community event was also very popular and successful. A number of participants have since expressed interest in attending the Malak community dinner again.

Invitations were sent out in early July and seniors are booking in for both events.

##### Adelaide River Festival

Adelaide River Primary School hosted the Adelaide River Festival from the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014 to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014. approximately 200 students from small schools from around the top end participated in a program of

sporting, social and other outdoor activities over 3 days Council supported the event by providing equipment, mowing, and marking of the oval, The CRO assisted by coordinating the shot put.

#### **Community Safety Program Grant.**

.Council received a grant to install solar lights in Bi-centennial Park and near the Batchelor oval. The potential sites have been identified. The CRO has prepared a map of the sites with the best solar gains. Councillors may wish to discuss the most appropriate locations. It is planned to install the lights in early October.

#### **Aussie Hoops Program**

The Adelaide36ers visited both Adelaide River and Batchelor schools as part of their visit to the NT. The CRO is currently holding weekly sessions at the Adelaide River School. Sessions at the Batchelor School will commence this week. It is planned to bring the Aussie Hoops children into the Palmerston and Region Basketball Association next year.

#### **Future Programs**

The CRO is currently working on the following events:

- 6 week cricket competition starting on 13th September 2014.
- Bronze Medallion Course to be held in October 2014
- Life Be in It program to incorporated in the summer School Holiday Program if the grant is approved.
- Learn to Swim week at the Batchelor Pool on 1st October 2014.
- Batchelor Playgroup Event October 2014
- Anzac Day 2015.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple majority

#### **RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/008**

That Council receives and notes the Community Recreation Officer's reports for August/September 2014.

**Moved:** Clr. Gray

**Seconded:** Clr. Jones

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#### **11 LATE REPORTS**

Nil

#### **12 COUNCIL REPORTS**

Nil

#### **13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### 13.1 UNIMPROVED CAPITAL VALUES

<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>Location/Address:</b>	N/A
<b>File Ref:</b>	CC30
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

#### SUMMARY

Councillors have received complaints from some Ratepayers about the new unimproved capital value of their properties implemented this year for determining the rates payable to the Council.

The Valuer general reviews the unimproved capital value of properties within the Northern Territory on a three year cycle. They reviewed the unimproved Capital value of properties in the Coomalie Community Government Council area in 2013 for implementation for the 2014/15 financial year.

#### DIRECTION

That the CEO write to the Valuer General expressing Council's concern that ratepayers in some parts of the Council area believe that the new unimproved capital value for their properties are unrealistically high.

### 14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

#### RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/015

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

**Moved:** Clr. Jones

**Seconded:** Clr. Crook

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The information is classified as confidential under Clause 9(c) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008.

(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;

(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

(c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

(i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or

(ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or

- (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; or
- (iv) prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;
- (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity;
- (e) information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.

**RESOLUTION 16/9/2014/017**

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

**Moved:**                      **Clr. Gray**

**Seconded:**                **Clr. Crook**

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**15      NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Coomalie Community Government Council will be held at Batchelor on 21 October 2014.

Meeting closed 8:50pm