



AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

19th June 2018

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Signed: Paul McInerney,

Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON TUESDAY 19th June 2018

President of the Shire Council Andrew Turner will declare the meeting open at 6:00pm and welcome all in attendance.

1 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor	President Andrew Turner
Councillor	Vice President Max Corliss
Councillor	Sue Bulmer
Councillor	Sharon Beswick
Councillor	Christian McElwee
Councillor	Deborah Moyle

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Paul McInerney
Senior Administration Officer	Aleyshia Kim

VISITORS PRESENT

Senior Policy Officer, Local Government Division, Department of Housing and Community Development	Rolf Nilsson
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2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19 th June, 2018
Author:	Paul McInerney, 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 19th June 2018.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

COMMENT

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

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority.

RECOMMENDATION

Council receive and note the apologies of absence as listed for the Ordinary General Meeting held 19th June 2018.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19th June, 2018
Author:	Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

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

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

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

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

COMMENT

Not applicable.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act s73 & s74 (Elected Members).

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Conflict of Interest – Code of Conduct.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the declarations of interest as listed for the Ordinary General Meeting held 19th June 2018.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

4 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATION

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF 15TH MAY 2018

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19th June, 2018
Author:	Aleyshia Kim, Senior Administration Officer
Attachments:	Copy of Minutes will be tabled at the meeting

SUMMARY

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 15th May 2018 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meetings.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

COMMENT

Not applicable.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The Minutes as submitted must comply with part section 67(2) Local Government Act 2011 and that confirmation of Minutes is compliant with section 67(3) of the Local Government Act 2011.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 15th May 2018 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

6 OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORTS

6.1 OPERATIONS REPORTS

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\Operations Manager
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12th June, 2018
Author:	Robert Bright, Operations Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Roads-

Solomon Road and Chin subdivision has had its holes filled and maintenance grade done.

White Road, Lithgow Road, Poet Road, Windmill Road have had its water, grade and roll completed.

Now working on Fowler Road, Sargent Road moving out to Lake Bennett this week and next week.

Coach Road sealing project (grant funded) – a contractor meeting and discussion took place on the 24th May, 2018 with CEO, Ops Manager and H&K Contracting (Contract signed).

Waste-

Both Batchelor and Adelaide River dumps are running well, a new slot will be dug this week at the Batchelor Dump.

Parks-

Start up and checking of the sprinklers in both Batchelor and Adelaide River has been done, ongoing maintenance will commence from now.

Ongoing-

Due to current workload and time constraints the driveway audit will occur as time permits.

Requests-

Bowls Club request for car park- this will be investigate when time permits with current work load.

A few loads of dirt have been put in the low areas.

Myrtle Fawcett Park tree works-

A quote has been received for the tree work outlined in the recommendations.

Pool-

We have recently identified a water leak at the pool and have put in a temporary fix until we close the pool and can fix the issue properly.

Actions List

DIRECTION

Council direct the Operations Department to obtain quotations for sealing of the area at the dump point adjacent Batchelor Public Toilets, and it be considered with the long term assets program or grants programs. – still outstanding, will do when time permits.

Arterial Road Projects – for consideration of priority for future grant applications

Council has previously requested a report in relation to next priorities for road sealing projects. Council has the following arterial roads on its hierarchy.

- Cheeney Road – from Solomon Road to Milton Road – sealed
- Chinner Road from Stuart Highway to Heathers Lagoon Road – sealed
- Coach Road from Milton Road to Coach Road, Adelaide River – currently being grant funded and existing priority. Final 3 km will need to be applied for in future years to complete this road.
- Crater Lake Road – from Batchelor Road to Stuart Highway – sealed
- Heathers Lagoon Road - from Chinner Road to Marrakai Road – unsealed 6.8km (requests from residents for future sealing has been requested. (should be considered as an arterial loop if NT Government proceed to seal the Marrakai Road from Stuart Highway to Marrakai)
- Miles Road – from Coach Road to Solomon Road – sealed
- Milton Road from Cheeney Road to Coach Road – sealed
- Solomon Road from Miles Road to Cheeney Road – sealed.

From the above listing Heathers Lagoon Road would be the next consideration from the previously adopted Hierarchy. However, with the recent identification of the Northern Road Corridor from Batchelor to Darwin River (approximately 24kms) is a road that Council has identified is needed to aid future economic development of the northern part of the Council. This is not a contiguous road corridor and needs significant work to create the contiguous corridor and to undertake a formal survey and design for the road.

Recommend that Coach Road to Adelaide River be maintained as the current arterial Road project for grant applications.

Council consider Heathers Lagoon Road as the next priority should the Marrakai Road be funded for sealing by the NT Government.

Council consider the North Road Corridor project firstly from a road connectivity point of view, survey and design.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Operations Manager's Report for May/June 2018.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

6.2 MONTHLY POOL & DOG STATISTICS

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs\Pool Supervisor
Date:	19 th June, 2018
Author:	Trevor Sullivan, Animal Management Officer/Pool supervisor
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Pool-

Water too cold to swim in, not many numbers coming through. Found water leak, in the process of repairing. Outdoor Education programs at the Pool are still quite strong in numbers attending.

Dog-

One dog in the pound awaiting conclusion.

Rangers coming next week, Litchfield Council will assist in dog education in Batchelor.

NOTE

For the Information of the Council

7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

7.1 INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19 th June, 2018
Author:	Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Correspondence to be tabled

SUMMARY

Council is provided with items of correspondence both received and sent during the months of May/June 2018.

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
13/4/18	MI 1	CEO and Councillors	Out of session decision on ARSS request Anzac Day equipment fee
1/5/18	MI 2	PowerWater	Additions to scope of work for repair of Milton Road west
2/5/18	MI 3	Litchfield Council information manager	Information on mapping software options
10/5/18	MI 4	Office of the Aboriginal Land Commissioner	Invitation to participate: Review of detriment issues- Finniss River Land Claim No 39
16/5/18	MI 5	Manager Litchfield Motel	Notification of intention to hold an event and request for letter of support
21/5/18	MI 6	NT PF&ES facilities manager	Report on damage to Men's Shed building
22/5/18	MI 7	Gary Higgins MLA	Response to Anzac day thank you letter
22/5/18	MI 8	Minister for Housing and Community Development	Acknowledgement of email regarding Building Admin Capacity CCGC
22/5/18	MI 9	NT PF&ES facilities manager	Action plan Men's shed damage
23/5/18	MI 10	Valuer- Generals Office	Copies of correspondence with owner of AN 1162
23/5/18	MI 11	Amangal Corporation	Snake Creek development proposal
24/5/18	MI 12	H & K Earthmoving	Signed contract for 2018-003 Coach Road
25/5/18	MI 13	Service Stream Mobile Communications	Consultation Report for proposed Telstra mobile telecommunications facility at Coomalie Creek
26/5/18	MI 14	Batchelor Police	Service request streetlights Batchelor township
28/5/18	MI 15	Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics	Batchelor Information bays update, budget contact
28/5/18	MI 16	Department of Housing and Community Development	NDRRA claim information requested, road repairs
28/5/18	MI 17	Australian Bureau of Statistics	Public Consultation regarding 2021 Census
28/5/18	MI 18	LGANT	Request for input regarding November Meeting Dates
29/5/18	MI 19	Department of Infrastructure Regional Development and Cities	Roads to Recovery Program
31/5/18	MI 20	You Are Important Australia Ltd	Information on Rural Aged Care Village Proposal briefing

31/5/18	MI 21	D Pickering	Signed Cleaning Contract
31/5/18	MI 22	Aged Care Unit	Signups My Aged Care
4/6/18	MI 23	Northern Land Council	Native Title Determination applications
4/6/18	MI 24	Batchelor Resident	Men's Shed concern
4/6/18	MI 25	COTA	2018-19 Aged Care Approvals round advertisement in the NT News
4/6/18	MI 26	Batchelor Resident	Dog Complaint
5/6/18	MI 27	Territory Families	Youth grant outcome
6/6/18	MI 28	Batchelor Resident	Response to the overgrown property in Kirra Crescent
6/6/18	MI 29	LGANT	PowerPoint – Coomalie Road Reserves
7/6/18	MI 30	Dept of Housing & Community Development	Working group meeting papers for 8 th June 2018

Correspondence Out

DATE		Source	Subject
13/4/18	MO 1	PM	Council decision re waiver of fees for ARSS Anzac Day equipment.
08/5/18	MO 2	PM	Remote Health re condom dispensers
08/5/18	MO 3	ED	PowerWater scope of works Milton Rd west.
08/5/18	MO 4	PM	Shannon Landcare renewal of period contract landfill operation
10/5/18	MO 5	PM	Batchelor Property Services cleaning contract, public toilet and Council assets.
10/5/18	MO 6	PM	D Pickering cleaning contract and Council assets
16/5/18	MO 7	RM PM	Territory Day pyrotechnics booking form
17/5/18	MO 8	PM	Lake Bennett landowner re Heathers Lagoon Road maintenance
17/5/18	MO 9	PM	Council comment on development application PA2018-0149 923 Batchelor Road
21/5/18	MO 10	PM	Coomalie Building Administration Capacity stage 2 briefing to Minister McCarthy & Lee Williams
21/5/18	MO 11	PM	Darwin Triathlon Club signed VS14
21/5/18	MO 12	PM	Coomalie Legacy Issues – road connectivity briefing to Minister McCarthy, Lee Williams and Peter Holt
21/5/18	MO 13	PM	Coomalie Building Administration Capacity stage 2 briefing to Peter Holt
21/5/18	MO 14	PM	Report and photographs to PFES of damage to FERG – Men's Shed building
23/5/18	MO 15	PM	Chinner Road residents re dog complaint Lake Bennett
23/5/18	MO 16	PM	Naranga Street tenant re 2 dog complaints to Council
24/5/18	MO 17	PM	Mardango Way resident re dog complaint to Council
24/5/18	MO 18	PM	Friends NT Railways re presentation to Council
24/5/18	MO 19	PM	Litchfield Motel re proposed Litchfield Beats event
24/5/18	MO 20	PM	UNO Management Services re presentation to Council
25/5/18	MO 21	PM	Oolloo Investments re contract 2018-003

25/5/18	MO 22	PM	H&K Earthmoving re contract 2018-003
28/5/18	MO 23	PM	Batchelor Information Bays update
29/5/18	MO 24	PM	Flood Damage worksheet
29/5/18	MO 25	PM	Cleaning contract signed
31/5/18	MO 26	PM	Overgrown property Batchelor Township
31/5/18	MO 27	PM	Overgrown property Batchelor Township
31/5/18	MO 28	PM	Lake Bennett Signs
31/5/18	MO 29	PM	Ironbark lease meeting
4/6/18	MO 30	PM	Reply to dog complaint response
5/6/18	MO 31	PM	Signed Native Title documents
6/6/18	MO 32	PM	Two dog per house resolution

CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Not Applicable

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policies that apply to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

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

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.2 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST TO MAY 2018

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19 th June, 2018
Author:	Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Action Items List to May, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Actions Arising list.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.3 COMPLAINTS REGISTER TO MAY/JUNE 2018

Applicant:	Nil
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19th June 2018
Author:	Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Complaints register Service Request register

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the complaints for the May/June 2018 period.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.4 STANDING ORDER – AMALGAMATION REVIEW

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	Coomalie Councillors
File Ref:	CC/79
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12th June, 2018
Author:	Paul McInerney, 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

July 2014

The NT Government published a notice in the Government Gazette on 3 July 2014 which includes the Robin Falls area in the Coomalie Community Government Council area.

February 2015

The Ombudsman found that Council does not have a case to answer in relation to the process to incorporate the Robin Falls area into the Council area.

June 2015

A meeting of the BCWLGAG was held at Belyuen on Tuesday 9 June 2015. The main discussion revolved around the incorporation of the remaining unincorporated areas into Councils.

December 2015

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

January 2016

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

February 2016

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

May 2016

A meeting was held of the BCWLGAG. There was a discussion regarding the three councils working together in developing a strategy to put to the Government in relation to their future and the unincorporated land.

June 2016

Department of Local Government and Community Services were advised of Council's agreement to investigate the formation of a regional council subject to Batchelor being the administrative centre.

July 2016

Three consultants were invited to quote on the scope of works to provide an analysis of options for local government structures in the area. Two quotes were received. An application was submitted for a Special purpose Grant to proceed with the consultancy.

August 2016

The Council received an email on Tuesday 9th of August from the Department of Local Government advising that the Special Purpose Grant to provide an analysis of options for Local Government structures in the area has been granted.

September 2016

Consultants have been engaged and anticipate the review will take approximately 6 weeks.

October 2016

The President and the CEO met with the consultant's representative on Monday 26th September 2016. The discussion revolved around Councils preferred options for a new Regional Council. The consultant was advised that council's preferred option was to progressively identify areas which relate to the current Council and incorporate them into the Council.

November 2016

The Consultants met with BCWLGAG on 9 November 2016 for an update and work shop. Council representatives presented varying views of the future and there was no consensus of a preferred direction for the future. The major points were that the consultants should focus on the current Council and perhaps comment on aligning the rural parts of Lichfield Council with any new entity. Marrakai area was excluded from the current discussion. The current Belyuen stalemate should be resolved by the next election. The Government needs to lead the process for incorporation of the unincorporated lands. The timeframe is probably 5 to 9 years.

December 2016

Council resolved the following in relation to the consultant's report

That Council formally adopt its position as outlined below:

- progressively improve Council's sustainability through efficiencies, resource sharing and continued review of service levels. This also includes seeking additional income sources when appropriate
- selective expansion of the Shire area to include areas which are naturally serviced by Council
- ensure Batchelor remains the centre of administration for the Council
- support NT Government initiatives that achieve the goals identified previously.

That Council advise that the Department of Housing and Community Development that it believes there will be little progress in the incorporation of unincorporated land unless there is long term commitment from the political arm of Government.

January 2017

Wagait Council has requested that Coomalie and Belyuen Council's give permission for the Consultant's report to be made available publically on Council's website.

February 2017

A meeting of the Councils and the Division of Local Government has been arranged for Monday 20th February 2017.

May 2017

The meeting discussed the merits of the report prepared by the consultants titled Working Together- A way forward.

The meeting agreed to receive and note the report, however they believe that the report did not adequately explore the options raised by the Councils and was basically a restatement of the options explored in 2011/12.

In particular, the meeting agreed the following points:

The report does not reflect the views of the three Councils combined, or any one of the three councils.

The report does not discuss the preferred options of the three councils.

The issues relating to the unincorporated lands remains with the Northern Territory Government and the land owners.

The three councils investigate opportunities to undertake planned sharing of services.

The three councils continue to work with the Northern Territory Government on constructive options to address the development of Local Government in the top end.

It was requested that the individual Councils discuss and agree on the 5 points outlined.

Resource Sharing

It was agreed that the CEOs would meet regularly to discuss and investigate resource sharing opportunities with the three councils. This will be separate to the BCWLGAG.

The group could also investigate opportunities to contract to the Northern Territory Government some services currently provided to the unincorporated areas.

It was suggested that initially the group should meet bi-monthly and the first meeting to be held at a suitable date in the first full week of March 2017.

July/August 2017

Executive Director Department of local Government – Lee Williams and Rolf Nilson met with the Council President and CEO to flag potential staged rural council expansion in the Top End. CEO was requested to develop concept and provide estimates if required, using work untaken in 2015. Two further meetings held by the CEO with Department staff to develop the concept and cost analysis.

September 2017

The President summarised for the new Council the reason for the standing order; Amalgamation review and current NT Government position with an expanded rural Council option.

October 2017

October 10th 2017 - Executive Director Department of local Government – Lee Williams and Rolf Nilsson special presentation to Councillors on the history of previous years' amalgamation proposals and potential for Coomalie, Litchfield National Park, Belyuen model to be considered.

October OGM confirms Coomalie Councils position via formal resolution and summarised by the following purpose statement.

"That the Coomalie Community Government Council confirms its commitment to

1. pursue the building of a stronger rural local government model in the region;

and

2. to work cooperatively with Councils in developing options that allows for a stronger rural local government model to be established in the region; with the following process being put forward to the Belyuen Community Government Council for its consideration."

November 2017

Council has been in discussion with Local Government Division regarding building capacity assistance to assist with expanding Local Government.

After the October meeting the CEO met with the CEO of Belyuen Council. Belyuen Council invited Coomalie Councillors to meet with their Councillors and have a tour of the important facilities of the Belyuen

Community. On the 10th November Councillors Turner, Beswick, Bulmer, Moyle and the CEO travelled to Belyuen Council for the first visit.

A reciprocal invitation has been extended for Belyuen Councillors to visit Coomalie on December 1st, 2017.

December 2017

Belyuen Councillors visited Coomalie Council on December 1st. The first meeting of the Working Group was held to establish 4 focus areas (Governance and Administration, Finance and Assets, Works Services and organisational structure, Our Communities) that would be examined as part of a future proposal for consideration. A tour of Batchelor and Adelaide River and part of the rural areas was conducted to conclude the visit.

The CEO's of Belyuen and Coomalie and Finance Manager of Coomalie met at Belyuen on the 6th December 2017 and in conjunction with Local Government Division representatives Kate Wheen and Rolf Nilsson to undertake work planning required over the coming months and what resources are needed in the finance/assets analysis. Asset Condition assessment at both Councils would be a high priority.

Local Member for Daly, Mr Gary Higgins met at the Council on the 13th December 2017, with the President, CEO and Finance Manager to be informed on the current discussions with the Belyuen Council. In discussions Mr Higgins advised of his bipartisan support for the two Council's efforts.

January 2018

The combined working group met on 19th January 2018 at Belyuen. Asset condition review quotations being sought; work will commence on combined financial analysis in the next month; proposed that the two Councils endorse an invitation to the Minister for Housing and Community Services to attend a future combined working group meeting.

February 2018

The combined working group will meet with Belyuen on Friday 23rd February 2018.
Progress during January / February has been;

1. Letter of invitation to the Minister for Housing and Community Development (signed by both Presidents) to attend a future Combined Working Group meeting.
2. Various phone hook-ups have been undertaken with Bruce Lorimer, Core Concepts Pty Ltd and Ross Moody RVM management to develop a proposal for an Asset review/due diligence exercise with Coomalie and Belyuen assets. A proposal and letter has been forwarded to the CEO, Dept Housing and Community Development seeking consideration of the proposal that will allow for better information for both Councils on asset condition, information towards consultation on a potential proposal, and towards better asset management by a potential new council. (copy attached).
3. Council Finance Manager and Senior Accounts Officer visited Belyuen on the 13th February 2018. They had discussion with Belyuen staff on the range of programs run by Council through the NT and Commonwealth Governments, visited the General store and had exposure to the Aged Care systems and retail point of sale system and cost allocations between programs.
4. Financial modelling and analysis towards identifying support needed in relation to a potential new Council will need to be commenced shortly. This is assisted by the outcome from the Asset Condition Review proposal, and joint meetings between the two Councils.

March 2018

Combined Working Group was cancelled due to impacts at Belyuen. This included the Minister for Housing and Community Development visit.

Core Business Australia commence their due diligence of Assets at Coomalie and Belyuen from April 9th until 12th April with workshops and field inspection of assets.

Work will continue over the next month.

April 2018

Workshops conducted on April 9th and 11th 2018 at Coomalie and Belyuen by Core Business Australia for Finance and Operational Staff in relation to the due diligence – asset condition review. Source data work continuing by staff, expecting preliminary final report from Core Business Australia at next Combined Working Group meeting on June 8th 2018 at Belyuen.

Combined Working Group on 30th April, 2018 met with Minister for Housing and Community Development, Hon Gerry McCarthy, MLA at Parliament House to brief the Minister on progress to date and time frames in the coming months. The organisational chart was also discussed.

Additional information supporting building Coomalie capacity and in regard to legacy issues have been forwarded to the Minister.

May / June 2018

Combined Working Group meeting held June 8th at Belyuen. Asset Due Diligence report presented by Bruce Lorimer. Discussion on Regional Council Model and Councillor representation and local authority for Belyuen Community.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

NOTE

For the information of Council

7.5 CEO ACTIVITIES REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs/CEO
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12th June, 2018
Author:	Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	Nil

SUMMARY

CEO Activities Report June 2018

1. Key meetings/discussions attended

11th May, 2018 – You are Important Australia briefing by Sonia McKay to Crs Bulmer, Beswick, Moyle and CEO regarding potential aged care model and respite care services for Batchelor and Adelaide River.

11th May 2018 – Meeting with John Wattley, Bushfires NT with annual clearance program status.

14th May, 2018 – Internal Audit Committee meeting. Crs Turner and Bulmer and Chair Russel Anderson.

14th May, 2018 – Shared Services meeting via phone hook up with Tasmanian/NT Council participating.

16th May, 2018 – Member of Public reported vandalism at Men's Shed – whilst Council is not an owner of this facility it was cordoned off until required remedial safety work can be undertaken.

17th May, 2018 – visit to Council from Warren Snowdon, MP, Member for Lingiari – discussed economic development and northern road corridor needs and other projects, issues etc.

18th May, 2018 – TOPROC Strategic Plan review meeting Darwin.

21st May, 2018 – Martyn Hill, Outback Safety, Council WHS consultant in office for a day with SAO and staff reviewing WHS progress and providing advice.

22nd May, 2018 – Meeting with Patrick Gregory, Director NT Libraries meeting at Council to review Libraries funding agreement and new model that may impact negatively on Council and also new opportunities for special library program support funding where hours are increased for public access.

23rd May, 2018 – Meeting with Defence force personnel re Pitch Black exercise 2018.

28th May, 2018 – Discussion with Kate When on progress with 2 ministerial briefing for Stage 2 funding for Building Coomalie capacity funding next 4 months, and also road expert secondment.

31st May, 2018 – Meeting with Brad Rake, Ironbark and regionalisation programs, future funding agreements and availability for future Council/Ironbark Community projects that are mutually beneficial.

1st June 2018 – Peter McLinden, LGANT Briefing with Councillors on road matters, roads connectivity issues, waste management initiatives at Regional level and general overview of LGANT current and future activities.

1st June 2018 – phone meeting with CEO, Belyuen re agenda for next weeks Combined Working Group meeting.

5th June – Meeting with Murray MacAllister, Senior Small Business Champion, Business and Innovation NT – regarding liaison needed with Amangal Community re development projects.

6th June, 2018 – Meeting with Richard Langshaw and Sam Clements, Valuer General Office regarding rateability of assessments in area and general discussion with Finance Manager, Accounts/Rates officer and CEO.

7th June 2018 – Bruce Lorimer, Core Business Australia delivery and presentation to Staff of Asset Due Diligence findings in advance of presentation to Combined Working Group meeting on the 8th June. Special session for Councillors McElwee and Cr Corliss (non-members of Working Group) from 1pm – 2pm to update on review.

8th June, 2018 – Combined Working Group – Belyuen

11th June, 2018 – Public Holiday.

13th June, 2018 – Your are important Australia, Sonia McKay and Lyall McKay meeting with Batchelor and Adelaide River Clinic Managers and CEO to discuss respite services potential.

14th June, 2018 – Litchfield/Coomalie animal Management education session Batchelor – registration checks day.

2. Combined Working Group Meeting – conducted June 8th, 2018 at Belyuen

The May Stop Press did contained a detailed summary from the President of the discussion and meetings to date in regard to the proposed amalgamation discussions and proposal being developed by the Combined Working Group of Belyuen Council, Coomalie Council and Litchfield National Park.

I believe that this should be added to and updated from the recent Combined Working Group meeting and included within the mail-out with the rate notices as well as printing off standalone special editions of Stop Press to ensure that the public is made totally aware of the proposal being developed in the next three months.

Council **direction** would be appreciated for our administration staff.

3. Coomalie/Litchfield shared Service Animal Management exercise.

The following extract from the resolution register from February 2012 is the standing resolution in relation to dogs allowable at properties in Batchelor and Adelaide River.

1.102. Keeping of more than 2 dogs on township properties

That the CEO is directed that no new licences for keeping of more than two dogs in township properties are to be issued without further direction from Council. Renewal of existing licences is permitted only for dogs registered as at the date of this resolution.

Resolution #: 22/02/2011-012

Moved by: Clr. Bruce Jones

Seconded by: Clr. Sue Bulmer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the CEO's Activity Report for the period May/June 2018.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.6 IRONBARK ABORIGINAL CORPORATION - LEASE AGREEMENT ADELAIDE RIVER

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12 th June, 2018
Author:	Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	Draft 6-month Agreement

SUMMARY

Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation has requested that Council renew the 6-month agreement with them to use the Adelaide River Works Depot (35 Finlay Road, Adelaide River) to use as a base for a Green Army project.

The current lease agreement expires on 30 June 2018, requiring Council to make a decision on whether they would like to extend this lease again or not. This is consistent with previous decisions of Council.

BACKGROUND

Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation entered into a lease agreement with Coomalie Council for property 35 Finlay Road, Adelaide River, in October 2015. The lease agreement was on a 6 monthly basis and has continued to be renewed since this date on a 6 monthly basis.

On the 31st May, 2018, the CEO did meet with Brad Rake, Community Projects Manager, Ironbark, to discuss their operation in our region. Their activities cover from Daly River to Acacia and Batchelor and Adelaide River. Discussion also took place on amalgamation discussions and progress with Belyuen Community Government Council.

The intent is to base the operation at Adelaide River. This will be subject to future funding rounds, and therefore Ironbark would be satisfied with future 6 month rollovers until the next funding cycle is confirmed and a longer term lease would be requested.

In other general discussions with Mr Rake he advised that Ironbark is willing to assist with community projects that are mutually beneficial. Discussed was their recent support with the Adelaide River Show Society and Races preparation. Ironbark also assisted with a clean-up of Market area carpark. They are willing to assist with painting and other maintenance work at Swimming Poll with the upcoming 2-month shutdown.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve a further six-month lease for ironbark to operate from 35 Finlay Road, Adelaide River, and which period covers from 1st July, 2018 to the 31st December, 2018.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.7 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT – AUTHORISED OFFICERS/COMMON SERVICE AGREEMENT – LITCHFIELD COUNCIL

Applicant: N/A

Location/Address: N/A

File Ref:

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 17th October, 2017

Author: Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment:

SUMMARY

Council can appoint Authorised Officers pursuant to Section 112, Local Government Act.

To enable the Shared Service arrangement with Litchfield Council to progress it is necessary to revoke the appointment of Bianca Aragoon and make an appointment of Phil Bickerstaff as Authorised Officers for the purposes of the Coomalie (Dog Management) By-laws

BACKGROUND

The Council did at the October 2017 Council meeting pass the following resolution in regard to appointment of Authorised Officer in association with Animal Control. This was to strengthen the resources to Council in regard to dog control generally.

That Council appoint Bianca Aragoon, Nicole Davenport and Sharon McTaggart as Authorised Persons for a period up to the 30th June 2018, to have the power vested in accordance with the Coomalie (Dog Management) By-Laws.

Bianca Aragoon has left Litchfield Council and Mr Phil Bickerstaff will assist Council via the Litchfield/Coomalie Shared Service agreement (November 2017)

COMMENT

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Council is required to appoint authorised persons to act under the Coomalie (Dog Management) By Laws in accordance with the Local Government Act. Section 112.

112 Appointment of authorised persons

- (1) A council may appoint a person (other than a member of the council) as an authorised person.
- (2) An appointment may be subject to limitations and conditions specified in the instrument of appointment.
- (3) The council may, by notice to the authorised person;
 - (a) Add to, or vary, the limitations and conditions of appointment; or
 - (b) Revoke the appointment.

113 Powers of authorised persons

An authorised person is, subject to limitations and conditions of appointment, authorised to exercise the powers conferred on an authorised person by or under this Act.

114 Identity cards for authorised persons

- (1) The council must issue each authorised person with an identity card:
 - (a) containing the person's name and a photograph of the person; and
 - (b) stating that the person is an authorised person.
 - (2) The authorised person must, at the reasonable request of a person, produce the identity card for inspection.
 - (3) A person must, on ceasing to be an authorised person, return the identity card to the council.
- Fault element: This is an offence of strict liability.
Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

115 Power to require statement of name and address

- (1) If an authorised person reasonably suspects a person of having committed an offence against this Act or the council's by-laws, the authorised person may require the person:
 - (a) to state the person's name and address; and
 - (b) if the authorised person considers further evidence of identity necessary – to provide further evidence of a specified kind of identity.
- (2) A person is guilty of an offence if the person fails to comply with a requirement under this section.
Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.
- (3) An offence against subsection (2) is an offence of strict liability.
- (4) It is a defence to a charge of an offence against subsection (2) to prove that the defendant had a reasonable excuse for the non-compliance.

116 Power to enter land or premises

- (1) An authorised person may, with the necessary authority, enter land or premises for an authorised purpose and remain on the land or premises for as long as may be necessary for that purpose.
- (2) The necessary authority is:
 - (a) The consent of the occupier; or
 - (b) A warrant issued by a Justice; or
 - (c) In an emergency – the CEO's authorisation.
- (3) A Justice may, if satisfied by information verified by oath, that there are reasonable grounds on which an authorised person should be authorised to enter land or premises to carry out an authorised purpose, issue a warrant accordingly.
- (4) An authorised purpose is any one or more of the following:
 - (a) investigating a suspected offence against this Act or a by-law; (b) taking necessary action in an emergency:
 - (i) to protect the health of, or prevent injury to, a person or animal; or
 - (ii) to relieve the suffering of an animal; or
 - (iii) to seize or destroy a savage, diseased or injured animal;
 - (c) destroying a dog that has, within the preceding 24 hours, attacked and injured a person in a public place;
 - (d) exercising any other power conferred on an authorised person by this Act or a by-law.

117 Assistance of police

An authorised person may call on a member of the Police Force for assistance in the exercise of powers under this Act (or a by-law).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That pursuant to section 112, Local Government Act that Council revokes the appointment of Bianca Aragon, as an Authorised Officer and that Council appoint Phil Bickerstaff as an Authorised Officer to have the power vested in accordance with the Coomalie (Dog Management) By-Laws.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.8 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE 9TH JULY FOR NAIDOC WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Applicant: Noressa Bulsey, Batchelor Institute (BITE)

Location/Address: N/A

File Ref:

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 13th June, 2018

Author: Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Map of Awilla Road

SUMMARY

Batchelor Institute is holding a “Welcome to Country” parade that will necessitate temporary closure of Awilla Road from 10.00 to 10.30am on the 9th July, 2018.

Under Section 187, Local Government Act, the CEO has delegation that allows for temporary or minor road closures.

BACKGROUND

Batchelor Institute is conducting a Welcome to Country event on 9th July, 2018.

Similar to 2017 this would require a temporary road closure from 10.00 to 10.30am.

BITE have also advised the Batchelor Police Station of the request for road closure.

The Operations supervisor will assess public notification requirements, and required traffic control measures.

A similar request was approved by Administration in 2017 at short notice.

Section 187 of the Local Government Act allows that “A Council may temporarily or permanently close a road, or part of a road, under its care, control and management.”

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act

DELEGATION IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the request of Batchelor Institute for a temporary road closure of Awilla Road, Batchelor from 10.00am – 10.30am on 9th July, 2018 to allow for a Welcome to Country parade.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

7.9 FRIENDS OF THE NORTH AUSTRALIA RAILWAY - ADELAIDE RIVER RAIL PRECINCT DEPUTATION TO COUNCIL BY TREVOR HORMAN

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	13 th June, 2018
Author:	Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	

SUMMARY

Trevor Horman, representing Friends of the North Australia Railway presented prior to the May 15th meeting of Council and outlined the vision and next stage plans for the Adelaide River rail precinct, including the Snake Creek loop and Batchelor to Adelaide River rail corridor walking and riding trail development proposal.

In relation to the Snake Creek road crossing loop that would impact on the final stage of the Coach Road to Adelaide River road construction and seal project, Mr Horman has asked Council for approval to use of the road reserve and crossing to be reinstated at the time construction and seal of the road project being funded.

(Please note comments in background report). Mr Horman also requested ongoing support from Council through letters of support being provided for various funding applications that the Friends of North Australia Railway might submit.

BACKGROUND

Trevor Horman for Friends of the North Australia Railway did request and make a presentation on activities of the Friends of the North Australia Railway prior to Councils meeting on the 15th May, 2018. Mr Horman outlined for Council the current vision and activities of the group in particular ambitions around Adelaide River rail precinct, Adelaide River to Batchelor rail corridor and linkages of the corridor to ongoing development from the Darwin – Coolalinga rail corridor projects.

Trevor praised Council and thanked it for the Annual Volunteers Recognition evening and it is important and allows for groups such as Northern Australia Railway to be publicly recognised for their volunteer work.

6000 visitors visited the Adelaide River rail precinct last year.

Future projects – immediate focus by the Group are

- **Develop the 4km of track from Adelaide River to Snake Creek** – Major issue is with the former rail crossing on Coach Road that would need to be built up by 1.5 metres approximately to its original rail carriage height. (The road has taken priority since the railway ceased operation and has been cut away over the years by the various road builders. Mr Horman flagged that Council be requested to allow for these works to be included in the design of the final stage of Coach Road sealing to Adelaide river. Discussion with Council took place with the President noting that this would require significant engineering design (in regards to the approaches to the reinstalled crossing at the proposed heights and these costs were outside of the financial capacity of Council, and would need to be designed and funded through Grant Funding.)
- **Batchelor to Adelaide River Rail Trail** – Rail trail corridors for walkers and cyclists are a major tourism growth area across Australia. This section of the corridor would ideally need a ballast base with cracker dust on top for walking and riding. The corridor would need first to be confirmed in terms of ownership and access agreements in certain sections and might need to divert at some places to the verge of the Stuart Highway. The linkage would be really important to the ongoing efforts to eventually have a developed corridor from Darwin to Adelaide River. In terms of workers Trevor mentioned previous projects had received support from Dept of Corrections with labour however was not sure if this was possible anymore.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Australian Road Design standards incorporating tourist rail corridors

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Significant Design work and future grant application

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider the request for letters of support on going to various projects by the Friends of the North Australia Railway group; and also that Council consider issues in potential approval that would allow use of the road reserve for the Adelaide River to Snake Gully railway reinstatement which involves significant raising of the road corridor to allow a crossing over Coach Road.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

8 COMMUNITY RECREATION OFFICER REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs/CRO
Date:	13th June, 2018
Author:	Rishona Meggs, Community Recreation Officer
Attachments:	Yarn up Meeting Minutes

SUMMARY

School Holiday Program

The Active Coomalie School Holiday Program will be running in July, we will be heading off to some adventurous places such as, Leanyer Recreation Park, Adelaide River library for a gaming day, Adelaide River Mary River Queen Cruises, a teddy bears picnic at the Batchelor Oval, a lawn bowls day down at the Rum Jungle Bowls Club and a day at Planet Ten Pin. This program is subject to funding from the Northern Territory Government, this plan of events may be altered according to funding available.

Bus numbers are limited, book early to avoid disappointment. Bookings will not be received until payment has been made. Booking forms will be available from Adelaide River School, Adelaide River Post Office, Adelaide River Library, Batchelor BP, Batchelor General Store, Batchelor Area School, Batchelor Library and the Council office.

Afterschool Sports

Afterschool Sports will resume on Tuesdays at the Adelaide River Primary School, Mr Clegg will be running the afterschool sports with Coomalie Council assisting from 2.45 – 4.00pm. Batchelor Afterschool Sports will be running on Thursdays from 2.45pm – 4.00pm. These event are free, and I encourage all children to come down and have some fun and practice their skills in various sport.

Territory Day 2018

This year we will be having some exciting new entertainment at both Adelaide River and Batchelor to celebrate 40 years of Self-government. Adelaide River will have a special visit from Hyper the Clown, from 4pm -6pm on July 1st. Batchelor will have Kevin McCarthy and Ali Mills come down and sing some songs from the "Crocodile

Country” from 4pm- 6pm. There will be a free photo booth at the Batchelor oval from 4 pm – 6 pm, so come down and dress up with silly props and get your photo taken whilst listening to some local music before the Fireworks display. Fireworks will commence after sunset around 6.30. I look forward to seeing you all there. I would like to thank the Northern Territory Government and Festivals NT for the funding they have kindly provided and for all of their support.

Yarn Up meeting

Coomalie Council supported the Yarn Up meeting at the Batchelor Area School on Wednesday the 23rd at 9 am. There were many interesting concerns raised to which will now be addressed by the Batchelor Area School Council. The next meeting will be held in June at the Bruce Jones Community Centre.

AFL

The AFL footy clinic has had a massive success in Adelaide River, Mr Clegg has been doing a fantastic job at teaching the children important AFL skills. I have learnt many skills myself since commencing the program in May. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Clegg and congratulations to the children from the Adelaide River Primary School, their team recently went to Alice Springs to compete against other AFL teams in the Territory.

Supporting Batchelor Area School

I will be supporting the Batchelor Area School in June with their sports programs, I will be down at the Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre on Mondays from 3pm onwards. We will be walking around the Batchelor Township brushing up on our orienteering skills. I will also be down at the Batchelor Area School all day on Wednesdays assisting with Karate, I look forward to seeing you all there.

Coomalie Seniors Month

I am currently in the process of finalising the program for the Coomalie Seniors Month event which will be held in August. I have an exciting venue to take all of the Seniors to, followed by a beautiful lunch. I will have more information about bookings for you in the July Stop Press.

NAIDOC Week

This year Coomalie Council will support the Batchelor Area School and the Batchelor Institute with the NAIDOC celebrations. I will be at the school from 8am with an activity table, making paper plate snakes with the children. I encourage everyone to attend and I look forward to celebrating the importance of NAIDOC week with the community.

NOTE

For the information of Council.

9 FINANCE REPORTS

9.1 FINANCE MANAGERS ACTIVITIES REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	CCGCDocs/CRO
Date:	12th June, 2018
Author:	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachments:	Adelaide River Show Society Letter

SUMMARY

FLOOD DAMAGE FEBRUARY 2018

NDRRA have declared the monsoonal trough in February 2018 as an event. Council submitted a claim and damaged road photos in February. Our claim worksheet is currently being reviewed by Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics. We have recently submitted photos of roads prior to damage as requested and are awaiting advice back from NDRRA of any funding.

ANNUAL AUDIT 2017/2018

Council's auditors Nexia Marshall Edwards will be onsite at Council 7-9th August for the annual audit.

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2017/2018

Council have paid out all community grants allocated for this financial year except \$1000 to the Adelaide River Show Society. Council's In Kind and Community Grants Program policy 1.6 states "If requested give priority to supporting the Adelaide River Show up to \$1000 when considering the Annual community grants". This grant has historically been to provide assistance for the annual show.

Council have received a letter from the Adelaide River Show Society that the annual show has been postponed indefinitely this year and requests the funds still be forthcoming to offset significant one-off costs involved in website administration, updates and hosting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council do/do not allocate funds as per the request of the Adelaide River Show Society.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

NOTE

For the information of Council.

9.2 PAYMENT REGISTER

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19th June 2018
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 April 2018.

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****MAY 2018**

Date	Reference	Detail	Amount
1/05/2018	641	Telstra	951.22
4/05/2018	8751	Cr. Sharon Beswick	450.00
4/05/2018	8752	Cr. Sue Bulmer	450.00
4/05/2018	8753	Cr. Max Corliss	850.00
4/05/2018	8754	Fin Bins VTG Waste & Recycling	2,077.69
4/05/2018	8755	Cr. Christian McElwee	450.00
4/05/2018	8756	Cr. Deborah Moyle	450.00
4/05/2018	8757	S.E. Rentals Pty Ltd	258.63
4/05/2018	8758	Cr. Andrew Turner	1,500.00
4/05/2018	642	Jacana Energy	935.80
8/05/2018	G/L Consolidat	Payroll	24,682.63
8/05/2018	458703	Receiver of Territory Monies	4,950.00
4/05/2018	VISA May 2018	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1,453.32
2/05/2018	Merc Fee May 18	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	36.20
14/05/2018	8759	Access Hardware	137.50
14/05/2018	8760	Air Liquide WA Pty Ltd	73.09
14/05/2018	8761	Airpower (NT) Pty Ltd	344.19
14/05/2018	8762	Bison Haulage TA AR Freight	49.50
14/05/2018	8763	Adelaide River Inn	1,146.45
14/05/2018	8764	Darwin Office Technology	441.33
14/05/2018	8765	Fin Bins VTG Waste & Recycling	2,077.69
14/05/2018	8766	Victor Fox	2,310.00
14/05/2018	8767	Ursula Knuth	200.00
14/05/2018	8768	McArdle Freight	181.50
14/05/2018	8769	Norsign NT	248.16
14/05/2018	8770	Intergrated Land Information S	27.40
14/05/2018	8771	NT News	330.40
14/05/2018	8772	NT Water Filters	218.40
14/05/2018	8773	OfficeMax	409.51
14/05/2018	8774	Palmerston Paint Group Pty Ltd	280.00
14/05/2018	8775	Performance Services Pty Ltd	1,072.50
14/05/2018	8776	Practical Safety Australia Pty	482.46
14/05/2018	8777	Pumacard	3,324.32
14/05/2018	8778	T/A Batchelor General Store	171.48
14/05/2018	8779	RS Gardening Care	6,214.40
14/05/2018	8780	Mobile Maintenance & Renovatio	180.00
14/05/2018	8781	Turbo's Tyres	1,155.00
14/05/2018	643	Jacana Energy	1,509.52
14/05/2018	644	PowerWater	1,165.70
16/05/2018	645	Australian Taxation Office	4,739.00
16/05/2018	8782	Hilary Brett	1,113.73
18/05/2018	8783	Area IT Solutions	913.00
18/05/2018	8784	Batchelor Service Centre	959.31
18/05/2018	8785	F & J Bitumen Services Pty Ltd	126,597.80
18/05/2018	8786	Fin Bins VTG Waste & Recycling	2,077.69
18/05/2018	8787	Jardine Lloyd Thompson	726.00
18/05/2018	8788	Darwin Bolt Supplies (Normist)	41.80
18/05/2018	8789	Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	26,857.76

18/05/2018	8790	Diedre Pickering	2,633.92
18/05/2018	8791	Skinnyfish Music	2,750.00
18/05/2018	8792	Stockwell Water and Gas PTY LT	284.00
18/05/2018	8793	Turbo's Tyres	5,528.60
18/05/2018	646	Jacana Energy	104.43
18/05/2018	8794	Bruce Mason	600.00
22/05/2018	G/L Consolidat	Payroll	24,531.73
17/05/2018	Anzac Donations	Anzac Donations under \$4.95	4.95
15/05/2018	Commbiz May 18	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	59.29
15/05/2018	Tran Fee May 18	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	5.94
15/05/2018	BPay Fee May 18	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	33.44
16/05/2018	Rej Fee May 18	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1.10
24/05/2018	647	Motor Vehicle Registry	1,668.70
24/05/2018	648	PowerWater	5,120.12
24/05/2018	649	Telstra	930.42
24/05/2018	8795	Adelaide River Show Society	308.00
24/05/2018	8796	Darwin City Council	391.29
24/05/2018	8797	Fin Bins VTG Waste & Recycling	2,077.69
24/05/2018	8798	Gaz NT Pty Ltd	7,535.00
24/05/2018	8799	H&K Earthmoving Pty Ltd	152,424.45
24/05/2018	8800	Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics Pty	1,500.00
24/05/2018	8801	Bruce Mason	1,839.00
24/05/2018	8802	Master Builders Association NT	1,350.00
24/05/2018	8803	Fresh Pixel Photography TA NTP	810.00
24/05/2018	8804	Ooloo Investments Pty Ltd	37,575.21
24/05/2018	8805	Shannon Recycling & Landcare	1,375.00
24/05/2018	8806	Stockwell Water and Gas PTY LT	484.00
24/05/2018	8807	Think Water	1,144.00
24/05/2018	8808	Vanderfield Northwest	514.67
25/05/2018	Super Apr 2018	Click Super	6,002.62
30/05/2018	8809	Area IT Solutions	423.50
30/05/2018	8810	Adelaide River Primary School	2,200.00
30/05/2018	8811	Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	229.04
30/05/2018	8812	Darwin Office Technology	15.00
30/05/2018	8813	Fin Bins VTG Waste & Recycling	2,077.69
30/05/2018	8814	Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd	402.69
30/05/2018	8815	Master Builders Association NT	700.00
30/05/2018	8816	OfficeMax	321.42
30/05/2018	8817	Practical Safety Australia Pty	361.48
30/05/2018	8818	Prestons Mowing & Gardening	720.00
30/05/2018	8819	S.E. Rentals Pty Ltd	258.63
30/05/2018	8820	Tradelink - Darwin Plumbing S	32.57
TOTAL			494,601.67

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve and pass for payment the May 2018 payment register totalling \$494,601.67

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

9.3 FINANCE AND GRANT REPORT

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19th June 2018
Author:	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

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

BACKGROUND

Attached is the finance and grant report and monthly financial summary report for May 2018.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

There is no consultation that applies to this report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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

(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

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST MAY 2018

Cash at Bank	
Cash on Hand	\$ 1,000.00
Cheque Account	\$ 300,174.16
Investment Account	\$ 2,150,000.00
Trust Account	\$ 236,591.63
Total Cash at Bank	\$ 2,687,765.79

Debtors	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	
Trade ***	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 4,495.00
Rate Arrears	-	-	-	183,075.95	\$ 183,075.95
Rates paid in advance	(43,051.41)	-	-	-	(43,051.41)
Total Debtors					\$ 144,519.54

Creditors	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	
	65,256.86	-	-	11,083.36	76,340.22
Total Creditors					\$ 76,340.22

Reconciliation of Funds	
Balance as per General Ledger	\$ 537,765.79
Add outstanding Debtors	\$ 144,519.54
Less outstanding Creditors	\$ 76,340.22
Add Investment Account	\$ 2,150,000.00
Total Cash & Receivables Available	\$ 2,755,945.11

*** Trade Debtors					
AR Primary School - Glyphosate				120.00	
Batchelor Area School - Pool Fees			2,200.00		
Good Things Foundation - Grant	1,650.00				
Rita Kear - Hire Equipment		285.00			
RS Gardening Care - Glyphosate	240.00				
	1,890.00	285.00	2,200.00	120.00	

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

GRANT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST MAY 2018

Date Received	Grant	From	Amount	Expended to date	Amount Remaining	Acquittal Due
31/08/2017	Regional Ec Infrastructure Milton Coach Rd	Dept of Infrastructure	\$ 1,412,224.00	\$ 1,412,224.00	\$ -	Acquitted
22/06/2017	SPG - Batchelor Pool Upgrade	Dept of Local Government	\$ 95,310.00	\$ 81,594.13	\$ 13,715.87	30/06/2018
22/09/2017	NT Library Operations	Dept Arts Museums	\$ 51,748.00	\$ 47,782.38	\$ 3,965.62	31/07/2018
10/10/2017	Community Sport & Recreation Officer	Dept Sport and Recreation	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 59,317.91	\$ -	31/08/2018
15/12/2017	One Off Capacity Building	Division Local Government	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 38,367.22	\$ 61,632.78	30/06/2018
22/01/2018	Portable Toilet	Community Benefit Fund	\$ 64,582.00	\$ -	\$ 64,582.00	30/06/2018
1/03/2018	SLGIF Gravelling and Sealing Coach Road	Dept of Local Government	\$ 414,608.00	\$ -	\$ 414,608.00	30/06/2019
12/03/2018	One Off Grant Asset Management	Dept of Local Government	\$ 40,590.00	\$ -	\$ 40,590.00	30/06/2018
20/03/2018	Anzac Day 2018	Dept of Chief Minister	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,676.73	\$ 2,323.27	30/06/2018
29/03/2018	Upgrade Public Toilets	Dept of Local Government	\$ 130,000.00	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	30/06/2019
4/04/2018	Youth Week	Territory Families	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 913.15	\$ 86.85	31/05/2018
30/04/2018	Adelaide River Tip Fence	NT EPA	\$ 24,684.00	\$ -	\$ 24,684.00	1/03/2019
3/05/2018	Territory Day Celebrations	NT Major Events	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,594.86	\$ -	31/08/2018
23/05/2018	Roads to Recovery	Dept of Infrastructure, Reg Devt	\$ 108,397.00	\$ -	\$ 108,397.00	30/06/2018
30/05/2018	Adult Learning Activation AR Library	Good Things Foundation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	31/10/2018
			\$ 2,497,143.00	\$ 1,649,470.38	\$ 864,585.39	
		Cash and Receivables			\$ 2,755,945.11	
		Unspent Grants & Subsidies			\$ 864,585.39	
		Cash Available to Council			\$ 1,891,359.72	

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL					
MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY					
MAY 2018					
Account Code	Account Description	16/17 Actual	Month Actual	YTD Actual	17/18 Budget
110 ADMINISTRATION					
110 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,448,797	14,560	1,673,992	1,494,236
110 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	805,852	57,794	708,610	861,155
110 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 110	642,945	-42,838	965,382	633,081
210 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES					
210 3899	TOTAL INCOME	-33,153	9,000	203,582	9,000
210 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	84,515	11,091	61,368	79,400
210 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 210	-117,668	-2,091	142,214	-70,400
211 SANITATION AND GARBAGE					
211 3899	TOTAL INCOME	392,637	0	407,351	382,185
211 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	250,536	20,882	183,763	344,345
211 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 211	142,101	-20,882	223,588	37,840
212 CEMETERIES					
212 3899	TOTAL INCOME	1,973	259	1,554	2,000
212 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	8,724	339	2,709	9,000
212 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 212	-6,751	-80	-1,155	-7,000
310 PARKS AND GARDENS					
310 3899	TOTAL INCOME	5,691	155	1,303	0
310 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	175,449	21,050	162,215	197,725
310 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 310	-169,758	-20,895	-160,912	-197,725
311 LIBRARIES					
311 3899	TOTAL INCOME	51,243	1,500	56,430	50,757
311 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	51,722	7,074	47,784	50,757
311 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 311	-479	-5,574	8,646	0
312 SPORT AND RECREATION					
312 3899	TOTAL INCOME	-60,231	0	442	40,100
312 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	113,627	6,420	92,431	174,545
312 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 312	-173,858	-6,420	-91,989	-134,445
313 SWIMMING POOL					
313 3899	TOTAL INCOME	416	860	99,656	99,310
313 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	112,227	35,869	159,760	210,940
313 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 313	-111,811	-35,009	-60,104	-111,630
314 COMMUNITY RECREATION					
314 3899	TOTAL INCOME	48,685	87	50,891	131,900
314 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	57,988	9,588	64,101	159,818
314 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 314	-9,303	-9,501	-13,210	-27,918
410 ROADS AND TRANSPORT					
410 3899	TOTAL INCOME	2,714,122	167,264	2,152,831	1,837,768
410 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	812,596	347,598	2,449,569	2,808,668
410 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 410	1,901,526	-180,334	-296,738	-970,900
510 STREETLIGHTING					
510 3899	TOTAL INCOME	27,140	0	7,252	13,200
510 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	25,948	0	13,536	33,600
510 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 510	1,192	0	-6,284	-20,400
511 TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
511 3899	TOTAL INCOME	16,746	3,388	16,162	12,000
511 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	37,380	2,729	22,937	39,700
511 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 511	-20,634	659	-6,775	-27,700

512 DOG MANAGEMENT					
512 3899	TOTAL INCOME	2,424	30	3,211	2,000
512 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	20,823	2,230	19,769	25,125
512 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 512	-18,399	-2,200	-16,558	-23,125
513 GLYPHOSATE					
513 3899	TOTAL INCOME	2,945	545	5,564	2,400
513 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	10,600	2,400
513 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 513	2,945	545	-5,036	0
514 GAMBA AND WEED CONTROL					
514 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	10,537	2,310	10,573	5,000
514 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY) 514	-10,537	-2,310	-10,573	-5,000
900 3899	TOTAL INCOME	4,619,435	197,648	4,680,221	4,076,856
900 4999	TOTAL EXPENSES	2,567,924	524,974	4,009,725	5,002,178
900 5000	SURPLUS / (DEFICIENCY)	2,051,511	-327,326	670,496	-925,322

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report, Grant Report and Detailed Financial Summary for May 2018.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

9.4 FRIENDS OF NORTHERN AUSTRALIA RAILWAY – EXEMPT FROM RATES

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	19th June 2018
Author:	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Friends of the North Australian Railway Inc have applied for exemption from general rates. They satisfy section 144 of the *Local Government Act* as (f) land used for a non-commercial purpose by a public benevolent institution or a public charity;

They hold a Deductible Gift Recipient status as per the ABN look up site and their registered ABN.

BACKGROUND

Lot 213 Town Adelaide River has been included into Lot 215 Town Adelaide River for the purpose of a lease not in excess of 12 years.

Crown Lease Term 2569 over Lot 215 Town Adelaide River has been issued to the Friends of the North Australian Railway at Adelaide River Incorporated.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Trevor Horman, Friends of the North Australian Railway

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

144 Exempt land

(1) The following land is exempt from rates:

(a) Crown land occupied by the Territory for a public purpose (other than the provision of public housing);
(b) land of the council, other than such land leased for a purpose that does not give rise to an exemption under some other provision of this section;

(c) a public place consisting of:

- (i) a park, garden or reserve; or
- (ii) a playground or sports ground; or
- (iii) a cemetery; or
- (iv) a road;

(d) land belonging to a religious body consisting of:

- (i) a church or other place of public worship; or
- (ii) a place of residence for a minister of religion associated with a church or other place of public worship; or
- (iii) a place of residence for the official head in the Territory of the religious body; or
- (iv) an institution for religious teaching or training;

(e) a public hospital;

(f) land used for a non-commercial purpose by a public benevolent institution or a public charity;

(g) a kindergarten, Government school as defined in section 5 of the *Education Act*, non-Government school registered under the *Education Act*, or a university or other tertiary educational institution;

(h) land recognised by the council as a youth centre;

(i) a public library or public museum;

(j) the common property:

- (i) in a units plan or building development plan registered under the *Real Property (Unit Titles) Act*; or
- (ii) of a scheme formed under the *Unit Title Schemes Act*;

(k) land owned by a Land Trust or an Aboriginal community living area association except:

- (i) land designated in the regulations as rateable; or
- (ii) land subject to a lease or a licence conferring a right of occupancy; or

(iii) land used for a commercial purpose;

(l) land exempted from rates under another Act.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policies that apply to this report.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

Friends of the North Australian Railway are granted exemption from general rates.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12th June 2018
Author:	Melissa Kerr, Finance Manager
Attachment:	Annual Shire Plan Comments

SUMMARY

The current Annual Shire Plan and Budget has been reviewed in accordance with the legislation. Council advertised the draft Annual Shire Plan and invited public comment for 21 days. Council received comments from one property owner and the Sustainability Compliance Branch of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Council must make revisions to the draft it considers appropriate in light of the submissions prior to adopting the Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act requires Council to have an Annual Shire Plan for its area. This must be developed or revised at least once during the Council's term of office. The plan must contain the following:

- Service Delivery Plan
- Budget
- Include or reference the Strategic Plan
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Constitutional arrangements currently in force
- Opportunities and challenges
- Possible changes to the Administrative and Regulatory framework
- Possibilities for improving local government services
- Performance indicators

Council is also required to review the Annual Shire Plan between 1 April and 31 July annually. It is required to adopt it and forward to the Department prior to 31 July 2018.

Council is required to prepare a draft of the plan and publish a notice in a newspaper circulating in the area inviting submissions on the draft plan for a period of 21 days. It must make revisions to the draft it considers appropriate in light of the submissions prior to adopting the Plan.

COMMENTS

Council received one comment from one property owner within the 21 days. The resident has raised the following issues –

1. Adelaide River Railway Precinct – great support, disappointed no cash support
2. Using reserves for more productive purposes – eg. Installing grid interactive solar power on buildings
3. Net expenditure on parks, reserves, recreation facilities – is this sensible or appropriate?
4. Pernicious effect of minimum rate for rural landholders – subsidising recreation activities of town people

The Department of Housing and Community Development require a link in the document to Council's Strategic Plan and made suggestions and minor edits to the remaining document.

CONSULTATION

An invitation to comment was made through the NT News, Council website, Facebook, and Stop Press newsletter. Please see comments received in the attachments.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

s. 23, 24, 71, 72, 127(2), 128(1), 155 and 158(1) of the Local Government Act

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Annual Shire Plan provides the guidance document for Council's decision making throughout the year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Budget for 2018/2019

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2018/2019

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Notice is given pursuant to section 158 of the *Local Government Act* that the following rates and charges were declared by Coomalie Community Government Council ("**Council**") at the ordinary council meeting held on 19th June 2018 pursuant to Chapter 11 of the *Local Government Act* ("**the Act**") in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2019. *(A copy of the assessment record is available for inspection, free of charge, at any of the Council's public offices. A person may apply to the Council for the correction of an entry in the assessment record.)*

Rates

Pursuant to section 155 of the Act, Council declared that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$914,071.00.

Pursuant to section 148 of the Act, the bases of rates are differential valuation based charges with differential minimum charges.

Pursuant to section 149 of the Act, the basis of assessed value is the unimproved capital value.

1. Batchelor Township Ward and Adelaide River Township Ward

In respect of allotments classed as "Residential" or classed as "Commercial" in the council assessment record, a differential rate of 0.00522 of the assessed value with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being \$957.00 multiplied by:

- i. the number of separate Residential Parts or Units that are adapted for separate occupation or use on each allotment (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act); or
- ii. the number 1 (one),

whichever is the greater.

For the purposes of paragraph 3, "Residential Parts or Units" means a dwelling, house, flat or other substantially self-contained residential unit or building.

2. Batchelor Rural ward, Adelaide River Rural Ward, Coomalie/Tortilla Ward and Lake Bennett Ward

In respect of allotments classed as “Residential” or classed as “Commercial” in the council assessment record, a differential rate of 0.001919 of the assessed value with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being \$807.00 multiplied by:

- i. the number of separate Residential Parts or Units that are adapted for separate occupation or use on each allotment (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act); or
- ii. the number 1 (one),

whichever is the greater.

3. Pastoral leases under the *Pastoral Land Act*

In respect of allotments of land over which there is a pastoral lease, as defined in section 3 of the *Pastoral Land Act*, a rate of 0.000302 of the unimproved capital value with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being \$371.99.

4. Mining tenements

In respect of allotments of land which are subject to mining tenements as defined in the Act, a rate of 0.003434 of the unimproved capital value with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being \$880.40.

Note:

- i. Contiguous leases or reasonably adjacent leases held by the same person will be rated as if they were a single lease.
- ii. If the owner of the mining tenement is also the owner of the land underlying the mining tenement and is liable for the rates for the underlying land tenure, the only rates payable are either the rates for the mining tenement or the rates for the underlying land tenure, whichever is the highest.

Charges

Pursuant to section 157 of the Act, Council declared the following charges for the purpose of kerbside garbage collection provided, or which council is willing and able to provide.

Council intends to raise \$382,380.00 by these charges.

5. Residential allotments

In respect of allotments classed as “Residential – not vacant” in the council assessment record, where Council is willing and able to provide the service, a charge of \$429.00 per annum per allotment.

The service provided is a kerbside collection of the contents of one 240 litre bin per week.

6. Commercial Allotments

In respect of allotments classed as “Commercial” in the council assessment record, where Council is willing and able to provide the service, a charge of \$884.00 per annum per allotment.

The service provided is a kerbside collection of the contents of two 240 litre bins per week.

Where a ratepayer in respect of an allotment classed as “Commercial” in the council assessment record, has requested, and the council is willing and able to provide the service instead of the service described above, a charge of \$2323.00 per annum per allotment.

The service provided is a kerbside collection of the contents of one 660 litre bin per week.

7. General Waste management

In respect of all allotments which are not liable for charges under paragraph 6. or 7. above, a charge of \$202.00 per annum per allotment for access to the Council’s waste management facility for the purpose of depositing waste from the allotment, regardless of whether or not the facility is used.

8. Payment

The due date for payment will be notified in rates notices and will be at least 28 days from the date the notice is issued.

9. Interest Rate for late payment

The relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with section 162 of the Local Government Act at the rate of 18% per annum.

Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

Council consider the public comment received and adopt the Annual Shire Plan 2018-2019 including all prescribed contents, the annual budget, elected member allowances, and fees and charges.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

RECOMMENDATION

Council declare the rates for 2018-2019 and publish a notice of the rates declaration on its website and in a newspaper circulating generally in the Council's area.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

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

(e) information provided to the Council on the condition that it be kept confidential.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

11 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil

12 USE OF THE COMMON SEAL

12.1 DISCHARGE OF STATUTORY CHARGES

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	21 st November, 2017
Author:	Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	

SUMMARY

Council has received rates and arrears payments on two properties that had overriding statutory charges applied. It is now a requirement that the Discharge of Statutory Charges be applied, utilising the Council Seal.

BACKGROUND

Council at its April OGM passed the below resolution in regards to Overriding Statutory Charges.

RESOLUTION 17/04/2018/019

That Council arrange for the registration of Overriding Statutory Charges on the 34 properties that are 2 or more years overdue and approve the use of Council's Common Seal to be affixed on the registration documents.

Moved: Clr. Moyle

Seconded: Clr. Turner

CARRIED

Two of these has now been paid in full and requires form 48 Discharge of Statutory Charges to be signed and the Council Seal affixed.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

170 Overdue rates to be a charge on land

If rates are not paid by the due date, the rates become a charge on the land to which they relate.

Exceptions:

1. Rates do not become a charge on land unless the owner of the land is a ratepayer who is liable for the rates that are in arrears.
2. Rates cannot become a charge on land within an Aboriginal community living area.

171 Registration of charge

- (1) After rates have been in arrears for at least 6 months, the council may apply to the appropriate registration authority for registration of the charge over the land to which the charge relates.
- (2) The registration authority must, on payment of the appropriate fee by the council:
 - (a) register the charge as an overriding statutory charge; and
 - (b) notify all persons with a registered interest in or over the land of the registration of the charge.
- (3) Failure to give notice of the registration of the charge under subsection (2)(b) does not invalidate the registration of the charge.
- (4) A registration authority must cancel registration of a charge if the council applies for the cancellation.
- (5) The council must apply for cancellation if the liability to which the charge relates is fully satisfied, and may apply for cancellation for any other reason.

172 Effect of registered charge

While a charge is registered as an overriding statutory charge under this Division, it has priority over all other registered and unregistered mortgages, charges and encumbrances except a previously registered overriding statutory charge.

173 Power to sell land for non-payment of rates

If rates have been in arrears for at least 3 years, and an overriding statutory charge securing liability for the rates has been registered for at least the last 6 months, the council may sell the land.

174 Pre-conditions of sale

- (1) Before the council sells land for non-payment of rates, it must give a notice to the principal ratepayer for the land at the address appearing in the assessment record:
 - (a) stating the period for which rates have been in arrears; and
 - (b) stating the total amount currently outstanding on the land; and
 - (c) warning that if that amount is not paid in full within a stated period (at least 1 month) after the date of the notice, the council will sell the land for non-payment of rates.
- (2) A copy of the notice must be given to:
 - (a) any other person with a registered interest in the land; and
 - (b) if the land is a pastoral or other lease granted by the Territory, or a mining tenement – the Minister administering the legislation under which the lease or mining tenement was granted.
- (3) If the whereabouts of a person to whom a notice (or copy) is, after reasonable inquiries, not ascertained by the council, the notice may be given by:
 - (a) publishing it in a newspaper circulating generally throughout the Territory; and
 - (b) leaving a copy of the notice in a conspicuous place on the land.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council policy is to apply for the Registration of an Overriding Statutory Charge on all properties who had in excess of 6 months' worth of overdue rates.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorise the use of the Council Common Seal to be affixed to form 48 Discharge of Statutory Charges that is required when rates and arrears have been paid in full, and that the President and the CEO authorise the Discharge documents as required.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

14 DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL SECTION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Nil

15 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Coomalie Community Government Council will be held on Tuesday 17th July 2018 at 6:00pm (unless starting time altered by Council) in the Council Chambers.