



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGENDA

PINE CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 3 MAY 2022

AT 12:30 PM

AT THE PINE CREEK MULTI RESOURCE CENTRE

56 MAIN TCE, PINE CREEK, NT 0847

MEMBERS

Juliett Mills	Sam Forwood (Chairperson)
Gaye Lawrence	Tom Phennig (Deputy Chair)
Karen Giumelli	Patricia Cummins
Alan Fountain	Alain Denouel
John Roberts	David Paddy
Edward Ah Toy	Councillor Yvette Williams



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

Russell Anderson
Chief Executive Officer



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1. Meeting Opening

2. Welcome

3. Attendance and Apologies

4. Disclosure of Interest

5. Resignations, Terminations and Nominations

5.1. Resignations

Nil

5.2. Terminations

Nil

5.3. Nominations

Nil

6. Invitation for Deputations to Present/Speak

Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes

7.1. Pine Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 8 March 2022

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Pine Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 8 March 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Attachments

1. 1. Minutes - Pine Creek LA - Meeting 08.03.2022 [7.1.1 - 6 pages]

DRAFT MINUTES

Pine Creek Local Authority

Tuesday 8th March 2022

12.30PM

Pine Creek Multi Resource Centre

1. METTING OPENING

CEO of Victoria Daly Regional Council Russell Anderson opened the Meeting at 12.30pm

2. WELCOME AND MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

3. ATTENDANCE.

PRESENT: Councillor Yvette William, Alan (Bunny) Fountain, Alain Denouel, Juliet Mills, Karen Giumelli, Gaye Lawrence, Sam Forwood, Pat Cummins, John Roberts, Tom Pfennig.

Officers: Christy Colling VDRC Council Service Manager, Russell Anderson – VDRC CEO, Michelle Will - VDRC Manager of Executive Services, Matthew Cheminant - VDRC Director of Council Operations, Rupak Helwai – VDRC Executive Services Officer

Visitors: Amanda Haigh – Regional Manager, Local Government – Big Rivers Region, Duminda Jayaweera LGANT - Big Rivers Region
Dheran Young – Member for Daly, Kristy Sayers-Hunt Electorate Officer
Ian Gudgeon, Bronwyn Barrow, Jodie Stanley – Katherine High School Reps
Sue Evans, Ruby Liddy, Elizabeth Sullivan - Community Members
Mark Asendorf, Managing Director – Marmel Enterprises

Minute Taker: Christy Colling.

APOLOGIES: : Eddie Ah Toy, David Paddy

ABSENT:

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST (MEMBERS AND STAFF)

Nil

5. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Resignations - N/A

Terminations - Nil

Nominations - Alan (Bunny) Fountain, Alain Denouel, Juliet Mills, Karen Giumelli, Gaye Lawrence, Sam Forwood, Pat Cummins, John Roberts, Tom Pfennig, Eddie Ah Toy.

As Local Authority Members are all new and a Chair and Deputy Chair are still to be determined this meeting was chaired by Russell Anderson CEO of VDRC. The Chair formally welcomed the

members of Pine Creek Local Authority and advised that later in the proceedings a vote would need to take place to elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

6. INVITATION FOR DUPUTATIONS TO PRESENT/SPEAK

6.1 Dheran Young- Member for Daly

- Dheran did a general welcome to the LA members and advised that he would like to do a mobile office around every 2 months so he can communicate more effectively.

6.2 Presentation from Michelle Will – Power Point Presentation - Local Authority's and the New Guidelines

Michelle explained that all future nominations for a position on a Local Authority will come to the Local Authority first for approval and then go to Council. Michelle also explained the process of electing a Chair and a Deputy Chair.

6.3 Russell asked all to introduce themselves as there were many new faces on the Local Authority and a few visitors to the meeting.

6.4 Nominations for the Chair were called.

Nominations were:

- Eddie Ah Toy, - Nominated by Gaye Lawrence 2nded by Tom Pfennig
- Sam Forwood – Nominated by Bunny Fountain and 2nded by Karen Giumelli
- John Roberts – Nominated by Eileen Juliet Mills and 2nded Gaye Lawrence.

Scrutineers – Michelle Will and Tom Pfennig

Sam Forwood was elected as Chair.

Nominations for the position of Deputy Chair was called.

Nominations were:

- Tom Pfennig - Nominated Karen Giumelli and 2nded by Sam Forwood
- John Roberts – Juliet Mills and 2nded Pat Cummins

Scrutineers – Michelle Will and Bunny Fountain

Tom Pfennig was elected Deputy Chair.

*Ian Gudgeon and Katherine High Representatives left the meeting.

CEO Russell Anderson stepped down from being Chairperson and the Nominated Chairperson Sam Forwood took the Chair.

Sam thanked Russell Anderson for Chairing and Michelle Will for the Presentation.

6.5 Presentation – Mark Asendorf, Managing Director, Marmel Enterprise.

Mark delivered a PowerPoint presentation for the Miners Park and town surrounds to create a Geo Trail.

During the presentation, Mark informed Local Authority that Peter Waggitt- AusIMM, and himself had been working together updating the signs throughout Miners Park.

A discussion about the Geo Trail and the signs followed.

Mark in partnership with Peter Waggitt would like Local Authority to endorse the proposal.

Resolution

Motion: That Local Authority endorse the proposal of a GeoTrail being built in Pine Creek.

Moved: Gaye Lawrence

Seconded: John Roberts **Carried:** All

7. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting held 2nd November 2021

7.1 Gaye Lawrence questioned if the motion from the previous minutes 10.1) had been completed. COM response was yes, an invitation was sent, Telstra had not responded.

7.2 Discussion: Telstra Services. LA members and MLP Dheran Young about the lack of Telstra Services in Pine Creek.

7.3 Dheran Young, Kirsty Sayers – Hunt and Mark Asendorf left the meeting.

7.4 Discussion: Rate rises and the responses from VDRC. CEO Russell Anderson tabled Budget figure.

7.5 Discussion: Rates and Waste Management. CEO Russell Anderson and Operations Director Matt Cheminant responded explaining about the proposed transfer station, EPA, Funding and installing the security fencing.

7.6 Discussion: Planters on Main Tce. Juliet Mills voiced the planters should have a different type of plant in them.

Resolution - 2022.03.08-2

Motion That the Minutes of the Pine Creek Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 be accepted as a true record.

Moved: Gaye Lawrence

Seconded: Alain Denouel **Carried:** All

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 Discussion: Quote from TTC – Repairs Jimmy Ah Toy Oval.
COM explained TTC were the only company to quote on the proposed works.

Resolution

Motion That the quote from TTC Electrical for the Electrical Upgrade at Ah Toys Oval be accepted and approved

Motion Moved: Alan Fountain

Seconded: Tom Pfennig **Carried:** Majority

9. INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Letter of Complaint – Sue Evens.

Discussion: Acoustics in the MRC. Discussion involved noise reducing items e.g. Curtains, Soft wall.

Outcome: COM to look into possible items to reduce the noise in the MRC.

9.2 Letter of Complaint – Xiao Denouel.

Discussion: Trucks parking on Main Tce.

Outcome: Chairperson Sam Forwood will meet with Juliet Mills and Alain Denouel to survey the area where the trucks park.

10. REPORTS

10.1. Local Authority Reports – *Nil*

10.2. Finance Reports –

Resolution

Motion That the Finance report be accepted.

Motion Moved: Alain Denouel

Seconded: Sam Forwood

Carried: All

10.3. Council Services Manager's Report

Resolution

Motion That the COM report be accepted

Motion Moved: John Roberts

Seconded: Karen Giumelli

Carried: All

10.4. Governance Report – *Nil*

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Question – Alan Fountain asked for a response to the Power and Water grant information he forwarded to Cr Williams. Cr Williams responded by explaining the process within VDRC for grant applications and that it was tabled at the last Council meeting.

COM responded that it was not applied for as there was insufficient time to have the Grant application in.

A question of open bubblers for public use was discussed

Resolution

Motion That the VDRC continue to seek funding for bubblers to be installed in the parks.

Motion Moved: Gaye Lawrence

Seconded: Alan Fountain

Carried: All

11.2 Discussion: Radio signal from TEABBA being disrupted.

11.3 Discussion: Roaming dogs

* Pat Cummins left the meeting.

11.4 Discussion Goldrush. Gaye Lawrence spoke about Cr Williams receiving council support for VDRC Staff to give “in kind” support for the Goldrush festival.

The Pine Creek Tourist Association will hold a meeting to set the date for this year’s Goldrush Festival and will let the COM know of the plans

12. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 3rd May 2022

13. APPENDIX LIST

- A. LA Electing a Chairperson.
- B. LA Project Funding
- C. LA Policy
- D. Code of Conduct
- E. Minutes PCLA 02.11.2021
- F. Quote Repairs Jimmy Ah Toy Oval
- G. Big Rivers Liveability Survey
- H. Letter of Complaint – Sue Evans
- I. Letter of Complaint – Xiao Denouel
- J. Seniors Voice Grants
- K. PC Finance Report
- L. Com Report
- M. Finance report

Meeting Closed

Meeting Closed 2.20pm

Approved by Local Authority Chairperson

Sam Forwood

Date



8. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

9. Correspondence

9.1. Incoming Correspondence

Recommendation

That the following in-coming Correspondence be noted.

1. Territory Broadcastig Request [**9.1.1** - 1 page]



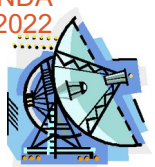
Territory

Broadcasting

Pty Ltd

19 Victoria Hwy
Katherine South NT 0850

ABN 98 992 205 921



AGENDA
Pine Creek Local Authority Meeting Tuesday 3 May 2022

Phone: 0419 698 111

Email: tbpl@tbpl.com.au

23rd March 2022

Pine Creek Regional Office
Vic/Daly Council

Att. Christy

Hi Christy

I would like this to serve as an intro and heads up and seek some help from you if possible.

My wife and I have owned and run the Country Radio Station in Katherine since 2013. It is one of the special low power radio licences that are designed to serve the township mainly. It is family owned and run and certainly does not run at a profit with currently only one sponsor. We have virtually provided the service free of charge to Katherine. It is called KatCountry88 and is on 88.0 MHz in the FM band. If you are in Katherine please feel free to take a listen. Best reception is in the town itself. We also have a small website for the station at:

<http://katcountry88.com.au>

The reason for writing is to see if we could talk to you about sharing the old container up the hill with TEABBA. As you know I do technical work for TEABBA and am in the throes of obtaining the parts to finish the repair on their service at Pine Creek.

There would be no cost to the council and as this transmitter and computer are very small they use very little electricity.

I have all the equipment necessary to do the installation and must wait for the licence application to be dealt with via a public auction held by the Australian Federal Government hopefully in August.

I am sure this raises questions and we are happy to enter into discussions with you at your convenience. I should be back in Pine Creek very soon to finish the TEABBA repair.

Yours sincerely

Mike Alsop
Owner TBPL



10. Reports

10.1. COM Report 23.03.2022

Report Type Council Operations Manager Report
Department Community Council Operations Council Operations
Prepared by A/Council Operations Manager, Pine Creek

Recommendations

- A. That the COM Report 23.03.2022 is received and noted

Attachments

1. COM Report - Pine Creek - 23.03.2022 [10.1.1 - 3 pages]



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**VICTORIA DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL OF 29 MARCH 2022
Report for Agenda Item No 0**

**COMMUNITY Report Template
Prepared by Christy Colling, COM**

Visitors

Cr Williams	VDRC
Russell Anderson	VDRC
Michelle Will	VDRC
Matthew Cheminant	VDRC
Rupak Halwai	VDRC
Ryan Dundas	VDRC
Tanya Brown	VDRC
Sai Mokkaapati	VDRC
Tony Harris	VDRC
John Bonson	VDRC
Dheran Young	MLP
Kirsty Sayers-Hunt	Electorate Officer
Mark Asendorf	AusImm/Marmel Enterprises.
Karl Howard	Yarning
Michael Devery	Yarning
Karen Khan	Batchelor Institute
Pal Grewal	Batchelor Institute
Imelda Davis	Batchelor Institute
B Fleming	NT Sports
R/SGT Andrew Jamieson	NT Police
Donna Donzow	EON
Karl Howard	Sun Cable
Tara Granzien	Rise
Deb Justice	Rise
Jessica Pearson	Rise
Elfred Maithang	Rise

Events And Activities

Australia Day

Due to a Covid 19 isolation and quarantine policies, the Australia Day Event was cancelled.

On Thursday 3rd February, we held a small ceremony for the recipients of awards. Cr Williams presented the awards to Edward Ah Toy for Citizen of the year and to Dwayne Campbell for the Young Citizen of the Year.

A small morning tea followed,

Thank you, the guests who attended the ceremony, Cr Williams, Amanda Ah Toy, Gaye Lawrence, Constable Andrew Jamison and VDRC Staff.
Thankyou Amanda Ah Toy for bringing cake and sandwiches to add to the morning tea

WW2 Celtrac Tractor.

Local Authority donated the tractor to the Darwin War Museum.
It was picked up on Friday 4th February 2022.
The Celtrac is to be restored and placed on display.

Meetings

Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2022.

Staffing

We have a shortage of staff at the moment.
Positions available are

- 1 x Operations Officer (Parks and Gardens)
- 2 x Community Night Patrol Officers
- 1 x Sport and Recreation Officer.

Projects

- Waste management upgrades
- Playground repair and upgrade, Moule St
- Dump point upgrade
- Jimmy Ah Toy Oval Power repairs.
- Park railings and fencing

Core/Infrastructure Services

Operations Staff are preparing fire breaks as Contractors are scheduled to begin the burning off with in the town on boundaries Monday 11th April.

Public And Street Lighting

All faults reported to Power and Water

Local Emergency Management

Up to Date

Maintenance Buildings And Fixed Assets

The Water Tank at Copperfield Dam needs replacement.
We have sourced a quote which will be tabled at the next Local Authority meeting being held on Tuesday 4th May 2022.

The playground on Moule street has been closed due to storm damage.
A grant has been applied under the Community Grant's to install a hard cover and to repair damage in the park.

The roof of the Council Office in Moule st has been leaking.
Contractors have re-nailed some of the areas that were visibly loose.
With severe storms water is still leaking into the Community Hall.
A grant may be required to renew the roof.

Animal Welfare and Control

No current issues.

Local Road Maintenance

Wet weather conditions are hindering the road maintenance grades. Operations staff have accessed local damage to roads and have made repairs to the major potholes. All other ongoing pot hole maintenance will be continued as the weather permits.

Waste Management And Litter Control

Upgrades to the Waste Facility is continuing with preparations the area to be fenced.

Plant And Equipment

All Plant and Equipment have been serviced and repaired as required.

Community Services

Night Patrol

Community Night patrol has been quiet.
Covid 19 has impacted Night Patrol Staff and Community quarantine isolations

Libraries And Culture

Library is on Wet Season hours, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Sport And Recreation

Due to the Sport and Recreation position being vacant, no programmes are being implemented at the moment.

Recommendation

- 1. That Council accept this report**

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.



10.2. Finance Report

Report Type Finance Report
Department Financial Services Corporate Services
Prepared by Senior Accountant

Recommendations

- A. That the report Finance Report is received and noted

Attachments

1. Pine Creek March 2022 4 [10.2.1 - 7 pages]

Pine Creek Income and expenditure for the period ending 31st March 2022

Victoria Daly Regional Council
Income and Expenditure
For the period ended on 31-Mar-2022

Pine Creek



Description	Year To Date Ended on 31-March-2022		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income			
Grants and Subsidies	500,476	89,444	411,032
Fees and Charges	3,659	6,989	(3,331)
Other Current Income	23,240	10,965	12,275
			-
Total Income	527,375	107,398	419,977
Expenditure			
Employees	(467,161)	(674,319)	(207,158)
Councillor and LA Expenses	(2,262)	(5,175)	(2,913)

Council received \$410,671 grants for Pine creek waste management facility upgrade.

Revenue from Hire of equipment has been less than anticipated

Reimbursement for power supply to Mango plantations was more than what was anticipated.

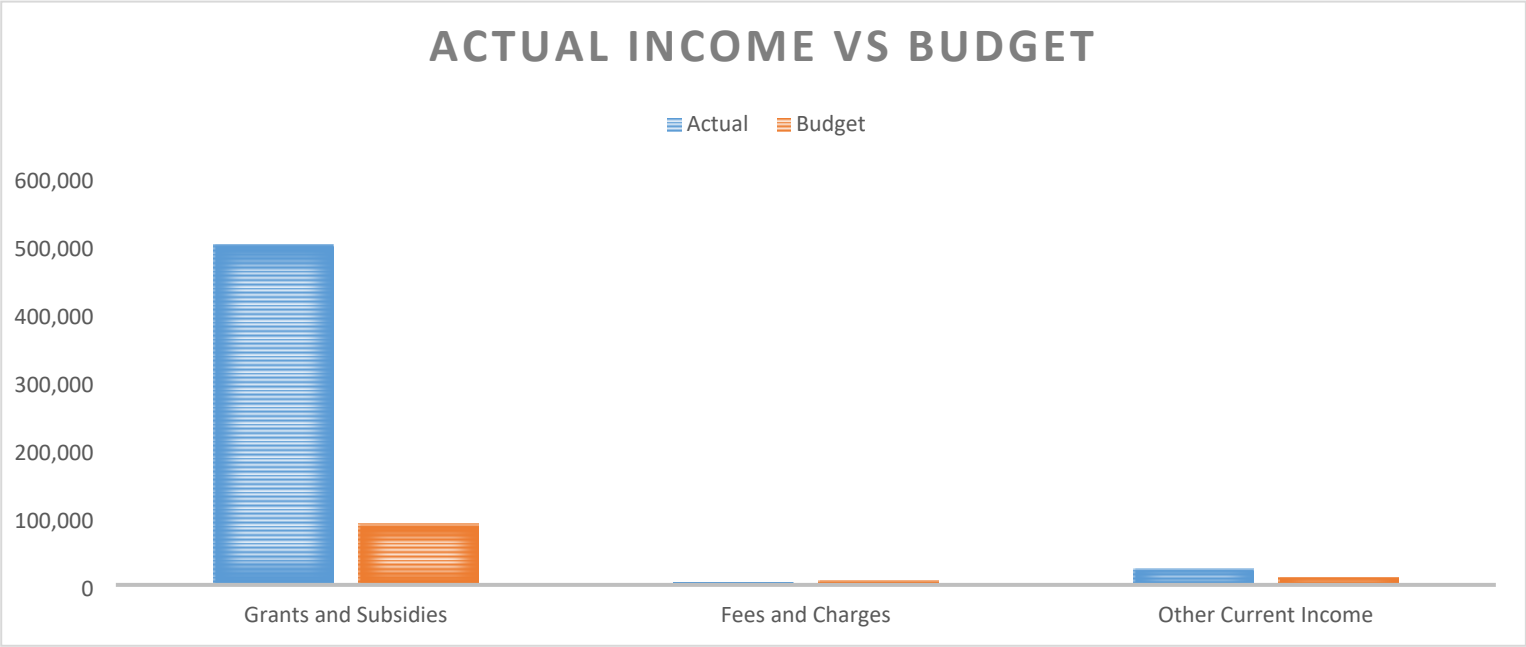
Underspend is due to vacant positions

Underspent due to less meetings held compare to last financial year

Materials and Contracts	(277,171)	(1,279,099)	(1,001,928)	Underspent is fund budgeted for capital works. Pine creek waste management facility upgrade (out to tender) and pine creek Dump fencing (tender awarded)
Depreciation	(1,328)	(2,178)	(850)	
Fleet and Plant Expenses	(30,824)	(27,751)	3,074	Overspent on Repair and maintenance of plants and motor vehicles
Utility and Communication Expenses	(69,697)	(78,783)	(9,086)	Underspent on hardware (\$1,518) and Telephone expenses (7,370)
Other Operating Expenses	(9,225)	(26,572)	(17,347)	Underspent on training (15,000) and Stationery (1,172)
Finance Charges	(51)	(470)	(420)	
Allocated Expenses/(Income)	(381,853)	(386,702)	(4,849)	
Total Expenses and Allocations	(1,239,572)	(2,481,048)	(1,241,476)	
Surplus (Deficit) For the period	(712,196)	(2,373,649)	1,661,453	

Income

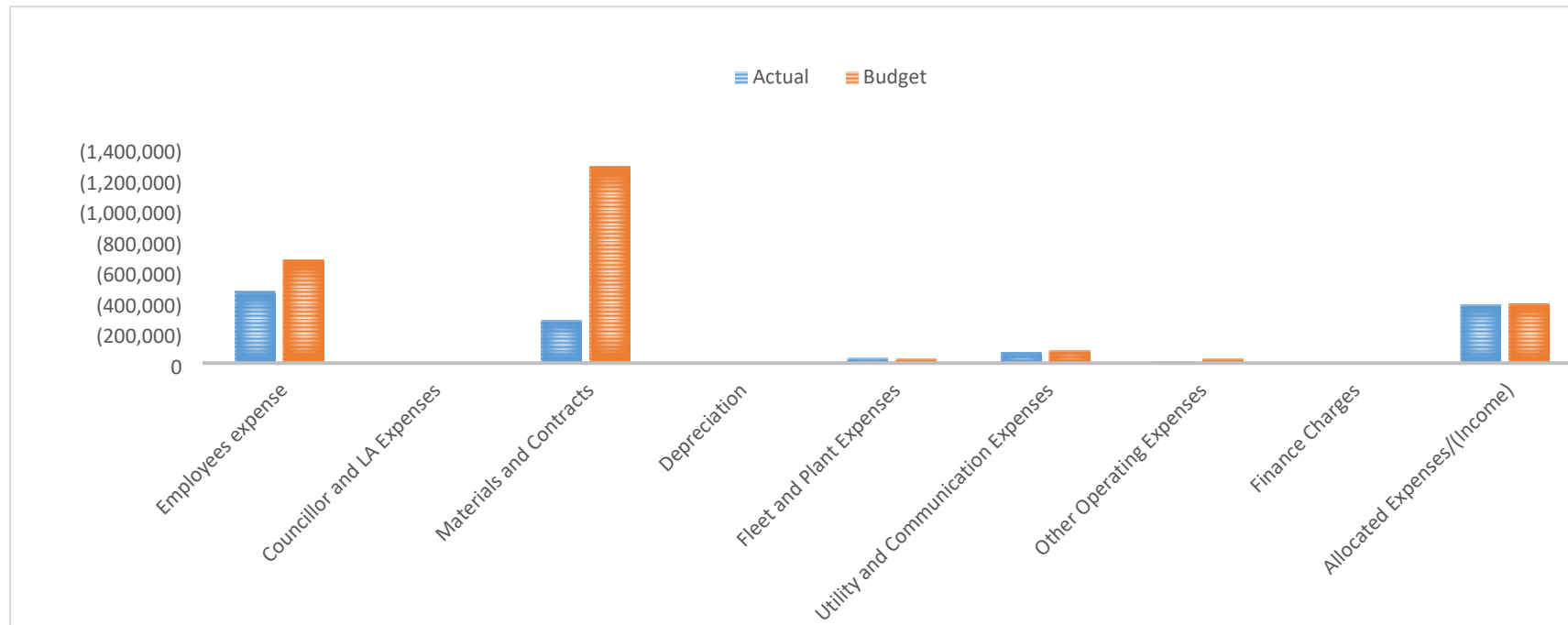
Last nine months, council total revenue of \$527,375. Council secured \$410,671 grants to finance pine creek waste management facility upgrade.



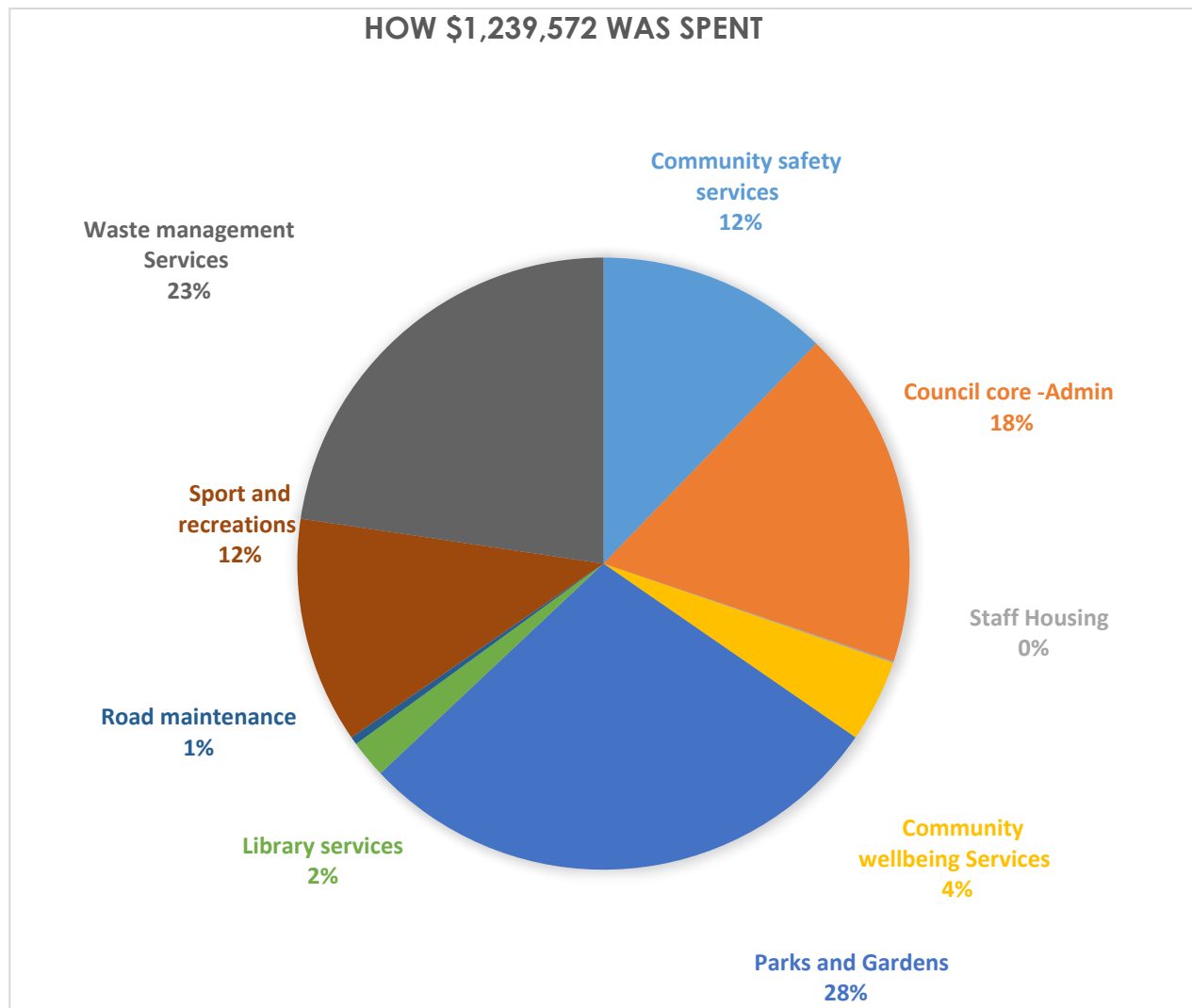
Expenditure

Accumulated expenditure to date is \$1,239,572. Underspend of \$1,241,476 is attribute to vacant positions and planned capital works in Pine creek not yet commenced.

Bar chart shows actual vs Budget expenditure by Account Categories



Pie chart below shows how \$1,239,572 was spent in providing difference services.



Local Authority Funds and project

Fund Carried forward from last financial year	46,902
Funds received this financial year	46,900
	<u>93,802</u>
Funds allocated to Project	-42,684
Funds available for future projects	<u><u>51,119</u></u>

Project ID	Project Name	Resolution passed on	Budget amount	Actual Amount	Status
	Build a signage on the Northern and Southern entrances-Pine Creek	02-Mar-21	20,000	-	Not yet started
50LB762	Seniors Christmas Party	02-Nov-21	1,000	847	Completed
50LB763	Repairs to the Solar light at Walk Thru Time Heritage Park	02-Nov-21	8,126.00	8,126.00	Completed
50LB806	Repair to power at Jimmy Ah Toy Oval	02-Nov-21	13,557.50	-	Not yet started
			42,684	8,973	

Funds available for future projects	51,119
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10.3. Regional Plan

Report Type Local Authority Reports
Department Executive Services **Chief Executive Office**
Prepared by Manager of Executive Services

Purpose

The objective of the 2022-23 Regional Plan workshop is to seek input from Local Authority and community members regarding priority projects for the 2022-23 Financial Year.

Recommendations

- A. That the Regional Plan is received and noted

Outcomes:

- Identify achievements from 2021-22FY
- Identify and prioritise proposed projects for 2022-23FY

Time allocated	Item/Activity	Responsible
5 mins	Welcome and introduction – 5 mins	COM
5 mins	Overview of workshop and desired outcomes	Facilitators
10 mins	2021-22 Regional Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on projects completed • Highlight projects not completed/not commenced and provide reasons 	COM
10 mins	Provide an example of a project which aligns with council's strategic plan and meets funding guidelines	Councillor
45 mins	Activities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brainstorm projects for 2022-2023FY 2. Prioritise projects 	ALL
5 mins	Close workshop	Facilitators

Council officer conflict of interest declaration

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

Attachments

1. Pine Creek Ward 2021-22 FINAL [10.3.1 - 3 pages]
2. VDRC Strategic Plan Outline 2020 - 2024 [10.3.2 - 2 pages]
3. local-authority-project-funding-guidelines [10.3.3 - 4 pages]



Pine Creek Ward

PINE CREEK

- Location:** 225kms south of Darwin, 92.3kms north Katherine
- Population:** Approximately 250
- Languages:** English, Wagiman, Jaywon, Myalli
- Road access:** Sealed road access to Pine Creek and Kybrook Farm Community
- Major Event/s:** Australia Day, International Womens Day, Harmony Day, ANZAC Day, GOLDRUSH Festival, Territory Day Fireworks
- Tourism:** Maintaining the aesthetics of Pine Creek i.e. Parks and Gardens, Public Toilets, waste management is vital for the Tourism aspect of Pine Creek.

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Chair:

My Edward Ah Toy

Appointed members:

Yvette Williams, Alain Denouel, Sam Forwood, Bunny Fountain, Steele Heidtman, Lance Lawrence, Juliet Mills, David Paddy, and Tom Pfennig.

Elected members:

Cr Gaye Lawrence

Ex-Officio:

Mayor Brian Pedwell

BRIEF HISTORY

Pine Creek is situated at the junction of the Stuart and Kakadu Highway, an easy two hour drive south of Darwin and only one hour north of Katherine.



Pine Creek Ward

The Council Office for the Ward is located in Pine Creek employing 14 staff members of which 28% identify as Indigenous. Services provided include parks and gardens, waste management and Administration; and deliver the services of Community Night Patrol, Outside School Hours Care, sports and recreation and libraries. A range of services are also provided to the nearby Indigenous community of Kybrook Farm.

Pine Creek is one of the Northern Territory's oldest towns. It is a tough, resilient community that has faced a cyclical history of boom and bust. Over the past century, Pine Creek has been a significant player in the economic life of the Top End, with housing and community service infrastructure in the town expanding in step with mining activity.

Pine Creek owes its existence to the Pine Creek Geosyncline, a giant intrusion of mineral rich ore seams. It extends northwest from Pine Creek to just south of Adelaide River. This rich orebody has been

slowly eroding over the eons, depositing traces of alluvial minerals throughout the region in creeks, rivers and flood plains.

It was the discovery of alluvial gold in these deposits by construction workers on the Overland Telegraph Line in 1870 that led to the development of Pine Creek. Pre-European settlement, the Pine Creek area was home to the Wagiman, Asgicondi, Arigoola, and Jawoyn peoples.

On the 9th April 2019 the Wagiman and Jawoyn Bolmo, Matjba and Wurrbarbar groups were recognized as the native title holders of the town of Pine Creek.

Surveys have indicated that the largest known complex of Aboriginal quarries in the Northern Territory was established in the region. There are also several recorded Aboriginal sacred sites within the area. The Wagiman Guwardagen Rangers are the principal managers for this area.





2021-22 Pine Creek Project Priorities

**asterisk identifies key community priorities*

Outcome	2021-22 Project Priority	Responsibility/ Stakeholders	Strategic Plan	Funding obtained
Services				
Roads and Infrastructure	Installation of sign at lookout	VDRC, Local Authority	G1, G5	No
	* Repair community footpaths	VDRC, funding body	G1, G4, G5	Pending
	Cemetery upgrade including water supply	VDRC, funding body	G1, G4, G5	No
Playgrounds and Family Space	Water bubblers in parks	VDRC, Local Authority	G1, G4, G5	No
	Continue with the development of playground equipment	VDRC, Local Authority	G1, G4, G5	No
	Beautification of the Pine Creek water gardens	VDRC	G1, G4, G5	No
	* Renew unsafe post and rail fences	VDRC, funding body	G1, G4, G5	No
Sports and Recreation	Spotlights on sports oval	VDRC, funding body	G1, G4, G5	No
	Upgrade playing field	VDRC, funding body	G1, G4, G5	No
Waste Management	* Meet EPA requirements	VDRC, EPA, local engagement, funding body	G1, G5	No
	Improve town recycling options	VDRC, local engagement	G1, G5	No
Advocacy				
Community Activities & Events	Seek funding opportunities for Pine Creek festivals including Gold Rush and Didgeridoo festival	VDRC, Local Authority, sponsorship/ funding body	G1, G2, G6	No
Community Engagement	Advocate for Pine Creek Men's Shed	VDRC, Local Authority, funding body	G1	No
Community Safety	Continue supporting community safety through the Night Patrol program	VDRC, Local Authority, funding body	G1, G4	Yes
Tourism	Bird watching hide including descriptions and images of local birds on plaques	VDRC, funding body	G1, G5	Pending application
	Installation of BBQ's in parks	VDRC, Local Authority, funding body	G1, G4, G5	No
	Design and install Pine Creek welcome signs	VDRC, Local Authority, DIPL	G1, G4, G5	No
Youth Engagement	Grow youth group activities including social sports, craft and disco events	VDRC, Local Authority, funding body	G1, G4	Yes

OTHER PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY PINE CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY

- Implement a weekly seniors computer session
- Develop a Pine Creek community garden and increase tree planting
- Recycle water from the bottom to top ponds
- Develop a community mini golf activity in the local park
- Continue running the annual International Women's Day event
- Community involvement in the production of murals, including cultural art on the Pine Creek amenities facility
- A dedicated space for arts and craft
- Liaise with Kybrook to investigate job opportunities

VISION TO STRENGTHEN OUR REGION THROUGH FOSTERING DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH AND SOCIAL WELL BEING "MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER"

THE KEYS TO OUR SUCCESS

CAPABLE LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND STAFF



QUALITY LEADERSHIP

Provide proactive leadership with transparent and accountable governance

KEY PRIORITIES

- Ensure effective community leadership and representation to Council of local issues through Local Authority Committees.
- Support and train elected regional representatives and members of the local Authority
- Comply with all statutory, regulatory and reporting requirements
- Create and implement an external communications plan which informs stakeholders of Council's activities
- Advocate on behalf of the region to address regional disadvantage
- Develop a reporting structure to enable Council to review the implementation and success or otherwise of the Strategic Plan

BE RESPECTFUL



FINANCIAL STABILITY

Enhance the Council's financial sustainability to enable quality services and assets across the region

KEY PRIORITIES

- Diversify the Council's Business division's contracts and activities to provide a wide range of income sources
- Work with on-ground personnel to develop innovative budget solutions to minimise expenditure and maximise income streams
- Improve efficiencies within the Council to minimise resource wastage
- Creation of reserve to address Council's short, medium and long-term infrastructure requirements

TREAT ALL EQUALLY



INVEST IN OUR PEOPLE

Grow our people through investment in training, skills recognition and developing regional opportunities for employment

KEY PRIORITIES

- Invest in training through the development and implementation of a comprehensive Training Plan covering all staff
- Review the current organisational structure to improve communications, maximise inter departmental support and to grow staff capabilities and remuneration
- Create and implement an internal communications and visitation plan which builds understanding between all divisions of the Council
- Grow local employment through the development and delivery of programs and contracts in communities and across the region.

BE ACCOUNTABLE



INFRASTRUCTURE

Continually improve Council's assets and infrastructure through good forward planning

KEY PRIORITIES

- Develop and implement an Asset Maintenance and Replacement Program
- Identify, plan and implement a comprehensive ITC Plan
- Create and implement a structured vehicle and plant replacement program
- Develop and implement an Environmental Plan that will minimise Council's foot print and maximise recycling opportunities
- Maximise grant income through targeting critical initiatives within the plans

BE TRUSTWORTHY & HONEST



SYSTEMS

Improve the operating systems, policies and procedures

KEY PRIORITIES

- Review all policies and procedures to ensure compliance and consistency of implementation within 12 months
- Overhaul the Council's Knowledge Management system within 18 months to improve work efficiency
- Upgrade software and hardware within 12 months to assist in improving staff efficiency and access to records

ACKNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT CULTURE



LIVEABILITY

Enhance the liveability of our communities and our regional lifestyle

KEY PRIORITIES

- Delivery of quality programs which support resident's well being
- Support the facilitation of local and regional cultural events and festivals
- Facilitate the provision of services which improve residents' lives
- Be business friendly to encourage the development of business and industry investment into the region
- Enhance the local sport and recreational environment within each community

PROTECT HERITAGE

VISION TO STRENGTHEN OUR REGION THROUGH FOSTERING DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH AND SOCIAL WELL BEING "MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER"

VICTORIA DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN 2020 - 2024

OUR PURPOSE

The primary role of a Regional Council is to ensure the delivery of local government services to our Region to meet current and future needs. The Regional Council also provides Australian and Northern Territory Government services and programs which benefit and add to the lives of those living in the Region.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The Council's Strategic Plan sets out the short, medium and long term vision for the next four years. The Plan provides a guiding framework for the region of what strategies are needed to improve the way the Council works, to improve the delivery of services, to improve the infrastructure and life style in our Region.

The Plan is a resource to assist in guiding planning, policies, strategies and actions undertaken by Council for the benefit of communities and the Region

The Plan is a living document which needs to be reported against and reviewed regularly.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE PLAN

OBJECTIVES

are the overarching statements which describe what the Regional Council wants to achieve for the Region.

STRATEGIES

define how the Council will achieve its objectives to ensure the outcomes are met.

OUTCOMES

detail what Council wants to achieve through implementing the Strategic Plan. Our Outcomes are measurable and will assist Council in monitoring their activities and successes.

IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN

The Council will use the Plan in a range of ways including:

- Guiding the Council by setting priorities within the Council and external to the Council
- Providing a base level framework to measure success of the implementation of the Plan to achieve the Council's Vision for the Region
- Provide a framework for the development of Council's Regional Plan
- Informing the Region's residents of the future direction and initiatives of Council
- Assisting in the development of Action Plans for the various divisions of Council
- A guide to assist Local Authorities to implement plans for their communities
- Accessing grants and sponsorship for initiatives which align with the Council's Strategic direction.
- Informing our stakeholders, partners and the various agencies and Government at all levels of Council's strategic priorities and future directions.
- Improving Council resources including human resources, IT, physical infrastructure and equipment.

OUR VALUES

RESPECT

respect for each other's opinions and ideas

EQUALITY

We are all equal

ACCOUNTABILITY

being accountable for our own actions and behaviours

TRUSTWORTHY

being trustworthy and honest with one another and with our community members

CULTURE

acknowledge and respect the cultures of our people

HERITAGE

we acknowledge and protect our heritage

MISSION

Council will achieve our vision through:

- Advocating on behalf of our region and its communities
- Sound governance and proactive leadership at regional and local levels
- Having a sound financial base which has at its core, a diversity of income streams
- Investing in growing the ability and wellbeing of our staff
- Continuously improving our services, planning, ITC systems, policies and procedures
- Having consistency in our service delivery
- Communicating effectively within the Council and external to the Council
- Supporting community officers to enable them to deliver appropriate services into communities
- Ensuring that we are continually addressing our environmental sustainability and waste management
- Striving towards developing and maintaining Councils assets and resources
- Working in a united manner with all communities towards a strong, safe, healthy future
- Providing employment opportunities and growing the local talent pool within the region
- Having inclusive engagement strategies
- Working with environmentally sound businesses to invest in the region
- Being resilient and adaptable to future challenges

OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Council will work with Stakeholders to assist in creating Council's regional Visions. Our stakeholders are many and varied and all are important to the fabric of life in our Region.

- Local Authorities
- Community members
- Employees
- Business Units within the Council including CDP, Community Services, Assets and Infrastructure, Finance, Human Resources, Administration
- Australian Government Agencies
- Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
- Community Stakeholders
- Indigenous organisations and corporations
- Regional Councils across NT
- CouncilBiz
- The Northern Land Council and Central Land Council
- Local Government Association of the Northern Territory
- Maintenance and Transport Contractors
- Wholesale suppliers of retail products
- Schools
- Aboriginal controlled Health Organisations
- NTG Health Clinics
- Developers being individuals, Corporations, or Companies
- Mining Companies
- Sporting Organisations
- Agricultural Industry
- Pastoral Industry
- Tourism and accommodation operators

Funding Guidelines

Local Authority Project Funding

Purpose

To encourage the continued development of local authorities and their respective communities through the provision of funding to undertake priority community projects that are in line with these guidelines.

Objectives

The objectives of the program are to:

- Assist in building stronger communities and assist community priority projects as recommended by local authorities.
- To assist local governing bodies and the constituent communities they represent to become stronger and self-sustaining.
- Assist in the provision of quality community infrastructure that facilitates community activity and integration.
- Assist in developing local government capacity to provide legitimate representation, effective governance, improved service delivery and sustainable development.

Funding Pool

The Local Authority Project funding pool is non-application based and is distributed through a methodology developed by the Northern Territory Grants Commission to regional councils.

This funding is only available for those local authorities published in the guidelines made by the Minister under Part 5.1 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Local Authority Project Approvals

Individual local authorities must formally resolve each initiative this funding will be used for. A copy of this resolution is to be recorded in the minutes of the relevant local authority meeting.

At each local authority meeting, a report is to be submitted detailing the total amount of funding available and spent on local authority projects under this program in each financial year.

The report is to include details and amount spent on each project of the relevant local authority for which funding has been provided.

Examples of Acceptable Purposes for Expenditure

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example:- office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example:- trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

Employee costs

If council employees are utilised as general labour to assist with approved projects, the value of such labour that can be expensed to the project is a maximum of \$30 per hour. The maximum amount that can be costed to general labour hours is 5% of the total annual local authority funding.

Risk Management

Where funds are to be used for a purpose outside the council's control or on an asset that is not owned or controlled by council, the council should consider the liability and insurance requirements associated with that project. Councils should consider each project on its merit before progressing with the project. All risks associated with the project are to be considered and met by the council. The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet will not be held responsible for any liability arising out of the use of these funds.

Pre-conditions

If the proposed project relies on pre-conditions (such as the acquisition of a section 19 lease under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*), then the project should not be undertaken until there is conclusive evidence that the condition will not hinder the progress of the project for which funds have been allocated.

Examples of Unacceptable Purposes for Expenditure

- Purchase of vehicles and fuel expenses
- Payment of salaries, cash prizes or recurrent operating costs of council
- Meeting costs and payments to local authority members
- Sponsorship by way of uniforms, travels cost and allowances
- Purposes that are not related to local government services and that should be addressed by another government agency.

Administration and/or project management fees are not to be levied on this grant funding.

Process for Grant Payment

Once the respective allocations for each local authority have been calculated regional councils will receive a letter of offer and acceptance documentation from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

This advice will comprise the total grant amount being offered to the regional council as well as a breakdown of the amount to be made available to each local authority.

Regional councils eligible to receive these grants will need to comply with the following:-

- Ensure that there are no outstanding grant acquittals relevant to this Department's local government grants, otherwise there will be no payment made of approved grant/s
- Return the signed acceptance form back to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet with appropriate authorisation.

These grants will be released around mid-September once the signed acceptance and the previous year's certification reports are received.

Annual Certification

- The grant must be fully expended within two years of receipt of funding. Failure to do so may result in the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet taking action, including but not limited to: withholding further grant payments under this program or requesting unspent funds to be repaid.
- Councils are to submit a certified income and expenditure report (financial report) for the year ended 30 June for each of its local authorities.
- The financial report must be completed in the format as required by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet and formally approved by Council. The financial report is to be submitted to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet on or before 31 August in each year. Failure to provide the financial reports by 31 August will result in delays in paying further funds.
- All approved projects are required to be procured in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* and, as far as practical under the NT Government's Buy Local Plan.
- Requests to carry-over unspent funds remaining after two consecutive years is to be submitted via email to: lg.grants@nt.gov.au. All requests will be considered on a case by case basis and approval is not automatic.

- The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet reserves the right to request the full value of the grant to be returned if the council disposes of an asset acquired with this funding within four years of the payment of the grant.

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11. Questions from the Public

12. General Business

General Business Items

1. Dumping Point – Councillor Williams
2. Pine Creek Fencing - Councillor Williams
3. Telstra Tower – Pat Cummins

I wish to table the issue of the
Telstra tower. when we have
lightning strikes.

I would like to request that
Council Council approach Telstra
to have a lightning rod installed so
as we have mobile coverage
continually.

PL
Pat Cummins
19/04/2022.



13. Confidential
14. Next Meeting