



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGENDA

**KALKARINDJI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 2022
AT 12:30 PM
AT THE KALKARINDJI COUNCIL OFFICE
VDRC OFFICE**

MEMBERS

Leah Leaman	Pansy Wardle
Simeon Long	Anne Saunders
Selma Smiler	Councillor Georgina Macleod
Pamela Morris	



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Russell Anderson
Chief Executive Officer



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1. Meeting Opening

2. Welcome

3. Attendance and Apologies

3.1. Attendees

3.2. Apologies and Absentees

4. Disclosure of Interest

- (1) As soon as practicable after a member becomes aware of a conflict of interest in a matter that has arisen or is about to arise before an audit committee, a council, a council committee or a local authority, the member must disclose the interest that gives rise to the conflict (the **relevant interest**):
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 - (b) to the CEO.
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 - (b) participate in any decision in relation to the matter; or
 - (c) engage in behaviour that may influence the audit committee, council, council committee or local authority's consideration of or decision in relation to the matter.

5. Resignations, Terminations and Nominations

5.1. Resignations

Nil

5.2. Terminations

Nil

5.3. Nominations



Nil

6. Call for Items of General Business

7. Guest Presentations

7.1. EON Foundation - Jacqui Young

Report Type Report for Information

Attachments

1. EON FOUNDATION NT [7.1.1 - 2 pages]



EON Foundation

- EON Foundation ('EON') was founded in 2005 to address the unacceptably high rates of infection and chronic disease prevalent in remote Aboriginal communities which have severe flow on effects on health, education and the ability to fully participate in the workforce and actively engage in life.
- Prevalent and debilitating conditions suffered by children and adults residing in these disadvantaged communities include type II diabetes, heart disease, anaemia, malnutrition and chronic ear infections that make it impossible for children to hear properly in the classroom.
- Poor nutrition is a major contributor to these health problems.
- Key causes of poor nutrition in remote communities are a lack of affordability and access to fresh fruit and vegetables and a poor understanding of the link between nutrition and better health.
- While some communities may have a small community store, they are often many kilometres from a regional centre and by the time the food is delivered to a remote location it is no longer fresh and is very expensive.
- COVID-19 has exacerbated this issue with disrupted supply chains affecting most remote and regional locations.
- EON's invitation-only **Thriving Communities Program** was designed in partnership with Aboriginal leaders to address the dual issues of food insecurity and the need for improved nutrition education in remote communities.



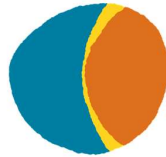
Thriving Communities Program

- Our **Thriving Communities Program** is a community-led, hands-on gardening, cooking, nutrition education and hygiene program based around establishing edible fruit, vegetable and bush tucker gardens in the community school and teaching students how to grow and harvest their own food.
- The program has three integrated components:
 - EON Edible Garden** - A large vegetable, bush food and fruit garden established at the community school, including all infrastructure to make it viable in the long term such as reticulation, fencing and a shadehouse. The children have access to the fresh produce and learn how to grow it through fortnightly lessons from EON Project Managers.
 - EON Healthy Eating** - A comprehensive nutrition and cooking program for children and adults to increase knowledge about the importance of a healthy diet. The program becomes part of the weekly school timetable and EON Project Managers deliver fortnightly classes in nutrition, cooking and health. Adults can participate in regular workshops.
 - EON Training, Education & Employment** - formal and informal horticultural and/or nutrition training is provided to senior students and adult community members to ensure sustainability and job creation. Whenever possible, EON employs and trains local community members and works with the local job networks (CDP) to ensure the program creates jobs.

EON Foundation is the registered business name of EON Benevolent Fund Inc.

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EON Foundation

- The gardens provide a source of fresh, healthy food for school children and the surrounding community. Assistance is also given to community members who want to establish edible gardens in community and at their homes.
- The program has been developed and refined in consultation with remote community members over the last 15 years. It is very much about building community capacity in grassroots, community-led way.
- EON only offers the program to communities that invite EON in and agree to partner with us in a proactive way. We sign a partnership agreement with each school and community we work with whereby we provide the infrastructure, training and staff and the school and community commit to embrace the program and the training and education opportunities it provides.
- Our program is delivered by EON's passionate and dedicated Project Managers who visit each community fortnightly for up to five years, providing education and training to enable the community to embrace enduring healthy lifestyle change.

Reach

- EON has delivered its Thriving Communities Program to 39 communities across Australia, including 19 communities who have completed the program.
- Across Australia we are currently partnered with 20 communities. In the Northern Territory we are delivering the program to 10 communities in the Big Rivers region, and to 3 communities on Groote Eylandt.

Impact

- EON has proven success in working alongside communities and achieving significant changes in attitudes and behaviours to healthy foods. Evidence of this can be provided through the results of our internal Monitoring and Evaluation Program and a recent independent evaluation commissioned by the Federal Department of Health.

Demand

- Demand for our program is increasing with a waiting list of communities who have asked EON to partner with them to improve their health and well-being.





8. Confirmation of Minutes

8.1. Kalkarindji | Daguragu Local Authority Meeting held on 15 March 2022

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Kalkarindji | Daguragu Local Authority Meeting held on 15 March 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Attachments

1. 2022-03-15 KDLA Unconfirmed Minutes [8.1.1 - 7 pages]



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KALKARINDJI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2022

12:30PM

KALKARINDJI COURT HOUSE BUILDING



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1 MEETING OPEN

CEO Russell Anderson opened the meeting, the time being, 12:36pm.

2 WELCOME

CEO welcomed all to the meeting.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCE

Councillor Georgina Macleod
Anne Saunders
Pansy Wardle
Pamela Morris
Leah Leaman (joined the meeting at 01:07pm)

APOLOGIES

Simeon Long
Selma Smiler

ABSENT

NIL

VDRC STAFF

Chief Executive Officer	Russell Anderson
Director of Operations	Matthew Cheminant
Manager of Executive Services	Michelle Will (Minute taker)

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

NIL

5 RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

- 5.1 Resignations - NIL**
- 5.2 Terminations – NIL**
- 5.3 Nominations - NIL**

Leah Leaman joined the meeting, the time being 1:07pm.



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The CEO invited the Manager of Executive Services to conduct an induction presentation for the recently appointed members of the Kalkarindji – Daguragu Local Authority.

Documents tabled:

- VDRC Local Authority Information (presentation slides)
- Ministerial Guideline 1 – Local Authorities
- Code of Conduct - Schedule 1
- Breach of Code of Conduct Policy (LGP007)
- VDRC Local Authority Policy (LGP026)
- Local Authority Project Funding Guidelines
- R17 - Local Authorities under the new Act - July 2021
- R18 - Sections on Local Authorities - July 2021
- Victoria Daly Strategic Plan 2020-2024

ELECTING A CHAIRPERSON

The CEO called for nominations to the position of Chairperson.

Anne Saunders was nominated by **Councillor Georgina Macleod**

Leah Leaman seconded the nomination for **Anne Saunders**

The nomination went uncontested

The CEO called for nominations to the position of Deputy Chairperson.

Pansy Wardle was nominated by **Anne Saunders**

Councillor Georgina Macleod seconded the nomination of **Pansy Wardle**

The nomination went uncontested

11.1.1 Electing a Chairperson

RESOLUTION:

1. That the Kalkarindji Local Authority nominates a Chairperson for a period of twelve (12) months
2. That the Kalkarindji - Daguragu Local Authority appoint Anne Saunders as Chairperson for a period of 12 months.
3. That the Kalkarindji - Daguragu Local Authority appoint Pansy Wardle as Deputy Chairperson for a period of 12 months.

Carried: Unanimously

CEO handed the meeting over to newly elected Chairperson, Anne Saunders.

6 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL



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7 INVITATION FOR DEPUTATIONS TO PRESENT/SPEAK

NIL

8 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Kalkarindji Local Authority Meeting held on 9 November 2021

RESOLUTION:

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Moved: Georgina Macleod

Seconded: Leah Leaman

Carried: Unanimously

9 INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

10.1) Liveability Survey

Motion: That the Kalkarindji-Daguragu Local Authority accept the correspondence

Moved: Cr. Georgina Macleod

Seconded:

Guest from the department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, Mr. Hoffman, spoke to the local authority regarding the tabled email. Mr. Hoffman explained that the survey is a good catalyst for gauging how the community members in the region are feeling.

10 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

11 REPORTS

11.1.2 Local Authority Resources

MOTION:

That the Kalkarindji - Daguragu Local Authority receive and note this report.

Moved: Cr. Georgina Macleod

Seconded:

11.2.1 Kalkarindji - Daguragu Local Authority Financial Report

MOTION:

That the Kalkarindji – Daguragu Local Authority receive and note this report.

Moved: Cr. Georgina Macleod

Seconded:



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The Director of Operations presented the finance report to the Local Authority.

- Discussions ensued regarding the commitment of funds to vet services.

Pansy Wardle left the meeting, the time being 1:30pm.

Anne Saunders left the meeting, the time being 1:39pm

Anne Saunders returned to the meeting, the time being 1:40pm

Leah Leaman left the meeting, the time being 1:40pm

Leah Leaman returned to the meeting, the time being 1:41pm

11.2.1	Rates and Waste Revenue
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MOTION: That the Kalkarindji – Daguragu Local Authority:

- A. Receive and note the Rates and Waste Revenue Charges report.

Moved: Cr. Georgina Macleod

Seconded:

11.3.1	Kalkarindji Community Report
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MOTION: That the Kalkarindji – Daguragu Local Authority:

- A. Receive and note the Rates and Waste Revenue Charges report.

Moved: Cr. Georgina Macleod

Seconded:

12	QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
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NIL

13	GENERAL BUSINESS
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Cr. Georgina Macleod moved the receipt of all reports.

Waste Management

The Chairperson asked VDRC staff members present for an update on the waste management projects. The CEO and the Director of Operations discussed the hub and spoke model.

Discussion also took place regarding engaging and incentivising kids.

14	CLOSED SESSION
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NIL



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15 NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 10 MAY 2022

16 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting was closed at 1:57pm.

This page and the preceding six (6) pages are the Minutes of the Meeting of Kalkarindji-Daguragu Local Authority held on Tuesday, 15 March 2022.

Chairperson Anne Saunders requested that the sitting fee for her attendance continues to be paid to the Kalkaringi School.

Anne Saunders



8.2. Kalkarindji | Daguragu Local Authority Meeting (RP22-23) held on 11 April 2022

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Kalkarindji | Daguragu Local Authority Meeting (RP22-23) held on 11 April 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Attachments

1. 2022-04-11 KDLA Regional Plan Workshop Unconfirmed Minutes [8.2.1 - 5 pages]



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MINUTES

KALKARINDJI REGIONAL PLAN WORKSHOP

MONDAY, 11 APRIL 2022

12:30PM

KALKARINDJI COURT HOUSE



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KALKARINDJI / DAGURAGU REGIONAL PLAN WORKSHOP

MONDAY, 11 APRIL 2022

12:30PM

KALKARINDJI COURTHOUSE

PERSONS PRESENT

MEMBERS

Cr. Georgina Macleod	Councillor
Anne Saunders	Chairperson
Leah Leaman	Member
Simeon Long	Member

STAFF PRESENT

Rob Drew	Council Operations Manager
Jocelyn Moir	A/Director of Operations
Michelle Will	Manager of Executive Services
Rupak Halwai (minute taker)	Executive Services Officer

GUESTS

Michael George
Rob Roy
Brenton Hobart

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Pamela Morris	Member
Pansy Wardle	Member
Selma Smiler	Member

REGIONAL PLAN WORKSHOP

Facilitated by Executive Services Manager, Michelle Will and Executive Services Officer, Rupak Halwai and A/Director of Council Operations Jocelyn Moir, Victoria Daly Regional Council.

Community needs and ideas were noted on subject titled paper to be taken back to regional office and collated as a draft to be included in the Regional Plan for 2022-23.

Discussions

Discussions were made as follows:

- Purchased 6 rubbish bins to put in public areas – awaiting installation.
- Installed cold water drinking fountains.
- Daguragu roads need funding and engineering for upgrade.



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- Led Street lights installed and received good outcome and feedback.
- Funding to receive to upgrade Daguragu Recreation Hall. Work expected to begin.
- Fundings required to upgrade new council office.
- The need and idea to build water park / water fountain for school kids was put forward.
- Daguragu playground has been successful. The need to build fencing and tap water was put forward.
- Roads being worked on Sealing of Buntine Highway and Duncan Road.
- Welcoming visitors signage needs to be installed.
- Upstream river height gauge still on going.
- Gym in Kalkarindji is on going.
- Men shed is on going.
- Funding required for Youth engagement officer.
- Suggested to install nets in courts.

Project Priorities 2022-23

Community Activities and Events

Short Term	Long Term
Water Park	Community Art Projects(Example Murals) incorporated with Kalkarindji Art Week

Sustainability recycling and land management

Short Term
Secure site for waste Management
Recycling Points

Roads and Infrastructure:

Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	Advocacy
Cold water drinking fountains(Kalkarindji)	Daguragu Roads Upgrade	Business Hub / Community Hall	Advocacy Buntine Highway
Daguragu Rec Hall	Fencing Daguragu playground	Rectangular Sports Field	Advocacy Upstream River Guage
Shade, trees and seats (Arts Centre)	Daguragu Bus Shelter		Advocate Regular Bus Service Kalk to Daguragu
All Road Signage			Advocate 2 x Rest Stops
			Toilets and Water Tank(between TS + HW)



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			Advocate Reinstating of Water Daguragu and Central Park
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Governance and leadership training

Short Term
Governance training(all)

Tourism

Short Term
Advocate 2 x Rest Shops(on RSL)

NEXT MEETING

The next Kalkarindji – Daguragu Local Authority meeting will be held 10 May 2022.

Meeting Closed at 02:40pm.

This page and the preceding four pages are the minutes of the Reginal Plan Workshop held on Monday, 11 April 2022.

Anne Saunders



9. Councillor Update

9.1. Councillor Update from Cr Macleod

Report Type Report for Information

Recommendation

That the Councillor Update from Cr Macleod is received and noted.

Attachments

Nil



10. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

11. Correspondence

11.1. Incoming Correspondence

Recommendation

That the following in-coming Correspondence be noted.

1. Big Rivers Liveability Report Victoria Daly Regional Council LGA [11.1.1 - 10 pages]

The Big Rivers Liveability Report

Victoria Daly Regional Council

Purpose

The perception and reality of how 'liveable' a place is considered critical to attracting and retaining population. It's the key consideration for people when choosing where to live as put simply, liveability equals' quality of life.

'Liveability' can mean many different things to different communities, but we when think about our day to day lives and how we spend our down time, we mostly think; can I access a doctor when I need to? Are there great schools for my kids and playgrounds to keep them entertained? What's the connectivity like? Can I enjoy the great outdoors, rent a house easily or achieve career growth? Is this a good place to have a go with a business start-up?

The Big Rivers Liveability Report conducted by the Northern Territory Government is a regional place based approach to measuring liveability in the Big Rivers Region.

The objectives of the project include:

- Understanding the perceptions and reality of living in the region from residents who live – or have lived – in the Big Rivers Region
- Identifying what is desired in a regional lifestyle to attract and retain people in the region through community ideas for change
- Creating regional baseline data to inform planning, monitoring and evaluation

The liveability survey places our residents at the centre of our planning by seeking to understand what attributes are valued the most, the region's greatest strengths, those that need to be prioritised and areas where we're underperforming.

Liveability was measured against nine core attributes including broadly grouped elements to address a broad range of interpretations of liveability.

Please note the report does not measure performance levels of services. It only captures respondents' perceptions of access to service (the nine core attributes).

Background

Victoria Daly Regional Council (the Council) covers an area of 168,000km² and encompasses seven communities and two villages that includes Pine Creek, and Timber Creek. The estimated resident population is approximately 3,176 people, of which 65% identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. ¹

The council is comprised of five wards, however only four wards will be reported on including Daguragu, Walangeri, Timber Creek and Pine Creek.

Defining Liveability

In this project, 'liveability' has been associated with the following core attributes:

Healthcare	Access to hospitals, doctors, pharmacy, dentist, mental health services and specialist services.
Education	Access to childhood education services (e.g. preschool, day care etc.), primary school, secondary school with breadth of curriculum, tertiary options and English language classes.
Amenity	Access to parks and green spaces, walkable town centre/neighbourhood, shopping and dining experiences in a culturally vibrant town, taxi, remote community transport, ease of driving and parking and places to socialise, events and festivals.
Cost of Living	Availability of suitable housing for rent or purchase, cost of fresh produce, access to bulk billing and access to government subsidised childcare and schools.
Natural Environment	Ways to adapt to climate change; preparation for cyclone season, heat mitigation; transitioning to renewable energy such as solar, water security, effective waste management and air quality.
Digital Connectivity	Access to adequate phone coverage, reliable internet and broadband, able to work from home and pay bills online.
Community Connection	Community activities including community-organised events, volunteering, local community groups and organisations which are related to interests or beliefs, a sense of belonging and safety and community diversity.
Employment Opportunities	Access to local job opportunities, career growth opportunities, starting and growing a business.
Great Outdoors	Including access to recreational activities, walking trails, fishing, swimming holes and camping locations.

Our Approach

The liveability survey was developed by the Northern Territory Government on the Survey 123 platform; a form-centric geospatial data gathering system which maps geographical location data to capture place-based perspectives across the region.

The survey was undertaken in March 2022 with an extensive public promotion campaign including geo-mapped, targeted marketing and direct engagement approaches over the phone, online and face to face.

The Northern Territory Government's Aboriginal Interpreter Service was utilised to engage and deliver the survey in language and to accurately interpret the questions for Aboriginal people completing the survey. A 'call back request' service was also facilitated for Aboriginal people who preferred the assistance of an interpreter while responding to the survey.

Population data from the Northern Territory Government's Bushtel, a central point for information about the remote communities of the Northern Territory, was obtained to devise proportionate response targets, based on the overall estimated resident population of the region.

Summary of Key Findings

High quality, accessible health service and quality of schools and education opportunities are the most valued attributes in the Victoria Daly Regional Council.

Being able to access high quality health service and quality of schools and education opportunities are critical across the ward and can strongly influence people's choice to move or not recommend their communities as a great place to live. Respondents believe that quality of healthcare (54%) and education (62%) need to be improved as a priority.

Improving cost of living including availability of suitable housing for rent or purchase, cost of fresh produce, access to bulk billing and access to government subsidised childcare and schools, is critical to lifting liveability.

Almost half of the respondents believe addressing and improving cost of living (49%) will significantly improve liveability across the ward. This attribute is extremely underperforming and is negatively affecting liveability of the ward.

Access to the great outdoors, breadth of employment opportunities and quality of healthcare, and community connectedness and protection of the environment are the ward's key strengths and the top reasons why people won't relocate elsewhere.

When asked to identify the ward's key strengths, access to the great outdoors, employment opportunities and quality of healthcare, and community connectedness and protection of the environment of the community were identified. This makes these attributes both key influencers in the perceptions and reality of living in the region and key drivers for attracting and retaining population.

Responses

37 responses were collected across the ward:

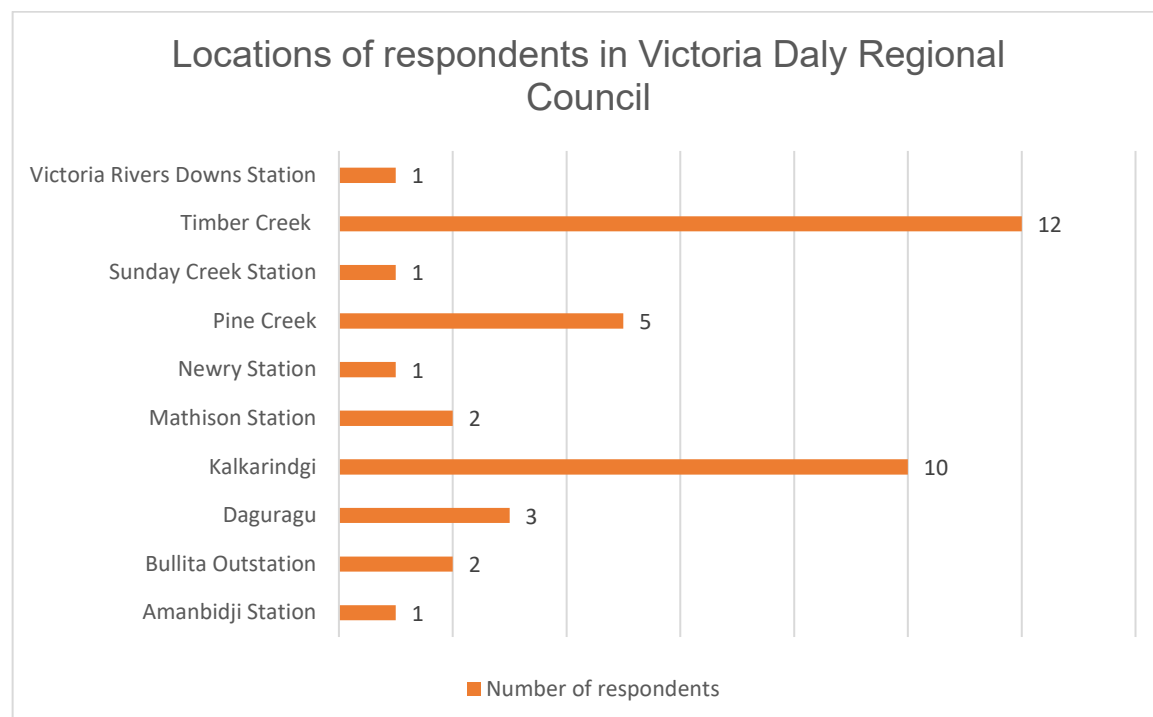


Figure 1. Locations of respondents

Who responded?

24% identify as Male	76% identify as Female	
41% identify as Aboriginal and or Torres Strait	57% do not identify as Aboriginal and or Torres Strait	3% did not wish to disclose
3% identify as LGBTQIA	95% do not identify as LGBTQIA	3% did not wish to disclose
38% residents speak a language other than English	61% residents do not speak a language other than English	

How diverse is the ward?

Country of Birth:

- 89% or 33 of respondent was born in Australia
- 3% or 1 respondent was born in Great Britain
- 3% or 1 respondent was born in Spain
- 5% or 2 respondents were born in South Africa

Years lived in the region:

- 14% have lived for < 2 years
- 22% have lived up to 5 years
- 8% have lived up to 10 years
- 49% have lived > 10 years
- 8% were born and bred

Age of Respondents

87% of respondents were between the ages 25 and 54.

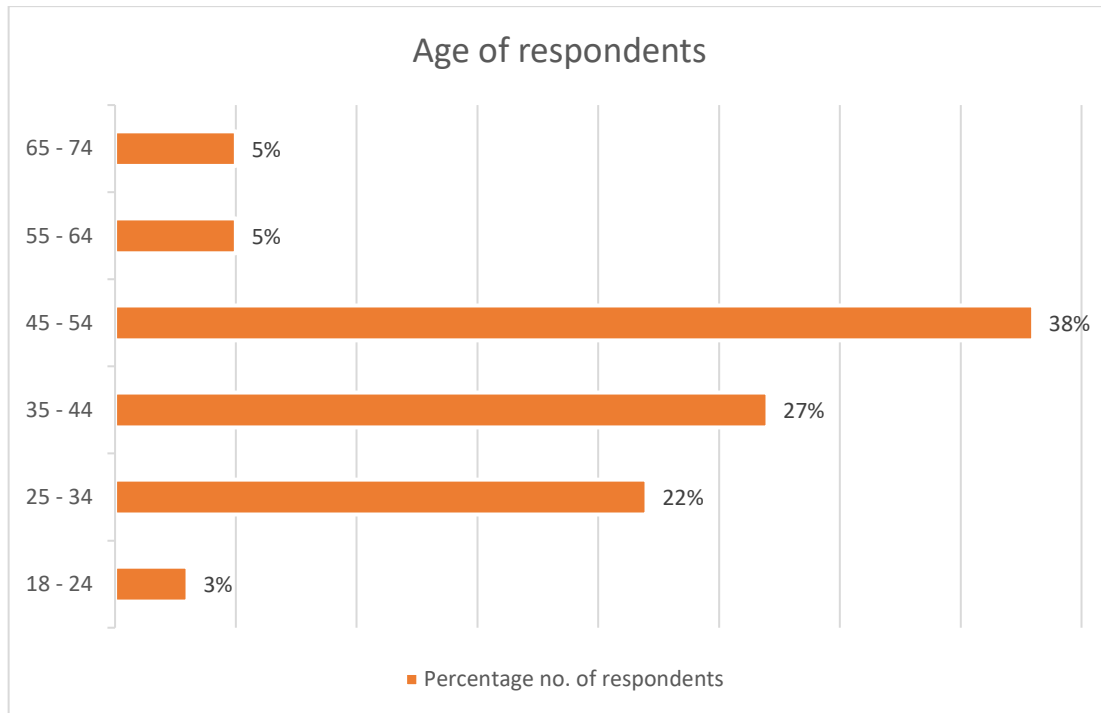


Figure 2. Age of respondents in the Timber Creek Ward

Residents Employment Status

76% of respondent are either employed full-time or part-time.

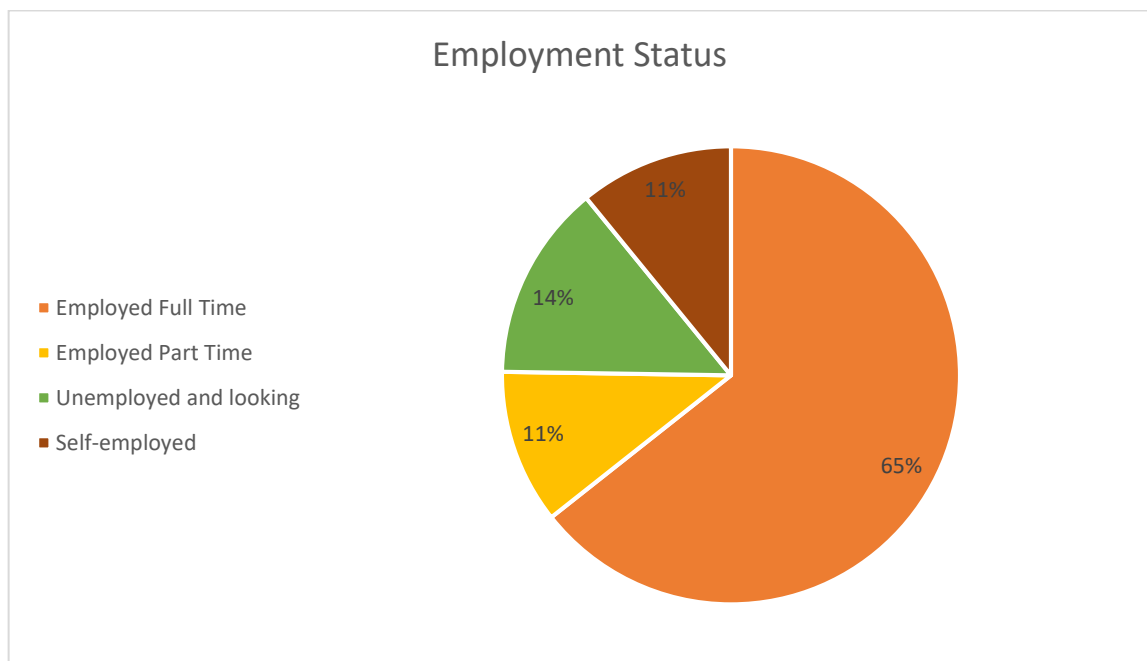


Figure 3. Respondents' employment status

Overall Perceptions of Victoria Daly Regional Council (LGA)

Do our residents love living in the LGA?

89% of our respondents have a positive outlook of living in the LGA.

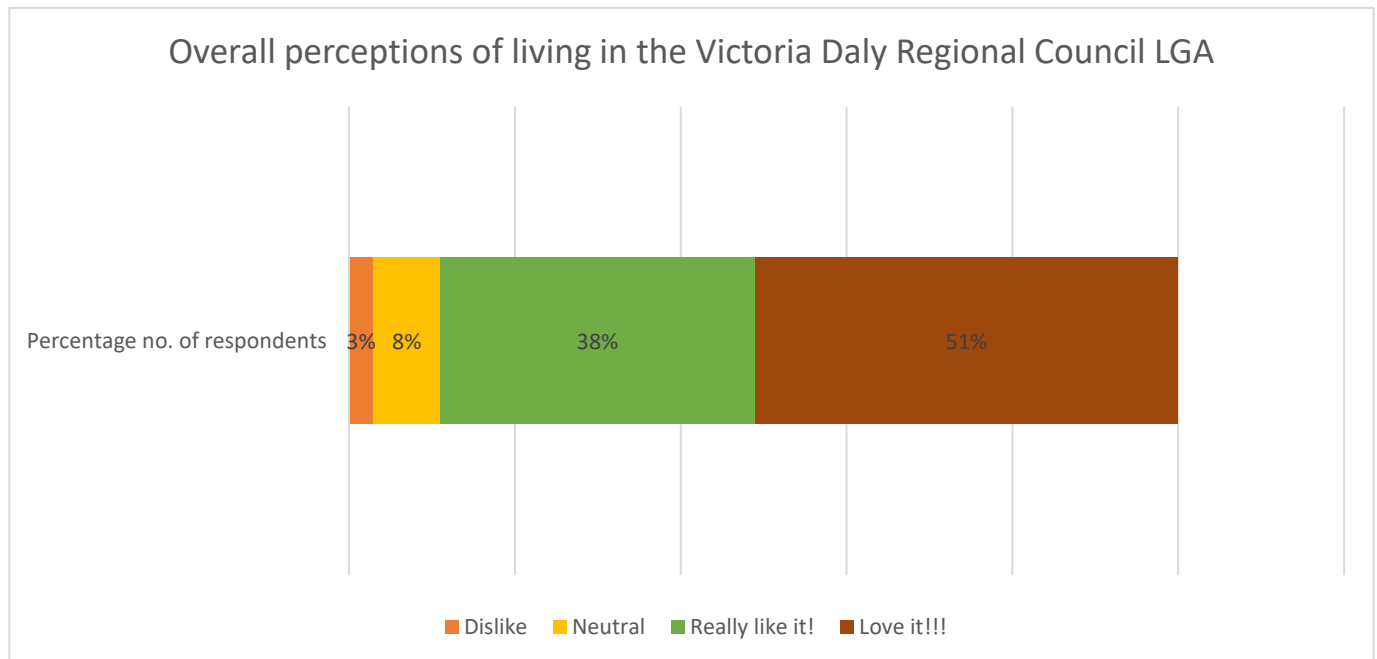


Figure 3. Overall Perception of the Victoria Daly Regional Council LGA.

What do residents value the most?

There may be identified gaps in key liveability attributes, but do our residents value these in terms of their perceptions of whether the region is a great place to live? Do the gaps affect whether people would relocate outside the region?

Respondents were requested to select the three most important attributes in making the ward a great place to live.

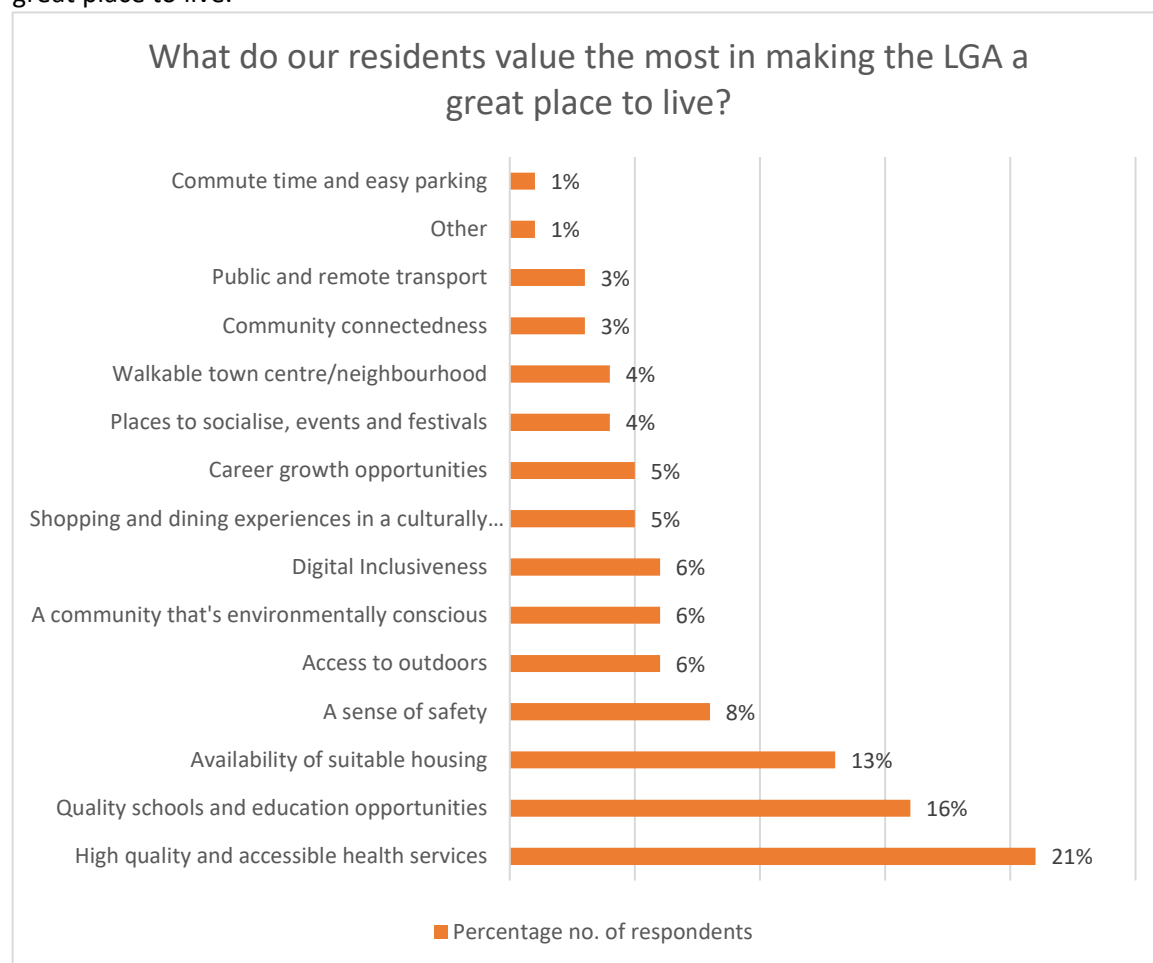


Figure 4. What do residents value in making the LGA a great place to live.

High quality and accessible health service, quality of schools and education opportunities and availability of suitable housing were identified as the most valued attribute in the region.

What respondents have suggested in "Other":

- "More housing and renovations on houses and build new houses and fences around yards."

Would you recommend your LGA to others as a great place to live?

- 70% or 26 responses agreed
30% or 11 responses disagreed

Perceptions of liveability in the Victoria Daly Regional Council LGA

What are our strengths, what do we need to prioritise and what is negatively affecting perceptions and the reality of living in the region?

Respondents were asked to rate their perception of each of the nine liveability attribute as being either:

Great: these attributes are the strengths in the region and should be maintained and protected.

Could be improved: these attributes need to be addressed as a priority.

Poor: these attributes are underperforming and need to be addressed in long term planning. They negatively affect the perception of living in the region.

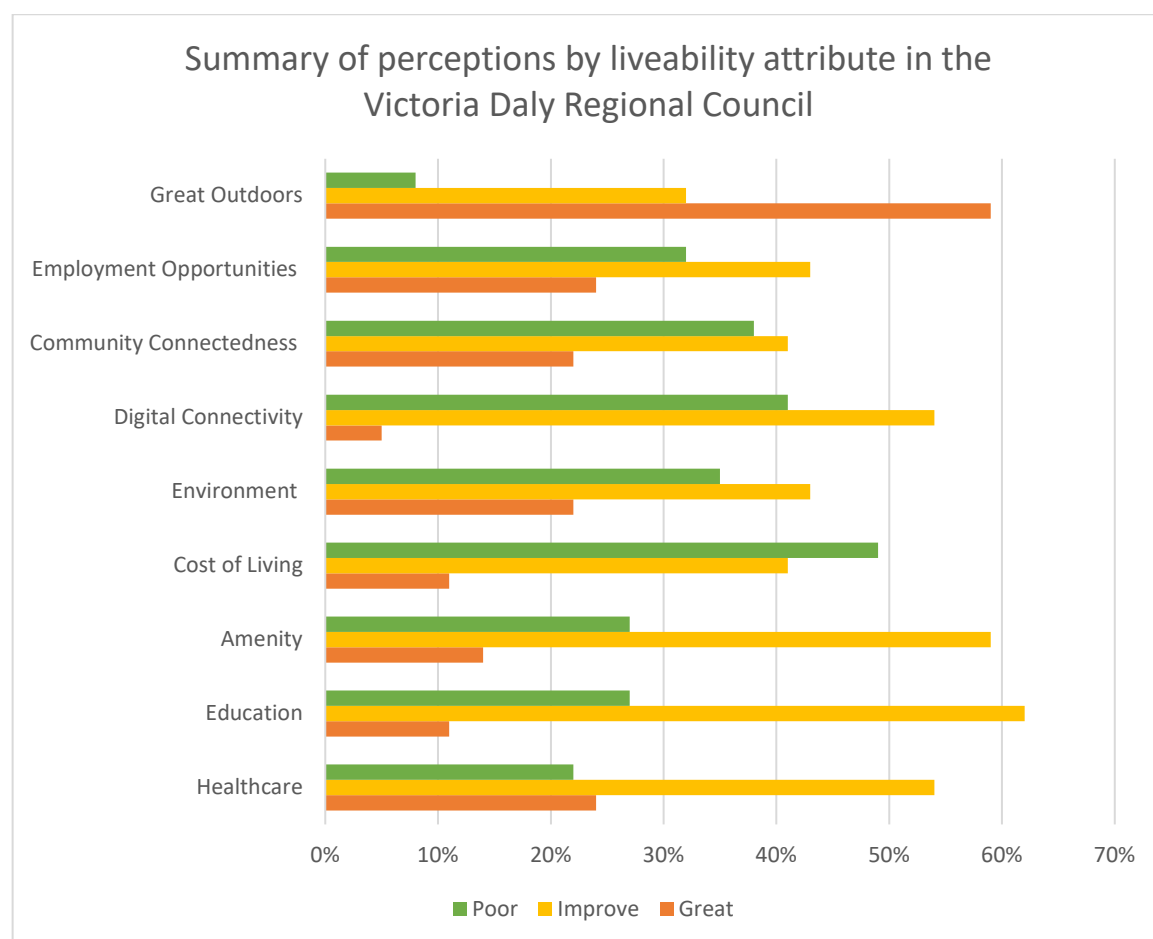


Figure 5. Summary perceptions of liveability in the LGA.

The best reason to live in the Victoria Daly Regional Council LGA

Protecting and maintaining these key attributes will have a positive impact on the liveability of residents in the region.

The following were identified as the top three strengths in the region:

- Access to the great outdoors (59% or 22 responses)
- Quality of healthcare (24% or 8 responses) and employment opportunities (24% or 8 responses)
- Community connection (22% or 8 responses) and protection of the natural environment (22% or 8 responses)

These three attributes are identified as performing well and are considered key strengths in the region. Although residents rated access to the great outdoors as the fifth most valuable attribute in making the region a great place to live (6% or 6 responses), their experience and access to this attribute is rated the highest. Quality of healthcare was rated the most valued attribute in the region (21% or 22 responses) and employment opportunities sixth (5% or 5 responses), however both were equally rated as the second greatest experience.

Priority areas to improve liveability in the Victoria Regional Council LGA

These attributes need to be improved as a priority.

Of total responses, the three attributes identified as the highest priority for improvement were included:

- Quality of education (62% or 23 responses)
- Amenity (59% or 22 responses)
- Quality of healthcare (54% or 20 responses) and digital connectivity (54% or 20 responses)

The quality of education in the region was rated as both the highest priority for improvement and ranked the second most valued attribute in the region (16% or 17 responses). While amenity was ranked the sixth most valuable attribute (5% or 5 responses), respondents prioritised the need to make improvements to amenity including access to parks and green spaces, walkable town centre/neighbourhood, shopping and dining experiences in a culturally vibrant town, taxi, remote community transport, ease of driving and parking and places to socialise, events and festivals.

The poorest liveability attributes in the Victoria Regional Council LGA

These attributes are underperforming and are negatively affecting the perception of living in the ward.

Of total responses, the poorest rated attributes included:

- Cost of Living (49% or 18 responses)
- Digital connectivity (41% or 15 responses)
- Community connectedness (38% or 14 responses)

Approximately half of the total responses received identified the cost of living including access to suitable housing for rent or purchase, the cost of fresh produce, access to bulk billing and access to government subsidised childcare and schools as the poorest attribute of living in the region. This attribute is negatively affecting liveability, and respondents identify it as a top priority to improve how liveable the ward is.

Community Ideas for Change

37 ideas were collected across the ward:

Housing affordability and availability	Infrastructure and essential services	Opportunities
Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase land release to improve access to housing availability 	Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve access to quality education Improve telecommunications 	Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More access to youth activities More opportunities to develop youth (e.g. youth engagement programs) More opportunities for community connection such as community events or activities

What we heard:

- "Health care has gone down in the last 12 months. The clinic is not as accessible or as helpful as they used to be due to being short staffed due to Covid."* – Timber Creek
- "Land to be put up for sale as there are young families wanting to buy land (that has been spoken of for ages) and build their forever homes"* – Timber Creek
- "We should be looking at developing the youth to ensure there is a future for them within the district."* – Timber Creek
- "Bringing children together for play and learning brings the town together and make for a happier community"* – Timber Creek
- "We need a community that is thriving and affordable, a place ppl can rise their family's in"* – Mathison Station
- "Have more community events, in the last few years we no longer have fireworks"* – Timber Creek
- internet connection could be better"* – Kalkaringi
- "Better internet and phone service. Availability of land for housing. Housing for rentals."* – Pine Creek

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12. Reports

12.1. KDLA Financial Report

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

Recommendations

- A. That the report KDLA Financial Report is received and noted

Regional Plan

Goal 1: Quality Leadership

1.1 - Ensure effective community leadership and representation to Council of local issues through Local Authority Committees

The KDLA Finance Report will be tabled at the meeting.

Risk statement

No risk assessment has been carried out at this stage.

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

Nil



12.2. Council Operations Manager Report - Kalkarindji

Report Type Council Operations Manager Report
Department Community Council Operations Council Operations
Prepared by Council Operations Manager - Kalkarindji

Purpose

To provide an update of work plans and activities taking place within the communities of Kalkarindji and Daguragu. Having recently been appointed to the COM's role I will have greater substance in my next report to council.

Recommendations

- A. That the Council Operations Manager Report - Kalkarindji is received and noted

Community Events

Territory day was a fantastic event and the Fireworks display provided by the NTG was spectacular. The council provided a sausage sizzle for the community which was enjoyed although the cooler weather affected numbers. Left-over food was donated the following morning to be shared amongst sorry camp.

Meetings

Fiona Hamilton	CEO – Gurindji Corporation
Luke Wright	Freedom Day Festival Director
Susannah Tosh	Freedom Day Festival Producer
Peter Paull	Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics Displays
Matt Hamilton	PFES
Penny Smith	Manager, karungkarni ART & CULTURE CENTRE
Rob Roy	Gurindji Corporation
Lyne Hamilton	Team Leader, Territory Families
Dianne King	T/O, Daguragu
Hailey Dack	Regional Project Officer, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Events and Activities

Freedom Day Festival is around the corner and council is working hard to support Gurindji Corporation with preparations. We are clearing and slashing campsites, providing accommodation for VIP guests and will be assisting with the provision of security (Night Patrols from various communities) and rubbish removal.



Vacant Positions

RIBS (Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Strategy) Broadcaster
Council Operations Assistant Manager
Cleaning Staff

Staffing

We welcomed Jezebel Dandy to the position of Centrelink/Administration Officer.
Jezebel is a much-needed addition to our administration team.

Local Authority Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on August 9th

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

Nil



12.3. 2022-23 Regional Plan

Report Type Report for Information
Department Executive Services Chief Executive Office
Prepared by Manager of Executive Services

Recommendations

- A. That the 2022-23 Regional Plan report is received and noted

Regional Plan

Goal 1: Quality Leadership

- 1.1 - Ensure effective community leadership and representation to Council of local issues through Local Authority Committees
1.3 - Comply with all statutory, regulatory and reporting requirements

A copy of the pages from the 2022-23 Regional Plan pertaining to the Kalkarindji | Daguragu Local Authority are attached.

A full copy of the Victoria Daly Regional Council 2022-23 Regional Plan is available for free on council's website <https://www.victoriadaly.nt.gov.au/plans-and-reports/regional-plans/> or at any council office.

Risk statement

No risk assessment has been carried out at this stage.

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. KDLA pages from VDRC 2022-23 Regional Plan [12.3.1 - 2 pages]

Daguragu Ward

DAGURAGU

Location: Daguragu is located approximately eight kilometres north-west of Kalkarindji and lies adjacent to Wattie Creek.

Population: 575 (2016 Census)

Languages: Gurindji, Warlpiri, Ngarinyman, English

Road access: Road access via Victoria Highway and one lane (sealed) Buntine Highway

KALKARINDJI

Location: Kalkarindji is situated approximately 460 km south-west of Katherine on the Buntine Highway, adjacent to the Victoria River.

Population: 575 (2016 Census)

Languages: Gurindji, Warlpiri, Ngarinyman, English

Road access: Single lane bitumen highway. Unsealed road from Kalkarindji to Halls Creek WA.

Major Event: Wavehill Walk-Off is commemorated through the 3-day Freedom Day Festival held in August

Tourism: Vincent Lingiari's Burial Site, Karungkarni Art and Culture Centre, Walk-Off Track

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Chairperson: Anne Saunders

Deputy Chairperson: Pansy Wardle

Members: Leah Leaman, Michael George, Pamela Morris, Selma Smiler, Simeon Long

Elected Member: Cr Georgina Macleod

BRIEF HISTORY

In 1966, the Indigenous station workers, led by Vincent Lingiari, staged a walk-off in protest against oppressive labour practices. On 23 August 1966, led by spokesman Vincent Lingiari, the workers and families walked off Wave Hill and began their seven-year strike. Lingiari led workers to an important sacred site nearby at Wattie Creek (now Daguragu).

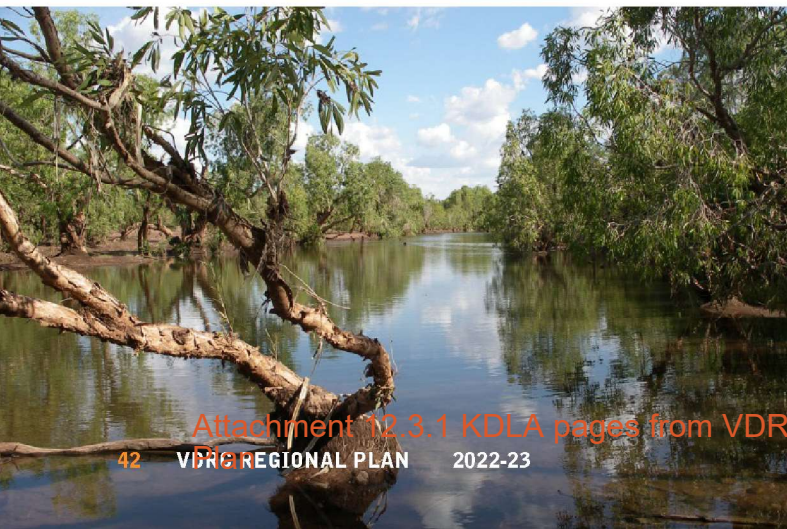
Initially, the action was interpreted as purely a strike against work and living conditions. The primary demand by the Gurindji people was for return of their land.

The Gurindji people were able to mobilise support across Australia. Several significant events marked the change of opinion in Australia. These included the 1967 Referendum giving the Federal Government power to make laws for Indigenous Australians, established by the Whitlam Government Royal Commission into Aboriginal Land Rights, and the passing of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act.

In 1975, the Whitlam Government finally negotiated with the owners of Wavehill Station/ the Vestey's, to give the Gurindji people back a portion of their land. This was a landmark in the Land Rights movement in Australia for Indigenous Australians.

Each year the historical Walk-Off is commemorated through the Freedom Day Festival held in August. The festival celebrates the iconic occasion that saw the then Prime Minister Gough Whitlam hand back a portion of land to its Traditional Owners, the Gurindji people.

Victoria Daly Regional Council (VDRC) acknowledges the close relationship with the Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) and will continue to work together ensuring strong, beneficial outcomes for the Kalkarindji and Daguragu communities. VDRC acknowledges the following key themes identified by GAC: Kalkarindji Native Title & Land; economy, enterprise and jobs; community facilities and activities; housing.





2022-23 Kalkarindji / Daguragu Project Priorities

VDRC - Victoria Daly regional Council
KDLA - Kalkarindji / Daguragu Local Authority
NTG - Northern Territory Government
CLC - Central Land Council
PAWA - Power and Water Association

2022-23 Project Priority	Project Initiator/ Coordinator	Responsibility/ Stakeholders	Strategic Plan
Achievable with Local Authority Project Funding			
Cold water drinking fountains (Kalkarindji)	KDLA, VDRC	Gurindji, landowners	G1, G4, G5
All road signage	KDLA, VDRC	DIPL, VDRC, Daguragu Corporation	G1, G4, G5
Community arts projects incorporated with Kalkarindji Art Week (e.g. murals)	KDLA, VDRC	Kalkaringi School, Gurindji, Landowners	G1, G4
Recycling points	KDLA, VDRC, CDP	VDRC, CDP	G1, G2, G4,
Shade, trees and seats (Arts Centre)	KDLA, VDRC	VDRC, Gurindji	G1, G4, G5
Projects require grant funding and/or co-funding			
Daguragu Recreation Hall	KDLA, VDRC	Daguragu Corporation	G1, G4, G5
Daguragu roads upgrade	KDLA, VDRC	Daguragu Corporation	G1, G4, G5
Daguragu playground fencing	KDLA, VDRC	Daguragu Corporation	G1, G4, G5
Business Hub / Community hall	KDLA, VDRC	VDRC	G1,G4,G5
Rectangular sports field	KDLA	Kalkaringi School	G1,G4,G5
Water Park	KDLA, VDRC	Gurindji	
Governance training	KDLA, VDRC	VDRC	G1, G2, G3
Secure site for waste management	VDRC	VDRC, NTG, EPA, Gurindji	G1,G2, G4,
Advocacy			
Buntine highway upgrades	Elected Members	NTG	G1/1.5
Upstream river guage	Elected Members	NTG	G1/1.5
Regular bus service from Kalkarindji to Daguragu	Elected Members	Daguragu Corporation, Gurindji, private enterprise	G1/1.5
Daguragu bus shelter	Elected Members	Daguragu Corporation	G1/1.5
Reinstating of water (Daguragu and Central Park)	Elected Members	NTG, PAWA, Gurindji	G1/1.5
Two rest stops (including toilets & water tank)	Elected Members	NTG	G1/1.5



13. Questions from the Public

14. General Business

15. Confidential

Nil

16. Next Meeting

The next Meeting of Kalkrindji | Daguragu Local Authority will be held Tuesday. 8 November 2022.