



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGENDA

**YARRALIN LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST 2022
AT 12:30 PM
AT THE YARRALIN COUNCIL OFFICE
VDRC OFFICE**

MEMBERS

Charlie James
Elwyn Anzac
Christine Daly

Charlie Newry
Wesley Campbell
Mayor Brian Pedwell



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Russell Anderson
Chief Executive Officer



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1. Meeting Opening

2. Welcome

3. Attendance and Apologies

3.1. Community Attendees

3.2. Apologies and Absentees

4. Disclosure of Interest

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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

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.



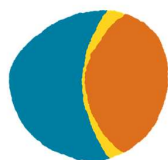
Thriving Communities Program

- 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. Yarralin | Nitjpurru Local Authority Meeting held on 12 April 2022

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Yarralin | Nitjpurru Local Authority Meeting held on 12 April 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Attachments

1. 2022-04-12 YPHLA Unconfirmed Minutes [**8.1.1** - 7 pages]



MINUTES

YARRALIN LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2022
AT 10:30 AM
AT THE YARRALIN COUNCIL OFFICE
VDRC Office



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Russell Anderson
Chief Executive Officer



1. Meeting Opening

The meeting opened at 11:36am.

2. Welcome

Members and visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

3. Attendance and Apologies

MEMBERS

Brian Pedwell	Mayor
Charlie Newry	Member
Charlie James	Member
Christine Daly	Member
Elwyn Anzac	Member
Wesley Campbell	Member

STAFF

Alicia King	Council Operations Manager (Yarralin)
Jocelyn Moir	A/Director of Operations
Michelle Will	Manager of Executive Services
Rupak Halwai	Executive Services Officer

Apologies and Absentees

Apologies: Christine Daly
Leave of Absence: Nil

4. Disclosure of Interest

Wesley Campbell declared a conflict of interest in relation to RSAS item.

5. Resignations, Terminations and Nominations

5.1. Resignations – Nil

5.2. Terminations – Nil

5.3. Nominations -

5.3.1. Nomination of Simon Campbell to the Yarralin - Pigeon Hole Local Authority

Motion

That the Nomination of Simon Campbell to the Yarralin - Pigeon Hole Local Authority is received and accepted.

Mover: Wesley Campbell

Second: Charlie Newry

Resolution: YLA-2022/0: Carried 6 / 0



6. Invitation for Deputations to Present/Speak

Regional Plan Workshop 2022-23

Discussions

- Playgrounds and family space is ongoing development
- Need to put recycle cans for school childrens. CDP can have as a project
- Septic drainage has been completed
- BMX is ongoing

Motion

Yarralin local authority ask that council investigate and approve a community accessible computer at the Yarralin council office based on data usage

Mover: Charlie James

Second: Mayor
Brian
Pedwell

Resolution: YLA-2022/1: Carried 6 / 0

Project Priorities 2022-23

Roads and Infrastructure:

Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term	Advocacy
Playgrounds	River height guage – long reach crossing	Multi- Purpose/Sports centre	Advocate Culverts/crossing from community to E-VAC Centre
Upgrade waste Infrastructure	Access road into community		Advocate small satellite cell 4G
Council office	BMX track		Advocate Small cell satellite
community relocation			
Ablution block			

Governance and Leadership Training

Short Term
Local authority governance training



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Community Activities and Events

Short Term
Community Art Project – sign to Yarralin

Motion

That the Yarralin – Pigeon Hole Local Authority commit \$5,000 towards a local community art project for a sign at the Victoria River Downs gate.

Mover: Wesley Campbell

Second: Charlie
Newry

Resolution: YLA-2022/8: Carried 6 / 0

7. Confirmation of Minutes

7.1. Yarralin - Pigeon Hole Local Authority Meeting held on 11 August 2021

Motion

That the minutes of the Yarralin - Pigeon Hole Local Authority Meeting held on 11 August 2021 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Mover: Mayor Brian Pedwell

Second: Charlie
Newry

Resolution: YLA-2022/2: Carried 6 / 0

8. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

9. Correspondence

9.1. Incoming Correspondence

Motion

That the following in-coming Correspondence be noted.

1. Liveability Survey [9.1.1 - 2 pages]
2. Rates and Waste Charges Revenue - VDRC [9.1.2 - 2 pages]

Mover: Charlie James

Second: Wesley
Campbell

Resolution: YLA-2022/3: Carried 6 / 0

10. Reports

10.1. Electing a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson



Motion

1. That the Yarralin/Pigeon Hole Local Authority appoint Charlie Newry as Chairperson.
2. That the Yarralin/Pigeon Hole Local Authority appoint Charlie James as Deputy Chairperson.
3. That the positions of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson be for a period of:
 - A. Six (6) months

Mover: Charlie Newry

Seconded: Charlie
James

Resolution: YLA-2022/4: Carried 6 / 0

10.2. Local Authority Resources

Motion

- A. That the Local Authority Resources report is received and noted

Mover: Charlie Newry

Seconded: Charlie
James

Resolution: YLA-2022/5: Carried 6 / 0

10.3. Yarralin - Pigeon Hole Local Authority Finance Report

Motion

- A. That the Yarralin - Pigeon Hole Local Authority Finance Report report is received and noted

Mover: Mayor Brian Pedwell

Seconded: Wesley
Campbell

Resolution: YLA-2022/6: Carried 6 / 0

10.4. RSAS semester 1 activity plan

Wesley Campbell declared a conflict of interest in relation to the RSAS agenda item as he is the Yarralin RSAS Team Leader. Wesley did not take part in following decision.

Motion

- A. That the RSAS semester 1 activity plan report is received and noted
- B. That the Yarralin – Pigeon Hole Local Authority endorses the Remote School Attendance Strategy semester 1 activity plan for 2022.



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Mover:	Charlie James	Resolution: YLA-2022/7: Carried 6 / 0
Seconded:	Mayor	
	Brian	
	Pedwell	

11. Confidential - Nil

The meeting was closed, time being 1:14pm.

12. Next Meeting

The next Meeting of Yarralin – Pigeon Hole Local Authority will be held Wednesday, 11 May 2022.



9. Councillor Update

9.1. Councillor Update from Mayor Pedwell

Report Type Report for Information

Recommendation

That the Councillor Update from Mayor Pedwell 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:

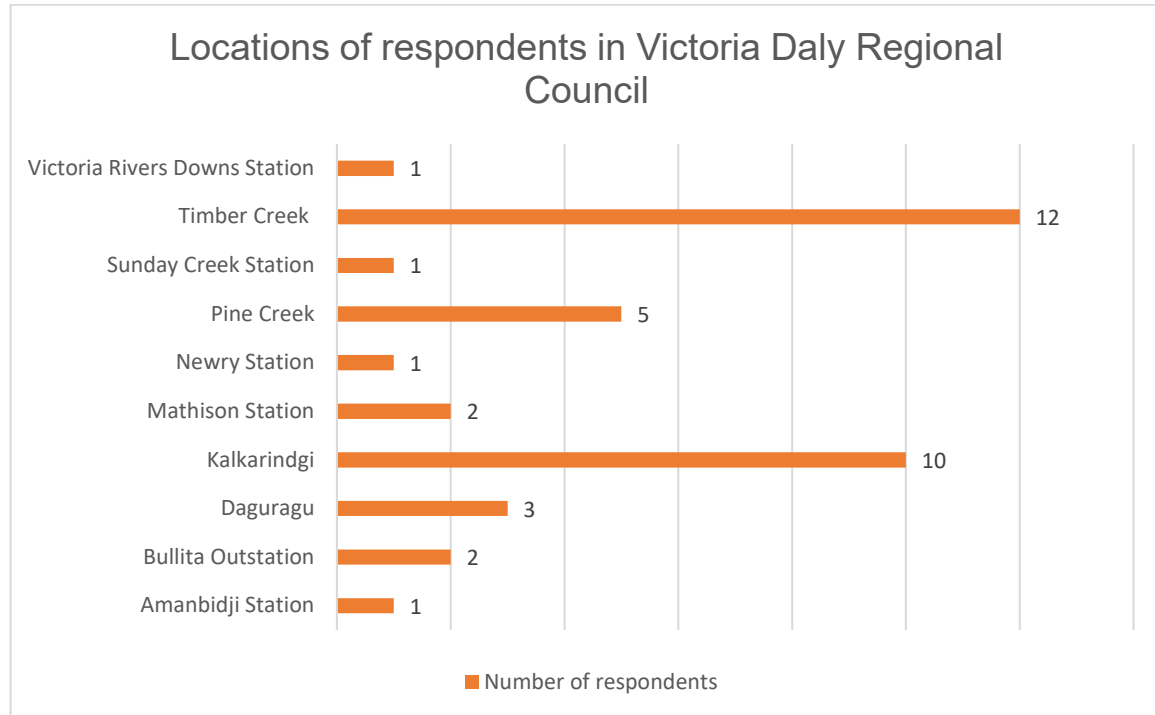


Figure 1. Locations of respondents

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.

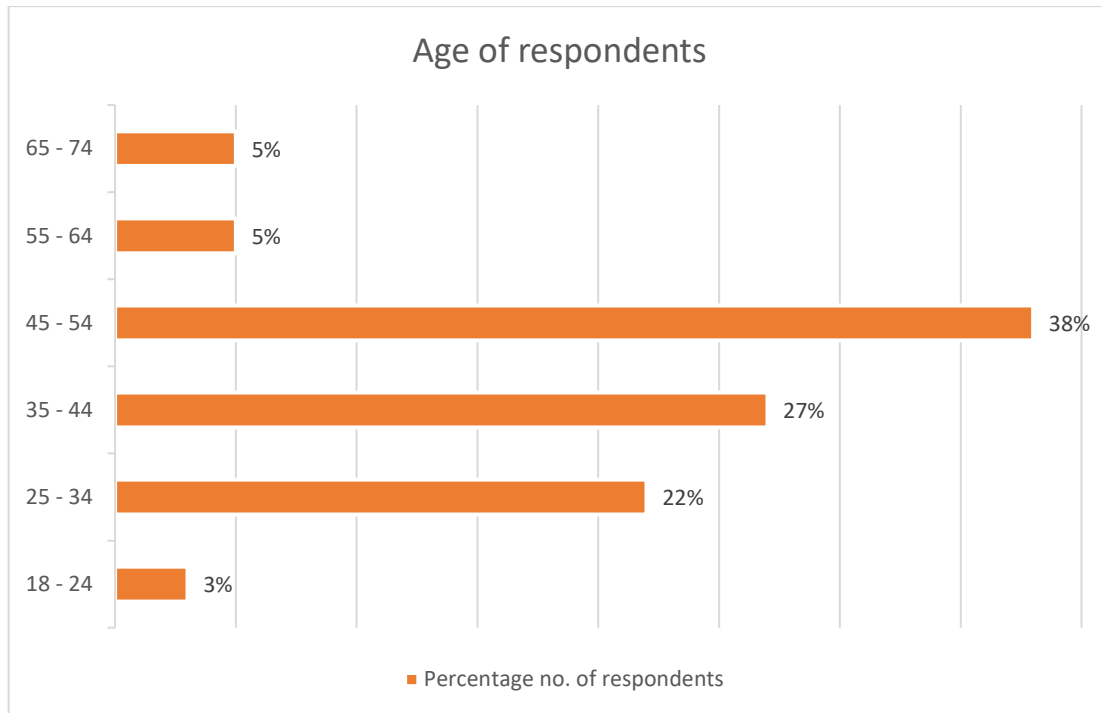


Figure 2. Age of respondents in the Timber Creek Ward

Residents Employment Status

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

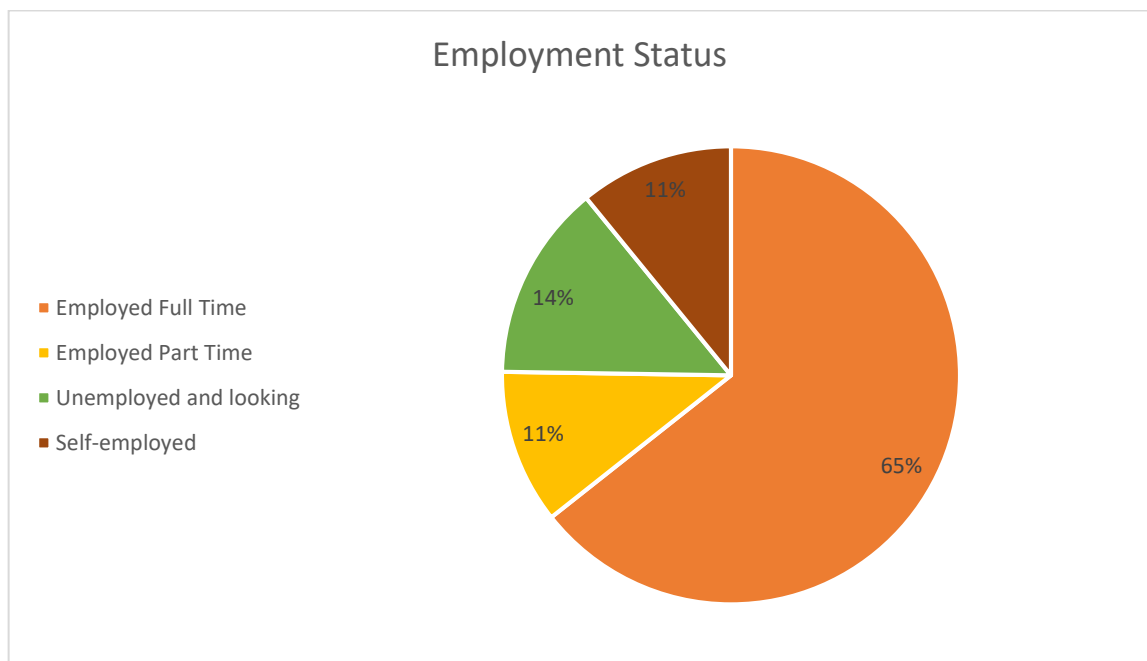


Figure 3. Respondents' employment status

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.

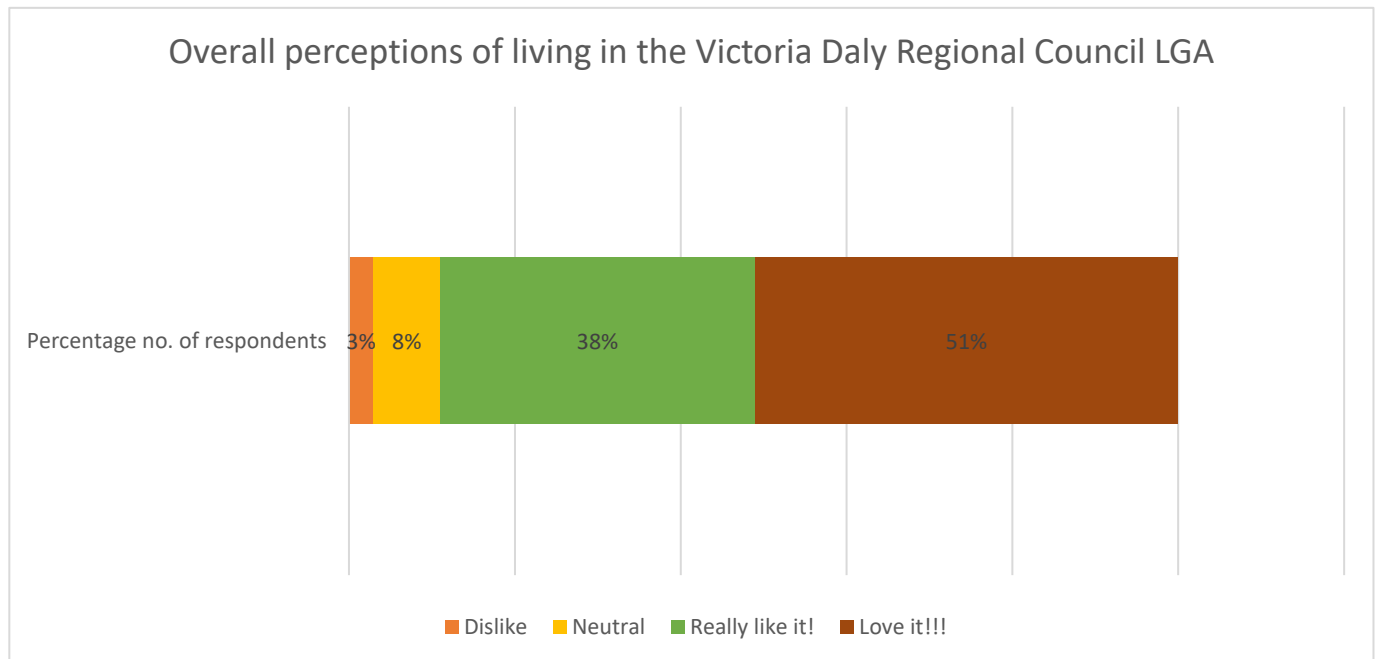


Figure 3. Overall Perception of the Victoria Daly Regional Council LGA.

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.

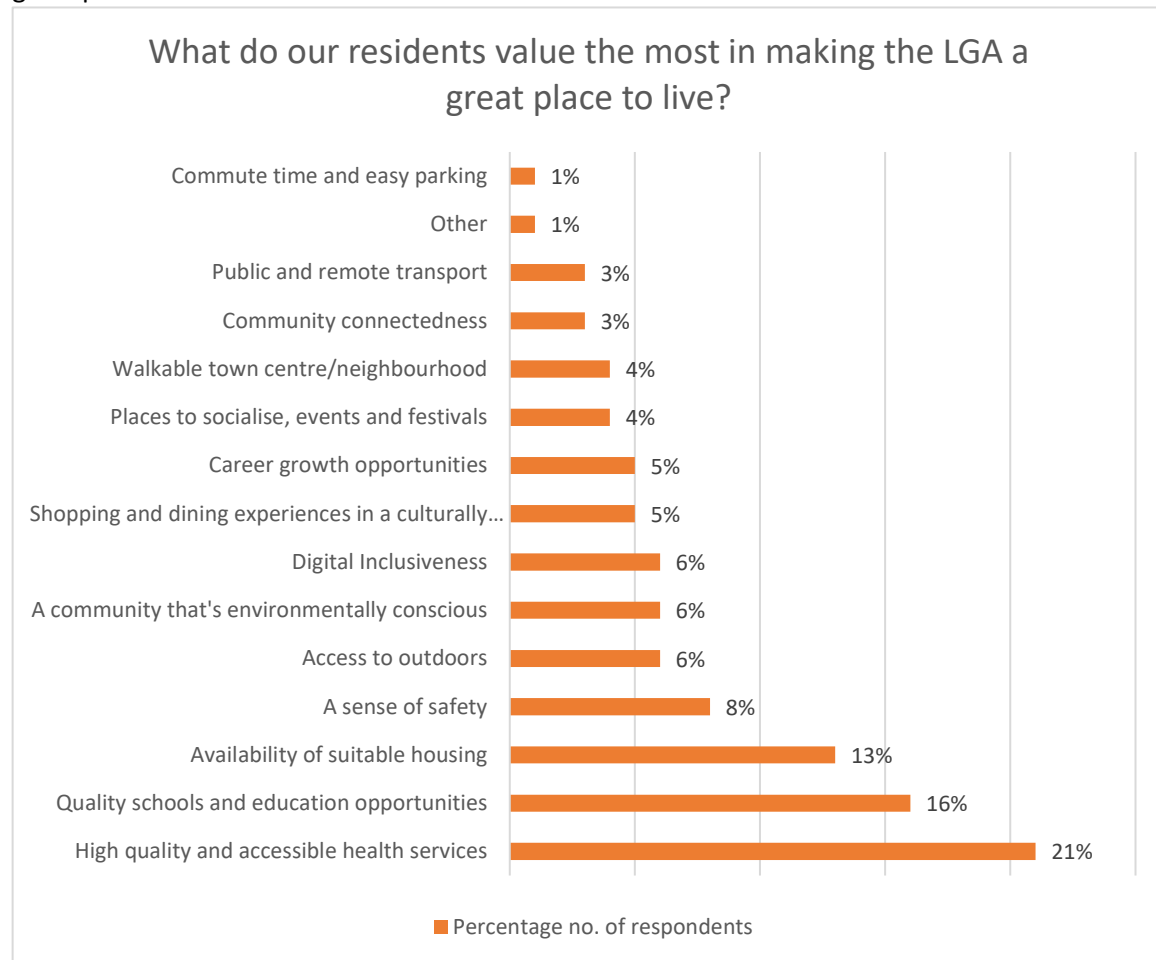


Figure 4. What do residents value in making the LGA a great place to live.

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.

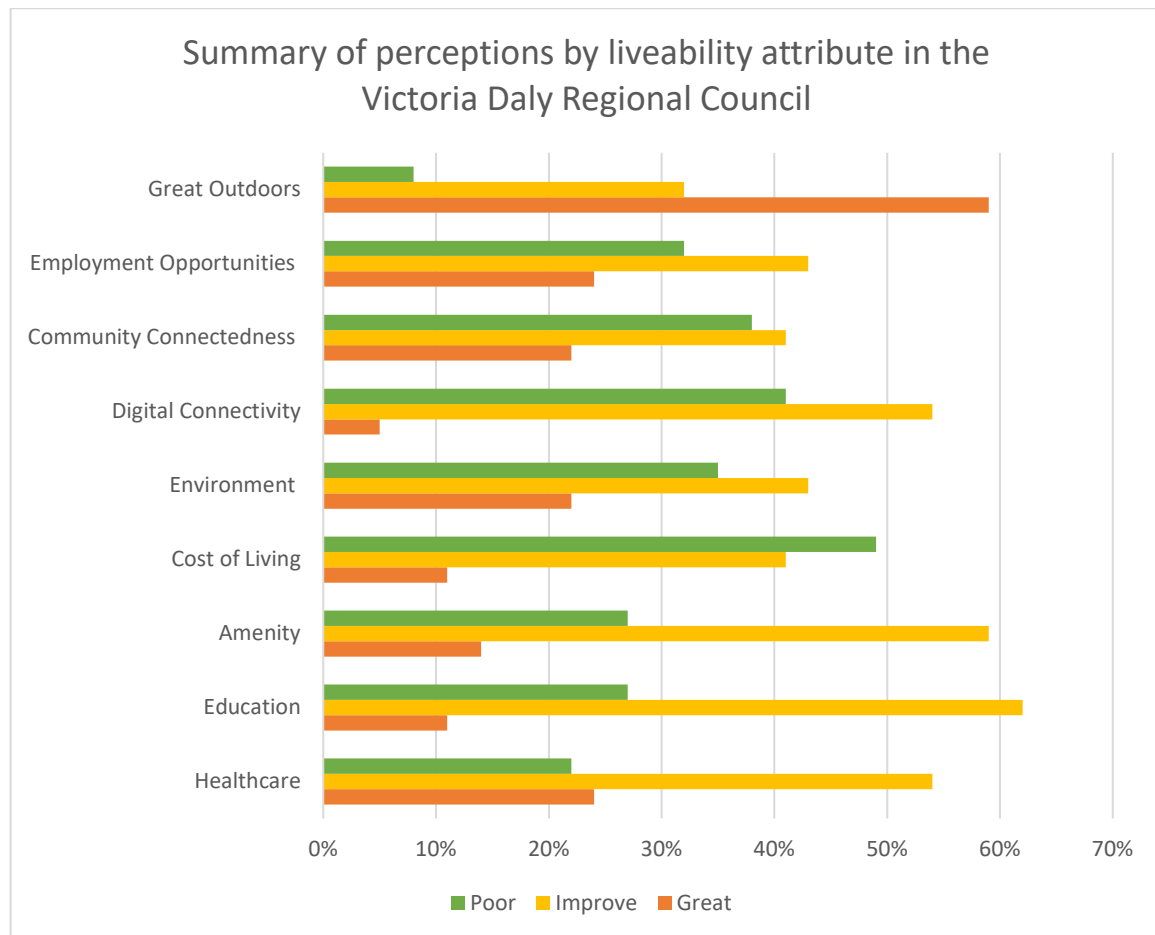


Figure 5. Summary perceptions of liveability in the LGA.

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
<p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase land release to improve access to housing availability 	<p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to quality education • Improve telecommunications 	<p>Including:</p> <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

References

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12. Reports

12.1. YPHLA Financial Report

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

Recommendations

- A. That the report YPHLA 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 Yarralin | Nitjpurru 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. Yarralin Community Report

Report Type Council Operations Manager Report
Department Community Council Operations Council Operations
Prepared by Council Operations Manager, Yarralin

Purpose

To update Council on the Yarralin Community Report activities.

Recommendations

- A. That the Yarralin Community Report is received and noted

Regional Plan

Not Applicable

Events and Activities

The school holiday program is working really well as Wesley has had basketball, soccer and little footy games with the kids

Community Events

The community celebrated Reconciliation Day on the ????

The school organized activities, they had traditional cook up of Kangaroo tails and damper cooked over the fire, face painting and games and puzzles with the kids.

Local Authority Meetings

Next upcoming meeting will be on the 10th of August 2022

Vacant Positions (VDRC in Community)

- Night Patrol (1)
- RIBS (1)
- RSAS (1)
- Sport and Recreation (2)

These positions are still vacant

Maintenance Buildings and Fixed Assets

All our buildings and assets are in good condition

Plant and Equipment

All plant and equipment are all up to date with services and Registration



Regional Plan Project Priorities

Yarralin achievable with local authority project funding

- Playgrounds to be approved by Local Authority for the funds
- BMX track to be discussed with other stakeholders of fundings and where to establish the track
- Community arts project (A welcome to Yarralin sign) still in discussion

Projects require grant funding and/or co-funding

- Upgrade waste infrastructure in (ongoing)
- Multipurpose building/sports Centre (ongoing)
- Ablution block (ongoing)

Nitjpurru achievable with local authority project funding

- Council Office (ongoing)

Advocacy

- River height gauge Long reach crossing (ongoing)
- Community relocation (ongoing)
- Small cell satellite 4G (ongoing)
- Culverts & crossing from community to E-Vac center (ongoing)

Lingarra Advocacy

- Upgrade septic drainage (completed)
- Installation of small cell satellite (completed)



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 Yarralin | Nitjpurru 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. YPHLA pages from VDRC 2022-23 Regional Plan [12.3.1 - 3 pages]

Walangeri Ward

YARRALIN

Location: The town is situated on the banks of the Wickham River close to the Victoria River, 380km southwest of Katherine.

Population: 293 (2016 Census)

Languages: Ngarinyman

Road access: Unsealed road access to Yarralin

NITJPURRU

Location: Nitjpurru (Pigeon Hole) is located roughly 420km south west of Katherine.

Population: 100

Languages: Bilinara, Mudburra, Ngarinyman and Gurindji

Council Office: Small Council office

Council Staff: 4 team members of whom 100% identify as indigenous

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Chairperson: Charlie Newry

Deputy Chairperson: Charlie James

Members: Christine Daly, Elwyn Anzac, Simon Campbell, Wesley Campbell,

Elected Member: Mayor Brian Pedwell

BRIEF HISTORY (YARRALIN)

Yarralin was part of the Victoria River Downs Station and was called Gordon Creek Station, until 1975. In 1972 the Ngarinyman people walked off the Victoria River Downs Station, just as their Gurindji countrymen did in 1966. After a 40 year-long battle, the land was handed back to the Ngarinyman/Yarralin people in June 2016.

BRIEF HISTORY (NITJPURRU)

The community was established by former workers from Pigeon Hole Station. While the area is widely known as Pigeon Hole, the community is called Nijburru (alternative spelling Nitjpurru). Pigeon Hole Station is situated 7km from the community. The community has also been referred to as Bunbidee - the local school is named Bunbidee School, however Bunbidee really refers to a locality on the other side of the river across from the community. Traditional Owners from across the Victoria River District gathered at Pigeon Hole (Nitjpurru) community in 2011 to celebrate the Native Title consent determinations which cover six pastoral leases in the area. The Federal Court also recognised the Native Title holders of a further six cattle properties which lie near the NT and WA border.





2022-23 Yarralin Project Priorities

VDRC - Victoria Daly Regional Council
YPHLA - Yarralin / Pigeon Hole Local Authority
WNAC - Walangeri Ngumpinku Aboriginal Corporation
NTG - Northern Territory Government
EPA - Environmental Protection Agency

2022-23 Project Priority	Project Initiator/ Coordinator	Responsibility/ Stakeholders	Strategic Plan
Achievable with Local Authority Project Funding			
Playgrounds	YPHLA, VDRC	YPHLA, VDRC, WNAC	G1, G4, G5
BMX track	YPHLA, VDRC	YPHLA, VDRC, WNAC	G1, G4, G5
Local Authority governance	YPHLA, VDRC	YPHLA, VDRC	G1, G2, G4,
Community arts projects (sign to Yarralin)	YPHLA, VDRC	YPHLA, VDRC, Yarralin School	G1, G4, G5
Projects require grant funding and/or co-funding			
Upgrade waste infrastructure	YPHLA, VDRC	VDRC, NTG, EPA, WNAC	G1, G2, G4, G5
Multipurpose sports centre	YPHLA, VDRC	VDRC, NTG, EPA, WNAC	G1, G4, G5
Ablution block	YPHLA, VDRC	VDRC, NTG, WNAC	G1, G4, G5

2022-23 Nitjpurru Project Priorities

VDRC - Victoria Daly Regional Council
YPHLA - Yarralin / Pigeon Hole Local Authority
NTG - Northern Territory Government

2022-23 Project Priority	Project Initiator/ Coordinator	Responsibility/ Stakeholders	Strategic Plan
Projects require grant funding and/or co-funding			
Council office	YPHLA, VDRC	VDRC, Landowners	G1, G4, G5
Advocacy			
River height gauge (Longreach Crossing)	Elected Members	NTG	G1/1.5
Community relocation	Elected Members	NTG	G1/1.5
Small cell satellite (4G)	Elected Members	NTG	G1/1.5
Culverts & crossing from community to E-vac centre	Elected Members	NTG	G1/1.5

LINGARRA HOMELAND

Location: Lingarra Homeland is located 30km from Yarralin.

Population: Approximately 50

Languages: Ngarinyman

Council Staff: one team member

BRIEF HISTORY

The Lingarra Homeland is located 30km from Yarralin on the Humbert River Station road. Population of this small community is around 50 residents on average. The community was established in the early 1980's and Ngarinyman is the principal language spoken.

Currently Council employs one part-time Homelands Officer to provide maintenance and upkeep to housing, parks & gardens, the generator & solar.

2022-23 Lingarra Project Priorities			
Outcome	2022-23 Project Priority	Responsibility/ Stakeholders	Strategic Plan
Advocacy			
	Upgrade septic drainage	VDRC, Funding Body	G1, G4, G5
	Installation of small cell satellite	VDRC, Funding body	G1, G4, G5

WOOLIANA HOMELAND

Location:

Population:

Languages:

Council Staff:

BRIEF HISTORY

2022-23 Wooliana Project Priorities			
Outcome	2022-23 Project Priority	Responsibility/ Stakeholders	Strategic Plan
Advocacy			
	Upgrade septic drainage	VDRC, Funding Body	G1, G4, G5
	Installation of small cell satellite	VDRC, Funding body	G1, G4, G5



13. Questions from the Public

14. General Business

15. Confidential

Nil

16. Next Meeting

The next Meeting of Yarralin | Nitjpurru Local Authority will be held Wednesday, 9 November 2022.