



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGENDA

**TIMBER CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 16 AUGUST 2022
AT 3:00 PM
AT THE TIMBER CREEK COUNCIL OFFICE
VDRC OFFICE**

MEMBERS

Larry McLaughlin
Cecelia McKenzie
Elaine Watts
Coralie Myers

Graham Watts
Rebecca Myers
John Horgan
Felicity McLaughlin
Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett



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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

Apology received from Cissy McKenzie on 9th August 2022 via email.

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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5. Resignations, Terminations and Nominations

5.1. Resignations

5.1.1. Resignation of Elaine Watts from the Timber Creek Local Authority



Report Type Resignation
Prepared by **Assistant Manager**

Recommendation

That the Resignation of Elaine Watts from the Timber Creek Local Authority is noted.

Attachments

Nil



5.1.2. Resignation of Graham Watts from the Timber Creek Local Authority

Report Type Resignation
Prepared by Assistant Manager

Recommendation

That the Resignation of Graham Watts from the Timber Creek Local Authority is noted.

Attachments
Nil



5.2. Terminations

Nil

5.3. Nominations

Nil

6. Call for Items of General Business

7. Invitation for Deputations to Present/Speak

7.1. Frank Gardiner and Birrigan Young on behalf of Chansey Paech MLA - Meet and Listen to LA Members

Report Type Presentation

Attachments

Nil

8. Confirmation of Minutes

8.1. Timber Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 14 June 2022

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Timber Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 14 June 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Attachments

1. 2022-06-14- TCL A- Unconfirmed- Minutes [8.1.1 - 7 pages]



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

**TIMBER CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2022
AT 3:00 PM
AT THE TIMBER CREEK COUNCIL OFFICE
VDRC Office**



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Russell Anderson
Chief Executive Officer



1. Meeting Opening

The Timber Creek Local Authority Meeting 14 June 2022 opened the time being 3:06 pm.

1. Present

Appointed Members

Present

Coralie Myers	Chairperson
Graham Watts	Deputy Chairperson
Larry Johns	Member
John Horgan	Member
Rebecca Myers	Member

Staff Present

Paul Buckley	Council Operations Manager
Renee Croton	Assistant Council Operation Manager

Guests

Nil

2. Welcome

Chairperson welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

3. Attendance and Apologies

3.1. Community Attendees

Nil

3.2. Apologies and Absentees

Apologies: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett, Cecilia McKenzie

4. Disclosure of Interest



There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

5. Resignations, Terminations and Nominations

5.1. Resignations

5.1.1. Resignation of Brian Bird from the Timber Creek Local Authority

Motion

That the Resignation of Brian Bird from the Timber Creek Local Authority is noted.

Mover: Rebecca Myers

Seconded: John Horgan

Resolution: TCLA-2022/1: Carried 5 / 0

5.2. Terminations

Nil

5.3. Nominations

Nil

6. Call for Items of General Business

Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes

7.1. Timber Creek Local Authority meeting held on 22 March 2022

Motion

That the minutes of the Timber Creek Local Authority meeting held on 22 March 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Mover: Coralie Myers

Seconded: Graham Watts

Resolution: TCLA-2022/2: Carried 5 / 0

7.2. Special Timber Creek Local Authority meeting held on 9 May 2022



Motion

That the minutes of the Special Timber Creek Local Authority meeting held on 9 May 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Mover: John Horgan

Seconded: Larry Johns

Resolution: **TCLA-2022/3:** Carried 5 / 0

8. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil.

9. Correspondence

9.1. Incoming Correspondence

Motion

That the following incoming correspondence be noted.

- Big Rivers Liveability Report VDRC LGA
- Stronger Futures Sunsetting LA Brief Timber Creek

Mover: Graham Watts

Seconded: Coralie Myers

Resolution: **TCLA-2022/4:** Carried 5 / 0

9.2. Outgoing Correspondence

Motion

That the following outgoing correspondence be noted.

That the Chairperson for the Timber Creek Local Authority send another letter to the Minister (Natasha Files) regarding the ongoing sewerage problem in Timber Creek and having no-where to dump waste.

Mover: John Horgan

Seconded: Rebecca Myers

Resolution: **TCLA-2022/5:** Carried 5 / 0



10. Reports

10.1. Timber Creek LA Financial Report March 2022

Motion

- A. That the report Timber Creek LA Financial Report March 2022 is received and noted

Mover: Graham Watts

Second: Coralie Myers

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

10.2. Timber Creek Community Report

Motion

- A. That the Timber Creek Report is received and noted
B. That Council accept this report

Mover: Graham Watts

Second: John Horgan

Resolution: TCLA-2022/7: Carried 5 / 0

10.3. Regional Plan 2022-23 Workshop (Timber Creek)

Brainstorming Projects for 2022-2023 Financial Year Prioritised:

- Town Sewerage
- Land release in Timber Creek
- Bolted down outdoor gym equipment
- \$10,000.00 put aside for next year's Timber Creek Festival
- Mural for the bottom of the stage to be updated by local Timber Creek school children

Graham Watts left the meeting at 15:36 pm.

Graham Watts returned to the meeting at 16:10 pm.

Motion

- A. That the Regional Plan 2022-23 Workshop (Timber Creek) is received and noted

Mover: Coralie Myers



Seconded: John Horgan

Resolution: **TCLA-2022/8:** Carried 5 / 0

11. Questions from the Public

N/A no public attendees

12. General Business

13.1 Policeman Point Road

Larry Johns brought up the bad condition of the road to Policeman's Point.

13. Next Meeting

The next Meeting of Timber Creek Local Authority will be held on 16 August 2022.

Unconfirmed



9. Update from Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett

9.1. Councillor Update from Cr xxNAMExx For xxMONTHxx

Report Type Report for Information

Recommendation

That the Councillor Update from Cr xxNAMExx For xxMONTHxx is received and noted.

Attachments

Nil



10. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

11. Reports

11.1. TCLA Financial Report

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

Recommendations

A. That the report TCLA 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

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. Timber Creek 30 June 2022 [11.1.1 - 6 pages]

Timber Creek Income and Expenditure for the period ended on 30 June 2022

Victoria Daly Regional Council
Income and Expenditure
For the period ended on 30 June 2022



Timber Creek

Description	Year To Date Ended on 30 June 2022			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Income				
Grants and Subsidies	410,922	410,924	(2)	
Contract Income	1,452,709	1,380,944	71,765	More income received from CDP than budgeted
Fees and Charges	80,674	94,330	(13,656)	Less income received from NDIS than budgeted
Other Current Income	69,564	110,500	(40,936)	Medicare income for May and June will be receipted in August 2022
Total Income	2,013,869	1,996,698	17,171	
Expenditure				
Employees	1,109,517	1,436,002	326,485	Underspend is due to vacant positions
Councillor and LA Expenses	3,670	5,500	1,830	
Materials and Contracts	219,281	337,892	118,611	Underspent on Material and Consumables (\$13,000), Pest control and contractors' expenses (\$110,800). Overspent on Materials WHS (\$11,200)
Depreciation	5,265	8,198	2,933	
Fleet and Plant Expenses	107,791	112,674	4,883	
Utility and Communication Expenses	118,870	131,454	12,584	Underspent on electricity (\$7,400) and Mobile phone expenses (\$4,600)

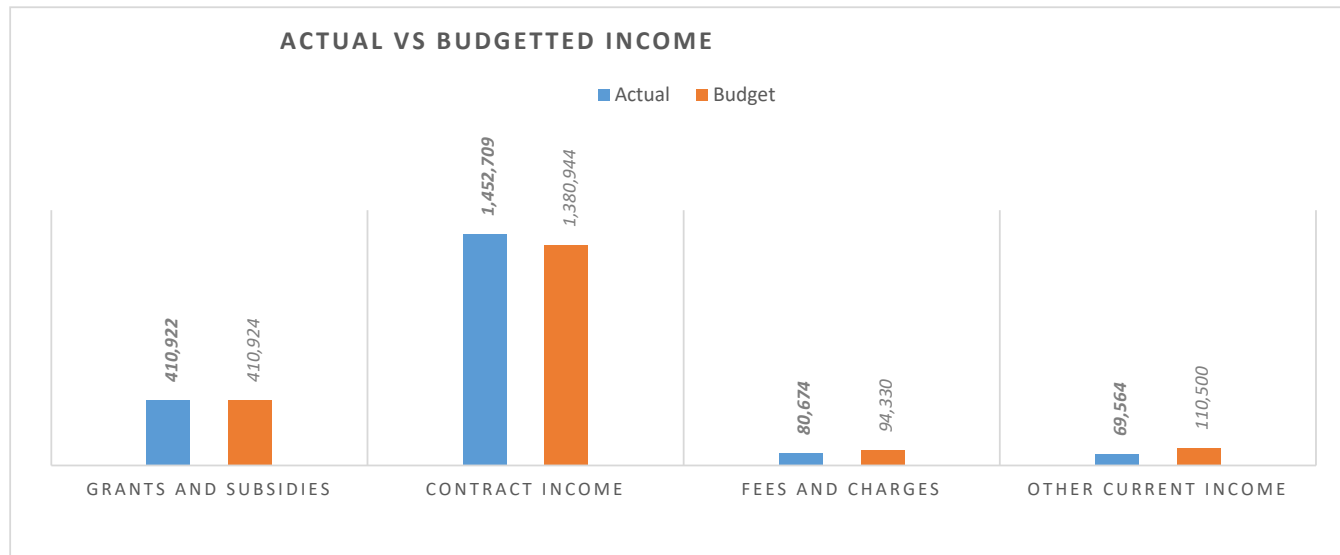
Timber Creek Income and Expenditure for the period ended on 30 June 2022

Other Operating Expenses	47,686	72,533	24,847	underspent on accommodation (\$1,500), Training (\$15,860), Stationery (\$1,500) and employee's amenities (\$1,250)
Finance Charges	10	85	75	
Allocated Expenses/(Income)	1,123,442	1,078,162	(45,280)	
Total Expenses and Allocations	2,735,534	3,182,501	446,967	
Surplus (Deficit) For the period	(721,665)	(1,185,803)	(429,796)	

Income

For financial year ended 30 June 2022, Timber Creek received \$2,013,869 revenue in total. CDP income was \$71,765 more than budgeted while Fees and charges and other current income was less by \$13,656 and 40,936 respectively (Council expected to receive Other current income for May and June in August. This will reduce the variance).

Timber Creek Income and Expenditure for the period ended on 30 June 2022

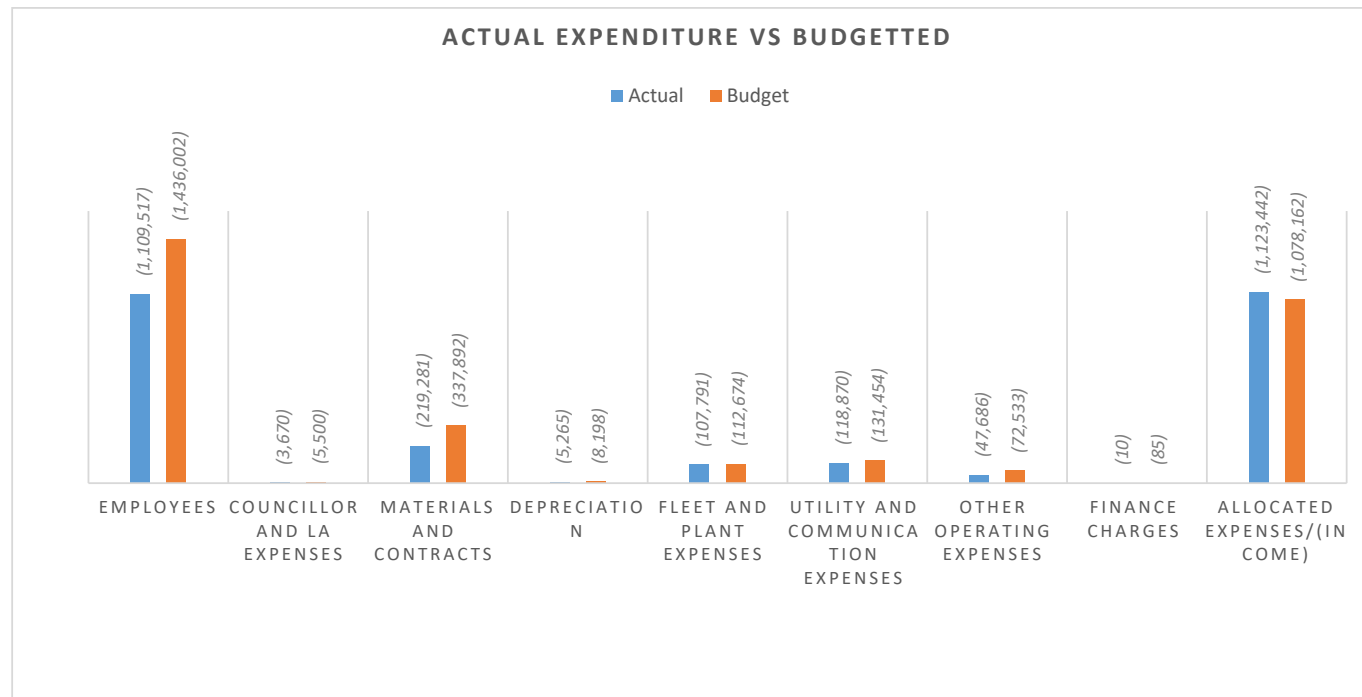


Timber Creek Income and Expenditure for the period ended on 30 June 2022

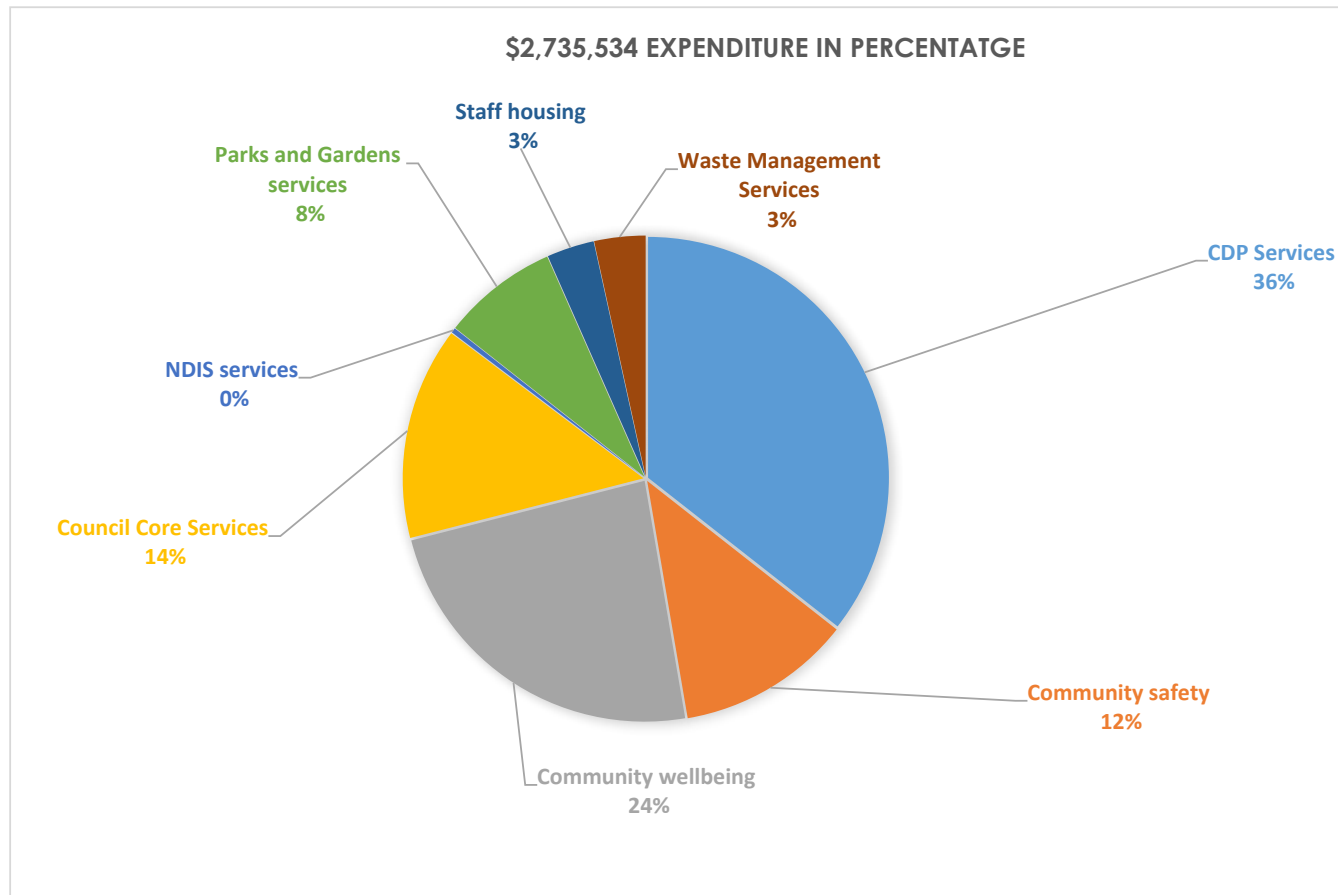
Expenditure

For financial year ended 30 June 2022, Timber Creek spent \$2,735,534. In total, there was underspent of \$ 446,967. There was underspent on employees' cost (due to vacant positions), Material and consumables, Utility expenses and other operating expenses

Bar chart shows actual vs budget expenditure by expenses Categories



Timber Creek Income and Expenditure for the period ended on 30 June 2022



Timber Creek Income and Expenditure for the period ended on 30 June 2022

Timber Creek LA Projects

Fund Carried forward from last financial year	36,925
Funds received this financial year	36,600
	73,525
Funds allocated to Project	-79,346
Overspent to be offset against 2022/23 grant	-5,821

Project ID	Project Name	Resolution	Budget amount	Actual Amount spent	Status
60LB769	Timber Creek Stage Upgrade	039/2022	63,064	63,061	Completed
60LB006	Timber Creek Festival 21/22	260520021-05	6,282	6,282	Completed
60LB800	Timber Creek Festival 22/23	TLCA-2022/0	10,000	-	To be held financial year 2022/23

79,346	69,343
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11.2. 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 Timber Creek Ward priorities is 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. Timber Creek pages from VDRC 2022-23 Regional Plan [11.2.1 - 4 pages]

Timber Creek Ward

TIMBER CREEK

Location: 289 km south west of Katherine along the Victoria Highway

Population: 249 (2016 Census)

Languages: Ngaliwurru, Ngarinyman, Wardaman, English

Road access: Sealed access to Timber Creek and Bulla, unsealed road into Amanbidji from Victoria Highway

Service Centre for: Muruning, Myatt, Gulardi, Gilwi, Bulla, Amanbidji and Menngen

Tourism: Timber Creek has a range of accommodation, activities and other facilities for travellers. It is the gateway to Judbarra/Gregory National Park and a perfect site for river fishing, crocodile spotting and bird watching.

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Chairperson: Coralie Myers

Deputy Chairperson: Graham Watts

Members: Brian Bird, Cecelia McKenzie, Elaine Watts, Felicity McLaughlin, John Horgan, Larry McLaughlin, and Rebecca Myers

Elected Member: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett

BRIEF HISTORY

The first inhabitants were the Ngaliwurra and Nungali Aboriginal people, descendants of whom still live in Timber Creek. Timber Creek was named in 1855 when the explorer Augustus Gregory used timber from the banks of the creek to repair his expedition's boat.

A police station was constructed in 1898 and upgraded in 1908, as river traffic grew, to service pastoral properties. In 1911 a depot was established to service the river trade. Due to growing concerns over a Japanese invasion of Northern Australia during WWII, the 21st North Australia Observer Unit was formed. This was a highly mobile unit, led by Aboriginal guides who knew the area and were responsible for reporting enemy landings on isolated areas of the coast line.

Timber Creek is the gateway to Judbarra/Gregory National Park and a perfect site for river fishing, crocodile spotting and bird watching. Ngaliwurru and Ngarinyman are the main traditional languages for this region however English is predominantly spoken. The Ngaliwurru and Nungali Aboriginal people are the original inhabitants and Traditional Owners of the lands surrounding the town.





2022-23 Timber Creek Project Priorities

VDRC - Victoria Daly Regional Council
TCLA - Timber Creek Local Authority
NTG - Northern Territory Government
NWA - Ngaliwurru-Wuli Association Aboriginal

2022-23 Project Priority	Project Initiator/ Coordinator	Responsibility/ Stakeholders	Strategic Plan
Achievable with Local Authority Project Funding			
Road drainage maintenance	VDRC	VDRC	G1, G4, G5
Local bird hides	TCLA, VDRC	VDRC	G4
Develop community gardens	TCLA, VDRC	TCLA, VDRC	G4
Projects require grant funding and/or co-funding			
Upgrade heritage trail	TCLA, VDRC	VDRC	G4
Additional connected walking trails	TCLA, VDRC	VDRC, Parks NT, DIPL	G4
School holiday program catering for junior and senior ages	TCLA, VDRC	VDRC	G1, G4
Upgrade to waste facility	VDRC	VDRC, EPA	G1, G4, G5
Advocacy			
Sewerage system for town	Elected Members	DIPL, NTG	G1/1.5
Development of murals which connect the school to the community	Elected Members	Timber Creek School, Local Authority	G1/1.5
Advocate for men's shed in Timber Creek	Elected Members	NTG, Katherine West Health Board	G1/1.5
Advocate for women's shelter	Elected Members	NTG, Katherine West Health Board	G1/1.5
Advocate for sober up facility or program	Elected Members	NTG, Katherine West Health Board	G1/1.5
Removal of abandoned vehicles within communities	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5
Advocate for dump point in Timber Creek	Elected Members	DIPL, NTG, Private enterprise	G1/1.5
Installation of lights at Gilwi	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5

Timber Creek Ward

AMANBIDJI

Location: 450 km south-west of Darwin

Population: 70 (Homelands Service Provider Report 2020)

Languages: Ngarinyman / Kriol

Road access: The community is serviced by an unsealed road to the Victoria Highway (62 km). Timber Creek is the nearest settlement in the Northern Territory and is 107km east of Amanbidji.

Homelands Service Provider: Ngaliwurri-Wuli Association

Elected Member: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett

BRIEF HISTORY

The Ngarinyman people are the Traditional Owners of the community. Amanbidji (formerly Kildurk) have a lease agreement with two independent third parties.

Amanbidji has a school, store, health clinic and council office which is mainly used for the Community Development Program activities. There is a good quality unsealed airstrip that can be accessed most of the time. The Ngaliwurru Wuli Association services the community, focusing on housing, municipal and essential services.

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Chairperson: TBC

Deputy Chairperson: TBC

Members: Joy Mikamon, June Lurda, Sharon Lurda, Ross Roberts, Cassandra Ahwon, Raylene Raymond, Toni Marree Waterloo, Rhonda Lurda

2022-23 Amanbidji Project Priorities

VDRC - Victoria Daly Regional Council
ALA - Amanbidji Local Authority
NTG - Northern Territory Government
NWA - Ngaliwurru-Wuli Association Aboriginal

	2022-23 Project Priority	Project Initiator/ Coordinator	Responsibility/ Stakeholders	Strategic Plan
Advocacy				
	Cover over basketball court and installation of led lights	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5
	Upgrade roads around the community	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5
	Install street lights and repair damages from the last wet season rains	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5
	Cemetery - upgrade the surroundings and clear overgrown bushes, repair fence	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5
	Playground in middle of community near basketball court and upgrade playground near clinic	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5
	Gardening shed and equipment - (issue is lack of water with community)	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5



BULLA

Location: Bulla is located 342 km west of Katherine, about 60km west of Timber Creek and 170 km east of Kununurra.

Population: Approximately 100

Languages: Westside Kriol/ Ngarinyman

Road access: Bulla is situated 340 km west of Katherine on the Victoria Highway. The nearest small town is Timber Creek, a distance of 60 km east of Bulla Camp along the Victoria Highway.

Homelands Service Provider: Ngaliwurru-Wuli Association

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Chairperson: Shadrack Retchford

Deputy Chairperson: Duncan Bero

Members: Joseph Archie, Nicholas Laurie, Penny Archie, Stan Retchford

Elected members: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett

BRIEF HISTORY

Bulla Community is located on the East Baines River. It has a local store, Bulla Camp Primary School, and the Jack Little Health Centre. Jack Little is one of the first Aboriginal Health Workers and the Clinic is staffed by Aboriginal Health workers, and supported by a visiting doctor from Timber Creek, remote area nurses and other health professionals. The Bulla Camp Primary School is well attended also employing local people.

2022-23 Bulla Project Priorities

VDRC - Victoria Daly Regional Council
BLA - Bulla Local Authority
NTG - Northern Territory Government
NWA - Ngaliwurru-Wuli Association Aboriginal

2022-23 Project Priority	Project Initiator/ Coordinator	Responsibility/ Stakeholders	Strategic Plan
Achievable with Local Authority Project Funding			
Recycling program	BLA, VDRC	BLA, CDP	G1, G4
Governance training	BLA, VDRC	VDRC	G1, G3
Street signs school and cemetery	BLA, VDRC	BLA, VDRC	
Marquees, chairs, tables for festivals and events	BLA, VDRC	BLA, VDRC	
Projects require grant funding and/or co-funding			
School holiday program	VDRC	VDRC	G1, G4
Ongoing sport and recreation program	VDRC	VDRC	G1, G3
Advocacy - requires stakeholder negotiation			
Multipurpose backhoe/tractor	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5
Playgrounds and shelters near community church and basketball court	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5
Improve road surfaces and drainage	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5
Streetlight upgrade	Elected Members	NWA, PAWA	G1/1.5
Community bus and shelter	Elected Members	NWA, Private	G1/1.5
Fire training and fire management equipment	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5
Trailer	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5
Playground upgrade being a new zip line and	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5
Garden tap at Basketball court	Elected Members	NWA	G1/1.5



11.3.	Timber Creek Community Report.
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Report Type	Confirmation of Minutes Report for Information Council Operations Manager Report Local Authority Reports Community Report For Information.
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Department **Community Council Operations.**

Prepared by **Council Operations Manager Timber creek**

Purpose

Updating Council on Timber Creek Project priorities.

<h3>Recommendations</h3> <p>A. That the Timber Creek report is received and noted. B. The council accept the report.</p>

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

1.6 - Develop an overall responsible reporting structure to enable Council to review the implementation and success or otherwise of the Strategic Plan and its objectives

Key Issues

LA Meetings were held the week of the Monday 13th June.

Timber Creek-

La meeting discussed the upcoming festival at the end of July. Food delivery, entertainment, amenities and rides.

Quotes and payment are already underway.

Discussion on the possibility of sewerage treatment plant for the town of timber creek. It was advised that there would have to be letters to the new minister, NT Power and Water, EPA, possible grants to fund studies of the area and this would take a considerable amount of time and money before any major movement on the issue.

The group also wish to investigate an outdoor gym system set up near the council playground area and basketball court to help make it a family fun area.



Quotes have been issued ready for the LA's consideration.

Bulla-

The LA meeting had brought to attention there was no drinking water supply near the playground and basketball courts.

We are receiving quotes for this.

Some of the playground equipment is in need of repair. Investigations have found that the LA group can fund the repairs and quotes are underway.

The installation of street signs in the previous year have been carried out and the group would like to see more installed. Quotes have been issued for their consideration.

Amanbidji-

The meeting was arranged but didn't have enough LA participants available.

Timber Creek township.

The western Wilson Street entrance on the highway has gone ahead, widening the exit and entry lanes. Upgrades to the stormwater drains and batters have been carried out to help the flow of ground water and erosion control.

The main road to Gilwi is also receiving a much-needed face lift. Downes earthmoving contractors are re-topping the current road. There has been no mention if the road will be receiving bitumen at this point, but the current works will be a big help with the upcoming wet season.

Bulla township.

All services are being met with Aged Care, water and waste. This includes NWAC services.

Amanbidji township-

The shelter beside the phone box has been brought forward into the new budget year as it was held back due to covid and time constraints.

CDP are gathering new workers in the township, Aged Care will be starting visitation once a fortnight with some elderly clients.

The council house at Amanbidji has been brought back up to rental status and is currently being rented by contractors working in the community for the next month.

Background

These project priorities have been adopted by council but were raised at the LA Regional Plan Meeting.

Considerations

The L.A groups are working with and for their communities for more livable townships.



Policy implications

All quoting and works being carried out are within the policy guidelines for the L.A group and Council works.

Budget implications

All work is currently inside the budget. Once the L.A group receive their quotations they can prioritize the works to be carried out within their budgets allocated.

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

No Attachements



12. Questions from the Public

13. General Business

14. Next Meeting

The next Meeting of Timber Creek Local Authority will be held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 3:00 pm.