



**Victoria Daly**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# AGENDA

**DALY RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2022  
AT 12:30 PM  
AT THE DALY RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE  
VDRC OFFICE**

## MEMBERS

Brian Muir	Nadine Daly
Mark Mullins	Robert Austral
Wayne Buckley	Councillor Andrew McTaggart
Peter Hollowood	



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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

Nil

## 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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  - (a) be present at a meeting of the audit committee, council, council committee or local authority while a matter in which the member has a conflict of interest is under consideration; or
  - (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. Confirmation of Minutes**

### **6.1. Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 3 August 2022**

#### **Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 3 August 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

#### **Attachments**

1. 03082022 DRLA Minutes (1) [6.1.1 - 6 pages]



# MINUTES

**DALY RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 2022  
AT 12:30 PM  
AT THE DALY RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE  
VDRC Office**



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Russell Anderson  
**Chief Executive Officer**



**Victoria Daly**  
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MINUTES  
Daly River Local Authority Meeting Wednesday 3 August 2022

## **1. Meeting Opening**

### **1.1. The meeting will Commence time being as follows**

The meeting opened the time being 12:30 pm.

### **1. Present**

#### **Members Present**

Chair - Peter Hollowood

Member - Nadine Daly

Member - Robert Austral

Member - Mark Mullins

#### **Staff Present**

Director of Council Operations

Matthew Cheminant

Council Operations Manager -

Pat Hollowood

Council Operations Assistant

Manager - Ingrid Schreiner

#### **Guests**

Daly River Buffaloes Football

Club Inc. President - John

Bonson

## **2. Welcome**

### **2.1. We acknowledge traditional owners, past and present, of the land on which we meet.**

Chairperson welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

## **3. Attendance and Apologies**

### **3.1. Community Attendees**

### **3.2. Apologies and Absentees**

Apologies: Cr Andrew Mc Taggart

Leave of Absence:





#### 4. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

#### 5. Resignations, Terminations and Nominations

##### 5.1. Resignations

Nil

##### 5.2. Terminations

Nil

##### 5.3. Nominations

Nil

#### 6. Call for Items of General Business

##### 6.1. Notification of Proposal to Upgrade a Mobile Phone Base Station at the Daly River Exchange

Discussion ensued regarding if further investigation is required into any health risks that could be of concern with having a mobile phone station in very close proximity to VDRC workplaces.

Options discussed for further clarification included the Telecommunications Ombudsman and VDRC Work Health and Safety Manager may be of assistance for further advice

#### 7. Invitation for Deputations to Present/Speak

John Bonson gave an update on the Daly River Buffaloes Football Club Inc. including the positive impact it is having on the Community. He proposed the purchase of a Marquee which can also be used by other community stakeholders including the local schools for cultural events and sports, with the intention to finance from the Youth Engagement Fund.

Discussion ensued John stated that the local schools are in support of the Buffaloes Football Club Inc. and youth are very much involved with the DRBFC Inc. as players, water boys, supporters and via activities.

He is also discussing an attendance strategy with schools as a positive reward system.

**Motion**

That the DRLA support the purchase of one 3x6 meter marquee at cost of \$1495 + GST and freight cost to Nauiyu.

**Mover:** Nadine Daly

**Seconder:** Brian Muir

**Resolution:** DRLA- 2022/6



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Brian Muir arrived at the meeting at 12:44 pm.  
Wayne Buckley arrived at the meeting at 12:45

## 8. Confirmation of Minutes

### **Motion**

That the DRLA Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Of March 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of meeting.

**Mover:** Mark Mullins

**Second:** Wayne Buckley

**Resolution:**DRLA-2022/7: Carried 4 / 0

### **Motion**

That the DRLA Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> of May be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of meeting.

**Mover:** Mark Mullins

**Second:** Wayne Buckley

**Resolution:**DRLA-2022/8 : Carried 4 / 0

## 9. Councillor Update

## 10. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

## 11. Correspondence

### 11.1. Incoming Correspondence

Nil

## 12. Reports

### 12.1. Nauiyu Community Report by Council Operations Manager - Pat Hollowood

Pat Hollowood - Council Operations Manager clarified pages 36 and 37 – To be Noted "unachievable" on both pages refers to as item requires advocacy between council and appropriate government bodies. Next reports will be more specific.

## 13. Questions from the Public



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## **14. General Business**

### **14.1. Pat Hollowood - Council Operations Manager - update on purchase of front deck mower.**

Pat Hollowood - Council Operations Manager stated that three quotes are to be sought and is currently in the process of awaiting funds to be released.

## **15. Confidential**

Nil

Members of the press and public to be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items listed come within the following provisions:

## **16. Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Daly River Local Authority will be held on the 2nd of November 2022.

Meeting Closed at 1:19.



## **7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

### **7.1. Business Arising from previous minutes**

1. Marquee for Daly River Buffaloes Football Club Inc. has been approved, and in process of being ordered.
2. BAI Communications provided report and official Australian Government link in regard to information on EME frequency and questions on any health concerns due to upgrades to current telecommunications tower.

## **8. Councillor Update**

### **8.1. Councillor Update from Cr Andy Mc Taggart**

**Report Type** Report for Information

#### **Recommendation**

That the Councillor Update from Cr Andy Mc Taggart is received and noted.

#### **Attachments**

Nil

## **9. Invitation for Deputations to Present/Speak**

### **9.1. Representatives from the office of Marian Scrymgour MP**

**Report Type** Local Authority Reports

#### **Attachments**

Nil



## 10. Reports

### 10.1. Quarterly Finance Report Nauiyu

**Report Type**     **Officer Report For Information**  
**Department**    **Financial Services Corporate Services**  
**Prepared by**    **Senior Accountant**

#### **Purpose**

For the Daly River Local Authority to receive and note the quarterly finance report.

#### **Recommendations**

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

#### **Regional Plan**

##### ***Goal 1: Quality Leadership***

- 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

##### ***Goal 2: Financial Sustainability***

- 2.3 Improve efficiencies within the Council to minimize resource wastage

#### **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. Quarterly Nauiyu Report [**10.1.1** - 5 pages]



Income and Expenditure  
For the period ended on 30th September 2022

Naiyu

Description	Year To Date Ended on 30 September 2022		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Income</b>			
Fees and Charges	26,531	18,303	8,228
Operating Grants and Subsidies	291,266	212,262	79,004
Commercial and Other Income	3,464	51,946	(48,481)
			-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(321,262)</b>	<b>(282,510)</b>	<b>(38,752)</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Employee Expenses	194,267	329,038	134,771
Materials and Contracts	122,061	144,464	22,403
Elected Member Allowances	5,300	6,865	1,565
Elected Member Expenses	3,404	4,938	1,534
Council Committee & LA Allowances	820	1,375	555
Council Committee & LA Expenses	12	220	208
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment		858	858
Interest Expenses/other expenses		36	36
Allocations			0
<b>Total Expenses and Allocations</b>	<b>(325,865)</b>	<b>(487,794)</b>	<b>161,929</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit) For the period</b>	<b>4,603</b>	<b>205,284</b>	<b>(200,681)</b>

Grants received earlier period than budgeted

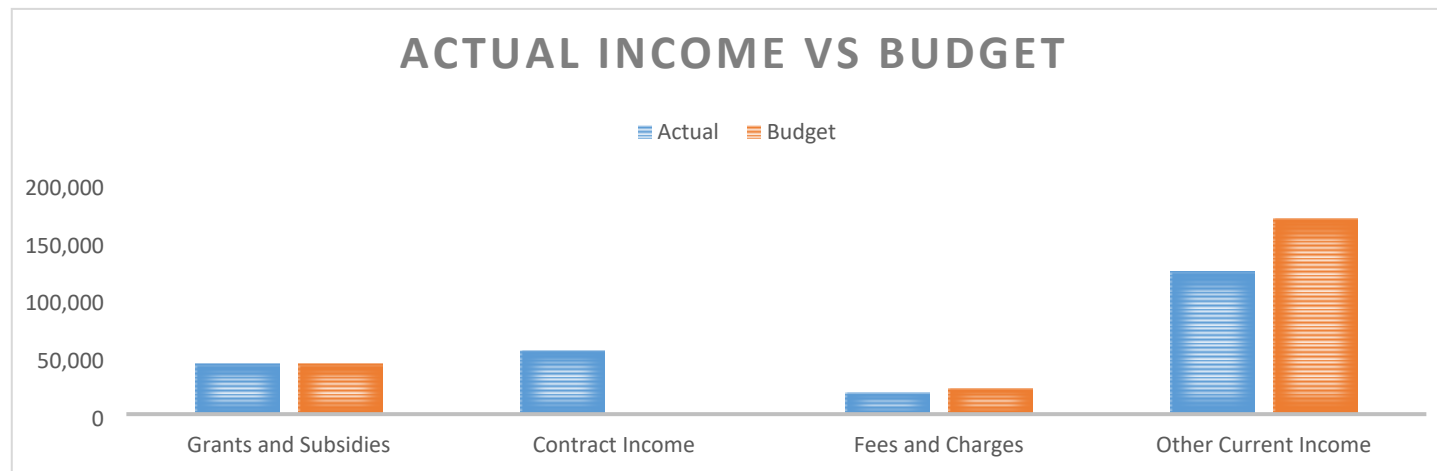
Medicare revenue for July, August and September was received late, in October

Underspent is due to vacant positions  
Underspent on contractors' expenses

In Nauiyu, Council received \$321,262 in revenue and spent \$325,865 in the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

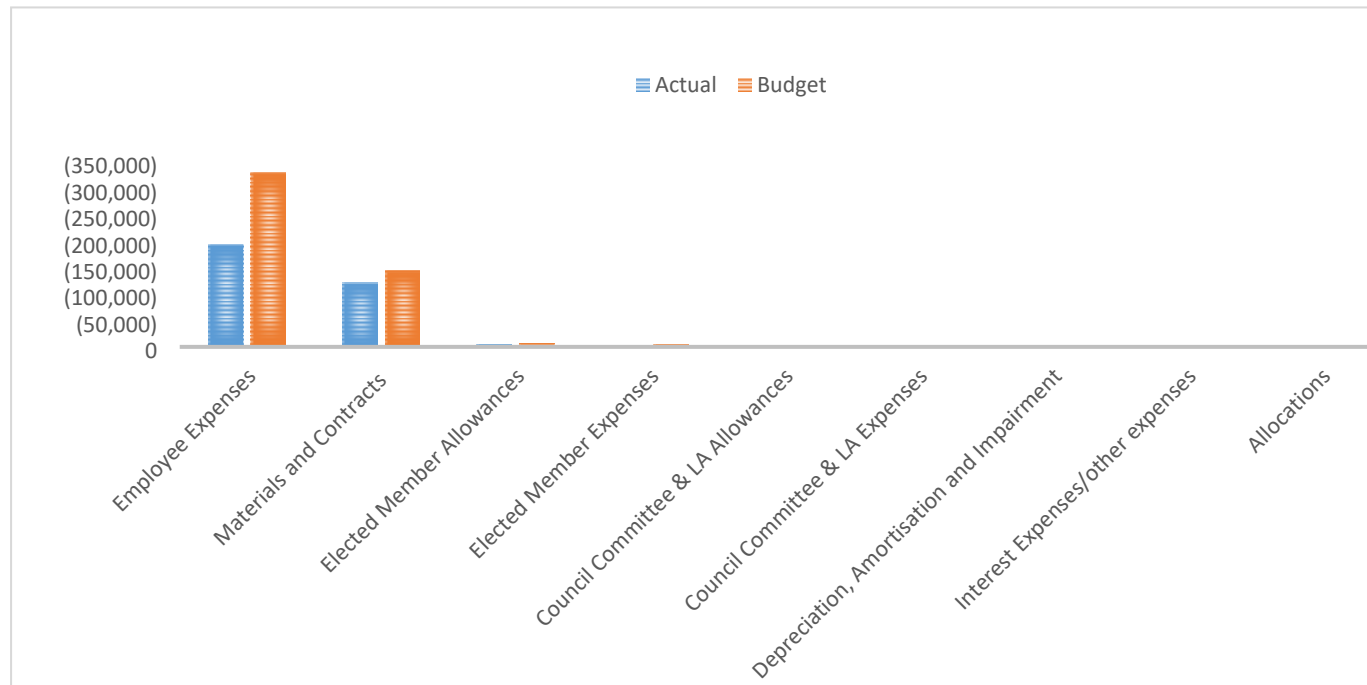
### Income

The graph below shows actual vs budget income for the period July to September.



## Expenditure

The Graph below shows actual vs Budget expenditure by Account Categories for period July to September



### Key Expenses-Materials and Contracts

Consulting fees

**Amount**

60,000.00

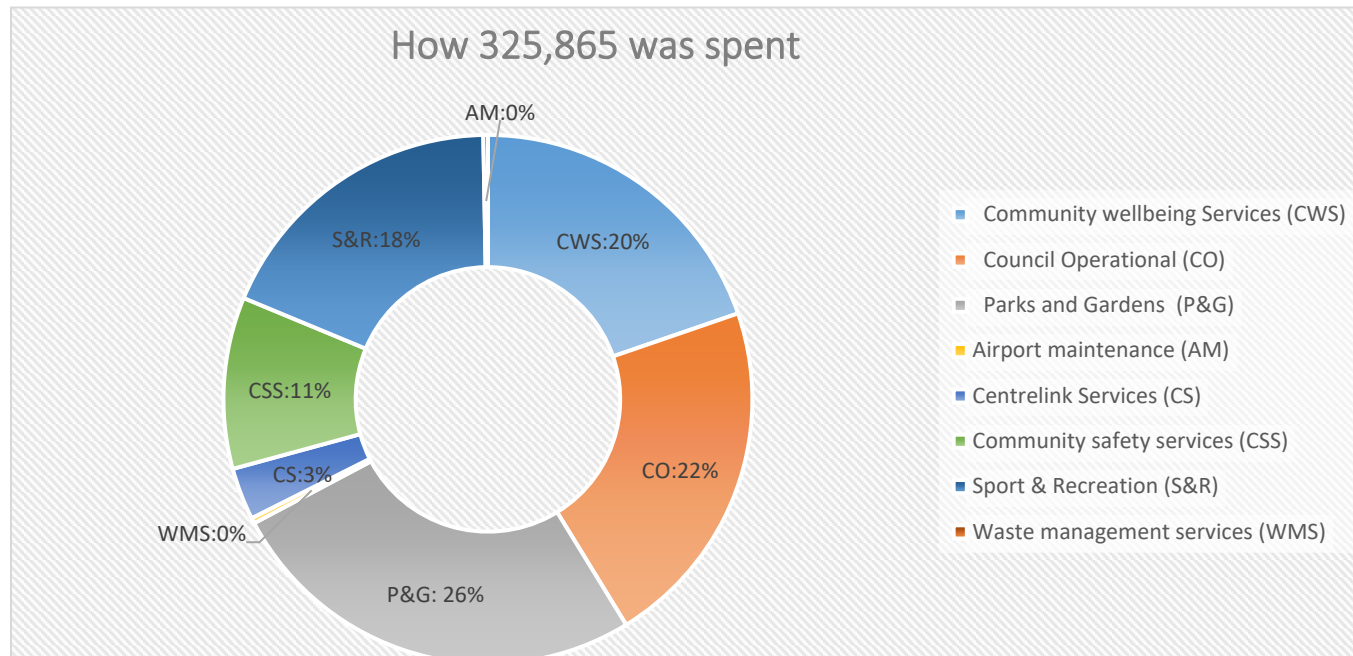
Rent Expenses

20,239.90

80,239.90



The graph shows how \$325,865 was spent in providing council services.



### Local Authority Funds and projects

Fund Carried forward from last financial year	36,983
Grant expected to be received this financial year	43,600

### Funds allocated to Projects

Funds available for future projects	80,583
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**-50,438**

30,145

Project ID	Project Name	Resolution passed on	Committed amount to the project	Amount spent to date	Remaining funds available	Status
1904-087/20LB087	Aged Care Client Activities	17-Apr-19	3,000	879	2,121	Remains open
1904-088/20LB088	Youth Engagement fund for events and activities	17-Apr-19	20,000	1,683	18,317	Remains open
	Front Deck mower	04-May-22	30,000	-	30,000	Remains open

**53,000**

**2,562**

**50,438**

Funds available for future projects

30,145



## 10.2. Daly River Council Operations Managers Report September to OCT 2022

**Report Type** Council Operations Manager Report  
**Department** Council Operations - Nauiyu  
**Prepared by** Council Operations Manager

### **Purpose**

To update the Local Authority on the Daly River community operations.

### **Recommendations**

- A. That the report "Daly River Operations Managers Report September to October 2022" 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

#### **Goal 4: Liveability**

4.3 Facilitate the provision of services which improve residents' lives

### **Events and Activities**

- NAIDOC celebration at Nauiyu was held on 27 July with many service providers participating. VDRC received a grant to have jumping castles which proved extremely popular with the children.
- Centrelink Remote team returned to Nauiyu in early August for the first time in years.
- Car removal continues with vehicles taken to Darwin and kept out of our dump.
- Grays On-Line Auction took place in October with collection of items completed by 21 October.

### **Vehicles and Plant maintenance**

- Our John Deere backhoe and one front deck mower was sent to Katherine for repairs.
- Quotations are now required to hire a backhoe from local contractors for dump and grave digging activities.
- Council Operations team leader utility received 6 month service on 10/8/2022.
- We continue to explore options for mechanic to visit Nauiyu to conduct six-month service of vehicles and plant.

### **Building maintenance and repairs**



- Hard wired smoke detectors were installed in the Admin and Council Operations buildings.
- Lot 94A (vacant staff unit) has been used by GRAC to house residents having their houses upgraded. During this period VDRC do not have to pay lease amounts to GRAC.
- Upgraded CCTV was installed 11 October at Admin, Council Operations and Aged Care buildings.
- Defibrillators were installed in the Admin and Aged Care buildings on 17 October.

### Meetings

- Local Authority meeting was held on Wednesday 3 August with next one to be held on 2 November.
- Service Providers Meeting was held on 17 August and 12 October

### Staff

- Council Operations staff finished Cert 3 Local Government – Council Operations in early August.
- COM spent one week in August to assist in the Council Admin office in Kalkaringi
- COM took 7 weeks leave 22 August returning 10 October. During this time the COAM did higher duties as Acting COM and our Centrelink Agent did higher duties as Acting COAM.
- COAM commenced Cert IV in Local Government in early September.
- Council Operations team leader on 4 weeks Long Service Leave from 10 October with the Leading Hand on higher duties during this time.
- Centrelink Agent resigned and finished up on 14 October. We aim to fill the position as soon as possible.
- Interview for the RIBS position will take place in the near future.

### Regional Plan Project Priorities

- ***Reseal internal Nauiyu roads***  
Council Operations Manager to identify roads and update the Councils or DIPL roads program.
- ***Identify and install solar lights at Nauiyu***  
Identifying and installing solar lights is an achievable and on-going project through the Local Authority. Solar lights were recently installed in the Council Operations compound where Council vehicles are parked at night.
- ***Land for future Council development***  
Requires Council advocacy with relevant government department.
- ***Upgrade to waste facility***  
Operation's Manager to review the consultant's report on Nauiyu waste management and report to the next LA meeting.
- ***Community and well-being engagement projects***



**Club** The development and incorporation of the Daly River Buffaloes Football Inc. has engaged service providers and community members in a very positive way. The club assists youth to participate in the Michael Long Cup, a Women's team is being developed and 'Men's Shed' is being incorporated into the club house. In this first year the club was awarded "Most Professional Club" in the Big Rivers Football League which is a testament to all involved. VDRC continue to support the club as do all community stake Holders.

- **Gravelling and resurfacing of Daly River roads**  
Council Operations Manager to identify roads and update the Councils or DIPL roads program.
- **Upgrade to airstrip east and west ends**  
Operations Manager to scope the required work.
- **Raise power lines on Wooliana Road**  
Operations Manager to seek relevant authorities to address this issue.
- **Permanent and safe river access at Nauiyu**  
Operations Manager advocacy with relevant government departments and Traditional Owners.
- **Build levy on east end of riverbank to reduce/delay flooding on road access to Nauiyu**  
Operations Manager advocacy with relevant government department.
- **Five Mile Cemetery extension works**  
Operations Manager advocacy with relevant government department and landowner.
- **Raise Backyard Creek on Daly River Road to reduce being cut off during wet season**  
Operations Manager advocacy with relevant department.  
N.B. Surveyors have recently attended the site.

#### **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



### 10.3. Waste Management for Wet Season

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

#### **Purpose**

For the Daly River Local Authority to discuss wet season waste options, including potential skip bin hire and any costs associated.

#### **Recommendations**

- A. That the report Waste Management for Wet Season is received and noted
- B. That the Daly River Local Authority commit [\$xxxx] to the hire of a skip bin for waste management during the 2022-23 wet season at Nauiyu.

#### **Regional Plan**

##### **Goal 1: Quality Leadership**

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

#### **Considerations**

- If a skip bin is needed, a backhoe will also be required to transfer waste to the skip bin.

#### **Budget implications**

In previous years the cost has been approximately \$5,000 for the season.

#### **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



#### 10.4. Bi-Annual Vet Visit

**Report Type**     **Officer Report For Decision**  
**Department**    **Executive Services Chief Executive Office**  
**Prepared by**    **Manager of Executive Services**

##### **Purpose**

For the Daly River Local Authority to receive the quote for bi-annual vet visit and decide if they will allocate local Authority funds.

##### **Recommendations**

- A. That the report Bi-Annual Vet Visit is received and noted
- B. That the Daly River Local Authority commits \$2,800 of their funds to the Bi-Annual vet visit from The Ark Animal Hospital as per the attached quote dated 21 October 2022.

##### **Regional Plan**

###### ***Goal 1: Quality Leadership***

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

##### **Budget implications**

Total cost is \$2,800

##### **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. veterinary-services-quote-daly-river-nov 22 [**10.4.1** - 7 pages]



The Ark Animal Hospital  
56 Georgina Cres  
NT 0830 Palmerston  
08 8932 9738

**Ingrid Schneider**  
Operations Assistant Manager –  
VDRC Nauiyu

21 October 2022

Dear Ingrid,

Thank you for the opportunity to supply a quote for veterinary service provision for Daly River.

The Ark Animal Hospital can guarantee a fully satisfying veterinary services as requested.

Veterinary services offered include:

- Parasite control (mange, worm and tick treatment)
- Surgical desexing
- Contraceptive injections (chemical desexing)
- Euthanasia of unwanted animals

The Ark Animal Hospital are the leaders in providing dog health services to remote Indigenous communities. The staff has been delivering dog health programs in the Northern Territory for over 20 years and over 8 years in communities in the northern part of Western Australia.

We currently have an Aboriginal veterinarian and nurse as well as several staff members who have close ties to Aboriginal people as well as several who were adopted into different clans/communities.

Additionally, we provide training and volunteering opportunities for young Aboriginal people. Up to two vets who will be involved in delivering the proposed veterinary service are Dr. Stephen Cutter and possible Dr. Nick Davies.

Regards,  
Andrea Ruske  
Practice Manager  
The Ark Animal Hospital





Veterinary Services Quote  
for  
Victoria Daly Regional Council  
as provided by  
The Ark Animal Hospital  
21/10/2022

Contact Person:	Dr. Stephen Cutter
Title:	B.V.Sc (Hons)
Phone Number:	08 8932 9738
Email:	manager@thearkvet.com



## SERVICES REQUESTED

This quote is submitted by The Ark Animal Hospital to provide visiting veterinary services to the Victoria Daly Regional Council communities. Species to be treated will predominantly be dogs and cats.

In response to the needs of the regional council upon each visit, The Ark Animal Hospital will:

1. Perform surgical sterilisation of domestic animals presented by community members and/or as instructed by the regional council and collaborating organisation staff;
2. Where surgical sterilisation is unable to be utilised, administer chemical sterilisation to domestic animals presented by community members and/or as instructed by Victoria Daly Regional Council and collaborating organisation staff;
3. With informed consent, euthanase domestic animals that are presented by community members and/or as instructed by Victoria Daly Regional Council and collaborating organisation staff;
4. As required in response to animal welfare needs, administer procedures and treatments to domestic animals that are presented by community members and/or as instructed by Victoria Daly Regional Council and collaborating organisation staff;
5. The delivery of such treatments can on request include training and utilising Victoria Daly Regional Council and collaborating organisation staff in the administration of the treatment/s;
6. Vaccination on request as instructed by Victoria Daly Regional Council and collaborating organisation staff; Recommendation to vaccinate desexed animals only.
7. Microchip domestic animals that are undergoing anaesthetics, and provide details of all microchips administered to Victoria Daly Regional Council if required;
8. Provide advice and on-the job training to local Victoria Daly Regional Council staff on best practice for animal management if required;

Upon request, and for an additional negotiated fee, The Ark Animal Hospital team can be available to travel to selected communities to perform aforementioned services, on an 'as needs basis', in addition to the regularly scheduled visits.

Both veterinarians are highly skilled and experienced in delivering dog programs. If effective animal capture and transport is provided a minimum of 15 dogs and 15 cat desexing per day can be achieved.

The Ark Animal Hospital has sufficient resources to ensure the time constraints required by Victoria Daly Regional Council can be met.

The Ark Animal Hospital prides itself in delivering cost effective and culturally appropriate outcomes in the community.



## STAFFING

Staff/ Volunteer Role	Staff Member Name (if applicable)	Qualifications	Relevant experience in remote communitie s (Y/N)
Veterinarian	Dr Stephen Cutter	B.V.Sc (Hons)	Y
Veterinary Nurse	TBA Kylie Giles	Cert IV Veterinary Nurse	Y

There is a possibility that a veterinary student will be volunteering on the day.

## SERVICE DELIVERY METHODOLOGY

The Ark Animal Hospital has a clear quality control system and with established key performance indicators to guide day to day operations and for monitoring and reporting.

### Service delivery:

The Ark Animal Hospital has a WH&S policy which is site specific to identify standards and to provide guidelines for safe workplace operations for staff, and the animals in care.

### Staff:

Staff are required to adhere to high veterinary and nursing standards for clinical care.

### Compliance with environmental legislation and animal ethics:

The Ark Animal Hospital policies and procedures recognise and observe relevant biodiversity and conservation guidelines, in particular those relating to care conditions, monitoring and reporting, and ethical legislation for caring for animals.

## Population Management

The Ark Animal Hospital recommends surgical desexing over chemical contraceptives.

### Surgical desexing has additional benefits:

- Reduced incidence of prostate problems. Prostatic cancer, prostatic enlargement, infections of the prostate and formation of cysts within the prostate are all common occurrences in male dogs that have not been castrated.
- Elimination of testicular cancer. Castrating a male dog means completely removing the testicles. This obviously makes it impossible for your dog to develop testicular cancer later in life.
- Prevention and treatment of certain behavioural conditions. Entire male dogs (i.e. male dogs that have not been castrated) have a much higher incidence of certain behavioural conditions. These include inappropriate urination or marking,



dominance aggression, fighting between dogs, territorial aggression, escaping, roaming and inappropriate sexual behaviour.

- More cost effective as chemical contraceptive as these drugs have to be repeated.

If the owner wishes to have some of the benefits of surgically castrating but without its permanent effects we do offer chemical contraceptives. Chemical castration is available in the form of an implant. These implants are injected under the skin and last either 6 or 12 months.

Once they wear off the dog returns to normal fertility and acts as a normal entire male dog. Disadvantage of chemical desexing is the time span is individual and can't be guaranteed.

### **Zoonotic parasite mitigation**

The main class of drug used by The Ark Animal Hospital to treat parasite burdens in community dogs is the macrocyclic lactones. Ivermectin is given orally or injected during desexing.

Providing oral medication has the benefit that there is no requirement to catch the dog to be treated. Owners often do not like catching their dogs for fear of being bitten or because they feel sorry for the animal if it is being man handled. Ivermectin is not a schedule drug and can therefore be legally ordered and administered by appropriate personnel within the community in the Northern Territory. The Ark Animal Hospital aims to train local people to administer ivermectin during their visit.

Oral ivermectin dosing provides an excellent vehicle for getting local people involved in a meaningful way early in the animal health program.

### **Vaccinations**

The Ark Animal Hospital supports dog vaccinations especially for Parvovirus. Parvovirus infection (known as parvo) is a viral illness that causes vomiting, bloody diarrhoea and weight loss in dogs. In puppies aged between six weeks and six months it can be fatal. In the Darwin area it can be present in the environment (mainly soil) for up to 12 months and requires a relatively small amount of viral particles to infect and kill a puppy.

With a new strain of the highly contagious canine parvovirus having been discovered in Australia, it is vital to offer support for communities by providing vaccinations for puppies to stop a fatal outbreak of the virus in the future. Main risk period Build-up and Wet season due to high humidity.

Many community dogs are not vaccinated and are therefore at risk. Vaccinations of desexed animals will allow longevity of investment in surgical desexing and consequently enable a greater bonding with owners as the animal's life is extended.



### **Community Engagement**

The Ark Dog Health programs aim to be culturally sensitive. Our experienced staff are respectful, co-operative and enthusiastic. We are happy to train local people in the areas of dog control and health. With the aid of a local liaison officer to encourage community co-operation, average outcomes in a working day are highly successful with many desexings and ivermectin treatments (internal and external parasite treatment).

Local community members acting as liaisons improve communication and better enable us to observe cultural protocols. We aim to provide a holistic service that not only delivers essential veterinary treatments, but also builds the capacity of local staff to manage their own community's companion animal populations etc.

The Ark Animal Hospital staff have a sound understanding and wide experience of dog health programs and encourage capacity building animal management officers.

We are more than happy to discuss your community's priorities with you, with the aim of providing a service relevant to your community's situation.

### **Collaboration**

The Ark Animal Hospital considers that its commitment to Aboriginal development and reconciliation will continue to be reflected through its work. The Ark has a policy of empowering and employing Aboriginal people where ever possible.

The Ark provides veterinary services to over 50 Aboriginal communities – in many of these we work with local Aboriginal people who are employed under a wide variety of jobs (including Animal management workers, Environmental health works, indigenous rangers, local government employees etc.)

We work according to AMRRIC (Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities) principles – engaging the community members to enable excellent compliance rates and aim to work with other organisations e.g. to share resources and improve outcomes, to assist with research sample collection, to increase surgical capacity by accepting and supervising AMRRIC veterinary volunteers.

### **SITE CONDITIONS**

The Ark Animal Hospital are the leaders in providing dog health services to remote Aboriginal communities. The staff has been delivering dog health programs in the Northern Territory for over 20 years and over 8 years in communities in the northern part of Western Australia.

### **TRAVEL, ACCOMODATION AND OTHER INCIDENTALS**

Our team from The Ark Animal Hospital intend to drive in our own vehicle to Daly River. It is anticipated that a Victoria Daly Regional Council vehicle would not be required for the veterinary team, assuming that animals are transported to the surgical site by collaborating organisation staff in their own vehicle.



## REPORTING

The Ark Animal hospital is familiar with the AMRRIC App and intends to use it for data collection purposes.

The Ark Animal Hospital will provide detailed reports to Victoria Daly Regional Council within four weeks of each visit, outlining:

- Numbers and types of treatments delivered per animal type, per community;
- Any recommendations for improvements to effective animal management within the region;
- Any recommendations for improvements to delivery of goods and services;
- Any Victoria Daly Regional Council related issues resulting in delays or disruptions to delivery of services.

We are happy to provide verbal briefings to Councillors and senior management of Victoria Daly Regional Council as required.

## INSURANCE

I confirm that The Ark Animal Hospital has current:

- 1) Insurance under the *Worker's Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003* to cover workers, eligible persons, self employed Contractors, directors, trustees and partners; and
- 2) Public liability, professional indemnity and such other insurance not less than \$10 million for each occurrence.

## COSTINGS

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| • All inclusive paid vet daily rate                     | \$1,500.00 |
| • All inclusive paid vet assistant/vet nurse daily rate | \$300.00   |

All-inclusive daily drug & equipment fee	\$320.00
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Recommended: One Box of C3 core vaccination (25 vaccinations per box)	\$290
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Travel cost based on 500km return trip to Daly River is calculated on \$0.78 per km = \$390  
(microchips and chemical desexing drugs extra on request)

<b>TOTAL including vaccinations</b>	<b>\$2800</b>
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## VISIT SCHEDULE

Recommended visit duration would be one day with a minimum of two visits per year.



## **11. General Business**

## **12. Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of Daly River Local Authority – to be advised.