



MINUTES OF THE LARAMBA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN  
THE LARAMBA COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2018  
AT 1:00PM

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## MEETING DETAILS

Meeting Status: Quorum

Meeting Open: 1:00pm

## 1 ADMINISTRATION

### 1.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

#### **Present:**

*Local Authority Members*

Irene Floyd (Chairperson), Stephen Briscoe, Billy Briscoe, Peter Stafford

*Councillors*

Cr Adrian Dixon (President), Cr James Glenn,

Apologies: Ron Hagan

Absent: Bessie Dixon, Cr Audrey Inkamala, Cr David McCormack

Guests: Nikki Eaton (Department of Health – Alcohol and Other Drugs),  
Bruce Fyfe (Department of Housing and Community Development)

Staff: Diane Hood (CEO), Greg Buxton (Director of Infrastructure),  
Veronica Russo (Council Services Coordinator), Rowan Hummerston  
(Governance Officer)

## 1.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The following Local Authority members are employees of Central Desert Regional Council and therefore declare a conflict of interest:

- Irene Floyd – Central desert Regional Council employee
- Billy Briscoe – Central Desert Regional Council employee

## 1.3 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda

## 1.4 PREVIOUS MINUTES

*Lar013/2018* **RESOLVED ( Billy Briscoe/Cr Adrian Dixon)**  
**The Local Authority confirms the minutes of the last Local Authority meeting, held on August 29 2018 with the amendments to the following items:**

- Staff List “Veronica Russo (Acting Council Services Coordinator)” should read “Veronica Russo (Council Services Coordinator)”

## 2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS

### 2.1 LARAMBA COMMUNITY PLAN

The Local Authority note progress against the community plan.

The CEO noted that all of Laramba’s priority goals are advocacy based.

Advocacy is theme number 1 for Councils Regional Plan. All advocacy items became a key theme for Council.

Water at oval – Adopted into Regional Plan. This will be part of a map being planned of where all water is in all communities.

Pest control in houses – This is again an advocacy goal and will be considered in design of future housing, which is a specific action in the Regional Plan.

Look after dogs – Council has previously dropped the development of an Animal Control by-law and instead is adopting a more educational and informative approach to animal control.

Trees and shade – Proposed that all smaller communities have a shaded outdoor meeting area, Laramba being one of these smaller communities.

The Local Authority asked Council staff who owns the open shipping container in the Womens Ceremony area. Staff note this is not a Council asset.

The Local Authority advised they would like Council to work on better roads and the CEO notes that roads and infrastructure are covered by the Regional Plan

## 2.2 LARAMBA LOCAL AUTHORITY (LA) PROJECTS

The Local Authority note the progress of the LA projects.

### Approved Projects

Total Income Available: \$ 56,516

Projects 17/18 & 18/19	Comments	Estimated cost	Spent YTD (G)
Upgrades to Rec Hall -Ramp for side door -External Lighting -Concrete Slab for Dance floor -Wash basin & Single Toilet	The Local Authority understand the insurance process for the rec hall has not finished therefore it is not ready to go ahead.	\$12,000	\$4,104
Upgrades to main Park.		\$20,000	

The Local Authority agree, given the length of time between meetings, that Council can go ahead with the upgrades to the Rec Hall and the upgrades to the main park to the agreed value of \$52,412 or less, without coming back to the Local Authority with quotes.

**Unspent funds** \$52,412  
**Unallocated Funds** \$ 44,516  
 To be spent by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 \$ 52,412

**Proposed Projects**

Projects	Comments	Estimated cost	Spent YTD (G)
Relocation of washing machine closer into the center of the community	The project is on hold until an appropriate owner and place can be determined	ON HOLD	
Shade for Childcare bus	Irene Floyd notes that this item should stay on hold until Council's Children Services Manager returns from leave in January 2018 as there are going to be broader recommendations regarding the site	\$10,000	
Fence around the oval	The Local Authority recommend a chainmesh fence, height subject to regulations, quote requested.	TBA	

The CEO notes that \$52,412 needs to be spent by 30 June 2019.

**2.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL REFERENCE GROUP**

No comments are made regarding the Community Safety Patrol service in Laramba

**2.4 LARAMBA LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER**

The Local Authority note progress against the Action Register.

Memorandum Of Understanding - The CEO notes copies of the MoU between Community and Police were to be handed out but will instead

be given to the Local Authority at a later date. Police have indicated they would like to achieve a service level agreement for each community.

There was a question relating to whether the entrance road to Laramba could be sealed. The CEO advised that this road being sealed is unlikely as upkeep costs are higher for sealed than unsealed roads. This is not budgeted in the short to medium term.

### **3 COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 ATTACHED REPORTS**

##### **3.1.1 PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**

The Local Authority note resolutions from the previous Council meeting.

##### **3.1.2 FINANCE REPORT**

The Local Authority note the Finance Report.

##### **3.1.3 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

The Local Authority note the Council Services Report.

The Local Authority asked what is happening with Laramba Post Office contract. CEO advised no decision made by Australia Post, therefore no information to pass on. Council is continuing to provide the service.

#### **3.2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

The Local Authority noted responses to previous questions.

##### **New-**

#### **GYM EQUIPMENT**

**Can the Council investigate gym equipment for the community ?**

## 4 OTHER BUSINESS

### 4.1 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

There were no petitions or deputations for the Laramba Local Authority.

### 4.2 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT (NTG) REPORT

#### 4.2(a) ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Local Authority request the CEO write to NTG requesting a community meeting be organised to discuss matters with the Harm Minimisation Officer.

#### Outstanding Actions

Subject	Issue
Unfenced houses	Status: Open NT Housing have said they've done all fences they have funding for. Housing will endeavour to do additional fences should any funding become available.
Water Supply	Status: Open Report to come back from Power and Water Corporation to Local Authority as soon as possible
MoU with Police.	Status: Open The Local Authority would like to progress a service level agreement as to Police presence for Laramba.
Alcohol Management Plan	Status: Open NTG introduces the new NT Department of Health Harm Minimisation Officer, Nikki Eaton. Nikki addresses what she can do for community. The Local authority agree that a community meeting would be better to discuss matters with the Harm Minimisation

	Officer.
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## **CLOSE OF MEETING**

Meeting concluded 2:36PM

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