



two ways :: one outcome

**AGENDA**  
**LARAMBA LOCAL AUTHORITY**  
**TUESDAY, 1 MAY 2018**

The Laramba Local Authority Meeting of the Central Desert Regional Council will be held in the Central Desert Service Delivery Office on Tuesday, 1 May at 2pm.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **1. ADMINISTRATION**

#### **1.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

#### **1.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

Local Authorities reviewed the Code of Conduct and committed to following the Code. The following members declared a conflict of interest in relation to the listed items:

#### **1.3 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

The following changes were agreed to the agenda:

#### **1.4 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting on 28 February 2018.

Laramba LA meeting

28 February 2018

Laramba Community Consultation – DOC ID 438824

**Extra business**

SB resigned as chair, remains on LA

Irene duly elected as Chair

Billy Briscoe Deputy Chair

**1.1 Attendance and apologies**

Attendance: Cr Adrian Dixon, Billy Briscoe, Ron Hagan, Stephen Briscoe, Irene Floyd, Bessie Dixon, Peter Stafford

Apologies: Diane Hood, Maria Viegas

Absent: Cr Audrey Inkamala, Cr James Glenn and Cr David McCormack

Status: Quorum

Guests: Vince, Matt, Bruce Fyfe, Greg Buxton (Director Infrastructure & Assets), Libby Nuss (Governance Manager)

**1.2 Conflict of Interest**

Ron Hagen, Irene Floyd, Billy Briscoe are all Central Desert Regional Council employees.

**1.3 Acceptance of the agenda**

No changes

**1.4 Previous Minutes**

**Recommendation Ron Hagen / Peter Stafford**

The Local Authority confirms the minutes from the 24 October 2017 LA meeting.

**Recommendation Deb Williams / Stephen Briscoe**

The Local Authority confirms the minutes from the 26 September 2017 LA meeting.

**2.1 Community Plan**

Because the community planning session is underway, there is nothing to report in this agenda item.

**2.2 LA projects**

**RECOMMENDATION: Deb Williams / Billy Briscoe**

The Local Authority agrees to close the 15/16 local authority projects as the budget has been spent.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

recommends to Council that agreed local authority projects for Council's consideration

Ramp for rec hall side door:

- Concrete slab is complete
- Ramp to come

External lighting:

- Not done

Shipping container:

- Project complete

Washing machine:

- Machine working
- Machine in Aged Care is no longer available to community members.
- Store have been approached to sell the tokens at \$4 per wash.
- Machine has to pay for itself as Council does not pay for the repairs.

Bracket, shelving etc for equipment shed

- Materials in community, will take place in the next two weeks

Mobile BBQ

- Three quotes received from Centre Trailers x 3, 2 off road trailers at \$17k and one on road at \$11k
- Cheaper BBQ would have to stay in community as not built for off road, would also need to be transported via truck into community
- Rough financial check means that there is enough money for the more expensive trailer

**RECOMMENDATION: Billy Briscoe / Ron Hagen**

The Local Authority recommends that the CEO proceeds with the purchase of the Heavy Duty single axle mobile BBQ trailer at \$17,780 from Centre Trailers (quote #22812).

Concrete slab for dance area

- Final cost will be \$6k not \$10k
- Dance floor was a popular vote at this morning's community consultation session, has this been covered via LA funds under this item? LA agreed that they were separate projects and that the dance floor talked about at CC could be a 2017/18 project.

2:52 Cr Adrian Dixon left meeting

**17/18 Projects**

- Concrete dance hall slab
- Fence around basketball
- Band equipment
- Shade for oval park
- Shade for childcare bus
- Way of slowing traffic
- Water at rec hall and oval
- Relocate washing machines
- Veggie garden / farm
- Sheds for womens' and mens' artefacts
- Gym
- Directional road signage erected at Napperby Creek Crossing on Station Road and at the Yuelamu-Purludi Road

**RECOMMENDATION: Billy Briscoe / Stephen Briscoe**

The local authority recommends to the CEO source quotations for the nominated potential projects for 17/18 LA funding.

**2.3 Community Safety Patrol reference group**

- Kids not safe on the roads (see LA projects and community consultation sessions)
- Lots of drinking in community last week
- Keep people drinking away from the community
- Ron Hagen mentioned it's hard to get police to come to community – add to NTG agenda
- Drinking last week was the worst it has been in 22 years that Deb Williams has been in community

**Recommendation: Deb Williams / Stephen Brisco**

The Local Authority recommend that the CEO:

- 1) Provide an update on the revision of the MoU with NT Police,
- 2) Provide the MoU between Police and CSP so that LA can see what has been agreed,
- 3) Advice who CSP staff are calling of Ti Tree police are not available, and
- 4) If a designated roving phone and a direct access phone number are still available and are being utilised by CSP staff.

**2.4 Laramba Local Authority Action Register*****LAR045/2017 – Grading of Purlardi to Laramba Road***

Greg provided update to say that part payment of \$4 million has been paid for Nyirripi to Yuendumu road. Rest of the claim is being assessed. No change for status of Laramba roads so no work being done.

***LAR051/2017 – Water Supply***

CSM tabled update from NTG. No visit from PWC for sampling as at 28 February 2018.

### 3.1.1 Previous Council Decisions

Meeting suspended at 4:12pm

Meeting recommenced 4:18pm

### 3.1.2 Financial Report

### 3.1.3 Council Services Report

**Recommendation: Stephen Briscoe / Billy Briscoe**

**The LA request that the CEO provide and update in relation to CSP funding and the possibility that 50% of the CSP officers be female.**

### 3.2 Questions with notice

Question If the public toilets can be open during rec hall hours, how will the cleaning and consumables be managed

Question Where is alcohol management plan up to?

Question Does CDRC have a budget for softball equipment

Question From Finance Report: where is money coming from to cover capital shortfall

Question When will the animal management bi-law be put back on Council agenda

**Recommendation: Irene Floyd / Deb Williams**

**The Local Authority requests that the CEO look at a feasibility study / business case for a mechanics workshop in Laramba for the purpose of generating jobs.**

### 4.1 Petitions and Deputations

### 4.2 NTG

#### Existing Issues

Old Issue	Outcome	Status
Status of the pipe upgrade	As per email from CSM	Closed
Road works on Napperby Road	Dept Planning and Infrastructure advcises that there are no more changes to be made until funding available	Closed

**New Issues**

<b>Date Raised</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
28/02/18	Police	
28/02/18	Clinic	Turnover of staff
28/02/18	Fencing of houses	Not all houses have proper fences

**Recommendation: Stephen Briscoe / Ron Hagen**

The Local Authority request that the NT Government investigate if there are issues with recruiting permanent staff to Laramba clinic as it is affecting clinic operations, including the supply of medication.

Meeting closed 4:55pm.

## 2. COMMUNITY BUSINESS

### 2.1 LARAMBA COMMUNITY PLAN

*The Local Authority note and discuss the progress on the community plan.*

### 2.2 LARAMBA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

#### 2.2.1 LA Projects

The table on the following page provides an update with regard to LA projects

Projects	Comment	Estimated Cost (ex GST )	Spent YTD (ex GST)
Heavy Duty Single Axle Mobile BBQ Trailer	Three quotes received from Centre Trailers; 2 off road trailers at approx \$17k and one on road at approx. \$11k.  Cheaper BBQ would have to stay in community as not built for off road, would also need to be transported via truck into community.  Rough financial check means that there is enough money for the more expensive trailer.	\$ 17,780.00	\$0.00
Ramp for rec hall side door	Concrete slab is complete. Ramp to come.	\$ 4,000.00	\$0.00
External Lighting for rec hall		\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00
Bracket, shelving etc for equipment shed	Materials in community, will take place in the next two weeks	\$ 2,100.00	\$0.00



Concrete slab for dance area	Final cost will be \$6k not \$10k.  Dance floor was a popular vote at this morning's community consultation session.  LA agreed that they were separate projects and that the dance floor talked about at Community Consultation could be a 2017/18 project.	\$ 6,000.00	\$0.00
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**Unspent Funds            \$31,880**

*(To be spent by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018    \$30,406.45)*

**Unallocated Funds        \$36,696.45**

<b>Proposed Projects</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Estimated Cost (ex GST )</b>
Relocation of washing machine closer into the centre of the community	Machine working  Machine in Aged Care is no longer available to community members.  Store have been approached to sell the tokens at \$4 per wash.  Machine has to pay for itself as Council does not pay for the repairs.	TBA
Fence around basketball court		TBA
Band Equipment		TBA
Shade for Oval Park		TBA
Shade for Childcare bus		TBA
Traffic Management methods to close traffic		TBA
Water at recreation hall and oval		TBA
Vegetable garden		TBA
Sheds for womens' and mens' artefacts		TBA

Gymnasium equipment	TBA
Directional road signage at Napperby Creek Crossing on Station Road and at the Yuelamu Purludi Road	TBA

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority note the updates on the projects in the above tables

**2.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL REFERENCE GROUP**

*The Local Authority is the Reference Group for Community Safety Patrol and provides feedback to the Regional Council. Any comments or issues raised will be minuted.*

**2.4 LARAMBA LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER**

*The Local Authority notes the responses from Council / the CEO on recommendations; and notes progress against any agreed recommendations.*

*The Local Authority may also have its own action items which are noted here, and progress reviewed.*

OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS					
Outstanding Actions		Division: Committee: Laramba Local Authority Officer:		Date From: Date To:	
Action Sheets Report			Printed: Monday, 23 April 2018 10:30:29 AM		
MEETING DATE	REFERENCE	TARGET COMPLETION DATE	ACTION	ACTION OFFICER	PROGRESS/COMMENTS

Local Authority Action Items					
24 October 2017	Lar043/2017	9/11/2017	<del>[Lar043/2017]</del> <b>RESOLVED(Ron Hagan/Deb Williams)</b> <b>That the Local Authority:</b> 1) <u>note</u> the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received 2) request that the memorandum of understanding between the NT Police and CDRC Laramba Community Safety Patrol be reviewed	Anthony Murphy	13 Mar 2018 - 3:50 PM - John Gaynor Meeting to MOU with new Superintendent Jodie Nobbs was postponed by Police. No further information. Expect to have Overarching MOU Review <u>completed</u> by end of March.
Local Authority Project Funding 2017/18					
24 October 2017	Lar045/2017	29/12/2017	<del>[Lar045/2017]</del> <b>RESOLVED(Billy Briscoe/Deb Williams)</b> <b>The Local Authority request that:</b>	Greg Buxton	No update on item.

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			<p><b>1. Council follow up on the grading of the <u>Pulardi to Laramba Road</u> and find out what process has to be undertaken to have the road graded.</b></p> <p><b>2. The Station Owners and a representative from Central Land Council attend a future Local Authority meeting to discuss the <u>Pulardi to Laramba road</u>.</b></p> <p><i>Lar046/2017</i> <b>RESOLVED(Billy Briscoe/Ron Hagan)</b></p> <p><b>The Local Authority request that:</b></p> <p><b>1. Council review previous minutes and</b></p>		

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			action items to look for recommendations on the sealing of the Laramba entrance road (from the grid to the speed hump).		
New NTG Standing Agenda Item					
24 October 2017	Lar051/2017	7/11/2017	<del>Lar051/2017</del> <b>RESOLVED(Billy Briscoe/Peter Stafford)</b> <b>That the Local Authority:</b> 1. Note the update from the Northern Territory Government representative on issues raised at the previous meeting. 2. Request that the Northern Territory Government ask the Power and Water Authority to provide an update on the	Chris Kendrick	17 Apr 2018 - 11:28 AM - Libby Nuss Action reassigned to Chris Kendrick by: Libby Nuss

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Outstanding Actions		Division: Committee: Laramba Local Authority Officer:		Date From: Date To:	
Action Sheets Report			Printed: Monday, 23 April 2018 10:30:29 AM		
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			<p><b>Laramba water supply.</b></p> <p><b>3. Request that the Northern Territory Government provide an update on the current and future maintenance on the <u>Napperby Road</u>.</b></p>		
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### 3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

#### 3.1 ATTACHED REPORTS

##### 3.1.1 Previous Council Decisions

**Event:** Ordinary Council Meeting

**Date:** Thursday 29 March 2018

**Location:** Council Chambers, Yuendumu

ITEM
ITEM 10.3 - UPDATE ON ANIMAL BY-LAWS PROJECT
COUNCIL DECISION
<p><i>OC001/2018</i> RESOLVED ( Cr William Liddle/ Cr Robert George)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council agrees that the first step in relation to Animal By-Laws should be in relation to 'control of dogs' and mirror those parts of the two examples attached that relate to this.</li> <li>2. Council endorses that an animal (dog control) by-law for Central Desert Regional Council should apply in all communities.</li> <li>3. Council endorses that the by-law include links to the Central Desert vet program, for example that dogs must have one vet visit per year.</li> <li>4. Council notes the next steps for this project.</li> </ol>
ITEM
ITEM 11.2 - CHANGES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES
COUNCIL DECISION

*OC002/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Adrian Dixon/Cr Jacob Spencer)*

**The Council notes the resignation of the following Local Authority members and approve the appointment of the following new members:**

Resignation of Kezia Ahkit-Kitson from Willowra

Appointment of Harry Moore in Anmatjere and Ashley Martin in Willowra

**ITEM**

**ITEM 11.3 - EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS POLICY**

**COUNCIL DECISION**

*OC003/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Norbert Patrick/Cr William Liddle)*

**The Council approved the attached External Complaints Policy numbered P18.**

**ITEM**

**ITEM 11.4 - COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES AND ENTITLEMENTS**

**COUNCIL DECISION**

*OC004/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Freddy Williams/Cr Jacob Spencer)*

**The Council noted the current policy in relation to Councilor allowances and cost reimbursements.**



<b>ITEM</b>
<b>ITEM 12.1 - FINANCE REPORT</b>
<b>COUNCIL DECISION</b>
<i>OC005/2018</i> RESOLVED (Cr James Glenn/Cr Adrian Dixon)  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Council noted the financial reports for the period ending 28 February 2018, and</li><li>2) Council approved a KPI in relation to sustainability to increase the current ratio to \$2.00 over the next four years</li></ol>
<b>ITEM</b>
<b>ITEM 22.4 - UTOPIA HOMELANDS - CONSIDERATION OF ONGOING CONTRACT</b>
<b>COUNCIL DECISION</b>
<i>OC006/2018</i> RESOLVED (Cr James Glenn/Cr Jacob Spencer)  The Council resolved not to seek the Utopia Homelands MES, HMS or HEA contracts with NTG after the conclusion of the current contracts on 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### **3.1.2 Finance Report**

*Please see attached report*

### 3.1.3 Council Services Report

*The Local Authority reviews the reports, discusses impacts to the community and makes any recommendations it wishes to the Council (strategy, policy) or to the CEO (operational).*

	Anmatjere	Atitjere	Engawala	Lajamanu	Laramba	Nyirripi	Willowra	Yuelamu	Yuendumu	Utopia
Community Safety	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Family Mediation							Y		Y	
Youth, Sport & Rec	Y	Y	Y		Y			Y		
Aged and Disability	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Children's Services	Y		Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	
School Nutrition	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		
Libraries	Y			Y						
Municipal Services	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Animal Control	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Airstrip Maintenance	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	
Essential Services		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	
Outstations	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y		
Centrelink	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Post Office Agencies	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
CDP	Y				Y		Y	Y	Y	

**Achievements**

- Solar Lights have been installed for the community
- Mobile BBQ ordered for community and community families and delivery will be next week
- Maintaining the fences due to wandering livestock straying into people's yards
- Night Patrol building is almost to completion
- Fallen tree stumps cut up and distributed for firewood
- Community consultation undertaken in all nine communities. The NT Government attended most sessions and is aware of the issues raised that fall under their jurisdiction. On some occasions, local members and representatives of Federal Ministers were in attendance.
- Budget planning is underway, with a focus on providing a realistic picture for Council to allow a forward plan targeted on the aim to be financially sustainable in the future.
- Youth Engagement Officer Strategy operating successfully by identifying and re-engaging youth into CDP and other activities.
- 90/100% rating for SNP nutritional value.
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- Community work teams are concentrating on firebreaks with large fuel loads expected next summer after recent rains.

**Emerging Risks**

- Drinking within the community affecting staff attendance
- Awaiting employment for a new Night Patrol person
- No Police presence during CDRC fortnightly pay week
- Uncertainty around funding/ future sustainable funding for multiple community services projects (Future funding for Laramba, Yuelamu and Nyirripi child care centers. Upgrading of Atitjere Aged Care Centre)
- Delays in completion of Laramba Community Safety Patrol base due to Power Water requirement to relocate power line underground.
- Road repairs dependent on NDRAA Funding
- NDRAA funding application not fully funded, this is continuing to be followed up with NTG.
- Aging plant and equipment is considered high risk with repairs and maintenance costs increasing as a result.

### **3.2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

*Any questions asked by Local Authority members are noted here, responses will be included at next meeting.*

*This section does not include service requests, members and the community are encouraged to log service requests with the local office. .*

Question If the public toilets can be open during rec hall hours, how will the cleaning and consumables be managed

Answer Under investigation

Question Where is the alcohol management plan up to ?

Answer This is an NTG issue. Moving to Item 4.2 in the agenda.

Question Does CDRC have a budget for softball equipment

Answer An audit of softball equipment in Laramba was conducted on 27 March 18. At that time Laramba equipment included 20 good gloves, 14 bats, 5 helmets, backstop protective gear including 3 chest plates, 1 helmet and leg pads, 10 balls and 2 sets of bases  
Note that there is no specific funding for 'Softball'. There is general funding for sporting and recreation equipment.

Question From finance report: where is money coming from to cover the capital short fall ?

Answer Under Investigation.

Question When will the animal management bi-law be put back on council agenda

Answer: Was on agenda for previous Ordinary Council Meeting. Item 10.3.

## **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **4.1 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

The agencies presenting to the Local Authority today are:

- **National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)**

*The Local Authority reviews the presentation, discusses impacts to the community and discusses with the presenter.*

*If the presenter is asking the Local Authority for approval – they should provide a written recommendation and the LA resolution will be minuted.*

*A recommendation for an action may also be made to the NT Government to be included in 4.2 Northern Territory Government Report.*

#### **4.1(a) SNAICC – ESTABLISHMENT OF OUT OF HOME CARE**

The Local Authority (LA) has been presented with a letter from the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) regarding the establishment of an Aboriginal led out of home care model. SNAICC has presented the attached letter to the LA with the intention of attending the next meeting on 13 June 2018 to consult with the LA.



SNAICC  
National Voice for our Children  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation  
Suite 8, First Floor,  
252-260 St Georges Road  
North Fitzroy VIC 3068

Dear Council,

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF ABORIGINAL-LED OUT- OF- HOME CARE SERVICES**

Thank you for allowing me to present at your Local Authority meeting.

I have been engaged to work as Senior Project Officer with SNAICC in the Central Australian region to talk to all stakeholders to develop a plan for the creation of an Aboriginal-led and managed out-of-home care service model.

Out of Home Care is when children are removed from their parents/Family and put into foster care or kinship care. Sometimes this means living with a non-Aboriginal family or carer. This happens because the child has been found to be 'at risk' living in that house/community. We need to make sure that children are safe.

The Northern Territory Government understands that there are too many Aboriginal children going into care and want to work with community to develop a model that is culturally safe, and children can still be connected to family.

Most of the children in care in the NT are Aboriginal.

We have a Steering Committee made up of local Aboriginal Organisations from Alice Springs and Territory Families that will meet regularly to develop a model of Out-Of-Home care that is right for Central Australia.

There will also be 2 workshops for all stakeholders to discuss the right model for us.

This Project will end at the end of August and a report will be sent to the NT Government.

**WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?**

As a community you might like to discuss how the out of home care model will look like. As an example, one local organisation is looking at recruiting more Aboriginal respite carers and kinship carers. This might mean that if a child is placed in a non-Aboriginal care arrangement then the child can spend weekends or holidays with the Aboriginal respite carer or Kinship carer and eventually return to family to live.

How can we improve Aboriginal families becoming foster carers or kinship carers?

How do you think an Aboriginal child can have a strong connection with family if they are 'in care'?

How do families need to be supported so that the children can be safely returned home?

What is an Aboriginal organisation or community role if a Aboriginal child is taken into care?

Do you think family need to be making decisions about children returning to families?

What do you see your role in this service?

Do you think 1 organisation should run these services or many organisations so all services can be involved in supporting Aboriginal children in care and their families?

I appreciate the time you have taken to discuss this project and look forward to meeting with you face to face to put your ideas to the Steering Committee.



Eileen Van Iersel

Senior Project Officer

SNAICC (National Voice for Indigenous Children)

5 April 2018

## 4.2 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT REPORT

*A NTG representative from the Department of Housing and Community Development attends each Local Authority meeting to provide information and take questions on NTG services including, health, education, police, housing, etc.*

*The Local Authority can make resolutions (motions) to request actions from the NT Government.*

<b>Date Raised</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>NTG Status</b>
<b>October 2017</b>	Lar051/2017 RESOLVED (Billy Briscoe/Peter Stafford)  That the Local Authority:  Request that the Northern Territory Government ask the Power and Water Authority to provide an update on the Laramba water supply	Reported to LA on 28 February 2018.  Further updates will be provided at subsequent meetings when they are received.
<b>October 2017</b>	Request that the Northern Territory Government provide an update on the current and future maintenance on the Napperby Road.	Reported to LA on 28 February 2018. Further updates will be provided at subsequent meetings when they are received.
<b>February 2018</b>	Request to ascertain when and if the remaining unfenced houses in Laramba will be fenced.	Response from Housing to be provided at the LA meeting on 1 May 2018.
<b>February 2018</b>	Request DHCD to ask the Department of Health to advise if a permanent nursing staff member is being recruited to the clinic.	New nurse will commence in Laramba on 14 May 2018.