### ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 28 February 2023



### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of the Belyuen Community Government Council will be held in the Council Offices, Belyuen community commencing at 11am.

Dave Ferguson - CEO

## AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 9 March 2023

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### 1 OPEN MEETING

The meeting will be declared open at 11:00am.

President welcome the councillors, staff and visitors to the February meeting of 2023.

Councillors agree that all matters presented at this meeting will be administered on the principle of fair and equitable treatment. The President acknowledges that we each bring our own views to the table and on all matters unresolved, councillors right to agree and disagree is respected.

Councillors are reminded to fulfil their administrative requirements and sign the attendance sheet associated with this meeting.

Acknowledgement is made to members not present and respect is paid to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, to the elders past and present and to the councillors and employees present for the meeting.

### 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Report Number 2.1.02.23

Author Dave Ferguson - CEO

Attachments Nil

### Summary

This report is to table, for Council's record, any apologies, and requests for leave of absence received from Elected Members for this or future Ordinary General Meetings.

### **Background**

Not applicable.

### Comment

Council can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented, or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absence without notice.

### **Statutory Environment**

As per the *Local Government Act 2019* s.47 a person ceases to hold office as a member of a Council if the person is absent, without permission of the council in accordance with the regulations, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council.

### **Financial Implications**

Not applicable.

### Recommendation

 That Council accepts the apology of Cr. 28 February 2023; or, for the Ordinary Council

2. That the Council notes the absence without apology of Cr.

Moved:

Seconded:

### 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Report Number 3.1.02.23

Author Dave Ferguson - CEO

Attachments NIL

### **Summary**

Elected members and staff are required to declare any conflicts of interest arising from the matters contained in this agenda. The President reminds everyone about their roles and responsibilities as an elected official and particularly of their obligations to declare their interest (material or personal) on matters presented today – that may have a perceived or real conflict of interest.

### **Background**

**Elected Members** are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council or a meeting of a Council committee by:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.

The Council may elect to allow the Member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

**Staff Members** of the Council are required to disclose an interest in a matter at any time at which they are required to act or exercise their delegated authority in relation to the matter. Upon disclosure the Staff Member is not to act or exercise his or her delegated authority unless the CEO or Acting CEO expressly directs him or her to do so.

### Comment

NIL

### **Statutory Environment**

- Local Government Act 2019 Section 114 (Elected Members)
- Local Government Act 2019 Section 179 (Staff Members)

### **Policy Implications**

Conflict of Interest – Code of Conduct.

### **Financial Implications**

Not applicable.

### Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the declarations of interest for the Ordinary General Meeting 28 February 2023.

Moved:

Seconded:

### 4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### Presentation

Northern Land Council – Section 19 Land Use Agreement Proposal

### Summary

Correspondence received from the Northern Land Council on February 22<sup>nd</sup> addressed to the Belyuen Council CEO and the Minister for Local Government; the Hon. Chanston Paech.

The correspondence states that Belyuen Council owe the NLC rent for several lots occupied by the Council in Belyuen. The amount of rent requested by the NLC is \$110,300.00 plus interest per year backdated to 2012.

To resolve the issue, the NLC have requested a meeting with the Minister of Local Government and BCGC to discuss the amount owed plus interest and a commitment from BCGC to enter into section 19 land use agreements for 11 lots that BCGC occupy.

In the event that BCGC are unable to pay the amount of rent requested by the NLC, the NLC demand that BCGC vacate all lots that it currently occupies in Belyuen.

Belyuen Council responded to the correspondence from the NLC on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and again on March 6<sup>th</sup> inviting the Chair of the NLC; Mr. Samuel Bush-Blanasi and CEO Joe Martin-Jard to meet with Belyuen Council on either the 9<sup>th</sup> March or 28<sup>th</sup> March to resolve the matter.

To date, Belyuen Council have not received a response to the invitation.

Correspondence from the NLC and BCGC is included as separate attachments to the meeting agenda.

### Discussion

### 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Report Number 5.1.02.23

Author Dave Ferguson - CEO

Attachments Unconfirmed Minutes of the Meeting 07 February 2023

### Summary

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting and the Confidential Minutes from the meeting of the 07 February 2023 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### 1 OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened 11.11am

PRESENT AT MEETING:

### **Elected Members:**

- Cr Edmunds
- Cr Sing
- Cr Moreen
- Cr Holtze

### Staff:

• Dave Ferguson – CEO

### **Visitors:**

• Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters - Manager Sustainability and Compliance Local Government, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

### Apologies:

Nil

President requested a minute silence in memory of Belyuen community members recently passed. Condolences expressed by CEO of Yilli Housing: Michael Berto.

### 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### **Recommendation:**

3. That the Council notes Cr Timber as absent without notice

Moved: Cr. Edmunds Seconded: Cr. Holtze

### 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Elected members were reminded of their roles and responsibilities and particularly their obligations to declare any interest (material or personal) on any matters presented before Council today that may have a perceived or real conflict of interest.

<3.1.02.07> That Council receives and notes that there were no declarations of interest for the Ordinary General Meeting  $7^{th}$  February 2022

Nil

### 4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### Presentation:

Presentation provided by Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters - Manager Sustainability and Compliance. Jocelyn provided Council with a summary and purpose of her visit: To advise Belyuen Community Government Council that the Northern Territory Government will provide support to the CEO and Finance Officer with the recording and reporting of the Council financial information tabled for endorsement at each Ordinary Council meeting.

### 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### **Recommendation:**

<5.1.02.07> That the Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 are confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Cr. Moreen Seconded: Cr. Holtze

### 6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President discussed events and activities in the community, including:

Pot holes: Sections of the community public roads require repairs and maintenance

Community Oval: The oval is looking good, almost full coverage

Weed Management: Chemical spraying is ongoing throughout the community, in public areas such as roadsides, drains & culverts near public housing as well as aged care client fence lines as part of their individual service agreements.

Absenteeism: People who aren't coming to work need to communicate to their overseer. There is too much absenteeism at the moment from people who do not want to come to work. This effects services and puts pressure on other staff who are coming to work.

### **Recommendation:**

<6.1.02.07> That Council:

Receives and notes the President's Report for February.

Moved: Cr. Sing Seconded: Cr. Moreen

### 7 CEO REPORTS

### 7.1 Incoming & Outgoing Correspondence

Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters read the letter from the Northern Territory Government titled: Belyuen Community Government Council Financial Position dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### **Recommendation:**

<7.1.02.07> That Council:

Receive and note the incoming and outgoing correspondence as tabled:

Moved: Cr. Edmunds Seconded: Cr. Holtze

### 7.2

### **Recommendation:**

<7.2.02.07> that Council:

**Endorse the Belyuen Community Government Council Leave Policy** 

Moved: Cr.Holtze Seconded: Cr. Edmunds

7.3

**Recommendation:** 

<7.3.02.07> That Council:

Endorse the Belyuen Community Government Council Working With Children ochre card policy

Moved: Cr. Edmunds Seconded: Cr. Sing

7.4

**Recommendation:** 

<7.4.02.07> That Council:

Note the store report for February 2023 as tabled

Moved: Cr. Holtze Seconded: Cr. Sing

7.5

**Recommendation:** 

<7.5.02.07> That Council:

Note the CEO report Belyuen Oval Upgrade as tabled

Moved: Cr. Moreen
Seconded: Cr. Rex

7.6

**Recommendation:** 

<7.6.02.07> That Council:

Note the report from the CEO – Funding Opportunities as tabled

Moved: Cr. Edmunds Seconded: Cr. Moreen

7.7

**Recommendation:** 

### <7.7.02.07> That Council:

 $Note the {\it report from the CEO-Community Christmas Party a stabled}$ 

Moved: Cr. Edmunds Seconded: Cr. Holtze

### 7.8

**Recommendation:** 

<7.8.02.07> That Council:

Note the report from the CEO – Belyuen Community Event as tabled

Moved: Cr. Sing

Seconded: Cr. Edmunds

### 7.9

**Recommendation:** 

<7.9.02.07> That Council:

Note the report from the CEO - Yilli Housing as tabled

Moved: Cr. Holtze
Seconded: Cr. Edmunds

### 8 FINANCIAL REPORT

### 8.1 Financial Report

**Recommendation:** 

<8.1.02.07> That Council:

Endorse the financial reports for November and December 2022

Moved: Cr. Edmunds Seconded: Cr. Sing

### 9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

### 10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

### 11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### **Recommendation:**

<11.1.02.07> That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the agenda.

Moved: Cr. Holtze Seconded: Cr. Edmunds

Return to open session: 3.58pm

### 12 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting closed at 4.07pm

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on **28**<sup>th</sup> **February 2023** at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at **11:00am**.

### **Statutory Environment**

The Agendas and Minutes as submitted must comply with part Chapter 6 of the *Local Government Act* 2019.

### **Policy Implications**

Not applicable

### **Financial Implications**

Not applicable

### Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 07 February 2023 and the Confidential section of the meeting be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved:

Seconded:

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Report Number 6.1.02.23

Author President Rex Edmunds

Attachments Nil

### **Summary**

The President reports to Council on his activity and any items of importance that have arisen since the last ordinary Council meeting.

### Comment

The President gives a verbal report of activities since the last council meeting.

### **Financial Implications**

Not applicable.

### Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the President's Report.

Moved:

Seconded:

### 7 CEO REPORTS

### 7.1 Report from the CEO - Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence

Report Number 7.1.02.23

Author Dave Ferguson - CEO Attachments various documents

### **Background**

Council is provided with items of correspondence both received and sent since the last Council meeting.

The correspondence inwards and outwards will be tabled at every meeting or included in agenda items as part of the background information for that issue.

### Comment

### **Correspondence In**

Ref	Date	From	Regarding
A.	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	LGANT	Legislative changes to the NT Liquor Act
B.	February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Northern Land Council	Section 19 Land Use Agreement Proposal

### **Correspondence Out**

Ref	Date	То	Regarding
A.	February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	NT Emergency Services	Disaster Ready Funding Submission
B.	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	Northern Land Council	Section 19 Land Use Agreement Proposal

### Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the report from the CEO – Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence as tabled.

Moved:

Seconded:

### 7.2 Report from the CEO - Changes to Legislation in the NT

Report Number 7.2.02.23

Author Dave Ferguson - CEO

Attachments NIL

### Summary

To provide Council with an update of the recent legislative changes affecting Belyuen.

### Comment

At the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly of Parliament in February this year, a bill was passed to amend the *Northern Territory Liquor Act 2019*.

The new law amends the existing provisions in the *Liquor Act 2019* regarding Interim Alcohol Protected Areas (Interim APAs) to effectively change from an opt-in model to an opt-out model.

The new law gives effect to the Government's endorsement of the Office of the Central Australia Regional Controller's recommendation for urgent legislative amendment be made to the *Liquor Act 2019* contained in her first report to the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments.

This applies to all of the Territory, not just Central Australia. It will apply automatically to all Northern Territory communities that were previously subject to alcohol restrictions under the Commonwealth's Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012.

This means that those communities will not be able to have alcohol. They will be dry. It is against the law to bring in, possess, consume or sell/supply alcohol in those communities. It also brings back into the *Liquor Act 2019* provisions relating to community alcohol plans, which are vital to ensuring that communities have a say in how they want to approach alcohol. The community alcohol plans can also be used to support applications for a General Restricted Area (GRA).

The Government will provide additional guidance on what community alcohol plans need to address and how a community can provide evidence that the plan is supported by at least 60% of the adults who reside in the area. This guidance will be in the form of regulations made under the *Liquor Act 2019*. The regulations will be made as soon as practicable and allow for a flexible approach in recognition of the different types of communities affected by the new law. It is anticipated that there will be a short, targeted, consultation phase with key stakeholders on the regulations.

### Consultation

Ongoing discussion and consultation with community members, stakeholders and government agencies to ensure Belyuen Council implement a strategic process that will identify and mitigate risks related to the new law that is now in place.

### **Statutory Environment**

Not applicable

### **Policy Implications**

Policies and Procedures relating to this legislation are to be developed and implemented as required in due process.

Shire Plan.

### **Financial Implications**

Belyuen Council to seek advice from the NTG regarding funding opportunities that support the development of a Community Alcohol Plan for Belyuen.

### Recommendation:

### That Council:

- Instruct the CEO to facilitate the formation of a community Alcohol Plan Committee for Belyuen;
- 2. Note the CEO report Changes to Legislation in the NT.

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Seconded:

### 7.3 Report from the CEO - Belyuen Oval Upgrade

Report Number 7.3.02.23

Author Dave Ferguson - CEO

Attachments NIL

### Summary

BCGC received funding through NTG - priority infrastructure grant to upgrade the community oval.

### Comment

The turf on the oval is still establishing well. The oval has benefitted from the amount of rain received so far this wet season. The oval has now been fertilized twice. The oval has now received its first mow.

### Consultation

Project was discussed at stakeholder and community meetings held in September and October.

### **Statutory Environment**

Not applicable

### **Policy Implications**

Not applicable

### **Financial Implications**

Expenditure is in line with the grant agreement and budgetary guidelines.

### Recommendation

That Council note the CEO report Belyuen Oval Upgrade as tabled

Moved:

Seconded:

### 7.4 Report from the CEO - Funding Opportunities

Report Number 7.4.02.23

Author Dave Ferguson - CEO

Attachments Nil

### Summary

Belyuen Council apply for and receive numerous grant funded programs and projects on an ongoing basis.

### Comment

### ABA:

CEO met with delegates from the NIAA on February 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the progress of recent ABA submissions. NIAA advise that contracts are being drafted and should be ready to be negotiated by May/June this year.

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>OUTCOME</u>
1. Grounds Maintenance Program	\$416,411.70	Approved in-principle
2. Solar Street Lighting	\$42,727.27	Approved in-principle
3. Belyuen Store Upgrade	\$93,758.00	Approved in-principle

### **Community Benefit Fund:**

The Community Benefit Fund Major Grants round closed on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Council applied for vehicles to upgrade the existing fleet. CEO also resubmitted a Vehicle Gift Application previously sent late last year.

Correspondence received from the Northern Territory Government advising the funding submission has been accepted and the outcome of the submission will be advised in April this year.

### **Disaster Ready Fund:**

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Council submitted an application for the Disaster Ready Funding that opened earlier this year.

Belyuen Council have submitted a joint proposal together with Wagait Shire Council to address gaps identified in disaster and emergency based infrastructure and facilities.

A copy of the submission is included as a separate attachment to this agenda in correspondence.

### **Cox Peninsula Waste Management Project:**

Belyuen Council have submitted a joint proposal with Wagait Shire Council for a waste management facility to service Belyuen and Wagait Beach communities.

The Waste Management Strategy for Belyuen Community Council and Wagait Shire Council was prepared by Gerard Rosse and presented to council by the previous CEO in 2022.

A funding opportunity is available through the Department of Industry Tourism and Trade, Recycling Modernisation Fund to create a recycling centre to service both Belyuen and Wagait Beach residents

### **Administration Manager:**

Belyuen Council receive minimal operational funding each year and experience major challenges maintaining business efficiencies and compliance requirements as legislated by the NTG. Areas that

Council require support include Governance, Office Administration and Finance. The Department of Local Government have provided Council with a Special Purpose Grant to employ the services of a temporary administration officer to assist Council with these requirements. Council have engaged the services of an experienced administration officer to assist the CEO and Finance Officer for a 3 month period. The administration officer will be working remotely from QLD and visit Belyuen to work from the Council Office for one week out of every month.

### **School Nutrition Program:**

NIAA fund the Belyuen School nutrition program. A new contract has recently been agreed to continue to deliver this program for the next 2 years.

Total funding: \$148,276.00

### Recommendation

### That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Disaster Ready Fund grant application for construction of Belyuen Community Emergency Shelter (CES) and Belyuen Emergency Waste Management Facility (EWMF);
- 2. Instruct the CEO to allocate part of the 2023 WARM funding (\$75,000) to be used as contribution towards the Recycling Modernisation Funding proposal;
- 3. Endorse the Recycling Modernisation Funding application for improvements to infrastructure and EPA approvals for Food Organic Garden Organic (FOGO) compost products;
- 4. Endorse the 3-month temporary appointment of an administration officer to assist with governance and compliance deliverables;
- 5. note the report from the CEO Funding Opportunities as tabled

Moved:

Seconded:

### 7.5 Report from the CEO – Aged and Disability Program

Report Number 7.5.02.23

Author Dave Ferguson - CEO

Attachments NIL

### Summary

Consultancy support for Belyuen Council Aged Care and Disability program via the Service Development Assistance Panel (SDAP)

### Comment

Through Service Development Assistance Panel (SDAP) funding. Council have secured the services of a consultancy based company: Aged Care Management Australia (ACMA) to provide support services to our aged care program. A project plan has been drafted and approved. Over the next 12 months, ACMA will assist Belyuen Council in various areas of the aged care service including:

- Service delivery
- Finance & budgeting
- Mentoring
- Quality standards
- Strategic planning
- Governance & compliance
- Risk management
- Facilities
- HR & personnel structure

ACMA will provide the support services to Belyuen Council through scheduled site visits as well as remote video conferencing over the coming year.

ACMA have already identified areas of service delivery that can be improved through implementation of 2 new positions in the Aged Care program. These positions will be advertised and recruited to in the coming months.

### Recommendation

That Council:

Notes the Report from the CEO – Aged and Disability Program as tabled

Moved:

Seconded:

### 7.6 Report from the CEO – Community/Stakeholder Meetings 2023

Report Number 7.6.02.23

Author Dave Ferguson - CEO

Attachments NIL

### **Summary**

Belyuen Council facilitate Community meetings and Stakeholder meetings to ensure Belyuen residents have a voice and are part of the Local Decision Making Process endorsed by the Northern Territory Government.

### Comment

Due to recent significant legislative changes to alcohol laws in the NT, Belyuen Council have facilitated 2 community meetings and one stakeholder meeting in February this year. The purpose of these meetings was to provide the community with information related to the legislative changes and potential impact to Belyuen community.

At the request of the community residents and Interagency stakeholders, Belyuen Council are requested to give consideration to facilitation of regular meetings to ensure local residents are kept informed with information concerning Belyuen and the Cox Peninsula region.

Recommendation	
That Council:	
Notes and endorses the Community Meeting Dates and Stakeholder Meeting Dates for 2023.	
Moved:	
Seconded:	

### **BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

### COMMUNITY MEETING/STAKEHOLDER MEETING DATES

### 2023

MONTH	MEETING DATE	COMMUNITY EVENT
January		
February	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	
March	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Disco
April	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
May Wednesday 17 <sup>tl</sup>		TBA
June	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
July	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
August	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
September	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
October	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
November	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
December	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	TBA

### 7.7 Report from the CEO – Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation Proposal

Report Number 7.7.02.23

Author Dave Ferguson - CEO

Attachments NIL

### Summary

Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation (IAC) have oversight of the CDP in Belyuen. A proposal has been delivered to the Council CEO which will engage IAC as required to assist Belyuen Council with various community works and projects.

### Comment

Belyuen Council work closely in partnership with IAC to deliver employment and training opportunities to Belyuen residents. Having recently delivered accredited training in civil works, 10 local residents have received qualifications in various competencies including:

- Backhoe operations
- Zero turn Mower operations
- White Card
- Bobcat operations
- Skid steer operations
- Small plant & equipment

These qualifications increase the skills and capabilities of local residents and enable more long term employment opportunities.

IAC are able to support Belyuen Community with Grounds Maintenance services when there are deficiencies such as absenteeism from Council staff. IAC agree to provide this support until such times as Council receive the funding to oversee a Grounds Maintenance program in approximately 3 months time.

### Recommendation

That Council:

Notes and endorses Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation as a contingency to deliver Grounds Maintenance Services in Belyuen as required.

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Seconded:

### 7.8 Report from the CEO – General Business Operations

Report Number 7.8.02.23

Author Dave Ferguson - CEO

Attachments NIL

### **Vet Services**

Ark Animal Hospital visited Belyuen on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Numerous dogs and cats were treated for various health issues. A large proportion of local dogs had quite severe tick infestations. The dog population appear a lot healthier since the visit.

A full report from ARK Animal Hospital will be tabled at the next Council meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Vet will be available to visit Belyuen again towards the end of May, beginning of June.

### **Church Services**

There has been recent interest in Church services here in Belyuen. Approximately 3-4 different church groups have been engaging with Belyuen Community since December last year.

A church mass is scheduled for Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>. Posters and facebook notices will be made available to all residents wishing to participate.

### **Mandorah Jetty Works**

Belyuen Council have been approached by several civil companies tendering for works on the New Mandorah Marina Project. Enquiries have been fielded regarding resources, work force, plant & equipment etc Belyuen may have that could be utilized on various components of the project.

One project commencing on Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> involves removal of the old shed on the jetty. Council are able to provide plant & equipment, operators and labourers to assist with the works. This is a good opportunity to provide more employment & training to local residents.

### Clean-up day

Belyuen Council facilitated a clean-up day on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. This was a very worthwhile community event between Council and Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation. Local residents are encouraged to participate and place any unwanted items kerbside. The 2 big skip bins were filled and another 2 are ready to be collected in the next week.

Belyuen would benefit from a monthly clean-up day which will encourage residents to look after their own areas.

### Recommendation

### **That Council:**

- 1. Instruct the CEO to implement monthly clean-up days throughout the calendar year;
- 2. Note the CEO report General Business Operations

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Seconded:

### 8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

### 8.1 Monthly Financial Report

Report Number 8.1.02.23

Author Dave Ferguson - CEO

**Attachments** 

### Summary

The Council is provided with a financial report at each meeting.

### **Background**

Not applicable.

### Comment

Please refer attached financial report.

### **Statutory Environment**

Section 17 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 refers.

### 17 Monthly financial reports to council

- 1) The CEO must, in each month, give the council a report setting out:
  - a) the actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and
  - b) the most recently adopted annual budget; and
  - c) details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council and the most recently adopted annual budget.
- 2) The report must also include:
  - a) details of all cash and investments held by the council (including money held in trust); and
  - b) the closing cash at bank balance split between tied and untied funds; and
  - c) a statement on trade debtors and a general indication of the age of the debts owed to the council; and
  - d) a statement on trade creditors and a general indication of the age of the debts owed by the council; and
  - e) a statement in relation to the council's payment and reporting obligations for GST, fringe benefits tax, PAYG withholding tax, superannuation and insurance; and
  - f) other information required by the council.

Policy Implications
Not applicable
Financial Implications
See the body of this report.
Recommendation
That Council:
Notes and endorses the financial report for February 2023.
Moved:
Seconded:

Financial report included as separate attachment to this agenda.

### 9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Members are invited to raise any questions.

### 10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Call for any other general business.

Correspondence emailed to the CEO from Deputy President on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Items requested for discussion at this meeting:

- 1. Council Workshop Vehicle.
- 2. Probation for CEO has not been discussed yet, To be discussed in this meeting.
- 3. NO MORE ALCOHOL MEETING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
- 4. CEO not consulting with Council regarding new Admin employee & where is the money coming from? No budget variation for a new admin employee.
- 5. Council to talk to NTLG to have Audit done on Council Budget on all finances.
- 6. Lease contract house at Wagait.

### **Discussion**

### 11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### Recommendation

THAT pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the agenda.

Moved:

Seconded:

Return to open session:

### 12 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on March  $28^{th}$  at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at 11:00am.