CITY OF PALMERSTON

Notice of Council Meeting To be held in Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, Palmerston On Tuesday, 7 July 2015 at 6:30pm

<u>AGENDA</u>

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1. PRESENT

2. APOLOGIES

Mayor Abbott Alderman Byrne

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, 16 June 2015 pages 7986 to 8018 be confirmed.
- 2. THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Thursday, 25 June 2015 pages 8019 to 8020 be confirmed.
- 3. THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday, 30 June 2015 pages 8021 to 8027 be confirmed.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

- 5. REPORT OF DELEGATES
- 6. QUESTIONS (WITHOUT DEBATE) FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
- 7. QUESTIONS (WITHOUT DEBATE) FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN
- 8. PETITIONS

9. DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Zuccoli Stages 5 – Briefing and Q&A

Mike Schokman, Director Costojic Pty LT and Fiona Eddleston, Manager Smec Australia will provide a briefing of the Zuccoli Stages 5 project.

10. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

11. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Governance and Organisation

Nil

11.2 Economic Development and Infrastructure

Nil

11.3 Community Culture and Environment

THAT the minutes from the Community Culture and Environment Committee meeting held on 1 July 2015 be received and noted and that Council adopts the recommendations made by the Committee and accordingly resolves as follows:

11.3.1 Palmerston Animal Management Reference Group Meeting (PAMRG)

THAT Council approves Alderman Geoff Carter as the Chairperson of the Palmerston Animal Management Reference Group

11.3.2 Palmerston Recreation Centre – Hours of Operation

THAT Council note the variation in the operating hours of the Palmerston Recreation Centre from 6 July 2015.

11.3.3 Palmerston & Rural Swimming Club request

THAT Council write to Palmerston & Rural Swimming Club (PRSC) Inc requesting they submit a detailed proposal with costings for Council's consideration.

11.3.4 TS2015/08 – Dog Feeding and Pound Cleaning Contract

- 1. THAT Council award contract TS2015/08 Dog Feeding and Pound Cleaning Contract to PAWS Darwin for the amount of \$78,570 (GST exclusive).
- THAT the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer are granted consent to sign and seal all required contract documentation for the contract TS2015/08 – Dog Feeding and Pound Cleaning.

12. INFORMATION AGENDA

12.1 Items for Exclusion

12.2 Receipt of Information Reports

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information items contained within the Information Agenda, be received.

12.3 Officer Reports

12.3.1	Action Report	8/0691
12.3.2	Professional Development Allowance – Ald	erman Shutt
		8/0692
12.3.3	Community Grant Scheme	8/0693
12.3.4	LGANT Executive Minutes	8/0694
12.3.5	Roads to Recovery Program	8/0696

13. DEBATE AGENDA

14. CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Media Statement from Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development

15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME At the invitation of the Chair

16. OTHER BUSINESS – ALDERMAN REPORTS

By-law 14(8) provides that the Chairman must not accept a motion without notice if the effect of the motion would, if carried, be to incur expenditure in excess of \$1,000 unless

- a) the motion relates to the subject matter of a committee's or sub committee's recommendations (as the case may be, or an officer's report that is listed for consideration on the business paper; or
- b) the matter is urgent

17. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

18. CLOSURE Mark Spangler Acting Chief Executive Officer

Any member of Council who may have a conflict of interest, or a possible conflict of interest in regard to any item of business to be discussed at a Council meeting or a Committee meeting should declare that conflict of interest to enable Council to manage the conflict and resolve it in accordance with its obligations under the Local Government Act and its policies regarding the same.

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APPLICATION FOR A DEPUTATION TO THE CITY OF PALMERSTON

Name:	Mike Schokman
Organisation:	Costojic Pty Ltd
Contact Tel:	0418 626 361
Contact Email:	mike@costaland.com.au
Presentation topic:	Zuccoli Stages 5 - Briefing and Q&A
Date of Request:	7 June 2015
	7 June 2015
Meeting date requested:	15 minutes (5-10 minutes to present, plus any Q&A)
Time requested (length); Up to 20 minutes	

Names of those making the address:

Costojic Pty Ltd (Zuccoli Stages 3&4 Developer)		
Fiona Eddleston		
Architecture		

Purpose of the deputation: To provide a high level briefing of the Zoccol: Stages 5 project Creatly from the developer. If was awarded to Costayo Pty Etd after our Zoccol: S&4 presential on to round? In May, Stage 5 to officitively an extension of Zuccoli Stage 6 & 4. We want to show the project with reveland on plane for Pier Laure stage. We have ongaged with courd and wish to continue to continue to cost to make the best possible of forme that following indicates mainteents.

A copy of the presentation is required on application.

Please forward this application to: Mr Ricki Bruhn Chief Executive Officer City of Polmerston, PO Box 1, PALMERSTON NT 0831 Fax No: (08) 89359900 Ernoil: <u>emily.fanning@paimerstori.nt.</u>goy.au For any enquiries please call (08) 89359902

Approved (Chief Executive Officer)

Approved (Mayor of Palmerston)

ITEM NO.	12.3.1	Action Report
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FROM:Chief Executive OfficerREPORT NUMBER:8/0691MEETING DATE:7 July 2015

Municipal Plan:

4. Governance & Organisation

4.3 People

We value our people, and the culture of our organisation. We are committed to continuous improvement

Summary:

Provided with this report are individual action items outstanding from previous Council Meetings:

Dec #	Task Date	Matter	Action	Update
8/0787	17/09/2013	Real Housing for Growth Project	Design and project management contract awarded to Thinc. Agreement to lease with the CEO Department of Housing has been executed.	Certificate of Occupancy issued. Formal inspection with Department of Housing on 10 June 2015
8/0847	19/11/2013	TC Zone Land Discuss with NT Government on acquiring the Tourist Commercial (TC) Zone land – Part Lot 8405		Letter received 9 April 2014 advising investigations are currently being undertaken to inform the potential release of this site including servicing and development options.
8/0879	11/12/2013	Development of Lot 10029 and Part Lot 9608	Expression of Interest for the development of Lot 10029 and Part Lot 9608 be prepared for Council approval.	Letters sent to developers requesting reasons for not responding to the EOI and any suggestions for an amended process. No responses received.
8/0899	14/01/2014	Expression of Interest – Development of Lot 10024 and Part Lot 9609	An EOI to be brought to Council for the development of Lot 10024 and part Lot 9609 with the purpose being for the provision of public car parking combined with a mixed use development comprising of retail, commercial or residential.	Matter referred to EDI Committee 12 March 2015.
8/0949	18/02/2014	Car Parking Contribution Plan Update	Matter on the table	

8/1126 8/1235	17/06/2014 02/09/2014	Reconstruct Radford Road Palmerston Sporting Grounds	Council to enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding the use of any contractor security held by LDC. CEO to seek further clarification from the NT Government on their proposal to transfer ownership and management of sporting facilities in Palmerston.	Construction work in progress. Matter considered at the EDI meeting held on 11 June.
8/1290	7/10/2014	Quarterly Meetings with NT Government Senior Ministers	Mayor and the chairs or delegate of the three Standing Committees be established to meet with senior Ministers of the NT Government on a quarterly basis to seek financial support and provide updates on projects and initiatives associated with the Palmerston City Centre Master Plan.	Meeting held with Minister Chandler, Lia Finnochiaro and executives from the Dpartments of Transport and Infrastructure on 8 May 2015. Minister Tollner was an apology.
8/1354	09/12/2014	Draft Palmerston City Centre Master Plan 2014 and associated documents	 Draft Palmerston City Centre Parking Strategy to be presented to and considered by the City of Palmerston's Car Parking Committee. Final documents and application submission to amend the NT Planning Scheme be submitted to Council for endorsement at the Council meeting scheduled 17 February 2015. Mayor to forw ard a letter to the Minister for Lands and Planning to inform the NT Government of the public consultation process for the Draft City Centre Master Plan "package", prior to lodgement of the formal rezoning application with the Minister in 2015. 	Council has adopted the Palmerston City Centre Master Plan and associated documents with the exception of the Carparking strategy. Council adopted the Palmerston City Centre Parking Strategy on 2 June 2015
8/1378	13/01/2015	Amendments to Palmerston Eastern Suburbs planning principles and plan	Council to write a letter to the Department for Lands and Planning requesting a review of the Palmerston Eastern Suburbs Area Plan and Planning Principles.	Letter forwarded on 26 February and response received on 19 March.
8/1434	03/03/2015	Small lot subdivisions	 Council approach the Shadow Minister for Lands and Planning requesting a meeting in regards to small lot subdivisions 	Meeting to be rescheduled.

8/1506	05/05/2015	Infrastructure Funding	-	Workshop to be held to enable elected members to discuss future infrastructure projects and how to fund these projects	
8/1523	19/05/2015	Road from Durack Drive/Flack Road to New entrance of Archer Waste Transfer Station	-	Council write to the Director Land Administration seeking consent to open the section of road and road reserve from Durack Drive/Flack Road to the New entrance of Archer Waste Transfer Station.	Letter forwarded
8/1546	02/06/2015	Local Government Service Awards	-	CEO to arrange for nominations to be completed for Elected Members who qualify for these awards.	
8/1548	02/06/2015	Municipal Plan 2015/2020	-	Draft Municipal Plan for 2015/2020 to be released for public consultation	Public consultation closes 25 June 2015
8/1560	16/06/2015	Financial Support – Palmerston Football Club	-	Council to liaise with the club to seek City of Palmerston signage on the shade structure	

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0679.

Recommending Officer: Ricki Bruhn, Chief Executive Officer

Any queries on this report may be directed to Ricki Bruhn, Chief Executive Officer on telephone (08) 8935 9902 or email <u>ricki.bruhn@palmerston.nt.gov.au</u>

ITEM NO.	12.3.2	Professional Development Allowance – Alderman Shutt
FROM:		Acting Chief Executive Officer
REPORT NU	JIVIBER:	8/0692
MEETING D	ATE:	7 July 2015

Municipal Plan:

4. Governance & Organisation

4.4 Systems

4.4 We are committed to ensuring the systems and processes of Council support the organisation in delivering the best possible services to the community

Summary:

The Chief Executive Officer has approved Alderman Shutt's request to allocate a portion of her Professional Development Allowance for 2015/2016 to attend the Certificate IV in Professional Writing and Editing scheduled for the 2015/2016 financial year.

Background:

The Elected Members benefits and support policy supports attendance of Elected Members to local and interstate courses / seminars following submission and approval of the application.

Financial Implications

Elected Members Professional Development Allowance is set at \$3,635.50 for the 2015/2016 financial year. Alderman Shutt has not utilised any of her allowance this financial year. This leaves an available balance of \$3,635.50

The cost to attend the Certificate IV in Professional Writing and Editing is \$3,990.00 inc GST. There is a 24% discount if the payment is made in full, and total cost ex. GST is \$2720.45.

Legislation / Policy:

EM02 – Elected Members Benefits and Support Policy

4.1.3 A Professional Development Allowance is paid to members to attend appropriate and relevant conferences or training courses which sustain the professional competence of members. Prior approval from the CEO is required to access this allowance.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0692.

Recommending Officer: Mark Spangler, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Any queries on this report may be directed to Mark Spangler, Acting Chief Executive Officer on telephone (08) 8935 9958 or email mark.spangler@palmerston.nt.gov.au.

Schedule of Attachments:

Attachment A – Course brochure



Certificate IV in Professional Writing and Editing

The information on this course guide is for Australian students only. This course is currently not available for overseas students. We are working on making this course available to students outside Australia in the near future.

Opening Opportunities

At Open Colleges, we are passionate about helping people from all walks of life to achieve their aspirations and dreams. For more than 100 years, we have been opening opportunities for people across Australia. Today, Open Colleges is blazing a new trail in online and distance education – creating Australia's leader in next generation learning.

Why study with Open Colleges?

- Freedom study where you want, when you want
- Our courses and learning materials have been designed specifically for open learning
- Our trainers are industry professionals with experience in supporting open learning students
- Our dedicated student support team is there to help you every step of the way
- Our virtual campus OpenSpace provides you with opportunities to interact with trainers and students
- Many of our courses are nationally recognised and meet professional licensing or registration requirements



Certificate IV in Professional Writing and Editing



Since the dawn of the digital age there has been an enhanced need for people with professional writing skills to create content for digital environments, including the web, social media and in corporate settings.

Turning your writing skills into a specialised career could be within reach with the Certificate IV in Professional Writing and Editing. Designed for those with some existing skills looking to harness their creativity into a more advanced business mode, this course will give you the core skills to work professionally as a writer in many capacities, including for marketing, as a copywriter, or within the workplace.

Having proven writing skills on your resume could enhance your job prospects, or augment your current role. The Australian business marketplace is now demanding that people have professional skills allowing them to write and research many different varieties of documents for their employers, or to work as freelance writers for various types of publications and platforms.

You will learn how to research, proofread and edit your work, and the work of others but the main thrust of this certificate is to enhance your skills and knowledge to write in a more accurate and professional way. The course also looks at writing for digital media, writing for the web and writing for social media. It goes beyond traditional print forms and concentrates on writing in the digital age, covering digital marketing, Search Engine Optimisation (SEO), and tagging.

The focus of this course is writing for vocational purposes. It includes creative writing subjects, but specifically aims to develop your skills in producing digital content, online technical documents and research reports.

This course is nationally recognised and allows you a choice of electives to hone your skills in technical documentation, scripts, journalism or short narratives.



COURSE DETAILS

Course Number	E1033
Delivery mode	Online
Course duration	Maximum 18 months
Assessments	Questioning, a portfolio, case studies
Qualification level	Certificate IV
Nationally Recognised	Yes
Awarded by	North Coast TAFE

POTENTIAL JOBS

> technical writer
> freelance writer
> copywriter
> PR writer
> corporate writer
> marketing writer
> web content writer
> education writer
> medical writer

> proofreader

> communications coordinator.





What you need to know about this course

COURSE NUMBER 🕟 E1033

How is the course delivered?

This is an **online course.** This means that you will complete your knowledge and initial skills development through online learning.

What is online learning?

OpenSpace is Open Colleges' online campus. Through OpenSpace you will:

- > access your learning materials and assessments
- > undertake and upload assessments
- > engage with your trainer and assessor
- > participate in student forums
- > have the opportunity to find a 'study buddy'
- > access your assessment grades and feedback
- > access the student support team
- > access the Gale Library.

What learning materials are included with this course?

Your learning materials are accessed through OpenSpace. These include:

- > learner workbooks
- > weblinks, readings and resources
- videos and other digital resources
- > news, discussion forums and live chats
- > WordPress Guide
- > Textbooks:
 - The Editor's Companion by Janet Mackenzie, 2nd edition, published by Cambridge University Press, 2014 (ISBN: 9781107402188)
 - > Style Manual: For Authors, Editors and Printers, 6th Edition, published by Wiley, 2002 (ISBN: 9780701636487).

How is the course assessed?

During the course, you will be assessed through:

- > questioning
- > creation of a portfolio
- > case studies.

For more information on these types of assessments, see the Student Handbook, available on the Open Colleges website.

What about Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)?

We understand that you may already have many skills and areas of expertise that you have obtained in different ways and these are recognised through our Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process.

Open Colleges has developed an RPL Application Kit for this course. The Student Handbook, available on the Open Colleges website, provides more information about our RPL process. Alternatively, you can contact a course and careers advisor to discuss your RPL options.

What is the duration of the course?

The maximum duration for the course is 18 months. To complete the course in this timeframe, we recommend that you study a minimum of 8 hours per week. This is a guide only — the time taken to complete your course will depend on your level of skill and knowledge.



What are the entry requirements for the course?

Education entry requirements

There are no formal education entry requirements for this qualification.

Minimum age requirements

You will need to be at least 18 years old.

English language requirements

This course requires you to read learner workbooks and textbooks, undertake a range of written assessments and engage in online forums and discussions. Furthermore, the delivery mode relies on the extensive use of written communication. As such, entry to the course requires the successful completion of English to Year 12 level.

If you have not successfully completed English at Year 12 level, you can demonstrate equivalency with one of the following:

- > successful completion of a Nationally
 Recognised Training qualification at Certificate
 III level or higher; OR
- > 3 years of relevant industry experience in a role that requires the use of written documentation and communication.

Open Colleges recognises that not all people are able to read, write and perform calculations to the same standard. To help give you an idea of the language, literacy and numeracy skills required to study this course, you can undertake the online Language, Literacy and Numeracy tool available on the Open Colleges website. This assessment tool can also help you determine your learning level and plan your future studies.

Computing Requirements

You will need access to a computer and the internet with the following minimum specifications:

All students:

- > Microsoft Office 2010 or 2013
- > broadband internet connection
- > 2GB of RAM
- > Adobe Reader XI or equivalent.

Windows users:

- > Microsoft Windows 7 or higher recommended
- > 1 gigahertz (GHz) processor
- (2GHz or faster recommended)
- Adobe Flash Player 11 or higher
- > Macromedia Flash Player

Mac OS users:

- > Mac OS X v 10.6 or higher recommended
- > 1 gigahertz (GHz) or faster Intel processor (2GHz or faster recommended)

Skill requirements

To successfully complete this course, you will require basic computing skills. These include:

- creating, saving and editing Microsoft Office documents
- > accessing and searching the internet
- > downloading and saving documents from websites
- > uploading documents through websites
- > participating in online discussions
- > using WordPress* and Microsoft Office programs.

*WordPress is an extremely popular, free online blogging tool. If you have not had experience using WordPress before, you'll be provided with a 'WordPress Guide with step-by-step instructions'.



What support services are available?

During your studies with Open Colleges, you will have access to a comprehensive range of support services. These include:

Academic support

Your experienced trainers and assessors are available in OpenSpace to answer any questions you may have regarding the learning materials or assessments. Your trainer and assessor can provide you with advice and support regarding the overall course.

Student support

The student support team is your one-stop service centre for all student administrative issues – including enrolment, change of contact details, OpenSpace support, assessment results and certification. You can access the student support team in OpenSpace or by email or phone.

Learning support

The learning support team is a dedicated team of specialists that provide you with a comprehensive induction to studying with Open Colleges as well as specific support if you encounter learning difficulties during your studies. Learning support resources, such as writing guides, are available in OpenSpace. You can access the learning support team via your trainer and assessor or the student support team.

Peer support

As a student of Open Colleges you can also access our study buddy system. This enables you to connect with other Open Colleges students studying your course that live near you. Students find this is a great way to keep motivated and build lasting friendships and networks.

More information?

The Student Handbook, available on the Open Colleges website, provides more detailed information on the support services available to students. We recommend that you read the Student Handbook prior to enrolling with us.

What will I obtain on completion of the course?

Upon successful completion of this course you will receive the nationally recognised 22203VIC Certificate IV in Professional Writing and Editing accredited in Victoria by the Victorian Registration Quality Authority (VRQA) and awarded by North Coast TAFE (provider number: 90010).

"I wanted to do a course that would help me to write and explain concepts in simple language. I honestly think that it's really helped me hone these skills. My writing course has allowed me to specialise and has made it easier for me to learn new skills for the future."

Christine Rocha, Open Colleges student



Study Periods and Units

Once you are enrolled in this course, you will receive access to Study Period 1, which contains the first set of units for the course. When you have successfully completed those units, you'll be given access to the next study period.

Order of Studies	Code	Unit Title			
Study Period 1	CUFRES401A	Conduct research			
The Writing Process	CUFWRT301A	Write content for a range of media			
Study Period 2	VU20880	Develop writing and editing skills - Part 1			
Writing and Editing Skills	VU20880	Develop writing and editing skills - Part 2			
Study Period 3 Writing for the 21st	CUAIND301 CUFCMP301A	Work effectively in the creative arts industry Implement copyright arrangements			
Century	ICAWEB420A	Write content for web pages			
Study Period 4	BSBPUB403A	Develop public relations documents			
Writing for Business	BSBITU303A	Design and produce text documents			
Study Period 5	VU20882	Write non-fiction material			
Writing for Different Genres	VU20881	Write fiction material			
	Electives – Choose two				
	ICAICT408A	Create technical documentation			
Study Daviad C	VU20890	Write short scripts			
Study Period 6	VU20888	Write journalism			
	VU20883	Write short narratives			

For full course competency details visit www.training.gov.au

Note: Courses offered by Open Colleges on behalf of North Coast TAFE may include Units of Competency that are graded by TAFE NSW. Students studying through Open Colleges are not subject to TAFE NSW grading criteria, receiving an ungraded outcome for Units of Competency and Qualifications successfully completed.





Opening Opportunities

Studying with Open Colleges

Open Colleges provides you with the freedom to study where and when you want. We understand that our students are constantly juggling multiple priorities, so our unique learning approach has been specifically designed to enable you to fit education and training around your lifestyle.

After you enrol with Open Colleges you will be provided with access to OpenSpace – our virtual campus. Here are some of the key features and benefits of OpenSpace:



Access

Access your learning materials, assessments, videos and additional online resources wherever you have an internet connection. You can also download your study guides, workbooks and assessments so that you can study wherever and whenever it suits you.



Connections

Connect with your trainers and assessors and other students. You can participate in the lively student forums, link up with a 'study buddy' or engage with your trainer and assessor. OpenSpace is also where you will submit your assessments and receive your grades.



Knowledge

OpenSpace is your link to Gale – our extensive online library. Through Gale you will have access to millions of academic, magazine and newspaper articles from around the world.



Support

Access the student support team using the online enquiry feature. OpenSpace also provides a detailed searchable database of Frequently Asked Questions, so that we can provide you with responses to many of the common queries. You can also contact the student support team by phone on 1300 650 011.

"I would like to thank you for allowing me to study with you. This experience has opened my eyes to what I want to do for the rest of my life...I can't wait to receive my certificate! I have had nothing but good experiences with you."

Letiesha Laidlaw, Open Colleges Student



How to Enrol

Enrolling with Open Colleges is easy:



Enrol online today. Just visit our website, select your course and click 'Enrol Today'

OR

Enrol by phone. Just call one of our friendly course and careers advisors on 1300 853 033.

Need more information?

We appreciate that choosing the right course is important. If you would like to discuss your career or course options, please do not hesitate to call our course and careers team on 1300 853 033 or email enquiry@opencolleges.edu.au with your questions.









Our Colleges

Open College of Accounting and Finance Open College of Aged Care Open College of Animal and Pet Care Open College of Art and Design Open College of Beauty Open College of Business, Management and Marketing Open College of Child Care Open College of Community Services Open College of Counselling and Coaching Open College of Fitness Open College of Health Care Open College of Information Technology Open College of Natural Therapies Open College of Photography Open College of Teaching and Training Open College of Technical Trades and Languages Open College of Tourism and Hospitality Australian College of Journalism

Our Partners

Animal Industries Resource Centre College of Fashion Design ICM Training Melissa Mahoney Legal College National Safety Council of Australia North Coast TAFE Enable College

Opening Opportunities

For more information call 1300 853 033 or go to **www.opencolleges.edu.au**

ITEM NO.	12.3.3	Community Grant Scheme
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FROM:A/Director Corporate and Community ServicesREPORT NUMBER:8/0693MEETING DATE:7 July 2015

Municipal Plan:

4. Governance & Organisation

4.2 Service

4.2 We value and encourage participation in Council activities by the community, and are committed to delivering the highest possible levels of service and community engagement

Summary:

This report provides the Council with a summary of the Community Grants Scheme applications processed for the month of June 2015.

It also provides the Council with any recent acquittals regarding previously awarded grant funding for the 2014/2015 financial year.

Background:

This report details applications received, approved/not approved against the Community Grants Scheme eligibility criteria and selection process.

Acquittal documentation submitted by grant recipients form attachments to this report for the committee's information.

General:

Please see attached table listing all grants and acquittals received for June 2015.

Included in this table is an update of funds paid to recipients and amount of funds left in the budget for Grants, Donations, Sponsorships and Scholarships for 2014/2015. The budget currently stands as;

- The budget for the 2014/2015 year for grants, donations, scholarships and sponsorships was \$167,157
- \$135,749.40 has been paid to recipients in 2014/2015 financial year for projects in our community
- There is \$31,407.60 left in the 2014/2015 grant budget for the year

Financial Implications:

Nil

Legislation / Policy:

Policy number FIN18 – Grants, Donations, Scholarships and Sponsorships

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0693.

Recommending Officer: Jan Peters, Acting Director Corporate and Community Services

Any queries on this report may be directed to Jan Peters, Acting Director Corporate and Community Services on telephone number (08) 8935 9976 or email jan.peters@palmerston.nt.gov.au.

Schedule of Attachments:

Attachment A: Listing of Grants and Acquittals Received June 2015 (table)

Applications Received

Applicant	Activity Project	Amount Request	Amount Received	Outcome
Darwin Junior Street Stocks	NT Titles	\$1,950	ТВА	Waiting on further information
Amity Community Services	PIV Family Day	\$2,000	\$2,000	Successful
Life Education NT	Life Education Classes			
	Palmerston	\$2,000	ТВА	Waiting on further information
Gregory National Park - Timber	Binyulka Ventures - Howard			
Creek	Springs Scout Group	\$500	Nil	Unsuccessful

Current Expenditure to Date from Grants

CC name	Account Name	YTD \$	Commitme nt \$	YTD+Comm \$	Rev. Budget	Budget Available \$
Grants / Donations/Contributions						
Paid	Community Grants	\$102,749.40	\$33,000	\$135,749.40	\$167,157	\$31,407.60

ITEM NO. 12.3.4 LGANT Executive Minutes – 23 June 201	ITEM NO.	12.3.4	LGANT Executive Minutes – 23 June 2015
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FROM:Chief Executive OfficerREPORT NUMBER:8/0694MEETING DATE:7 July 2015

Municipal Plan:

4. Governance & Organisation

4.3 People

We value our people, and the culture of our organisation. We are committed to continuous improvement and innovation whilst seeking to reduce the costs of Council services through increased efficiency

Summary:

At the General Meeting of LGANT in March 2010, it was agreed that draft minutes of each Executive Meeting be made available for Council's information.

General:

The LGANT Executive Meeting draft meeting minutes will be sent out approximately on a monthly basis.

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held Friday, 23 June 2015 are attached for information.

Financial Implications:

Nil

Policy / Legislation:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0694.

Recommending Officer: Ricki Bruhn, Chief Executive Officer

Any queries on this report may be directed to Ricki Bruhn, Chief Executive Officer on telephone (08) 8935 9902 or email <u>ricki.bruhn@palmerston.nt.gov.au</u>

Schedule of Attachments:

Attachment A: LGANT Executive Meeting Draft Minutes – 23 June 2015

MINUTES OF THE LGANT EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 23 JUNE 2015 IN THE LGANT OFFICE COMMENCING AT 9:50 AM

1. PERSONS PRESENT AT THE MEETING OR ON THE TELEPHONE

President (telephone)
Executive – Regional & Shires (telephone)
Executive – Regional & Shires
Executive – Regional & Shires (telephone)
Executive – Municipal (telephone)
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2. APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS WHO WERE ABSENT FROM THE MEETING

Mayor Tony Jack	Vice-President – Regional & Shires
Alderman Jeanette Anictomatis	Vice-President – Municipal
Alderman Bob Elix	Executive – Municipal
Tony Tapsell	LGANT CEO

RESOLUTION

That members:

- 1. accept the acknowledgements from members that they are unable to attend the meeting
- 2. approve the applications from members for leave of absence from the meeting.

Moved: Mayor Miller Seconded: Councillor Sharman Carried

3. NOTIFICATION OF CONFLICT(S) OF INTERESTS - Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the previous Executive meetings held on Tuesday 19 May 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved:	Councillor Sharman
Seconded:	Mayor Siebert
Carried	-

5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

RESOLUTION

THAT the papers as circulated be received for consideration at the meeting.

Moved: Mayor Miller Seconded: Councillor Sharman Carried

6. DECISIONS THE EXECUTIVE IS BEING ASKED TO MAKE THIS MEETING

6.1 LGANT Financial Reports for 31 May 2015

Recent History

This report is made up of:

- 1. Debtors trial balance, breakup and ledger
- 2. Statement of cash flows to
- 3. Statement of financial position
- 4. Monthly function report
- 5. Bank statements
- 6. Explanation of ratios
- 7. List of Payments
- 8. Credit Card Payments

Discussion

Members noted the reports and were given an update on payments received in the last week.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive receives and adopts the financial reports for 31 May 2015.

Moved: Mayor Miller Seconded: Councillor Sharman Carried

6.2 Review of the 2014/2015 LGANT Budget

Recent History

- General Meeting 2014 accepted the LGANT budget as presented.
- Financial statements presented at each of the Executive meetings.

Discussion

Members discussed the expenditure increase for the Office of the Chief Executive and asked for a breakdown of the three components and that the CEO delegations be tabled at the next Executive meeting.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive receives and notes report on the revised 2014/2015 budget. THAT the Executive accepts the revised 2014/2015 budget.

Moved:	Mayor Miller
Seconded:	President Shaw
Carried	
Carried	

6.3 Revised LGANT Communications Strategy

Recent History

- Discussion at the Executive Meeting 10/03/15 that LGANT will revamp its communications strategy.
- Business Paper 01/05/15 on the development of the LGANT Communications Strategy.
- Business Paper 19/05/15 on the draft LGANT Communications Strategy.

Discussion

Members were happy with the updated communications strategy.

It was requested that the LGANT Communications Officer:

- provides the Executive at each meeting with a summary of 'hot topic' issues in the media for the preceding month
- encourage councils to start promoting LGANT media releases and newsletters.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive approves the Communications Strategy.

Moved: Mayor Miller Seconded: Councillor Sharman Carried

6.4 Election of Casual Vacancy to the LGANT Executive

Recent History

- LGANT meeting with Mayor Lothar Siebert and CEO Brian Hylands 22/08/14.
- Executive resolution THAT the Executive endorses the proposed changes to LGANT's constitution being put to the November 2014 general meeting 16/09/14.
- Motion deferred at general meeting 7/11/14.
- Executive meetings 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- General meeting resolution 16/04/15 approves the creation of an additional Executive position.

Discussion

Members asked that this item be deferred until next month until a decision has been made on the directions of Litchfield Council and Tiwi Islands Regional Council.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive defer this issue.

Moved: Mayor Siebert Seconded: President Shaw Carried

6.5 Statutory Immunity for Road Authorities in the Northern Territory

Recent History

- Executive meetings 21/03/11; 18/4/11; 18/05/11; 4/07/2011; 9/09/11.
- 6/06/11 Legal advice 'Care, Control and maintenance of roads in the Northern Territory'.
- 14/09/11 LGANT request for advice on statutory immunity.
- 30/11/11 LGANT met with then Minister for Transport Gerry McCarthy Transfer of road and statutory immunity.
- 3/02/12 Legal advice received 'Roads Authority Statutory Immunity'.
- 8/06/12 Letter to Attorney-General.
- 5/12/13 Email correspondence between Department of Local Government and the Attorney-General following legal advice being presented at ALAC and EITRG meetings.
- Sept 2013 Terms of Reference to the NT Law Reform Committee.
- 19/02/14 Legal advice on proposed amendments.
- 12/06/14 Supplementary Terms of Reference for the committee.
- 15/04/15 NT Law Reform Committee published Tort Law Reform.
- 7/06/15 Letter from the Attorney-General.

Discussion

Members agreed that this issue be revisited when there is a new Minister or a new government.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive accepts the letter and advice of the Attorney-General with no further action required at this stage.

Moved :	Mayor Miller
Seconded:	President Shaw
Carried	

6.6 Indigenous Community Engineering Guidelines (ICEG 2014)

Recent History

- July 2014 Consultation with stakeholders.
- March 2015 Draft guidelines provided to LGANT and EITRG for comment.
- June 2015 Public launch of 'Indigenous Community Engineering Guidelines' (ICEG2014) for remote communities in the NT.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive receive and note the report on Indigenous Community Engineering Guidelines (ICEG 2014).

THAT the Executive advocates that regional councils include the Indigenous Community Engineering Guidelines (ICEG 2014) in their subdivisional guidelines.

Moved: Mayor Siebert Seconded: Councillor Sharman Carried

7. REPORTS ON ACTIONS REQUIRED TO BE DONE FROM THE LAST MEETING

7.1 Morgues in Remote Communities

Recent History

- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- President's letter to Minister Elferink 13/03/15.
- Response from Minister 7/04/15.
- Department of Health representative, Camden Smith gives presentation at the Executive meeting 19/05/15.
- Email from Camden Smith providing details of existing morgue facilities throughout the Northern Territory three of whom are managed by the Victoria Daly, Central Desert and Barkly Regional Councils 21/05/15.
- Email to Camden Smith providing council meeting dates so the Department of Health can attend and consult councils individually on the morgues issue 25/05/15.

Future Action

Seek advice from councils. Determine if LGANT should adopt a policy position on the matter.

Discussion

Members were told that the Chief Minister announced the NT Government will be building four new morgues and upgrading sixteen existing ones. LGANT will follow up with the Department to find out which morgues will be upgraded and where the four new ones will be built.

7.2 Cultural Advisory Committee

Recent History

• General meeting resolution – That delegates endorse the establishment of a LGANT Indigenous Reference Group with the terms of reference and membership be referred to the next LGANT general meeting 16/04/15.

Future Action

Present a report at the next Executive meeting in July 2015.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

7.3 Executive Meeting Dates

Recent History

- Executive meeting 1/05/15
- Calendar invites for the rest of the year sent out to the Executive 22/05/15.

Future Action

No further action required.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

7.4 Establishing a Territory Wide Local Government Insurance Scheme

Recent History

- Finance Reference Group meeting 17/10/14 resolution That the Finance Reference Group asks Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) to develop a proposal for local government councils in the Northern Territory.
- Letter of authority for provision of date from JLT 4/12/14.
- Jardine Discretionary Trust Proposal Modelling and Preliminary Pricing received 13/02/15.
- Finance Reference Group meeting 24-25/02/15 resolution That the Finance Reference Group resolves that the JLT be asked to:
 - o file further indicative information in relation to costs for each council
 - o that it be emailed to councils as soon as possible
 - that FRG members respond in time for the presentation to the CEO's Forum should the majority be in favour of that option.
- Executive meeting resolution That the Executive gives in principle support to the establishment of an insurance scheme for local government in the Northern Territory 19/05/15.

Future Action

A business paper will be provided at the next meeting.

Discussion

Members heard that this item will be put on hold at this point in time. A number of issues have been raised by the LGANT solicitor and there is more work to be done before a decision can be made.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive receives and notes the report on actions to be done from the last meeting.

Moved : Mayor Miller Seconded: Councillor Sharman Carried

8. BUSINESS WHICH ONLY REQUIRES THE EXECUTIVE TO RECEIVE AND NOTE INFORMATION

8.1 Local Government Excellence Project Report

Recent History

- Funding approved August 2014.
- Project commenced on 1/09/2014.
- 15/01/2015 First progress report submitted to the Department of Local Government and Community Services.
- 08/05/2015 Meeting with Meeta to discuss the revised budget for 2014/15 and updated service plan for 2015/16.

Discussion

Members asked that council meeting dates be revised on the LGANT website and that an icon be placed on the home page leading to a list of LGANT members with links to members' websites.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive receives and notes the report on the Local Government Excellence Project.

Moved: Mayor Miller

Seconded: Councillor Sharman

Carried

8.2 National Local Government Cultural Forum

Recent History

• Cultural Forum meeting 17-18/03/15.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive receives and notes the report on the National Local Government Cultural Forum.

Moved: Mayor Miller Seconded: President Shaw Carried

8.3 ALGA Board Report – June 2015

Recent History

- ALGA Board meeting 19-20 February 2015.
- ALGA Board meeting 26/03/2015.
- ALGA Board meeting and general meeting 14/06/2015.

Discussion

Members heard that there was still concern by ALGA Board members that some councils still had not moved a resolution regarding the Federal Assistance Grants money. Four councils in the NT have moved this motion so far. LGANT will send a reminder out to councils that have not yet done so.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive receives and notes the ALGA Board Report for June 2015.

Moved: President Shaw Seconded: Councillor Sharman

Carried

8.4 Darwin and Katherine Flood Mitigation Advisory Committees

Recent History

- 20/11/14 Formation of the Darwin and Katherine Region Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee.
- Local government representatives on the committees are Katherine Mayor Fay Miller and LGANT's Peter McLinden.
- Darwin Region Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee meetings: 21/02/15; 5/03/15; 11/03/15; 18/03/15; 30/03/15.
- April 2015 Darwin and Katherine Region Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee draft reports to government.
- 14/05/15 Draft reports released for public comment.
- 11/06/15 Close for public comments.
- City of Darwin request extension of time to 22/06/15 to allow report to go before full council on 16/06/15.
- 24/06/15 Darwin Region Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee Final Report.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive receives and notes the report on the Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee.

Moved: Mayor Miller Seconded: Mayor Siebert Carried

8.5 Draft Darwin Regional Transport Plan

Recent History

- December 2013 Integrated Transport Planning and Investment Road Map.
- 2014 Darwin Regional Land Use Plan.
- 2/06/15 Letter from Department of Transport with invitation to comment.
- July 2015 Community/Industry consultation.
- December 2015 Final draft to Government.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive receives and notes the report on the Draft Darwin Regional Transport Plan. THAT the Executive provides input to the LGANT submission before 30 June 2015.

Moved: Mayor Miller Seconded: Councillor Sharman Carried

8.6 Northern Territory Heavy Vehicle Task Force

Recent History

- October 2010 Darwin Region Heavy Vehicle Task Force.
- June 2011 Darwin Region Heavy Vehicle Task Force Final Report 'A Safe System Approach to Heavy Vehicles in Greater Darwin Region'.
- 06/05/15 Northern Territory Heavy Vehicle Task Force.

Discussion

Members discussed the damage caused by large road trains on dirt roads. Under current legislation there are identified triple road train routes and these vehicles cannot go on local government roads without the permission of the relevant council.

It was requested that LGANT send the legislation on what constitutes a heavy vehicle to Barkly Regional Council.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive receives and notes the report on the Northern Territory Heavy Vehicle Task Force.

Moved: Mayor Siebert Seconded: President Shaw Carried

8.7 Waste Management Regional Projects

Recent History

- 2012/2015 Central Australian Waste Management Coordinator Project.
- 2014/15 Big Rivers / Katherine Pilot Project Waste Management Coordinator Initiative
- 2014/15 Public Health Community Education Initiative Central Australia

Discussion

Members noted the report.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive receives and notes the report on Waste Management Regional Projects.

Moved: President Shaw Seconded: Councillor Sharman Carried

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

10. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING THAT IS NOT YET FINISHED

10.1 Administration & Legislation Advisory Committee

Short Term History

- General meeting resolution THAT delegates receive and note the report 11/05/12.
- General meeting 11/11/13; 3/04/14; 6/11/14.
- Executive meeting 22/12/14; 6/02/15; 10/03/15.
- The ALAC Chair wrote to the Minister on conditionally rateable land 12/05/14.
- Response from the Department 20/05/14 indicating the matter is being considered.
- ALAC meetings 31/10/14, 13/02/15.

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- Action items include:
 - o legislative reviews, Local Government Act, Information Act, Cemeteries Act
 - disciplinary committees, by-laws, member allowances, morgues, statutory immunity for road authorities

Future Action

Provide progress reports.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.2 The Transfer of Local Roads from the NT Government to Local Government

Short Term History

- Executive resolution THAT the Executive receives and notes the report on the transfer of local roads from the NT Government to Local Government 1/10/13.
- LGANT met with Department officers 12/11/14 to discuss the Partnership Board. The Board has never met despite the Chief Minister creating it in August 2012.
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- Business papers to the FRG (24-25/02/15), ETIRG (26-27/02/15) and CEO Forum (15/04/15)
- Department of Transport CEO delivered presentation at the General Meeting in Tennant Creek 16/04/15 calling on councils to put forward proposals.
- The Northern Territory and Commonwealth budgets included announcements on:
 - o \$5B infrastructure loan facility for Northern Australia

\$100M beef roads (many of which are local roads in the NT earmarked for transfer)
 All of the above are relevant to this matter.

Future Action

Councils need to consider their negotiated positions in light of what LGANT has informed council CEOs about the likely finances to do with such transfers.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.3 Public Library Funding Agreement

Short Term History

- Executive resolution THAT the Executive receive and note the report on Public Library Funding Agreement 22/06/14.
- Meeting with Director Patrick Gregory 22/07/14.
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- The library funding agreements that expire on 1/07/15 are likely to be 'rolled over' for 2015/16.
- Councils do not yet know what the grants will be for their public libraries.
- The strategic plan for libraries was released on 12/04/15 and it has a focus on:
 - improving digital infrastructure in libraries
 - collection development and management
 - o a new library management system (software for all libraries)
 - o an advisory group (it has Council librarians as representatives on it)

There is not much mention of local government in the whole document apart from the map showing the location of public libraries in local government areas. It is very much written in the vein of councils being 'agents' of the NT government which is not necessarily a disadvantage as it dispels any thought of devolution as was espoused in the past.

Future Action

No further action required unless councils or the Executive want to consider policy matters.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.4 White Paper on the Reform of the Federation

Short Term History

- Email from ALGA National Policy Director 30/06/14.
- Executive resolution THAT the Executive receive and note the report on the White Paper on the Reform of the Federation 29/07/14.
- Release of Issue Paper 1 on 2/09/14.
- General meeting resolution THAT delegates call upon councils to answer some questions in the issues papers and to provide input to LGANT on the Green Paper on the Reform of Federation 6/11/14.
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- ALGA meetings 19-20/2/15 and 26/03/15.
- General meeting resolution THAT delegates endorse providing data if it is required 16/04/15.
- The green paper is now not expected to be released until September/October 2015.

Future Action

Complete a submission on the 'Green Paper' once it is released.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.5 White Paper for Developing Northern Australia

Short Term History

- Executive resolution THAT the Executive agree to LGANT lodging a submission on the Green Paper for Developing Northern Australia 26/06/14.
- Final submission sent 7/08/14.
- Website is: <u>www.northernaustralia.dpmc.gov.au</u>
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- It is not known yet when the white paper on developing Northern Australia will be released.

Future Action

Provide progress reports.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.6 Land Development in the Northern Territory

Short Term History

- Meeting with Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment 5/03/14.
- General meeting resolution THAT delegates call on councils to commit to examining proposals to do with land subdivisions from the Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment 3/04/14.
- Meetings of the reference group 29/05/14; 26/06/14; 6/08/14.
- Draft Subdivision Guidelines tabled at the CEO Forum 19/08/14.
- CEO teleconference 9/09/14.
- ETIRG meeting 12/09/14.

- Executive resolution THAT the Executive receive and note the report on land development in the Northern Territory 16/09/14.
- Executive meetings 6/02/15; 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- General meeting 6/11/14; 16/04/15.
- Director Land and Economic Development spoke at the ETIRG meeting 26/03/15.
- The NTG 2015/16 budget identifies funding to continue with the development of uniform subdivision guidelines in the Northern Territory.

Future Action

Await further confirmation from the Department of Planning as to the status of Guidelines.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.7 Street Lighting Charges

Short Term History

- Legal advice received and amendments to the service level agreement (SLA) completed and circulated to councils 14/11/14.
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15
- Councils now have a service level agreement they can use for negotiating with Power and Water for streetlight repairs and maintenance.
- This and the industry research work LGANT completed cost \$81 000.
- General meeting resolution THAT delegates endorse councils conducting an audit of their street lights to assist them to:
 - be better informed on the benefit or not of owning street light assets
 - enable them to develop a policy position about the Power and Water Corporation's capital charge 6/11/14.
- Met with Power and Water CEO John Baskerville on 23/03/15.
- Letter sent 9/04/15 to the Minister for Essential Services calling for the capital charge to commence on 1 December 2015 so that SLAs can be entered into beforehand.
- Power and Water is to speak to all municipal councils individually.

Future Action

Monitor with councils their progressions with negotiations. Awaiting response to letter sent 9/04/15.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.8 National State of the Assets Report 2014

Short Term History

- 2010 the Local Roads Funding Gap Report.
- 2012/13 data collection undertaken.
- 2013 State of Assets Report launched at the 2013 Road Congress in Alice Springs.
- 2014 appointment of consultants Jeff Rorda and Associates.
- Executive resolution THAT the Executive supports ALGA and promote participation of member councils in the "National State of Assets Report 2014" 16/09/14.
- Executive meetings 6/02/15; 10/03/15; 1/05/15.
- Report launched at the "Local Government Roads and Transport Congress" in Tamworth.
- LGANT Newsletter article with ALGA web address for report.
- ALGA President spoke to the Executive on the initiative 1/05/15.

Future Action

Continue to encourage members to participate in this body of work.

Discussion

Members were told there will be an update at the next meeting.

10.9 Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Short Term History

- Evidence provided at inquiry hearing in Darwin 20/08/14.
- Executive resolution THAT the Executive endorse the referendum matter being put to the November 2014 general meeting for resolution as LGANT policy and request councils consider passing a resolution in favour of the referendum 16/09/14.
- General meeting resolution THAT delegates approve the draft resolution and LGANT policy on the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution 6/11/14.
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- General meeting 16/04/15.
- CEO of Palmerston, Ricki Bruhn advised in an email dated 1/06/15 that council would not consider the matter until the detail of the referendum question had been approved by the government. It is likely that other councils will follow this approach.

Future Action

Follow up with councils if they have passed resolutions. Update LGANT policy statements.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.10 Review of LGANT's Climate Change Policies

Short Term History

- NCCARF Forum 30/09/14 (LGANT represented by City of Palmerston Environment and Climate Change Strategic Planner).
- General meeting resolution THAT delegates endorse LGANT developing new policies on climate change and adaptation 6/11/14.
- Contact WALGA regarding work they have done on policies around climate change.
- Executive meeting 22/12/14; 6/02/15; 10/03/15.
- Draft policy developed and presented at the ETIRG meeting 26 March 2015 adopted for forwarding to General Meeting in Tennant Creek.
- Draft policies tabled at Tennant Creek meeting with comments from councils required to be with LGANT before November 2015.

Future Action

Paper with policies to be tabled at the general meeting in November 2015.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.11 2013-14 Local Government National Report Short Term History

- Letter from Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development requesting input to the report 12/11/14.
- Executive resolution THAT the Executive agree to provide input to the submission following its circulation 2/12/14.
- Submission sent 16/01/15.
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.

Future Action

View report on its release.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.12 *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act* Short Term History

- Executive approves draft submission on the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act ('the Act') 19/02/13.
- Preliminary report issued November 2013.
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- Final report issued July 2014.
- NT Cabinet approved the report's recommendations between July and December 2014.
- Legislation was passed on 22 May2015 with some provisions commencing on 1 July 2015.
- Website is: www.worksafe.nt.gov.au/legislation
- When you compare LGANT's submission of 2013 with the legislation it seems LGANT may have had some influence on the enactment of the following provision (under definitions):
 - *injury*, in relation to a worker, means a physical or mental injury arising before or after the commencement of the relevant provision of this Act out of or in the
 - a) a disease; and
 - (b) the aggravation, acceleration, exacerbation, recurrence or deterioration of a preexisting injury or disease,

but does not include an injury or disease suffered by a worker as a result of reasonable disciplinary action taken against the worker or failure by the worker to obtain a promotion, transfer or benefit in connection with the worker's employment or as a result of reasonable administrative action taken in connection with the worker's employment.

- This exercise also highlights the long term nature of some advocacy work that LGANT does particularly in respect of legislation.
- Details of the provision have been provided to Human Resources Managers in councils.

Future Action

No future action required.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.13 Arts and Cultural Policy Reference Group Short Term History

- Email received from Arts NT, Department of Arts and Museums 28/11/14.
- Expression of interest sent online from the LGANT CEO 2/12/14.
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- Letter from CEO Department of Arts & Museums 24/05/15.
- Angela Hill (Director NT Arts) advised:
 - o representatives on the group have yet to be announced
 - there will be a discussion paper released soon on arts and culture which local government will be invited to comment on
 - o forums are planned in regional centres.
- Minister's media release on Arts and Cultural Policy Reference Group 8/06/15.

Future Action

Put discussion paper to the Executive once it is released. Advise councils of consultation forums.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.14 Review of the Local Government Act

Short Term History

- Letter from Executive Director, David Willing of the Department of Local Government and Regions ('the Department') to the LGANT CEO:
 - giving notice of the review of the Local Government Act
 - o requesting representation from LGANT to a working party by 30/01/15
 - asking for submissions to the review to be in by 30/04/15.
- All Executive members provided out-of-session endorsement by 23/01/15 of the LGANT CEO as the LGANT representative on the working party.
- Letters received from Department appointing LGANT President as Chair and CEO to the working group 19/03/15.
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- Draft LGANT submission approved at the general meeting subject to further changes 16/04/15.
- LGANT submission sent 29/04/15.

Future Action

Report outcomes from the working party on its work on the review.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.15 Establishment of New Licensing Authority

Short Term History

- Letter to the LGANT President 10/04/14 advising proposed new Licensing Authority.
- Anna McGill, from the Department of Business addressed the Executive meeting on the proposed new legislation on 3/06/14.
- The Executive approved the draft submission on Licensing Authority arrangements at its meeting on 26/06/14.
- A submission was sent to Minister Tollner on 30/06/14.
- Legislation (Licensing Director-General Bill) introduced to Parliament in week of 27/10/14.
- None of the suggestions put forward by LGANT were taken up in the legislation because it only applies to the establishment of the office of the Director-General. Licenses are covered under other legislation.
- Letter signed on behalf of Department of Business CEO to LGANT CEO on 28/10/14 offering information sessions in 2015 on the new legislation.
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15. Anna McGill undertook to provide:
 - snapshot of involvement that local governments have under the *Liquor and Gaming Acts Liquor Act* Section 27(3) states:

If the application relates to premises within the area of a shire council or a regional council, the Director-General must, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform the CEO of the council that the application has been made. (**Note**: does not include municipal councils who just make arrangements to get notified by the Authority)

• Gaming Control Act - Section 68A states:

Moneys in the Community Benefit Fund are to be applied for the following purposes:

(a) research into gambling activity, including the social and economic impact of gambling on individuals, families and the community;

- (b) promotion of community awareness and education in respect of problem gambling and provision of counselling, rehabilitation and support services for problem gamblers and their families in the Territory;
- (c) funding of community projects and services of benefit to communities throughout the Territory;
- (d) management and administrative support of the Fund.
- providing links to the Community Impact Analysis and Takeaway Liquor Guidelines
 www.dob.nt.gov.au
 - gambling and licensing>community gaming machine reforms>community impact analysis guidelines
 - gambling and licensing>NT Licensing Commission.
- Anna McGill was given council meeting dates on 20/02/15 to enable her to organise meetings with councils

Future Action

Consider whether further submissions on the *Liquor* or *Gaming Acts* are necessary particularly given there are no provisions (other than Section 27(3)) above about notice being given to councils about license applications.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.16 Belyuen, Coomalie, Wagait Local Government Advisory Group Short Term History

- Advisory Group meetings 2/03/15 (Batchelor) and 9/6/15 (Belyuen).
- Progress report provided at Executive meeting 10/03/15.
- Executive meeting 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- Members of the Dundee Beach Progress Association were invited to the meeting at Belyuen.
- A report of the meeting of 9/06/15 provides details of outcomes.

Future Action

Continue to provide progress reports.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.17 National Procurement Network Meeting Report

Short Term History

- Local Government National Procurement Network (NPN) charter was agreed to in 1998 with all local government associations (LGAs) being signatories.
- LGANT signed an MOU with Local Buy in Queensland in 2008 which was renewed in 2010.
- The NPN Charter was reviewed and adopted by LGAs in 2011.
- In 2012, legislative changes were introduced to the *NT Local Government (Accounting) Regulations* to allow collective procurement to occur.
- Procurement is identified as an activity within the Local Government Excellence initiative LGANT is funded for by the Department of Local Government and Community Services.
- LGANT actively participates in NPN meetings where possible.
- Through NPN, LGNSW will provide training in May 2015 for member council staff on basic procurement processes.
- NPN meeting in Melbourne 26-27/02/15.
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- Summary of sales received from Local Buy 22/05/15.

Future Action

Next meeting in Adelaide in June 2015.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.18 Draft Submission on the Cemeteries Act

Short Term History

- In December 2012, the Department of Local Government and Regions (the Department) released a public discussion paper, *Review of the Cemeteries Act.*
- In February 2013, the LGANT submission on the review was sent to the Department.
- The review was in abeyance from March 2013 to November 2014 while the Department completed further research as well as undertaking consultations with stakeholders.
- Letter from the Department of Local Government and Regions to LGANT President inviting LGANT to lodge another submission on the review of the *Cemeteries Act* 27/11/14.
- Email and draft submission forwarded to members on 29/01/15.
- Business Paper to Executive on 6/02/15.
- LGANT submission sent to the Department of Local Government 13/3/2015
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.

Future Action

Monitor development of legislation once it is known.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.19 Prospective Councillor Workshops Short Term History

- Email to councils requesting motions13/01/15.
- Reminder email to councils 3/03/15.
- Email from Barkly Regional Council 4/03/15.
- General meeting 16/04/15.
- Executive meeting 19/05/15.

Future Action

Review materials for workshops.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.20 Disciplinary Committee Process Short Term History

- Email to councils requesting motions13/01/15.
- Reminder email to councils 3/03/15.
- Email from Barkly Regional Council 4/03/15.
- General meeting resolution THAT delegates endorse LGANT, through the review committee and ALAC, working with the Department of Local Government to develop an enhanced disciplinary proceedings model which includes the current committee process augmented by the inclusion of other options for councils to legally pursue based on the severity of the dispute 16/04/15.
- Executive meeting 19/05/15 included advice that this matter will form part of the review of the *Local Government Act*. It was included in LGANT's submission to the review.

Future Action

Action general meeting resolution.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.21 Local Government Long Service Awards Short Term History

- General meeting resolution That delegates endorse the development of a series of local government service awards for the Northern Territory 6/11/14.
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15.
- Guidelines document completed 11/03/15.
- Email to Council CEOs 14/5/15 requesting nominations by 1 October 2015.

Future Action

Follow up with councils nominations for long service awards.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.22 Natural Disaster Relief Recovery Arrangement (NDRRA) Short Term History

- Executive meeting resolution That the Executive approves the NDRRA submission for LGANT over its managed local road network 1/05/15.
- Executive meeting 19/05/15.

Future Action

Purchase orders have been raised to remove trees and rehabilitate the damaged road network in the East Arnhem region. LGANT will submit an application for NDRRA approval and funding following completion of the above work.

Discussion

Members were told that the submission was approved on 22 June 2015.

10.23 LGANT's Local Government Directory 2015/2016 Short Term History

- LGANT commenced work on the next edition of the Local Government Directory in March 2015.
- The expected publication and distribution of the Directory is on or before 1/07/15.
- Executive meeting 1/05/15; 19/05/15.

Future Action

Distribute directory once published by Colemans and load onto the LGANT website.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.24 Financial Assistance Grants Short Term History

• Release of Federal Budget on 13/05/14.

• General meeting resolution – THAT delegates call upon councils:

(a) to support the campaign to restore the indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants by highlighting to Federal politicians:

- the absolute need for the Grants
- the losses resulting from the Grants not being indexed
- (b) to agree to work with LGANT to document the many reforms and activities which demonstrate improvements and efficiencies councils are undertaking 6/11/14.
- Executive meeting 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- General meeting resolution THAT delegates revoke the current LGANT policy 3.3(a) 16/04/15.
- Email to CEOs requesting notice of resolutions 12/05/15.
- The resolution that councils have been asked to mirror includes:

That the Council:

- 1. Acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of councils services and infrastructure;
- 2. Acknowledges that the council will receive \$X.Y million in 2014 15; and
- 3. Will ensure that this federal funding, and other funding provided by the Federal Government under relevant grant programs, is appropriately identified as Commonwealth grant funding in council publications, including annual reports.

Council	Resolution passed at council meeting on date
Central Desert Regional Council	6 December 2014
Barkly Regional Council	22 May 2015
East Arnhem Regional Council	29 May 2015
City of Palmerston	2 June 2015

Future Action

Continue to pursue with councils their work on getting resolutions passed about FAGs and in identifying case studies and projects that FAGs are used for.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.25 Management and Administration Fees Applied to Government Grants Short Term History

- Executive meetings 10/03/15; 1/05/15; 19/05/15.
- FRG meeting 17/10/14; 24-25/02/15.
- FRG meeting recommends changes to LGANT's policy 24-25/02/15.
- General meeting 3/04/14; 7/11/14; 16/04/15.

Future Action

Change LGANT's policy statements to reflect the Executive's decision.

Discussion

Members were told there will be a business paper with the policy change at the next meeting.

10.26 Nominations to the NT Weeds Advisory Committee

Short Term History

- Letter from Weed Management Branch, Department of Land Resource Management 27/11/14.
- Call for nominations emailed to councils 12/12/14.

- Reminder email sent 20/01/15.
- Committee advised of Andrew Farrell's nomination 17/02/15.
- Email to Committee 8/05/15.
- Email from Weeds Management Branch 14/05/15.

Future Action

Await confirmation from the Minister.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

10.27 Nomination of Alternate Members to the NT Grants Commission

Short Term History

- Email from NT Grants Commission (NTGC) 5/06/14.
- Email to councils 6/06/14.
- Executive resolution THAT the Executive put the entire list of nominations forward with recommendation to the NT Grants Commission 29/07/14.
- Letter to NTGC 30/07/14.
- Executive meeting 16/09/14; 21/10/14; 2/12/14.
- Due to 'Cabinet Notes' having to be prepared for all nominees to NTG committees further information about work history and suitability for role on committee has been obtained and submitted.
- Emailed reminder to NTGC 12/12/14.
- Advice from NTGC that Instrument of Appointment has to be redone due to appointment of new Minister 15/12/14.
- Instrument of Appointment received by email 15/06/15. Letter advising President was not received as it was sent to wrong address.

Future Action

No further action required.

Discussion

Members noted the report.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive receives and notes the reports on business from previous meetings that is not yet finished.

Moved:	President Shaw
Seconded:	Councillor Sharman
Carried	

11. BUSINESS NOT YET FINISHED BUT INACTIVE

Members noted that item 11.13 can be removed from the agenda as this is now complete.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive accepts the business not yet finished but inactive.

Moved: Mayor Miller Seconded: President Shaw Carried

12. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

12.1 Clarification of Community Champions Program

Members requested that LGANT provides a list of communities and their champions. The Minister for Local Government will then be approached to find out how the champions can work closely with the local government sector.

12.2 Natural Justice for Elected Members of Suspended Councils

Members heard that the issue of elected members being paid until the action against them is proven will be discussed by the working group during the Review of the *Local Government Act.*

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 Attacks on Local Government by the Media

Members discussed attacks on local government by the media. The President of Barkly Regional Council has been receiving criticism for having a second job outside of the Council, firstly by a letter to the Council and then a letter to the Editor of the *NT News*. LGANT has responded to the letter to the Editor. Members heard that it is not uncommon for elected members, including principal members, to have employment outside the council, nor is it a breach of the legislation.

Members were told there was also a letter to the Editor criticising City of Palmerston elected members and an article in the *NT News* regarding previous Executive member Alderman Helen Galton of City of Darwin.

14. COMPLETED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

THAT the Executive approves the removal of items of completed business from the agenda for the next meeting.

Moved : Mayor Miller Seconded: Councillor Sharman Carried

15. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

16. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LGANT Executive will be on Tuesday 21 July 2015 at 3:00pm in the LGANT Boardroom.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11:29 pm.

ITEM NO.	12.3.5	Roads To Recovery Program – Additional Funds

FROM:Director of Technical ServicesREPORT NUMBER:8/0696MEETING DATE:7 July 2015

Municipal Plan:

3. Environment & Infrastructure

3.2 Assets and Infrastructure

3.2 We are committed to maintaining and developing community assets and infrastructure which meet the needs of our community

Summary:

This report informs Council of additional funds that have been provided as part of the existing Roads To Recovery (RTR) program, and identifies that these funds may be considered towards the upgrade of The Boulevard Stage 2.

Background:

The existing RTR program has a five (5) year duration, and commenced in 2014/2015, (the programme is currently entering the second year). Each year the funding provided to the City of Palmerston is \$269,190, with the exception that in this current year Council shall receive a double payment bringing the pre-existing available funding to \$1,615,140.

The Federal Government recently identified that a new fuel excise charge would apply in order to provide additional funding to contribute to the infrastructure investment programme through supporting maintenance of the nation's local road network. On 30 June 2015 the City of Palmerston was informed that it would receive an additional \$853,234. This funding will be provided as follows:

- \$231,646 in 2015/2016
- \$621,588 in 2016/2017

This is in addition to the existing funding bringing the total RTR funding for the five (5) year programme to \$2,468,376.

The conditions attached to the funding have not changed.

General:

Previously the annual RTR funded project has been used for the capital works resealing programme.

An opportunity exists to direct the current funding to other roads upgrade projects such as The Boulevard Stage 2.

Financial Implications:

Refer to General section of this report.

Policy / Legislation:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council receives Report Number 8/0696.

Recommending Officer: Mark Spangler, Director of Technical Services

Any queries on this report may be directed to Mark Spangler, Director of Technical Services on telephone (08) 8935 9958 or email mark.spangler@palmerston.nt.gov.au.

Schedule of Attachments:

Attachment A: Roads to Recovery Circular 2015/4

Attachment B: Roads to Recovery Circular 2015/3 Media Statement

Attachment C: Roads to Recovery Circular 2015/3

Roads to Recovery circular 2015/4

Additional Funds announced for Roads to Recovery

As advised, the Australian Government has announced additional funds for Roads to Recovery. New allocation amounts are now listed on the Roads to Recovery website at http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/r2r/index.aspx.

There will be no changes to the requirements of Own Source Expenditure however you must continue to meet your normal obligation.

To find your Reference Amount (the amount you are required to spend of own source funds to meet the funding conditions) please check your last annual report on IMS and at part 3 it will give you your reference amount.

Programme requirements

The programme procedures (previously known as guidelines) have been updated. They are available on both IMS and the Department's public website at

http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/publications/administration/pdf/R2R_Procedures_2014_15_to_ 2018_2019_programme.pdf

Now would be a good time to print them and the Funding Conditions, see

http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/r2r/r2r_funding_conditions.aspx

and familiarise yourself with them. A new version of the IMS manual will be out soon.

The Legislation underpinning the Roads to Recovery Programme is the *National Land Transport Act 2014*. A link to this legislation and the programme signage requirements may be found at http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/publications/administration/index.aspx

Quarterly Reporting

The web site will be open from 1 to 31 July for the entry of quarterly expenditure reports. The next payment will be made in mid-August on the basis of the following formula:

Payment = cumulative expenditure (R2R component) by council on Roads to Recovery projects from the inception of the programme on 1 July 2014 until 30 June 2015 *plus* projected expenditure (R2R component) to 30 September 2015 *less* total R2R payments already made to council by the Commonwealth.

Please note that, all reports (annual and quarterly) are now required to be done on an accrual basis.

Please update your work schedule, including the addition of new projects, before you do your expenditure report so that funding for new projects can be provided in the next payment. Information entered on projects must be written in language that the general public can understand, not in engineering jargon.

Bridges Renewal Programme (BRP)

The Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development launched round two of the Bridges Renewal Programme (BRP) at the 2015 National General Assembly of Local Government on 15 June 2015. Proposals will be called for from 1 July 2015, and the closing date is 31 August 2015.

The Australian Government has committed \$300 million through to 2018-19 for the BRP. The objectives of the BRP are to contribute to the productivity of road bridges serving local communities, and facilitate higher productivity vehicle access.

Round two is open to Local Governments only, with up to \$100 million in funding available. The Australian Government will contribute a maximum of 50% of the total project cost. Councils are encouraged to discuss the programme with local communities, relevant industry stakeholders, Regional Development Australia committees and state road agencies early in the process.

Details on the programme parameters, how to apply and funding conditions are contained in the Programme Criteria and Proposal Form. Proposal forms will be available from the open date of 1 July 2015.

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the BRP team on 02 6274 6758 or email

bridgesrenewal@infrastructure.gov.au

Administrative

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Allan Chisholm is on leave.

Tui Davidson Assistant Director Roads to Recovery 30 June 2015





Warren Truss Deputy Prime Minister Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development

Media Statement

23 June 2015

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"Since the programme began in early 2001, councils have used the funding provided to repair and upgrade more than 45,000 local streets and road locations, making it the largest investment in Australia's local roads ever undertaken.

"Today we are ensuring many thousands more will be built and repaired."

Tying the indexation of the fuel excise to changes in inflation will provide the Australian Government with a predictable and guaranteed source of revenue to build the infrastructure Australia needs.

"For a motorist who consumes 50 litres of fuel each week, the impact amounts to just 40 cents, an impact that will be minimised through congestion-busting road infrastructure," Mr Truss said.

"Importantly, the Roads to Recovery Programme allows councils to directly fund local road projects based on local needs, with local knowledge playing a major role in the programme's success."

The fuel excise will increase twice a year in February and August, in line with movements of the Consumer Price Index.

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Roads to Recovery circular 2015/3

Additional Funds announced for Roads to Recovery

The Australian Government has announced additional funds for Roads to Recovery. Please see the Media Release also attached to this email.

In summary, total funding for the Roads to Recovery programme for 2014-15 to 2018-19 is now \$3.2 billion over the five years.

- > Information about your allocation and details will be provided soon.
- > Your allocation for 2015-16 which already contained a double payment will now be increased again, as will the allocation for 2016-17.
- > The 2017-18 and 2018-19 years of the programme are unchanged.

There will be no changes to the requirements of Own Source Expenditure however you must continue to meet your normal obligation.

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