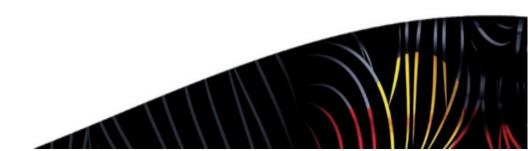




BULLA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 16 MAY 2024 AT 10:30 AM AT THE BULLA COUNCIL OFFICE VDRC OFFICE

MEMBERS

Nicholas Laurie Penny Archie Shadrack Retchford (Chair) Stan Retchford Duncan Bero Joseph Archie Councillor Deborah Jones





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Brian Hylands Chief Executive Officer



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1. Meeting Opening

2. Welcome

- 3. Attendance and Apologies
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Nil

- 4. Disclosure of Interest
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- 5.1. Resignations

Nil

5.2. Terminations

Nil

5.3. Nominations

Nil

6. Guests and Presentations

ITEM NUMBER 6.1.

Local Authority Review

ITEM TYPE Local Authority Reports - Karen Hocking

Attachments

1. Local Authority Review Presentation [6.1.1 - 8 pages]

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Local Authorities Review



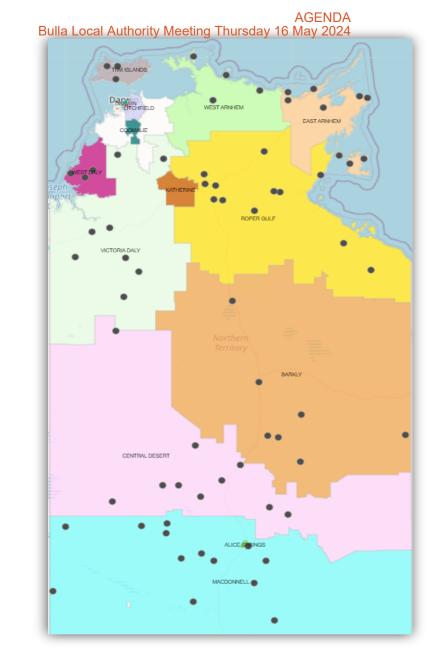




LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Local authorities provide a voice for communities in regional councils.

- Involve local communities in local government business
- Help communities give their opinions on local government business and take their views to council
- Involve local communities in developing policies for their area and contribute to the regional plan
- Advocate for communities
- Make recommendations to the council about budget allocations for the area.
- Make decisions on Local Authority projects for their community.



LOCAL AUTHORITY REVIEW

Why?

Some communities across the NT say that they do not have a voice with their council; they do not know what their council does for them.

What did we find?

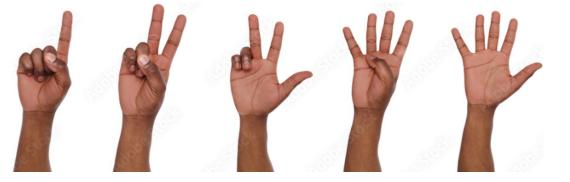
- Some strong Local Authorities doing great things; LA funds being spent on community priorities;
- But this was not consistent across the NT;
- We need flexibility respond to different communities
- Need to be clear about the Local Authority role, and let communities know
- LAs should set their own agenda and conduct their meetings; and
- Councils to consider delegating decision making.





Bulla Local Authority Meeting Thursday 16 May 2024 PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE GREATER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Flexible Governance adaptable and appropriate to different communities and led by the LA;
- Community-centred, place-based engagement recognising local needs, languages, time frames and cultural protocols to encourage community involvement;
- **3.** Empowerment Local Authorities should have the authority to effectively carry out their core role as intended in the Act;
- 4. Outcome Focused it is the what not the how that matters;
- 5. Accountability Local Authorities and their councils continue to demonstrate high standards in governance and the use of public resources..







HOW CAN WE IMPROVE LOCAL AUT CAR CITY ME SOLAR OF MAY 16 May 2024

Increased participation in LAs, include homeland leaders	Involve more women	More involvement from Traditional Owners	Encourage youth representation on Local Authorities and Regional Councils
Allow proxies	Invite Land Council executives to LA Meetings	More flexible fundin timelines/guidelines	Tor project tunding and
 More frequent LA meeting Training for LA members a Community consultation s Get other organisations to Avoid duplication of service 	nd youth trengthened the table	 Hold meetings in pull Share meeting minut Share project timelint Set achievable outco Use plain English 	ites on noticeboards nes with communities



CHANGES TO GUIDELINES

LA Guideline 1

- Introduction of proxy membership
- > Flexibility on boundaries to allow for initiatives that cross Local Authority borders
- Local Authorities to make recommendations on membership
- Streamlining of procedural requirements including agenda and reporting

LAPF funding guidelines

- Project pre-conditions and consultations to be built into timelines.
- Expeditious feedback on projects from councils to LAs required and reasons for decisions if recommendation not approved
- > Councils to actively consider delegating LAPF decision making to empower Local Authorities
- Enabling of major projects to be delivered over 4 years so that 4 year funding may be pooled
- > LAPF funds can be pooled with funds from Council or another entity for a particular project



LOCAL AUTHORITY CAPABILITY DEVELOP Ma Echauthority Meeting Thursday 16 May 2024

LA and community members wanted more information about the role of the LA and how they worked with councils, other levels of government, and other organisations.

1. What is the role of a local authority member?

A local authority member is the voice of people in their community. Their role includes:

- · Supporting your community to have a say in council business.
- · Providing recommendations to the council.
- Let the community know what the council is doing.





Governance training and resources are now available to all LA members.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

- Minister has signed off on review and implementation plan
- The Department, councils, LAs and the Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT) will promote the new approach and commence implementation.
- Improvements and ideas will continue to be incorporated to strengthen the role of LAs.
- The new approach will be reviewed and adjusted as required with the Reference Group reconvening at the end of the year.

We have all committed to taking actions to strengthen the role of the LAs and will be seeking updates on your progress on these over the next 6 months. Please keep LGU posted on the changes you are making and your best practice examples so that we can share these with others.







ITEM NUMBER 6.2.

2024 Territory Election

ITEM TYPE Presentation – Anna Egerton (NT Electoral Commission)

Attachments

- 1. NT LA Division snapshot COVER PAGE [6.2.1 1 page]
- 2. Bulla LA meeting presentation [6.4.2 9 pages]

YOUR YOUR VOTE

GET READY FOR THE 2024 TERRITORY ELECTION

Key dates

Postal voting applications open Now

Nominations open Thursday 1 August

Electoral roll closes Friday 2 August

Nominations declared Thursday 8 August

Voting starts Monday 12 August

Postal voting applications close Thursday 22 August

ELECTION DAY Saturday 24 August

Check your enrolment

Territorians aged 18 years or over must enrol to vote. You may already be enrolled to vote.

You should check if you are enrolled and that your enrolment is correct.

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Remember the date

Election day is Saturday 24 August.

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Northern Territory Electoral Generalission

Bulla Local Authority

Greg Hibble/Anna Egerton



Northern Territory Electoral Commission

Agenda

1. Who we are

- Introductions
- Who is the NT Electoral Commission and what elections do we run
- 2. 2024 Territory Election
 - Key dates
 - Distributing information
- 3. Community Engagement and Education Program
 - Overview
 - Employment opportunities (local assistants)

4. Snapshot of the Gwoja electorate

- Past voting data
- Current and past local members
- 5. Federal Direct Enrolment Update (FDEU
 - How FDEU works
 - Unsure of enrolment? Attend a voting location
- 6. Questions



Northern Territory Electoral Commission



Who we are

- Introduction
- We are the Northern Territory Electoral Commission
- We run Territory government elections with the next election being held August 2024. Bulla is in the Gwoja electorate
- We run local government elections with the next election being held in August 2025. Bulla is in the Victoria Daly Regional Council area
- We don't run federal elections
- We didn't run the 'Voice' Referendum





- The Territory Election is to elect the NT Government
- Your current local member is Chansey Paech (Labor Party)
- The election is in late August
- We will let you know specific information about voting times and locations in the coming months
- What is the best way for us to distribute and give community information?

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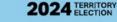
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Community Engagement and Education Program

- Our teams will be visiting your community to raise awareness about the 2024 Territory Election
 - They will have information about -enrolling to vote -where to go to vote -what happens when our remote voting team visits -how to make your vote count
- They want to meet with organisations in the community and community members
- They will be looking for local assistants to help us in the election

Gwoja electorate

ELECTORATE SNAPSHOT



Gwoja has 5,043 enrolled electors as at 1 January 2024.

Past voting data

2020 Territory Election - Gwoja data

- 5,313 enrolled electors at close of roll
- 2,806 total votes counted
- 52.8% turnout rate by number of votes counted

2016 Territory Election - Stuart data

- 5,242 enrolled electors at close of roll
- 2,906 total votes counted
- 55.4% turnout rate by number of votes counted

Observations

The voter turnout for gwoja was lower comparing the 2016 and 2020 elections. In 2016 55.4% of the enrolled electors voted compared to 52.8% in 2020, the average for all divisions was 74.9%.

The electorate of Stuart was renamed in 2020 to Gwoja with an increase in enrolled electors of 1.4%.

Local members

Member	Party	Period	
C J Paech	ALP	Current	
S L McConnell	ALP/IND	2016 - 2020	
B N Price	CLP	2012 - 2016	
K R Hampton	ALP	2006 - 2012	
P H Toyne	ALP	1996 - 2006	
B R Ede	ALP	1983 - 1996	
R W S Vale	CLP	1974 - 1983	

Location

The electorate of Gwoja occupies the western half of the Northern Territory. It extends south from the Victoria River all the way to the border with South Australian and includes the Tanami Desert, Watarrka National Park and Uluru-Kata Juta National Park.

Gwoja includes the communities of Amanbidji, Daguragu, Kalkarindji, Kaltukatjara, Kintore, Lajamanu, Laramba, Ntaria (Hermannsburg), Papunya, Timber Creek, Willowra, Yarralin, Yuelamu, Yuendumu, and Yulara.

Approx. area: 427,605 km²



Northern Territory Electoral Commission



Federal Direct Enrolment Update (FDEU)

- You may be enrolled to vote and not know it
- The AEC adds people to the electoral roll using information from other government agencies
- If you are unsure if you are enrolled to vote or where you are enrolled to vote, come to a voting centre and our remote team will help you.





For further information **ntec.nt.gov.au**

Contact Greg Hibble 0400 355 205 or Anna Egerton 0439 735 633



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7. Confirmation of Minutes

ITEM NUMBER 7.1.

Bulla Local Authority meeting held on 21 November 2023

REPORT TYPE Confirmation of Minutes

PREPARED BY Media and Communications Officer

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Bulla Local Authority meeting held on 21 November 2023 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Attachments

1. 20231121 BLA MIN unconfirmed [7.1.1 - 6 pages]

Bulla Local Authority Meeting Thursday 16 May 2024



Victoria Daly REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

BULLA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 10:30 AM AT THE BULLA COUNCIL OFFICE VDRC Office

Attachment 7.1.1 20231121 BLA MIN unconfirmed



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Brian Hylands Chief Executive Officer



1. Meeting Opening

The Bulla Local Authority meeting was postponed to begin at 11:00 am. The meeting opened at 11:12 am.

2. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

3. Attendance and Apologies

3.1. Attendees

Present

Appointed Members Present

Shadrack Retchford	Chairperson
Duncan Bero	Deputy Chairperson
Deborah Jones	Councillor, Timber Creek Ward
Stan Retchford	

Staff Present

Brian Hylands	Chief Executive Officer
Paul Buckley	Council Operations Manager
Kim Maskell	Media & Communications Officer (minutes secretary)

Guests

Karen Hocking	The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (via Teams)
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3.2. Apologies and Absentees

Apologies: Nicholas Laurie, Penny Archie, Joseph Archie

4. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

5. Resignations, Terminations and Nominations

5.1. Resignations



Nil

5.2. Terminations

Nil

5.3. Nominations

Nil

6. Guests and Presentations

Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes

ITEM NUMBER 7.1.

Bulla Local Authority meeting held on 15 August 2023

BLA-2023/22 Resolution: Carried (Stan Retchford/Cr Deborah Jones) That the minutes of the Bulla Local Authority meeting held on 15 August 2023 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

8. Council Response to Previous Minutes

ITEM NUMBER 8.1.

Feedback from Council

BLA-2023/23 Resolution: Carried (Shadrack Retchford/Stan Retchford) That the Feedback from Council be received and noted.

9. Correspondence

Nil

10. Reports

10.1. Council Operations Manager Community Report

ITEM NUMBER 10.1.1.

Council Operations Manager Report

- BLA-2023/24 Resolution: Carried (Shadrack Retchford/Duncan Bero)
 - A. That the Council Operations Manager Report report is received and noted
 - B. The Council accept the report.



10.2. Finance Report

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.1.

Finance Report for period ending 30 September 2023

BLA-2023/25 Resolution: Carried (Shadrack Retchford/Stan Retchford) A. That the Finance Report for period ending 30 September 2023 report is received and noted

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.2.

Project Funding Update as of 30 September 2023

Action: The Bulla Local Authority requests Council to write to DIPL and ask about installing a person gate at the airstrip.

BLA-2023/26 Resolution: Carried (Shadrack Retchford/Cr Deborah Jones)

That the Project Funding Update as of 30 September 2023 report is received and noted

10.3. Actions Report

10.3.1. Bulla Action Items

BLA-2023/27 Resolution: Carried (Shadrack Retchford/Cr Deborah Jones)

A. That the Bulla Local Authority receive and note the action items update.

BLA-2023/28 Resolution: Carried (Shadrack Retchford/Cr Deborah Jones)

A. That the Bulla Local Authority requests Council to contact PAWA regarding a water supply point for the cold water fountain at the Bulla basketball centre.

10.4. General Reports

Nil

11. Questions from the Public

Nil

12. General Business

Nil

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bulla Local Authority is to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 12:15 pm.



This page and the preceding 4 pages are the minutes of the meeting of the Bulla Local Authority meeting held on 21 November 2023.



8. Council Response to Previous Minutes

ITEM NUMBER 8.1.

Feedback from Council

REPORT TYPE Local Authority Reports

PREPARED BY Media and Communications Officer

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to the Bulla Local Authority from the relevant Ordinary Council meeting.

Recommendation

That the Feedback from Council be received and noted

Feedback

On 28 November 2023, Council received the minutes of the Bulla Local Authority meeting held on 21 November 2023. Council endorsed the minutes and all resolutions as per the table below:

OCM-2023/222 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

That the minutes of the Bulla Local Authority meeting held on 21 November 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

Attachments

Nil



9. Correspondence

10. Reports

10.1. Council Operations Manager Community Report

ITEM NUMBER 10.1.1. Council Operations Report - Bulla REPORT TYPE Council Operations Manager Report. PREPARED BY Council operations manager.

Purpose

To update council on the operations manager report activities.

Recommendations

A. That the Council operations managers report is received and noted.

Regional Plan

Not Applicable

Events and Activities No events or activities at this time.

Local Authority Meetings

16th May 2024. The last meeting was cancelled due to flooding.

Vacant Positions (VDRC in Community)

CDP positions vacant. Aged Care positions vacant.

Maintenance Buildings and Fixed Assets

Buildings are up to date with inspections.

Plant and Equipment

NA.

Regional Plan Project Priorities

Awaiting quotation for the water tap to be installed at the basketball court.

Council officer conflict of interest declaration

Attachments Nil



10.2. Finance ReportITEM NUMBER10.2.1.Finance Report for period ending 31st March 2024REPORT TYPELocal Authority Finance ReportPREPARED BYChief Finance Officer

Recommendations

A That the Finance Report for period ending 31st March 2024 report is received and noted

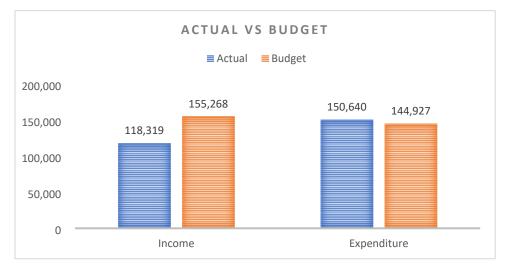
Attachments

1. Bulla 31 03 2024 [**10.2.1.1** - 2 pages]

Actual v Budget for Build Local Authonity as of 31 March 2024 YTD YTD						
OPERATING INCOME	Actuals \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Comments		
Rates	-	-	-			
Charges	-	-	-			
Fees and Charges	-	-	-			
Operating Grants and Subsidies	118,318.60	155,268	-36,950	Council have not received the second-night patrol instalment and LA Funds		
Commercial and Other Income	-	-	-			
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	118,319	155,268	-36,950			
OPERATING EXPENDITURE						
Employee Expenses	121,611	108,990	12,621	the overspending is attributed to wage penalties paid to Night patrol staff. The overspent will be offset against underspent from locations.		
Materials and Contracts	26,843	33,610	-6,767	Underspending on fuel expenses and contractor expenses		
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,800	1,927	-127			
Council Committee & LA Expenses	386	400	-14			
Other Expenses	-	-	0			
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	150,640	144,927	5,713			
OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	-32,321	10,341	-42,662			

Actual v Budget for Bulla Local Authority as of 31 March 2024

For the nine months 31 March 2024, Bulla received \$118,319 and spent \$150,640 compared to budgeted income of \$155,268 and expenditure of \$144,927, respectively.



The bar graph below shows actual income and expenditure vs budgets.



ITEM NUMBER 10.2.2. Projects Update as at 31 March 2024 REPORT TYPE Finance Report PREPARED BY Chief Finance Officer

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) that has been spent or committed, and to provide an overview of funds available for future projects.

Recommendations

A That the Projects Update as at 31 March 2024 report is received and noted

Local Authority Project Funding

Funds Spent financial year

\$31,452 of LAPF has been spent this financial year

Funds Committed

\$6,426 of LAPF is committed to projects.

Funds Available

\$53,240 of LAPF is available for future projects

The Bulla Local Authority is encouraged to discuss and consider suitable projects to be funded with the remaining LAPF.

Attachments

1. Bulla LA Projects 31 03 2024 [10.2.2.1 - 1 page]

Local Authority projects-Bulla

Fund Carried forward from last financial year	71,718
Grant expected to be received this financial year	19,400
	91,118
Funds spent to date 38,5	574
Less: funds spent last financial year -7,1	122
Fund spent this financial year 2023-24	-31,452
Funds committed but not yet spent	-6,426
Funds available for future projects	53,240

Projects Names	Resolutions	Fund allocated to projects	Amount spent to date	Remaining funds available	Status
Street Signs 20	67LB798	5,000	5,000	-	Completed
Marquees, Tables, and Chairs	BLA-2023-2	6,500	3,007	3,493	Remains open
Street Signs	BLA-2023/8	3,500	3,661	-161	Completed
Funding towards playground	BLA-2023/10	30,000	26,906	3,094	Completed

45,000 38,574 6,426



10.3. Actions Report

10.3.1. Bulla Action Items

Report Type	Local Authority Reports
Department	Chief Executive Office
Prepared by	Media and Communications Officer

Purpose

To provide an update on Bulla Local Authority action items.

Recommendations

A. That the Bulla Local Authority receive and note the action items update.

Quotations for the water tap at the basketball court have not been received from Scatt's plumbing company.

Fletcher's plumbing has also been asked to quote due to the time lapse of the quoting.

Attachments

1. 20230516 Action Items Report BLA 1 [**10.3.1.1** - 2 pages]

ACTION REGISTER

Bulla Local Authority – MAY 2024



Page 1

MEETING DATE	ITEM	ACTION REQUIRED	ASSIGNED DEPARTMENT	ACTION TAKEN	STATUS
21 February 2023	Streetlight Audit	Action: An audit of streetlights in Bulla is required to ascertain which lights require maintenance. Night patrol will be requested to conduct the audit and information to be relayed to NWA.	Council Operations	Investigating process with PowerWater and NWA	In progress
15 August 2023	AEC education session	<u>Action:</u> VDRC to contact AEC to request education session.		Education sessions requested. AEC has no response. AEC did speak with the community on the day of the referendum to help the community members to understand the voting process. AEC team have been to timber creek and the surrounding communities to educate the locals and asked locals to be employed during the next election process. Time of visit- Tuesday the 30 th of April to Friday the 3 rd of May.	Completed.
15 August 2023	Machinery for can crushing	Provide information to the BLA on machinery that can crush cans (similar to Kalkarindji).	Council Operations	Awaiting responses from manufacturers.	In progress.
21 November 2023	Project Funding	Action: The Bulla Local Authority Requests Council to write to DIPL and ask about installing a person gate at the airstrip.	Council Operations	Emailed contact from DIPL. They suggest the only gate required is the main gate for livestock safety.	Completed.
21 November 2023	Actions Report	That the Bulla Local Authority requests Council to contact PAWA regarding a water supply point for the cold-water fountain at the Bulla basketball Centre.	Council Operations	Awaiting quotation from Scatt's plumbing. Due to the time period of the request, we have contacted Fletcher's plumbing for a quotation, and we are awaiting a response.	In progress.



10.4. General Reports

10.4.1. Regional Plan Priorities

Report Type	Local Authority Reports
Department	Chief Executive Office
Prepared by	Media and Communications Officer

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of service delivery for the area and to seek feedback from the local authority to guide the development of the Regional Plan.

Recommendations

- A. That the Regional Plan Priorities report is received and noted; and
- B. That the Bulla Local Authority provide feedback on service delivery for the area.

Background Information

During the development of the Regional Plan the council considers the core services that it is responsible for delivering.

The Bulla Local Authority members are encouraged to review, discuss and provide feedback on the attached service delivery chart for the area to assist in the development of the 2023-24 Regional Plan.

Council officer conflict of interest declaration

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

Attachments

1. Timber Creek Ward Service Delivery [10.4.1.1 - 1 page]

Service Delivery TIMBER CREEK WARD

Service Categories	Bulla	Kalkarindji	Daguragu	Nauiyu	Pine Creek	Timber Creek	Yarralin	Pigeon Hole	Lajamanu	Gilwi	Kybrook	Lingara	Myatt	
CORE SERVICE DELIVERY			C											
Cemetery		1		1	1									
Road Maintenance		1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Sports Grounds			1		1	1	1							
Parks		1	1	1	1	1	1							
Playgrounds		1	1	1	1	1	1							
Waste Collection, Management & Landfill		1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Council Infrastructure		1	1	1	1	1	1							
Local Authority Administration	 ✓ 	1		1	1	1	1							
FUNDED PROGRAMS						0			8	0				
Community Development Program	 ✓ 	1	1			1	1	1	1			1	1	
Aged Care (CHSP, HCP, NATSIFACP)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	
National Disability Insurance Scheme	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	~	
Night Patrol	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Remote School Attendance Program		1	1				1							
Outside School Hours Care					1									
Library					1									
Remote Indigenous Broadcasting		1	1	1			1							
Sports and Recreation	1	1	1		1	1	1							
Airstrip Maintenance		1		1		1	1	1						
Centrelink		1	1	1	1	1	1							
		1	1	1			1							
Post Office Agency														





11. Questions from the Public

12. General Business

13. Confidential

Nil

14. Next Meeting

The next Meeting of Bulla Local Authority will be held 15 August 2024