



**BI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION  
10AM-12PM SATURDAY 24 APRIL  
WAGAIT BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

AGENDA ITEMS	NOTES
<b>Council Updates</b>	
<p>Looking forward to the new FY budget and planning, we review the past year, including the challenges and bonuses of a pandemic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NTG support instead of competitive project funding + additional contracts for jetty cleaning &amp; maintenance = more \$\$ income and local projects.</li> <li>• Drainage issues undertaken and planning for road remediation projects are underway.</li> <li>• Strategic planning for our only park and recreation space.</li> <li>• Community Grants able to support local recreational initiatives.</li> <li>• Great use of the community centre this year, new community groups established and strengthened = community resilience and wellbeing.</li> <li>• New residents and families settling here = growing our community.</li> <li>• Time to get our house in order = policies, procedures and compliance issues of the past have been resolved.</li> </ul>	
<b>Budget 2020-21</b>	Is on track to balance at EoFY; please see third-quarter report attached (provided at meeting). The forward budget for 2022 is looking to have little to no change from projections made in the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan; with most income and expenses increased by CPI, including rates.
<b>Governance</b>	Council has worked hard to increased policy implementation and resolved outstanding compliance issues this year, ahead of the new Local Government Act 2019 being implemented on 1 July 2021. Changes to the act will increase transparency and accountability and add to the administrative load on Council staff.
<b>LG Elections 2021</b>	August date still TBC by the Commission. Information on ‘what to means to be a Councillor’ and ‘how to go about your campaign’ will be available from Council in the next month or so.
<b>Cloppenburg Park</b>	<p>A water extraction licence has been granted that will keep approx. half of the sportsground green all year round. An application for additional water can be made in the future if required.</p> <p>The masterplan concept is finalised and a quantity survey has been calculated at aprox \$6M. Priority projects will be identified by Council with a staged approach to development of the plan over the next 10 years.</p>
<b>Emergency Management &amp; Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Management Committee update</li> <li>• SMS communications sign-up</li> <li>• Newsletter sign-up – stay informed!</li> <li>• New website is live!</li> </ul>

<b>Climate Action</b>	Council was unsuccessful in securing funds to review the 2010 Climate Change Adaptation Strategy in 2020, however another application will go to the NT Disaster Management Fund in May 2021. This is a critical document that will inform new policy and endorse Council planning and implementation of projects to increase our disaster management capacity and resilience.
<b>Health Centre</b>	<p>Issues with Belyuen Clinic access and Aged Care service delivery in Wagait have been highlighted through the COVID emergency and continue with current immunisation rollout. Council continues to meet with Top End Health to advocate for our own dedicated service and is collecting data to support this.</p> <p>Council has facilitated NBN Community WiFi installation to the Health/Community Centre and is currently investigating how this might provide access to a tele-health service with residents' established GPs. This may still need to be supported by on-site nursing staff or health-workers, however could provide a level of regular care with greater efficiencies.</p>
<b>Roads</b>	<p>Several projects undertaken and planning for further road and verge remediation is underway. Before EoFY 2021 Council aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct new floodway on Cox Drive (\$100K)</li> <li>• Install road guardrails and barriers on deep drains (\$140K)</li> <li>• Verge Management policy &amp; permit system finalised</li> <li>• Investigate new culverts required as a result of drainage remediation (Sachse, Massey, Erickson)</li> </ul> <p>Projects pending funding in 2021-22:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct new Greenwaste track &amp; culvert (\$100K)</li> <li>• Construct strategic pedestrian bridges across drains (\$200K)</li> <li>• Resheeting all estate roads (\$2.8M)</li> </ul>
<b>Rubbish</b>	<p><u>Domestic</u> collection issues such as the damage to bins has been investigated by Council and the service provider and it is accepted that as the bins are in most cases 5-6 years old, they are probably due to be replaced. Additionally, Council has also had several requests to consider tiered waste fees for undeveloped land. Options and consideration of these issues are discussed in the attached Waste and Recycling Strategy.</p> <p><u>Hardwaste</u> drop-off term and conditions were introduced last year to encourage upcycling of unwanted goods and reduce Council liability with toxic waste. Further consideration of recycling plastics, glass, cardboard and toxic waste is discussed in the Waste and Recycling Strategy.</p> <p><u>Greenwaste</u> disposal has been working well in its current location, with regular burning supported by CPVBB. The track into the site has been flat-bladed several times however a more substantial all-weather surface is needed for all-year access without a 4WD. This is on the list of forward projects for 2021-22.</p>

<b>Sport &amp; Recreation</b>	<p>This year has been busy with regular Council activities for seniors, runners and walkers. The school holiday programs have been successful providing excursions and events which has been supplemented throughout the year with some great community-run family activities including movie-nights and the Big Bash Cricket. Makers and Creators has grown quickly as weekly user-pays art and craft sessions, as has the popular Pilates. Weekly Tai Chi has been established as a program through the Community Fund.</p> <p>A 2021 calendar of Council Sport and Recreation activities and events is being compiled for planning ahead.</p>
<b>Council Events</b>	<p>Australia Day; ANZAC Day; Territory Day; Citizenship ceremonies; Christmas functions (elected members and volunteers); School holiday activities/excursions; Seniors Week activities; Youth Week activities.</p> <p>Are there other statutory events that residents would like Council to consider?</p>
<b>Community Events</b>	<p>Community dinners, Family film nights, Youth discos,</p> <p>Are there other community events coordinated by residents that might be supported by Council?</p>
<b>Matters for Discussion</b>	
<b>Waste Strategy</b>	<p>Discussion paper to be provided at the meeting, will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wheelie bin issue and investigation</li> <li>• Recycling options and costs</li> <li>• Toxic waste disposal</li> <li>• Undeveloped property fees</li> </ul>
<b>Community Garden</b>	<p>A small community garden was created as a pilot project during Seniors month in 2020, which has been well tended and productive, however is not in an ideal location.</p> <p>Council proposes that in 2021 the garden will be relocated and managed by a local community working group, if there is sufficient demand and engagement to maintain the asset with some initial Council support.</p>
<b>Community Library</b>	<p>The library is a community service, housed in Council Chambers/meeting During COVID restrictions, the Library was closed and a 'Book-Fridge' was set up on the Community Centre veranda to offer an alternative to library-users, which is still available 24/7. The 'Book-Fridge' was quite successful as it offered a service to residents outside of office hours.</p> <p>Currently, the Library shares the Council chambers meeting room and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is only able to operate for a half day during Council business hrs so that Council can also use the space for business meetings;</li> <li>• has no volunteers , which it depends on to be maintained;</li> <li>• is only occasionally visited (less than 2x week); and</li> <li>• takes up half of the available meeting space in a busy office.</li> </ul> <p>Council opens discussion to the community to consider options.</p>

<p><b>BMX Track Redesign</b></p>	<p>Council is seeking community members to be involved in the planning to relocate and redesign the BMX Track at Cloppenburg Park. A community planning session will be convened at a date to be advised.</p> <p>Residents able to assist with supply and construction should also attend and can contact the Council Office for further information.</p>
<p><b>Community Infrastructure</b></p>	<p>Council has opportunities throughout the year to apply for Special Purpose Grants to deliver new community infrastructure, enhancements, or special projects.</p> <p>Council would like to discuss with the community needs and aspirations for improvements to our community assets.</p>
<p><b>Items from the Community</b></p>	<p>TBC</p>