



**BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

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**Also known as  
BELYUEN SHIRE**

## **DRAFT SHIRE PLAN 2011-2012**

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## Introduction

The Belyuen Community is located on the eastern side of the Cox Peninsula. It is 128 km from Darwin on the Cox Peninsula Road. Belyuen is also accessible by ferry from Cullen Bay to Mandorah and a mini bus to Belyuen which is approximately 18kms.

The community has a population of approximately 170 people. There are seven language groups: Emmi, Wadigin, Kiuk, Malak Malak, Mendtha, Marriamu and Maranunggu.

*Belyuen Council strives to:*

*Improve the lifestyle and quality of life of the residents of Belyuen;*

*and*

*Involve the community in decisions that affect their lives.*

Belyuen specific strategies:

- With support from the Federal and Territory Government continue to upgrade community infrastructure to remove health risks and danger;
- Belyuen people have a say in the future of local government and how that will continue to deliver services and support the residents;
- Council help support and create local jobs for residents;
- Local activities that encourage residents of all ages and gender to be involved in strengthening their culture.
- Local activities that encourage residents of all ages and gender to be involved in recreational and sporting activities that build a healthy lifestyle and create a community that residents enjoy;

- Working with funding agencies to create commercial opportunities that give the residents jobs and bring money into the community to support all other activities that the Community would like to do;
- Clean and beautify the community to ensure the country is cared for and the community looks good and residents are proud;
- Young children, teenagers, women, men and elders are safe, healthy and cared for.

The Local Government Act 2008 (Act) Part 3.2 requires that each council has a municipal or shire plan. This plan is integrally linked with the Regional Management Plan. Together these plans make up the planning and service delivery framework for local government at the local and regional level.

The municipal or shire plan is to contain a service delivery plan, annual budget and a long term financial plan.

The provisions of Part 3.2 of the Act require that council review and revise its municipal or shire plan before 31 July each year. This enables each council to formally consider its service delivery to the community in the light of any current or emerging challenges and opportunities and whether it has the most appropriate administrative and regulatory framework to achieve its service delivery operations.

The Shire Plan is an important document for the Belyuen Community. It sets out what the Community can expect from Council operations including engagement with Council to ensure the community resident's aspirations and needs are documented within the plan to the extent that council can service those needs and support community activities funded and overseen by a range of valued service providers.

## Challenges for Belyuen Shire 2011-2012

The main challenges of 2010-2011 continue to be high priority for 2011-2012.

- What is the best option for Belyuen in terms of Local Government amalgamation? This is not likely to be resolved until after the 2012 NT elections. What does Governance for Belyuen look like?
- Belyuen Council and the Belyuen people positioning themselves to take advantage of development on the Cox Peninsula once the Kenbi Land Claim is finalized.
- Government Departments acknowledging the real costs involved in delivery of services and paying Council accordingly.

Other challenges for Belyuen Shire are:

- To work with the community to develop an Alcohol Management Plan.
- To make the Belyuen Store a viable business for the community.
- To make the market garden a viable business for the community.
- To work with the Community to help them transition from the current CDEP to the new CDEP system.
- To provide employment opportunities and training for community people.
- To work with the community to beautify the cemetery and to identify the graves. Council to set up a register of grave sites.

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