

MINUTES OF THE NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE ROPER
GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM
COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, NGUKURR ON WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY
2017 AT 10:30 AM

PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

Councillor Daphne Daniels (Chairperson)
Councillor Eric Roberts
Mayor Tony Jack

1.2 Elected Members

Bobby Nunggumajbarr
Colin Hall
Ian Gumbula

1.3 Staff

Amanda Haigh – Governance Manager (Minute Taker)
Michael Berto – CEO Roper Gulf Regional Council
Sharon Hillen – Director of Council and Community Services
Janeen Bulsey – Area Manager Roper
Lyndon Keane – Communications Coordinator
Janelle Iszlaub – CDP Regional Manager
Marc Gardner – Director Contracts & Technical Services
Penny Henderson – Operations Coordinator Community Services
Victoria Haig – CDP Senior Employment Consultant
Candy Coates – Senior Administration Support Co-ordinator (Minute Taker)

1.4 Guests

Ben Laidlaw – ARDS / Power Water
Kevin Fisher – DHCD
Donna McMasters – Power & Water
Nick Sarah – Department of Housing and Community Development
Sean Carroll – Power Water
Martin Schahinger – Yugul Mangi Development
Frank Day – DHCD
Selena Ulbo – Member for Arnhem
Grant Thompson – Ngukurr Language Centre
Jude Emmett – Ngukurr Art Centre
Mercy Gumbula - CDU

Gwen Rami – CDU
Keisha Wanambi – CDU
Katelyn JohnForrest – CDU
Brandy Gumbula - CDU
Shelley Back – Sunrise Health Service
Jeanie Govan – Dept Chief Minister
Donna Masters - Power Water (Video Conferencing)
Nic Sarah – DHCD (Video Conferencing)
Sean Carrol – Power Water (Video Conferencing)

2. MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 10:50am

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Chairperson Cr Daphne Daniels welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

44/2017 RESOLVED (Collin Hall/Eric Roberts)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority accept the apologies of Jerry Ashley, Renelle Rogers and Robin Rogers for the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting 17 May 2017.**

Selina Ulbo addressed the Local Authority and thanked them for having her this meeting. First LA Meeting attendance for Member for Arnhem. Arrived in town on Monday and attended Anzac Day ceremony in April.

REMOTE ENGAGEMENT COORDINATION INDIGENOUS EVALUATION RESEARCH

From: Ian Gumbula, Mercy Gumbula, Gwen Rami and Jennifer Macdonald

Date: 29th March 2017

To: the Chairperson and Board Members of the Local Authority, Ngukurr

We are writing to request attendance at the Local Authority meeting in May.

We are working on a community research project called Remote Engagement Coordination Indigenous Evaluation Research (REC-IER) through Charles Darwin University (CDU) and funded by the Northern Territory Government. The Government has given us money to do this research because they want to evaluate their engagement and coordination work in Ngukurr. They want us to find out what government people should do when they come to Ngukurr, and how local people and Balanda can work together for the good of the community.

The research team includes Ian and Mercy Gumbula, Gwen Rami, and Jennifer Macdonald from CDU. They are working with young trainee researchers from the community, who will be involved in the community interviews on government evaluation. This is important because the engagement research is about growing into the future. It's important that young people have a chance to express their views and gain experience with this work.

The research team would like to attend the Local Authority meeting to explain the purpose of the research and to observe the rest of the meeting. We would like to take audio and visual recordings of the Local Authority meeting and other service provider meetings.

We have been, and will continue to, interview elders and Traditional Owners, community members, and service providers in Ngukurr to try to understand their experiences with government engagement.

We will also be using a 'scorecard' which we will hand out to people in attendance at the Local Authority meeting. The scorecard is a way to give feedback to government about their engagement with local people in Ngukurr.

If you'd like to know more about this research please contact:

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mongunu.gumbula@gmail.com

Jennifer Macdonald (CDU): 0458258407
jennifermairi.macdonald@cdu.edu.au

Thank you.

Jan McDonald and Gwen Rami from CDU, Government Engagement in Communities - request to video meeting.

Introduction from Gwen Rami who has been working with Jan McDonald for one year. Government requires evidence from indigenous people in expressing themselves

Ian Gumbula advised video recording of what people in communities are saying to government services provides a baseline evidence to government.

Bobby Nungumajbarr agrees recording will provide solid evidence and assist community. However, is concerned what happens after this takes place, and asked the question whether government will respond and take action.

Cr Eric Roberts states his door is always open and believes we all need to work together and is everyone's responsibility. Ngukurr is a good, safe, stable community with good school attendance rate.

Mayor Tony Jack believes it is a good project, to keep striving forward and interested in the final result.

Ian Gumbala advised this is a valuable message which will build a better business with everyone 'on the same page'.

Cr Daphne Daniels agrees whilst providing an evidence based document, government will need to fulfil the gap and identify by working efficiently together. May assist service providers in sustainability issues and understand indigenous culture. Council and members to work together to identify gaps, employment issues and become a sustainable, independent, healthy and educated community.

Cr Eric Roberts would like to convey message to politicians the need for housing maintenance and repair. NT Gov to fund housing requirements and for young people to get involved and share ideas within Government.

45/2017 RESOLVED (Bobby Nungumajbarr/Tony Jack)

(a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority approve the videoing of this LA meeting by**

Remote Engagement Coordination Indigenous Evaluation Research (REC-IER) through Charles Darwin University (CDU) for the research project on community engagement.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES

46/2017 RESOLVED (Ian Gumbula/Eric Roberts)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on April 5, 2017 with the amendment of the of guest Jeanie Goven Department Chief Minister.

6. CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

1. New Water Source Equipping Project - Power And Water Corporation
2. ARDS
3. CDP Artwork Sculpture
4. Clean Up of Graffiti
5. Burning of Waste at Waste Facility
6. Unauthorised Landing of Aircraft.
7. Housing

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of interest at this Ngukurr Local Authority.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

47/2017 RESOLVED (Bobby Nunggumajbarr/Collin Hall)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Action List.

Date	Agenda Item #	Item Description	Responsible Person	Status	Status Comments - Completion Date
06.04.16	6.2 Incoming correspondence Victims of Crime Solar Light Quote	Form a Community Safety Committee and update Community Safety Action Plan.	Area Manager/LA	Complete	9 solar lights due for delivery now road is open. 4 at hand – awaiting delivery of poles.

Date	Agenda Item #	Item Description	Responsible Person	Status	Status Comments - Completion Date
16.11.2016	11.11 Community Services Report Night Patrol	LA request Night Patrol Statistics of nightly reports and the Sat Nav. to the next meeting	DCCS	Complete	05.04.17 New Coordinator data present at next meeting 17.05.17 Report presented at meeting
16.11.2016	12.5 Stakeholders Meeting	Council to help promote the next meeting via BRACS for 7th December 2016	DCCS	Complete	In process of sending out messages for council, animal management, CDU Surveys and introduction to visitors to our community. Please contact Candy 8975 4656 or candy.coates@ropergulf.nt.gov.au if you would like to arrange any announcement for Keith Rogers, Media Officer.

9. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Rev A Robertson, Ngukurr Church (JISAS IM LIABALA) 5 April 2017 requesting an electrician to inspect the building.

Cr Eric Roberts believes the Church plays a big role in our society and would like to see wedding ceremonies take place.

Sharon Hillen would seek approval from the Council for use of the church and believes it is not functional in its present state.

Cr Daphne Daniels would like to see Church back into the park, however, power installation is the responsibility of the church.

Letter from Minister For Tourism and Culture (5 April 2017) advising Ngukurr will not receive fireworks to celebrate Territory Day.

48/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Bobby Nunggumajbarr)

(a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority accept the Incoming Correspondence.**

ACTION: Write a letter back to Ngukurr church.

10. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

Selena Ulbo, Member from Arnhem encourages young people to enrol on Electoral Role. Enrolment forms will be available at the Council Office.

Cr Daphne Daniels advised upcoming August Election and encourages young people to get involved.

Mayor Tony Jack will attend upcoming meetings now that dry season is here. Will be in Bulman for the next Council meeting end of May. Strong message from Council is for Local Authorities to spend the project funding. Caretaker mode begins 14 July for the election. Budgets for 2017-18 will be passed at July meeting. We will be inspecting the Roper and Wilton Bridges today after the meeting.

49/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Collin Hall)

(a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Elected Member report.**

11.2 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

Janeen announced the swimming pool is well maintained and operational.

Level of safety in workplace continues with pre-checks carried out.

Cleaning up of community with assistance with CDP is working well, however, disappointed with rubbish collecting around streets in the afternoon.

Parks and Oval are well maintained.

Incidents and break ins occurring. Police and Elders working together to reduce crime.

Night Patrol working patrolling throughout the night with two vehicles, also have Foot Patrol on guard.

Small maintenance issues with MUNS, work in progress.

Delay in freight delivery due to wet season, in particular fencing gear.

Repairs carried out on fuel bowsers.

Repairs underway on vehicles and machinery.

Work plans underway – including visit to Outstations.

Dust issues due to contractors on road – request water tankers to suppress dust.

New bins and bollards underway.

Pool will be shutdown for 2 months to carry out repair and maintenance.

Library Officer position in process of being filled.

Traffic management signs on order.

Sharon Hillen Council will fund a spur in the river pump main through Water Extraction Licence which will reduce costs.

Airport will be closed to general public for four days for resurfacing. Open for emergencies only.

50/2017 RESOLVED (Bobby Nungumajbarr/Eric Roberts)

(a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Council Services report.**

11.3 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Ngukurr Arts has requested from Council the use of music studio in shipping container.

Art Centre to pay for delivery, insurance etc.

Sharon to formally investigate. Michael Berto will meet to address.

Cr Daphne Daniels would like to see assistance to the Arts Centre with upcoming Festival.

51/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/ Bobby Nungumajbarr)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Ngukurr financial report for the third quarter of 2016-17.**

11.4 COMPLAINTS REGISTER

52/2017 RESOLVED (Bobby Nungumajbarr/Collin Hall)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Complaints Register.**

11.5 GOVERNANCE REPORT - LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

Cr Daphne Daniels request for Horse Arena. Sharon Hillen to source information.

Cr Eric Roberts request for BMX Track next to cemetery. Cemetery to be fenced off.

Oval – water drainage.

Selina Ulbo, Member for Arnhem commended Sport and Recreation for their Under 12's participation in Triathlon in Jabiru. Many comments received around the community – very impressed with their efforts and presence. Encourages dollars to be spent on our youth in such events.

53/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Collin Hall)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the report on the Local Authority Project funding.**

ACTION: LA to be presented with information, plans and costing at the next meeting for the projects:

1. Horse Arena
2. BMX track
3. Oval drainage

11.6 GOVERNANCE REPORT - TOWN PRIORITIES 2017-18 FOR NGUKURR & CEO

Area Manager, CSC and Councillors will visit Urapunga next week to consult on the Town Priorities.

To include BMX Track, Horse Arena and Oval Draining to Town Priorities.

54/2017 RESOLVED (Tony Jack/Bobby Nungumajbarr)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the update on Ngukurr Town Priorities for the Council Regional Plan 2017-18.**

11.7 POOL ENTRANCE

Formal Entry Point and Upgrade to Entry in progress.

55/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Tony Jack)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and note the report on the proposed Pool, Sport and Recreation Precinct Access Project.

11.8 NGUKURR OFFICE UPGRADE UPDATE

Shade to be constructed for TCU customers.

Attractive iron gate construction to alleviate dark passages between buildings at night.

56/2017 RESOLVED (Tony Jack/Ian Gumbula)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the update on the office upgrade.

11.9 RAINBOW STREET UPDATE

57/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Collin Hall)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Rainbow Street Project Update.

11.10 AUSTRALIA POST SERVICES

PO Boxes are being trialled at Numbulwar. Could be a possibility for Ngukurr.

58/2017 RESOLVED (Ian Gumbula/Bobby Nunggumajbarr)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority support Council's application to Australia Post to expand the range of services on offer to include outgoing mail services to the community and visitors.

ACTION: LA to be presented costing of expanding Australia Post to include outgoing mail services.

11.11 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Media Officer to engage with visitors to Ngukurr and pro active with activities within Ngukurr and advertise more up and coming announcements. Any announcement requests to email Candy candy.coates@ropergulf.nt.gov.au

Librarian Position is vacant with Penny working on filling this role. The library will be moved to the Aged Care and interact with the school.

59/2017 RESOLVED (Tony Jack/Eric Roberts)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Community Services Update.

11.12 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT - NIGHT PATROL

Resources from Youth Connect to identify why children are on the street.

Council to address facilities and services of Council and introduce children to Sport and Recreation.

60/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Daphne Daniels)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority accept the Night Patrol Report.**

11.13 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT - NIGHT PATROL STATISTICS

Statistics sent to PM in Cabinet.

61/2017 RESOLVED (Collin Hall/Bobby Nunggumajbarr)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority accept the Night Patrol Statistics report in response to the action item from the November Local Authority meeting.**

OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 NEW WATER SOURCE EQUIPPING PROJECT - POWER AND WATER CORPORATION

Presentation from Donna McMasters and Sean Harrow via video conferencing.

62/2017 RESOLVED (Tony Jack/Bobby Nunggumajbarr)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the presentation from Power and Water Corporation about the Ngukurr new water source equipping project.**

12.2 ARDS

Power and Water has engaged ARDS in two projects; Power Meter box Installation and Water Efficiency.

- Engaging in new bore fields
- Education awareness, conserving existing water
- Wastage due to hardness of water
- Follow up on leakage reports

Reducing water usage in community will have a positive impact on quality of water.

There have been a lot of issues following the installation of new meter boxes. Some Lots numbers are not appearing on the system at Ngukurr Store with some without power for two to three days.

Some residents have tampered with their meter boxes. Report has been developed and process in place to reconnect. Re-wiring is not safe and risk electrocution. Tenants are accountable and are required to pay for reconnection which they can do by arrangement with Centrelink.

Urapunga will be upgraded with the new meter boxes when mobile services are available.

Gwen advised some families are living outside due to no power with small babies in tents.

Cr Daniels advised that there are some houses leaking in the kitchen and laundry areas.

63/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Collin Hall)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the verbal report on PAWA projects delivered by ARDS.**

12.3 CDP ARTWORK SCULPTURE

Plans for recycled steel sculpture "Welcome to Ngukurr".
Location to be confirmed by Local Authority.

64/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Tony Jack)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Artwork Sculpture project CDP.**

ACTION: Ngukurr Local Authority consider a location for the CDP Artwork Sculpture to be placed when finished.

12.4 CLEAN UP GRAFFITI

Email from Lynda Pascoe, Principal, Ngukurr School request solution to cleaning up what is otherwise a beautiful community thanks to the hard work of our RGC grounds, pool and garbage workers. Perhaps an annual clean up of old graffiti.

Recommended involve Youth Reconnect Program; Graffiti Art.

65/2017 RESOLVED (Tony Jack/Eric Roberts)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the email received from Ngukurr School Principal in regards to request to cleanup graffiti.**

12.5 BURNING AT THE NGUKURR WASTE FACILITY

LA member Bobby Nunggumajbar raised the concern of burning at the waste facility and the fumes coming into community.

Major reconstructions works planned. Tender to go out soon. Plans were presented at the last LA meeting and will be presented at the NLC meeting in June.

Illegal burning of waste at the site.

Fencing planned for site and block access with designated opening times.

Gate to be installed with restricted access.

Commercial rate for dumping.

People need to stop lighting fires.

66/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Tony Jack)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the verbal report on Burning at the Ngukurr Waste Facility.**

12.6 UNAUTHORISED LANDING OF HELICOPTER AT NGUKURR

A helicopter has recently landed in the park. Reported to CASA. Pilots must ring the Area Manager and request to land at the airstrip.

67/2017 RESOLVED (Bobby Nunggumajbarr/Daphne Daniels)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the verbal report Unauthorised Landing of Helicopter at Ngukurr.**

12.7 HOUSING UPDATE

Two new Notice Acceptance.

Room To Breathe Program is a 10 year Program to Yugul Mangi providing upgrade to ten

dwellings.

Upgrade 2nd stage Program awarded to Binjari.

Transitional plan for tenant accommodation.

Urapunga in scoping stage.

Kevin Fisher is working on Final Stage.

Housing are very happy with the Housing Contract in Ngukurr and would like to Council staff.

68/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Tony Jack)

- (b) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the verbal Housing Update.**

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1:40 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 10 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Wednesday, 17 May 2017 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 9 August 2017.

Chairperson