

MINUTES OF THE BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE ROPER  
GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM  
COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, BARUNGA ON FRIDAY, 2 JUNE 2017  
AT 3.00PM

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**1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Elected Members**

Councillor Lee

**1.2 Local Authority Members**

Helen Lee (Chairperson)

Nell Brown

Anita Painter

David Oenpelli

Amanda Ngalmi

**1.3 Staff**

Amanda Haigh

Eventhia Friday (Minute Taker)

Sommer Meadows

Daniel Kirk

Ben Ulamari

Nathan Mclvor

**1.4 Guests**

Kristy Bennett (DHCD)

Donna McMasters (Power and Water)

**2. MEETING OPENED**

**PROVISIONAL** Meeting opened at 3.10pm

**3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

Chairperson Helen Lee welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council pledge was read.

**4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**16/2017 RESOLVED (Anne Marie Lee/Nell Brown)**

- (a) **That the Barunga Local Authority accept the Apologies from Mayor Tony Jack and Anthony Groves for the meeting 2 June 2017.**

## **5.CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) The Barunga Local Authority Meeting minutes of the meeting Monday, 13 February, 2017 were held over to the next meeting as this meeting was a Provisional meeting .

## **6.CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Council Services Report
2. CDP Report
3. Rescind\_Membership

## **7.DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this Barunga Local Authority.

## **8.BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **8.1 ACTION LIST**

*17/2017 RESOLVED* (Anita Painter/Anne Marie Lee)

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Status Comments - Completion Date</b>

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16.04.13	Signs and Identify graves at Cemetery	Area Manager / Community	Ongoing	<p>Waiting on external funding. Update 18.2.14: Funding available Sharon working with CSM. LA needs to think about the sign they want. Also waiting for NT Government to pass legislation.</p> <p>14.1.2015: Still waiting on LA to decide on what they would like RGRC. NT legislation has been passed. To be discussed at next LA Meeting.</p> <p>24.06.2015: Pending Cemetery ACT Review 23.08.16: Handout Review to LA Member before the next Meeting 22.11.2016 more graves need to be identify by NLC 13.02.2017 - Nathan Mclvor informed the LA Members of how impressed the Mataranka LA and Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane were with the Barunga CDP's presentation of the Headstones they have been creating. Deputy Mayor requested that the Barunga CDP train other Communities at this activity. Nathan Mclvor also said that there are still a number of graves that need to be identified, which can be done by using a special surveying tool.</p> <p><b>02.06.17 waiting on Cemetery Act changes to come into place. RGRC, NLC &amp; NTG to discuss identifying unmarked graves.</b></p>
23.02.16	LA Request signs at Cemetery to proceed.	Area Manager	Ongoing	<p>22.03.16: Signs to be replaced needs further discussion. Headstones 20.12.16 Further discussion needed at next LA Meeting (30.01.2017) for the Signs at the Cemetery. Headstones will be made in the new year as a CDP project.</p> <p>13.02.17 - CDP have commenced the making of headstones for graves and are doing a great job. Area Manager and CSC to look into signage at cemetery for the entrance "BARUNGA CEMETERY" also for signs stating that there is to be no access via vehicles past the entrance. (With exceptions) LA Member Tony Walla also suggested having a plaque made to be displayed at the Cemetery entrance that has a list of names of the deceased that lay in the Barunga Cemetery. (possibly a project that can be added as a new town priority for the coming financial year)</p> <p><b>02.06.17 Seeking quote for "Cemetery" and No Vehicle Access" signs, will be completed by August</b></p>

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23.02.16	Sharon Hillen to find out about repairs to street lights by P&W	DCCS	Ongoing	14.06.2016: RGRC is working with PWC announcements in Budget about funds for streetlights 23.08.2016: Ben to get Key ASAP 22.11.16 No key to access the panel 13.02.2017 - Still haven't found keys to access the panel, might try and break into one and get spare keys. 7-2-17 Audit has been completed, Beswick will be getting the lights repair soon and then Barunga. <b>02.06.17 no keys, opening panels to see what is wrong; contractors building house have knocked one down</b>
23.02.16	Contact Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority and find out about obtaining and installing Sacred Site signage and bring back to next Local Authority Meeting.	Nat Knapp	Complete	22.03.16: Nic Sharah to do application with Esther Bulumbara re: Where signs are to go 23.08.16: Find out status from DLG, for site updates 29.08.2016: Application submitted in April. 10th May email from AAPA notifying the coordinates do not correspond with AAPA record's. Include in next meeting Agenda. 22.11.16 follow up with Jawoyn and ask about sacred site signage 13.02.17 - Contact has been made with Liam from Jawoyn Rangers, the rangers will consult with the Traditional Owners and bring out signage and correct GPS location. <b>02.06.17 NLC &amp; Jawoyn have signs to install</b>
23.08.16	LA request explanation of Overspend of 26k in 160 Municipal Services	Area Manager / Finance Manager	Ongoing	<b>02.06.17 no response; chase up for next meeting</b>
23.08.16	Check if some of the LA Funding can be used on the Church upgrade project.	Area Manager	Complete	02.06.17 if a community asset and is for community benefit then is eligible for LA project funding to use
22.11.16	Check with Finance on the expenditure for 'Fuel for Sporting Trips' for receipts	Local Authority	Complete	<b>13.02.2017 - Finance to respond. 02.06.17 internal charge</b>
22.11.16	Request Rose Peckham to follow up on 5 houses for Barunga	Local Authority	Complete	<b>13.02.17 - Rose Peckham and Trevor Troy attended meeting and explained to Local Authority that Department of Housing are planning to put two 3bedroom units at Lot164 and one 3bedroom house at Lot312. Rose also explained that while the construction of these dwellings was happening there will be plenty of opportunities for Local Employment and training for Community Members to have them job-ready with White Cards, etc. 13.02.17 - Talk to Marc Gardner in regards to training</b>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Status Comments - Completion Date</b>
13.02.17	Investigate into different types of bin stands that Barunga can produce as apart of a CDP Activity.	Area Manager/ CSC	<b>Complete</b>	
13.02.17	Projects Manager update Solar Light Repairs.	Area Manager/ CSC	<b>Complete</b>	
13.02.17	Locate resolution about where it was decided that three new solar lights would be put.	Local Authority Coordinator	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>02.06.17 Resolution in March 2016 allocates to Norforce and Train par 1 each &amp; Discussed a light going in the alley way. New location for 3rd light - Back Rd, CSC &amp; AM to check location is suitable.</b>
13.02.17	New quotes to be sourced for seating that wraps around tree bases.	Area Manager/ CSC	<b>Complete</b>	02.06.17 agenda item
13.02.17	Quotes to be sourced for the cost to put pool fencing around playground opposite shop.	Area Manager/ CSC	<b>Complete</b>	02.06.17 CSC advised at meeting and \$10k allocated in project funding
13.02.17	Quotes to be sources for the cost to upgrade stage behind RGRC Council Office.	Area Manager/ CSC	<b>Complete</b>	02.06.17 completed fixing legs
13.02.17	Barunga to hold a Community Consultation to decide on town priorities for the next Financial Year	Area Manager/ CSC	<b>Complete</b>	did not occur
13.02.17	Barunga Local Authority request to submit a recommendation to Council to waiver burial fees when deceased is being buried on Aboriginal Land.	Local Authority Coordinator	<b>Complete</b>	18.05.17 Submitted to Council Meeting 31 May 17 02.06.17 LA need more explanation of fees and charges ACTION: Mayor and CEO requested to hold a community meeting and explain fees and charges to residents.
13.02.17	Look into what certificates Municipal Staff can complete in Chemical Handling	Area Manager/ CSC	<b>Complete</b>	operational
13.02.17	Look at what the possibility is of procuring a Gator for the Barunga Municipal Crew.	Area Manager/ CSC	<b>Ongoing</b>	02.06.17 AM working with NP Manager in transferring assets
13.02.17	Look into what certificates Municipal Staff can complete in Machinery Handling.	Area Manager/ CSC	<b>Complete</b>	operational
13.02.17	Obtain quotes for a roll-along shade structure for the cemetery.	Area Manager/ CSC	<b>Complete</b>	02.06.17 CSC provided quote

Date	Item Description	Responsible Person	Status	Status Comments - Completion Date
13.02.17	Write a letter to Power and Water enquiring as to whether it would be possible to install power at the cemetery.	Area Manager/ CSC	<b>Complete</b>	02.06.17 CSC presented quote for generator
13.02.17	Obtain quotes for a generator that would be available to use at funerals.	Area Manager/ CSC	<b>Complete</b>	02.06.17 CSC presented quote for generator
13.02.17	CDP to organise a Community Consultation Meeting to decide on colours that are used to paint CDP projects, what improvements are to be made to memorial parks in Community and to decide on what projects the Barunga Community would like CDP to undertake.	Sommer Meadows/ Area Manager/ CSC	<b>Complete</b>	02.06.17 have paint

### **9. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

### **10. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

### **11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **11.1 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT**

Councillor Lee informed the LA at the Council meeting 31 May 2017 Minister for Arnhem Selina Uiobo attended and will look into the Waterhouse Bridge Upgrade, and upgrade the blind spots on the Central Arnhem Road.

*18/2017 RESOLVED (Amanda Ngalmi/Nell Brown)*

- (a) That the Barunga Local Authority receive and note the Elected Member report.

#### **11.2 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT**

*19/2017 RESOLVED (Anne Marie Lee/Anita Painter)*

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

#### **11.3 NEW AND REVIEWED POLICIES**

*20/2017 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/David Oenpelli)*

- (a) That the Barunga Local Authority receive and note the new and reviewed policies approved by Council.

## 11.4 GOVERNANCE COMPLAINTS REGISTER

21/2017 RESOLVED (Anita Painter/Helen Lee)

- (a) That the Barunga Local Authority receive and note the complaints report.

## 11.5 BARUNGA - TOWN PRIORITIES

22/2017 RESOLVED (Anne Marie Lee/Helen Lee)

- (a) That the Barunga Local Authority decides on the Town Priorities that are to be included in the 2017/2018 Regional Plan.

**ACTION:** SASO to distribute the Sport and Recreation Plan to Barunga LA members

### **BARUNGA** **NYIRRANGGULUNG WARD**

**Other names:** Bamyili

**Location:** Barunga is located 80 kilometres southeast of Katherine on the Central Arnhem Highway, and 31 kilometres from Beswick.

**Total population:** 313 (2011 Census\*)

**Total Indigenous population:** 285 (2011 Census\*)

**Median age:** 24 years (2011 Census\*)

**Population change since 2006:** 10.9% increase (2011 and 2006 Censuses\*)

*\*NB: 2016 Census data not available at time of printing*

**Services:** Roper Gulf Regional Council provides a range of core, commercial and agency services in Barunga, including road maintenance and repair, traffic management, rubbish collection, airstrip maintenance and repair, maintenance of parks, ovals and gardens, community safety through Community Night Patrol, animal welfare and control, sport and recreation programs, Centrelink facilities and Community Development Program activities.

Located in Barunga are a health clinic, a school, a store and an airstrip, with a police station approximately eight kilometres away in Maranboy.

**Major Event:** The Barunga Festival, one of Australia's longest running Indigenous festivals, is held annually on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June. The festival, an alcohol- and drug-free event, showcases and celebrates the music, sport and culture of the region.

CORE SERVICES			
PROJECT DETAILS	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY, STAKEHOLDERS OR PARTNERS	FUNDING SOURCE
Right Path Project: Footpaths around the town to enable old people and children to move through the township without having to use roadways starting at the store.	2017-2018	DCG	To be sourced
Improve traffic management at the store	2017-2018	DCG	To be sourced

Bin holders	2017-2018	DCCS	To be sourced
Cemetery Project – Headstones, tables, shade, lights, water and toilet	2017-2018	DCCS	To be sourced
Bridge railing and signage at new crossing	2017-2018	DCG	To be sourced
Repave internal roads and install speedbumps	2017-2018	DCG	To be sourced
Shade and seating around the oval	2017-2018	DCCS	To be sourced
Seating in Cultural Park	2017-2018	DCG	To be sourced
Resurface all ovals	2017-2018	DCG	To be sourced
Remove rocks around parks and ovals and replace with a safer Bollard option	2017-2018	DCCS	To be sourced

<b>AGENCY SERVICES</b>			
<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>	<b>TIMEFRAME</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY, STAKEHOLDERS OR PARTNERS</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Activities for 10-16 years old kids in the community to keep them engaged	2017-2018	DCS	S&R
Program for school leavers to have a future pathway	Ongoing	DCS	CDP

<b>OTHER SERVICES OR ADVOCACY ONLY</b>		
<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>	<b>TIMEFRAME</b>	<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>
Community social club and promote responsible drinking – as part of the Alcohol Management Plan	2017-2018	DoJ DSS or DPMC Sponsoring Club
Advocate for Vocational child care during school holidays	2017-2018	DET
Repairs to fencing around dwellings and ensure new housing has fences	2017-2018	DHCD
Advocate on behalf of tenants on storm drainage with Territory housing houses where house pads not installed at the time of construction	2017-2018	DHCD
Barunga to be the District Hub for large sport and community events	2017-2018	DSR
AOD and Domestic Violence campaign to be delivered in community	2017-2018	NTG
Community Safety Committee to be driven by community	2017-2018	DPMC/ NTG/ Police
Upgrade blindspots on Central Arnhem Road	2017-2018	NTG



Transport for sporting groups to play in festival events, Katherine town competitions, and other youth activities eg. Camping and fishing	2017-2018	
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## **11.6 GOVERNANCE REPORT - LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE**

**23/2017 RESOLVED (Anne Marie Lee/Anita Painter)**

- (a) **That the Barunga Local Authority receive and note the report on the Local Authority Project funding.**
- (b) **That the Barunga Local Authority approved the change of allocation of funding to the following projects:**
  - **Reduce the budget for “Installation of pool fencing around playground opposite the shop” to \$10,000**
  - **Reduce the budget for : Refurbish old stage behind Council Office” to \$2,000**
  - **Fuel for sporting trips – Softball and basketball \$1,500**
  - **\$24,000 allocated to shade over the 2 grandstands at the football oval and seating in Cultural Park – quotes to be provided to the LA at the next meeting.**

## **11.7 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT - NIGHT PATROL**

Night Patrol responsibilities are to:

- Keep the kids off the streets (advised by the Community Safety Committee to be by 9pm)
- Keep people safe, diffuse domestic violence and fights, loud music

Members concerned that the Night Patrol are not doing these responsibilities in Barunga. Members reminded of the Complaints process to report these instances.

Night Patrol are not working the Barunga Festival. There will be more police and security for the festival.

Mobile phone and UHF have now been fitted in the Night Patrol vehicle.

**24/2017 RESOLVED (Amanda Ngalmi/David Oenpelli)**

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

## **11.8 COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE**

New staff member to start in the Indigenous Broadcasting next week.

Extremely difficult to get people to commit and turn up to work which Council is enforcing.

**25/2017 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/Anita Painter)**

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

## **12. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **12.1 CEMETERY PRESENTATION**

The fences are damaged from buffalos, reported but no response.  
Dangerous trees in housing yards, falling but not getting trimmed only new power lines.

Weed managed in people's yard? EG coffee bush

Additional houses – First told 5 new houses, now only 3

Request housing to attend LA meetings

**26/2017 RESOLVED (Anne Marie Lee/Helen Lee)**

- (a) **That the Barunga Local Authority receive and note the Cemetery presentation relating to Barunga.**

**ACTION:** SASO to distribute the cemetery presentation to community members

### **12.2 NEW WATER SOURCE EQUIPPING BORES IN BARUNGA UPDATE**

LA to discuss and advise power and water if existing infrastructure at the spring is to be removed

**27/2017 RESOLVED (Anita Painter/Helen Lee)**

- (a) **That the Barunga Local Authority receive and note the update on the New Water Source Equipping Bores in Barunga.**

### **12.3 PROJECTS-QUOTES FOR SEATING AROUND TREE**

Look into option of seating to go half way around the trees

### **12.4 HOUSING UPDATE**

Discussed in cemetery presentation

### **12.5 TOWARDS ZERO ROAD SAFETY**

Report and presentation in the agenda

### **12.6 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

Working with CDP

Acting Muns Supervisor

Replace the legs on the stage

Laid Slab For Barunga Entrance Sign. Sign To Be Install Next Week

Cleaned Back of old stage and remove trees

Pot holes to be repaired when goods delivered

Getting community ready for the festival

## **12.7 CDP REPORT**

CDP have painted the rocks  
Logs placed in cultural parks for sitting  
Entry sign painted  
Mulch garden next week  
Cleared path near power house  
Embroidery machine purchase  
Women holding a community stall at the festival  
Train B.B.Q to be installed next week

## **12.8 RESCIND MEMBERSHIP**

**28/2017 RESOLVED (Anne Marie Lee/Anita Painter)**

- (a) **That the Barunga Local Authority rescind the membership of Esther Bulumbara from the Barunga Local Authority.**

## **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at ...6:25.. pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 4 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Barunga Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Friday, 2 June 2017 AND CONFIRMED Tuesday, 15 August 2017.

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Chairperson