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### **'Battle of the Councils'**

The 'Council Cup Clash' was held on Saturday 26 August at the Katherine Showgrounds between the Beswick Bears, representing Roper Gulf Regional Council and the Timber Creek Lions, representing Victoria Daly Regional Council in a showdown game of AFL.

This initiative aimed to foster collaboration, unity, and sportsmanship within the vibrant communities represented. In an effort to bring residents closer together and celebrate the spirit of teamwork, the two local councils joined forces to organise an exciting football game.

"We firmly believe that by working together, our two councils can achieve more for the people of the Roper Gulf and Vic Daly regions," said Roper Gulf Regional Council CEO Marc Gardner.

"The Council Cup Clash is a testament to our shared vision for stronger, more connected communities and it was great to see so many community members involved in the event."

The football game not only promoted collaboration and unity but also emphasized the importance of sportsmanship among residents.

"Victoria Daly Council look forward to matches like this becoming an annual event that, could include other community team within our regions" said Victoria Daly CEO Brian Hylands.

Both councils recognise the positive impact sports can have on individuals and communities, fostering healthy competition, teamwork, and mutual respect.

Through this event, these values were evident in participants and spectators alike.

In addition to the football game, the Council Cup Clash also served as a platform to raise awareness and support for local programs and community projects.

Both councils are committed to giving back and ensuring that this event leaves a lasting positive impact on the communities they serve with the continuation of team's weekly trainings and ongoing support.

Roper Gulf Regional Council would like to thank Victoria Daly Regional Council for their collaboration and sportsmanship shown over the weekend and the weeks leading up to the event as well as AFL NT, Northern Territory Government and NIAA for their continued support of community lead programs.

At the final siren Timber Creek Lions defeated the Beswick Bears.

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**Attachment 1: Pre-Match Photo**



Beswick Bears and Timber Creek Lions with coaches and AFL umpires before first bounce.

## Attachment 2: Battle of the CEO's



Roper Gulf Regional Council CEO Marc Gardner (left) and Victoria Daly Regional Council CEO Brian Hylands (right) with the 'Council Cup Clash Cup'



### Attachment 3: Post Final Siren Group Huddle



Players from Beswick Bears and Timber Creek Lions come together at the end of the game to thank all involved and congratulate the victors.