

Media release

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New rubbish compactors arrive

Roper Gulf Shire Council has taken delivery of the first two of four new state of the art Rubbish compactor trucks.

The trucks costing around \$145,000 each are part of a \$600,000 replacement program for older waste pick up vehicles and come with new state of the art operating and safety features. This will increase the efficiency of rubbish removal and safe operating conditions for municipal staff.

The compactors have hydraulic operations, wheelie bin lifting hoists, 8 cubic metre bins, auto wash out and a range of new operator safety devices.

Municipal staff are particularly looking forward to no longer having to physically lift and empty heavy bins into truck trays. The new compactor trucks will make rubbish removal a lot safer and efficient.

The compactors were designed by North Queensland Engineering and Fabrications Company and are designed specifically for the Top End's tough environmental working conditions.

The compactors are mounted on Isuzu Trucks.

The compactor trucks will go to Borroloola, Bulman, Beswick /Barunga and Mataranka/Jilkminggan and are expected to be in operations in towns as soon as Municipal staff have received vehicle operation training.

The growing towns of the Roper Gulf Shire receive weekly and twice weekly bin service, an important part of maintaining cleaner and healthier communities.

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