



AGENDA

BESWICK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

MONDAY, 17 JANUARY 2022

Notice is given that the next Beswick Local Authority Meeting of the Roper Gulf Regional Council will be held on:

Monday, 17 January 2022 at 10:00AM
The Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, Beswick

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

Marc GARDNER
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BESWICK CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Elected Members

1. Mayor Tony JACK; and
2. Councillor Selina ASHLEY.

Appointed Members

1. Raelene BULUMBARA;
2. Trepina BUSH;
3. Anne-Marie RYAN; (Chairperson)
4. Eddie KENNEDY;
5. Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY; and
6. **Vacant**

MEMBERS: 10

COUNCIL: 4

LOCAL AUTHORITY: 6

QUORUM: 6 (minimum requirement)

PROVISIONAL: 4 (minimum requirement)

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

Meetings must meet a quorum of 50% + 1 of all Members.

If no quorum is achieved, a provisional meeting can be held in one third of the total members (elected members and appointed members) are present.

During a provisional meeting, all agenda items may be discussed, and minutes must be kept.

Members at a provisional meeting may by majority vote make recommendations to Council. However, the recommendations shall be considered as those of a provisional meeting rather than a quorum meeting of the Local Authority.

A provisional meeting does not have the power or functions delegated to a Local Authority and cannot approve minutes of a Local Authority meeting.

Local Authority appointed members are paid for attending meetings (not for informal meetings or Roper Gulf Regional Council Employees during their hours of work).

PLEDGE

“We pledge to work as one towards a better future through effective use of all resources.

We have identified these key values and principles of Honesty, Equality, Accountability, Respect and Trust as being integral in the achievement of our vision, that the Roper Gulf Regional Council is Sustainable, Viable and Vibrant.”

PRAMIS BLA WI

“Mela pramis bla wek gudbalawei bla meigim futja bla wi wanwei, en bla yusim ola gudwan ting bla helpum wi luk lida.

Mela bin luk ol dijlod rul, ebrobodi gada tok trubalawei, wi gada meik so wi gibit firgo en lisiin misalp, abum rispek en trastim misalp bla jinggabat bla luk lida, Roper Galf Rijinul Kaunsul deya maindim en kipbum bla wi pramis, dum wek brabli gudbalawei, en im laibliwan.”

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Beswick Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	1235876
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Beswick Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 09 August 2021 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

BACKGROUND

The Beswick Local Authority scheduled a meeting for 16 December 2021, however due to COVID concerns, the meeting was cancelled.

The Beswick Local Authority scheduled a meeting for 11 October 2021, however due to lack of quorum the meeting was cancelled.

The Beswick Local Authority met with a provisional on Monday, 09 August 2021. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to confirm.

Also attached are the minutes from the 07 June 2021 Local Authority Meeting for the Local Authority to confirm. This resolution was not passed in the 09 August meeting due to lack of Quorum.

The next scheduled Local Authority Meeting is at 10:00am on Monday, 04 April 2022.





ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1   Beswick Local Authority 2021-08-09 [1887] Minutes.DOCX
- 2   Beswick Local Authority 2021-06-07 [1849] Minutes.DOCX



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BESWICK LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, BESWICK
ON MONDAY, 9 AUGUST 2021 AT 10:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE (teleconference);
- Councillor Selina ASHLEY;
- Anne-Marie RYAN (Chairperson);
- Trepina BUSH; and
- Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY

1.2 Staff

- Steven SANDERSON, General Manager Community Services & Engagement;
- Paul BERTHON, Council Services Coordinator;
- Lachlan THOMAS, Regional Community Safety Coordinator;
- Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure Services & Planning;
- Michelle PERNER, Regional Contracts Coordinator;
- Sarka HIEKOVA, Senior Administrative Support Officer; and
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute taker)

1.3 Guests

- William BRIDGEMAN, Chief Minister & Cabinet; and
- Alfred FARRELL, Chief Minister & Cabinet

2 MEETING OPENED

The Beswick Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:20am as a **PROVISIONAL** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

25/2021 **RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Trepina BUSH)**

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority;

- a) Accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Deanna KENNEDY and Local Authority Member Raelene BULUMBARA; and
- b) Notes the absence with no tendered apology from Local Authority Member Eddie KENNEDY

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Beswick Local Authority Meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 BESWICK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES

DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM NO RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE

That the Beswick Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 07 June 2021 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

26/2021 RESOLVED (Trepina BUSH/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority:

- (a) Receives and notes the Action List; and
- (b) Approves the removal of completed items.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- New Legislation for Local Government Act. 2019

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

27/2021 RESOLVED (Trepina BUSH/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.

13.2 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

28/2021 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Trephina BUSH)

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Report

13.3 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2020 - 30.06.2021

29/2021 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2020 to June 2021

13.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

30/2021 RESOLVED (Trephina BUSH/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority;

- a) Receives and notes the Local Authority Project Fund Update Report;
- b) Allocates \$3,000.00 towards food and refreshments for community events and meetings; and
- c) Allocated the remaining \$14,000.00 towards seating and lighting at playground

13.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDENCE REPORT

31/2021 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Trephina BUSH)

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance.

13.6 ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2027 CONSULTANCY

32/2021 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY)

CARRIED

That The Beswick Local Authority provides feedback to the consultant to assist the development of the Roper Gulf Regional Council Strategic Plan 2022-2027.

Mayor Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 11:04 AM

Mayor Judy MacFARLANE returned to the meeting, the time being 11:08 AM

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 NEW LEGISLATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT. 2019

Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet to presented to Local Authority summary of legislated changes arising from the *Local Government Act 2019* and Statutory Instruments.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11:15 am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Beswick Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 9 August 2021 and confirmed Monday, 11 October 2021.



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BESWICK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, BESWICK ON MONDAY, 7 JUNE 2021 AT 10:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE (teleconference);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Deanna KENNEDY;
- Anne-Marie RYAN (Chairperson);
- Trepina BUSH;
- Raelene BULUMBARA; and
- Eddie KENNEDY

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Naomi HUNTER, Executive Manager;
- Paul BERTHON, Council Services Coordinator; and
- Lachlan THOMAS, Regional Community Safety Coordinator

1.3 Guests

- Madeline SCHIPPER, Relationships Australia; and
- Jo NICOL, Warren Snowdens Office

2 MEETING OPENED

The Beswick Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:11am with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

14/2021 RESOLVED (Trepina BUSH/Raelene BULUMBARA)

CARRIED

The Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) Accepted the tendered apologies from Councillor Selena ASHLEY and Local Authority Member Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY; and
- (b) Notes the absence of Local Authority Member Kathleen LANE with no tendered apology.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Beswick Local Authority Meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 BESWICK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES

15/2021 RESOLVED (Raelene BULUMBARA/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 08 February 2021 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

It was noted that Councillor Deanna Kennedy was missing from the minutes from 8 February 2021.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

16/2021 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority:

- (a) Receives and notes the Action List; and**
- (b) Approves the removal of completed items.**

Noted: Paul BERTHON reported to the Local Authority that the solar lights will be completed this afternoon, 7 June 2021.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Relationships Australia
- Local Government Elections August 2021

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2020 - 30.04.2021

17/2021 RESOLVED (Trepina BUSH/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2020 to April 2021.

Trepina BUSH, left the meeting, the time being 10:45am.

Trepina BUSH rejoined the meeting, the time being 10:48am.

13.2 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

18/2021 RESOLVED (Raelene BULUMBARA/Trephina BUSH) CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Report.

13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

19/2021 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Trephina BUSH) CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Project Fund Update Report.

Raelene BULUMBARA left the meeting, the time being 10:56am.

Raelene BULUMBARA rejoined the meeting, the time being 10:58am.

13.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

20/2021 RESOLVED (Raelene BULUMBARA/Eddie KENNEDY) CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) Receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance;
- (b) Requested the appointment of membership for Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY be resent to Paul BERTHON;
- (c) Accepts the tendered resignation letter from Kathleen LANE from the Beswick Local Authority;
- (d) Requested the revision of Councilor Selina ASHLEY and Local Authority member Raelene BULUMBARA's attendance in past Local Authority Meetings

ACTION: OCEO to organise a resignation letter for Kathleen LANE for Paul BERTHON to follow up.

13.5 TOWN PRIORITIES 2021-22

21/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Trephina BUSH) CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority:

- (a) Provides any updates to be included to the Town Priorities;
- (b) Accepts the amendments to the Town Priorities listed in this report;
- (c) Confirms the Town Priorities for inclusion in the 2021/2022 Regional Plan;
- (d) Confirms the addition of current speed bumps to be reviewed and replaced fit for purpose at Madigan Road. New speed bumps to be installed in locations needed. It was noted that work should commence when the large trucks are finished working in the new sub-division, so the trucks do not impact and damage and new work

Councillor Deanna KENNEDY left the meeting, the time being 11:13am.

Councillor Deanna KENNEDY rejoined the meeting, the time being 11:17am.

Note: Word amendment spelling in the table - Storm water draining in "Yangula".

Note: Right path Project (from "Madigan" to existing in the new subdivision).

The Street Light locations were discussed at the Local Authority meeting. It was noted that the Local Authority would like them to be placed at designated areas to target hidden dark spots.

Coordinator Services Coordinator is to review and follow up on hidden dark spots and review options for solar or power lights.

13.6 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

22/2021 RESOLVED (Raelene BULUMBARA/Eddie KENNEDY) CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.

Anne- Marie RYAN left the meeting, the time being 11:30am.

Anne- Marie RYAN left the meeting, the time being 11:32

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA

23/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority meeting received and noted the Relationships Australia presentation.

Mayor Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 11:33am.

Jo Nicole left the meeting shortly after.

14.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AUGUST 2021

24/2021 RESOLVED (Trepina BUSH/Raelene BULUMBARA)

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority meeting received and noted the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet handout – Local Government General Elections August 2021 Nominations for Regional Council.

CSC mentioned that the funeral bower shed takes a lot of time and the expectation for RGRC staff to provided services. It was discussed that the Church and toilet block used to be used.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11:54 am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Beswick Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 7 June 2021 and confirmed Monday, 9 August 2021.

Chairperson Anne-Marie RYAN
Confirmed on Monday, 9 August 2021.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Action List - New Version
REFERENCE	1235878
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Beswick Local Authority:

- (a) Receives and notes the Action List; and
- (b) Approves the removal of completed items.

BACKGROUND

The Action List is a **non-authoritative** reference document for Business Arising out of Previous Minutes. The highlighted points are the actionable item of each **resolved** matter

BESWICK ACTION LIST**REPORT IN AGENDA?****13.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

1/2021 **RESOLVED** (Trepina BUSH/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority;

- a) Receives and notes the Local Authority Project Fund Update Report;
- b) Allocates \$3,000.00 towards food and refreshments for community events and meetings; and
- c) Allocated the remaining \$14,000.00 towards seating and lighting at playground

NOT REQUIRED

ATTACHMENTS

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	Vet Team Update
REFERENCE	1237091
AUTHOR	Kaylene DOUST, Program Manager Animal Control

RECOMMENDATION

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Vet Team update report

BACKGROUND

The new model of vet team operations are now underway. The Animal Program Manager /Vet Nurse role and responsibilities include providing tick prevention and worm treatments to community dogs and cats. Where necessary the nurse is permitted to do simple medical treatments, vaccinations and euthanasia if agreed upon by the owner. The nurse works under the direction of the veterinarian and can seek advice about cases.

It is beyond the scope and training of a vet nurse to perform any invasive surgery which must be done by a qualified veterinary surgeon. At the time of the nurse visit, a surgical list is created and the veterinarian will attend to provide de-sexing surgical services as soon as the vet is available. I will send out a poster 1-2 weeks in advance to advertise a visit.

Information sharing and engagement is a cornerstone of the ongoing success of the program and for this reason I am seeking community feedback about the program and suggestions /input on how to deal with some concerns of the vet team outlined below.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

2021 was a challenging year for the vet team with unavailability of nursing staff early in the year delaying surgery, Covid lockdowns, supply interruptions and management handover. For those reasons, trips were seriously delayed and we found ourselves working in challenging conditions for both the team and animals during the build-up. Although the door to door operation of the program ensures face to face talks, there was little time available for school or community sessions. Those we did plan were postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. My plans are to catch up on these in 2022.

One of the concerns we have as a team is the poor uptake of parvovirus vaccinations. Parvovirus has killed many puppies across communities in the past few months. This causes great suffering for the pups and distress and sadness for owners and families. The virus can remain active in the environment for a year or more, so when new puppies arrive it is likely to happen again. This disease is preventable.

To encourage vaccination we promoted a "litter rate" in community of \$25 per pup where there are multiple puppies. The uptake improved, however one of the main issues is that owners often do not have the money available at the time of our visit. We are also in the process of applying for remote eftpos facilities for use with a basics card. We have also trained some of the Roper Gulf staff to give the vaccinations so they are available between visits.

Another idea was a voucher system. Owners could purchase a vaccination voucher ahead from the Roper Gulf office in community when they have funds available, and redeem the voucher when the puppy is due for vaccination. I would appreciate your thoughts on this.

I visited two separate communities late last year to euthanase two dogs who were both very seriously injured in dog fights. This is a very sad end for much loved pets and sadly it is often the older dogs or smaller dogs who come out of the fight most severely wounded.

We strongly recommend the desexing of male dogs and will be talking to community members about this in 2022. As growing numbers of female dogs are desexed, there are less breeding females available, leaving undesexed males to fight over her. These male

dogs make a nuisance of themselves and sometimes form packs. There are very good human health reasons for desexing male dogs. I receive anonymous dog bite reports from community health clinics monthly. Every month in a Roper Gulf community a person is bitten by a dog.

There are very sound animal and human health reasons for desexing male dogs. These include eliminating transmission of venereal tumours (detected in Numbulwar and Ngukurr) and prevent the development of other cancers of the reproductive organs. They will still be great watchdogs and friends and will be even more interested in being with their families.

It is a very common attitude amongst people in different populations to resist desexing of male dogs, however it really can make the dog and owners lives much happier and more peaceful.

We offer a free parvo virus vaccine for all pups that are desexed to try to encourage the operation. Your thoughts on how we can encourage this would be great.

I am eager to know how the program is received and viewed by the communities and to hear suggestions on the best way to deliver messages and animal health information.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Elected Member Report
REFERENCE	1235877
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member report.

BACKGROUND

The Elected Member Report provides Local Authorities with a summary of the decisions made at Ordinary Meetings of Council and Comomittee meetings since the previous Local Authority Meeting. The aim of this report is to convey the information from those meetings to the Local Authority members, and then from the Local Authority to the wider community.

Complete details of all Council, Committee and Local Authority agendas and minutes, are publicly available at www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au and can be provided upon request at all the Roper Gulf Regional Council offices.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**AUDIT COMMITTEE – 13 OCTOBER 2021**

The Audit Committee consists of the following members:

- Independent Member Mr Garry LAMBERT (chairperson)
- Independent Member Carolyn EAGLE
- Councilor Gadrian HOOSAN
- Councilor John DALYWATER
- Councilor David MURRUNGUN

There were no matters discussed relating to the Nyirranggulung Ward

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 26 October 2021**Nyirranggulung Ward Report**

Council was unable to approve recommendations from the Bulman, Beswick and Manyallaluk Local Authority meetings due to Quorum being achieved due to cultural business.

The Minutes from the 12 October 2021 Barunga Local Authority Meeting could not be presented or approved by Council as they were not finalized before Agenda compilation.

Council received and noted the report regarding the Barunga Festival 2021 and discussed the concerns pertaining to the sporting infrastructure in Barunga being inadequate for community needs. Council noted and approved the request for the concerns to be presented in a report format to the December Ordinary Meeting of Council to discuss.

Council also noted the acquittal for a Special Purpose Grant of \$200,000 (GST Exclusive) to construct ablutions in Borroloola, Bulman, and Mataranka.

Council resolved to hold the Beswick and Manyallaluk Local Authority Meetings on 16 December 2021.

Council prescribed to hold the Ordinary Meeting of Council in the following locations;

	Date	Location	Time
Ordinary Meeting of Council	23 February 2022	Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, Barunga	8:30am
Ordinary Meeting of Council	27 April 2022	Conference Room	8:30am

		Council Service Delivery Centre, Borroloola	
Ordinary Meeting of Council	22 June 2022	Council Chambers, RGRC Support Centre, Katherine	8:30am
Ordinary Meeting of Council	24 August 2022	Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, Bulman	8:30am
Ordinary Meeting of Council	26 October 2022	Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, Numbulwar	8:30am
Ordinary Meeting of Council	21 December 2022	Council Chambers, RGRC Support Centre, Katherine	8:30am

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

25 January 2022*	10:30am	Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine
23 February 2022	8:30am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine

Unless indicated otherwise, all Council meetings are open to the public.

**Date Subject to change due to Australia Day*

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR

December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting – 29 November 2021 • Borroloola Local Authority Meeting – 02 December 2021 • Barunga Local Authority Meeting – 06 December 2021 • Minyerri Local Authority Meeting – 08 December 2021 • Ordinary Meeting of Council – 14 December 2021
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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Not Applicable

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.2
TITLE	Local Authority Member Attendance Report
REFERENCE	1235884
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance.

BACKGROUND

Part 5.1A of the-then *Local Government Act 2008*, deals with Local Authority Administration Members may be removed from a Local Authority if they are absent from two consecutive meetings without authorization.

N.b The reporting period is for the 2020/21 financial year and thus the applicable Local Government act is 2008 version

Local Authority member attendance of Beswick Local Authority Meetings

Local Authority Meeting Members	7 June 2021	9 August 2021	11 October 2021	16 December 2021
Mayor Tony JACK	-	-	Cancelled	Cancelled
Councillor Selina Ashley	AP	P	-	-
Trephina Bush	P	P	-	-
Raelene Bulumbara	P	AP	-	-
Anne-Marie Ryan	P	P	-	-
Eddie Kennedy	P	NO AP	-	-
Anne-Marie Thompson-Kenny	AP	P	-	-

** Table Key

P Present

AP Apologies given and accepted

NO AP No apologies given and not present at meeting

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.3
TITLE	Council Services Report
REFERENCE	1236478
AUTHOR	Paul BERTHON, Council Services Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Report

BACKGROUND**CORE SERVICES**111 – *Councils Services General*

- Walk bridges have been repaired using tread mesh rather than the decking and fiber cement sheeting
- Three of the six solar lights that were not working have been repaired waiting on parts for the other three
- Waiting for an update for work to begin on the playground shade structure
- Fireworks display was an exciting night with Local Authority funding the BBQ

160 – *Municipal Services*

- Table park setting and table for BBQ area have now been installed.
- Have received quote from Electrical Contractors for power to BBQ area at Basketball Courts has been approved and am waiting for work to begin – still current
- Christmas & New Year's Eve BBQ's and Disco was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by the community.
- Beswick Bridge was flooded over Christmas but no damage or houses inundated.

AGENCY SERVICES

348 – Library

- Nothing to report still operating Wi Fi only

350 – *Centrelink*

- Centrelink programme continuing as per contract

346 – Indigenous Broadcasting

Recruitment process is still in progress for the Media Officer position

OTHER / MISCELLANEOUS

- Council are looking at Drone operations in Beswick to assist with projects such as mapping out cemeteries and landfill and would like Local Authority feedback and input into any areas not to fly

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

- Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.4
TITLE	Local Authority Projects Update
REFERENCE	1236662
AUTHOR	Dave HERON, Acting General Manager Corporate Services & Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Project Fund Update Report.

BACKGROUND

Since 2014 the Beswick Local Authority has received a total of \$518,831.00 from the Northern Territory Government and RGRC for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations provided by the Department of Local Government are based on a formula related to population. To date the Beswick Local Authority has allocated \$471,711.60, accounting for surplus funds from completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Per attachment

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**Unallocated Funds**

The Beswick Local Authority currently has \$ 5,103.77 of unallocated funds remaining to allocate to new projects.

ATTACHMENTS

1   Beswick LA Project Funding 31122021.pdf

Beswick Local Authority Project Funding		31 December 2021
Funding Received from Department	\$	453,321.00
Funds Allocated by Local Authority Members	\$	471,711.60
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects	\$	23,494.37
Remaining Unallocated Funds	\$	5,103.77

Date Approved Project ID	Projects	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Status
24/04/2020 1213820	Solid Shade over playground	\$ 170,495.05	\$ 677.74	Costs estimated at \$ 170,000. Scope has been prepared. LA Allocated \$ 50k extra 9/2/2021. Tender awarded. Construction started
9/08/2021 1213821	Catering for community events	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 327.18	CSC
9/8/2021 1213822	Playground seating and lighting	\$ 14,000.00		Playground seating installation by the MUNS team has begun
Total for Current projects		\$ 187,495.05	\$ 1,004.92	
Total for Completed projects		\$ 284,216.55	\$ 250,272.18	
Grand Total		\$ 471,711.60	\$ 251,277.10	

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.5
TITLE	Council Financial Report for the period 01.07.2021 - 31.12.2021
REFERENCE	1236778
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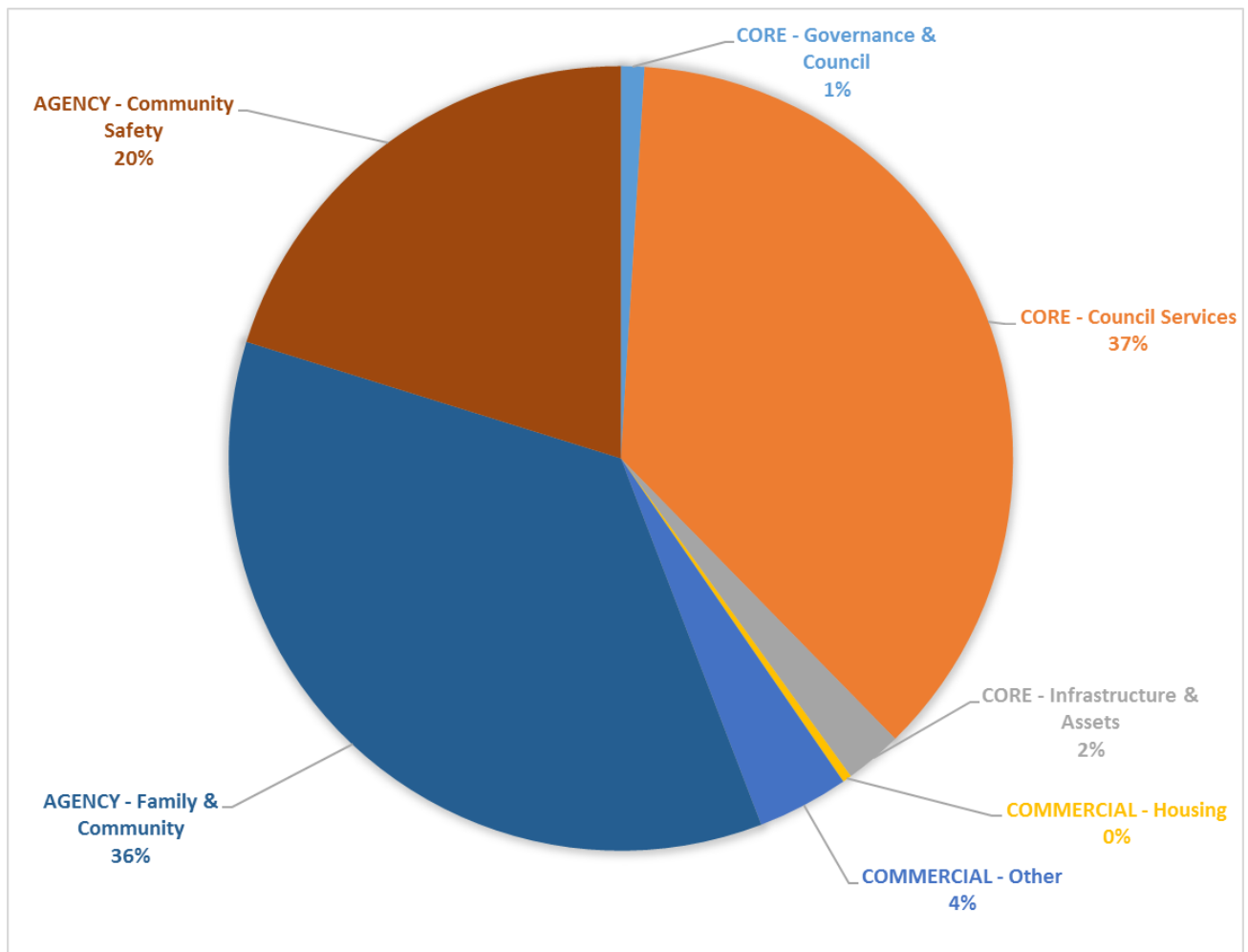
RECOMMENDATION

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2021 to December 2021

BACKGROUND

As per the *Local Government Act 2019* and its' statutory instruments, the council is to submit a current financial report of actual expenditure against the latest approved budget for the Local Authority area.

The below graph depicts the proportion of accumulated expenditures by service category in the community.



ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

There are underspends/overspends in few activities as outlined in the attached expenditure report. The brief explanation for these underspends/overspends for each division is as follow:

Operating Income:

Council received \$313,520 in operating income for Beswick which is leading to a variance of \$221,014. The major cause in variance is from Local Authority funding. Due to recently adopted accounting standards, income can only be recognised from tied funds as projects reach further stages of progress.

Operating Expenditure:

The total underspend in operating expenditure is \$271,257. The major cause in underspend is from Contract and Materials due to less expenditure incurred for Local Authority Projects and roads maintenance.

Capital Expenditure:


The total underspend for capital expenditure is \$145,248. Please see the project register for further detail.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1   Financial Report 31.12.2021.pdf

Roper Gulf Regional Council					
Financial Report as at					
31-December-2021					
Beswick					
	Year to Date Actual (\$)	Year to Date Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	
Income				Explanation	
Income Council Fees and Charges	20,590	10,750	9,840	21,500	The surplus is mostly due to more income received from external accommodation bookings
Income Operating Grants Subsidies	222,434	447,038	-224,604	894,077	The variance is mostly from Local Authority Funding. As per recently adopted accounting standards, income can only be recognised from tied funds as obligations of the agreement are met. Income will be recognised as projects reach further stages of progression
Income Agency and Commercial Services	70,451	76,746	-6,295	153,492	
Other Income	45	0	45	0	
Total Operating Income	313,520	534,535	-221,014	1,069,069	
Operating Expenditure					
Employee Expenses	602,130	681,373	-79,243	1,362,746	The underspend is mainly due to vacant positions and staff absences
Contract and Material Expenses	122,956	281,059	-158,104	562,119	The underspend is mostly due to less expenses incurred for Local Authority projects and road maintenance
Fleet, Plant & Equipment	32,189	36,115	-3,926	72,230	

Other Operating Expenses	49,262	83,325	-34,063	166,650	The accounting treatment for lease payments to NLC are now treated differently which is leading to the underspend in this account. This will be rectified at the next budget revision. Furthermore less expenses were incurred for protective gear and equipment.
Finance Expenses	40	0	40	0	
Internal Cost Allocations	380,326	381,885	-1,559	763,770	
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	431	2,522	-2,091	5,044	
Councillor Allowance Exp	7,689	0	7,689	0	
Total Expenditure	1,195,022	1,466,279	-271,257	2,932,558	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	-881,502	-931,745	50,243	-1,863,489	
Capital Funding					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
Capital Expenditure					
Capital Purchase/Construct Buildings	0	85,248	-85,248	170,495	Please refer to the project register for further detail
Capital Purchases Plant & Equipment	0	25,000	-25,000	50,000	Fleet procurement is currently undergoing a review. The Infrastructure and Assets division is assessing the best procurement avenue to be utilised
Capital Purchase Vehicles	0	35,000	-35,000	70,000	Fleet procurement is currently undergoing a review. The Infrastructure and Assets division is assessing the best procurement avenue to be utilised
Total Capital Expenditure	0	145,248	-145,248	290,495	
Net Operating Position	-881,502	-1,076,992	195,490	-2,153,984	

