



AGENDA

BULMAN LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 7 JULY 2022

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

Thursday, 7 July 2022 at 10:00AM
The Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, Bulman
Or Via Video/Phone Conference

ID #: (03) 9260 8565
Guest Pin: 1370

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

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Marc GARDNER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BULMAN CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Elected Members

1. Councillor Selina ASHLEY; and
2. Councillor John DALYWATER.

Appointed Members

1. Annette MILLER;
2. Peter MILLER;
3. Anthony KENNEDY;
4. Aaron RICKSON;
5. Charmain BRINJEN;
6. Chantelle MILLER;
7. Loretta LINDSAY; and
8. Spencer MARTIN.

MEMBERS: 10

COUNCIL: 2

LOCAL AUTHORITY: 8

QUORUM: 6 (minimum requirement)

PROVISIONAL: 3 (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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16 CLOSE OF MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	1256945
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Bulman Local Authority Meeting confirms the minutes of the previous meetings held on 07 April 2022, 20 January 2022 and 12 August 2021 and affirms them that they are a true and accurate record of those meetings, the decisions and proceedings.

BACKGROUND

The Bulman Local Authority met as a **Provisional** on Thursday, 07 April 2022. Attached are the Minutes of that Meeting for the Local Authority's review and confirmation

The Bulman Local Authority met as a **Provisional** on Thursday, 20 January 2022. Attached are the Minutes of that Meeting for the Local Authority's review and confirmation

The Bulman Local Authority Meeting was scheduled for 07 December, 2021; however was **CANCELLED** due to COVID concerns.

The Bulman Local Authority Meeting was scheduled for 14 October, 2021; however was **CANCELLED** due to lack of member attendance to reach a Quorum.

The Bulman Local Authority met with **QUORUM** on 12 August 2021. Attached are the Minutes of that Meeting for the Local Authority's review and confirmation.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT


The next Bulman Local Authority Meeting is scheduled to be held on 13 October 2022 at 10:00am.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

[1](#)  Bulman Local Authority 2022-04-07 [1996] Minutes.DOCX

[2](#)  Bulman Local Authority 2022-01-20 [1950] Minutes.DOCX



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BULMAN LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, BULMAN
ON THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 2022 AT 10:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor John DALYWATER;
- Charmaine BRINJEN (Chairperson);
- Annette Miller (teleconference); and
- Chantelle Miller (teleconference).

1.2 Staff

- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute taker);
- Bethany O'SULLIVAN, Communications Coordinator;
- Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure and Planning; and
- Michael ROE, Bulman Council Services Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- William BRIDGEMAN, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- Kallum PECKHAM-McKENZIE, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet; and
- Melina DAVIDSON, Selena Uibo Office (teleconference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Bulman Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:22am 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

9/2022 **RESOLVED (CHANTELLE MILLER/John DALYWATER)** *CARRIED*

That the Bulman Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Selina ASHLEY and Local Authority Members Loretta LINDSAY, Aaron RICKSON and Spencer MARTIN.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

NO RESOLUTION PASSED DUE TO PROVISIONAL

That the Bulman Local Authority Meeting confirms the Minutes of its previous meeting held on 20 January 2022 and 12 August 2021 and affirms them to a true and accurate record of that meeting, and its decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

10/2022 RESOLVED (CHARMAIN BRINJEN/John DALYWATER) CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority:

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

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Garbage Truck; and
- Vicious Dogs in Bulman

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 ELECTING A CHAIRPERSON

11/2022 RESOLVED (CHANTELLE MILLER/John DALYWATER) CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority appoints Charmaine BRINJEN as Chairperson for the period of 6 months.

13.2 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

12/2022 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Annette MILLER) CARRIED

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

13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDENCE REPORT

13/2022 **RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/CHARMAIN BRINJEN)** **CARRIED**

That the Bulman Local Authority;

- (a) Receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance report; and
- (b) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer contacts the following Local Authority Members regarding their lack of attendance:
 - Aaron RICKSON
 - Anthony KENNEDY
 - Loretta LINDSAY
 - Spencer MARTIN

13.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

14/2022 **RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/CHARMAIN BRINJEN)** **CARRIED**

That the Bulman Local Authority receive and note the Local Authority Project Update report.

13.5 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

15/2022 **RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/CHARMAIN BRINJEN)** **CARRIED**

That the Bulman Local Authority Receives and Notes this Report.

The Meeting paused for morning tea, the time being 11:36am

The Meeting resumed, the time being 11:48am

13.6 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2021 - 28.2.2022

16/2022 **RESOLVED (CHARMAIN BRINJEN/Annette MILLER)** **CARRIED**

That the Bulman Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2021 to February 2022

13.7 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

17/2022 **RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/CHARMAIN BRINJEN)** **CARRIED**

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

13.8 REGIONAL PLAN 2022-2023

18/2022 **RESOLVED (CHARMAIN BRINJEN/Annette MILLER)** **CARRIED**

That the Bulman Local Authority receives and notes this report.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 RUBBISH TRUCK

The Bulman Local Authority raised the issue of the Rubbish Truck being unfit for purpose. The current Rubbish Truck is rusting, poorly designed, and the community health is suffering due to rubbish falling from the truck.

14.2 DOGS IN COMMUNITY

19/2022 **RESOLVED (CHARMAIN BRINJEN/Annette MILLER)** **CARRIED**

The Bulman Local Authority raised concerns about dog management within the community noting specific locations and circumstances.

The Bulman Local Authority requests an overview report outlining the animal management

options at Council's disposal and how these may apply to Bulman.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:29 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 7 April 2022 and confirmed Thursday, 07 July 2022.

Chairperson Charmaine BRINJEN
Confirmed on Thursday, 07 July 2022.



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BULMAN LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING
ON THURSDAY, 20 JANUARY 2022 AT 10:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor John DALYWATER;
- Annette MILLER;
- Anthony KENNEDY; and
- Chantelle MILLER.

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Dave HERON, Acting General Manager Corporate Services & Sustainability;
- Kaylene DOUST, Program Manager Animal Control;
- Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure and Planning;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute taker); and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer.

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson); and
- William BRIDGEMAN, Department of The Chief Minister and Cabinet

2 MEETING OPENED

The Bulman Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:48am 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

1/2022 **RESOLVED** (Annette MILLER/John DALYWATER)

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority;

- (a) Accepts the tendered apology from Councillor Selina ASHLEY and Local Authority Member Peter MILLER; and
- (b) Notes the absence of Local Authority Members Charmaine BRINJEN, Aaron RICKSON, Loretta LINDSAY, and Spencer MARTIN with no tendered apologies.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****NO RECOMMENDATION DUE TO PROVISIONAL MEETING**

That the Bulman Local Authority Meeting confirms the Minutes of its previous Meeting held on 12 August 2021 and affirms them to a true and accurate record of that meeting, and its decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**8.1 ACTION LIST - NEW VERSION**

2/2022 RESOLVED (CHANTELLE MILLER/Annette MILLER) CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority:

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

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Local Authority Members & Attendance

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**12.1 VET TEAM UPDATE**

3/2022 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Anthony KENNEDY) CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority receives and notes the Vet Team update report.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS**13.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT**

4/2022 RESOLVED (Annette MILLER/CHANTELLE MILLER) CARRIED

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

13.2 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

5/2022 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/CHANTELLE MILLER) CARRIED

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

13.3 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

6/2022 RESOLVED (Annette MILLER/Anthony KENNEDY) CARRIED

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

13.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

7/2022 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/CHANTELLE MILLER) CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Project Update report.

13.5 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2021 - 31.12.2021

8/2022 RESOLVED (Annette MILLER/John DALYWATER) CARRIED

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

It was noted that William Bridgeman from The Department of the Chief & Cabinet will be attending the Bulman Local Authority Meeting to be held on 07 April, 2022, in person.

13.6 LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND NEW GUIDELINE PRESENTATION

RECOMMENDATION

That the Bulman Local Authority accepts and notes the presentation in relation to Local Authorities and New Guideline from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS & ATTENDANCE

The Mayor raised an issue of attendance by Bulman Local Authority Members. A discussion was had regarding the 'Local Authority Member Attendance Report' and it was decided that the issue will be brought up again at the Bulman Local Authority Meeting to be held on 07 April, 2022.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:01pm.

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Chairperson Charmaine BRINJEN
Confirmed on Thursday, 07 July 2022.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER 8.1
TITLE Action List
REFERENCE 1256946
AUTHOR Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Bulman Local Authority:
(a) receives and notes the Action List; and
(b) approves the removal of completed items.

BACKGROUND

The Action List is a summary of tasks that the Local Authority has requested be undertaken by Council staff.

The Action List is a **non-authoritative** reference document for Business Arising out of Previous Minutes.

BULMAN ACTION LIST

13.1 ELECTING A CHAIRPERSON

11/2022 **RESOLVED (CHANTELLE MILLER/John DALYWATER)**

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority appoints Charmaine BRINJEN as Chairperson for the period of 6 months.

REPORT IN AGENDA?

*Not Required.
Appointment reflected on
Membership page of
Agenda.*

13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

REPORT IN AGENDA?

13/2022 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/CHARMAIN BRINJEN)

CARRIED

Complete.

That the Bulman Local Authority;

(a) Receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance report; and

Refer to outgoing correspondence.

(b) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer writes a letter to the following Local Authority Members regarding their lack of attendance:

- Aaron RICKSON
- Anthony KENNEDY
- Loretta LINDSAY
- Spencer MARTIN

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 11.1
TITLE Outgoing Correspondence
REFERENCE 1269787
AUTHOR Debbie BRANSON, Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Bulman Local Authority notes the outgoing correspondence.

Item No.	Date Sent	Sender	Sent To	Correspondence Details	InfoXpert Number
01	01/07/2022	Marc GARDNER, CEO	Aaron RICKSON	Request to attend meeting	1269782
02	01/07/2022	Marc GARDNER, CEO	Anthony KENNEDY	Request to attend meeting	1269781
03	01/07/2022	Marc GARDNER, CEO	Loretta LINDSAY	Request to attend meeting	1269783
04	01/07/2022	Marc GARDNER, CEO	Spencer MARTIN	Request to attend meeting	1269784

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Bulman Local Authority Member - Aaron Rickson.pdf
- 2 Bulman Local Authority Member - Anthony Kennedy.pdf
- 3 Bulman Local Authority Member - Loretta Lindsay.pdf
- 4 Bulman Local Authority Member - Spencer Martin.pdf



1 July 2022

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Mr Aaron Rickson
Appointed Member
Bulman Local Authority

Dear Aaron

Bulman Local Authority Meeting – Attendance

You are currently a member on the Local Authority in Bulman.

Unfortunately you have registered either as an apology or absent at previous meetings. Without full attendance, and if a quorum is not achieved, those present cannot exercise their delegated powers therefore cannot make the necessary decisions that the community rely on.

The Local Authority have requested your attendance at the upcoming meeting scheduled for Thursday 7 July 2022 at 10:00am in Bulman.

If you do not attend, it will be recommended to Council by the Local Authority that you are removed as a member of the Local Authority so the position can be advertised and new nominations will be sought within your community.

Yours Sincerely

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Marc GARDNER
Chief Executive Officer





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Mr Anthony KENNEDY
Appointed Member
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Dear Aaron

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Ms Loretta LINDSAY
Appointed Member
Bulman Local Authority

Dear Aaron

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Mr Spencer MARTIN
Appointed Member
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Chief Executive Officer



GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Stronger Futures Act Sunsetting
REFERENCE	1263829
AUTHOR	Debbie BRANSON, Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Bulman Local Authority receives and notes the Stronger Futures Act Sunsetting report.

BACKGROUND

The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet have requested to attend the Local Authority Meeting to present the Stronger Futures Act Sunsetting.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Bulman and Weemol, as well as the surrounding outstations of Mount Catt, Baghetti, Mobarn, Mount Jean, Momob and Gorpulyul are APA only.

Each community and outstation has the option to become unrestricted or to opt-in to continue restrictions, with support from the registered land owner.

A representative from the Department will present the report at the meeting

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

1   Stronger Futures Sunsetting LA Brief Bulman-Weemol.pdf

Stronger Futures Act Sunsetting

Key terms

- Alcohol Protected Areas: Commonwealth Government areas which prohibit the drinking of alcohol and finish on midnight 16 July 2022.
- General Restricted Areas: Northern Territory Government areas which prohibit the drinking of alcohol, these remain indefinitely.

Background

- The *Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012* (Cth) (the SF Act) uses Alcohol Protection Areas (APAs) to prohibit the sale of alcohol in the Northern Territory.
- The SF Act has been in place from July 2012 and finishes on midnight 16 July 2022.
- Many communities are also covered by General Restricted Areas (GRAs) under the *Liquor Act 2019* (NT).
 - Once the SF Act finishes, these communities will still be covered as GRAs, which will continue liquor restrictions.

APA only communities

- Some communities are only covered by APAs.
- These communities have two options:
 - Opt-in: with support from the registered land owner (e.g. Land Trust, Aboriginal Corporation, etc.), these communities can continue current restrictions for up to two years.
 - Do nothing: they can choose to let the APA end, and become an unrestricted community.
- Communities have up until 31 January 2023 to opt-in.
- All APA only communities are still able to negotiate a GRA whether they opt-in or not.

What this means for Bulman-Weemol

- Bulman and Weemol, as well as the surrounding outstations of Mount Catt, Baghetti, Mobarn, Mount Jean, Momob and Gorpulyul are APA only.
- Each community and outstation has the option to become unrestricted or to opt-in to continue restrictions, with support from the registered land owner.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.2
TITLE	Big Rivers Region Liveability Survey Report 2022
REFERENCE	1266296
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Bulman Local Authority receive and note the Big Rivers Region Liveability Survey Report 2022 presented by a representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

BACKGROUND

The Big Rivers Liveability Report conducted by the Northern Territory Government is a regional place based approach to measuring liveability in the Big Rivers Region.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1   Big Rivers Liveability Report Nyirranglung Ward.pdf

The Big Rivers Liveability Report

Nyirranggulung Ward

Barunga, Beswick, Bulman and Manyallaluk

Purpose

The perception and reality of how 'liveable' a place is considered critical to attracting and retaining population. It's the key consideration for people when choosing where to live as put simply, liveability equals' quality of life.

'Liveability' can mean many different things to different communities, but when we think about our day to day lives and how we spend our down time, we mostly think; can I access a doctor when I need to? Are there great schools for my kids and playgrounds to keep them entertained? What's the connectivity like? Can I enjoy the great outdoors, rent a house easily or achieve career growth? Is this a good place to have a go with a business start-up?

The Big Rivers Liveability Report conducted by the Northern Territory Government is a regional place based approach to measuring liveability in the Big Rivers Region.

The objectives of the project include:

- Understanding the perceptions and reality of living in the region from residents who live – or have lived – in the Big Rivers Region
- Identifying what is desired in a regional lifestyle to attract and retain people in the region through community ideas for change
- Creating regional baseline data to inform planning, monitoring and evaluation

The liveability survey places our residents at the centre of our planning by seeking to understand what attributes are valued the most, the region's greatest strengths, those that need to be prioritised and areas where we're underperforming.

Liveability was measured against nine core attributes including broadly grouped elements to address a broad range of interpretations of liveability.

Please note the report does not measure performance levels of services. It only captures respondents' perceptions of access to service (the nine core attributes).

Defining Liveability

In this project, 'liveability' has been associated with the following core attributes:

Healthcare	Access to hospitals, doctors, pharmacy, dentist, mental health services and specialist services.
Education	Access to childhood education services (e.g. preschool, day care etc.), primary school, secondary school with breadth of curriculum, tertiary options and English language classes.
Amenity	Access to parks and green spaces, walkable town centre/neighbourhood, shopping and dining experiences in a culturally vibrant town, taxi, remote community transport, ease of driving and parking and places to socialise, events and festivals.
Cost of Living	Availability of suitable housing for rent or purchase, cost of fresh produce, access to bulk billing and access to government subsidised childcare and schools.
Natural Environment	Ways to adapt to climate change; preparation for cyclone season, heat mitigation; transitioning to renewable energy such as solar, water security, effective waste management and air quality.
Digital Connectivity	Access to adequate phone coverage, reliable internet and broadband, able to work from home and pay bills online.
Community Connection	Community activities including community-organised events, volunteering, local community groups and organisations which are related to interests or beliefs, a sense of belonging and safety and community diversity.
Employment Opportunities	Access to local job opportunities, career growth opportunities, starting and growing a business.
Great Outdoors	Including access to recreational activities, walking trails, fishing, swimming holes and camping locations.

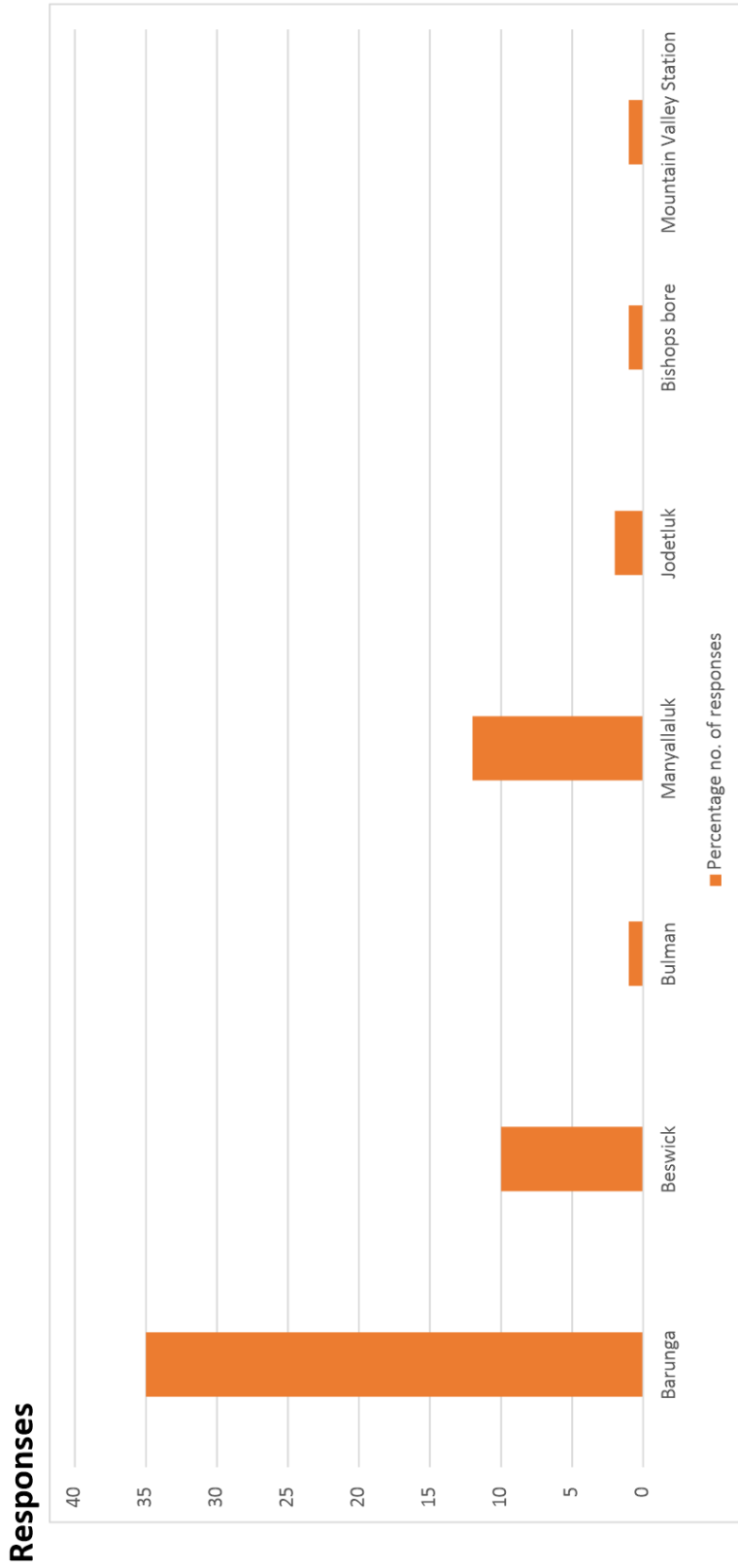
Our Approach

The liveability survey was developed by the Northern Territory Government on the Survey 123 platform; a form-centric geospatial data gathering system which maps geographical location data to capture place-based perspectives across the region.

The survey was undertaken in March 2022 with an extensive public promotion campaign including geo-mapped, targeted marketing and direct engagement approaches over the phone, online and face to face.

The Northern Territory Government's Aboriginal Interpreter Service was utilised to engage and deliver the survey in language and to accurately interpret the questions for Aboriginal people completing the survey. A 'call back request' service was also facilitated for Aboriginal people who preferred the assistance of an interpreter while responding to the survey.

Population data from the Northern Territory Government's Bushtel, a central point for information about the remote communities of the Northern Territory, was obtained to devise proportionate response targets, based on the overall estimated resident population of the region.



62 responses were collected across the ward:

- 35 respondents from Barunga
- 10 respondents from Beswick
- 1 respondent from Bulman
- 12 respondents from Manyallaluk
- 2 respondents from Jodetluk
- 1 respondent from Bishops Bore
- 1 respondent from Mountain Valley Station

Summary of Key Findings

Availability of suitable housing and quality of schools and education opportunities are the most valued attributes in the Nyirranggulung ward.

Available suitable housing (cost of living) and quality of schools and education opportunities, are critical across the ward and can strongly influence people's choice to move or not recommend their communities as a great place to live. Cost of living (44% or 27 of respondents) and quality of education (53% of 33 respondents) were identified as attributes that need to be improved as a priority in the ward.

Improving protection of the natural environment including ways to adapt to climate change; preparation for cyclone season, heat mitigation; transitioning to renewable energy such as solar, water security, effective waste management and air quality, is critical to lifting liveability.

Almost a third of respondents believe addressing and improving natural environment (29%) will significantly improve liveability across the ward. This attribute is underperforming and is negatively affecting liveability of the ward.

Access to the great outdoors, digital connectivity, and quality of healthcare are the ward's key strengths and the top reasons why people won't relocate elsewhere.

When asked to identify the ward's key strengths, access to the great outdoors, digital connectivity, and quality of healthcare were identified. This makes these attributes both key influencers in the perceptions and reality of living in the region and key drivers for attracting and retaining population.

Who responded?

50% identify as Male	50% identify as Female
84% identify as Aboriginal and or Torres Strait	16% do not identify as Aboriginal and or Torres Strait
2% identify as LGBTQIA	98% do not identify as LGBTQIA
89% residents speak a language other than English	11% residents do not speak a language other than English

How diverse is the ward?

Country of Birth:

- 100% or 62 of respondents were born in Australia

Years lived in the region:

- 11% have lived in the region for < 2 years
- 8% have lived in the region up to 5 years
- 8% have lived in the region for up to 10 years
- 35% have lived in the region for > 10 years
- 37% born and bred

Age of Respondents

Majority of respondents were between the aged 25 and 64 years old.

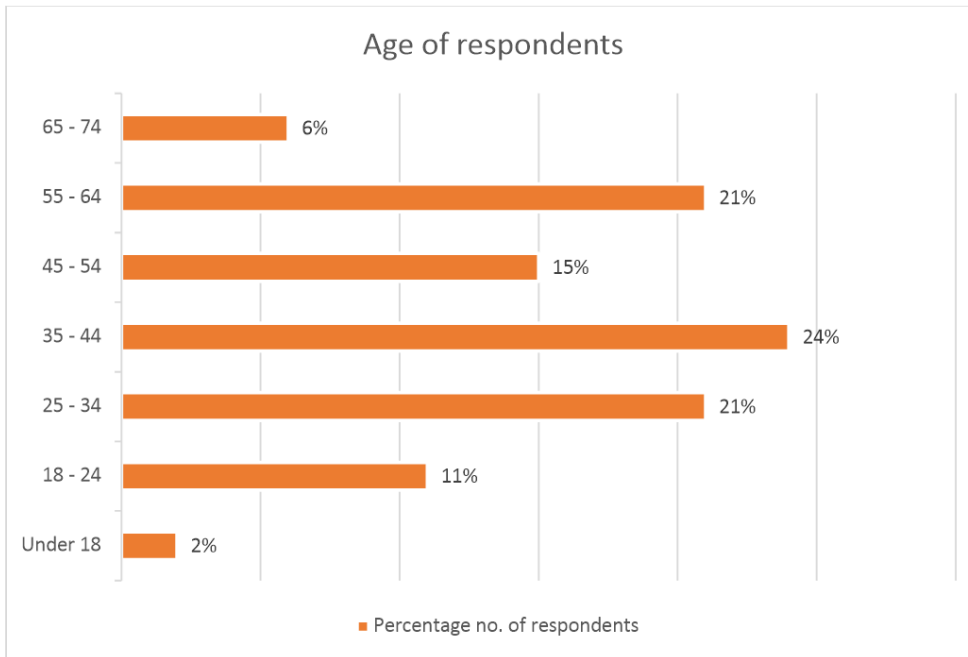


Figure 1. Age of respondents in the Nyirrangulung Ward

Residents Employment Status

50% of respondents are either employed full-time or part-time.

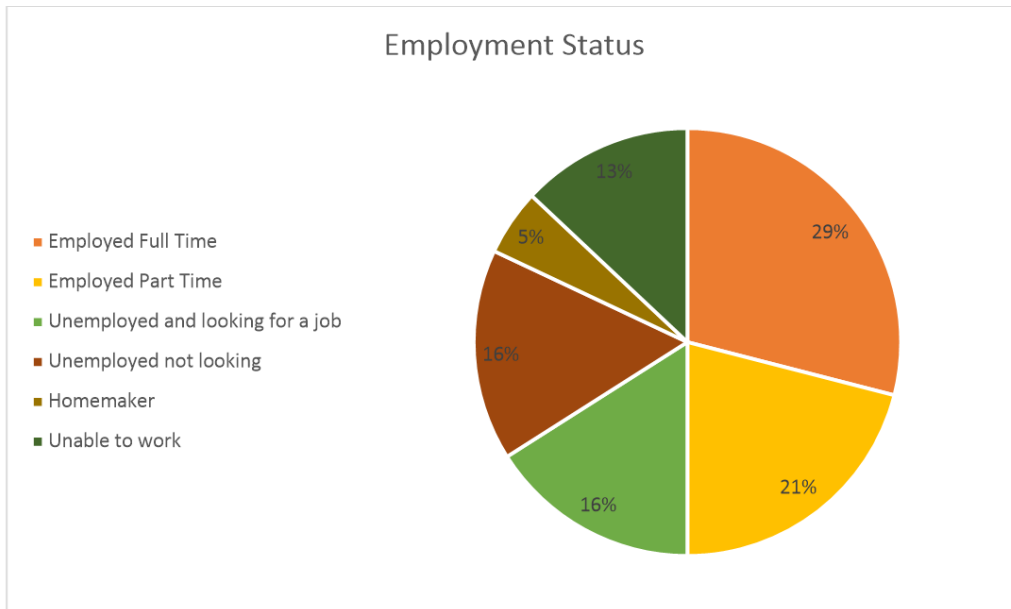


Figure 2. Respondents' employment status

Overall Perceptions of the Nyirranggulung Ward

Do our residents love living in the region?

91% of our residents have a positive attitude of living in the ward.

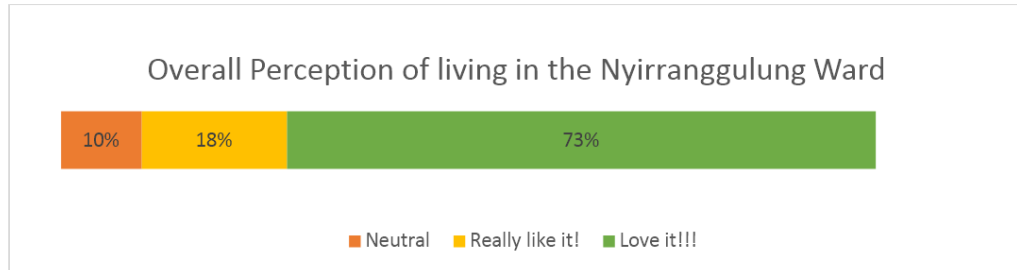


Figure 3. Overall Perception of the Nyirranggulung Ward

What do residents value the most?

There may be identified gaps in key liveability attributes, but do our residents value these in terms of their perceptions of whether the region is a great place to live? Do the gaps affect whether people would relocate outside the region?

Respondents were requested to select the three most important attributes in making the ward a great place to live. An “Other” option was provided for respondents to suggest a liveability feature which wasn’t included in the list.

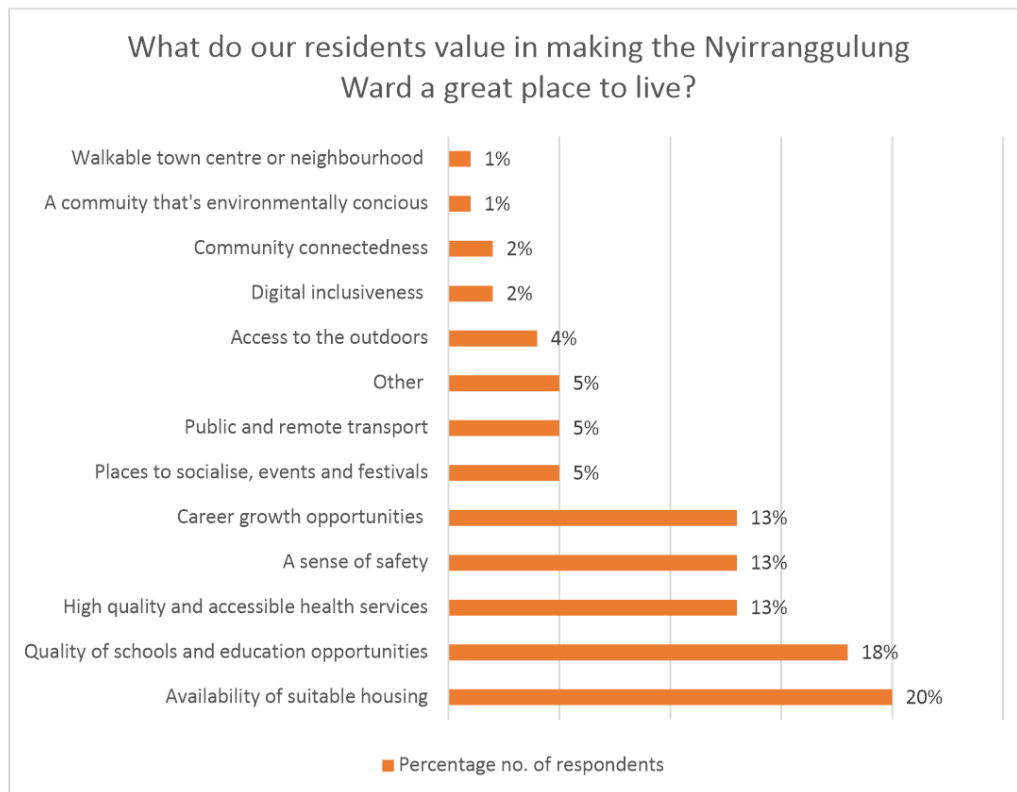


Figure 4. What do residents value in making the ward a great place to live.

Availability of suitable housing (20% or 34 responses) and quality of schools and education opportunities (18% or 31 responses) were identified as the top two most valuable attributes in the ward.

What respondents have suggested in "Other":

- "Safety for kids"
- "Help improve services more maintenance on houses"
- "Transport for dialysis patients"
- "Social club"
- "Safe house for women and children"
- "More funding"
- "Local Shop"
- "Quality of roads"

Would you recommend your ward to others as a great place to live?

- 26% or 16 responses agreed
- 74% or 46 responses disagreed

Perceptions of liveability in the Nyirranggulung Ward

What are our strengths, what do we need to prioritise and what is negatively affecting perceptions and the reality of living in the region?

Respondents were asked to rate their perception of each of the nine liveability attribute as being either:

Great: these attributes are the strengths in the region and should be maintained and protected.

Could be improved: these attributes need to be addressed as a priority.

Poor: these attributes are underperforming and need to be addressed in long term planning. They negatively affect the perception of living in the region.

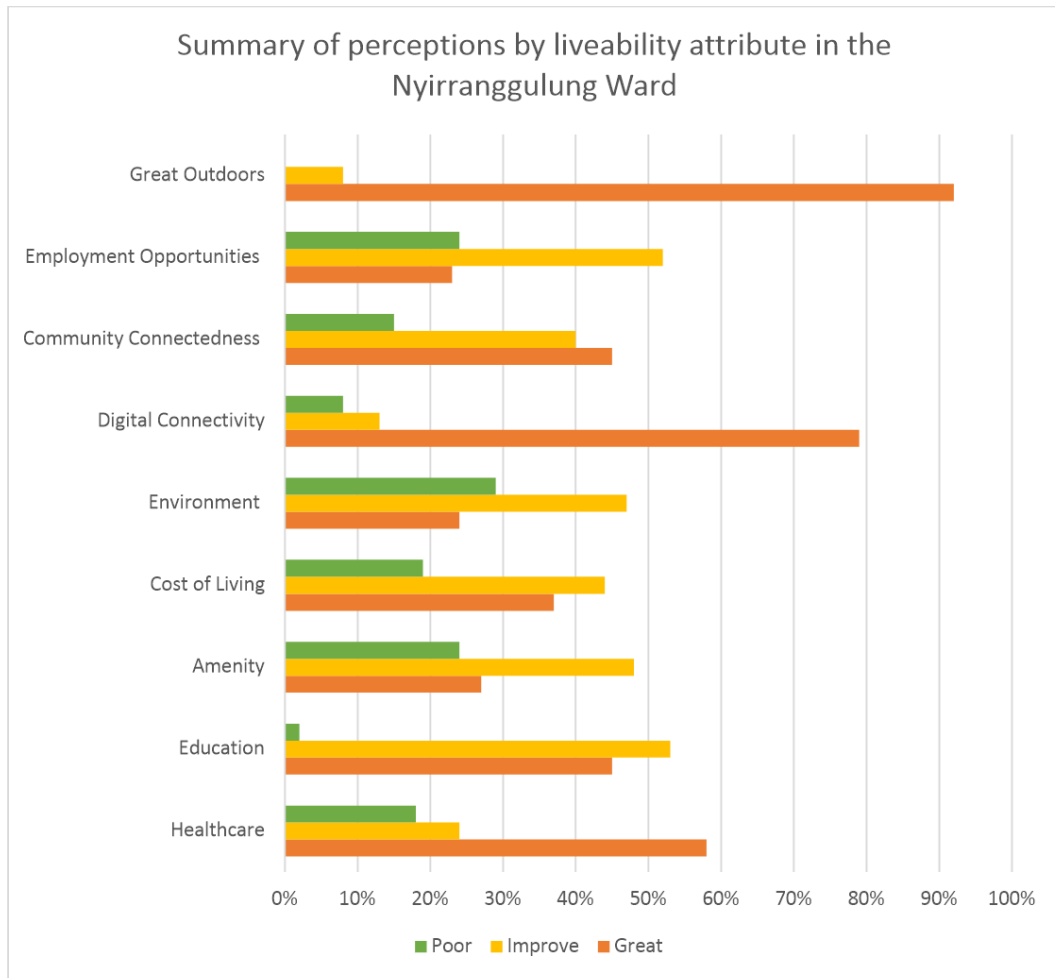


Figure 5. Summary perceptions of liveability in the ward.

The best reason to live in the Nyirranggulung Ward

Protecting and maintaining these key attributes will have a positive impact on the liveability of residents in the region.

The following were identified as the top three strengths in the region:

- Access to the great outdoors (92% or 57 responses)
- Digital Connectivity (79% or 49 responses)
- Quality of healthcare (58% or 36 responses)

These three attributes were identified as performing well and are considered the key strengths in the ward. Although respondents ranked access to the great outdoors as the fifth most important attribute in making the ward a great place to live (4% or 7 responses), their experience and access to this attribute is rated the highest. Digital connectivity was ranked one of the lowest valuable attribute (2% or 3 responses), however was rated the second greatest experience. Lastly, quality of healthcare was identified as the third most important attribute (13% or 23 respondents) and the third greatest experience.

Priority areas to improve liveability in the Nyirranggulung Ward

These attributes need to be improved as a priority.

Of total responses, the three attributes identified as the highest priority for improvement included:

- Quality of education (53% or 33 responses) and employment opportunities (53% or 33 responses)
- Amenity (48% or 30 responses)
- Protection of the natural environment (47% or 29 responses)

Quality of education and employment opportunities were equally rated the highest priority of improvement. Education was ranked the second (18% or 31 responses) and employment as the third (13% or 22 responses) most valuable attribute in making the ward a great place to live. This is followed by amenity as the second attribute needing to improve experience, and ranked the fourth most valuable attribute (5% or 9 responses). Although protection of the natural environment is identified as one of the top three highest priority for improvement, it is ranked as one of the lowest valuable attribute (1% or 2 responses).

The poorest liveability attributes in the Nyirranggulung Ward

These attributes are underperforming and are negatively affecting the perception of living in the ward.

Of total responses, the three poorest rated attributes included:

- Protection of the natural environment (29% or 18 responses)
- Employment opportunities (24% or 15 responses) and Amenity (24% or 12 responses)
- Cost of Living (19% or 12 responses)

Whilst protection of the natural environment is rated the top poorest experience, it is also ranked as one of the top three for improvement and is the lowest most important attribute out of the 14 (1% or 2 responses). This attribute is negatively affecting liveability, and respondents identify it as the poorest experience and top priority to improve how liveable the ward is.

Community Ideas for Change

62 ideas were collected across the ward:

Housing affordability and availability	Infrastructure and essential services	Opportunities
Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase access to housing availability 	Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve access to health services Improve roads Improve and increase access to shops Build aged care facilities 	Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More access to employment opportunities More opportunities for youth to participate in activities

What we heard:

- “The road is rarely maintained, and this presents a huge financial burden and inequality on poor families who rely on it to go to the shops for groceries, as there is no shop here” – Manyallaluk
- “There is no shop so you have to go to Katherine Woolworths which is probably the worst supermarket in Australia” – Manyallaluk
- “Kids are more important for opportunities for activities and programs to take them out of the community” – Barunga
- “Dentist visits (it's been over a year) and Doctors visits (sometimes it's months between them)” – Bulman
- “A permanent nurse at the clinic, so the clinic is always open” – Manyallaluk
- “There's just very little for children to do on weekends and in the holidays” – Beswick

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.3
TITLE	Local Authority Member Attendance Report
REFERENCE	1266412
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 2019* states that Local Authority Members may be removed from a Local Authority if they are absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without approved apologies.

Local Authority member attendance of Bulman Local Authority Meetings

Local Authority Meeting Members	12 August 2021	14 October 2021	07 December 2021	20 January 2022	07 April 2022
Mayor Tony JACK	-	Cancelled	Cancelled	P	-
Councillor Selina Ashley	P	-	-	AP	AP
Councillor John Dalywater	P (as LA Member)	-		P	P
Annette Miller	P	-	-	P	P
Peter Miller	P	-	-	AP	NO AP
Anthony Kennedy	P	-	-	P	NO AP
Aaron Rickson	P	-	-	NO AP	AP
Charmaine Brinjen	P	-	-	NO AP	P
Chantelle Miller	P	-	-	P	P
Loretta Lindsay	P	-	-	NO AP	AP
Spencer MARTIN	P	-	-	NO AP	AP

** 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	13.4
TITLE	Elected Member Report
REFERENCE	1269489
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Bulman 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 Committee 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**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 16 June 2022****Nyirranggulung Ward Report**

Council could not approve any recommendations from the Barunga, Beswick, Bulman and Manyallaluk Local Authority Meetings as they are scheduled to be held in the first week of July 2022. The Minutes of the Barunga, Beswick, Bulman and Manyallaluk Local Authority Meetings shall be presented to Council at its next Ordinary Meeting on 24 August 2022.

Council noted that the Administrator of the Northern Territory will be visiting the Barunga Community on Tuesday, 05 July 2022. All Barunga Local Authority Members have been invited to attend a morning tea event with the Administrator.

The Barunga community has had a new water pump installed to enable the long term implementation of irrigation to the sports oval. The Barunga basketball line-marking is underway during the month of June. The spectator stands at Barunga Oval have been identified as a risk due to lack of footings. As such, a new project is in procurement for the construction of five (5) slabs for the purpose of affixing the Barunga spectator stands to. The coaches' boxes are undergoing a fencing upgrade, similarly to the Barunga playground which has sustained significant damage

Council noted that the two contracts were awarded for works in Bulman: the Upgrade of the Sport & Rec Hall and the Bulman Internal Roads Repair and Maintenance contracts.

The upcoming Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held in Bulman on 24 August 2022.

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – 25 May 2022

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee consists of the following members:

- Independent Member Awaits UR REHMAN;
- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Helen LEE;

- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT; and
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR

There were no matters discussed relating to the Nyirranggulung Ward

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 28 April 2022

Nyirranggulung Ward Report

Council could not approve any recommendations from the Manyallaluk or Beswick Local Authority Meetings, scheduled to be held in April 2022 due to meeting cancellations.

Council approved the recommendations from the following:

- Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on 05 April 2022
- Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on 07 April 2022

Council approved the restructuring of the Barunga Local Authority to consist of five (5) Appointed Local Authority Members and one (1) Elected Member to create a total of six (6) members of the Barunga Local Authority.

The Manyallaluk Local Authority appointed five (5) Members to the Local Authority and one (1) Elected Member. The new members are as follows;

- Councillor Helen LEE;
- Ben ULAMARI;
- Elena LAWRENCE;
- Sherese DOOLEY;
- Lloyd BROWN; and
- Eileen AVELUM.

Council noted the amendment to the 2021-22 Budget. This includes an additional \$100,000.00 allocation to consultants' fees for work to prepare for road projects in Barunga, Borroloola and Hodgson Downs (Minyerri). An addition \$163,000.00 increase in NT Grants received for new capital money for the Numbulwar Airport toilet Block and Bulman Sport & Recreation Hall renovations and \$400,000.00 towards upgrades to the Manyallaluk Internal Road as approved from the Roads Future Fund.

The Barunga Sport & Recreation Hall Upgrade is currently out to tender.

Council discussed the issues raised by Councillor LEE regarding the adequate sporting facilities in Barunga. Council advised that the matter will be followed up by the Chief Executive Officer.

There has been no nominations for the Beswick Local Authority.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 25 May 2022

The Audit Committee consists of the following members:

- Independent Member Ian SWAN;
- Independent Member Carolyn EAGLE;
- Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Councillor John DALYWATER; and
- Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN

There were no matters discussed relating to the Nyirranggulung Ward.

Note: Independent Member Claudia Goldsmith was appointed to the Audit and Risk Committee at the June 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

27 July 2022	10:30am	Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine
17 August 2022	10:00am	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine
24 August 2022	8:30am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	RGRC Service Delivery Centre, Bulman

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

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR

May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting – 10 May 2022 • Mataranka Local Authority Meeting – 10 May 2022 • Borroloola Local Authority Meeting – 12 May 2022 • Robinson River Local Authority Meeting – 12 May 2022 • Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting – 25 May 2022 • Meeting with NT Opposition Members – 31 May 2022
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting – 06 June 2022 • Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting – 10 June 2022 • ALGA Conference (Canberra) – 19 to 23 June 2022 • Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting – 28 June 2022 • Urapunga Local Authority Meeting – 28 June 2022

LOCAL AUTHORITY	NUMBER OF VACANCIES
Barunga Local Authority	0
Beswick Local Authority	2
Bulman Local Authority	0
Manyallaluk Local Authority	0

The Chief Executive Officer has called for Nominations for the Beswick Local Authority to fill the two (2) vacant positions. The nomination period will run from 28 June 2022 – 27 July 2022.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Not Applicable

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.5
TITLE	Council Services Report
REFERENCE	1267477
AUTHOR	Michael ROE, Council Service Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

This report is to provide an update regarding the operations of Council Services provided within the community.

CORE SERVICES**111 – Councils Services General**

- Council operations are operating correctly and efficiently

160 – Municipal Services

- Work with Mimal Ranger group will commence soon to create and manage fire brakes around Bulman and Weemol.
- Municipal Services are operating correctly and efficiently. The community is generally clean and tidy.

AGENCY SERVICES**314 – Community Development Program (CDP)**

- Council is cooperating with Nyirranggulung Rise to ensure the CDP program is being delivered.

348 – Library

- Library services are operating normally.

350 – Centrelink

Centerlink services are operating normally

404 – Indigenous Sports and Recreation

The program has been operating normally but is being shut down from 16-06-2022 until the completion of renovation works.

OTHER / MISCELLANEOUS

- The Night Patrol program has been running nightly, it is operating normally
- the DPIL road has major potholes and damage to the bridge, possible repairs are going to be made during the road upgrade to the airstrip
- plumbers are working hard to complete sewer line upgrade in Weemol
- Road crews have started the upgrade to the airstrip
- The Buffalo mustering company is back and filling up the cattle yards again.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

- Issues

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.6
TITLE	Council Financial Report for the period 01.07.2021 - 31.5.2022
REFERENCE	1268094
AUTHOR	Manisha CHAMKUR, Financial Accountant

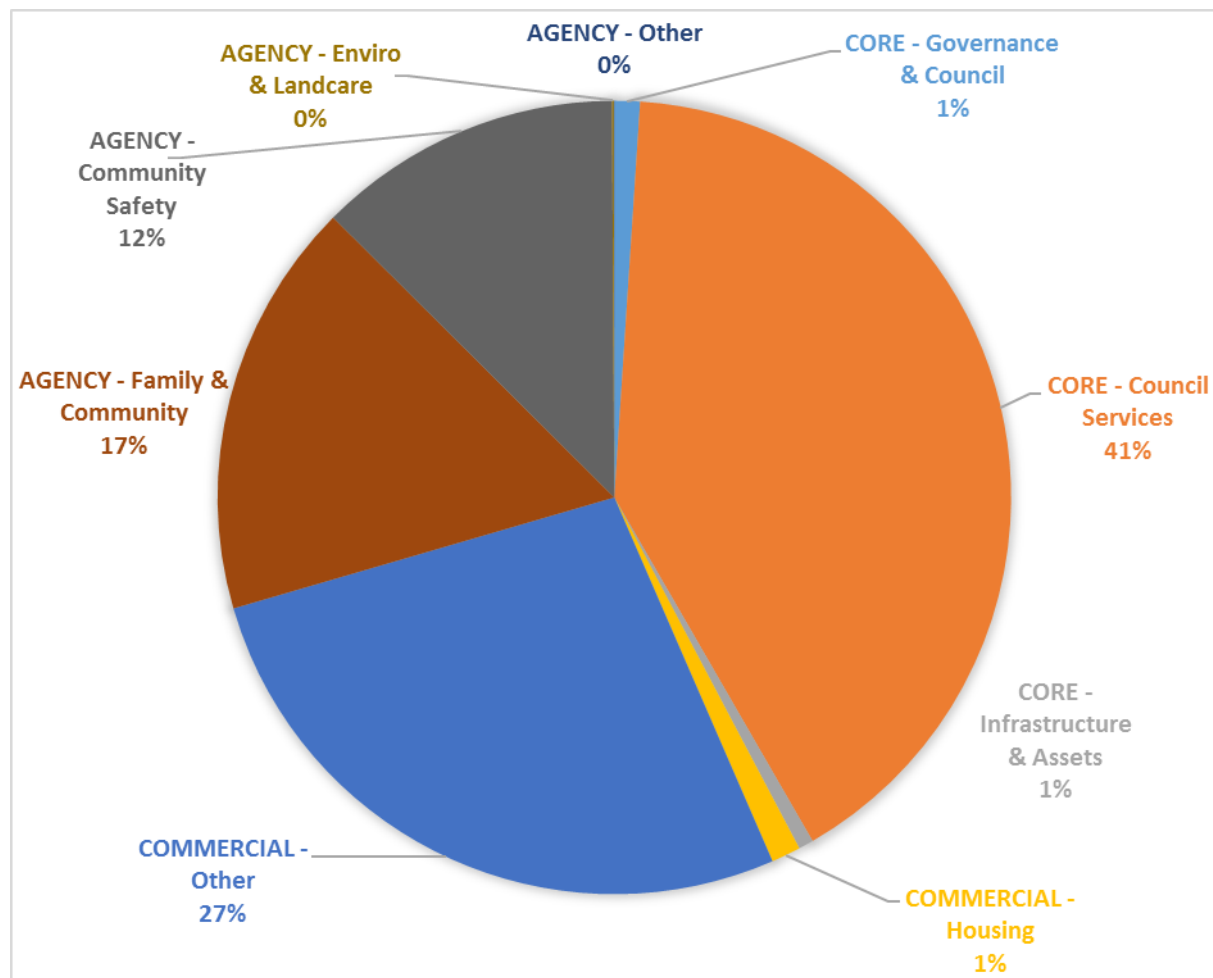
RECOMMENDATION

That the Bulman Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2021 to May 2022.

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 account category is as follow:

Operating Income:

Council received \$525,307 in operating income for Bulman which is leading to a variance of \$572,443. This is mostly from Local Authority Funding. Due to recent accounting standards, tied funds can only be recognised as income as projects reach further stages of completion.

Operating Expenditure:

The total underspend in operating expenditure is \$503,244. The major cause in underspend is from Contract and Materials and Employee Expenses. Please refer to the attachment for further information

Capital Expenditure:


The total underspend for capital expenditure is \$2,322,050. Please see the project register and attachment for further detail.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

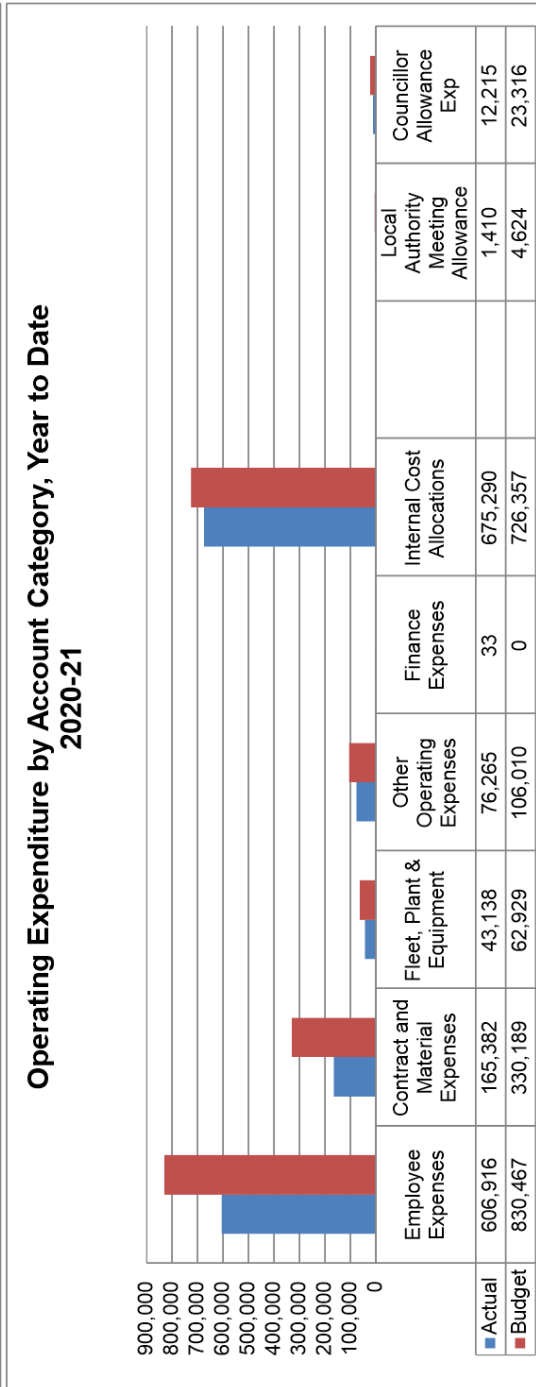
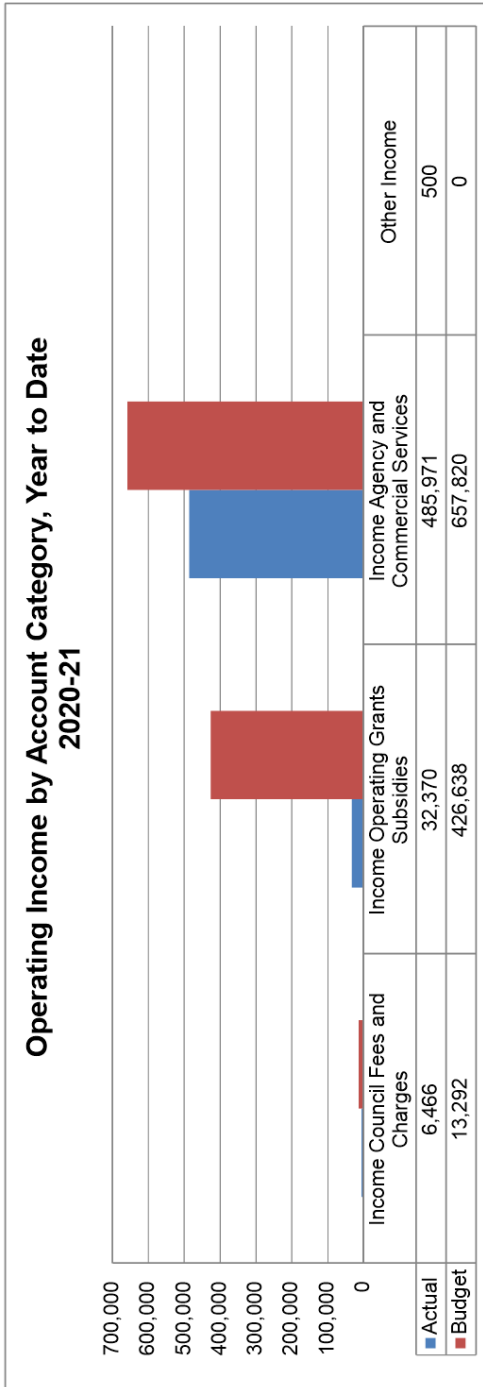
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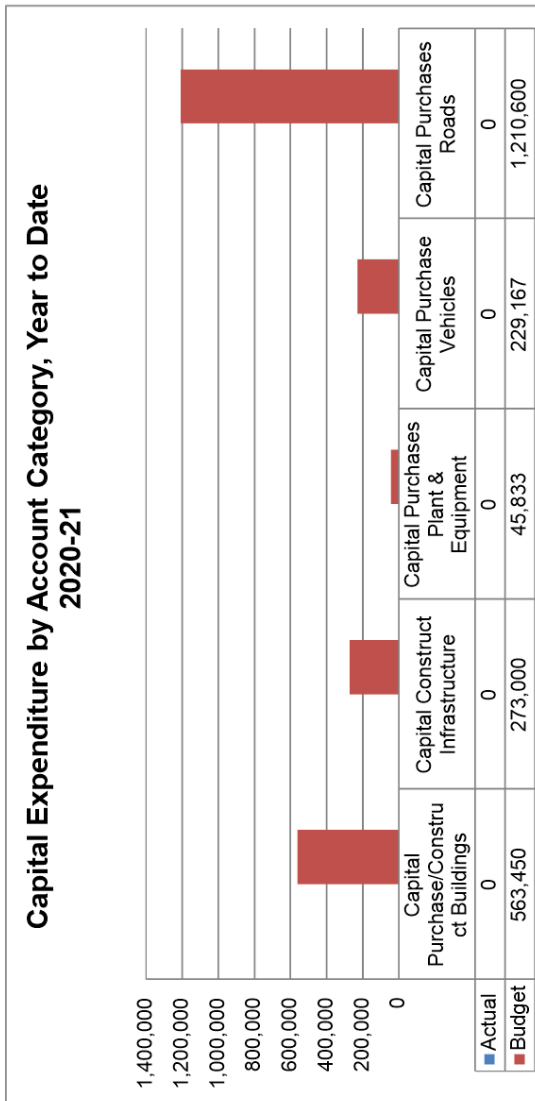
ATTACHMENTS

1   Financial Report 31.5.2022.pdf

Roper Gulf Regional Council					
Financial Report as at					
31-May-2022					
Bulman					
	Year to Date Actual (\$)	Year to Date Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Explanation
Income					
Income Council Fees and Charges	6,466	13,292	-6,826	14,500	The main cause in variance is due to less income received for hire of Council's facilities and equipment
Income Operating Grants Subsidies	32,370	426,638	-394,268	458,150	The major cause in variance is mostly from Local Authority funding. Income will be recognised from tied funds as projects reach further stages of progression
Income Agency and Commercial Services	485,971	657,820	-171,850	717,622	The major cause in variance is mostly since less income has been received for the Power Water contract as compared to budget
Other Income	500	0	500	0	
Total Operating Income	525,307	1,097,750	-572,443	1,190,273	
Operating Expenditure					
Employee Expenses	606,916	830,467	-223,551	905,964	The underspend is mainly due to staff absences and vacant positions
Contract and Material Expenses	165,382	330,189	-164,807	360,206	The underspend is mostly due to non-incurred expense for Local Authority Projects and road maintenance
Fleet, Plant & Equipment	43,138	62,929	-19,792	68,650	The underspend is mostly due to less expense incurred in fuel
Other Operating Expenses	76,265	106,010	-29,745	115,647	Less expenses were incurred for protective clothing and equipment and network expenses
Finance Expenses	33	0	33	0	

Internal Cost Allocations	675,290	726,357	-51,067	792,390	The underspend is mostly due to less internal cost was incurred for workshop services
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	1,410	4,624	-3,214	5,044	
Councillor Allowance Exp	12,215	23,316	-11,102	25,436	
Total Expenditure	1,580,649	2,083,893	-503,244	2,273,337	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	-1,055,342	-986,143	-69,199	-1,083,065	
Capital Funding					
Income Capital Grants	0	343,000	-343,000	593,000	
Capital Expenditure	0	343,000	-343,000	593,000	
Capital Purchase/Construct Buildings	0	563,450	-563,450	563,450	Please see project register for further detail
Capital Construct Infrastructure	0	273,000	-273,000	273,000	Please see project register for further detail
Capital Purchases Plant & Equipment	0	45,833	-45,833	50,000	Fleet procurement is currently being reviewed and the infrastructure division is assessing on the best procurement avenue to be utilised
Capital Purchase Vehicles	0	229,167	-229,167	250,000	Fleet procurement is currently being reviewed and the infrastructure division is assessing on the best procurement avenue to be utilised
Capital Purchases Roads	0	1,210,600	-1,210,600	1,210,600	Please see project register for further detail
Total Capital Expenditure	0	2,322,050	-2,322,050	2,347,050	
Net Operating Position	-1,055,342	-2,965,193	1,909,851	-2,837,115	





GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.7
TITLE	Local Authority Projects Update
REFERENCE	1268581
AUTHOR	Dave HERON, Acting General Manager Corporate Services & Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION

That the Bulman Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Project Update report.

BACKGROUND

Since 2014 the Bulman Local Authority has received a total of \$257,459.00 from the Northern Territory Government for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations are based on a formula related to population. The Council has approved a further \$ 32,581 allocation to cover unspent funding returned to the NTG. There has been an under spend of \$ 62,930.49 on completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**Current Projects**

- **Sports & Recreation Hall**
RGRC Projects Team completed the scope of work and cost estimated \$260,000 for complete renovation of Sports & Recreation Hall. Current allocated funds are not sufficient to carry out the project. Council approved the budget addition of \$ 200,000 to the renovations at its meeting on 28/7/2021. The contract has been awarded and construction set to commence.
- **Public Toilet Block**
The design for the toilet block to be situated adjacent to the Central Arnhem Highway has been received and the project is about to enter the procurement phase.

In June 2022 the Department of Local Government announced the release of Local Authority Funding for 2021/22 of \$ 41,400

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**Unallocated Funds**

The Bulman Local Authority currently has \$ 41,400 available funding to allocate to new projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

1   Bulman Local Authority Project Funding.pdf

Bulman Local Authority Project Funding		31 May 2022		
Funds Received from Department		\$	257,459.00	
Allocated by Council		\$	32,581.00	
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members		\$	352,970.49	
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects		\$	62,930.49	
Remaining unallocated funds		\$	-	
Date Approved Project ID	Projects	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Status
5/12/2018 1413806	Toilet near council office	\$ 144,361.59		\$72,000 was LA allocated on 05/12/2018 and addition allocation of \$25,000 on 22/08/2019 LA meeting. The project is under planning stage. S19 License approved. PWC to be contacted for services response by 31/3/2021. Currently in Design phase to provide a final costing. 12/6/2021 Unallocated funds (\$ 47,361.59) allocated to toilet block. In procurement phase
23/04/2020	Sport & Recreation Hall	\$ 69,088.90		Scope to do an internal and external has been developed by Projects Team. Council has allocated additional funding of \$ 200,000. Final scope completed for LA comment. Currently seeking contractors. Additional funding of \$ 50,000 received from NTG. Tender awarded
Total for current projects in progress		\$ 213,450.49	\$ -	
Total for completed projects		\$ 139,520.00	\$ 76,589.51	
Grand total		\$ 352,970.49	\$ 76,589.51	