



AGENDA

**HODGSON DOWNS LOCAL AUTHORITY
MEETING**

MONDAY, 1 JUNE 2020

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

Monday, 1 June 2020 at 11:00am
The Conference Room, Alawa Building, Minyerri

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

Phillip LUCK
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JILKMINGGAN CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Elected Members

1. Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
2. Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT; and
3. Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT.

Appointed Members

1. Simone BAKER;
2. Phyllis CONWAY;
3. Rosina FARRELL; Chairperson
4. Lisa McDONALD;
5. Shirley ROBERTS;
6. Wayne ROY; and
7. Anne-Marie WOODS

MEMBERS: 10

COUNCIL: 3

LOCAL AUTHORITY: 7

QUORUM: 6 (minimum requirement)

PROVISIONAL: 4 (minimum requirement)

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

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

If no quorum, but a majority of appointed local authority members (50% + 1) a provisional meeting can be held.

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 Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting - 2 April 2020
REFERENCE 920409
AUTHOR Ashleigh ANDERSON, Local Authority Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority confirms the minutes from the Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting held on 2 April 2020 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

BACKGROUND

The Hodgson Downs Local Authority met on Thursday 2 April 2020 at 9:00am and held a full meeting having obtained necessary quorum. Attached are the minutes for the Local Authority to approve.

The next Local Authority meeting is scheduled to be held on 17 August 2020 at 11:00am.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Hodgson Downs Local Authority 2020-03-30 [1473] Minutes.DOCX



MINUTES OF THE HODGSON DOWNS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE
ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD VIA TELCONFERENCE
ON THURSDAY, 2 APRIL 2020 AT 9:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members (via Teleconference)

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT;
- Nerrale ARNOLD (Chairperson);
- Clive ROBERTS;
- Beth JOHN;
- Jonathon WALLA; and
- Samuel SWANSON.

1.2 Staff (via Teleconference)

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer;
- Sharon HILLEN, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning; and
- Ashleigh ANDERSON, Local Authority Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Amanda HAIGH, Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development (via teleconference);
- Jo NICOL, Office of the Hon Warren Snowdon MP (via teleconference); and
- Edna ISLE, Chairperson of Alawa Aboriginal Corporation.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting opened at 9:20am with **QUORUM**. For ease of coordination the Members agreed that Nerrale Arnold would be the Chairperson as this is the first LA Meeting via Teleconference. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Nil.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1/2020 RESOLVED (Clive ROBERTS/Jonathon WALLA)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority notes the absence of Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT, and Local Authority Member James NUGGETT noting no apologies were

given.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2/2020 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Samuel SWANSON) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority confirms the minutes from the Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting held on Monday 16 September 2019, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 ACTION LIST

3/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Samuel SWANSON) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority:

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

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 Proposal to upgrade the road connecting the Community and the Minyerri Local Store.
(late report)

9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Hodgson Downs Local Authority.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 MINYERRI WOMEN'S SAFE HOUSE

4/2020 RESOLVED (Beth JOHN/Clive ROBERTS) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority withdraws this item as the consultancy has already been completed.

13.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

5/2020 RESOLVED (Clive ROBERTS/Samuel SWANSON)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority:

- (a) Receives and notes the information regarding conflicts of interest; and
- (b) Agreed that Members will submit details of interests to be placed in the register for 2020.

13.3 CHANGES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

6/2020 RESOLVED (Clive ROBERTS/Samuel SWANSON)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the presentation from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development about the upcoming changes to the *Local Government Act*, Regulations and guidelines.

13.4 TOWN PRIORITIES 2020-21

7/2020 RESOLVED (Clive ROBERTS/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority delegates Nerrale ARNOLD, Samuel SWANSON and Jonathon WALLA to approve a Draft 2020-21 Town Priorities for 2020-21 Regional Plan.

Members had a discussion and advised that there are a number of local projects that also need to be considered.

13.5 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

8/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel SWANSON/Jonathon WALLA)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.

13.6 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER SURVEY

9/2020 RESOLVED (Beth JOHN/Samuel SWANSON)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the information regarding the Local Authority Member Survey.

Members will look at the survey out of session and submit responses through Nerrale Arnold.

13.7 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT

10/2020 RESOLVED (Clive ROBERTS/Beth JOHN)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 1 July 2019 to 29 February 2020.

13.8 VETENARIAN VISIT AND DANGEROUS DOG REPORT

11/2020 RESOLVED (Beth JOHN/Jonathon WALLA)

CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the Council's Veterinarian Minyerri visit (9 – 13 March 2020) and the Dangerous Dog Report.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE THE ROAD CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY AND THE MINYERRI LOCAL STORE

This report was deferred to the next Hodgson Downs Local Authority meeting.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 11:05am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 2 April 2020 and will be confirmed on 1 June 2020.

Chairperson

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Action List
REFERENCE	920483
AUTHOR	Ashleigh ANDERSON, Local Authority Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs 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 table also identifies the Staff member assigned to the task by the Chief Executive Officer and the current status.

Current Actions as at 15 May 2020

Date	Item No	Agenda Item	Action Required	Responsible Person	Status	Update
04.02.20	8.1	Rubbish Collection Rates and Fees	GM ISP to forward email to new CEO of AAC.	GM ISP	Completed	Report included in the Agenda.
04.02.20	8.1	Meeting between GM ISP and CEO AAC	GM ISP to organize and hold meeting with CEO of AAC	GM ISP	Ongoing	No response to email or phone message; Contracts Manager met ALAWA CEO to discuss Housing and any other RGRC related items.
04.02.20	13.8	Vet Information Package	Vet to provide information package on animal management to CEO AAC	Animal Management Services	Ongoing	Information is being collated to provide to the CEO of Alawa.

Long Term and Advocacy as at 15 May 2020

Date	Item No	Agenda Item	Action Required	Responsible Person	Status	Update
11.10.18		Incorporate Minyerri in Sport and Recreation Funding	CEO to follow up with NIAA on progress.	CEO	Ongoing	Ongoing.
18.02.19	11.4	Development of Community Land Use Plan	Invitation to be sent to Steve from Remote Mapping to attend next LA meeting	Alawa, NTG	Ongoing	Ongoing development.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Daly Waters Campdraft
REFERENCE 926151
AUTHOR Ashleigh ANDERSON, Local Authority Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the incoming correspondence.

Date Received	Sender	Receiver	Subject	Document ID	Send Method
21 May 2020	Emilie-Rose Carey of Kalala Stn	Council, Local Authority (Never Never Ward)	Daly Waters Annual Camp Draft	926129	Email

ATTACHMENTS

1 DalyWaters-Campdraft_Letter.pdf

Email Received from:

Emilie-Rose Carey
of Kalala Station

Re: Daly Waters Annual Camp Draft – 10-12 July 2020

Good Morning.

Under sections 49 to 52 of the *Liquor Act 2019* it is required of us to inform the Roper Gulf Regional Council of Daly Waters Campdraft and Rodeo Association intention to hold our annual campdraft July 10-12th this year and to report any feedback the council may have about our event.

We look forward to your response.

Kind Regards

Emilie-Rose Carey
Managers Assistant

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Forrest Hill, Kalala, Tanumbirini

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Chairperson Appointment
REFERENCE	920424
AUTHOR	Ashleigh ANDERSON, Local Authority Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority appoints a Chairperson for a period of 12 Months.

BACKGROUND

The current chairperson for Hodgson Downs Local Authority is Samuel Swanson.

The Local Authority should select a Chairperson to represent the Local Authority every 12 Months in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008* and Ministerial Guideline 8 under the Act. The Chairperson can be the same person as previously appointed, and will work closely with the Chief Executive Officer to create the Agenda and dates and times meetings are held.

Having a Chairperson set for 12 months builds a better relationship between the Local Authority and the Council and develops agenda items that are more relevant to the community of Minyerri.

The Chairperson is responsible for informing the community and members of the meetings, and ensuring members will be in attendance on that day and passing that information back to the Chief Executive Officer. The Chairperson is also responsible for speaking to members of the community about the meeting and informing them of decisions that were made.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.2
TITLE	Elected Member Report
REFERENCE	920435
AUTHOR	Ashleigh ANDERSON, Local Authority Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs 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.

Decisions from the Roads Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24 March 2020 include that the Roads Committee:

- Receives and notes the proposal to upgrade the local roads in Minyerri and refers to Council to approve the program allocation of \$148,000 from the next round of Roads Program.

Decisions from the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24 March 2020 include that the Finance Committee:

- Receives and notes the successful bid for additional funding under the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) Growth Funding 2019/2020;

Decisions from the Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29 April 2020 include that Council:

- Receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- Approves the recommendations from the Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting held on 2 April 2020; and
- Approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on 7 April 2020;
- Provides permission for the Larrimah Progress Association to construct a World War II Memorial Fence/Wall on part of "One Chain Street" road reserve in the township of Larrimah;
- Adopts the second revision Amended Budget for 2019/2020;
- Approves the amendments to HR004 Recruitment and Selection Policy;
- Notes the report in relation to budget preparations for 2020/2021;
- Delegates authority to the Finance Committee to approve the final draft 2020/2021 budget on the 27 May 2020 and to release it for public consultation;

- Receives and notes the report on the Risk Assessment carried out on the Jolly Jumper – Jumping Castle located in Mataranka and approves the disposal of the Jolly Jumper – Jumping Castle;
- Approves the allocation of an additional \$1,000,000 to the Roads Future Fund as recommended by the Roads Committee on 24 March 2020 and the Chief Executive Officer. The program allocation of \$148,000 for Minyerri Roads is included in this amount;
- Approves the Roads Committee recommendation to allocate \$327,957 from the Roads Future Fund for the Mataranka Cemetery Carpark to commence immediately;
- Receives and notes the Mataranka Cemetery Carpark design update.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

17 June 2020	10:00am	Audit Committee Meeting	Katherine Support Centre
24 June 2020	8:30am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Katherine Support Centre
22 July 2020	8:30am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Katherine Support Centre
25 August 2020	8:30am 10:00am	Roads Committee Meeting Finance Committee Meeting	Katherine Support Centre

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.3
TITLE	Regional Plan Review
REFERENCE	923427
AUTHOR	Prudence LANE, Communications Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the draft Regional Plan 2020/2021.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act requires that every year between 1 April – 31 July, Council is to prepare a Regional Plan of the activities it will undertake within the Roper Gulf Regional Area, in the next financial year. Because of the impact of COVID-19, the Department of Local Government has advised that the Regional Plan for 2020/2021 need only meet the compliance requirements.

Council has now prepared the first draft of the Roper Gulf Regional Council 2020/2021 Regional Plan. The Act also requires that a draft of the Regional Plan must be available on the website and that Council advertise, both on its website and an appropriate newspaper that the draft plan is available to be viewed for 21 days and that submissions are welcomed.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The Draft Plan will be made accessible on Council's website and available at Council's public offices for a period of at least 21-days from the date the plan and budget become available.

The draft Regional Plan shall be tabled separately due to size and formatting concerns.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.4
TITLE	Minyerri - Rubbish Collection Rates and Fees
REFERENCE	925073
AUTHOR	Sharon HILLEN, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the report regarding the Minyerri Rubbish Collection Rates and Fees.

BACKGROUND

As required by the Local Government Act 2008, Roper Gulf Regional Council makes an annual rates declaration informing all landholders of its annual rates and fees and charges.

Council includes in its annual rates declaration a Waste Management/Garbage Collection Charge. Council currently charges the landholder a flat annual fees of \$426.58 per bin multiplied by the number of collections in a week.

The majority of landholders require 1 bin service per house and Alawa are providing a daily service to all households.

Any revenue raised by Council through its fees and charges in the rates declaration as per the current Regional Plan are incorporated into the annual service fee provided to the Alawa Aboriginal Corporation to deliver Local Government Services.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Roper Gulf Regional Council will need to charge the landlords in Minyerri for this Waste Collection in accordance with scheduled fees and charges.

This may prompt the landlord to renegotiate the number of collection required.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council funds Alawa Aboriginal Corporation an annual fee of \$365,648 to deliver local government services including Waste Management curb side pickups.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.5
TITLE	Council Financial Report 30.04.20
REFERENCE	925392
AUTHOR	Elvisen SOUNDRON, Management Accountant (Acting)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 April 2020.

BACKGROUND

As per the *Local Government Act 2008* and Guideline 8, the Council is to submit a current financial report of actual expenditure against the latest approved budgeted expenditure for the Local Authority area.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

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

Corporate Services and Sustainability Division

The total overspend under this division is \$16,599. The main Activity contributing to this overspend is 314 – Service fees CDP (\$44,163). The Alawa invoices from May and June 2019 were paid in the current year due to timing in invoicing which is leading to an overspend.

Infrastructure Services and Planning Division

The total underspend under this division is \$28,328. The main activity contributing to this underspend is Activity 138 – Local Authority Project (\$38,649). Please to the project register for further information.

Community Services and Engagement Division

The total underspend under this division is \$59,862. The main activity contributing to this underspend is Activity 401 – Night Patrol (\$60,027). The underspent is mainly due to a delay in invoicing.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

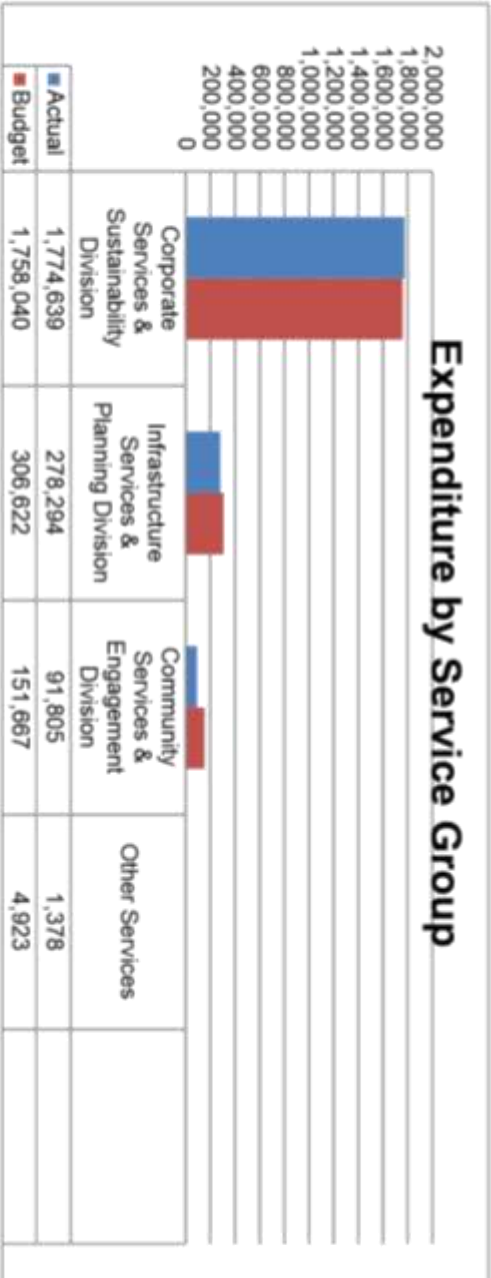
ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Hodgson Down Local Authority - Expenditure Report 30.04.2020.pdf



Roper Gulf Regional Council
Minyerri
Expenditure Report as at 30 April 2020

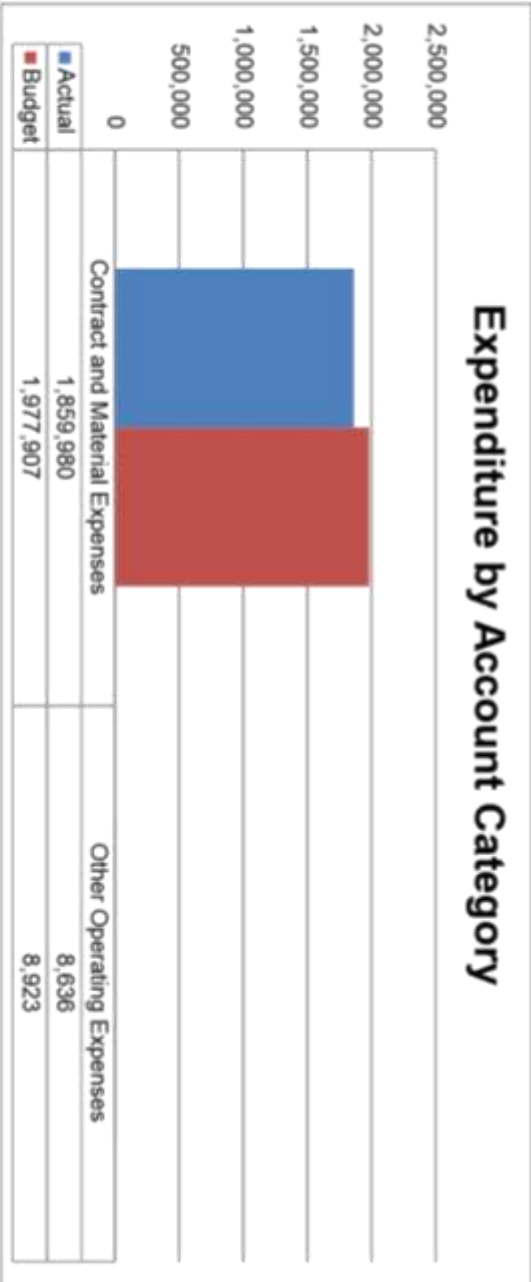
Expenditure by Service	April 2020 Actual	April 2020 Budget	April 2020 Variance	Annual Budget	Percentage of Budget Spent
Corporate Services & Sustainability Division	1,774,639	1,758,040	16,599	2,109,648	101%
Infrastructure Services & Planning Division	278,294	306,622	28,328	367,946	91%
Community Services & Engagement Division	91,805	151,667	59,862	182,000	61%
Other Services	1,378	4,923	3,545	5,908	28%
Total Expenditure	2,146,116	2,221,252	75,136	2,665,502	97%





Roper Gulf Regional Council
Minyerrri
Expenditure Report as at 30 April 2020

Expenditure by Account Category	April 2020 Actual	April 2020 Budget	April 2020 Variance	Annual Budget	Percentage of Budget Spent
Contract and Material Expenses	1,859,980	1,977,907	117,927	2,373,488	94%
Other Operating Expenses	8,636	8,923	287	10,708	97%
Capital Expenditure	277,500	234,422	43,078	281,306	118%
Total Expenditure	2,146,116	2,221,252	75,136	2,665,502	97%



Roper Gulf Regional Council Minyerrri Expenditure Report as at 30 April 2020



Activity Listing	April 2020 Actual	April 2020 Budget	April 2020 Variance	Annual Budget	Explanation
Corporate Services					
106 - General Council Operations	277,143	304,707	27,564	365,648	We have yet to receive and settle the NT OPS invoice for the last quarter of this financial year
314 - Service Fee - CDP	1,497,496	1,453,333	44,163	1,744,000	The May and June 2019 invoices from Alawa were paid in the current year due to timing in invoicing. This will potentially lead to an overspend at the end of the year
Corporate Services Total	1,774,639	1,758,040	16,599	2,109,648	

Infrastructure Services					
138 - Local Authority Project	201,306	239,955	38,649	287,946	Please refer to Project register for further details
200 - Local roads maintenance	76,194	66,667	9,527	80,000	The overspent is due to the current road upgrades. \$7500 was spent on the scope of works for Minyerrri. The total expenses is within the annual budget.
220 - Territory Housing Repairs and Maintenance Contract	464	0	464	0	This cost was wrongly allocated and has now been adjusted.
221 - Territory Housing Tenancy Management Contract	330	0	330	0	This cost was wrongly allocated and has now been adjusted.
Infrastructure Services Total	278,294	306,622	28,328	367,946	

Roper Gulf Regional Council Minyerri

Expenditure Report as at 30 April 2020



Activity Listing	April 2020 Actual	April 2020 Budget	April 2020 Variance	Annual Budget	Explanation
Community Services &					
355 - National Disability Insurance Scheme	165	0	165	0	This cost was wrongly allocated and has now been adjusted.
401 - Night Patrol	91,640	151,667	60,027	182,000	The underspend is mainly due to a delay in invoicing. The last payment made was for the month of December 2019.
Community Services & Total	91,805	151,667	59,862	182,000	
Other Services					
132 - Local Authority	1,378	4,923	3,545	5,908	The last meeting was cancelled and as such no expenditure was incurred.
Other Services Total	1,378	4,923	3,545	5,908	

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.6
TITLE	Community Development Programme
REFERENCE	925437
AUTHOR	Janette HAMILTON, Community Development Program Regional Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the Community Development Program (CDP) report

BACKGROUND

Alawa Aboriginal Corporation (AAC) have a sub-contractor agreement in place with Roper Gulf Regional Council (RGRC) for the delivery of Community Development Program Services in Minyerri Community. Agreement signed off by Alawa Aboriginal Corporation on 29 April 2020.

Current Minyerri caseload: 194.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The RGRC CDP Regional Manager and Assistant Manager visited Minyerri community 29 April 2020 to discuss ongoing service delivery and compliance issues with the CDP program in Minyerri, with AAC CEO Nerrale Arnold and CDP Manager John Smiler.

This was a positive meeting and there should be a marked improvement in service delivery moving forward. Compliance and contractual requirements were covered in detail to ensure all contract parties are fully explained.

COVID-19 has impacted on the service delivery of CDP as with other programs and services in community. Until further notice, all group activities for Job Seeker Mutual Obligations have been suspended. Job Seekers still have mutual obligations to attend appointments and stay engaged with their CDP Provider to ensure they are work ready. The majority of appointments have been conducted over the phone due to physical distancing required as part of COVID-19 restrictions. When Federal Government decides that group activities can return RGRC will advise AAC.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and changes to CDP program delivery, the Federal Government have implemented a new payment model for the duration of these restrictions.

Payments from April 2020 (these payments are paid in May) are to be 85% of an average of November 2019 to February 2020 payments.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.7
TITLE	Proposal to Upgrade the Road Connecting the Community and the Minyerri Local Store
REFERENCE	925796
AUTHOR	Sharon HILLEN, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority:

- (a) Receives and notes the roads upgrade proposal for Minyerri roads;**
- (b) Commits to allocating the 2019/20 and 2020/21 Local Authority Project Funding to Stage 2 of the Roads Projects; and,**
- (c) Supports the recommendation for the Council to commit an additional \$80,000 for survey and design of the Stage 2 Road Works to the Minyerri Shop.**

BACKGROUND

In 2019, Hodgson Downs Local Authority has nominated that the annual Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) go towards road upgrades in the community. The funding over the subsequent years has been used to reseal the road to the school, clinic and road to the children's' playground.

On 24 March 2020 the Roads Committee resolved to contribute to the proposed stage 2 Minyerri Road works to the local store, on the proviso that the Hodgson Downs Local Authority would allocate and compound its LAPF from 2019/20 and 2020/21.

41/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That the Roads Committee:

- (a) Receives and notes the proposal to upgrade the local roads in Minyerri; and,*
- (b) Refers to Council to approve the program allocation of \$148,000 from the next round of Roads Program.*

To date the Hodgson Downs Local Authority has not committed the unallocated LAPF to the road works. This report recommends that the Hodgson Downs Local Authority to continue to commit to road upgrades in Minyerri to complete the Stage 2 Roads Project.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

It is recommended that the Hodgson Downs Local Authority allocate the current and 2020/21 Local authority Grant towards Stage 2 Local Road Upgrades.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Hodgson Downs Local Authority has a current Local Authority Project Grant of \$86,000. If this is compounded with the 2020/2021 Local Authority Project Funding Grant, the Local Authority will have \$172,000.

The Roads Committee has allocated \$148,000 if the LA allocates its LAPF funding. Because of the severity of the drainage issue the Roads Committee will recommend that Council to allocate an additional \$80,000 for survey and design.

Local Authority Project Fund	\$172,000
Roads Future Fund	\$148,000
<u>Additional Funds required for Survey and Design</u>	<u>\$ 80,000</u>
<u>Total Funding required</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.8
TITLE	Local Authority Projects Update
REFERENCE	925979
AUTHOR	Sharon HILLEN, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update.

BACKGROUND

Since 2014 the Hodgson Downs Local Authority has received a total of \$464,040 from the Territory for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations are based on a formula related to population.

The current annual allocation is \$86,000 is for a Road to the Store. Expenditure to date is \$377,400.

Current Projects

The Hodgson Downs Local Authority's outstanding expenditure is related to:

- A deferral of decisions from last meeting to expend all funds and compound next year's funds on the next stage of Road Works.
- The local authority members wanted to take further time to determine what projects were a priority for community.

Unallocated Funds

The Hodgson Downs Local Authority currently has \$86,640 to allocate to new projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Attached report provides financial information

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 HD LA Project Funding 20052020.doc

Hodgson Downs Local Authority Project Funding - As at 20.05. 2020

Funds received from Department	\$464,040.00
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members	\$377,400.00
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects	-
Remaining unallocated funds	\$86,640.00

Project ID	Projects	Prjct Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Status
	Road to Town Store	\$86,000.00		Commenced investigation into cost estimates and additional sources of funds. Report tabled at LA Meeting. No decisions made on project.
	Total project budgets	\$463,400.00	\$377,400.04	