



**AGENDA**

**HODGSON DOWNS LOCAL AUTHORITY  
MEETING**

**MONDAY, 8 APRIL 2019**

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

- Monday, 08 April 2019 at
- The The Alawa Board Room, Minyerri
- Commencing at 1100hrs

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

## **HODGSON DOWNS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:**

### **List Members of LA**

#### **Elected Members**

- 1. Mayor Judy MacFARLANE**
- 2. Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT**
- 3. Cr Ossie DAYLIGHT**

#### **Appointed Members**

- 1. Jonathon WALLA**
- 2. James NUGGETT**
- 3. Samuel SWANSON**
- 4. Ken MUGGERIDGE**
- 5. Clive ROBERTS**

**MEMBERS: 8**

**COUNCIL: 3**

**LA: 5**

**QUORUM: 5 (minimum requirement)**

**PROVISIONAL: 4**

#### **Explanatory Note:**

***Meetings must meet a 'quorum' of 50% + 1 of all members.***

***If no quorum, but a majority of appointed 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 Local Authority.***

***A 'provisional meeting' does not have the powers or function delegated to a Local Authority, and it 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**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 5.1  
**TITLE** Confirmation of previous Hodgson Down Meeting Minutes  
**REFERENCE** 807035  
**AUTHOR** Prerna RAMAWAT, Governance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes Confirmation of previous meeting minutes.

**BACKGROUND**

The Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting held at the Alawa Boardroom, Minyerri on Monday 08 April 2019.

Attached are the minutes of the meetings.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

NIL

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

NIL

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Hodgson Downs Local Authority 2019-02-18 [796192].pdf



MINUTES OF THE HODGSON DOWNS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE  
HODGSON DOWNS LOCAL AUTHORITY AT THE ALAWA BOARD ROOM,  
MINYERRI ON MONDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 11.00 AM

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**PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Elected Members**

Cr Ossie DAYLIGHT

**1.2 Local Authority Members**

Clive ROBERTS

Ken MUGGERIDGE

Jonathon WALLA

Samuel SWANSON

James NUGGETT

**1.3 Staff**

Sharon HILLEN – Acting Chief Executive Officer

Perna RAMAWAT – Acting Local Authority Coordinator

Ashleigh ANDERSON – Governance Officer (minute taker)

**1.4 Guests**

Steven KUBASIEWICZ – Department of Local Government Housing and  
Community Development

Ken WALLA – Aboriginal Interpreter Services

Mickey BENNETT – EPP Student

Mathew ROBINSON – EPP Student

Seth HUME – EPP Student

Leonardo – EPP Student

Surinda – EPP Student

Stacey – EPP Student

Lilena – EPP Student

Shuwana – EPP Student

Jess MAGVIN – Minyerri School

Shirley NUGGETT – Minyerri School

Tarlana R – EPP Student

Tori DAYLIGHT – EPP Student

Savannah – EPP Student

Estherlita – EPP Student

Jolie – EPP Student  
 Lacesha – EPP Student  
 Lucinta – EPP Student

**MEETING OPENED**

Meeting opened with **Quorum** at 1144hrs

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

The Chairperson, Ken MUGGERIDGE welcomed the Local Authority, Staff and Guests to Minyerri and the pledge was read.

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority accept the apology of Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS HODGSON DOWN MEETING MINUTES**

76/2019 **RESOLVED** (Clive ROBERTS/Jonathon WALLA)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes Confirmation of previous meeting minutes.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**8.1 ACTION LIST**

77/2019 **RESOLVED** (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Clive ROBERTS)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the Action List.

Date	Agenda Item #	Item Description	Responsible Person/ Team	Status	Status Comments - Completion Date
22.08.18	ALAWA Business Plan	CEO Ken Mugeridge to follow-up to provide an ALAWA Aboriginal Corporation	DCS/ Ken Mugeridge	Ongoing	18.02.19 Ken wrote application to Alawa Aboriginal Corporation. Waiting for their decision.



Date	Agenda Item #	Item Description	Responsible Person/ Team	Status	Status Comments - Completion Date
		Business Plan and amend MOU with Council.			
11.10.18	Hodgson Downs Rubbish Collection Rates and Fees	DCS (Marc) to follow-up with RGRC's Finance Department regarding the collection of rubbish as part of the RGRC's rates notices and advise Ken Muggeridge (AAC) of amount collected and passing on income to AAC.	DCS/ Ken Muggeridge	Ongoing	18.02.19 No Further Updates
11.10.18	Sport and Recreation	DCCS and RGRC Grants Coordinator to consider incorporating Minyerri Sport and Recreation needs as part of any Regional Sport and Recreation funding applications.	DCCS/ DCS/ Grants Coordinator	Ongoing	18.02.19 Continuation of contract for 12 months, no additional funds from this contract. RGRC Acting Chief Executive Officer suggested to speak to NT Regional Remote Funding.
18.02.19	11.4 COMMUNITY LAND USE PLAN	Alawa and the Northern Territory Government to hold a Community Meeting to discuss the Community Land Use Plan in March in regards to potential locations of essential buildings, such as the clinic, morgue etc.	ALAWA Corporation/ NTG	Ongoing	Alawa and the Northern Territory Government to hold a Community Meeting to discuss the Community Land Use Plan in March in regards to potential locations of essential buildings, such as the Clinic, Morgue etc.

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE***Nil***OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE***Nil*

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

**GENERAL BUSINESS****11.1 ELECTED MEMBERS REPORT**

78/2019 RESOLVED (Ken MUGGERIDGE/Jonathon WALLA)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.

**11.2 THE DRAFT BURIAL AND CREMATION BILL 2018 REPORT - DHCD**

79/2019 RESOLVED (Samuel SWANSON/James NUGGET)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes The Draft Burial and Cremation Bill 2018 report.

**11.3 LAPF ACQUITTALS**

80/2019 RESOLVED (Jonathon WALLA/Samuel SWANSON)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the 2017-18 LAPF Certification Form, signed by the CEO on 12 December 2018.

**11.4 COMMUNITY LAND USE PLAN**

81/2019 RESOLVED (James NUGGET/Samuel SWANSON)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes Community Land Use Plan Report.

*Action: Alawa and the Northern Territory Government to hold a Community Meeting to discuss the Community Land Use Plan in March in regards to potential locations of essential buildings, such as the clinic, morgue etc.*

**11.5 GUIDELINE 8**

82/2019 RESOLVED (Ken MUGGERIDGE/Samuel SWANSON)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the revised Ministerial Guideline 8: Regional Councils and Local Authorities.

**11.6 PROJECT FUNDING GUIDELINES**

83/2019 RESOLVED (Clive ROBERTS/Ken MUGGERIDGE)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes LA Project Funding Guidelines.

**11.7 HODGSON DOWNS LOCAL AUTHORITY RGRC FINANCIAL REPORT Q2 2018-19  
& PROJECT REGISTER UPDATE**

84/2019 RESOLVED (Clive ROBERTS/Jonathon WALLA)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes Financial (Expenditure) Report for the second Quarter of 2018-19 financial year;
- (b) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes LA Project Register Update Report as at 31 January 2019;
- (c) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority allocates all remaining funds of \$114,666 to the upgrade of local roads in Minyerri.

**12 OTHER BUSINESS****12.1 CDP**

- (a) Sharon HILLEN Acting Chief Executive Officer provided information regarding the CDP contract being administered by JAWOYN and RISE for Central Arnhem Region, Hodgson Downs CDP Program will remain under Roper Gulf Regional Council.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 1315 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE  
Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Monday, 18 February 2019  
AND CONFIRMED Monday, 29 April 2019.

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Chairperson

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**ITEM NUMBER** 8.1  
**TITLE** Action List  
**REFERENCE** 809736  
**AUTHOR** Prerna RAMAWAT, Governance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	11.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Enrol to vote - Your Voice, Your Community
<b>REFERENCE</b>	806237
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Perna RAMAWAT, Governance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes Enrol to vote – Your Voice, Your Community Report.**

**BACKGROUND**

This report is to give you information about your electoral rights, responsibilities and processes.

**URBAN/ENROLMENT**

- Are you enrolled to vote? Are your Medicare details correct and up to date?
- Being included on the electoral roll matters, and using your voice can make your community a better place for you and your family
- You deserve to be heard, to say what matters in your community
- High school students can register to vote at 16 and vote at 18
- Young people can help to make positive changes if they enrol to vote
- Enrolling and voting are compulsory for all Australians 18 years old and over

**MEDICARE**

- Your Medicare card helps keep track of how many people live in the Territory and where
- Correct Medicare card details can help the Territory receive more funding for better roads, better healthcare and better schools
- Updating your Medicare card details, or enrolling for the first time, helps the Territory population be correctly counted, and that means the Territory can receive more GST funding from the Australian Government
- More GST is one way we can improve services for you and your family

**REMOTE COMMUNITY/ENROLMENT**

- Are you enrolled to vote? Are your Medicare details correct and up to date?
- Being included on the electoral roll means you can have your say and help your community
- If people aren't enrolled, then governments may not know how many people really live in your community. Governments need this information to know what services are needed, like roads, health clinics, schools

- If people aren't included on the electoral role, or haven't got correct Medicare card details recorded, your community might be missing out.
- It is important for you, your family and your community to be enrolled. It is not hard to make a difference, if you need help to fill out the forms, ask your local Aboriginal organisations or council. People will also visit your community to assist.
- Updating your Medicare card details will help governments know how to best service your community.
- For more information, in your community contact NT Electoral Commission

NT Electoral Commission website: [www.ntec.nt.gov.au](http://www.ntec.nt.gov.au)

NT Electoral Commission: L3, TCG Centre, 80 Mitchell Street, Darwin.

Email: [nominations.ntec@nt.gov.au](mailto:nominations.ntec@nt.gov.au)

Contact: Greg Hibble – 89997623

Nomination form, Enrol to vote form and candidate handbook are available on the Roper Gulf Regional Council Website ([www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au](http://www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au))

### **ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

NIL

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

NIL

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Enrol to vote community 2019\_1.pdf
- 2 Enrol to vote community 2019\_2.pdf
- 3 Enrol to vote community 2019\_3.pdf
- 4 EF - Ecode NTEC offices.pdf





Enrolling to vote is  
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**OUR VOTE OUR FUTURE**

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Enrol to vote





## Enrol to vote or update your details

You can complete this form online today at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)


**AEC**

Australian Electoral Commission

You can use this form to:

- enrol to vote
- change your residential or postal address, and/or
- change your name

on the electoral roll for federal, Legislative Assembly and local government elections in the Northern Territory.

### Who can enrol and vote?

It is compulsory for all eligible Australian citizens over 18 years to enrol to vote. You are eligible to enrol and vote if you:

- are an Australian citizen, or a British subject who was enrolled on 25 January 1984
- are 18 years or older, and
- have lived at your address for at least one month.

Within three weeks of receiving your enrolment form the AEC will confirm your enrolment. We may seek further information from you and confirm your enrolment using any of the contact details you provide.

### Special enrolment

Special category enrolment forms are available if you:

- are temporarily overseas
- cannot attend a polling place on election day
- believe that having your address shown on a publicly available roll may endanger your safety or that of your family
- have no fixed address
- are in prison
- are physically incapable of signing your name
- are working in Antarctica.

### For more information

Australian Electoral Commission

[www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or **13 23 26**

Northern Territory Electoral Commission

[www.ntec.nt.gov.au](http://www.ntec.nt.gov.au) or **1800 MYVOTE**

### Returning your form

**Post** Australian Electoral Commission  
Reply paid 9867  
DARWIN NT 0801  
(No stamp is needed if posted in Australia)

**Fax** 02 6293 7619

**Upload** Upload your scanned signed form at [www.aec.gov.au/return](http://www.aec.gov.au/return)

**In person** To any AEC office

### Who has access to your enrolment information?

#### The Commonwealth of Australia

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is authorised under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (CEA) to collect and verify the information you have been asked to complete on this form. The information provided will assist the AEC to maintain electoral rolls.

The AEC may disclose electoral information to persons or organisations in accordance with the CEA. This may include:

- access to the publicly available electoral roll (containing names and addresses) which may be inspected at electoral offices
- state and territory electoral authorities
- Members of Parliament, Senators, registered political parties, and candidates for the House of Representatives
- approved medical research and public health screening programs
- any agencies, persons or organisations prescribed in the Electoral and Referendum Regulation 2016.

For more information on privacy, visit [www.privacy.gov.au](http://www.privacy.gov.au)

#### The Northern Territory

Electoral information including title, name and address, postal address, date of birth, occupation and gender is provided:

- to the Sheriff for the preparation of jury rolls
- to Members of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly
- on request, to registered political parties.

It is also provided upon request for medical research and health screening programs where the Electoral Commissioner believes the public interest outweighs privacy considerations. This information may include title, name and address, postal address, age range, occupation and gender.

### Help in other languages

عربي	1300 720 132 Arabic	Język polski	1300 720 143 Polish
中文	1300 720 135 Cantonese	Português	1300 720 145 Portuguese
Hrvatski	1300 720 136 Croatian	Русский язык	1300 720 146 Russian
Ελληνικά	1300 720 137 Greek	Српски	1300 720 147 Serbian
Italiano	1300 720 138 Italian	Español	1300 720 148 Spanish
ខ្មែរ	1300 720 134 Khmer	Türkçe	1300 720 149 Turkish
한국어	1300 720 468 Korean	Tiếng Việt	1300 720 152 Vietnamese
Македонски	1300 720 139 Macedonian	<b>Other languages 1300 720 153</b>	
中文	1300 720 142 Mandarin		

### If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment

Contact the AEC through the National Relay Service (NRS):

- TTY – 133 677 then ask for 13 23 26
- Speak and Listen – 1300 555 727 then ask for 13 23 26
- Internet relay – connect to the NRS then ask for 13 23 26



**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	11.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Land Use Plan
<b>REFERENCE</b>	811745
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Perna RAMAWAT, Governance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes Community Land Use plan report.**

**BACKGROUND**

At the meeting of the LA on the 18 Feb a presentation was made on the draft Community Land Use Plan for Minyerri.

Discussions at the meeting were on the areas identified for residential development and the plan of subdivision associated with that. Some concern was expressed about the areas proposed for a new residential area to the south of the community and how they intrude into culturally sensitive areas. In response the layout of the development has been changed and lot sizes have been reduced to approx. 600m<sup>2</sup> in area. See the Minyerri south plan.

The attached plan marked Minyerri west has been amended to reduce the lot sizes to between 700-800m<sup>2</sup>. This has significantly increased the number of lots that can be potentially be created (132).

Attached a plan that shows the changes that are proposed to the CLUP to reflect the discussions at the last meeting. I hope to have finalized plan marking the changes to submit at the meeting.

I have had initial discussions with Sunrise Health regarding the location of the clinic and the morgue. I hope to have a meeting with them in Katherine before the meeting and can report on those discussions at the meeting.

Unfortunately no community meeting has yet been held to discuss the CLUP and the location of a new clinic and morgue with the broader community.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

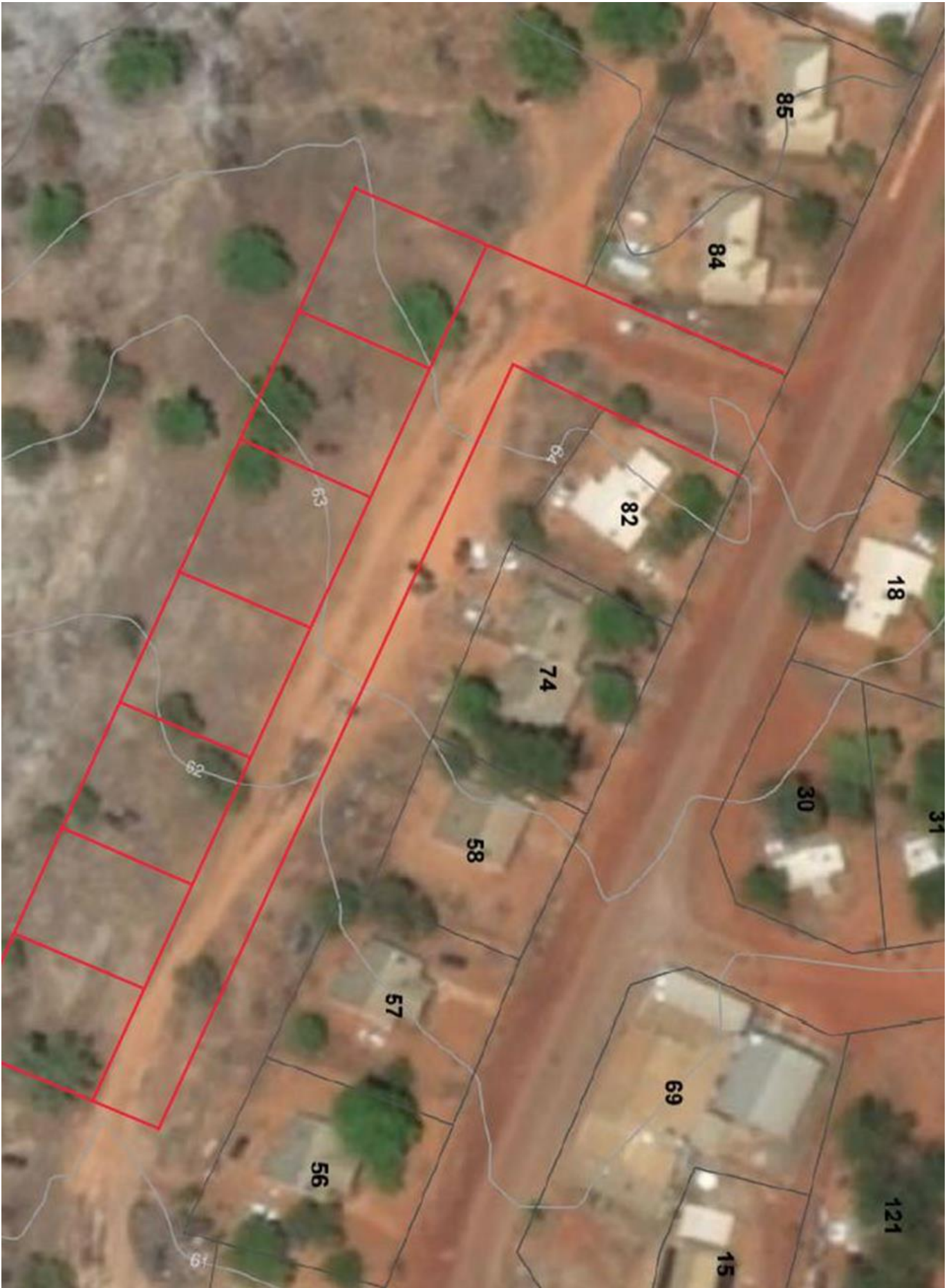
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**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

NIL

**ATTACHMENTS:**

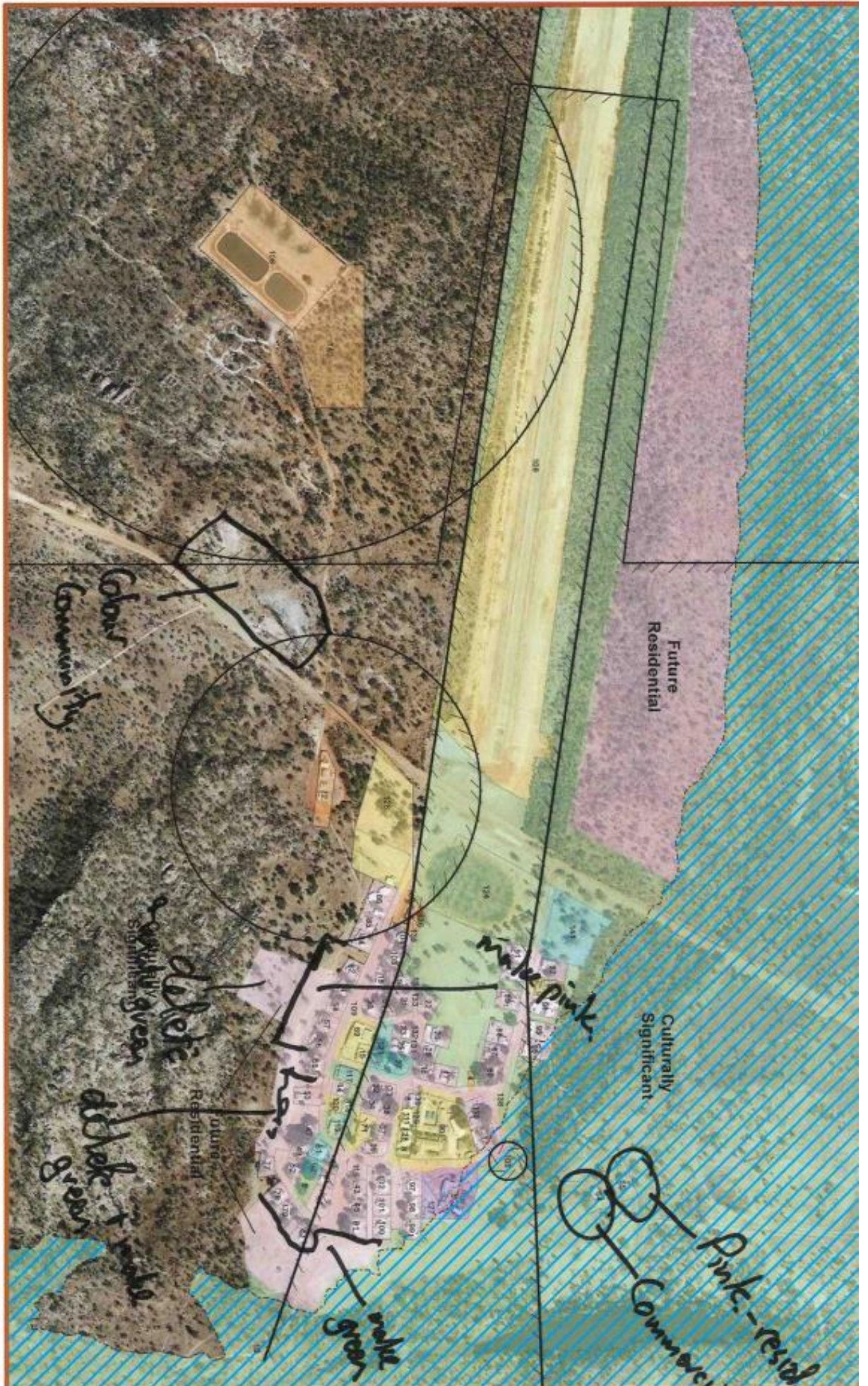
- 1 Min South V2.pdf
- 2 Minyerri west S D.pdf
- 3 changes to Minyerri CLUP .pdf











Aerial imagery 2011. The Community Land Use Plan guides development through the identification of appropriate land uses. Created by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Developed in consultation with stakeholders including the University, Traditional Owners, Land Council and Local Councils. Areas identified as 'Land Subject to Possible Inundation' and 'Development Constraint Areas' are provided as a guide only and may be subject to change. Independent



**GENERAL BUSINESS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	11.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Elected Members Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	812933
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Ashleigh Anderson, Governance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members Report.**

**BACKGROUND**

The Elected Members report provides Local Authorities with a summary of the Agenda items and decisions made at the Ordinary Meeting of Council since the previous Local Authority Meeting, with the aim to convey the information from those meetings to the community members.

Complete details of all Council, Committee and Local Authority agenda's and minutes, are available on the Roper Gulf Regional Council website ([www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au](http://www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au)) and can be provided upon request at all the Council offices.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

**At Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Mataranka on 27 February 2019, the full details are in the Ordinary Meeting of Council's Minutes on the website.**

**Decisions include:**

- That Council support the proposed removal of the Telstra payphone from Lot 268 Balamurru Street, Ngukurr, Northern Territory, 0852;
- That Council nominates Mayor Judy MacFARLANE and Deputy Mayor Helen LEE to attend the third Australasian Indigenous Family Violence Policing Conference on 19-21 June 2019;

**Ward Reports:**

- That Council receives and notes the following Ward Reports:
  - South West Gulf Ward Report;
  - **Never Never Ward Report;**
  - Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
  - Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
  - Numbulwar Numbirindi Ward Report.
- That council approves the following recommendations from the Never Never Ward Report:
  - Jilkminggan Local Authority – Minutes of 05 February 2019;
  - Mataranka Local Authority – Minutes of 04 December 2018 and 05 February 2019;
  - Hodgson Downs Local Authority – Minutes of 18 February 2019;
  - That Council appoints Phyllis CONWAY as a member of the Jilkminggan Local Authority;

**All approved recommendations from all wards are publicly available on the Roper Gulf Regional Council website.**

- That Council receives and notes the Rocky Creek Bridge Update;
- That Council approves the Northern Territory Government – Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL), to manage the tender process and

Project Manage the Construction Phase for the development of the Rocky Creek Bridge;

- That Council, in lieu of obtaining additional co-contributions from existing partners, guarantee the additional \$1.5 million for construction and contingency to complete to raise the bridge to 9.5 meters;
- That Council receives and notes the Mayor's report as at 19 February 2019, with amendments noting the Mayor's attendance at the inaugural Meeting of the Urapunga Local Authority on 21 February 2019;
- That Council receives and notes the CEO report for January and February 2019 with amendment noting apologies for the Nyirranggulung Ward Local Authorities and attendance at the Numbulwar and Urapunga Local Authorities;
- That Council receives and notes the update on Council's Roads Projects;
- That Council reviews the interests declaration made by Elected Members for currency and validity;
- That Council receives and notes the resignation of Councillor Keith RORY of the South West Gulf Ward;
- That Council receives and notes the Local Authority income and expenses update as at 10 February 2019;
- That Council accepts and adopts the new charges for National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for 2018-19;
- That Council rescinds the following policies:  
GOV027 Buy Local Policy, GOV028 Indigenous Procurement Policy;
- That Council adopts the following new policy:  
GOV031 Procurement Policy;
- That Council adopts the following revised policies:  
GOV012 Organisational Delegations Manuel (non-financial), FIN003 Purchasing and Payments Policy, HR011 Leave Policy;
- That Council accepts the funding offer of \$500,000 (GST Exclusive) for the Mataranka Aged and Disability Respite Care Centre;
- That Council accepts the variation to the Homelands Extra Allowance;
- That Council endorses the recommendation of the Community Grants Committee for Round 2 of the 2018-19 Community Grants Program;
- That Council deliberate on the allocation of remaining funds;
- That Council appoints Councillor Donald GARNER to the Community Grants Committee;
- That Council receives and notes the following outcomes:  
(Individual) - \$1,000.00, Arnhem Crows Sporting Association - \$3,000, Artback NT - \$6,000, Borroloola Gulf Show Society - \$3,000, Mataranka Better Half Club Campdraft Subcommittee - \$1778, Mataranka Better Half Club - \$3,000, Mataranka School - \$2,400, Isolated Children's Parent's Association - \$3,000 (full outcomes are published in the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council on the website)
- That Council provides in-principle support for the procurement of a Multipurpose Shredder by the Big Rivers Waste Management Working Group for the Big Rivers Region;
- That Council amends the Capital Expenditure budget to include \$80,000 for repairs to the Council's leased house at Lot 32, Jilkminggan;
- That Council receives and notes the report on the Barunga and Beswick Legacy Waste Site Issues;
- That Council approves the following persons for the tender assessment panel for the Bulman Infrastructure Upgrades: Director of Commercial Services, Director of Community Services, Contracts Manager and Projects Coordinator;
- That Council approves \$10,000 funding allocation for a dump point at the Daly Waters Township, pending further investigation for suitable site;
- That Council receives and notes the report in relation to the Mataranka Sports Grounds Toilet Blocks, noting that the upcoming Rodeo is in May;
- That Council receives and notes the past proposed motions to the National General Assembly;

- That Council proposes a Motion for the 2019 National General Assembly for ALGA to consider improving the essential services and agency infrastructure in the Region's remote and regional towns;
- That Council proposes a Motion for the 2019 National General Assembly for ALGA to look into future energy needs and costs for Regional Council's throughout Australia to build-up resilience to environmental factors;
- That Council adopts the new HR036 Appointment of the Acting Chief Executive Officer Policy;
- That Council receive and note the appointment of an Acting CEO pending the recruitment and commencement of a new CEO Report;
- That Council appoint Ms. Sharon HILLEN as the Acting CEO until the appointment and commencement of a new CEO;
- That Council receive and note the recruitment of a new CEO report;
- That Council appointment of the following people to the CEO recruitment panel: Mr. Nick KELLY, Mayor Judy MacFARLANE, Deputy Mayor Helen LEE, Councillor Donald GARNER, Representative from LGANT;
- That Council resolves to attend the Directors' course held by the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) in Katherine on 02 and 03 April 2019;
- That Council receives and notes the update pertaining to fencing at the Barunga Oval;
- That Council seek financial opportunities to fund the fencing of the oval;
- That Council receives and notes Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR's concerns pertaining to the cut-off procedure of Community Development Programme (CDP) participants;
- That Council receives and notes invitation from AFL NT Football Forum;
- That Council receives and notes the update on the Larrimah Bore;
- That Council approves a budget amendment to extend the hours of the Librarian position from 20 hours per week to 38 hours per week to commence 01 April 2019;
- That Council requests a report presented to it at its next meeting pertaining to Airstrips in Communities;
- That Council approves the sub-contracting of Night patrol services at Robinson River to the Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation;
- That Council requests an update form the Territory Government on the Weemol Sewage System to be presented at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council;
- That Council allocate \$100,000 (GST Exclusive) to the initial design, engineering and survey work for the Mataranka Regional Community Hub;
- That Council approves an amendment to the Capital Works Budget for the value of \$32,000 to install additional security measures at 63 Chardon Street, Katherine
- That Council approves the use of the common seal in the execution of the Head Agreement for the Community Development Program 2019-2022;
- That Council adopts the new CL012 Councillor and Staff interaction Policy with formatting adjustments;
- That Council rescinds 128/2018 appointing the Independent Members to the Audit Committee;
- That Council appoints Mr. Garry LAMBERT to be an Independent Member of the Audit Committee;
- That Councils seeks expressions of Interests from suitably qualified persons to become an Independent Member of the Audit Committee;
- That Council contact ORIC raising its concerns about JCAC's conduct and performance being contrary to public and community interest;
- That Council defers applications review to the Finance Committee for consideration;
- That the Finance Committee reviews the applications and presents Council with its preferred candidate for Council appointment;
- That Council requests a full report on 2 Crawford Streets spending, timeline and condition including antecedents, staffing responsibilities, involvement, decision-making etc. with full itemization to be provided.

**At Audit Committee Meeting held in Katherine on 06 March 2019, decisions include:**

- That Council investigates ratatability of land in areas known as Carpentaria Downs, Balbirrini, Bauhinia Downs, Pastoral leases of Spring Creek, Seven Emu Station and Managoora Station;
- That Council investigates ratatability of Commercial Enterprises on Aboriginal Land within its area;  
That Council has a report specific to updating the Rates Database;

**The Roads Committee Meeting was held in Katherine on 26 March 2019, decisions of that meeting include:**

- That the Roads Committee receives and notes the report in relation to the Roads Committee Action list;
- That the Roads Committee notes and receives the update on Councils Roads to Recovery Funding Allocations and Rocky Creek Bridge;
- That the Roads Committee receive and note 2018-19 Roads Funding allocation;
- That the Roads Committee receives and notes the Report on Roads near lot 208,209 and 210 in Barunga;
- That the Roads Committee moves the dates of the Roads Committee Meetings to be held at 0830 prior to the Finance Committee Meeting;
- That the Roads Committee note the report in relation to speed bumps;
- That the Roads Committee commits to installing two (2) speed bumps, 1x steel, 1x poly in the area of the Crèche in Barunga Community on a trial basis.

**The Finance Committee Meeting was held in Katherine on 27 March 2019, decisions of that meeting include:**

- That the Finance Committee receives and notes the ICAC Mandatory Reporting Guidelines;
- That the Finance Committee receives and notes the financial reports as at 28 February 2019;
- That the Finance Committee agrees to fund upgrades to make-safe the Announcer Stand at the Mataranka Sport & Recreation Grounds to the value of \$9,688.00;
- That the Finance Committee appoints the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Commercial Services, Director of Council and Community Services and Manager of Contracts to the tender assessment panel for the Borroloola Sports Courts and Borroloola Office upgrade;
- That the Finance Committee approves the Director of Commercial Services, Contracts Manager and 2x Project Coordinators for the tender assessment panel for the Ngukurr Playground Project;
- That the Finance Committee approves the Director of Commercial Services, Director of Council and Community Services, Manager Contracts, Projects Coordinator and Roads Coordinator for the tender panel for the Road Reseal Project in Larrimah and Daly Waters;
- That the Finance Committee approves the amendments made to the 2019 Meeting Calendar
- That the Finance Committee amends the size of the Ngukurr Local Authority to three (3) Elected Members and four (4) Appointed Members for a total of seven (7) members overall;
- That the Finance Committee awards the contract for the Bulman Community Infrastructure Upgrade Project;
- That the Finance Committee approves the disposal of assets via auction.

**Full details of all resolutions are recorded in the minutes and are published on the Roper Gulf Regional Council Website.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**



**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 11.4  
**TITLE** Animal Management Report  
**REFERENCE** 814709  
**AUTHOR** Alisha Sullivan, Executive Assistant to Director of Council and  
Community Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the attached MRM Report for the Animal Welfare Program.**

**BACKGROUND**

The MRM Report for Animal Welfare Program outlines the veterinary visits to Borroloola and Robinson River in November 2018 by Roper Gulf Regional Council.

The report discusses treatment delivery, staffing, educational services as well as the de-sexing rates of both communities subsequent to the November 2018 visit.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

NIL

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

NIL

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 MRM Report November 2018.docx



**Report MRM/ RGRC Animal Welfare Program - Veterinary Visit #2**

**Borroloola 5-10<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Robinson River 12-14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**



**Overview:**

The second MRM/RGRC Animal Welfare program was well received, utilised and supported by the Borrooloola and Robinson River communities, as well as the outstation communities via a self referral.

RGRC would like to thank all those who contributed to the smooth running of the program, in particular staff from RGRC, Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Association, and Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation.

The program was advertised one month prior to the visit, utilising co-branded posters (attached) around the communities of Robinson River and Borrooloola. This program was conducted as a maintenance visit rather than the large multi agency project of the April 2018 visit.

A door to door service was conducted in Mara, Garawa I and II, Yanyula camps and the subdivision. Blanket anti-parasitic oral medication was delivered to all presented dogs in Borrooloola and Robinson River.

Self referral came by way of a booking system navigated by the RGRC veterinarians and the RGRC administrative officers at Borrooloola.

Work premises were generously donated by Mabunji in Borrooloola, and RGRC CDP in Robinson River. The workspace in Mabunji was utilised as a veterinary 'clinic' for all other enquiries, operations, consultations and anti-parasitic treatments for the broader Borrooloola community.

Dates for the next vet program have not yet been finalised however it is likely to occur in April 2019. This trip will be of similar scale to the April 2018 visit, with volunteer veterinarians and a dedicated school educational component to the program.



**Treatment Summary:****Borroloola**

Total animals	# of anti parasitic treatments given Ivermectin and/ or Nexgard	Desexing surgeries performed	% animals desexed post visit #2	Other surgeries	C3 vaccinations	Seen by vet
332 dogs	135	22	Male 35% Female 68%	0	12	7
7 cats	7	1		0		

**Robinson River**

Total Animals	# of anti parasitic treatments given Ivermectin and/ or Nexgard	Desexing surgeries performed	% animals desexed post visit #2	Other surgeries	C3 vaccinations	Seen by vet
87 dogs	52	6	Male 69% Female 71%	0	1	4
37 cats	22	0		0		

**Staff involved:****Borroloola**

Dr Rebecca Burrie, RGRC veterinarian  
Ryan Timothy, CDP participant  
Jacob Harthshorn, RGRC employee

**Robinson River**

Dr Rebecca Burrie, RGRC veterinarian  
Clifton Jackson, animal management worker

**Local Employment:**

Unfortunately Mr John Adidi, the previous Animal Management Assistant, has gained full time employment in another agency in Borroloola. It is envisaged a small pool of trained casual workers will be developed as a result of the veterinary visits. Mr Adidi remains part of this pool and is happy to be contacted for future programs.

Ryan Timothy (CDP participant), and Jacob (RGRC employee) assisted the vet program in Borroloola.

Ryan Timothy, the Borroloola participant, has the opportunity to gain casual MUNS employment as a direct result of his work as a volunteer Animal Management Assistant with the vet team in Borroloola. Ryan had excellent dog handling skills and provided a valuable contribution to the team.

In Robinson River Mr Clifton Jackson has previously assisted in a CDP capacity. Clifton assisted the program again this visit and has now been recruited to the casual pool of MUNS staff to assist with future programs.

**Ryan and Jacob received vocational training in:**

- ✓ Database entry and management
- ✓ Handling of dogs and cats
- ✓ Ivermectin delivery to dogs
- ✓ Surgical skin preparation and sterile site maintenance
- ✓ Anaesthetic monitoring
- ✓ Post-operative care

**Clifton received vocational training in:**

- ✓ Handling of dogs and cats
- ✓ Ivermectin delivery to dogs
- ✓ Surgical skin preparation and sterile site maintenance
- ✓ Anaesthetic monitoring
- ✓ Post-operative care

**Education:**

Education in Borroloola centred on house to house discussions about reasons to desex both male and female dogs. The CDP and MUNS staff contributed greatly to the educational arm of the program.

Robinson River was experiencing a parvo virus epidemic on the arrival of the veterinary team. Untreated parvovirus is a significant welfare issue for pups in community, with most dying within 3-4 days of exhibiting clinical signs. Multiple deaths occurring from parvo virus at the time of a veterinary visit can create distrust in a veterinary program. Therefore an education campaign directed at understanding the parvovirus life cycle and the benefits of vaccination was conducted house to house in Robinson River.

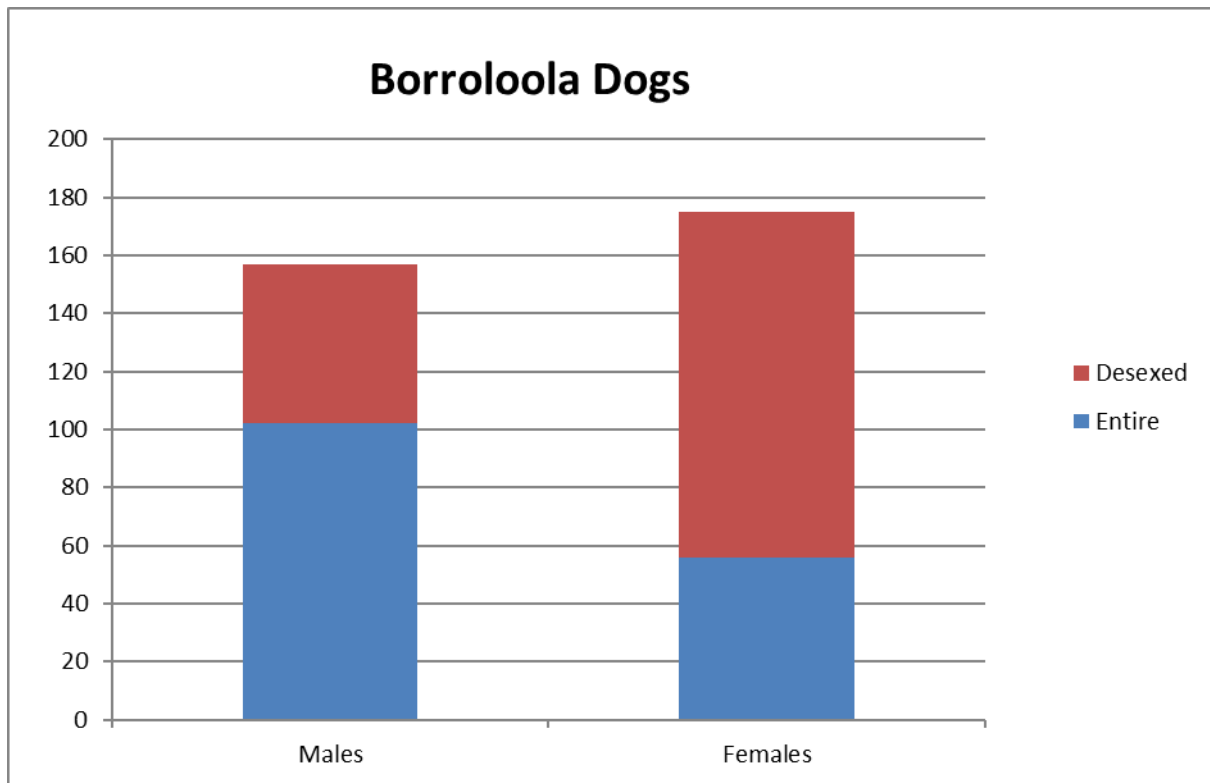


Figure 1: Borroloola Dog Reproductive Status by Gender

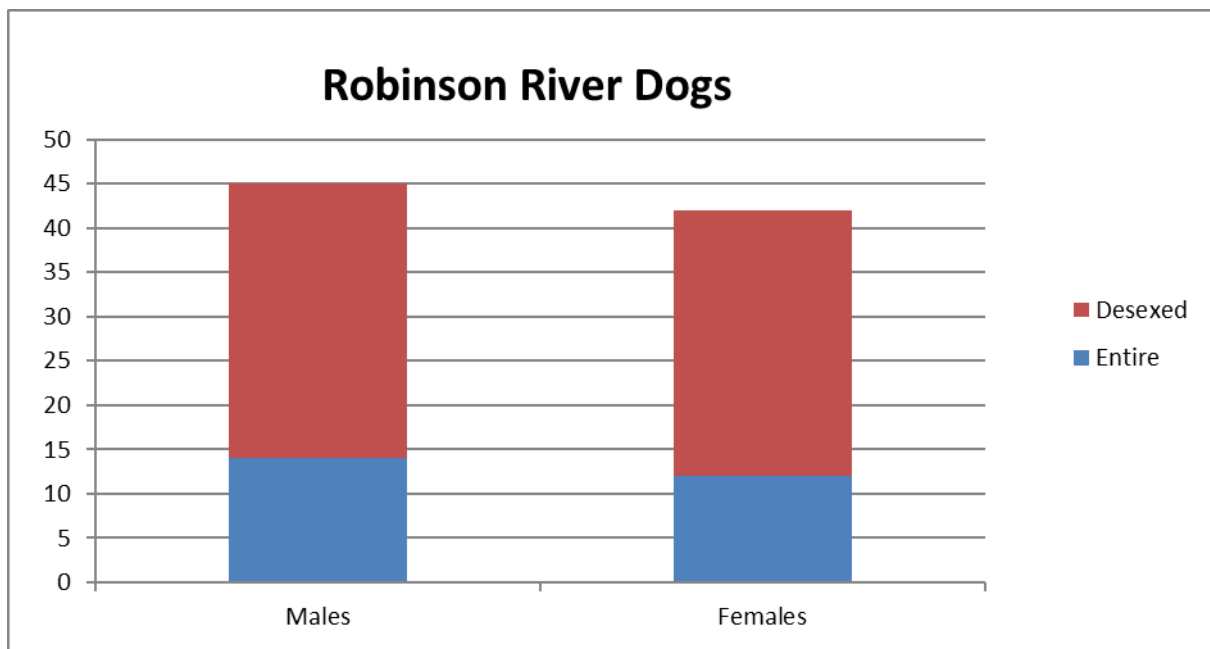


Figure 2: Robinson River Dog Reproductive Status by Gender

# Healthy Dogs, Healthy Communities



## VET VISIT

**Borroloola 5th—9th November**

**Robinson River 12th—16th November**

- . Desex your dog**
- . Tick treatments**
- . Worm medicine**
- . Health checks**

**Check with the Council office for more information**

**RGRC Vet phone number 04 37 715 926**

***Program available to permanent residents of  
Borroloola & Robinson River only***



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**GENERAL BUSINESS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	11.5
<b>TITLE</b>	Town Priorities 2019-20
<b>REFERENCE</b>	814806
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Cristian Coman, Manager - Governance and Corporate Planning

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority reviews its Town Priorities for 2019-20**

**BACKGROUND**

Council must adopt a Regional Plan for Financial Year 2019-20 no later than 31 July 2019. As part of the planning process, the Hodgson Downs Local Authority is requested to review its priorities for the upcoming Financial Year.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

The Town Priorities for Hodgson Downs as listed in the Draft 2019-20 Regional Plan are as follows:

**HODGSON DOWNS/MINYERRI****NEVER NEVER WARD**

**Location:** Hodgson Downs is located 270 kilometers south-east of Katherine, 80 kilometers off the Roper Highway.

**Outstations:** Kewulyi

**Total population:** 585 (2016 Census)

**Total Indigenous population:** 582 (2016 Census)

**Median age:** 18 years (2016 Census)

**Population change since 2011:** 19.63% increase (2016 and 2011 Censuses)

**Services:** Needs revision

There are three types of service delivery models operating in Minyerri; Council directly or indirectly delivery some services and other government agencies Roper Gulf Regional Council has two service delivery models in Minyerri. Council either directly or indirectly provides these service. Directly via RGRC staff on a fly in fly out basis includes: Territory Housing R&M - does not have a permanent presence in Minyerri, however delivers Local Government Services; Community Night Patrol, Community Development Program and Territory Housing maintenance via agreements and contracts with Alawa Aboriginal Corporation. All other services are provided by Alawa Aboriginal Corporation. Local Government Services delivered by AAAC on Councils behalf include but are not limited to, road maintenance and repair, and repair, traffic management, rubbish collection, maintenance of parks, ovals and gardens, and weed management. Airstrip maintenance and Other external con

OTHER SERVICE OR ADVOCACY ONLY		
PROJECT DETAILS	TIMEFRAME	LEAD AGENCY
Morgue	2019-2020	DLGHCD

Roads and maintenance	2019-2020	DIPL
Safe house – men/women	2019-2020	DLGHCD
Solar lighting for streets	2019-2020	Alawa
New dump	2019-2020	Alawa
Sports oval staged plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Score board for oval</li> <li>• Construct toilet block adjacent to the oval</li> <li>• Construct portable stands for spectators and shade shelter in convenient locations with a good view of the oval</li> <li>• Continue planning to secure grant funding to construct shade over the water park</li> <li>• Investigate opportunities to fund a S&amp;R officer with multi-agency partnership combining smaller funding sources to achieve sufficient funds to employ someone</li> </ul>	2019-2020	Alawa

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil

**ATTACHMENTS:**