AGENDA

NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

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

Tuesday, 20 September 2022 at 11:00am
The Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, Ngukurr
Or
via Video/Phone Conference
Call: (03) 9260 6977
Guest Pin: 6414

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

Marc GARDNER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

NGUKURR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
Elected Members

1. Mayor Tony JACK;
2. Councillor Owen TURNER (Chairperson);
3. Councillor Jana DANIELS.

Appointed Members

1. Robin ROGERS (Deputy Chairperson);
2. Michelle FARRELL;
3. Tanya JOSHUA;
4. Marcia ROBERTS;
5. Craig ROGERS; and
6. Roxanne ROBERTS.

MEMBERS: 9

COUNCIL: 3

LOCAL AUTHORITY: 6

QUORUM: 5 (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 lisin 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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15.1 Confirmation of the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting Previous Previous Minutes

The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Confirmation of the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	1292621
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ngukurr Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held 28 June 2022 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Governance: Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation, including in engagement with staff members, residents and external stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

The Ngukurr Local Authority met on Tuesday, 28 June 2022 and held a meeting with **Quorum**. Attached are the recorded minutes for the Local Authority to review.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The next Ngukurr Local Authority meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 06 December 2022 at 11:00am.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Ngukurr Local Authority 2022-06-28 [2041] Minutes.DOCX

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, NGUKURR
ON TUESDAY, 28 JUNE 2022 AT 10:42AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Owen TURNER (Chairperson)
- Robin ROGERS (Deputy Chairperson);
- Tanya JOSHUA;
- Craig ROGERS; and
- Roxanne ROBERTS.

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Debbie BRANSON, Executive Assistant to the CEO;
- John TEREPO, Acting Manager Community Projects and Engagement;
- Christine SMITH, Acting Council Services Coordinator;
- Tolisiale MAHINA, Senior Council Services Coordinator;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer.

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:42 with **QUORUM** 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

NUK Q-15/2022 **(Tanya JOSHUA/Robin ROGERS)** *CARRIED*

That the Urapunga Local Authority notes the absence with no apologies from Councillor Jana DANIELS; Marcia ROBERTS and Michelle FARRELL.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

6.1 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - *Councillor Owen TURNER*

NUK Q-16/2022 **(Tanya JOSHUA/Robin ROGERS)** *CARRIED*

That the Councillor Owen TURNER declare conflict of interest for Yugul Mangi.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

NUK Q-17/2022 **(Craig ROGERS/Owen TURNER)** *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held 08 March 2022 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

NUK Q-18/2022 **(Tanya JOSHUA/Roxanne ROBERTS)** *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the Action List report.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Municipal Services – Community Tyre Service; and
- Vocational Training - school leavers.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

Cr Craig ROGERS left the meeting, the time being 11:30am.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 STRONGER FUTURES ACT SUNSETTING

NUK Q-19/2022 **(Tanya JOSHUA/Robin ROGERS)** *CARRIED*

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

13.2 BIG RIVERS REGION LIVEABILITY SURVEY REPORT 2022

NUK Q-20/2022 **(Robin ROGERS/Tanya JOSHUA)** *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the Big Rivers Region Liveability Survey Report 2022.

13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

NUK Q-21/2022 **(Tanya JOSHUA/Roxanne ROBERTS)** *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

Cr Craig ROGERS returned to the meeting, the time being 11:53am.

13.4 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

NUK Q-22/2022 **(Craig ROGERS/Tanya JOSHUA)** *CARRIED*

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

13.5 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

NUK Q-23/2022 **(Robin ROGERS/Tanya JOSHUA)** *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority
a) receives and notes the Council Services Report; and
b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to organise the removal of the feral pigs by the VETS and Rangers.

13.6 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2021 - 30.04.2022

NUK Q-24/2022 **(Robin ROGERS/Craig ROGERS)** *CARRIED*

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

Cr Roxanne ROBERTS left the meeting, the time being 12:06pm.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07pm and reconvened at 12:35pm.

Cr Roxanne ROBERTS returned to the meeting, time being 12:35pm.

13.7 NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUND REGISTER

NUK Q-25/2022 **(Tanya JOSHUA/Robin ROGERS)** *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority:
a) Receives and notes the Local Authority Project Update report; and
b) Confirms the location for the outdoor basketball court to be included with the staged development in the north west corner of Lot 340 Ngukurr.

13.8 BOAT RAMP AND BOAT RAMP ROAD : MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

NUK Q-26/2022 **(Craig ROGERS/ Robin ROGERS)** *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority:
a) notes the report in relation to the Boat Ramp and Boat Ramp Road; and
b) recommends that Council instigate a project to upgrade the Boat Ramp Road upon completion of a new boat ramp.

13.9 POLICE STATION PARK

NUK Q-27/2022 **(Roxanne ROBERTS/Craig ROGERS)** *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority supports Council's application for a licence to maintain to the Northern Land Council for part of Lot 1646 in Ngukurr (Police Station Park adjacent to Jamanbuk Street) for the purpose of a public park.

13.10 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME UPDATE

NUK Q-28/2022 **(Robin ROGERS/Tanya JOSHUA)** *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the report National Disability Insurance Scheme Update.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 MUNICIPAL SERVICES – COMMUNITY TYRE SERVICE

NUK Q-29/2022 **(Craig ROGERS/Tanya JOSHUA)** *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority recommends to Council to investigate and provide a business case for a public tyre changing service to be located at Council's work depot.

14.2 VOCATIONAL TRAINING - SCHOOL LEAVERS

NUK Q-30/022 **(Roxanne ROBERTS/Tanya JOSHUA)** *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority requests the Chief Executive Officer to liaise with:
- Northern Territory Department in regards to Vocational Training opportunities in Ngukurr; and
- Australian Government in regards to the Community Development and Youth Connect programs.

15 CLOSED SESSION

15.1 Local Government Representation (Electoral) Reviews 2022

15.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION (ELECTORAL) REVIEWS 2022

NUK Q-31/2022 **(Craig ROGERS/Robin ROGERS)** *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority:
1) receives and notes the report in relation to the Local Government Representation Reviews 2022 and provides feedback to Council; and
2) makes this resolution public.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 01:10pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 June 2022 and confirmed Tuesday, 20 September 2022.

Cr Owen TURNER, Chairperson
Confirmed on Tuesday, 20 September 2022.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Action List
REFERENCE	1290648
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the Action List.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Governance: Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation, including in engagement with staff members, residents and external stakeholders.

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.

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

NGUKURR ACTION LIST

13.5 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT	**Report in Agenda?**
23/2022 That the Ngukurr Local Authority a) receives and notes the Council Services Report; and b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to organise the removal of the feral pigs by the VETS and Rangers.	*Underway - in consultation with NLC and Biosecurity – site visits to be carried out*

13.7 NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUND REGISTER	**Report in Agenda?**
25/2022 That the Ngukurr Local Authority: a) receives and notes the Local Authority Project Update report; and b) confirms the location for the outdoor basketball court to be included with the staged development in the north west corner of Lot 340 Ngukurr.	*Not required – project transferred YMADC*

13.8 BOAT RAMP AND BOAT RAMP ROAD : MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS	**Report in Agenda?**
26/2022 That the Ngukurr Local Authority: a) notes the report in relation to the Boat Ramp and Boat Ramp Road; and b) recommends that Council instigate a project to upgrade the Boat Ramp Road upon completion of a new boat ramp.	*No report in agenda – waiting on contractor to quote*

14.1 MUNICIPAL SERVICES – COMMUNITY TYRE SERVICE	**Report in Agenda?**
29/2022 That the Ngukurr Local Authority recommends to Council to investigate and provide a business case for a public tyre changing service to be located at Council's work depot.	*Not in the agenda – CSC and Area Manager preparing a business case*

14.2 VOCATIONAL TRAINING - SCHOOL LEAVERS	**Report in Agenda?**
30/022 That the Ngukurr Local Authority requests the Chief Executive Officer to liaise with: • Northern Territory Department in regards to Vocational Training opportunities in Ngukurr; and • Australian Government in regards to the Community Development and Youth Connect programs.	*Meeting held with NIAA re funding agreement – ongoing negotiations*

14.5 STREET LIGHTS AND BLACK SPOT AUDIT	Report in Agenda?
That the Ngukurr Local Authority requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to investigate the status and condition of all street lights in Ngukurr including; - Existing fixed street lights - All solar lights Furthermore, the Acting Chief Executive Office is requested to undertake a black spot audit to ascertain locations in need of street lighting.	*Completed and solar lights on order*

14.1 OUTSTATION ROADS RESOLVED	Report in Agenda?
That the Council contact the NLC and apply to ABA funding to repair and upgrade Outstation access roads in the region.	*No – however issue raised with NT Government and advocating for funding*

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.1

TITLE Re-Election of Chairperson

REFERENCE 1286683

AUTHOR Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ngukurr Local Authority;
(a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson report; and
(b) elects … as Chairperson for a term of ...

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Governance: Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation, including in engagement with staff members, residents and external stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

At the 08 March 2022 Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting, it was resolved to appoint Councillor Owen TURNER as the Chairperson and Local Authority Member Robin ROGERS as the Deputy Chairperson both for the period of six (6) months.

The Chairperson of the Ngukurr Local Authority is a position of the Local Authority that requires dedication and a passion to support your community. The Chairperson is entitled to an increased sitting fee amount and will walk the Appointment Members and Public through the Agenda during the Local Authority Meeting.

The Chairperson can be elected for any of the following terms;

1. 3 Months
2. 6 Months
3. 12 Months
4. X Years
5. Elected at the end of every Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The Ngukurr Local Authority are being asked to nominate a Local Authority Member to be the Chairperson of the Ngukurr Local Authority.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Council Financial Report for the period 01.07.2022 - 31.07.2022
REFERENCE	1291555
AUTHOR	Manisha CHAMKUR, Financial Accountant

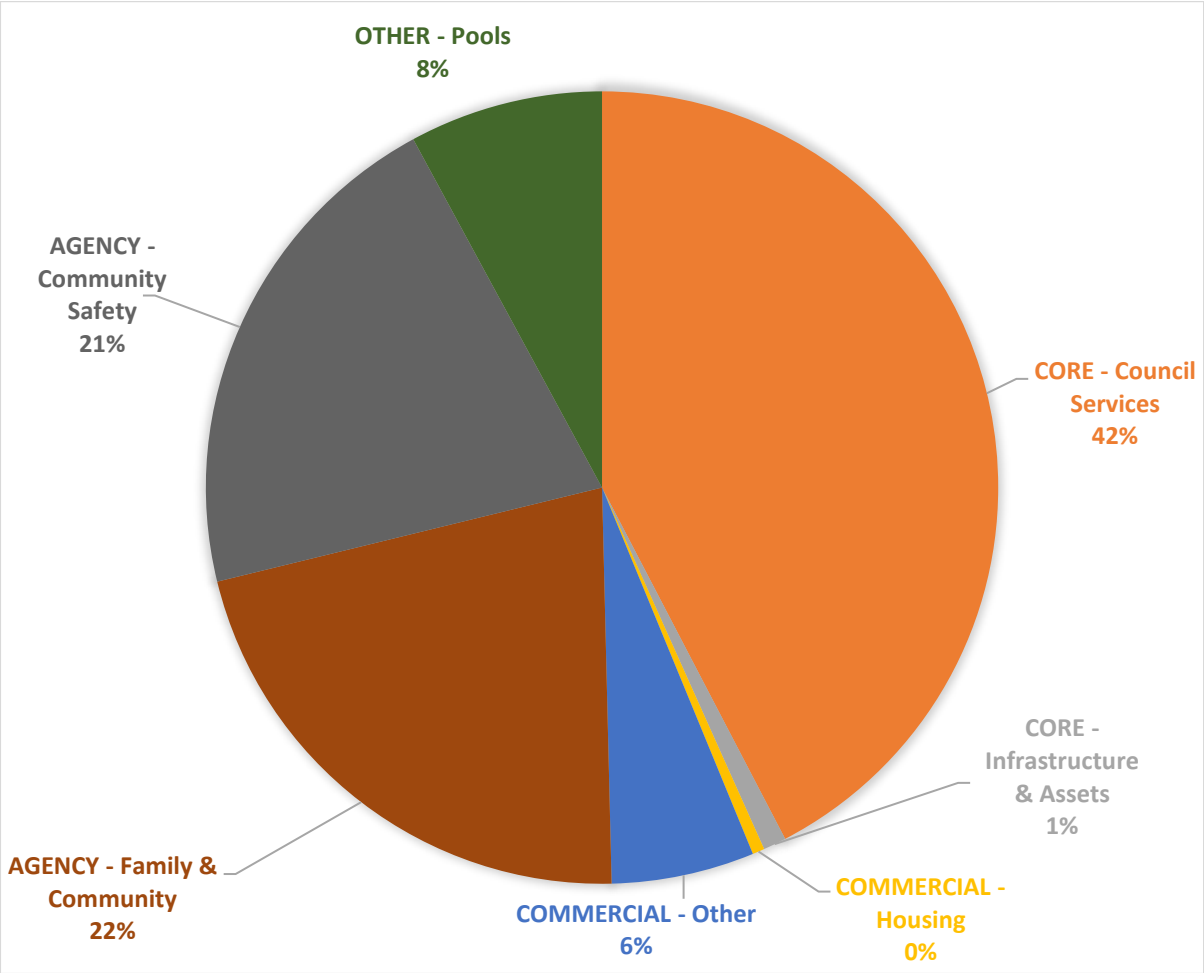
RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

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



ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

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

Operating Income:
Council received $13,457 in operating income for Ngukurr which is leading to a variance of $115,809. The major cause in variance is from Local Authority funding. Due to recent accounting standards, income can only be recognised from tied funds as obligations of the contract are met. As such as projects reach further stages of completion, income will be recognised from liability.

Operating Expenditure:
The total underspend in operating expenditure is $94,066. The major cause in underspend is from Contract and Materials. The underspend in Contract and Materials due to less expenses incurred for Local Authority Projects and road maintenance.

Capital Expenditure:
The total underspend for capital expenditure is $89,288. Please see the project register and attachment for further detail.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS
1 Financial Report 31.7.2022.pdf

Roper Gulf Regional Council

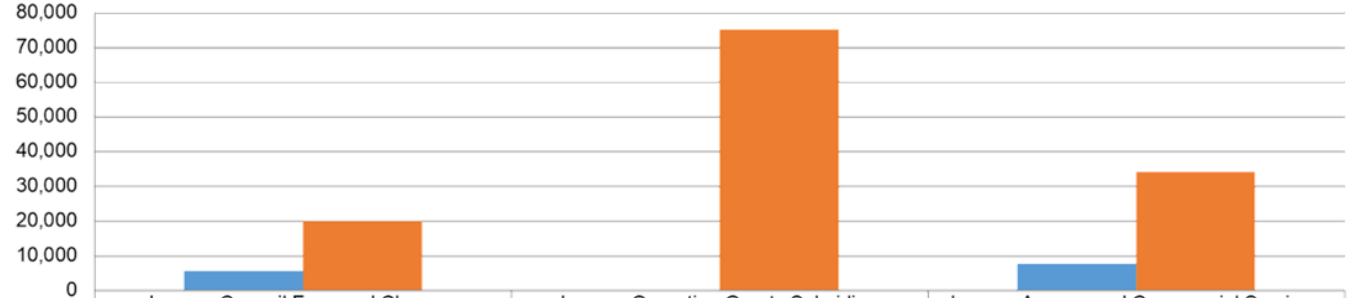
Financial Report as at
31-July-2022

Ngukurr

	Year to Date Actual ($)	Year to Date Budget ($)	Variance ($)	Full Year Budget ($)	Explanation
Income					
Income Council Fees and Charges	5,687	19,996	-14,309	239,951	The major cause in variance is due to less income received for property lease rental fee
Income Operating Grants Subsidies	0	75,207	-75,207	902,488	The major cause in variance is from Local Authority funding. As projects reach further stages of completion, income will be recognised from liability
Income Agency and Commercial Services	7,769	34,062	-26,293	408,748	The major cause in variance is from Aged care Home Care. Income received has been allocated in a consolidated account and the funds are being used accordingly to service clients in the relevant locations
Total Operating Income	**13,457**	**129,266**	**-115,809**	**1,551,186**	
Operating Expenditure					
Employee Expenses	204,436	174,368	30,068	2,092,410	The overspend is mostly due to new staff in Night patrol and Municipal services.
Contract and Material Expenses	3,424	91,732	-88,308	1,100,789	The underspend is mostly due to less expenses incurred for Local Authority Projects and road maintenance
Fleet, Plant & Equipment	874	10,279	-9,405	123,350	
Other Operating Expenses	7,030	17,681	-10,650	212,169	
Finance Expenses	0	17	-17	200	
Internal Cost Allocations	93,308	104,402	-11,095	1,252,827	The underspend is mainly due to less internal costs incurred for workshop services

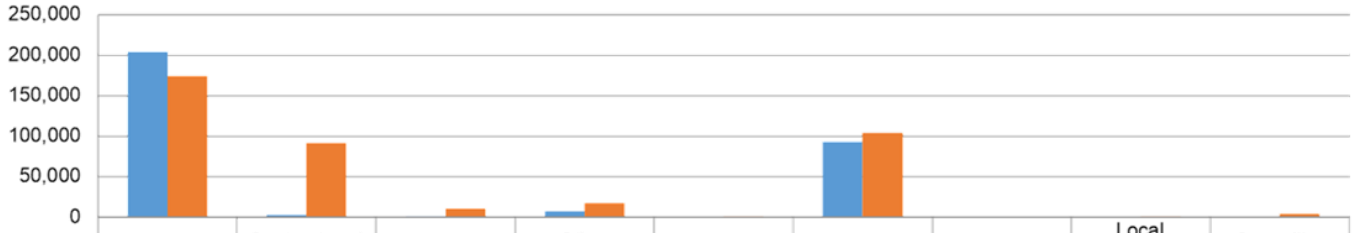
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	0	420	-420	5,044	
Councillor Allowance Exp	0	4,239	-4,239	50,872	
Total Expenditure	**309,073**	**403,139**	**-94,066**	**4,837,662**	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	**-295,616**	**-273,873**	**-21,743**	**-3,286,476**	
Capital Funding					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	**0**	**0**	**0**	
Capital Expenditure					
Capital Purchase/Construct Buildings	0	0	0	400,000	
Capital Construct Infrastructure	0	64,955	-64,955	779,461	Please refer to project register for further detail
Capital Purchases Plant & Equipment	0	24,333	-24,333	317,000	Fleet procurement is currently being reviewed and the infrastructure division is assessing the best procurement avenue to be utilised
Capital Purchase Vehicles	0	0	0	0	
Total Capital Expenditure	**0**	**89,288**	**-89,288**	**1,496,461**	
Net Operating Position	**-295,616**	**-363,161**	**67,546**	**-4,782,937**	

Operating Income by Account Category, Year to Date 2022-23

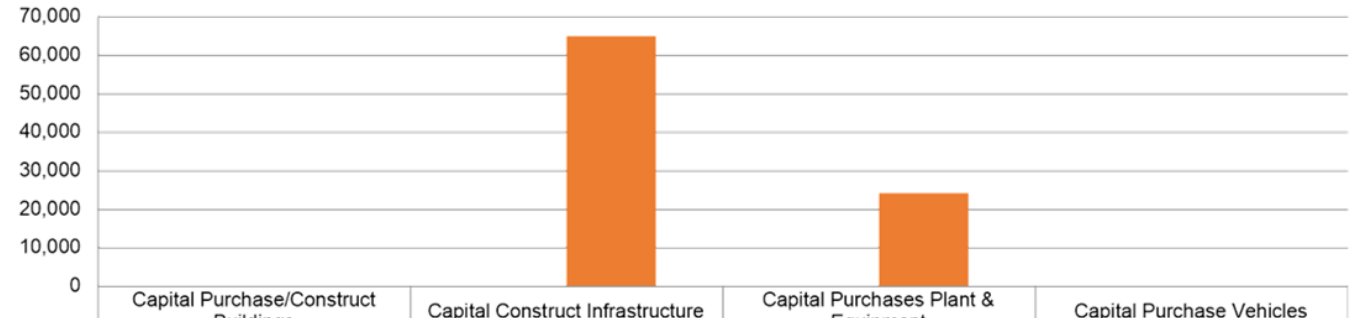


	Income Council Fees and Charges	Income Operating Grants Subsidies	Income Agency and Commercial Services
Actual	5,687	0	7,769
Budget	19,996	75,207	34,062

Operating Expenditure by Account Category, Year to Date 2022-23



	Employee Expenses	Contract and Material Expenses	Fleet, Plant & Equipment	Other Operating Expenses	Finance Expenses	Internal Cost Allocations		Local Authority Meeting Allowance	Councillor Allowance Exp
Actual	204,436	3,424	874	7,030	0	93,308		0	0
Budget	174,368	91,732	10,279	17,681	17	104,402		420	4,239



	Capital Purchase/Construct Buildings	Capital Construct Infrastructure	Capital Purchases Plant & Equipment	Capital Purchase Vehicles
Actual	0	0	0	0
Budget	0	64,955	24,333	0

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.2
TITLE	Ngukurr Sport and Recreation Hall - Internal Refubishment
REFERENCE	1293153
AUTHOR	Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure Services & Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ngukurr Local Authority:

a) receives and note the report entitled Ngukurr Sport and Recreation Hall – Internal Refurbishment; and

b) allocates the recent Local Authority Funding amount of $169,200 towards the internal refurbishment of the Sport and Recreation Hall.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Wellbeing: Contribute to the wellbeing of residents individually and communities as a whole; by fostering increased participation in community activities, education, healthy lifestyles, and a safe living environment.

Infrastructure: Support building and maintaining community infrastructure which positively contributes to resident needs and aspirations.

Economic Development: Foster strengthening and growing jobs, industries, and investment attraction.

BACKGROUND

A recent asset audit identified a number of outstanding repairs and maintenance needs for the Sport & Recreation Hall at Ngukurr. Despite a recent undertaking by NTG to finalise an internal upgrade of the Hall to enable the asset's use for emergency accommodation during a cyclone event, the only apparent improvements seem to be the electricity switchboard upgrade.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The Ngukurr Sport & Recreation Hall is a key asset in the community. The Hall's use is daily, multiple times of day/evening and events are regularly held to host visiting teams.

The Projects Team have identified a priority of works required:

Commercial sized fans x 2 (supply and install)
Basketball court resurface & line marking
Basketball court back boards & nets (supply and install)
Internal lighting upgrades
Ablution block to connect into Aged Care services (next door).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Local Authority is requested to consider allocating the recently received amount of LA Funding $169,200 to this project. The Projects Team are in the process of sourcing quotes to determine amount needed to complete the refurbishment. The Grants Coordinator is also sourcing opportunities for grant funding to support the project.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 13.3

TITLE Local Authority Member Attendance Report

REFERENCE 1292616

AUTHOR Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ngukurr Local Authority;
a) receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report; and
b) considers the revoking of membership from Local Authority Member Marcia ROBERTS.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 2019*, deals with Local Authority Administration Members may be removed from a Local Authority if they are absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without authorisation.

Ngukurr Local Authority Meetings Member Attendance

Local Authority Meeting Members	09 December 2021	08 March 2022	07 June 2022	28 June 2022	06 September 2022
Mayor Tony Jack	Cancelled	P	Meeting Postponed	P	Meeting Postponed
Councilor Owen Turner	-	P	-	P	-
Councilor Jana Daniels	-	AP	-	NO AP	-
Robin Rogers	-	P	-	P	-
Michelle Farrell	-	P	-	NO AP	-
Tanya Joshua	-	P	-	P	-
Marcia Roberts	-	NO AP	-	NO AP	-
Craig Rogers	-	P	-	P	-
Roxanne Roberts	-	-	-	P	-

Key
P Present at LA
AP Apology given and accepted by LA
NO AP Did not attend LA and did not tender any apologies

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.4
TITLE	Ngukurr Local Authority Project Fund Register
REFERENCE	1292740
AUTHOR	Puspa KARKI, Executive Assistant Community Services and Engagement

RECOMMENDATION
That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Project Update report.

BACKGROUND
Since 2014 the Ngukurr Local Authority has received a total of $1,191,091.00 from the Northern Territory Government, Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development in Local Authority Project Funding. Annual allocations are based on a formula related to population. Council has also allocated $100,831 to cover the recovery by the NT government of unspent LA project funding.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT
Current Projects
The Local Authority has allocated funds to the following projects:

- **Outdoor Stage Area** (and communal mural/ball wall and community graffiti board) at the town oval on Lot 340. Yugul Mangi has expressed an interest in taking in the S19 lease for the oval and will be approached to be involved in the project once that is finalised. The Council has received support from the NLC to construct this asset without a lease in place.
- **New Basket Ball Court** –The Local Authority confirmed the outdoor basketball court to be included with the staged development in the North West corner of Lot 340. The Council has received support from the NLC to construct this asset without a lease in place and will approach Yugul Mangi to undergo the works.
- **Sport Courts Project –** Designs received for the drainage works have not been accepted as impractical and new plans are being prepared.
- **Town Beautification Report –** The project needs to be included in a whole of town precinct plan to be properly scoped.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil

Unallocated Funds
There is $169,200.00 of unallocated funding.

ATTACHMENTS:
1 LA Projects 310722 Attachment Ngukurr.pdf

Ngukurr Local Authority Project Funding — 31 July 2022

Funds received from Department	$	1,191,091.00
Allocated by Council	$	100,831.00
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members	$	1,131,682.61
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects	$	8,960.61
Remaining Unallocated funds	**$**	**169,200.00**

Date Approved Project ID	Projects	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Status
Pre 2017 2013802	Outdoor Stage Area and communal mural/ball wall at Oval & Community Graffiti board	$ 166,000.00	$ 4,227.27	$ 66k allocated 30/4/2018. Project at the design stage. Location included in Oval lot for S19 lease. Support to construct received from NLC
30/4/2018 2013809	New Basket Ball Court	$ 293,641.00	$ 68,335.40	S19 lease needed. Outdoor court to be resurfaced. LA approved relocating the court to near store. Support received from NLC
29/06/2020	Sport Court Project	$ 170,000.00		$ 170k allocated June 20 - $ 150k from RGRC. Council approved in Budget 2020/21. Design for storm water drainage received and under reviewed
24/06/2021	Town Beautification Project	$ 165,156.61		Initial scoping has identified the need for a S19 lease on the proposed site of the new park
	Total for current projects in progress	$ 629,641.00	$ 72,562.67	
	Total for completed projects	$ 336,885.00	$ 327,924.39	
	Grand Total	**$ 1,131,682.61**	**$ 400,487.06**	

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.5
TITLE	Council Services Report
REFERENCE	1293308
AUTHOR	Cameron INGHAM, Senior Administration Support Officer

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND
CORE SERVICES

111 – *Councils Services General*

- Drainage: We are currently preparing for the coming wet season by conducting drainage checks, cleaning of gutters, inspections of wirings in all council assets and area's we are reasonable for.
- Fire Hazards: After an investigation of a grass fires that took place around the VOQ area and outside the Ngukurr School we will be carrying out regular maintenance checks to keep grass and weeds at acceptable levels. As well as ensuring all our vehicles have regular pre starts with the checking of fuel and water levels, tyre pressure and attached hoses.
- Roads: We are currently in discussions for the shoulders of the roads to be improved and fixed we expect the work to take place in the next 2 to 4 weeks and to see a marked improve of some areas within the community.
- Lighting: We have conducted lighting inspections and made reports on all lighting that it currently not working with in the community and are in the process of replacing and or fixing and identifying areas where lights could also
- be implemented.

160 – *Municipal Services*

- Heavy machinery trainings has been completed by 4 team members giving the team more flexibility and increased vehicle use by staff.
- A footpath is being created between MY CDP and the general store and the driveways are being improved during this time.
- Firebreaks are continuing to be conducted around the community. Some of the fire breaks have been increased and some decreased to improve the maintenance and decrease the chance that vegetation can establish in those areas.

AGENCY SERVICES

346 – Indigenous Broadcasting
Local broadcasting continues to be delivered successfully and widely listened to in the community. A focus is being put on increasing community involvement in the creation of content, with stakeholders encouraged to advise of any information they would like shared.

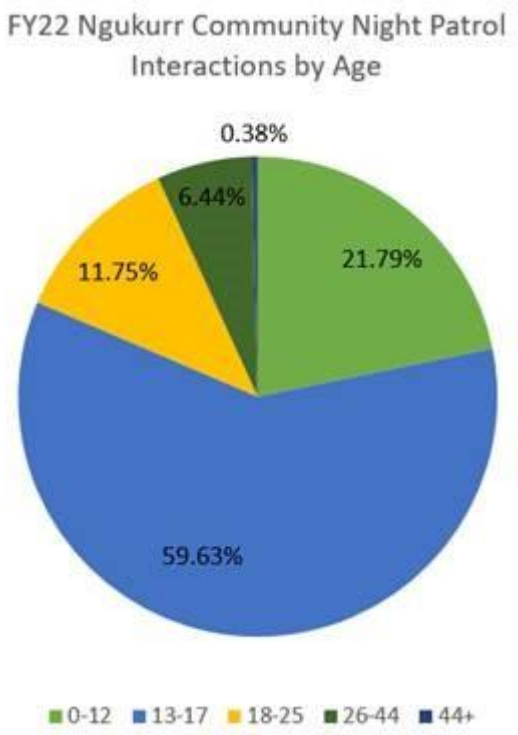
348 – Library
Since the refurbishment of the Ngukurr Library in late-June, utilisation of the space has increased. The space is now more versatile, with reading and learning spaces, public access PCs, and a video conferencing room.

350 – *Centrelink*
After the finical year ended the amount of clients seen every day has increased. The agents continue to help clients set up My Gov and link it with Centrelink. There has been a focus on

providing self service areas in the Centrelink office and utilizing the computers provided in the library. We are also in discussions to have a backup agent from our preexisting staff members.

401 – Community Night Patrol
Reporting for FY22 has now been completed. It shows that a total of 1,583 people were assisted, 25% female and 75% male. Over 50% of interactions took place with the 13-17yo age group. There were 60 recorded incidents of violence, fighting or disputes, and 23 recorded incidents involving alcohol, all other occurrences involved children roaming the streets.

The approval to operate the extended Night Patrol hours continues on a case-by-case basis to meet the needs of the community. As previously, costs for the extended operating hours need to fit within the existing budget constraints and be supported by accurate data.



404 & 407 – Sport & Recreation
Reporting for FY22 has now been completed. It shows a total of 1,543 people participated in sport and recreation programs over the twelve-month period. 99% were aged under 18 and swimming at the pool was the most popular activity.

550 – Swimming Pool
Maintenance and upkeep to the swimming pool continues to be ongoing. Pool opening times continue to be impacted by staff attendance, as the pool can only be opened when a trained lifeguard is on duty. Despite these challenges, swimming continues to be the most popular sport and recreation activity.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT
Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.6
TITLE	LA Project Funding Certification
REFERENCE	1293534
AUTHOR	Dave HERON, Acting General Manager Corporate Services & Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority approves the Certification of Local Authority Project Funding Report for 2021-22

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Governance: Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation, including in engagement with staff members, residents and external stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

The Council receives grant funding each year from the Northern Territory Government on behalf of each Local Authority to be allocated for locally identified projects. As part of the acquittal process the annual Certifications of Local Authority Project Funding reports are required to be presented to the Local Authority for its consideration before lodging them with the Department of Local Government.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The Certification is also required to be presented to the Council at its meeting.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1 LAPF Certification.pdf

Roper Gulf Regional Council

CERTIFICATION OF 2021-22 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING

Local Authority: Ngukurr Local Authority **File number:** _____

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2022

LAPF Grant 2021-22	$ 169,200
Other income/carried forward balance from 2020- 2021	$ 67,366
Other income/carried forward balance from 2019- 2020	$..... 563.087
Total Income	$ 799,653
Total Expenditure	$ 9,050
Surplus/ (Deficit)	$ ..790,603

We certify that the LAPF was spent in accordance with,

- the projects submitted by the Local Authority; Yes ☑ No ☐
- the LAPF funding guidelines; Yes ☑ No ☐
- the *Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulation; and* Yes ☑ No ☐
- the Northern Territory Government's buy from Territory enterprise policy. Yes ☑ No ☐

Certification report prepared by.....Dave Heron..... .30..../..08../2022

The local authority projects formed part of the agenda and minutes of

Council's ordinary council meeting and local authority meeting. Yes ☑ No ☐

Laid before the Council at a meeting (held/to be held on) 28/09/2022 Copy of minutes attached (Yes/TBA).

Laid before the LA at a meeting (held/to be held on) ...../...../20.... Copy of minutes attached (Yes/TBA).

CEO or CFO 3/8/22

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

Grant amount correct: Yes ☐ No ☐

Procurement – Bought from Territory Enterprise Yes ☐ No ☐

Balance of funds to be spent $_____

Date next certification ...../...../20__

CERTIFICATION ACCEPTED Yes ☐ No ☐

Comments

Grants Officer _____ ...../...../20__

Manager Grants Program _____ ...../...../20__

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.7
TITLE	2023 Australia Day Awards and Celebrations
REFERENCE	1293722
AUTHOR	Bethany O'SULLIVAN, Communications Cooridnator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ngukurr Local Authority:
(a) receives and notes the 2023 Australia Awards and Celebrations report; and
(b) call for nominations from within the community for a Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year for the regional awards; and
(c) coordinates their 2023 Australian Celebrations with Council's staff.

KEY OUTCOME AREA
Wellbeing: Contribute to the wellbeing of residents individually and communities as a whole; by fostering increased participation in community activities, education, healthy lifestyles, and a safe living environment.

BACKGROUND
On Australia Day communities across the Northern Territory present Citizen of the Year Awards in three categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

Sponsored by the Northern Territory Government, these awards are free for communities to participate in and recognise personal achievements and community contribution by individuals and groups.

At the Ordinary Meeting held 24 August 2022, Council resolved the following:

That Council:
(a) receives and notes the Australia Awards report; and
(b) registers the Roper Gulf Regional Council for the Australia Day Citizen of Year Award, Young Citizen of the Year Award and the Community Event of the Year Award in its entirety as a region as opposed to registering the individual communities; and
(c) requests a report to be presented to each Local Authority Meeting gauging their interest in participating in the Australia Day Awards.

Communities are invited to nominate members within their communities for each award and winners of those awards will also be entered in to the Roper Gulf Regional Council regional awards.

Each community are also encouraged to participate in Australia Day activities and celebrations. Council staff are available to help plan and coordinate these events.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT
Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.8
TITLE	Federal Direct Enrolment Update - Trial for People Living in Remote Communities
REFERENCE	1294661
AUTHOR	Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the Federal Direct Enrolment Update - Trial for People Living in Remote Communities report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Governance: Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation, including in engagement with staff members, residents and external stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is committed to improving electoral participation amount Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders by working with communities to make voting more accessible for First Nations people.

The AEC will be trialing Federal Direct Enrolment Update (FDEU) in the following communities:

- Barunga
- Beswick
- Borroloola
- Mataranka
- Minyerri
- Ngukurr
- Numbulwar
- Robinson River

The FDEU program is used to assist some Australians to meet their enrolment obligations, without the need to complete an enrolment application.

Roper Gulf will be distributing the information across the communities as well as tabling the information at all upcoming Local Authority Meetings.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FDEU easy read letter.pdf
2. FDEU factsheet.pdf
3. FDEU trial communities.pdf

Australian Electoral Commission

We will add you to the electoral roll

This letter is to tell you that the **AEC will add you to the electoral roll.**

The electoral roll is the **list of voters** – people who can vote.

We will put you on the electoral roll after **28 days**.

We will use the **address on the letter**.

If the address is correct, you do not need to do anything else.

If the address is wrong:

- fill out Box 1 and Box 3 of the attached letter
- mail the letter to the AEC at Reply Paid 9867 in your capital city.

If you believe you should not be on the electoral roll:

- fill out Box 2 of the attached letter and mail it to the AEC or
- telephone the AEC on 13 23 26.

If having your address on the electoral roll puts you at risk:

- telephone the AEC on 13 23 26.

When you are on the electoral roll **you will have to vote** in:

- Australian elections
- State elections
- Local elections.

Australian Electoral Commission FACTSHEET

Federal Direct Enrolment Update (FDEU)

The AEC is committed to supporting the electoral participation of all Australians. The AEC's Federal Direct Enrolment Update (FDEU) program is used to assist some Australians meet their enrolment obligations by applying trusted third party information directly, without the need for that person to complete an enrolment application.

How it works

The AEC is authorised under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* to collect information from other government agencies for the purpose of maintaining the electoral roll.

The FDEU program applies when sufficient information is available from other government agencies. We will write to you and let you know if we intend to add your name and address to the electoral roll or update your details.

You do not need to reply to the letter if the details are correct.

If the details are incorrect, you have 28 days to respond before any action is taken.

If letters are sent by the AEC, but people no longer live at the address then letters should be 'returned to sender', so they come back to the AEC and we know not to enrol that person at that address.

When individual details are provided to another agency, that agency will have informed you that your information would be shared with other government agencies. The external data received may include details of an individual's surname, given name(s), date of birth, and address.

That data is examined and matched against the electoral roll to identify people who are entitled to enrol and are not currently enrolled, and those who are entitled to enrol but require an update to their enrolment details.

Further information is available at:
aec.gov.au/Enrolling_to_vote/About_Electoral_Roll/direct.htm

FDEU trial

Federal Direct Enrolment Update

The Australian Electoral Commission are trialling Federal Direct Enrolment Update (FDEU) in the following communities in the Northern Territory, Queensland and Western Australia.

Locality
Northern Territory
ALI CURUNG
ALPURRURULAM
ALYANGULA
AMPILATWATJA
BARUNGA
BESWICK
BINJARI
BORROLOOLA
DAGURAGU
FINKE
GALIWINKU
GAPUWIYAK
GUNBALANYA
HERMANNSBURG
ILPARPA
JABIRU
KALKARINDJI

Locality
KALTUKATJARA
KINTORE
MANINGRIDA
MATARANKA
MILIKAPITI
MILINGIMBI
MINIYERI
NAUIYU
NGANMARRIYANGA
NGUKURR
NHULUNBUY
NUMBULWAR
PAPUNYA
PIGEON HOLE
PIRLANGIMPI
RAMINGINING
ROBINSON RIVER
SANTA TERESA
UMBAKUMBA
WADEYE
WARRUWI
WILORA
WURRUMIYANGA
YIRRKALA

Locality
YUENDUMU
MT LIEBIG
Queensland
BADU ISLAND
CAIRNS NORTH
CHERBOURG
COOKTOWN
DOOMADGEE
KIRWAN
PALM ISLAND
SOUTH TOWNSVILLE
THURSDAY ISLAND
TOWNSVILLE CITY
Western Australia
BROOME
CABLE BEACH
DAMPIER PENINSULA
DERBY
GERALDTON
NORTHAMPTON
PERTH

Australian Electoral Commission
As at 5 September 2022

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.9
TITLE	Elected Member Report
REFERENCE	1295845
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Elected Member Report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Governance: Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation, including in engagement with staff members, residents and external stakeholders.

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 – 24 August 2022

Yugul Mangi Ward Report

Council approved the reccomendations from the following;

- Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting **(QUORUM)** on Tuesday, 28 June 2022; and
- Urapunga Local Authority Meeting **(QUORUM)** on Tuesday, 28 June 2022

Due to the size of the Agenda for the 24 August 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council, it was decided to split the reports submitted to the Agenda and convert the following Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, scheduled to be held on 28 September 2022, to another Ordinary Meeting of Council.

There were no other direct subjects pertaining to the Yugul Mangi Ward discussed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE – 17 August 2022

The Audit and Risk Committee consists of;

- Ian SWAN (Independent Member);
- Carolyn EAGLE (independent Member);
- Claudia GOLDSMITH (independent Member);
- Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN; and
- Councillor John DALYWATER

There were no direct subjects pertaining to the Yugul Mangi Ward discussed at the Audit Committee Meeting.

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – 27 July 2022

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee consists of;

- Awais UR REHMAN (Independent Member)
- The Mayor;
- The Deputy Mayor;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Helen LEE;

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

The Committee was informed that Council will need to keep advocating to the Northern Territory Government to have the road sealed between Roper River and Wilton River bridges (the Council does not own the road reserve into Urapunga).
The Committee was also informed that Council has been advised that preliminary scoping works have been undertaken to build a bridge over the Phelp River on the Ngukurr – Numbulwar Road and that the project has been flagged in the government project's pipeline for future works (may occur within the next 10 years).

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 16 June 2022
Yugul Mangi Ward Report
No minutes from the Ngukurr or Urapunga Local Authority Meetings were tabled to the 16 June 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council due to lack of Quorum on scheduled meeting dates, therefore those meetings were postponed. The minutes of these meetings will be tabled to the 24 August 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Council approved the undertaking of a streetlight audit for Ngukurr and Urapunga. The outcome of the audit has been reported to the upcoming Ngukurr and Urapunga Local Authority Meetings.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

28 September 2022 at 8:30am	**Ordinary Meeting of Council**	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
19 October 2022 at 10:00am	**Audit and Risk Committee Meeting**	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
26 October 2022 at 8:30am	**Ordinary Meeting of Council**	Service Delivery Centre Numbulwar

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR

June	• Australian Local Government association (ALGA) – 19 to 22 June 2022 • Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting – 28 June 2022 • Urapunga Local Authority Meeting – 28 June 2022
July	• Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting – 04 July 2022 • Barunga Local Authority Meeting – 05 July 2022
August	• Mataranka Local Authority Meeting – 09 August 2022 • Borroloola Local Authority Meeting – 11 August 2022 • Audit Committee Meeting – 17 August 2022 • Ordinary Meeting of Council (Bulman) – 24 August 2022

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.10
TITLE	Traffic Signage and Freight Hub Usage
REFERENCE	1296366
AUTHOR	Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure Services & Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ngukurr Local Authority:
(a) receives and notes the Traffic Signage and Freight Hub Usage; and
(b) support Council in their community consultation to identify appropriate locations for necessary signage.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Wellbeing: Contribute to the wellbeing of residents individually and communities as a whole; by fostering increased participation in community activities, education, healthy lifestyles, and a safe living environment.

Environment: Protect and care for the physical environment, including developing and maintenance of clean and environmentally focused communities.

Infrastructure: Support building and maintaining community infrastructure which positively contributes to resident needs and aspirations.

Economic Development: Foster strengthening and growing jobs, industries, and investment attraction.

Governance: Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation, including in engagement with staff members, residents and external stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

The Ngukurr Freight Hub is not being utilised as intended. Since its completion in 2020, the Freight Hub has remained locked and articulated vehicles continue to enter the community.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The presence of articulated trucks in community presents physical risks to pedestrians among which are young children. In addition to this risk, the damage sustained to the internal roads by the high heavy vehicle traffic is significant.

Local Council staff will undertake increased community awareness of the new heavy vehicles access rules in Ngukurr. Local staff will actively communicate with local freight companies, store staff and other road users that enforcement of the signs will be occurring after a period of 4 weeks leniency.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The signage has cost Council in the order of $3000 and requires Local Authority and community input on locations. The Municipal Team will be installing the signs in designated locations.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Sign proof.pdf

SIGN 1 (OPTION 2)
600mm x 1000mm (X 3 DMR)

SIGN 2
2400mm x 1200mm (X 4 DMR)

SIGN 3
2400mm x 1200mm (X 4 DMR)

Sign 4

OP 1 : 900 x 1200mm
1.6mm Alum - Cl2 Reflective - + 4 Rails (DMR)

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	14.1
TITLE	National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Survey - Australian Bureau of Statistics
REFERENCE	1290732
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Survey report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Wellbeing: Contribute to the wellbeing of residents individually and communities as a whole; by fostering increased participation in community activities, education, healthy lifestyles, and a safe living environment.

BACKGROUND

A representative from the Australian Bureau of Statistics provide a brief overview of the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health survey that is scheduled to commence in Robinson River on 23 October 2022

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1 NATSIHS 2021 Uses and Users Card_Version 7.pdf

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Our Story.
Our Future.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey

Users and Uses

What is the NATSIHS?

The survey collects information about the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Focuses on health conditions, lifestyle factors, health service use, social and emotional wellbeing, and physical measurements

Includes people of all ages living in non-remote and remote areas

Why collect this information?

- To learn more about the treatment and prevention of chronic disease in order to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities now and in the future
- Understand the links between lifestyle behaviours, health and disease
- Monitor changes in health outcomes and disease prevalence over time
- Support the development of health and wellbeing programs, services and policies.

Who uses this information?

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and community organisations, and service providers
- National health industry and professional organisations
- Health and social researchers
- Government departments and agencies

'Our Story. Our Future.' was created by proud Wiradjuri, Wotjobaluk, Yuin and Gumbaynggirr artist **Luke Penrith** and Maluililgal people, Badu Island artist **Naseli Tamwoy**.

2018–19

Key findings from NATSIHS 2018–19

Top 5 health conditions experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

37.8% Eye/Sight problems

24.2% Mental and behavioural conditions

13.7% Ear/Hearing problems

12.6% Back problems

15.7% Asthma

More people reported excellent or very good health

45% of people aged 15+ considered themselves to be in excellent or very good health, up from 39% in 2012–13

Children are eating their fruit

Almost 7 in 10 (69%) children aged 2 to 14 years met the guidelines for the recommended number of serves of fruit each day

Fewer people are smoking

37% of people aged 15+ were daily smokers, down from 41% in 2012–13

People are using health services

More than half (57%) of children aged 2 to 17 years had seen a dentist or dental professional in the last 12 months

A majority of people (86%) had seen a general practitioner (GP) or specialist in the last 12 months.

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