



AGENDA

NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2019

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

- Tuesday, 22 October 2019 at
- The Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, Ngukurr
- Commencing at 10.30 AM

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

Phillip LUCK
Chief Executive Officer

NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Elected Members

- 1. Mayor Judy MacFARLANE**
- 2. Cr Eric ROBERTS**
- 3. Cr Owen TURNER**

Appointed Members

- 1. Robin ROGERS**
- 2. Ian GUMBULA**
- 3. Michelle FARRELL**
- 4. Tanya JOSHUA**
- 5. Marcia ROBERTS**
- 6. Vacant**

MEMBERS: 9

COUNCIL: 3

LA: 6

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



ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 851986
AUTHOR Ashleigh Anderson, Local Authority Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority confirms the minutes taken at the Ngukurr Local Authority meeting held on 13 August 2019 to be a correct record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.**

BACKGROUND

The Ngukurr Local Authority met on Tuesday 13 August 2019 at 10:00am and achieved **quorum** on that day.

Attached are the recorded minutes of that meeting.

The next scheduled Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting is on Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 10:00am.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Ngukurr Local Authority 2019-08-13 [842891].DOCX



MINUTES OF THE NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE
NGUKURR SPORT AND RECREATION HALL, NGUKURR ON TUESDAY, 13
AUGUST 2019 AT 10:30 AM

PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE
- Councillor Eric ROBERTS – **Chairperson**

1.2 Appointed Members

- Marcia ROBERTS;
- Michelle FARRELL;
- Tanya JOSHUA;
- Robin ROGERS;

1.3 Staff

- Phillip LUCK – Chief Executive Officer;
- Thea GRIFFIN – Acting Area Manager – Roper Region;
- Chris KASSMAN – Council Services Coordinator (Ngukurr);
- Ashleigh ANDERSON – Local Authority Coordinator;
- Rhys DANIELS – Sports and Recreation (Ngukurr);
- Derek WURRAMARA – Sports and Recreation (Ngukurr);
- Johnny DANIELS – Municipal Services;
- Sarah SILVER – Animal Management;
- Rebecca BURRIE – Veterinarian;
- Roberta ROBERTS – Sports and Recreation;
- Fellie DiWEULA – Senior Administrative Support Officer (Ngukurr);

1.4 Guests

- Rodney HOFFMAN – Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development;
- Graham CAMPBELL – Department of Correctional Services;
- Surinder CRICHTON – Department of Health;
- Rev Andrew ROBERTSON – Ngukurr Church;
- Bobby NUNGGUMAJBARR – Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation (left early);
- Martin Schahinger – Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation (left early);

- Anne-Marie JOSHUA;
- Delores THOMPSON.

MEETING OPENED

The Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:49am with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

154/2019 RESOLVED (Marcia ROBERTS/Tanya JOSHUA) CARRIED

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority accepts the apologies from Councillor Owen TURNER, and notes the Local Authority Member Ian GUMBULA was absent and did not tender an apology.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

155/2019 RESOLVED (Marcia ROBERTS/Michelle FARRELL) CARRIED

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority adopts the previous minutes from meeting of 11 June 2019 as a true and accurate record of that meeting and its decisions.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Ngukurr Local Authority.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

156/2019 RESOLVED (Eric ROBERTS/Michelle FARRELL) CARRIED

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

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

157/2019 RESOLVED (Michelle FARRELL/Marcia ROBERTS) CARRIED

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

11.2 CHAIRPERSON FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY**158/2019 RESOLVED (Tanya JOSHUA/Marcia ROBERTS)****CARRIED**

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the information regarding the appointment of a Chairperson of the Ngukurr Local Authority;
- (b) That the Ngukurr Local Authority appoints Councillor Eric ROBERTS as Chairperson for a period of 12 Month(s).

Guest Mr. Bobby NUNGGUMAJBARR requested that a decision of Chairperson be deferred until absent members are available. Mr. NUNGGUMAJBARR disrupted the meeting . Local Authority Members decided to elect a Chairperson, Mr. NUNGGUMAJBARR left the meeting.

11.3 YOUR VOICE, YOUR COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN**159/2019 RESOLVED (Michelle FARRELL/Marcia ROBERTS)****CARRIED**

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the feedback from the Your Voice, Your Community Campaign by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

11.4 REMOTE SPORT VOUCHER SCHEME (RSVS)**160/2019 RESOLVED (Eric ROBERTS/Marcia ROBERTS)****CARRIED**

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the Remote Sport Voucher Scheme Report.

11.5 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REPORT**161/2019 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Marcia ROBERTS)****CARRIED**

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the animal management report for June/July 2019;
- (b) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the information pertaining to Animal Management Bi-Laws;
- (c) That the Ngukurr Local Authority recommends that a Community Meeting be held.

11.6 ANNUAL CIVIC EVENTS AND FESTIVAL COMMITMENTS**162/2019 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Michelle FARRELL)****CARRIED**

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority reviews the relevant Council confirmed list of annual Civic Events and Festivals:
 - Australia Day
 - Clean Australia Day
 - ANZAC Day
 - NAIDOC Week
 - Barunga Festival
 - Yugul Mangi Festival
 - Borroloola and District Show
 - Great Northern Clean Up
 - Never Never Festival
 - Walaman Festival
 - Citizenship Ceremonies
 - Numbulwar Numbirindi Festival

11.7 AGED CARE, DISABILITY UPDATE

163/2019 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Michelle FARRELL) *CARRIED*

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the update on Aged Care, Disability (NDIS) in Ngukurr Community.

11.8 LOCAL AUTHORITY - MEMBER RESIGNATION

164/2019 RESOLVED (Robin ROGERS/Marcia ROBERTS) *CARRIED*

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the resignation of Stewart Hall from the Ngukurr Local Authority.

11.9 GOVERNANCE REPORT - LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER UPDATE

165/2019 RESOLVED (Robin ROGERS/Marcia ROBERTS) *CARRIED*

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the report on the Local Authority Project funding.

11.10 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT - JUNE 2019 EXPENDITURE REPORT

166/2019 RESOLVED (Michelle FARRELL/Marcia ROBERTS) *CARRIED*

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Financial (Expenditure) Report for 2018/2019 financial year.

OTHER BUSINESS**12.1 ALCOHOL ACTION PROJECTS**

167/2019 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Robin ROGERS) *CARRIED*

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the information relating to the Alcohol Action Projects

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1:15 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Tuesday, 13 August 2019 AND CONFIRMED Tuesday, 22 October 2019.

Chairperson Councillor Eric ROBERTS

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 8.1
TITLE Action List
REFERENCE 860408
AUTHOR Ashleigh Anderson, Local Authority Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the Action List.

Date	Agenda Item	Comments	Responsible Person	Status	Update
14.02.18	9.1 Outdoor Stage	Build Outdoor Stage on Oval	DCG / DCCS / Yugul Mangi	Ongoing	No current approvals, No final design as yet. Stage included in Sports and Recreation Master Plan
14.02.18	9.1 Multipurpose Court	Construct Multipurpose Court	DCG / DCCS / Yugul Mangi	Ongoing	Included in the Sports and Recreation Master Plan
14.02.18	9.1 Cemetery Fencing	Fencing both Cemeteries	DCG / DCCS / Yugul Mangi	In progress	Fence Line has been plotted.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Roper River Water Resource Assessment
REFERENCE	850198
AUTHOR	Pethie Lyons, CSIRO

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the presentation from CSIRO Land and Water pertaining to the Roper River Water Resource Assessment and the indigenous water values, rights, interests and development goals.**

BACKGROUND

The Roper River Water Resource assessment is a research project being led by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) in partnership with the Australian Government. Scientists from the CSIRO are investigating opportunities for water, agricultural, and other related development in the catchment. The work includes research focused on Indigenous people – the water values they have, the rights they hold, and the development goals that are important to them.

Pethie Lyons will be leading the research that will gather these vital indigenous views, values, interests and ideas. The team is interested in talking to Indigenous people with cultural connections to the Roper catchment who are living in and around towns and communities like Mataranka, Jilkminggan, Ngukurr, Beswick and Barunga. The main research will happen from late 2019 and in 2020, with results shared in early 2021.

Additional information can be found in the attached factsheets.

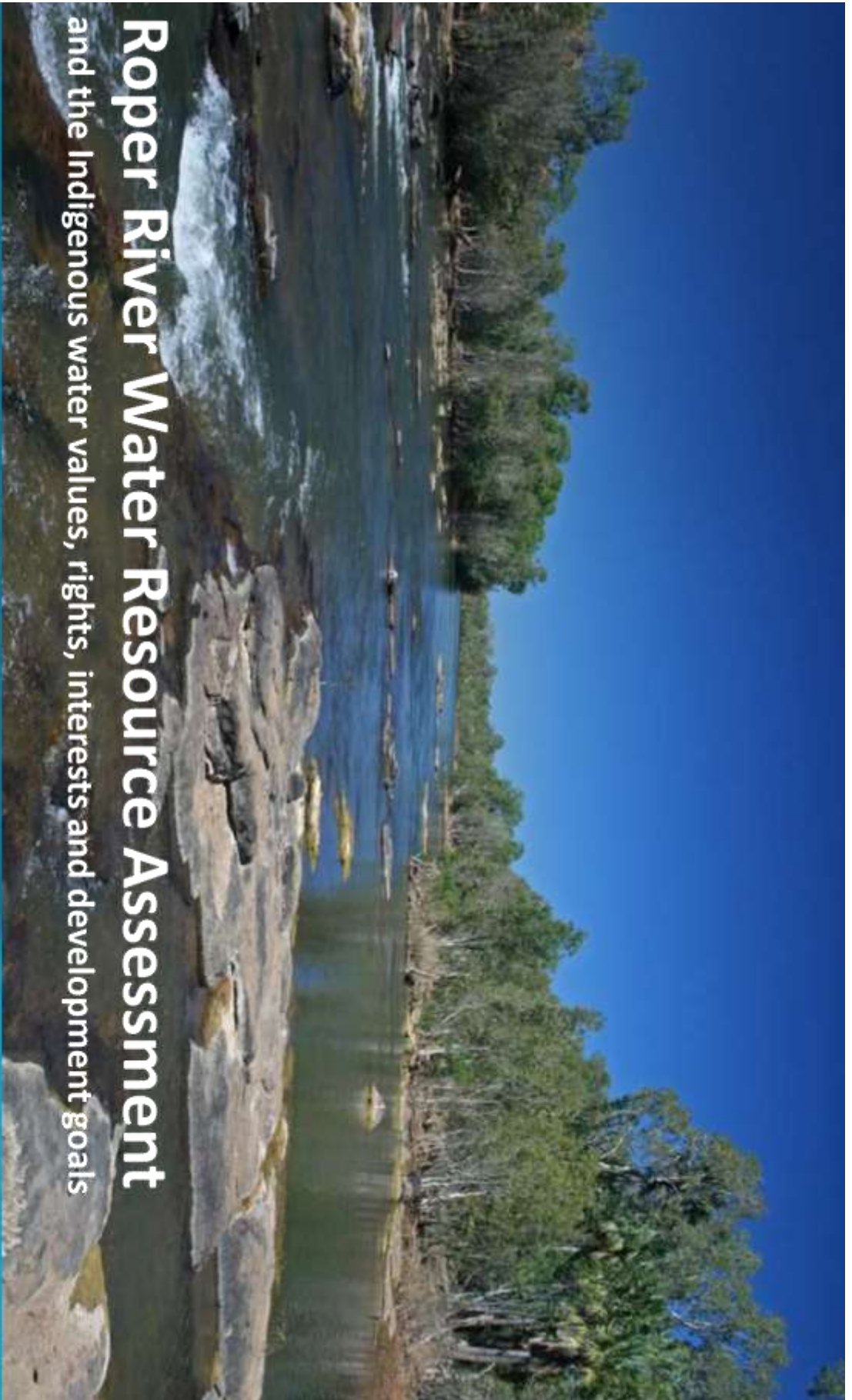
Presenter: Pethie Lyons from CSIRO will conduct a presentation and answer any questions or concerns the Local Authority may have.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil determined.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Community Meetings 20191021.pdf
- 2 Indigenous_sub-project_factsheet .docx
- 3 RoWRA_factsheet_overview.pdf
- 4 RoWRA_land_suitability_factsheet_v4.pdf



Roper River Water Resource Assessment and the Indigenous water values, rights, interests and development goals

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Pethie Lyons

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Cities and Regional Development



Roper River Water Resources Assessment

- CSIRO research project funded by the Federal Government
- Responds to the Commonwealth White Papers
 - Agricultural Competitiveness
 - Northern Australia
- Focused on understanding water resources and development options in the Roper catchment
- Not a development proposal

Roper Water Resource Assessment: Aims

- What soil and water resources are available?
- What is the scale and type of opportunity for irrigated and dryland agriculture:
 - physically suitable
 - commercially viable
 - socially and culturally acceptable
 - openings for other water-dependent development (e.g. tourism)
- What are the risks and trade-offs?

Roper Water Resource Assessment: Aims

To assist government, investors, and communities with information to make decisions about future development – costs, benefits, impacts



RowRA Coordination

- State department projects
- Development ideas and initiatives
- Scoping water needs and water planning

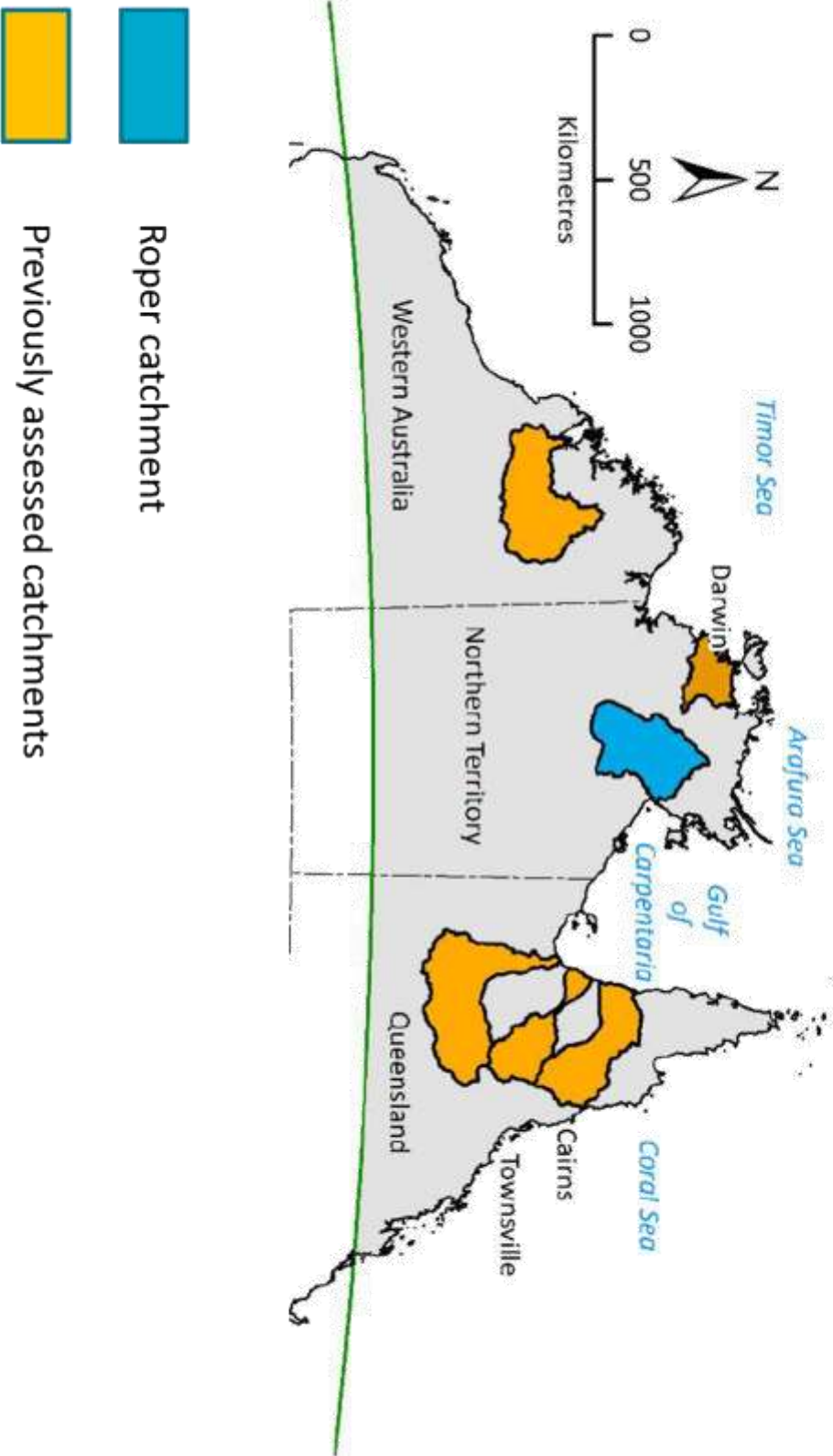


Parts of RowRA

- NAWRA has different parts or subprojects that focus on different areas of science:
 - Soil
 - Surface water and climate
 - Agriculture and crops
 - Groundwater
 - Ecology
 - Social and economic issues
 - Indigenous values, rights and development goals



Water Resource Assessments in Northern Australia



ROWRA Indigenous sub-project

- Give an overview of key Indigenous water:
 - values
 - rights
 - interests
 - development goals
- This project wants to work with Indigenous people, regional governance bodies and local corporations



Roper River Water Resource Assessment - Indigenous subproject

- Indigenous water values, rights, and development goals
- Not a development proposal
- Don't need agreed position within or across TO groups
- Show the spread of values, ideas, and goals found across TOs and long-term Indigenous residents
- Information to assist planning for future development by TOs, government, and developers

Project Timeframe

- Find the best models for participation
- Information meetings from October 2019
- Complete work in 2021
- Information to be shared in 2022 – ‘two way flow’ and a report



Project Plan

- Preliminary scoping and preparatory work this year
 - Methods Report
 - Ethics Approval
 - Work with NLC regional boards and the permit system



Project Process:

- Consultations guided by:
 - CSIRO ethics
 - Free, prior and informed consent
 - NLC regional governance and research permit system



Project Process:

- Intellectual property to remain owned by Indigenous participants
- It is a public process - no need to provide restricted information
- Participants have the final say about what information is made public

Roper River Water Resource Assessment - Indigenous subproject

- RowRA helps understand what might be possible in the landscape, and what might limit or stop it
- All RowRA information is made public
- Opportunity for TOs to share with public
 - What is important about the country and its people
 - Indigenous developments goals
 - Perspectives about water resource development by others
- Any major future development would require more discussion, funding, research work and agreements by landowners, communities and governments

Thank you

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Indigenous water values, rights and development goals in the Roper catchment

An activity within the Roper Water Resource Assessment

The Roper River Water Resource Assessment is a research project being led by the CSIRO in partnership with the Australian Government. Scientists from the CSIRO are investigating opportunities for water, agricultural, and other related development in the catchment. The work includes research focused on Indigenous people – the water values they have, the rights they hold, and the development goals that are important to them.

Indigenous people have lived on the country for many thousands of years. Throughout that time they have developed knowledge of the landscape and strong connections with it. Ongoing economic development can provide jobs and income opportunities for people. However, it can also put new pressure on the country as the number of people and businesses grow and water use increases.

The CSIRO is looking at development possibilities, but the CSIRO is not a developer and it is not proposing or promoting water development. Its role is to provide better information for the government and communities when considering future water, agricultural and other related water-dependent development options such as tourism and bush foods. One part of this role is listening to interested Indigenous people about what water issues exist and what kind of future development path they want for themselves and their communities.

Indigenous views might include the need to protect important or sacred places and to keep enough water in the rivers for Indigenous hunting and fishing.

It might also include goals and ideas for Indigenous economic development. This could be an Indigenous-run business that needs a secure water supply or Indigenous employment in businesses run by others that also need water. This valuable information will provide foundations for better future communication between Indigenous people, government planners, and private developers in the future.

Pethie Lyons will be leading the research that will gather these vital Indigenous



views, values interests, and ideas. She is supported by Marcus Barber, who has worked in the catchment in the past and on water rights and interests elsewhere in the Northern Territory. The team is interested in talking to Indigenous people with cultural connections to the Roper catchment or who are living in and around towns and communities like Mataranka, Jilkminggan, Ngukurr, Beswick, and Barunga. The main research will happen from late 2019 and in 2020, with results shared in early 2021.

As part of their work, the CSIRO team will consult with local Indigenous leaders, organisations, pastoral stations, and land councils about the best way for local people to communicate with them. The team will follow free, prior and informed consent processes at all times during their work. They can meet with interested people in formal meetings, smaller groups, or as individuals. Visits with Indigenous people to important places are also valuable as they will assist in better understanding the country and its people.

Near the end of the project, the Indigenous research project team will write a report about the Roper catchment and hold community workshops to share the information and invite feedback. They will also share what other CSIRO staff have learnt through their studies of soil, water, and agriculture. If you are interested in participating or have any questions about this research, you can contact Pethie using the contact details at the bottom of this factsheet.

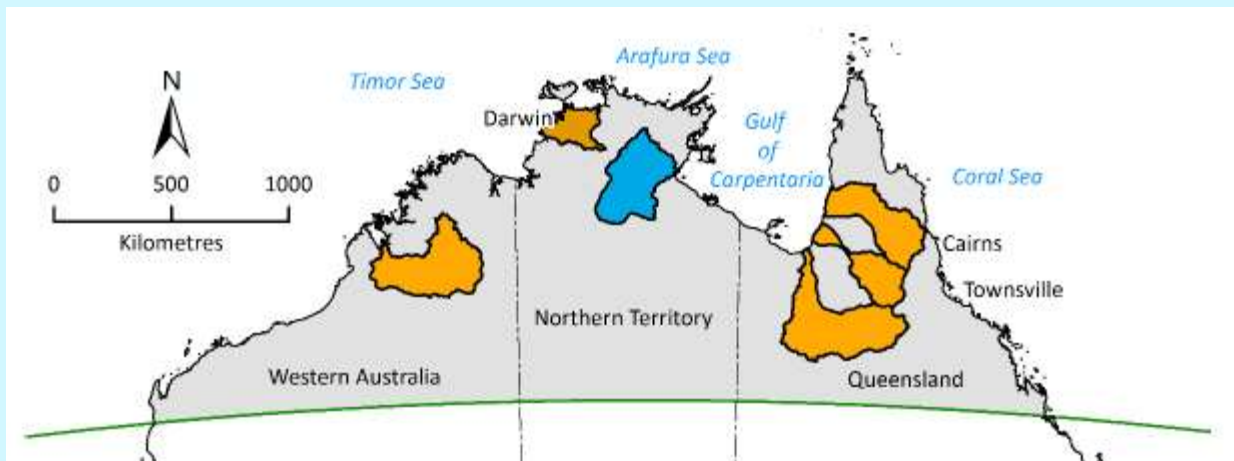


Marcus Barber



Pethie Lyons

The CSIRO team has conducted similar work in other priority areas. These are the Mitchell, Flinders and Gilbert catchments in Queensland, catchments surrounding Darwin in the Northern Territory (the Adelaide, Finniss, Mary and Wildman catchments), and the Fitzroy catchment in Western Australia.



In each area, the CSIRO investigated soil and water resources, water capture and storage options, agriculture, aquaculture, and other possibilities, and the risks and impacts of development. The Assessment will not assume any particular development pathway or recommend one form of development over another. It does not seek to replace any planning processes, and will not recommend changes to existing plans or planning processes. The results, however, can be used to inform planning decisions by citizens, communities, councils, investors and state and federal governments.

The Roper River Water Resource Assessment is an initiative of the Australian Government.

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Roper River Water Resource Assessment

The Australian Government and CSIRO are partnering to investigate opportunities for water and agricultural development in the Roper River catchment, Northern Territory.

Northern Australia makes a substantial contribution to the Australian economy, particularly through agriculture, mining and tourism.

There are opportunities to unlock significant new investment in the north. This will require confidence about the scale and nature of the opportunities and understanding of the risks involved.

Millions of hectares of soil are potentially suitable for irrigated agriculture across northern Australia but access to water is one of several constraints to development.

Following the successful Flinders and Gilbert Agricultural Resource Assessment and the Northern Australia Water Resource Assessment, CSIRO has been engaged by the Australian Government to assess the opportunities for water and agricultural development in the Roper River catchment in the Northern Territory.

We will work with the Northern Territory government, research partners and communities to complete this assessment by June 2022.

About the Assessment

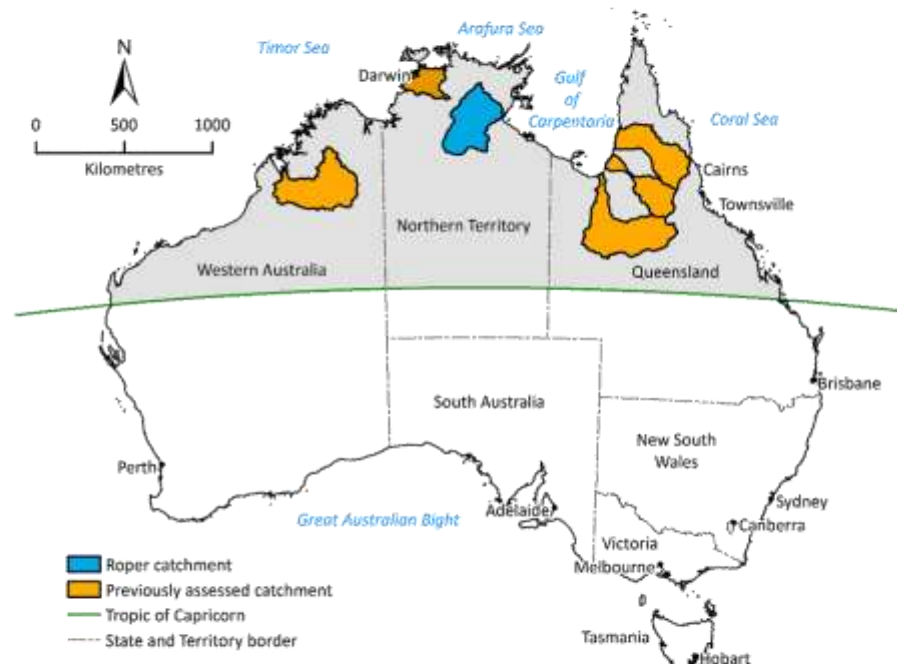
The Roper River Water Resource Assessment will provide a comprehensive and integrated evaluation of the feasibility, economic viability and sustainability of water and agricultural development in the Roper River catchment.

Assessment goals

The Assessment seeks to:

- evaluate the soil and water resources
- identify and evaluate water capture and storage options
- identify and test the commercial viability of irrigated agricultural and aquaculture opportunities
- assess potential environmental, social and economic impacts and risks of water resource and irrigation development.

While agricultural developments may be the most likely to proceed in the foreseeable future, the Assessment will also consider opportunities for and intersections between different types of potential water-dependent development. For



example, the Assessment will explore the nature, scale, location and impacts of developments relating to tourism and agriculture development in relevant locations.

Supporting regional decision making and investment

The Assessment aims to support decision making about sustainable regional development by clarifying the scale and nature of the opportunities for agriculture, reducing the uncertainty of investors and regulators, reducing enterprise start-up costs and enhancing the capacity for investors to attract capital.

Where previous assessments have focused on single development activities or assets – without analysing the interactions between them – this Assessment will consider the opportunities presented by the simultaneous pursuit of multiple development activities and assets. By this means, the Assessment will use a whole-of-region (rather than an asset-by-asset) approach to considering development.

Importantly, the Assessment seeks to lower the barriers to investment in regional development by:

- explicitly addressing local needs and aspirations
- meeting the needs of governments as they regulate the sustainable and equitable management of public resources with due consideration of environmental and cultural issues
- meeting the due diligence requirements of private investors by addressing questions of resource reliability and profitability at a broad scale.

The Assessment will not recommend one development over another nor assume any particular development pathway. It will provide a range of possibilities and the information required to interpret them, consistent with regional values and aspirations. The Assessment does not seek to replace any planning processes, and will not recommend changes to existing plans or planning processes. The results, however, can be used to inform planning decisions by citizens, councils, investors and state and federal governments. Please contact the relevant government department to discuss matters such as water allocation, clearing, change of land use including diversification permits, and land development approval processes.

Assessment activities

This is a complex project, drawing on the capabilities of scientists across Australia. Key activities include:

- Surface water modelling to assess the volume and reliability of river flow
- Topographic mapping and automated terrain analysis to identify and evaluate water storage and development options
- Mapping land and soil suitability and production risks across agricultural, horticultural, bush foods and pastoral systems and for aquaculture developments
- Assessing cropping and crop-forage-livestock systems with potential to generate attractive investment returns
- Cost-benefit analysis for multiple uses and users of water
- Identifying logistical and value chain assets, opportunities and bottlenecks
- Understanding the trade-offs between water resource development and freshwater environments
- Identifying Indigenous aspirations and water values
- Examining the potential for co-benefits to other industries (i.e. tourism) arising from irrigated agriculture
- Information and data distribution through Web-based information products, reports and regular community-based information sessions.

The Roper River Water Resource Assessment is an initiative of the Australian Government.

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Assessing the suitability of land for irrigation

Part of the Roper River Water Resource Assessment

The Roper River Water Resource Assessment involves different activities that will provide a comprehensive overview and integrated evaluation of the feasibility, ecological, social, cultural, economic viability and sustainability of water, aquaculture and agricultural development across the Roper River catchment. Our researchers will be working with the Northern Territory Government, industry, primary producers and traditional owners to deliver on this project.

This factsheet explains one of these activities – the land suitability assessment.

There are potentially thousands of hectares of soil suitable for irrigated agriculture across northern Australia.

However, access to sufficient water is a constraint for development in this vast region that stretches from the Pilbara to Rockhampton and comprises 40 per cent of Australia's land mass.

In recognition of some of the challenges and opportunities facing northern communities and primary producers, the Australian Government initiated the Roper River Water Resource Assessment.

We will produce maps of soil attributes that help manage the land resources and understand development potential such as erosion, soil water holding capacity, permeability, infiltration. Examples of these data can be found at this website presenting work completed to date in other parts of northern Australia <https://nawra-explorer.csiro.au/>

Land suitability assessment activity

Assessing the suitability of land is critical to the development and sustainability of productive and economically viable irrigated agriculture. This activity will collect information on soil attributes such as type, structure, pH, carbon and salt content, water holding properties and erodibility. This knowledge of soil types and their attributes will make it possible to evaluate how different soils and parts of the landscape could be economically and sustainability developed for irrigated agriculture.



While some soil and land use assessments have been carried out in the past, key recommendations stated that further soils data were needed before detailed suitability assessments could be conducted, particularly for irrigated agriculture.

What does the activity involve?

The soil survey component of this activity will include the collection of new field observations and samples to complement the relatively small amount of existing soils data. This will result in the production of new maps indicating the type and extent of soils and their attributes across the region.

A statistical method will be used to identify the best locations to sample soil for the purpose of assessing the scale of the opportunity for irrigation across the area. To interpolate between soil sampling locations requires an understanding of how the broader landscape formed. This requires soil to be assessed not just in the valleys, but also mid-slopes and ridge tops.

Following field collection, the samples will be sent to government scientific laboratories for a range of chemical and infrared analyses of soil properties. The existing and new soils data will then be used, in combination with remotely sensed data collected from satellites, to:

- Develop digital soils and soil attribute maps for the region; and
- Inform the land suitability assessment on a range of irrigated and dryland agricultural production opportunities. This will use land resource information gathered during soil surveys, the results of soil laboratory analysis, and information on flood inundation to assess the suitability options.

Land suitability assessment is based on the underlying assumption that the most limiting factor for each crop and irrigation type is used to determine the overall land suitability rating. The activity will evaluate the land suitability for specific agriculture uses (including aquaculture) within broad enterprise types such as irrigated annual crops, perennial crops and improved pasture. These broad enterprise types were selected because they cover a range of establishment, management and harvest practices.

Investigation of the suitability of specific crop types will also be undertaken. Specific crops are likely to include enterprises such as mangoes, cotton, maize, sugar, peanuts, rice, trees, wheat and sorghum as well as improved pasture and standing fodder.

Outcomes

One of the goals of the Assessment is to lower barriers to investment in the area by addressing many of the questions that potential investors would have about production systems and methods, yield expectations and benchmarks, and potential profitability and reliability.

However, the Assessment does not seek to replace any planning processes, and will not recommend changes to existing plans or planning processes. The results, however, can be used to inform planning decisions by citizens, councils, investors and state and federal governments.

Please contact the relevant government department to discuss matters such as water allocation, clearing, change of land use, including diversification permits, and land development approval processes.

The land suitability assessment will build on knowledge of soil and land suitability to provide all levels of government and current and potential farmers with an understanding of the irrigation potential of the soils in the catchment. The key products from this activity will be publically available:

- Soils and soil attribute maps. The uncertainty associated with the mapping will also be produced and vary between locations in a particular region according to sampling density
- Land use suitability maps for different crops and irrigation types (again with variable uncertainty).



The Northern Australia Water Resource Assessment is part of the Australian Government's Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper, the government's plan for stronger farmers and a stronger economy.

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GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	11.2
TITLE	Local Names for Cemeteries
REFERENCE	852565
AUTHOR	Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority confirms the names of the Ngukurr North and Ngukurr South Cemeteries.**

BACKGROUND

Currently, a number of cemeteries in community are identified as North Cemetery, South Cemetery, East Cemetery or West Cemetery. In order to progress the cemetery license and/or lease agreements as part of the Burial and Cremation Bill, the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development would like to confirm with the Local Authority if any of the identified cemeteries have local names.

A representative from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development to present.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

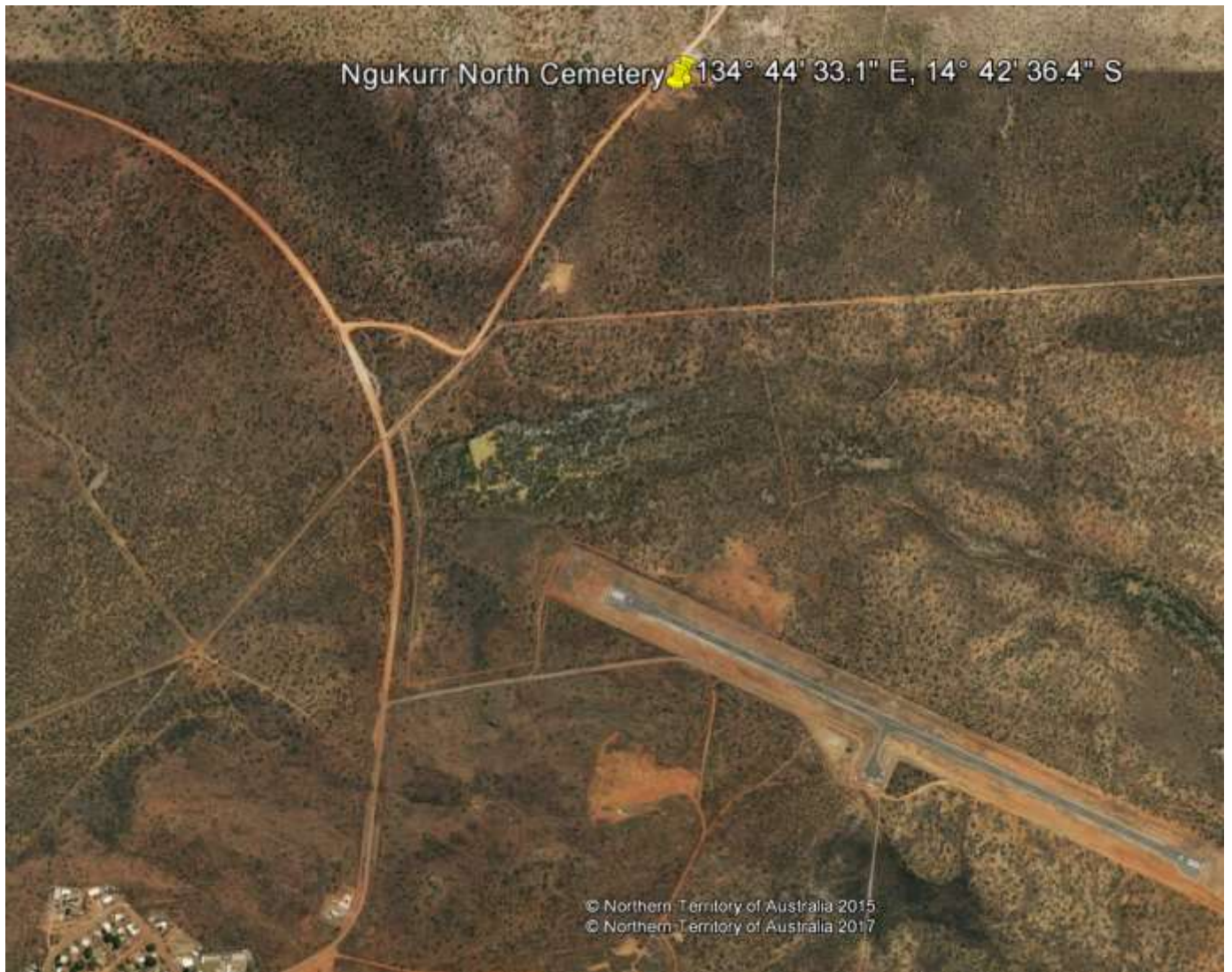
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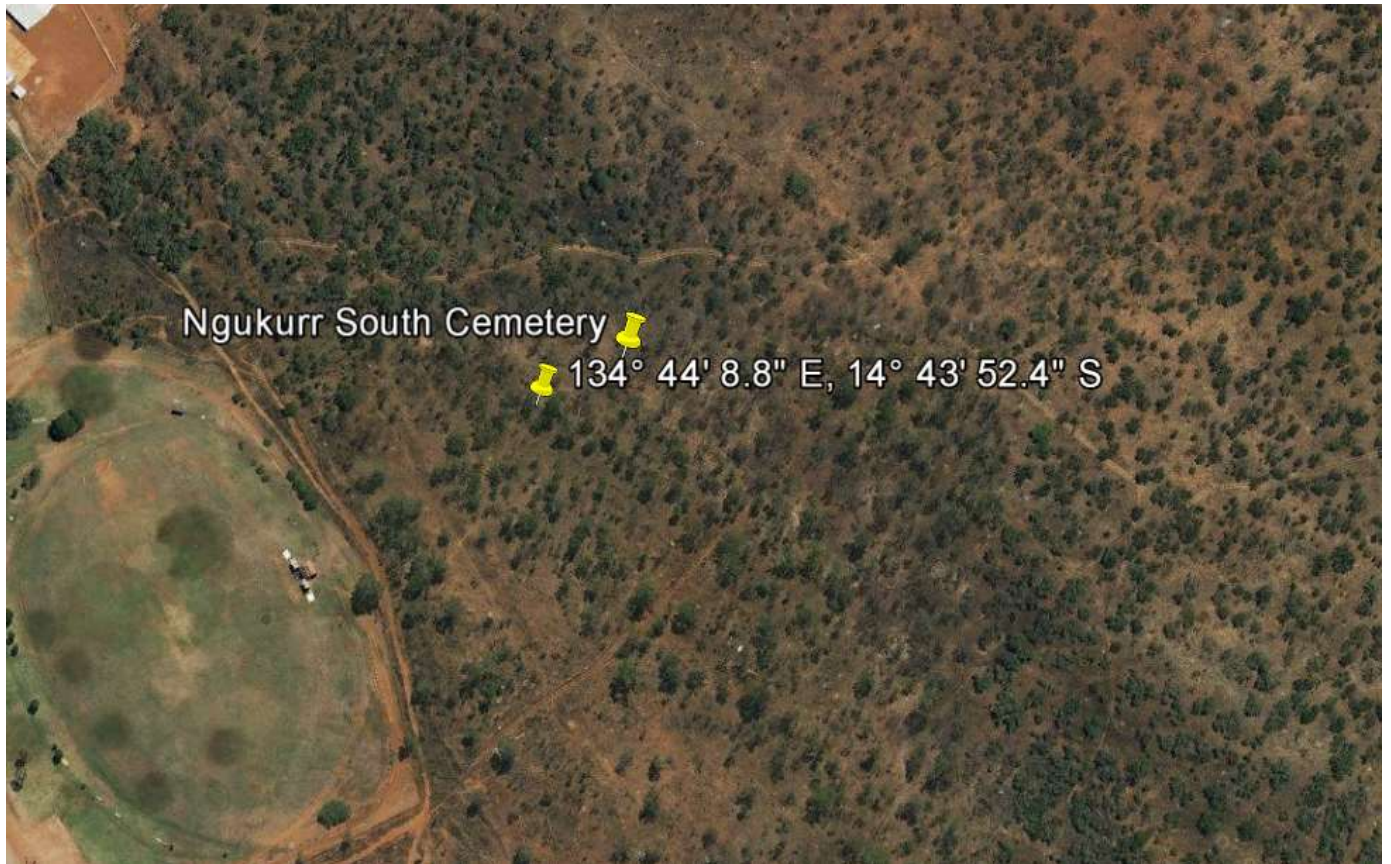
FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Ngukurr North Cemetery.PNG
- 2 Ngukurr South Cemetery.PNG





GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	11.3
TITLE	Elected Member Report
REFERENCE	856390
AUTHOR	Ashleigh Anderson, Local Authority Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.**

BACKGROUND

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

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

Decisions of the Roads Committee Meeting held in Katherine on Wednesday 28 August 2019:

- That the Roads Committee receives and notes the progress in relation to the Road Upgrades in Jilkminggan, Urapunga and Cemetery Upgrades in Mataranka;

Decisions of the Finance Committee Meeting held in Katherine on Wednesday 28 August 2019:

- That the Finance Committee receives and notes the 2018-19 Local Authority Project Funding Certification Reports;
- That the Finance Committee receives and notes the funding levels for 2019-20 Local Authority Projects from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development
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The Audit Committee Meeting was held in Katherine on Wednesday 18 August 2019 decisions are publicly available on the Roper Gulf Regional Council Website.

The Ordinary Meeting of Council was held in Numbulwar on Wednesday 25 September 2019 decisions included:

- That Council receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
- That Council approves the recommendations from the following Local Authority Meetings
 - Ngukurr Local Authority held on 13 August 2019;
 - Urapunga Local Authority held on 13 August 2019;
- That Council accepts the resignation from Local Authority Member Garry Reeve from the Urapunga Local Authority;
- That Council approves the amendment of the 2019-20 Fees and Charges Schedule;
- That Council receives and notes the Special Purpose Grant acquittal for the Urapunga Revitalisation Project;
- That Council approves the release of the Ngukurr Freight Hub Tender;
- That Council sends a letter to the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development to invite the Chief Executive or Delegate to meet with Council;

- That Council delegates the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with the Mayors and Chief Executive Officers of Katherine Town Council and Barkley Regional Council on a strategy to seek greater input into the requirement for:
 - i. A Social Impact Assessment of all stakeholders of the affected area; and
 - ii. Extension of the time to respond to the Strategic Regional Environmental and Baseline Assessment (SREBA) before it is accepted into legislation;
- That Council approves the letter of support for the Mayor of Katherine to take this matter to the next Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) to lobby the Northern Territory Government on behalf of Councils;
- That Council sends a letter to the Northern Territory Police Fire and Emergency Services, inviting the Commissioner or Delegate to attend the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to brief and discuss:
 - i. Call Centre and emergency response; and
 - ii. Rotation of Members (Police Officers) in Community.

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	11.4
TITLE	Ngukurr Police Complex Upgrade
REFERENCE	852924
AUTHOR	Jerod Amato, Assets Manager (acting)

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the planned design and upgrade of the Ngukurr Police Complex.**

BACKGROUND

A redevelopment of the current Ngukurr Police complex is worth approximately \$12m and is currently being designed and planned by the Northern Territory Government, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

The application and proposed redevelopment is compliant with current standards and will not alter roads, access or egress.

The application states that there are large areas of public open space close to the development, the nature of operation of the station does not merit specific public facilities on the site other than toilets and a shower for people visiting the facility, which have been provided.

With regard to waste management within the complex this is not mentioned and this aspect may not be up for comment given it is confined to the complex.

The improvement and increase of police resources in Ngukurr will be of great benefit to the community. It will provide additional security and safety to the public and expand services in the community.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	11.5
TITLE	Council Services Report
REFERENCE	860398
AUTHOR	Thea GRIFFIN, Manager Community Project and Engagement

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Report.**

111 – Councils Services General

- Council administration budget for the Ngukurr office is slightly underspent YTD.
- Some minor renovations to the internal layout is being scoped in consultation with staff so that Post Office capacity and Customer Service areas can be improved.

160 – Municipal Services

- Municipal Services budget has a small overspend YTD for plant and workshop expenditure.
- The work team have commenced roadside hard rubbish pick up once a fortnight on Mondays.
- Bollards are being installed to prevent cars driving around speed humps and creating a dust nuisance for residents.
- Staff and contractors have done significant works at the Waste facility to prepare for EPA licensing this year.

Community Services*404 - Indigenous Sport and Recreation*

- The program budget has an overspend for the YTD for staff wages. This is a result of workers committing to implement a combined Community Safety Team strategy to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour. There have been some vacancies in other COMSAF programs with an underspend in these programs. The staff structure is being investigated and suggested improvements being drafted to support the current improving trend in Community engagement and outcomes for Council programs.
- The Sport and Recreation program has been very active, especially during the School Holidays, with approximately 60-100 youth have participating in daily programs and organised sport. Some children and staff from Numbulwar also visited and joined in the holiday activities.
- There have been excursions and training sessions to develop social as well as sporting skills.
- General behaviour during activities has improved with children adhering to the Sport and Recreation guidelines (no weapons, no fighting, no swearing, no spitting, no junk food) and support for 'No school, no pool' initiative.
- The staff have supported other agencies and events using the Recreation facilities.

415 - *Indigenous Youth Reconnect*

- There are several cases currently being managed. The program has been very proactive about engaging with youth at risk and working with those who have been involved in antisocial behaviour.
- These youth are now volunteering with our programs and show encouraging signs of improved behaviour through positive engagement with staff and other community members.
- Police report that the local crime rate remains 15-20% below compared to the same time period last year.

401 – *Night Patrol*

- Community Patrols have assisted with access to Women's Safe House. The team is commended for its efforts to engage with other stakeholders and the community to prevent violence and antisocial behaviour.
- There are visibly less weapons and violent occurrences in Community. School staff have reported a similar trend and also increased attendance rates.

341,344, 356 – *Aged Care, Disability Services*

- The program has seen an increase in clients attending the center and new activities are being offered.
- An external audit has been conducted and successfully passed.

346 – *Indigenous Broadcasting*

- A Media Officer has been employed and is doing some local broadcast content.
- TEABBA sent a technician to provide staff training.
- A follow up training session on recording and editing interviews has been requested. This will allow pre-recorded information to be prepared for broadcast.

348 – *Library*

- The Library has been set up in RGRC Office Complex, Block D.
- A Library Officer has been employed.
- Seats and indoor/outdoor matting has been acquired.
- Some story-telling and other activities were included in the Holiday Program.

350 – *Centrelink*

- Centrelink staff have had some computer issues which have been raised with the Agency.

550 – *Swimming Pool*

- The pool continues to operate 7 days a week and is becoming even more popular in the hotter weather.
- The school conducted an end of term carnival.
- There is staff training scheduled for late October/early November with Royal Life Saving.

Other / Miscellaneous

Community Development Program (CDP)

- A Host Agreement has been finalized between MyCDP and Council.
- The Activities covered by the Agreement are:
 - Local Radio Station
 - Library
 - Sports and Recreation programs including Ngukurr Swimming Pool
 - Youth Services Programs
 - Night Patrol (Community Safety Programs)
 - Municipal Services including community footpaths constructions and maintenance
 - Aged Care programs
- The scope for Participant engagement and Job Plans for these areas are being developed.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	11.6
TITLE	Council Financial Report - September 2019 Expenditure Report
REFERENCE	857453
AUTHOR	Munish Singla, Management Accountant

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and note the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the month of September 2019.**

BACKGROUND

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

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 directorate are as follows:

Directorate of Corporate Governance:

The total of underspend under this directorate is \$181,042. The major activities contributing to this underspend are:

- Activity 138 – Local Authority Project (\$142,543),
- Activity 115 – Asset management Fleet & Equipment (30,000)

Most of the LA projects are in progress. After completion of the work and payment of invoices, there should not be any underspends. Similarly, once invoices for the purchases of fleet are paid, the actual expenditure will balance up with the budget.

Directorate of Commercial Services:

The total underspend under this directorate is \$8,618. This underspend is mainly due to staff absences under activity 220 – Territory housing repairs and maintenance and activity 241 - Airstrip maintenance.

Directorate of Council & Community Services:

The total underspend under this directorate is \$363,334. There are few activities where the actual expense incurred is less than budget for:

- Activity 485 - Ngukurr and Numbulwar Freight Hub \$43,750 – The project is facing some challenges and the management team is currently in discussion with NTG to resolve the matter.
- Activity 499 - Ngukurr Sports Courts \$125,000 – This Project is currently at designing stage.

There are few more activities underspends like Activity 111 - Council Services General (\$32,142), Activity 341 – Commonwealth Aged Care (15,522), Activity 401 – Night Patrol (\$25,895) this is due to staff absences and vacant positions.

Other services:

There is a \$45,432 overspend on other services activities. The major activity contributing to this overspend is:

- Activity 464 - Oval Lights project – The project is in progress and the activity is showing overspend only due to timing issue. The actual expenditure is within the total budgeted expenditure amount.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Ngukurr Local Authority - Expenditure Report 30.09.2019.pdf

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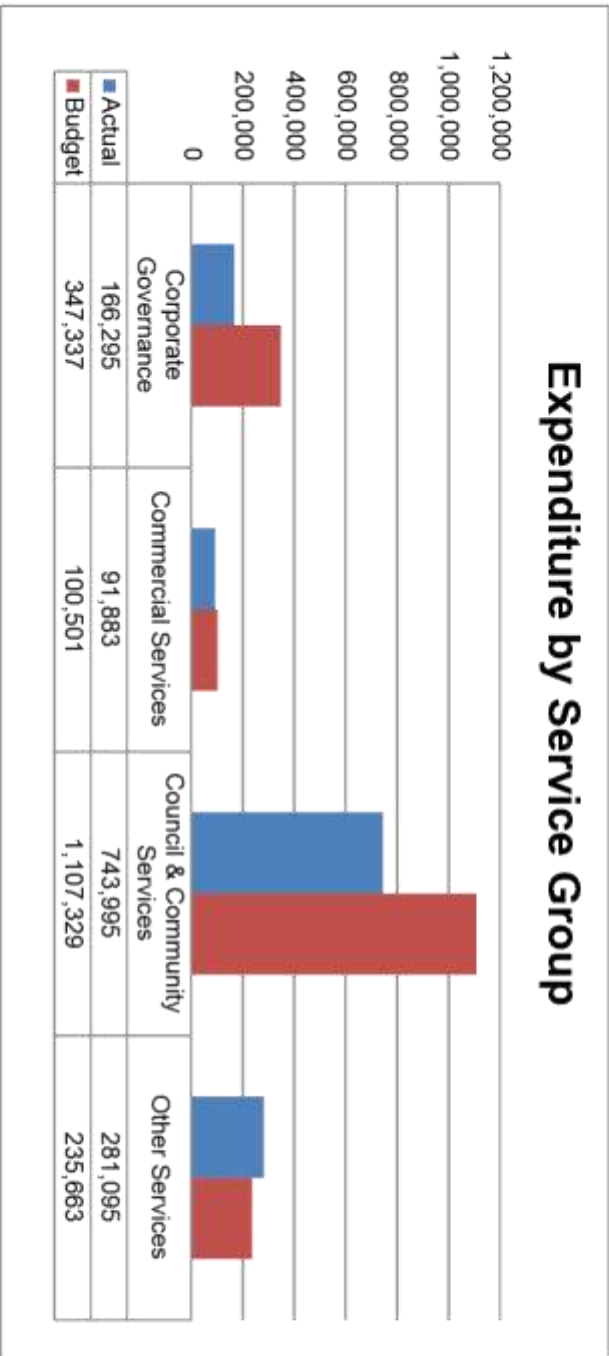
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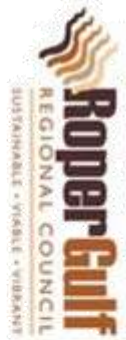
Expenditure by Service	Sept 2019		Sept 2019		Annual of Budget Spent
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Budget	
Corporate Governance	166,295	347,337	181,042	1,389,349	48%
Commercial Services	91,883	100,501	8,618	402,003	91%
Council & Community Services	743,995	1,107,329	363,334	4,429,317	67%
Other Services	281,095	235,663	45,432	942,650	119%
Total Expenditure	1,283,268	1,790,830	507,562	7,163,319	72%

Expenditure by Service Group



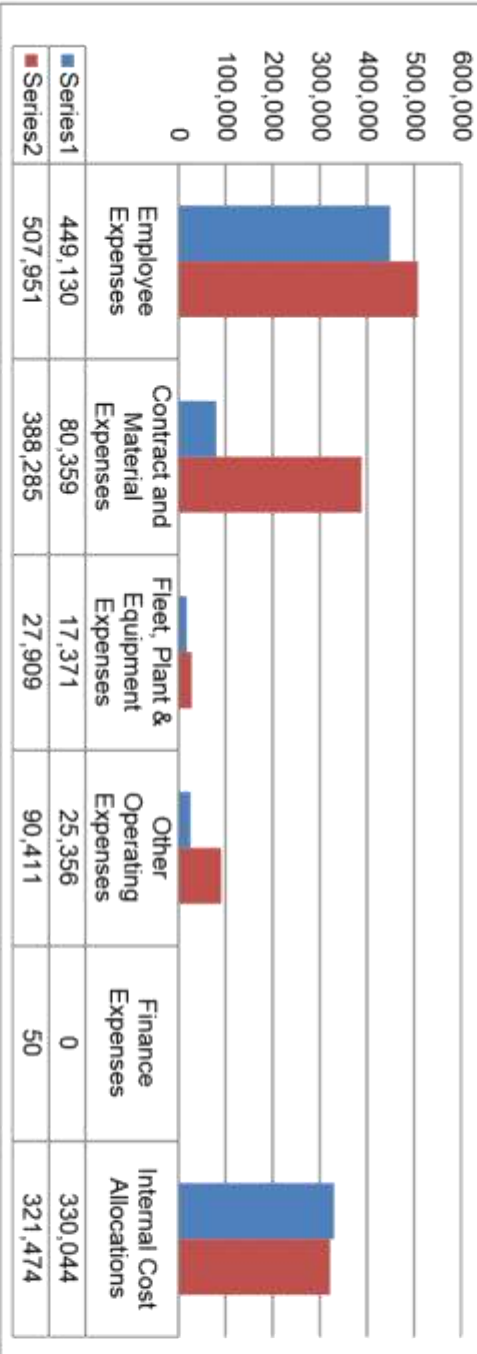
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Expenditure by Account Category	Sept 2019	Sept 2019	Sept 2019	Annual Budget	Percentage of Budget Spent
	Actual	Budget	Variance		
Employee Expenses	449,130	507,951	58,821	2,031,804	88%
Contract and Material Expenses	80,359	388,285	307,926	1,553,140	21%
Fleet, Plant & Equipment Expenses	17,371	27,909	10,538	111,635	62%
Other Operating Expenses	25,356	90,411	65,056	361,645	28%
Finance Expenses	0	50	50	200	0%
Internal Cost Allocations	330,044	321,474	8,571	1,285,895	103%
Capital Expenditure	381,008	454,750	73,742	1,819,000	84%
Total Expenditure	1,283,268	1,790,830	507,562	7,163,319	72%

Expenditure by Account Category



Roper Gulf Regional Council Ngukurr Expenditure Report as at 30 September 2019



Activity Listing	Sept 2019 Actual	Sept 2019 Budget	Sept 2019 Variance	Annual Budget	Explanation
Corporate Governance					
110 - Assets Management - Fixed Assets	85,644	68,611	17,033	274,444	The expense is incurred on renovation at lot 259. The total expenditure is within the total allocated budgeted amount.
115 - Asset Management - Mobile Fleet & Equipment	0	30,000	30,000	120,000	The budgeted capital equipment/vehicles are in procurement process.
132 - Local Authority	862	3,602	2,740	14,408	The underspend is on LA meeting's travel, allowance and catering due to LA members absence in meeting.
138 - Local Authority Project	22,500	165,043	142,543	660,170	Please see attached project register for more details.
202 - Staff Housing	20,621	23,941	3,320	95,765	Immaterial variance
245 - Visitor Accommodation and External Facility Use	36,667	56,140	19,473	224,562	The budget is for VOO's general repair & maintenance and utility bills payments. No repairs work is carried out till 30 September and utility bills for payment are not received yet.
Corporate Governance Total	166,295	347,337	181,042	1,389,349	
Commercial Serv.					
220 - Territory Housing Repairs and Maintenance Contract	21,675	42,702	21,027	170,807	The underspend is due to staff absence resulting in less wages and operating expenses.

Roper Gulf Regional Council Ngukurr Expenditure Report as at 30 September 2019



Activity Listing	Sept 2019 Actual	Sept 2019 Budget	Sept 2019 Variance	Annual Budget	Explanation
221 - Territory Housing Tenancy Management Contract	28,019	28,749	730	114,996	Immaterial variance
241 - Airstrip maintenance Contracts	18,770	27,000	8,230	108,000	The underspend is due to staff absence resulting in less wages and operating expenses.
246 - Commercial Australia Post	2,039	2,050	11	8,200	Immaterial variance
314 - Service Fee - CDP	21,379	0	21,379	0	The project was finished on 30.06.2019. Late invoices for the period prior to 30 June were received from suppliers. these expenses will be adjusted in next budget revision.
Commercial Serv. Total	91,883	100,501	8,618	402,003	

Council & Comm. Serv

111 - Council Services General	140,985	173,020	32,034	692,079	The underspend is due to staff absence resulting in less wages and operating expenses.
160 - Municipal Services	162,533	168,902	6,369	675,609	The budget is for repairs & maintenance and for utility bills payments. The invoices for any repair work done and utility bills for payment are not received yet.
161 - Waste management	29,659	59,061	29,402	236,244	The underspend is due to no contractor expenses incurred.
162 - Cemeteries Management	0	2,500	2,500	10,000	
164 - Local Emergency Management	1,032	945	87	3,780	Immaterial variance

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Activity Listing	Sept 2019 Actual	Sept 2019 Budget	Sept 2019 Variance	Annual Budget	Explanation
169 - Civic Events	925	0	925	0	Overspent on awards for Yugal Mangi Festival and will adjusted in next budget revision.
170 - Australia Day	0	125	125	500	
171 - Naidoc Week	0	125	125	500	
200 - Local roads maintenance	3,126	38,208	35,082	152,832	The underspend is due to less expense incurred on budget road maintenance work. The road committee is investigating and scoping work.
201 - Street lighting	0	3,750	3,750	15,000	The expense are budgeted for repairs & maintenance and power bills. The invoices for payments from suppliers are not received yet.
340 - Community Services admin	401	625	224	2,500	The budget is for travel allowance for support staff to visit community. The underspend is immaterial.
341 - Commonwealth Aged Care Package	41,792	57,314	15,522	229,255	The underspend is due to staff absence and vacant positions resulting in less wage expense.
342 - Indigenous Aged Care Employment	46,877	43,775	3,102	175,102	The overspend in staff wages will be covered by underspend in activity 341.
344 - Commonwealth Home Support Program	24,025	32,854	8,828	131,414	The expense are budgeted for building repairs & maintenance and utilities bills. The invoices for payments from suppliers are not received yet.
346 - Indigenous Broadcasting	6,739	11,230	4,491	44,921	The underspend is due to staff absence resulting in less wages and operating expenses.
348 - Library	0	6,899	6,899	27,597	The position is vacant and HR team is in process of recruiting new staff.

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Activity Listing	Sept 2019 Actual	Sept 2019 Budget	Sept 2019 Variance	Annual Budget	Explanation
350 - Centrelink	35,043	41,048	6,005	164,192	The underspend is on staff salaries and wages due to vacant position.
355 - National Disability Insurance Scheme	5,709	13,711	8,002	54,846	The underspend is due to less expense incurred on client meals. The suppliers' invoices for payment for september month are not yet received.
356 - NDIS – Information, Linkages and Capacity Building	2,267	8	2,259	33	The budget for staff accommodation is kept at Katherine Support Centre. The budget will be adjusted for this expense at first revision.
381 - Animal Control	993	1,508	515	6,030	Immaterial variance
401 - Night Patrol	86,999	112,893	25,895	451,574	The underspend is on staff salaries and wages due to vacant position.
404 - Indigenous Sports and Rec Program	50,923	18,307	32,615	73,228	The overspend is due to casual staff working along with regular part-time staff employed under the program. Also, some of swimming pool staff were incorrectly coded to this activity. HR is investigating the cause and resolve this issue with community staff.
407 - Remote Sports and Recreation	202	1,775	1,574	7,100	The expense is budgeted for outdoor recreation activities and will be spend in coming months.
409 - Sport and Rec Facilities	21,933	24,224	2,290	96,894	Immaterial variance
410 - National Youth Week	569	0	569	0	The underspend funds from last year will be utilised to cover for holiday program expenditure. These will be adjusted in next budget revision.
414 - Drug and Volatile Substances	0	350	350	1,400	

Roper Gulf Regional Council Ngukurr Expenditure Report as at 30 September 2019



Activity Listing	Sept 2019 Actual	Sept 2019 Budget	Sept 2019 Variance	Annual Budget	Explanation
415 - Indigenous Youth Reconnect	29,221	34,430	5,209	137,719	The underspend is on staff salaries and wages due to vacant position.
416 - Youth Vibe Grant	0	625	625	2,500	
423 - SPG - Diversion Evenings	0	125	125	500	
485 - Ngukurr and Numbulwar Fright Hub	0	43,750	43,750	175,000	The budgeted capital expenditure is for Ngukurr freight hub. Management is in discussion with funding provider for resolving the issues.
499 - Ngukurr Sports Courts	0	125,000	125,000	500,000	The project is currently in preliminary stage.
550 - Swimming Pool	52,042	90,242	38,200	360,969	The staff was incorrectly coded to activity 404 resulting in underspend in wages under this activity. This issue will be fixed at budget revision.
Council & Comm. Serv Total	743,995	1,107,329	363,334	4,429,317	

Other Services

430 - AAI - Community Harmony Area (Playgrounds)	0	9,750	9,750	39,000	The project is currently in progress stage.
463 - Ngukurr Sports and Recreation Precinct Master Plan	3,020	12,900	9,880	51,600	The project is in progress. The suppliers' invoices for payment are not received yet.
464 - NT Govt Special Purpose Grants	276,469	200,000	76,469	800,000	The project is in progress and total budget is \$800,000 for the whole year. The expenditure to date is within the budgeted amount.

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Activity Listing	Sept 2019 Actual	Sept 2019 Budget	Sept 2019 Variance	Annual Budget	Explanation
470 - SPG Ngukurr Pool	1,470	0	1,470	0	The project was finished in Financial year 2018-19. Additional works carried out will be charged to activity 160.
478 - CBF - Ngukurr Playground Upgrade	136	0	136	0	The project was finished in Financial year 2018-19. Additional works carried out will be charged to activity 160.
486 - Ngukurr, Numbulwar & Borroloola Feasibility Studies	0	13,013	13,013	52,050	The project was completed in the previous year. Management is in discussion with the department for using underspend funds for different program.
Other Services Total	281,095	235,663	45,432	942,650	
Total Expenditure	1,283,268	1,790,830	507,562	7,163,319	

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	11.7
TITLE	2018-19 Local Authority Project Funding
REFERENCE	849240
AUTHOR	Josh CHEVALIER-BRINE, Grants Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the signed Certification for 2018-19 Local Authority Project Funding.**

BACKGROUND

Under the 2018-19 Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) Guidelines, Council is required to table LAPF financial reports for each Local Authority (LA) at the relevant Local Authority Meeting (Attachment 1). Income and expenditure for the period is itemised in the table below.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACQUITTAL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2019

LAPF Grant	\$170,170.00
Other income/carried forward balance from 2016-17	\$326,915.18
Other income/carried forward balance from 2017-18	\$170,170.00
Total income	\$667,255.18
Expenditure	\$202,422.19
Total Expenditure	\$202,422.19
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$464,832.99

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Local Authorities are reminded that LAPF grants must be fully expended within two years of receipt. Failure to do so may result in the Department withholding further LAPF payments or requesting unspent funds to be returned.

Requests to carry-over unspent funds remaining after two consecutive years is to be submitted to the Department and will be considered on a case by case basis.

Ngukurr LAPF for 2019-20 is \$170,170 (GST Exclusive).

ATTACHMENTS:

1 138_Certification_Form_2018-19_Ngukurr



DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Roper Gulf Regional Council

CERTIFICATION OF 2018-19 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING

Local Authority: Ngukurr
File number: NA

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Total Expenditure	\$202,422.19
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$464,832.99

CERTIFICATION

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 Yes No
- the Northern Territory Government's Buy Local Policy Yes No

Certification report prepared by Joshua Chevalier-Brine 26/08/2019

Acquittals laid before Council at OCM held on (copy of minutes attached) 28/08/2019

Acquittals laid before Local Authority held on (minutes to be provided at a later date) 22/10/2019

Signed, Phillip Luck – Chief Executive Officer:  27/08/2019

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Grant amount correct Yes No
Balance of funds to be spent \$
Date next certification due/...../2019
CERTIFICATION ACCEPTED Yes No

Comments:

Signed, Omor Sharif – Grants Officer:/...../2019

Signed, Donna Hadfield – Manager Grants Program:/...../2019

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	11.8
TITLE	Governance Report - Local Authority Project Register Update
REFERENCE	857465
AUTHOR	Munish Singla, Management Accountant

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the report on the Local Authority Project funding.**

BACKGROUND

Since 2014, the Ngukurr Local Authority has received a total of \$ 784,355 in Local Authority Project Funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development. Please see attached project register for list of projects currently in progress for which Local Authority has allocated funds.

The grant funding of \$170,170 for Financial Year 2019-20 hasn't been received yet.

The total unallocated funds as at 07 October 2019 as per the attached report are \$2,192.11.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Ngukurr Local Authority Project Register 07.10.2019.pdf

Ngukurr Local Authority Project Funding - as at 07.10.2019

Funds received from Department upto 30.06.2019	\$	784,355.00
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members	\$	795,526.00
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects	\$	13,363.11
Funding for 2019-20 (not yet received)	\$	170,170.00
Remaining Unallocated funds	\$	172,362.11

Please note: The funding for 2019-20 hasn't received yet. Therefore, only \$2,192.11 is available for allocation.

Project ID	Projects	Priject Budget	Actual Expenditure	Priject Variance	Project Status
2013802	Outdoor Stage Area and communal mural/ball wall at Oval & Community Graffiti board	\$ 166,000.00	4,227.27		Expression of interest for development is to be tabled at proposed NLC meeting in October.
2013803	Playground Equipment	\$ 18,000.00	13,352.50		Playground – Components purchased; quotes for installation are under assessment.
2013809	New Basket Ball Court & Roof	\$ 293,641.00	42,420.80		The project is currently being designed and scoped to incorporate auxiliary buildings such as showers, toilets and storage to aid Emergency Staging Area.
2013811	Toilet Block & new sand for playground area at Urupanga	\$ 45,000.00	22,500.00		The project is currently being scoped. Additional funds acquired via NTG SPG. Contract awarded to supplier and work has started.
Total for current projects in progress		\$ 522,641.00	\$ 82,500.57	\$ -	
Total for completed projects		\$ 272,885.00	\$ 259,521.89	\$ 13,363.11	
Grand Total		\$ 795,526.00	\$ 342,022.46	\$ 13,363.11	