



AGENDA

NUMBULWAR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2022

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

Wednesday, 7 December 2022 at 10:30am
The Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, Numbulwar

Or Via Video/Phone Conference

ID #: (03) 9260 6977
Guest Pin: 8475

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

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Marc GARDNER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

NUMBULWAR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:**Elected Members**

1. Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR.

Appointed Members

1. Roland NUNDHIRRIBALA;
2. Felicity RAMI;
3. Douglas WUNUNGMURRA;
4. Rhonda SIMON;
5. Travis MIRNIYOWAN; and
6. David MURRUNGUN.

MEMBERS: 7

COUNCIL: 1

LOCAL AUTHORITY: 6

QUORUM: 4 (minimum requirement)

PROVISIONAL: 2 (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 CLOSED SESSION

- 15.1 Confirmation of the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting Previous Confidential 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 Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	1308499
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 21 September 2022 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meeting 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 Numbulwar Local Authority met with **Quorum** on Wednesday, 21 September 2022. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to confirm.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The next Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 08 March 2023 at 10:30am.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Numbulwar Local Authority 2022-09-21 [2119] Minutes.DOCX



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, NUMBULWAR LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, NUMBULWAR
ON WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 10:30AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson) *(via teleconference)*;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Douglas WUNUNGMURRA;
- Rhonda SIMON; and
- Travis MIRNIYOWAN.

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Debbie BRANSON, Executive Assistant;
- Rodney HOFFMAN, Aboriginal Liaison Officer *(via teleconference)*;
- Chloe Irlam, Governance Engagement Coordinator *(via teleconference)*;
- Christine SMITH, Acting Council Services Coordinator;
- Kristine MULHOLLAND, CDP Coordinator;
- Robyn JOHNSON, Aged Care; and
- Alicia MIRANDA, Customer Service Officer.

1.3 Guests

- Cail RAYMANT, Power Water Corporation *(via teleconference)*; and
- Alec MOYLAN, Department Chief Minister and Cabinet *(via teleconference)*.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:40am with a **QUORUM**. 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

NUM Q-12/2022 (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Douglas WUNUNG MURRA) CARRIED

That the Numbulwar Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Ronald NUNDHIRRIBALA, Felicity RAMI and David MURRUNGUN.

PRESENTATION

NUMBULWAR'S DRINKING WATER

Power and Water Corporation presented their preliminary results on their research on water supply and quality in Numbulwar.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE NUMBULWAR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES

NUM Q-13/2022 (Travis MIRNIYOWAN/Douglas WUNUNG MURRA) CARRIED

That the Numbulwar Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 08 June 2022 and 09 March 2022 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

NUM Q-14/2022 (Rhonda SIMON/Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

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

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

- Numbrindi – Multi Purpose Community Centre – *Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR*
- Community Safety Plan – *Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR*

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2022 - 31.07.2022

NUM Q-15/2022 (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

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

13.2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

NUM Q-16/2022 (Rhonda SIMON/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Community Development Program (CDP) report.

13.3 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

NUM Q-17/2022 (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Travis MIRNIYOWAN) CARRIED

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Council Service Report.

13.4 NUMBULWAR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUND REGISTER

NUM Q-18/2022 (Douglas WUNUNG MURRA/Travis MIRNIYOWAN) CARRIED

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the update of the Local Authority Project Fund Register.

13.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

NUM Q-19/2022 (Douglas WUNUNG MURRA/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

That the Numbulwar Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report; and
- (b) writes to Ronald NUNDHIRRIBALA in regards to his non-attendance at Local Authority Meetings.

13.6 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

NUM Q-20/2022 (Douglas WUNUNG MURRA/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

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

13.7 LA PROJECT FUNDING CERTIFICATION

NUM Q-21/2022 (Douglas WUNUNG MURRA/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

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

13.8 2023 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS

NUM Q22/2022 (Rhonda SIMON/ Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

That the Numbulwar 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.

13.9 FEDERAL DIRECT ENROLMENT UPDATE - TRIAL FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES

NUM Q23/2022 (Rhonda SIMON/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

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

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLAND HEALTH SURVEY – AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

This item was deferred.

14.2 RESULTS OF REARCH - POWER AND WATER CORPORATION

NUM Q-24/2022 (Travis MIRNIYOWAN/Douglas WUNUNG MURRA) CARRIED

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the presentation made by the Power and Water Corporation on the Results of Research in regards to the Numbulwar water.

14.3 NUMBRINDI - MULTI PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE - Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR

NUM Q-25/2022 (Douglas WUNUNG MURRA/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

THAT the Numbulwar Local Authority authorises a letter be sent to the Numburindi Development Aboriginal Corporation in support of their application for funding through the Aboriginal Benefits Account for the proposed Multi-Purpose Community Centre on the old clinic site.

14.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN - Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR

NUM Q-26/2022 (Douglas WUNUNG MURRA/Travis MIRNIYOWAN) CARRIED

THAT the Numbulwar Local Authority requests a report to the next Local Authority Meeting on the proposal Community Safety Plan.

14.5 NUMBULWAR DUMP AND CEMETERY - Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI

NUM Q-27/2022 (Douglas WUNUNG MURRA/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

THAT the Numbulwar Local Authority request a report on the new dump and cemetery projects for Numbulwar.

14.6 RECYCLING CANS - Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR

NUM Q-28/2022 (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Douglas WUNUNG MURRA) CARRIED

That the Numbulwar Local Authority requests a report on the costs and options for recycling cans within the Numbulwar Community.

15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

29/2022 **RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Rhonda SIMON) CARRIED**

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda:-

15.1 Local Government Representation (Electoral) Reviews 2022 - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (e), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND 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.*

15.2 Numbulwar Projects Update - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i) (c)(iv) (d) (e), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; AND 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.*

The meeting moved to the Confidential Items at 12:56pm.

15.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION (ELECTORAL) REVIEWS 2022

NUM Q-38/2022 (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Numbulwar Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the report in relation to the Local Government Representation Reviews 2022 and provides feedback to Council; and
- (b) moves the motion to the open section.

RETURN TO OPEN

NUM Q-39/2022 (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Travis MIRNIYOWAN) CARRIED

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re-opened to the public.

The meeting re-opened to the public at 1:04pm.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 1:04pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 21 September 2022 and confirmed Wednesday, 07 December 2022.

David MURRUNGUN (Chairperson)
Confirmed on Wednesday, 07 December 2022.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Action List
REFERENCE	1308496
AUTHOR	Debbie BRANSON, Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar 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.

13.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

NUM Q-1/2022

That the Numbulwar Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report; and
- (b) writes to Ronald NUNDHIRRIBALA in regards to his non-attendance at Local Authority Meetings.

Refer to Outgoing Correspondence

13.8 2023 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS

NUM Q2/2022

That the Numbulwar 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

In progress

(c) coordinates their 2023 Australian Celebrations with Council’s staff.

14.3 NUMBRINDI - MULTI PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

NUM Q-3/2022

THAT the Numbulwar Local Authority authorises a letter be sent to the Numburindi Development Aboriginal Corporation in support of their application for funding through the Aboriginal Benefits Account for the proposed Multi-Purpose Community Centre on the old clinic site.

Refer to Outgoing Correspondence

14.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

NUM Q-4/2022

THAT the Numbulwar Local Authority requests a report to the next Local Authority Meeting on the proposal Community Safety Plan.

Consulting with stakeholders

14.5 NUMBULWAR DUMP AND CEMETERY

NUM Q-5/2022

THAT the Numbulwar Local Authority request a report on the new dump and cemetery projects for Numbulwar.

Not funded – under investigation by the administration

14.6 RECYCLING CANS

NUM Q-6/2022

That the Numbulwar Local Authority requests a report on the costs and options for recycling cans within the Numbulwar Community.

Not funded – under investigation by the administration

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Outgoing Correspondence
REFERENCE	1297887
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the outgoing correspondence.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

Item No.	Date Sent	Sender	Sent To	Correspondence Details	InfoXpert Number
01	26/09/2022	Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer	Ronald NUNDHIRRIBALA, Numbulwar Local Authority Appointed Member	Request for attendance at the next scheduled Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting.	1297884
02	26/09/2022	Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer	Numburindi Development Aboriginal Corporation	Multi Purpose Centre	1302610

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Ronald Nundhirribala Numbulwar LA.pdf
- 2 Numburindi Development Aboriginal Corporation - Letter of Support.pdf

Nil.



26 September 2022

Mr Ronald NUNDHIRRIBALA
Numbulwar Local Authority Member
NUMBULWAR NT 0852

Postal Address:
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Katherine NT 0850
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Dear Ronald

Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting – Attendance

The next Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 10:30am.

The Local Authority have requested your attendance at the upcoming meeting and if you do not attend, it will be recommended to Council by the Local Authority that you are removed as a member of the Local Authority so the position can be advertised and new nominations will be sought within your community.

Yours sincerely

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Marc GARDNER
Chief Executive Officer





26 September 2022

Postal Address:
PO Box 1321
Katherine NT 0850
ABN: 94746956090

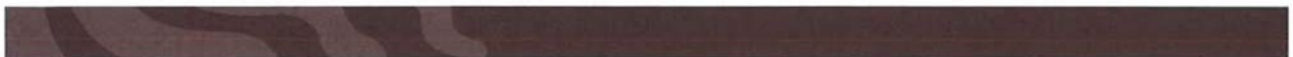
Tel: 08 8972 9000
Fax: 08 8972 3714

Letter of Support – Aboriginal Benefits Account
Numburindi Development Aboriginal Corporation – Numbulwar Multi-
Purpose
Centre Proposal

Roper Gulf Shire Council was formed on 1 July 2008 from the amalgamation of a number of smaller community councils and previously unincorporated land. The organisation was renamed Roper Gulf Regional Council in January 2014. The new Roper Gulf Shire incorporated the Mataranka, Yugul Mangi, Numbulwar Numburindi, Borroloola, Nyirranggulong and Jilkminggan "Councils" and a large amount of unincorporated land in the Gulf, Roper Valley, Stuart Plateau and Southern Arnhem Land.

Roper Gulf Regional Council delivers a wide range of municipal and community services and programs. There are five Wards that make up the Roper Gulf region - Never Never, Numbulwar-Numburindi, Nyirranggulong, South West Gulf and Yugul Mangi. We have been working with Numburindi Development Aboriginal Corporation (NDAC) since they commenced operations in 2021. There are thirteen elected members who represent the residents of the Roper Gulf including two Councillors from Numburindi Ward. Numburindi is one of twelve Local Authorities in the region and has seven members, to provide valuable advice on services, infrastructure requirements, new or emerging issues, community and social projects and identification of community needs etc.

NDAC are committed to strengthening service delivery and supporting the development of community infrastructure and social enterprises that create employment opportunities for local Numbulwar residents. The Council were keen to support the Indigenous Youth Connection to Country consultations in 2021 recognizing the direct benefits NDAC's community-led program will bring to the youth of Numbulwar. Our Numbulwar Local Authority is aware of the community-wide impacts that result from improving the social and emotional wellbeing of young people in our community and connecting them back to culture.



On 21 September 2022 NDAC presented an overview of the proposed Multi-Purpose Centre to the Numbulwar Local Authority. The Local Authority expressed their support for the project and were enthusiastic to learn of the opportunities the facility would provide for the community, through the creation of new local jobs and training opportunities, a dedicated CDP drop-in centre/youth hall, social enterprise training café, much needed accommodation facilities, corporate office space, a community board room and importantly a facility that recognizes and celebrates the Numbulwar and Numburindi people's culture.

We wish NDAC well with their application for funding to construct a Multi-Purpose Community Centre in Numbulwar. We look forward to continuing to work together in the future.

Yours Sincerely

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Marc GARDNER
Chief Executive Officer

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	Re-Election of Chairperson
REFERENCE	1309214
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar 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 June 2022 Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting, it was resolved to appoint David MURRUNGUNG as the Chairperson six (6) months.

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	12.2
TITLE	Local Authority Review Report
REFERENCE	1304989
AUTHOR	Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Review 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.

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

In March 2022 Council was provided a copy of the Local Government Desktop Review report which was sent to all regional councils for feedback. Feedback was provided and subsequent discussions took place with CEOs, Elected Members, Local Authority Members and representatives from the Northern Territory Government.

The next draft review report is attached. The document focuses on the core role of Local Authorities, and aims to strip back requirements that might detract from councils' and Local Authority ability to carry out that core role. It also provides flexibility for the Local Authorities to have a broader focus.

As outlined in the reports, Local Authorities were initially established as part of the regional local government structure, to respond to the concerns raised by community members that the creation of regional councils would mean they would lose their voices with local government. They were included in the *Local Government Act 2008*, and their role was strengthened in the 2019 Act. They are part of the regional council structure, and their role is essentially to support their council with two-way communication between their community and the council; to assist their community to have input into the council's planning, prioritisation, service delivery and funding in that community; to advocate for their community with council; recommend (or decide if delegated) where LA project funding should be prioritised, and, in turn, help the council to keep communities informed about planning and services.

Regional councils are encouraged to engage with their Local Authorities in developing feedback. Feedback on the document is to be submitted to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet by 20 January 2023.

A representative from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet will be invited to present to the Local Authority and provide assistance.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

For discussion.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 LA Review Report - 12 October 2022 Draft.pdf

Local Authority Review Report

1. Background

Local authorities (LAs) were established in 2014 under section 53B of the former *Local Government Act 2008* (the 2008 Act). LAs were established as a response to concerns from communities that the transition from the former community government councils to regional councils led to a loss of communities' voices in the planning and delivery of council programs and services in their community.

The inclusion of LAs in the structure of regional councils is intended to ensure communities have a say in their regional councils' planning, prioritisation, funding and delivery of services and infrastructure for their community; and the provision of information and feedback to communities about the councils' decisions and activities in that community. The ultimate goal is effective, responsive council services for remote communities.

2. Intent of the Legislative Framework

On 1 July 2021, the intent of the 2008 Act was further strengthened when it was replaced with the *Local Government Act 2019* (the 2019 Act). In addition, the previous *Guideline 8: Regional councils and local authorities* (Guideline 8) was replaced by the new *Guideline 1: Local Authorities* (Guideline 1). The provisions in the 2019 Act were in a new chapter entitled Local Decision Making to reinforce the intent and purpose of LAs.

The 2019 Act requires regional councils to seek their LAs' advice and recommendations in relation to the council's budget; their priorities for expenditure; their service delivery; regional plans; strategic directions; and funding. Regional councils must also ensure their strategies and plans are informed by the vision and priorities of the LAs, and must work with their LAs to foster constructive working relationships between the council and community.

The 2019 Act specifically provides for expanded roles for LAs and a mechanism for giving communities a stronger voice in local government matters that affect them. Section 78 defines the functions of a LA:

- to involve local communities more closely in issues related to local government;
- ensure that local communities are given an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government;
- to allow local communities a voice in the formulation of policies for the locality as well as policies for the area and the region;
- to take the views of local communities back to the council and act as advocates on their behalf;
- to contribute to the development of the regional plan;
- to make recommendations to the council in relation to the council's budget and the part of the council's area within which the LA performs its functions.

Guideline 1 provides how LAs are to operate and be administered by their respective regional councils, including appointments and resignations, meetings, LA member payments and reporting.

3. Local Authority Review

In 2021, before the commencement of the 2019 Act, the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) started a desktop review (Review 1) of how well regional councils and LAs were meeting the intent of the 2008 Act and Guideline 8. The aim of Review 1 was to identify good practice across the NT as well as areas that could be further strengthened, and to determine what actions could be considered to better support the delivery of the intent

Local Authority Review Report

of LAs given their expanded roles under the 2019 Act. Review 1 focused on the 66 LAs established across the Northern Territory for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Review 1 was informed by the information available on regional councils' websites, information held and observations made by CM&C and some feedback and insights provided by regional councils. The findings and draft recommendations were provided to councils and other stakeholders in early 2022 for comment.

The Review 1 report acknowledged limitations associated with any desktop process. However it provided a platform for more discussion with councils, LA members and others, resulting in the direction outlined in this report.

Review 1 confirmed that there is noticeable diversity in the functioning of LAs and the way councils work with them, with some LAs engaging strongly with their communities and working with their councils to deliver on community priorities and aspirations, and some others struggling to meet or attain quorum to enable recommendations to be made about community priorities. Some LAs, with their councils' support, consider broader matters than council business, acting as a forum and conduit for community engagement in matters including local, Territory and Commonwealth government priorities.

In addition, feedback from councils and LA members has indicated that some of the requirements placed on them by the NT Government, or interpretations of these requirements, are impeding their ability to achieve their core functions.

Feedback on Review 1 included the following:

Role of LAs:

- a need for greater recognition, promotion and celebration of the strengths of the LA model and more sharing of examples of LAs and their councils successfully achieving the intent of the Act;
- the need for CM&C, councils and LAs to have a clear and common understanding of the definition and scope of their core functions and requirements;

Flexibility:

- the need for flexibility in how LAs and their councils deliver on the core functions (or choose to move beyond the core) to respond to differences between communities, their aspirations and the capacity of LAs;
- providing for flexibility for those communities, LAs and councils who want to have more integrated engagement, not just on local government matters. For example, some communities would like to see a single body coordinating community input into local government and NT Government (or broader) planning, services and prioritisation; while others have indicated a preference that LA members continue to focus on local government and other groups are established or continue to provide input into NT Government and broader matters;
- recognition that some LAs are well established with consistent membership who deliver well-regarded outcomes for their communities and council, and others are less established; and that, over time, LAs may cycle through these stages. This impacts on the levels of support needed from councils for their LAs and the level of autonomy LAs may have, and needs to be accommodated in expectations set by CM&C and required of councils;

Decision making

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- LAs should have as much influence and decision-making power as is appropriate to their stage of development and the delegations of the council; for example, some councils have already delegated decision making in the use of LA Project Funding (LAPF) to their LA, and some have delegated decision making over other community funding. The council is the decision-maker about the level of delegation relevant for their LA/s;

LA Members:

- a need for greater role clarity, capacity building and support for LA members and LA chairs;
- the need to revisit whether proxies should be permitted for LA members;

Administration:

- CM&C should remove any administrative requirements that detract from the ability of the LA and council to deliver on their core function. This needs to be balanced with good governance and accountable administrative process, reflecting that LAs are involved in the use of public resources and should be respected in their communities as informed, well governed and responsive structures;
- performance reporting should be focused on the intended outcome; ie the demonstration by councils of the engagement of communities through their LAs, and of the council's responsiveness to the advice, input and advocacy of their LA, including through the delivery of agreed community priorities;
- LAs should be able to set their own agendas and conduct their own meetings, while recognising the role of councils in managing administration, building capacity and responding to the varying levels of experience and capacity of members;

Resourcing/support

- some LAs and their councils continue to see benefit in having CM&C representatives at meetings at least occasionally, to coordinate responses to questions from community and LAs about NT Government matters, as well as to support engagement with other NT Government agencies;
- LAPF is a valuable resource for LAs and their councils to respond to community priorities. However, some councils struggle to spend these funds in the required time frames. The support role of CM&C is important in helping councils to address any barriers to the timely expenditure of funding on community priorities as determined by the LA and council;
- Accessible information should be provided to enable communities to understand how priorities for the use of LAPF are determined, and where they are spent;
- A need for a review of the LAPF guidelines to ensure their alignment with the core intent of the LAs;
- Any changes to the LA model should avoid requiring additional council resourcing. For example, where communities and their LAs want to have a broader role than council matters, there may need to be negotiation of partnering with NTG or others to share costs.

As a result of feedback and further discussions, the focus of the Review 1 report changed considerably into this report. This report emphasises the intent of the legislative framework for LAs and provides a principles-based direction for how this intent will be strengthened across the diverse councils of regional NT.

This review does not anticipate a change in the 2019 Act in relation to the role of LAs; LAs will remain part of their regional council structure, and continue to be subject to the control and direction of their relevant regional council.

4. Principles

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The following principles have been developed to guide the way in which CM&C, regional councils and LAs will support the effective integration and involvement of communities in the system of local government, as intended in the 2019 Act. An amendment to Guideline 1 will be required to fulfil the aspirations below.

PRINCIPLE: Flexible governance	
What does this mean?	<p>All LAs have a core role: to enable their community to have a say in their regional councils' planning, prioritisation, budgeting, and service delivery for their community; and to support the provision of regular feedback to their communities about council activities and the achievement of LA priorities.</p> <p>Councils and their LAs, with their communities, will determine how they deliver the role so it is adaptable to different locations, community aspirations, and capacity. CM&C will facilitate the sharing of examples of good practice from LAs across the NT</p>
What does this look like?	<p>LAs, with their councils, decide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether they and their community prefer that the LA focus on council business or take a broader approach with a wider range of community matters. If a broader approach is agreed this may need negotiation of support from CM&C or other partners for non-council activities. Also, if a broader approach is agreed community input should ensure it avoids duplicating other community structures, authority or roles and that the role is understood and supported; • how the LA will conduct meetings and engage with their community; • how the LA will prioritise LAPF funds including how community input will be heard, how priorities will be decided, and how decisions and outcomes will be communicated to the community; • whether delegated decision making will be requested from the council; • the nomination process for LA members, with councils seeking LA and community input into their policy on criteria for selecting LA members; • the number of appointed members up to a maximum of 14; • whether the Mayor/President will be a member of LAs beyond their own ward; • the frequency of LA meetings (minimum four per year, with timing to enable input into, and feedback from, council planning); • the location of LA meetings - they should be held in public places to maximise opportunity for community members to attend; and • whether attendance at meetings via phone/video conference will be allowed. <p>First LA meetings to recommend to council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nomination of LA chair; • the kinds of priorities the LA would like to focus on for their community; • how information about meetings and decisions will be publicised. This must be at least on the council website for transparency for community members; and • the use of interpreters

PRINCIPLE: Community-centred, place based engagement***What does this mean?***

The way the council and LA engage with each other and the community is place-based and adapts to local needs, languages, time frames and cultural protocols to encourage community involvement.

What does this look like?

- LAs will recommend to their council the process for community engagement and two-way communication between the council, LA and community
- Community engagement is supported by principles of the Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy
- Communication is clear and accessible.
- LAs with their councils decide the nature and format of reports to be provided by councils to LAs – brief, diagrammatic reports are enough
- LAs and their councils decide how the feedback about priorities is given to the LA and community in a timely way such as through the Council Community Based Manager, local council member or LA chair outside of meetings if needed
- Regional councils support their LAs to host at least one community based event each year to support community input into LA priorities, and council planning. These events may be funded through some LAPP. For example, some LAs may hold community barbecues twice per year: to provide input into LA priorities and council plans for their area; and to receive feedback about how the LA and council has responded to that input.
- Information is provided by regional councils in LA meeting agenda papers on:
 - Decisions that council has made based on the LA's recommendations and advice
 - Council resources and service delivery in the community.
 - Progress / status updates on LA project recommendations.
 - The amount of funding that is available to the LA for community priorities.

PRINCIPLE: Empowerment***What does this mean?***

LAs have authority to effectively carry out their core role as intended in the Act.

What does this look like?

Where LAs seek to do so, regional councils consider opportunities for delegation of relevant decisions to LAs consistent with the *Local Government Act 2019*, including decision making about priorities for LA project funds

Councils, with CM&C assistance, provide training and resources to support professional development of LA chairs and members in governance and the LA role; and clearly communicate the role of LAs and regional councils to communities.

PRINCIPLE: Outcome-focused	
<i>What does this mean?</i>	LAs (and communities) can see that their recommendations to the council, based on community engagement, are being acted on; where this is not the case, they are informed of the reason.
<i>What does this look like?</i>	Council annual reports include information that demonstrates how they have engaged with communities via their LA, and the outcomes delivered in response to LA recommendations/decisions. Compliance activity by CM&C will focus on the intended outcome of LAs

PRINCIPLE: Accountability	
<i>What does this mean?</i>	LAs and their councils continue to demonstrate high standards in governance and the use of public resources
<i>What does this look like?</i>	LAs have opportunities for professional development in governance consistent with their core role through their council and/or with support from CM&C if requested Decision making is transparent, focused on the best interests of the community as a whole, and conflicts of interest are managed. Information is accessible to community members about meetings, meeting proceedings, and opportunities for participation. Meetings are generally open to community members unless there is a defined need for confidentiality consistent with the provisions in the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .

5. Examples of Good Practice

To be discussed with, and provided by, regional councils.

6. Next Steps

This report will be provided to regional councils and other stakeholders for comment and input. Regional councils are encouraged to engage with their LAs in developing feedback. CM&C is available to assist as needed.

An implementation plan will be drafted for feedback from regional councils and LAs through their respective councils. The implementation plan will be developed through a reference group led by CM&C with the Local Government Association of the NT, and council and LA representatives.

The final LA Review report and Implementation Plan will be provided to the Minister for Local Government for consideration and approval. It is intended that this will be completed within the first quarter of 2023.

The LA Project Fund grant funding guidelines will be reviewed in 2022-23 in consultation with regional councils along with Guideline 1. Any recommendations for changes will then be advised to the Minister for Local Government for consideration for implementation in 2023-24.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	12.3
TITLE	Numbulwar Local Authority Projects Update
REFERENCE	1308459
AUTHOR	Puspa KARKI, Executive Assistant Community Services and Engagement

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

Since 2014 the Numbulwar Local Authority has received a total of \$1,068,556.00 from the Territory for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations are based on a formula related to population. Council has also allocated \$158,800 to cover unspent funds recovered by the NT Government.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Please refer to the attached.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**Unallocated Funds**

The Numbulwar Local Authority currently has \$158,800.00 to allocate to new projects.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Numbulwar LA projects attachment 31.10.2022.pdf

Numbulwar Local Authority Project Funding				31 October 2022
Funds received from Department		\$	1,068,556.00	
Allocated from Council		\$	158,800.00	
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members		\$	1,080,670.91	
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects		\$	12,114.91	
Remaining Unallocated funds		\$	158,800.00	
Date Approved Project ID	Projects	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Status
12/6/2018 2113805	New/Upgrade Toilets at the Airport	\$ 97,000.00		\$87,000 allocated on 12/06/2018 \$10,000 allocated on 09/10/2018; Design commenced; Expression of interest with NLC has been lodged. Awaiting response. Location to be discussed with TO's. S19 license approved. Preparing design docs and research for options. Site inspections done. Quotes received
9/10/2017	Sports Precinct Upgrade	\$ 409,145.91		Lot - 97 Sports and Rec Hall: \$ 40,000 Allocated on 09/10/2018 \$66,305.04 Allocated on 20/02/2019; Finalising Design. Extra funding needed. Proposed to allocate \$ 159,589.97 (no quorum at LA to decide) Approved to go to tender. Site inspections done.
Total for current projects in progress		\$ 506,145.91	\$ -	
Total for completed projects		\$ 574,525.00	\$ 562,410.09	
Grand Total		\$ 1,080,670.91	\$ 562,410.09	

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.4
TITLE	Local Authority Member Attendance Report
REFERENCE	1309229
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance 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 *Local Government Act 2019* states that members may be removed from a Local Authority if they are absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without authorisation.

Numbulwar Local Authority Member Attendance

Local Authority Meeting Members	07 September 2022	21 September 2022
Mayor Tony JACK	Postponed	P
Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr	-	P
Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI	-	P
David Murrungun	-	AP
Douglas Wunungmarra	-	P
Felicity Rami	-	AP
Ronald Nundhirribala	-	AP
Rhonda Simon	-	P
Travis Mirniyowan	-	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

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	12.5
TITLE	Elected Member Report
REFERENCE	1309232
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar 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**FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 23 NOVEMBER 2022**

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee consists of;

- Awais UR REHMAN – Independent Member
- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Councillor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT; and
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR.

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting discussed the need for a Cyclone Shelter in Numbulwar as well as whether or not the airstrip is the required length. The Committee resolved for the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report back to the January 2023 meeting.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING – 31 OCTOBER 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 Numbulwar Numbirindi Ward discussed at the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 26 OCTOBER 2022

Council approved the recommendations from the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held on 21 September 2022 with *Quorum*.

Council discussed the issue of contractors in Numbulwar community and resolved for the Acting Chief Executive Officer to submit a complaint to the Northern Territory Government Projects division.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

Council noted that there were no current recommendations from the Numbulwar Numbirindi Ward to be approved.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

14 December 2022 at 8:30am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
18 January 2023 at 10:00am	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
25 January 2023 at 8:30am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	RGRC Support Centre Katherine

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	12.6
TITLE	Council Services Report
REFERENCE	1309292
AUTHOR	Mark LEWIS, Acting Council Services Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Council Service Report.

BACKGROUND**CORE SERVICES****CORE SERVICES***111 – Councils Services General*

- Council Services are ongoing, wet season preparations are on track and installation of new fences around the CDP and MUNS yards should commence in the coming fortnight. There have been some recent staff changes and the team have adapted very well and are working hard.
- The workshop team is performing well with continued support of community vehicle repairs, unloading freight and managing the fuel bowsers.

160 – Municipal Services

- MUNS team is working well, A/CSC has been setting their tasks. Dale Murrungun, a previous MUNS Supervisor for Numbulwar is looking to come back as Acting MUNS Supervisor. RGRC is currently going through the hire paperwork for Dale. Dale will be a valued addition to operations. He is well respected by the team and they are keen to see him return in a leadership role.
- Next week we should have a full MUNS team, A/MUNS Supervisor and five team members.
- Future looks good for municipal services.

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

- CDP Employment Office has recruited Aaron Wilfred as CDP Activity Engagement Officer. We are also awaiting the Letter of Offer for another Engagement Officer hopefully commence around 12/12/2022.
- Since the last LA in Numbulwar, CDP has been busy with both participants and CDP Activity Engagement officers participating in Cert II Civil Construction.
- The women's activity is going well. Women are tie dying t-shirts, calico bags, painting shoes and cooking pancakes and damper
- The past few months the Engagement Officers were sourcing steel poles from local dump and around the CDP yard to build the green house structure. A lot of building and welding was going on. The green shade cloth is now on the frame with just a little more to add until it is finally completed.
- In the New year, CDP will be planting vegies in our new garden and will be distributed to Aged Care and locals.
- Travis Mirniyowan, signed his new contract as CDP Activity Supervisor today (1/12/2022) and will commence in his new role on Monday.
- Supervisors are going out every day to get people to attend and talking them about gaining work like skills which will assist in future employment.

404 – Indigenous Sports and Recreation

- Outdoors activities been delivered with full staff.
- Hours will be changed in the School Holidays from 3.30pm until 7.30pm.
- Youth Program is running smoothly with one male staff, recruitment in progress to recruit one more staff.
- Hours will be changed in the School Holidays from 3.30pm until 7.30pm.

415- Community Youth Program

- Youth Program is running smoothly with one male staff, recruitment in progress to recruit one more staff.
- Hours will be changed in the School Holidays from 3.30pm until 7.30pm.

401- Community Night Patrol

- Night patrol has continued to run fairly smoothly with full staff and three extra casual staff on occasions and together with a coordinator.
- The hours for the Night Patrol will be extended over the School Holiday program and the staff will be divided into two teams to meet the hours from 6pm until 5.36am.

OTHER / MISCELLANEOUS

Nil

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

NIL

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	12.7
TITLE	Council Financial Report for the period 1.07.2022 - 31.10.2022
REFERENCE	1309390
AUTHOR	Manisha CHAMKUR, Financial Accountant

RECOMMENDATION

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

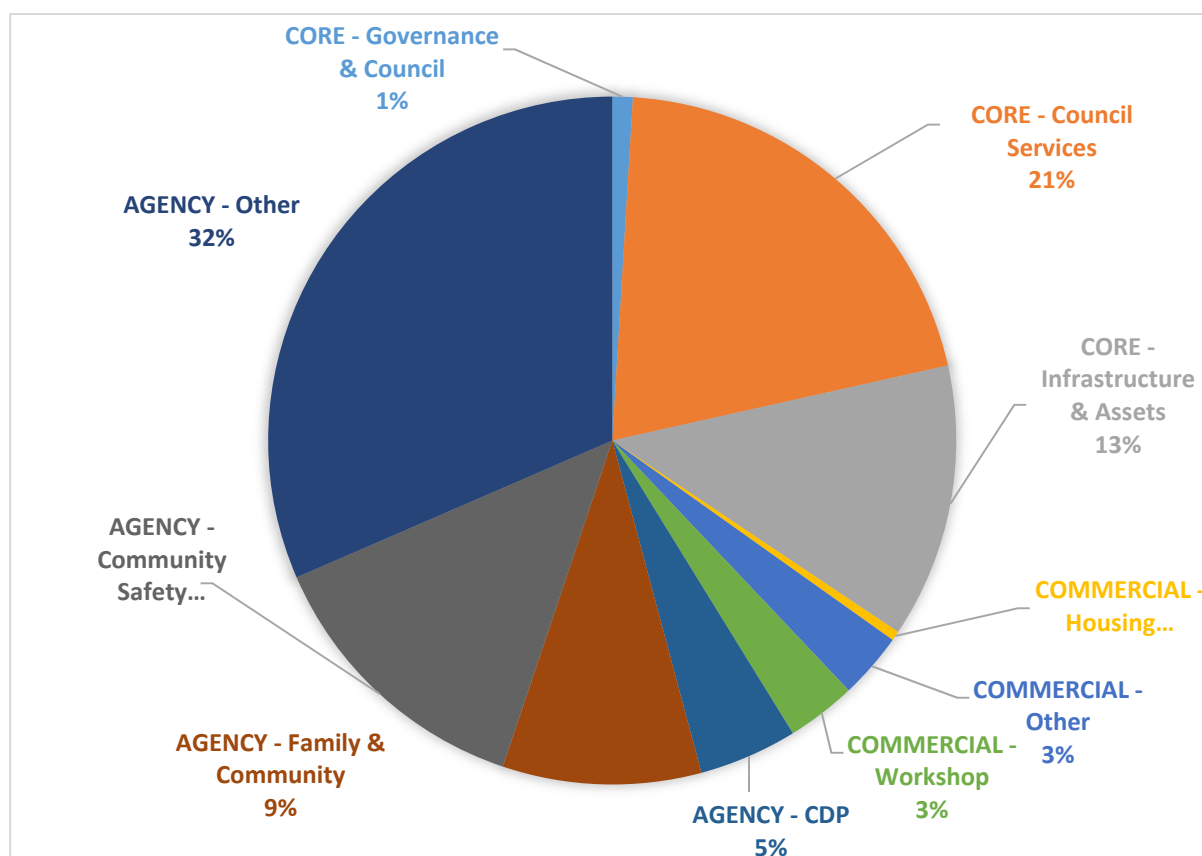
KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

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



ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Any figures mentioned in this report are interim since the finance department has yet to finalise the ledger for last financial year. However every effort has been made to ensure the reports are accurate at the time of preparation.

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 \$1,082,599 in operating income for Numbulwar which is leading to a variance of \$10,882. The major cause in variance is from Numbulwar fuel sales. There has been surplus income received from Numbulwar fuel external sales as compared to the budget.

Operating Expenditure:

The total underspend in operating expenditure is \$106,740. The major cause in underspend is due to no expenses allocated for internal office space sharing costs.

Capital Expenditure:


The total underspend for capital expenditure is \$2,714,241. Please see the project register and attachment for further detail.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Financial Report 31.10.2022.pdf

Roper Gulf Regional Council					
Financial Report as at					
31-October-2022					
Numbulwar					
	Year to Date Actual (\$)	Year to Date Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Explanation
Income					
Income Council Fees and Charges	231,746	177,826	53,920	533,478	The surplus is mostly due to more income received for sale of fuel in Numbulwar as compared to the budget.
Income Operating Grants Subsidies	0	16,667	-16,667	50,000	The major cause of variance is from Local Authority Project. As projects reach further stages of completion, income will be recognised from liability.
Income Reimbursements	1,645	0	1,645	0	
Income Agency and Commercial Services	849,208	877,224	-28,017	2,631,673	
Total Operating Income	1,082,599	1,071,717	10,882	3,215,151	
Operating Expenditure					
Employee Expenses	657,284	795,996	-138,713	2,387,989	The underspend is mainly due to staff absences and vacancies in various positions.
Contract and Material Expenses	286,033	220,347	65,686	661,039	The overspend is mostly due expenses incurred for visitor accommodations, numbulwar fuel, general council and municipal services.
Fleet, Plant & Equipment	24,630	34,267	-9,637	102,800	
Other Operating Expenses	124,519	65,240	59,279	195,720	The overspend is mostly due section 19 rental leases paid in advance.
Finance Expenses	40	0	40	0	

Internal Cost Allocations	569,301	645,609	-76,307	1,936,825	The underspend is mostly due to no internal cost was allocated for office space sharing.
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	405	1,667	-1,262	5,000	
Councillor Allowance Exp	9,477	15,303	-5,826	45,910	
Total Expenditure	1,671,689	1,778,428	-106,740	5,335,284	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	-589,089	-706,711	117,622	-2,120,133	
Capital Funding					
Income Capital Grants	0	1,313,000	-1,313,000	1,313,000	This variance is in relation to income from the Special purpose grant for ablution toilet black and Community Infrastructure Grant for the road upgrades in Numbulwar. However, the income will be recognised from the liability as projects reach further stages of completion.
	0	1,313,000	-1,313,000	1,313,000	
Capital Expenditure					
Capital Purchase/Construct Buildings	137,425	1,510,000	-1,372,575	1,510,000	Please refer to the project register for further detail
Capital Purchases Plant & Equipment	0	311,666	-311,666	311,666	
Capital Purchase Vehicles	0	30,000	-30,000	30,000	
Capital Purchases Roads	0	1,000,000	-1,000,000	1,000,000	
Total Capital Expenditure	137,425	2,851,666	-2,714,241	2,851,666	
Net Operating Position	-726,514	-2,245,377	1,518,863	-3,658,799	

