



AGENDA

URAPUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 28 JUNE 2022

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

Tuesday, 28 June 2022 at 3:00pm
The Council Shed,
Urapunga

Or Via Video/Phone Conference

ID #: 03 9260 8565
Guest Pin:1318

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

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Marc GARDNER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

URAPUNGA CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Elected Members

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

Appointed Members

1. Dennis DUNCAN.
2. Elaine DUNCAN;
3. Amanda JEFFS;
4. Paul JEFFS;
5. Edna NELSON; and
6. Antonella PASCOE.

MEMBERS: 9

COUNCIL: 3

LOCAL AUTHORITY: 6

QUORUM: 5 (minimum requirement)

PROVISIONAL: 3 (minimum requirement)

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

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

If no quorum is achieved, a provisional meeting can be held in one third of the total members (elected members and appointed members) are present.

During a provisional meeting, all agenda items may be discussed, and minutes must be kept.

Members at a provisional meeting may by majority vote make recommendations to Council. However, the recommendations shall be considered as those of a provisional meeting rather than a quorum meeting of the Local Authority.

A provisional meeting does not have the power or functions delegated to a Local Authority and cannot approve minutes of a Local Authority meeting.

Local Authority appointed members are paid for attending meetings (not for informal meetings or Roper Gulf Regional Council Employees during their hours of work).

PLEDGE

“We pledge to work as one towards a better future through effective use of all resources.

We have identified these key values and principles of Honesty, Equality, Accountability, Respect and Trust as being integral in the achievement of our vision, that the Roper Gulf Regional Council is Sustainable, Viable and Vibrant.”

PRAMIS BLA WI

“Mela pramis bla wek gudbalawei bla meigim futja bla wi wanwei, en bla yusim ola gudwan ting bla helpum wi luk lida.

Mela bin luk ol dijlod rul, ebrobodi gada tok trubalawei, wi gada meik so wi gibit firgo en lisiin misalp, abum rispek en trastim misalp bla jinggabat bla luk lida, Roper Galf Rijinul Kaunsul deya maindim en kipbum bla wi pramis, dum wek brabli gudbalawei, en im laibliwan.”

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Urapunga Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	1265831
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Urapunga Local Authority:

- (a) confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 04 February 2021 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings; and
- (b) confirms the Provisional Decisions made on 08 March 2022 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

BACKGROUND

The Urapunga Local Authority scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, 07 June 2022. However, due to lack of member's attendance, the meeting was **POSTPONED** by the Chief Executive Officer to Tuesday, 28 June 2022.

The Urapunga Local Authority met as a **PROVISIONAL** on Tuesday, 08 March 2022 at 2:00pm. Attached are the recorded minutes for the Local Authority to confirm.

The Urapunga Local Authority met with **QUORUM** on Thursday, 4 February 2021 at 3:00pm. Attached are the recorded minutes for the Local Authority to confirm.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The next Urapunga Local Authority Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 06 September 2022 at 3:00pm.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1   Urapunga Local Authority 2021-02-04 [1737] Minutes.DOCX
- 2   Urapunga Local Authority 2022-03-08 [1979] Minutes.DOCX



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, URAPUNGA LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE URAPUNGA SCHOOL
URAPUNGA
ON THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 3:00PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Mayor Judy MACFARLANE (Chairperson);
- Edna NELSON;
- Antonella PASCOE;
- Paul JEFFS; and
- Mandi JEFFS.

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Steven SANDERSON, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator;
- Dennis DUNCAN;
- Graeme CURTIS, Council Services Coordinator; and
- Kenny JOHANSEN, Information Technology (IT) Officer.

1.3 Guests

- Tracy DORGAN, Urapunga School;
- Anancia HOLT, My CDP;
- Lara COLLINS, My CDP;
- Steven KUBASIEWICZ, Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics;
- Winnie DUNCAN, Resident of Urapunga; and
- Janita PONTO, Resident of Urapunga.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Urapunga Local Authority Meeting opened at 3:01pm with **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 AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

1/2021 RESOLVED (Amanda JEFFS/Edna NELSON)

CARRIED

The Urapunga Local Authority accepts the apologies tendered by member Elaine DUNCAN and Councillor Owen TURNER.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 URAPUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING - 13 OCTOBER 2020**

2/2021 RESOLVED (Edna NELSON/Paul JEFFS)

CARRIED

The Urapunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 13 October 2020 and affirmed them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**8.1 ACTION LIST**

3/2021 RESOLVED (Dennis DUNCAN/Antonella PASCOE)

CARRIED

The Urapunga Local Authority:

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

ACTION: CEO to write letter to power and water asking for approval to paint the power poles in community.

ACTION: CEO to write letter to DIPL regarding Old Fellowship Location.

ACTION: CEO to follow up with Power and Water regarding power outage options/generator.

ACTION: CEO to follow up Irrigation action (Item 12.2).

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Steven Kubasiewicz – Community Land Use Plan

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE****12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS****13 GENERAL BUSINESS****13.1 TOWN PRIORITIES 2021-22****RECOMMENDATION**

The Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the draft 2021-22 Town Priorities list for

the 2021-22 Regional Plan.

It was noted that official approval of the Town Priorities report will take place in the April Urapunga Local Authority meeting.

13.2 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2020 - 31.12.2020

4/2021 RESOLVED (Paul JEFFS/Dennis DUNCAN) CARRIED

The Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2020 to December 2020.

13.3 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

5/2021 RESOLVED (Amanda JEFFS/Antonella PASCOE) CARRIED

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

13.4 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

6/2021 RESOLVED (Antonella PASCOE/Paul JEFFS) CARRIED

The Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.

13.5 URAPUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER UPDATE

7/2021 RESOLVED (Amanda JEFFS/Antonella PASCOE) CARRIED

The Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the report on the Local Authority Project funding.

ACTION: Quote to be sourced for the April Urapunga Local Authority meeting for members to compare the prices of building a new Community Hall building versus upgrading the existing building.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 STEVEN KUBASIEWICZ - COMMUNITY LAND USE PLAN

The Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the report provided by Steven KUBASIEWICZ regarding the Community Land Use Plan.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 4:45pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 4 February 2021 and confirmed Tuesday, 20 April 2021.

Chairperson

Confirmed on Tuesday, 28 June 2022



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, URAPUNGA LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE URAPUNGA SCHOOL, URAPUNGA
ON TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2022 AT 3:00PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Dennis DUNCAN; and
- Amanda JEFFS

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Acting Chief Executive Officer; and
- John TERREPO, Acting Manager Community Projects & Engagement – Ngukurr, Urapunga & Numbulwar.

1.3 Guests

- Tony JACK, Mayor Roper Gulf Regional Council;
- Clifford DUNCAN, Urapunga Community Resident;
- Craig WATTENS; Urapunga School Principal; and
- James WOOD, Urapunga Community Resident

2 MEETING OPENED

The Urapunga Local Authority Meeting opened at 3:23pm as a **PROVISIONAL** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Provisional Decision

That the Urapunga Local Authority;

- (a) Approve the tendered apologies from Councillor Jana DANIELS and Local Authority Appointed Member Paul JEFFS; and
- (b) Notes the absence with no apologies from Local Authority Appointed Members Elaine DUNCAN, Edna NELSON, and Antonella PASCOE.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF URAPUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES

Provisional Decision

That the Urapunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 4 February 2021 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

Provisional Decision

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

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Big Rivers Liveability Survey – Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet
- Phone Coverage

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

12.1 VET TEAM UPDATE

Provisional Decision

That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the Vet Team update report.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Provisional Decision

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

13.2 ELECTING A CHAIRPERSON

Provisional Decision

That the Urapunga Local Authority;

- (a) Receives and notes the Electing a Chairperson Report; and
- (b) Defers the report to the 07 June 2022 Urapunga Local Authority Meeting.

13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER UPDATE

Provisional Decision

That the Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Project Funding Report.

13.4 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2021 - 31.1.2022

Provisional Decision

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

13.5 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

Provisional Decision

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

1.1 LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND NEW GUIDELINE PRESENTATION

Provisional Decision

That the Urapunga Local Authority;

- (a) Receives and notes the presentation in relation to Local Authorities and New Guideline from the Department of the Chief Minister; and
- (b) Defers the report to the 07 June 2022 Urapunga Local Authority Meeting.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 HOUSING COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE AND UPDATE – DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORY FAMILIES, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

Provisional Decision

That The Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the presentation and information provided by the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities.

14.2 PHONE COVERAGE

Provisional Decision

That the Urapunga Local Authority requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to write to Telstra regarding Mobile Coverage in Urapunga.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 4:17pm.

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Chairperson

Confirmed on Tuesday, 28 June 2022.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Action List
REFERENCE	1265813
AUTHOR	Debbie BRANSON, Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

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

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. The highlighted points are the actionable item of each **resolved** matter.

URAPUNGA ACTION LIST

13.2 ELECTING A CHAIRPERSON

That the Urapunga Local Authority;

- (a) Receives and notes the Electing a Chairperson Report; and
- (b) Defers the report to the 07 June 2022 Urapunga Local Authority Meeting.

Report in Agenda?

*Yes – report
included in the
agenda*

13.6 LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND NEW GUIDELINE PRESENTATION**Report in Agenda?**

That the Urapunga Local Authority;

- (a) Receives and notes the presentation in relation to Local Authorities and New Guideline from the Department of the Chief Minister; and
- (b) Defers the report to the 07 June 2022 Urapunga Local Authority Meeting.

Yes – included in the agenda

14.2 PHONE COVERAGE**Report in Agenda?**

That the Urapunga Local Authority requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to write to Telstra regarding Mobile Coverage in Urapunga.

Not completed

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Stronger Futures Act Sunsetting
REFERENCE	1265810
AUTHOR	Debbie BRANSON, Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet have requested to attend the Local Authority Meeting to present the Stronger Futures Act Sunsetting.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT



Urapunga is still covered by a General Restricted Area and current alcohol restrictions will remain in place.

A representative from the Department will present the report at the meeting.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

1   Stronger Futures Sunsetting LA Brief Urapunga.pdf

Key terms

- Alcohol Protected Areas: Commonwealth Government areas which prohibit the drinking of alcohol and finish on midnight 16 July 2022.
- General Restricted Areas: Northern Territory Government areas which prohibit the drinking of alcohol, these remain indefinitely.

Background

- The *Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012* (Cth) (the SF Act) uses Alcohol Protection Areas (APAs) to prohibit the sale of alcohol in the Northern Territory.
- The SF Act has been in place from July 2012 and finishes on midnight 16 July 2022.
- Many communities are also covered by General Restricted Areas (GRAs) under the *Liquor Act 2019* (NT).
 - Once the SF Act finishes, these communities will still be covered as GRAs, which will continue liquor restrictions.

APA only communities

- Some communities are only covered by APAs.
- These communities have two options:
 - Opt-in: with support from the registered land owner (e.g. Land Trust, Aboriginal Corporation, etc.), these communities can continue current restrictions for up to two years.
 - Do nothing: they can choose to let the APA end, and become an unrestricted community.
- Communities have up until 31 January 2023 to opt-in.
- All APA only communities are still able to negotiate a GRA whether they opt-in or not.

What this means for Urapunga

- Urapunga is still covered by a GRA and current alcohol restrictions will remain in place.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.2
TITLE	Big Rivers Region Liveability Survey Report 2022
REFERENCE	1265805
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the Big Rivers Region Liveability Survey Report 2022 presented by a representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

BACKGROUND

The Big Rivers Liveability Report conducted by the Northern Territory Government is a regional place based approach to measuring liveability in the Big Rivers Region.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

A representative from the Department will present this report at the meeting.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1   Big Rivers Liveability Report Yugul Mangi Ward.pdf

The Big Rivers Liveability Report

Yugul Mangi Ward

Ngukurr and Urapunga

Purpose

The perception and reality of how 'liveable' a place is considered critical to attracting and retaining population. It's the key consideration for people when choosing where to live as put simply, liveability equals quality of life.

'Liveability' can mean many different things to different communities, but when we think about our day to day lives and how we spend our down time, we mostly think; can I access a doctor when I need to? Are there great schools for my kids and playgrounds to keep them entertained? What's the connectivity like? Can I enjoy the great outdoors, rent a house easily or achieve career growth? Is this a good place to have a go with a business start-up?

The Big Rivers Liveability Report conducted by the Northern Territory Government is a regional place based approach to measuring liveability in the Big Rivers Region.

The objectives of the project include:

- Understanding the perceptions and reality of living in the region from residents who live – or have lived – in the Big Rivers Region
- Identifying what is desired in a regional lifestyle to attract and retain people in the region through community ideas for change
- Creating regional baseline data to inform planning, monitoring and evaluation

The liveability survey places our residents at the centre of our planning by seeking to understand what attributes are valued the most, the region's greatest strengths, those that need to be prioritised and areas where we're underperforming.

Liveability was measured against nine core attributes including broadly grouped elements to address a broad range of interpretations of liveability.

Please note the report does not measure performance levels of services. It only captures respondents' perceptions of access to service (the nine core attributes).

Defining Liveability

In this project, 'liveability' has been associated with the following core attributes:

Healthcare	Access to hospitals, doctors, pharmacy, dentist, mental health services and specialist services.
Education	Access to childhood education services (e.g. preschool, day care etc.), primary school, secondary school with breadth of curriculum, tertiary options and English language classes.
Amenity	Access to parks and green spaces, walkable town centre/neighbourhood, shopping and dining experiences in a culturally vibrant town, taxi, remote community transport, ease of driving and parking and places to socialise, events and festivals.
Cost of Living	Availability of suitable housing for rent or purchase, cost of fresh produce, access to bulk billing and access to government subsidised childcare and schools.
Natural Environment	Ways to adapt to climate change; preparation for cyclone season, heat mitigation; transitioning to renewable energy such as solar, water security, effective waste management and air quality.
Digital Connectivity	Access to adequate phone coverage, reliable internet and broadband, able to work from home and pay bills online.
Community Connection	Community activities including community-organised events, volunteering, local community groups and organisations which are related to interests or beliefs, a sense of belonging and safety and community diversity.
Employment Opportunities	Access to local job opportunities, career growth opportunities, starting and growing a business.
Great Outdoors	Including access to recreational activities, walking trails, fishing, swimming holes and camping locations.

Our Approach

The liveability survey was developed by the Northern Territory Government on the Survey 123 platform; a form-centric geospatial data gathering system which maps geographical location data to capture place-based perspectives across the region.

The survey was undertaken in March 2022 with an extensive public promotion campaign including geo-mapped, targeted marketing and direct engagement approaches over the phone, online and face to face.

The Northern Territory Government's Aboriginal Interpreter Service was utilised to engage and deliver the survey in language and to accurately interpret the questions for Aboriginal people completing the survey. A 'call back request' service was also facilitated for Aboriginal people who preferred the assistance of an interpreter while responding to the survey.

Population data from the Northern Territory Government's Bushtel, a central point for information about the remote communities of the Northern Territory, was obtained to devise proportionate response targets, based on the overall estimated resident population of the region.

Summary of Key Findings

A sense of safety and quality of education are the most valued attributes in the Yugul Mangi ward.

A sense of safety and quality of education are critical across the ward and can strongly influence people's choice to move or not recommend their communities as a great place to live. 53% or 8 respondents believe that a sense of safety (community connection), and quality of education (67% or 10 respondents) need to be improved as a priorities in the ward.

Improving healthcare including access to hospitals, doctors, pharmacy, dentist, mental health services and specialist services, is critical to lifting liveability.

47% or 7 respondents believe addressing and improving quality of healthcare will significantly improve liveability across the ward. This attribute is extremely underperforming and is negatively affecting liveability of the ward.

Access to the great outdoors, the breadth of employment opportunities and a sense of community connection are the ward's key strengths and the top reasons why people won't relocate elsewhere.

When asked to identify the ward's key strengths, access to the great outdoors, employment opportunities and the inclusiveness and connection of the community were identified. This makes these attributes both key influencers in the perceptions and reality of living in the region and key drivers for attracting and retaining population.

Who responded?

15 responses were collected across the ward:

60% identify as Male	33% identify as Female	7% did not wish you to disclose
60% identify as Aboriginal and or Torres Strait	40% do not identify as Aboriginal and or Torres Strait	
7% identify as LGBTQIA	87% do not identify as LGBTQIA	6% did not wish you to disclose
73% residents speak a language other than English	27% residents do not speak a language other than English	

How diverse is the ward?

Country of Birth:

- 80% or 12 of respondents were born in Australia
- 7% or 1 of respondents were born in Great Britain
- 7% or 1 of respondents were born in New Zealand
- 7% or 1 of respondents were born in Ireland

Years lived in the region:

- 40% have lived in the region for < 2 years
- 13% have lived in the region
- 7% have lived in the region for up to 10 years

- 27% have lived in the ward for > 10 years
- 13% born and bred

Age of Respondents

Majority of respondents are between the age of 15 and 74 years old.

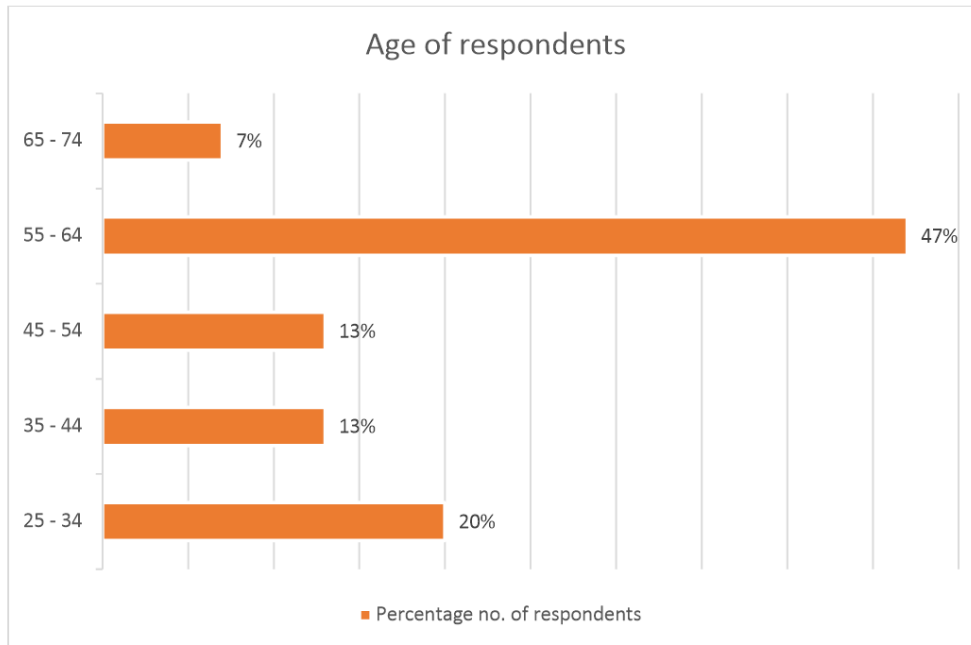


Figure 1. Age of respondents in the Yugul Mangi Ward

Residents Employment Status

Over two-thirds of respondents are employed full-time.

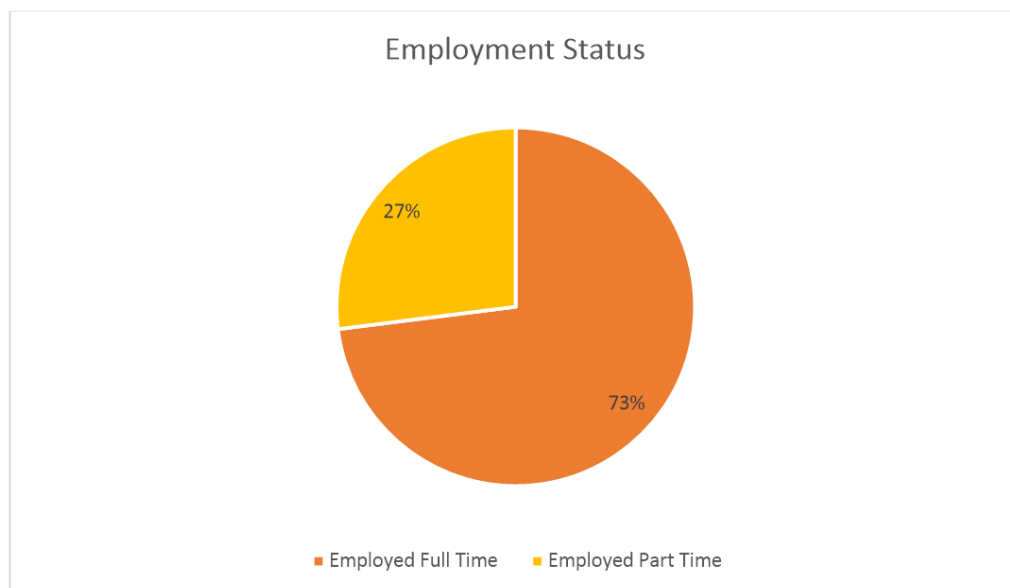


Figure 2. Respondents' employment status

Overall Perceptions of the Yugul Mangi Ward

Do our residents love living in the ward?

67% of our residents have a positive attitude of living in the ward.

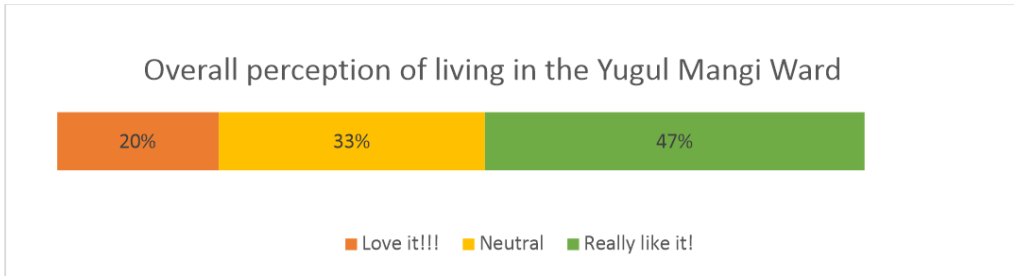


Figure 3. Overall Perception of the Yugul Mangi Ward

What do residents value the most?

There may be identified gaps in key liveability attributes, but do our residents value these in terms of their perceptions of whether the region is a great place to live? Do the gaps affect whether people would relocate outside the region?

Respondents were requested to select the three most important attributes in making the ward a great place to live. An "Other" option was provided for respondents to suggest a liveability feature which wasn't included in the list.

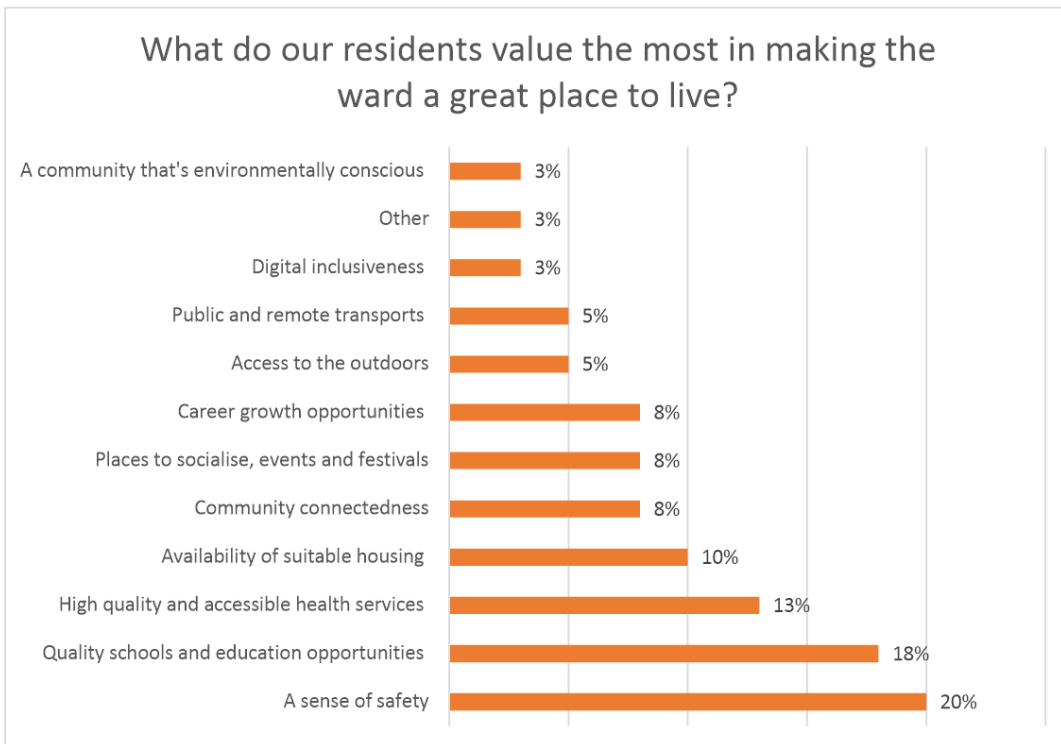


Figure 4. What do residents value in making the ward a great place to live.

A sense of safety (20% or 8 responses), the quality of schools and education opportunities (18% or 7 responses), and high quality and accessible health services (13% or 5 responses) were identified as the three most valued attributes in the region.

What respondents have suggested in "Other":

- "Helping develop Indigenous people"

Would you recommend your ward to others as a great place to live?

- 80% or 12 responses agreed
- 20% or 3 responses disagreed

Perceptions of liveability in the Yugul Mangi Ward

What are our strengths, what do we need to prioritise and what is negatively affecting perceptions and the reality of living in the region?

Respondents were asked to rate their perception of each of the nine liveability attribute as being either:

Great: these attributes are the strengths in the region and should be maintained and protected.

Could be improved: these attributes need to be addressed as a priority.

Poor: these attributes are underperforming and need to be addressed in long term planning. They negatively affect the perception of living in the region.

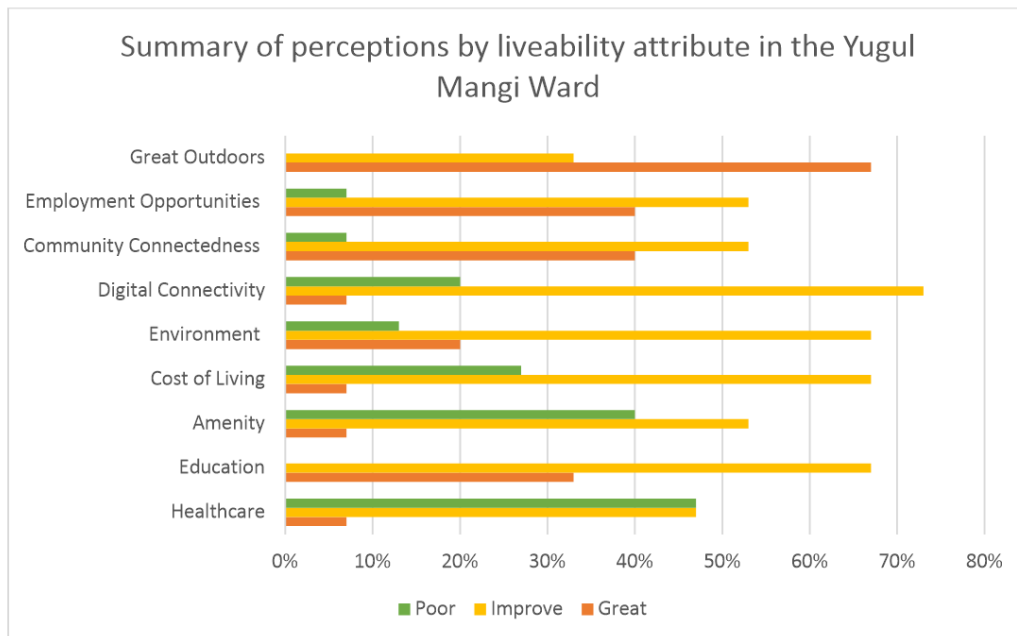


Figure 5. Summary perceptions of liveability in the ward.

The best reason to live in the Yugul Mangi Ward

Protecting and maintaining these key attributes will have a positive impact on the liveability of residents in the region.

The following were identified as the top three strengths in the region:

- Access to the great outdoors (67% or 10 responses)
- Employment opportunities (40% or 6 responses) and Community connection (40% or 6 responses)
- Quality of Education (33% or 5 responses)

These three attributes were identified as performing well and are considered the key strengths in the ward. Although respondents ranked access to the great outdoors as the eighth most important attribute in making the ward a great place to live (5%), their experience and access to this attribute is rated the highest (with 0% of respondents rating it as "poor"). Employment opportunities and community connection are equally ranked as the fifth most valuable attribute (8%) and both equally as the second greatest experience. Lastly, quality of education rated the second (18%) most valuable attribute and one of the top three experience rated as "great".

Priority areas to improve liveability in the Yugul Mangi Ward

These attributes need to be improved as a priority.

Of total responses, the three attributes identified as the highest priority for improvement included:

- Digital connectivity (73% or 11 responses)
- Quality of education (67% or 10 responses), cost of living (67% or 10 responses) and protection of the natural environment (67% or 10 responses)
- Community connection (53% or 8 responses), Amenity (53% or 8 responses) and Employment opportunities (53% or 8 responses)

Although digital connectivity was rated the highest priority of improvement, it is ranked the lowest valuable attribute in making the ward a great place to live (3%).

The poorest liveability attributes in the Yugul Mangi Ward

These attributes are underperforming and are negatively affecting the perception of living in the ward.

Of total responses, the three poorest rated attributes included:

- Quality of healthcare (47% or 7 responses)
- Amenity (40% or 6 responses)
- Cost of living (27% or 4 responses)

Whilst quality of healthcare is rated the top poorest experience, it is ranked the third most important attribute out of the 14 (13%). This attribute is negatively affecting liveability and respondents consider it as a top priority in improving how liveable the ward is.

Community Ideas for Change

15 ideas were collected across the ward, and this is what we heard:

- *“Teach kids the importance of education and the need for qualified indigenous to take up all the roles in their community.”*
- *“Counselling support service, similar to 'HeadSpace' is desperately needed”*
- *“Start a youth club and provide daily activities for the kids to participate in”*

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.3
TITLE	Local Authority New Guideline presentation
REFERENCE	1265809
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Urapunga Local Authority accepts and notes the presentation in relation to Local Authorities and New Guideline from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

BACKGROUND

Representatives from the Department of the Chief Minister will present the attached presentation to the Local Authority.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1   The New Local Authority Guideline.pdf

Department of CHIEF MINISTER AND CABINET

The New Local Authority Guideline

Big Rivers Region



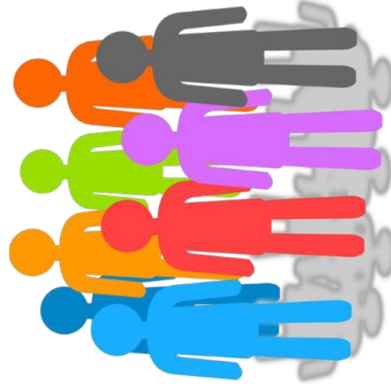
Let's talk about membership...

The old Act:

- All council members of the regional council (for the ward) had be included in the local authority
- The mayor / president was an automatic member of a local authority

The new Act:

- At least 1 council member of the regional council (for the ward) – can be the mayor / president from that ward



Continued...

- On 1 July 2021, the current members of local authorities will continue to be members of their local authority
- In the future, council may review the membership of each local authorities





All local authority members are now **'appointed members'** not just community members



What councils need to do...

- Provide a **current financial report** of actual results against the latest approved budget for the local authority area at each local authority meeting
- Councils also need to include activities of local authorities in their **annual report**
- Seek **advice and recommendations** on:
 - Budget
 - Expenditure (priorities)
 - Regional plans
 - Service delivery
 - Strategic directions
 - Funding



What are the changes?



New requirement to keep a register of local authority members



New agenda items include declarations of conflict of interest and current financial report



Minutes of a local authority meeting and provisional meeting must number, date and reference each decision



Provisional meetings can be held if there are at least one third of members



Role of local authorities...

- **Represent** the interests of the community
- **Encourage and advocate** for projects
- **Provide recommendations** to council
- **Exercise powers delegated** by the council



Role of chairperson and council

- **Chairperson** must be appointed for a set time
- **Chairperson** is to run the meetings
- **Council** prepare the agenda in consultation with the **chairperson**
- **Council** need to respond to the meeting minutes and any issues raised by the local authority



Membership

- Council decides the total number of members
- Minimum of 6 and maximum of 14 members
- Council to keep a **public register** of all its local authority members



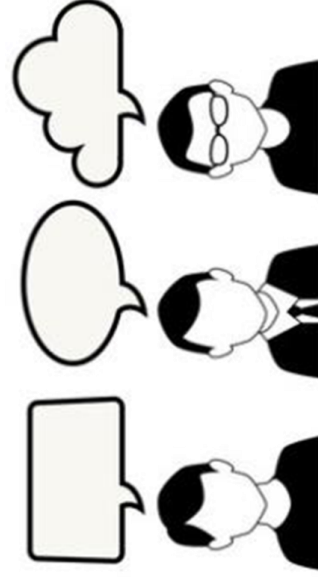
Meeting rules

- 4 meetings are required
- Provisional meetings can be counted
- No proxy or substitute
 - *A member cannot send someone to attend in their place and vote*
- There needs to be a **chairperson**



Provisional meetings

- If quorum is not achieved, a provisional meeting can be held, if one third of total members are present
- Allows members who are present to discuss agenda items
- Cannot exercise delegated powers
- A local authority meeting can approve the minutes of a provisional meeting



Sitting fee

Council members

You cannot receive the sitting fee

May receive an extra meeting allowance and reimbursements of expenses

Council staff

You cannot receive the sitting fee

Matter for the CEO as employer

Local authority members

If you are not a council member or council staff – you receive the sitting fee



Conflict of interest

- Applies to local authority members
- Must be declared **at any time when you realise there's a conflict**
- If you declare – you must **not be present for the discussion or the decision** (leave the room)
- If you are not sure, it is always best to declare!



Department of CHIEF MINISTER AND CABINET

Thank you.



GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.4
TITLE	Electing a Chairperson
REFERENCE	1265802
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Urapunga Local Authority nominates a Chairperson for the period of;

1. 6 Months
2. 12 Months
3. Rotating Roster For Each Meeting
4. Number of years.

BACKGROUND

The Chairperson of the Urapunga 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 selected to hold the position for a period of a few months, a few years, or can be elected at the end of every Meeting.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.5
TITLE	Local Authority Member Attendance Report
REFERENCE	1265804
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

Urapunga Local Authority Meetings Member Attendance

Local Authority Meeting Members	17 August 2021	09 December 2020 ¹	08 March 2022	07 June 2022
Mayor Tony Jack	Cancelled Meeting	Cancelled Meeting	P	Meeting Postponed
Councilor Owen Turner	-	-	P	-
Councilor Jana Daniels	-	-	AP	-
Dennis DUNCAN	-	-	P	-
Elaine DUNCAN	-	-	NO AP	-
Amanda JEFFS	-	-	P	-
Paul JEFFS	-	-	AP	-
Edna NELSON	-	-	NO AP	-
Antonella PASCOE	-	-	NO AP	-

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

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.6
TITLE	Elected Member Report
REFERENCE	1265807
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 25 May 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

During the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, the committee move to support the cessation of leasing accommodation to external business in Ngukurr on Lot 317.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 28 April 2022**Yugul Mangi Ward Report**

At Councils Ordinary Meeting held on 28 April 2022, Council approved the recommendations from the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on 08 March 2022 with **Quorum** and noted the recommendations from the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on 08 March 2022 with **Provisional**.

Council also appointed Roxanne ROBERTS to the Ngukurr Local Authority.

Councillor Owen TURNER raised and discuss water issues regarding the Ngukurr parks and Ovals and a streetlight audit is to be undertaken in Nugkurr and Urapunga.

Council approved the Amendments Budget 2021-22 Revision 2, which includes the amendment of \$500,000.00 for upgrades to the Urapunga internal roads as approved by the Roads Committee.

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING – 12 April 2022

The Audit Committee consists of;

- Ian SWAN – Independent Member;

- Carolyn EAGLE – Independent Member;
- Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN; and
- Councillor John DALYWATER.

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

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

22 June 2022	8:30am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine
27 July 2022	10:30am	Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine
17 August 2022	10:00am	Audit Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine

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

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR

March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting – 23 March 2022
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barunga Local Authority Meeting – 05 April 2022 • Bulman Local Authority Meeting – 07 April 2022 • Ordinary Meeting of Council – 28 April 2022
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting – 10 May 2022 • Mataranka Local Authority Meeting – 10 May 2022 • Borrooloola Local Authority Meeting – 12 May 2022 • Robinson River Local Authority Meeting – 12 May 2022 • Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting – 25 May 2022

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.7
TITLE	Council Services Report
REFERENCE	1268320
AUTHOR	Tolisiale MAHINA, Council Services Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND**Core Services****111 – Councils Services General**

Generally the community is neat and tidy.

160 – Municipal Services

- MUNS Team continue to do their day to day services. Rubbish is collected on schedule and the landfill is maintained.
- The aerodrome is maintained.
- Road in the community are overall in a good state of repair.

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

- Update if applicable

348 – Library

- Update if applicable

350 – Centrelink

- Update if applicable

404 – Community Safety

- Update if applicable

OTHER / MISCELLANEOUS

- Update if applicable

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

- Issues

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 13.8
TITLE Local Authority Project Register Update
REFERENCE 1268356
AUTHOR Dave HERON, Acting General Manager Corporate Services & Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION

That the Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Project Funding Report.

BACKGROUND

The Northern Territory Government, through the Department of Local Government, provides an allocation of funds for the Local Authority for its use on local community projects. In total the Department has allocated \$ 58,800 of which \$40,000 has been allocated by the Local Authority leaving \$18,800 unallocated.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Verbal update will be provided.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.9
TITLE	Council Financial Report for the period 01.07.2021 - 31.05.2022
REFERENCE	1268571
AUTHOR	Manisha CHAMKUR, Financial Accountant

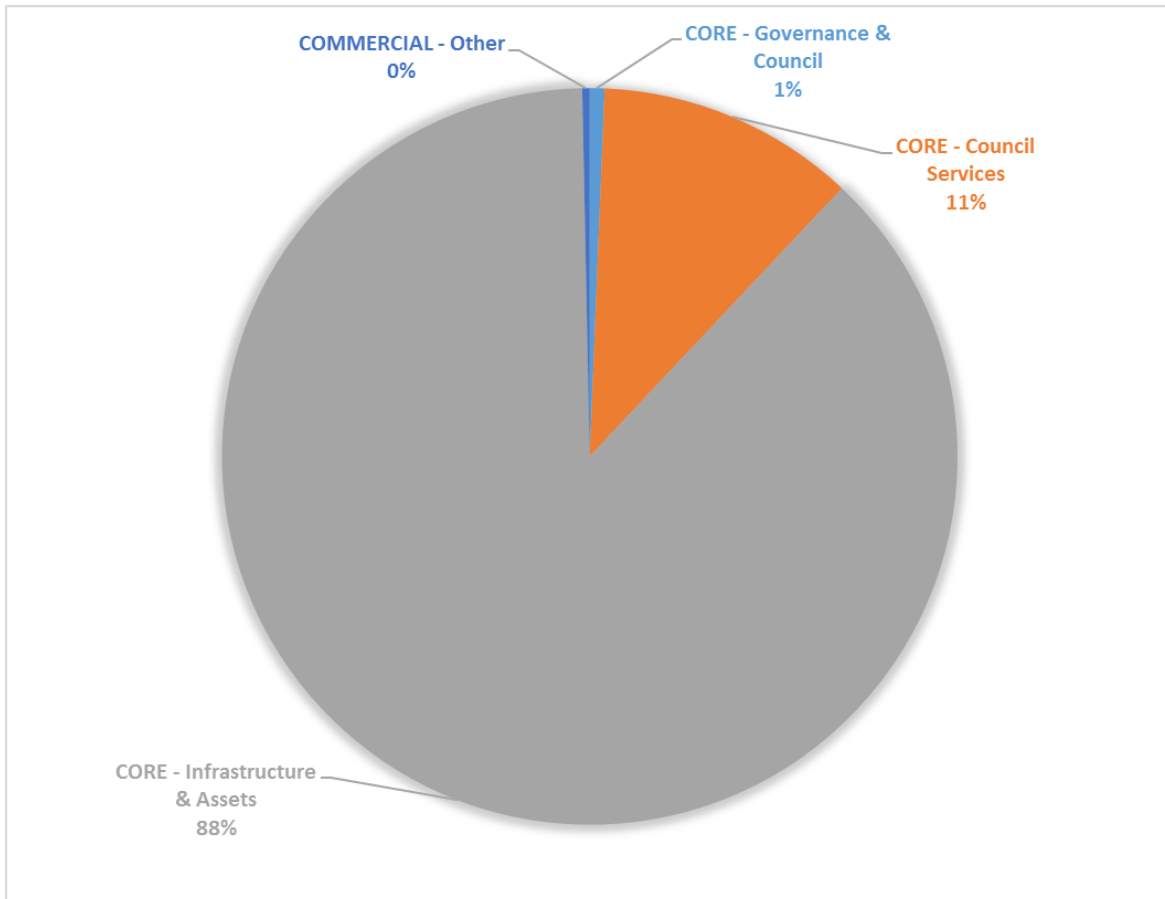
RECOMMENDATION

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

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

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 \$8,857 in operating income for Urapunga which is leading to a variance of \$73,918. The main cause in variance is from Local Authority Funding. Due to recently adopted accounting standards, tied funds can only be recognised as income once obligations are met. Once projects reach further stages of completion, income will be recognised from liability.

Operating Expenditure:

The total underspend in operating expenditure is \$138,004. The major cause in underspend is from Contract and Materials expenses due to non-incurred expenses for Local Authority Projects.

Capital Expenditure:


The total underspend for capital expenditure is \$48,765. Please see the project register for further detail.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1   Financial Report 31.5.2022.pdf

Roper Gulf Regional Council				
Financial Report as at				
31-May-2022				
Urapunga				
	Year to Date Actual (\$)	Year to Date Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)
Income				Explanation
Income Council Fees and Charges	0	5,500	-5,500	6,000
Income Operating Grants Subsidies	5,095	72,692	-67,597	79,300
				The main cause in variance is from Local Authority Funding. Due to recently adopted Accounting standard, Income will be recognised as projects reach further stages of progression.
Income Agency and Commercial Services	3,762	4,583	-822	5,000
Total Operating Income	8,857	82,775	-73,918	90,300
Operating Expenditure				
Employee Expenses	37,371	40,291	-2,920	43,954
Contract and Material Expenses	39,864	137,500	-97,636	150,000
				The major cause in underspend is due to non-incurred expenses for Local Authority projects
Fleet, Plant & Equipment	7,579	10,725	-3,146	11,700
Other Operating Expenses	2,849	18,562	-15,713	20,249
Internal Cost Allocations	36,874	51,411	-14,537	56,084
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	264	4,624	-4,360	5,044
Councillor Allowance Exp	3,691	3,383	308	3,691
Total Expenditure	128,492	266,496	-138,004	290,723
Operating Surplus/Deficit	-119,635	-183,721	64,086	-200,423
Capital Funding				

	0	0	0	0	0	
Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	
Capital Construct Infrastructure	5,095	0	5,095	0	0	
Capital Purchases Plant & Equipment	0	45,833	-45,833	50,000	50,000	Fleet procurement is currently being reviewed and the Infrastructure & Assets division is assessing the best procurement avenue to be utilised
Capital Purchases Roads	491,974	500,000	-8,026	500,000	500,000	Please refer to the project register for further detail
Total Capital Expenditure	497,069	545,833	-48,765	550,000	550,000	
Net Operating Position	-616,704	-729,554	112,850	-750,423	-750,423	

Operating Income by Account Category, Year to Date 2020-21

