



AGENDA

**WUGULARR (BESWICK) LOCAL AUTHORITY
MEETING**

MONDAY, 3 APRIL 2023

Notice is given that the next Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting of the Roper Gulf Regional Council will be held on:

Monday, 3 April 2023 at 10:00am
The Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, Wugularr
Or
Via Video/Teleconference
ID #: (03) 9260 6977
Pin: 1785

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Gardner", is positioned above the name and title of the Chief Executive Officer.

Marc GARDNER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BESWICK CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:**Elected Members**

1. Councillor Selina ASHLEY.

Appointed Members

1. Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY (Chairperson);
2. Trepina BUSH;
3. Eddie KENNEDY;
4. Raelene BULUMBARA;
5. Brett CAMERON; and
6. Anne-Marie RYAN.

MEMBERS: 7

COUNCIL: 1

LOCAL AUTHORITY: 6

QUORUM: 5 (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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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	1314837
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meetings held on 03 November 2022 and 09 January 2023 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Beswick Local Authority met as a **PROVISIONAL** on Monday, 09 January 2023. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to confirm.

The Beswick Local Authority met with a **QUORUM** on Thursday, 03 November 2022. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to confirm.



ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The next Beswick Local Authority Meeting is scheduled to be held on 03 July 2023.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

- [1](#)  BES_03112022_MIN_SAVED.pdf
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MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BESWICK LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, BESWICK
ON THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 09:30AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Selina ASHLEY;
- Raelene BULUMBARA;
- Trepina BUSH;
- Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY (Chairperson); and
- Brett CAMERON (*via teleconference*).

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure; and
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- William BRIDGEMAN, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- Melina DAVIDSON, Office of Selena UIBO MLA; and
- Jessie HILLEN, Office of Selena UIBO MLA.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Beswick Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:20am 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

BES Q-11/2022

(Raelene BULUMBARA/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) accepts the tendered apology from Local Authority Member Anne-Marie RYAN and
- (b) notes the absence with no tendered apologies from Local Authority Member Eddie KENNEDY.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 BESWICK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES

BES Q-12/2022 (Raelene BULUMBARA/Selina ASHLEY) **CARRIED**

That the Beswick Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 17 January 2022 and 19 July 2022, including the confidential minutes, 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

BES Q-13/2022 (Raelene BULUMBARA/Trephina BUSH) **CARRIED**

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

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

BES Q-14/2022 (Brett CAMERON/Trephina BUSH) **CARRIED**

That the Beswick Local Authority notes the incoming correspondence.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

BES Q-15/2022 (Selina ASHLEY/Trephina BUSH) **CARRIED**

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

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 ELDERS VISITING PROGRAM

BES Q-16/2022 (Raelene BULUMBARA/Trephina BUSH) **CARRIED**

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Elders Visiting Program report.

13.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

BES Q-17/2022 (Trephina BUSH/Selina ASHLEY) **CARRIED**

That the Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance;
- (b) requests Governance Engagement Coordinator to follow up the one (1) Vacancy on the Beswick Local Authority; and

- (c) noted the advice provided from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet's representative regarding the Local Authorities ability to reduce the total number of members on the Beswick Local Authority.

13.3 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

BES Q-18/2022 (Brett CAMERON/Raelene BULUMBARA) CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member report.

13.4 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

BES Q-19/2022 (Raelene BULUMBARA/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

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

13.5 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2022 - 31.08.2022

BES Q-20/2022 (Raelene BULUMBARA/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial Report for the period July 2022 to August 2022

13.6 BESWICK LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

BES Q-21/2022 (Brett CAMERON/Trephina BUSH) CARRIED

That the Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) requests a new power meter box for the Beswick Church;
- (c) requests the toilet block be scoped for repairs and maintenance; and
- (d) requests the General Manager of Community Services and Engagement investigate and provide a report back to the Beswick Local Authority regarding Aged Care Services in Roper Gulf Regional Council.

Local Authority Member Raelene BULUMBARA left the meeting, the time being 11:06 AM

Local Authority Member Raelene BULUMBARA returned to the meeting, the time being 11:08 AM

13.7 LA PROJECT FUNDING CERTIFICATION

BES Q-22/2022 (Trephina BUSH/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

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

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

BES Q-23/2022 (Selina ASHLEY/Raelene BULUMBARA) CARRIED

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

14 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BESWICK LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, BESWICK
ON MONDAY, 9 JANUARY 2023 AT 10:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Eddie KENNEDY;
- Brett CAMERON;
- Trepina BUSH; and
- Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY.

1.2 Staff

- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability (Chair);
- Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- David HURST, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Dave HERON, Acting Finance Manager;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute taker); and
- Rodney HOFFMAN, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer.

1.3 Guests

- Adam JUSTIN, Guest.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Beswick Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:47am 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

BES P-1/2023 (Trepina BUSH/Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) accepts the tendered apology from Councillor Selina ASHLEY and Mayor Tony JACK; and
- (b) notes the absence with no apologies from Local Authority Members Raelene BULUMBARA and Anne-Marie RYAN.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 BESWICK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES**

BES P-2/2023 (Brett CAMERON/Eddie KENNEDY) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority *receives and notes* the minutes from the meeting held on 03 November 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**

BES P-3/2023 (Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY/Trephina BUSH) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) puts forward a provisional request that Council is to write to the Anglican Arch Diocese seeking permission for the installation of a new power meter box purchased using the Beswick Local Authority Project Fund at the Beswick Anglican Church; and
- (c) puts forward a provisional request that Council is to apply for a Section 19 for the toilet block (lot 57) to perform general maintenance and carry out upgrades.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

- School Holiday Program (Sport and Recreation) – *Brett CAMERON*
- Beswick Community Meetings – *Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY*

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**12.1 RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

BES P-4/2023 (Trephina BUSH/Brett CAMERON) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson report; and
- (b) elects Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY as Chairperson for a term of six (6) months.

12.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY REVIEW REPORT

BES P-5/2023 (Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY/Brett CAMERON) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority defers the Local Authority Review report.

12.3 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2022 - 30.11.2022

BES P-6/2023 (Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY/Trephina BUSH) CARRIED

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial Report for the period July 2022 to November 2022

13 GENERAL BUSINESS**13.1 BESWICK LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

BES P-7/2023 (Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY/Trephina BUSH) CARRIED

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
- (b) decides to await 2022-2023 annual budget allocation from the Department, to cover the overspend on Shade over Playground project.

13.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDENCE REPORT

BES P-8/2023 (Eddie KENNEDY/Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY) CARRIED

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance.

13.3 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

BES P-9/2023 (Trephina BUSH/Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY) CARRIED

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member report.

13.4 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

BES P-10/2023 (Eddie KENNEDY/Brett CAMERON) CARRIED

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Report.

14 OTHER BUSINESS**14.1 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM (SPORT & RECREATION) – Local Authority Member Brett CAMERON**

BES P-11/2023 (Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY/Trephina BUSH) CARRIED

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority puts forward a provisional request that Council investigates and provides a report back to the 03 April 2023 Beswick Local Authority regarding the School Holiday Program activities and operation.

14.2 BESWICK COMMUNITY MEETINGS - Local Authority Member Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY

BES P-12/2023 (Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY/Eddie KENNEDY) CARRIED

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority puts forward a provisional request that Council is to contact the Northern Territory Police Force to investigate why the Beswick Community Police Consultation Meetings have ceased being held.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Action List
REFERENCE	1314838
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr (Beswick) 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 **non-authoritative** reference document for Business Arising out of Previous Minutes.

BESWICK ACTION LIST

13.1 BESWICK LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

1/2023 **RESOLVED (Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY/Trephina BUSH) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
- (b) decides to await 2022-2023 annual budget allocation from the Department, to cover the overspent on Shade over Playground project.

REPORT IN AGENDA?

Information unavailable at time of Agenda compilation.

Update to be provided at meeting.

14.2 BESWICK COMMUNITY MEETINGS - Local Authority Member Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY

2/2023 **RESOLVED (Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY/Eddie KENNEDY) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority puts forward a provisional request that Council is to contact the Northern Territory Police Force to investigate why the Beswick Community Police Consultation Meetings have ceased being held.

REPORT IN AGENDA?

Information unavailable at time of Agenda compilation.

Update to be provided at meeting.

14.1 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM (SPORT & RECREATION) – Local Authority Member Brett CAMERON**3/2023 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY/Trephina BUSH) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority puts forward a provisional request that Council investigates and provides a report back to the 03 April 2023 Beswick Local Authority regarding the School Holiday Program activities and operation.

REPORT IN AGENDA?

Information unavailable at time of Agenda compliation.

Update to be provided at meeting.

12.1 RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**4/2023 RESOLVED (Trephina BUSH/Brett CAMERON) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson report; and
- (b) elects Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY as Chairperson for a term of six (6) months.

REPORT IN AGENDA?

Chairperson appointment to be confirmed by a full quorum in the Previous Minutes report.

8.1 ACTION LIST**5/2023 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY/Trephina BUSH) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) puts forward a provisional request that Council is to write to the Anglican Arch Diocese seeking permission for the installation of a new power meter box purchased using the Beswick Local Authority Project Fund at the Beswick Anglican Church; and
- (c) puts forward a provisional request that Council is to apply for a Section 19 for the toilet block (lot 57) to perform general maintenance and carry out upgrades.

REPORT IN AGENDA?

Information unavailable at time of Agenda compliation.

Update to be provided at meeting.

13.6 BESWICK LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE*BES Q-21/2022*

That the Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;

REPORT IN AGENDA?

Information unavailable at time of Agenda compliation.

- (b) requests a new power meter box for the Beswick Church;
- (c) requests the toilet block be scoped for repairs and maintenance; and
- (d) requests the General Manager of Community Services and Engagement investigate and provide a report back to the Beswick Local Authority regarding Aged Care Services in Roper Gulf Regional Council.

Update to be provided at meeting.

13.8 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

BES P-6/2022

That the Beswick Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Report; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer write a letter to Power and Water and Telstra regarding the number of power outages and Telstra service interruptions and submit a report back to the 10 October 2022 Beswick Local Authority Meeting.

REPORT IN AGENDA?

Information unavailable at time of Agenda compilation.

Update to be provided at meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	Vet Team Concerns
REFERENCE	1327326
AUTHOR	Kaylene DOUST, Program Manager Animal Control

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the Vet team report

BACKGROUND

The Vet team visited Wugularr community over two weeks. February 27- March 2nd and March 6- 10th including a 3 day pop up surgical spey clinic with the veterinarian. An assessment of the visit follows:

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Issues:

During March, the vet nurse and vet spent around 2.5 weeks in the Wugularr community. 14 female dogs were desexed, 6 male dogs were desexed, and 4 other urgent surgeries were done. 12 vaccinations were given and 6 euthanasias performed at the owner's request. There are still a large number of undesexed dogs in Wugularr. The vet team is very concerned about the number of dogs currently in Wugularr. The demand for surgery was so high that the team were unable to complete treatments and desexing operations in the time allocated. The door to door visits were extended by a further 3 days, and the program manager has scheduled another 3 day surgical veterinarian visit towards the end of March to deal with the demand for desexing operations (which is a good thing), however there are still many dog owners who declined desexing for their dogs and lots of puppies who will grow into breeding dogs.

This workload is not sustainable for the veterinary program with 10 other communities to service in the Roper Gulf Regional Council area.

It is unclear what is driving this spike in dog numbers; however there were a very high number of litters of pups and many new puppies brought in from elsewhere. There are also 10 new houses in the new sub area.

The program target is for **80% female desexing** balanced by **55-60% male desexings**. This target is required to keep a dog population stable and manageable. This has never been achieved in Wugularr and figures have actually worsened.

After gathering statistics during the March 23 visit, Wugularr has 243 dogs that were counted across approximately 85 houses.

There are only **61% of female** dogs desexed and a very low **31% of male dogs** desexed.

44.7% of houses were recorded with puppies with an average of 3.5 dogs for every dog owning household.

Once dog numbers reach this level, there are serious impacts for people and animals. It is harder for people to vaccinate and care for multiple pups well, and to feed dogs properly. This can lead to anti-social behaviour, greater concentrations of disease and parasites in the dogs, some of which can be passed on to people.

There are far higher risks of dog fights leading to serious injuries and most worryingly, a greater risk of dog bites to people, especially children.

Large numbers of dogs have been reported hanging around the school looking for food.

Due to the heavy demand on veterinary services, in the short term the vet team has no choice but to restrict all surgery to **desexing operations only**.

All non-routine veterinary cases i.e. sick or injured animals must be taken to a **private vet in Katherine for veterinary attention at the owner's expense**.

Once the Wugularr dog population has been brought back to a more manageable level, the vet team may once again be able to assist with other problems when we are there. The vet team is appealing for community cooperation in spreading the word about desexing operations for dogs and cats and responsible pet ownership.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

High volumes of puppies and dogs may mean the vet team can no longer provide free blanket preventative treatments to prevent *ehrlichiosis* in dogs. It is essential that the whole population of dogs is treated on a regular basis.

Treatments cost between \$5 - \$35 per dog depending on their size. If no preventatives are given, this could potentially lead to a re-emergence of this terrible disease in Wugularr.

First seen in 2019-2020 in Australia, *Ehrlichia canis* is now considered to be permanently present (or endemic) in remote communities in the Northern Territory and now Queensland.

ATTACHMENTS

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	12.2
TITLE	Beswick Local Authority Projects Update
REFERENCE	1330177
AUTHOR	Puspa KARKI, Executive Assistant Community Services and Engagement

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update 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.

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

BACKGROUND

Since 2014 the Beswick Local Authority has received a total of \$528,821.00 from the Northern Territory Government and RGRC for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations provided by the Department of Local Government are based on a formula related to population. To date the Beswick Local Authority has allocated \$471,711.60, accounting for funds from completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

- Please refer to the attached LA Project funding report as at 28/02/2023.
- Council Service Manager has been notified regarding the budget available for community events catering.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**Funds**

The Beswick Local Authority, over the years has overspent \$22,418.85 till date.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Beswick LA Projects attachment 28.02.2023.pdf

Beswick Local Authority Project Funding		28 February 2023
Funding Received from Department	\$ 528,821.00	
Funds Allocated by Local Authority Members	\$ 471,711.60	
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects	\$ (79,528.25)	
Remaining Unallocated Funds	\$ (22,418.85)	

Date Approved Project ID	Projects	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Status
9/08/2021 1213821	Catering for community events	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,328.83	CSC to arrange
	Total for Current projects	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,328.83	
	Total for Completed projects	\$ 468,711.60	\$ 548,239.85	
	Grand Total	\$ 471,711.60	\$ 549,568.68	

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	12.3
TITLE	Major Projects Report
REFERENCE	1330139
AUTHOR	Dave HERON, Acting Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the report

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Council undertakes projects to improve the infrastructure and amenity of assets in the community. This report is to inform the LA Members of the progress of these projects.

Project	Status
Madigan Road Upgrade	In preliminary design stage
Solar Light at Lot 27 Ablution Block	Standalone solar light has been purchased and will be installed at the rear of the lot. S19 license requested on the lot to enable work to be done on the ablution block
Aged Care Kitchen Upgrade	Completed
Basketball Court Fencing Repairs	Completed. Cost \$ 18,260
Playground Fencing Replacement	Completed. Cost \$ 27,230

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	12.4
TITLE	Council Financial Report for the period 01.07.2022 - 28.02.2023
REFERENCE	1329179
AUTHOR	Karandeep SINGH, Senior Finance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial Report for the period July 2022 to February 2023

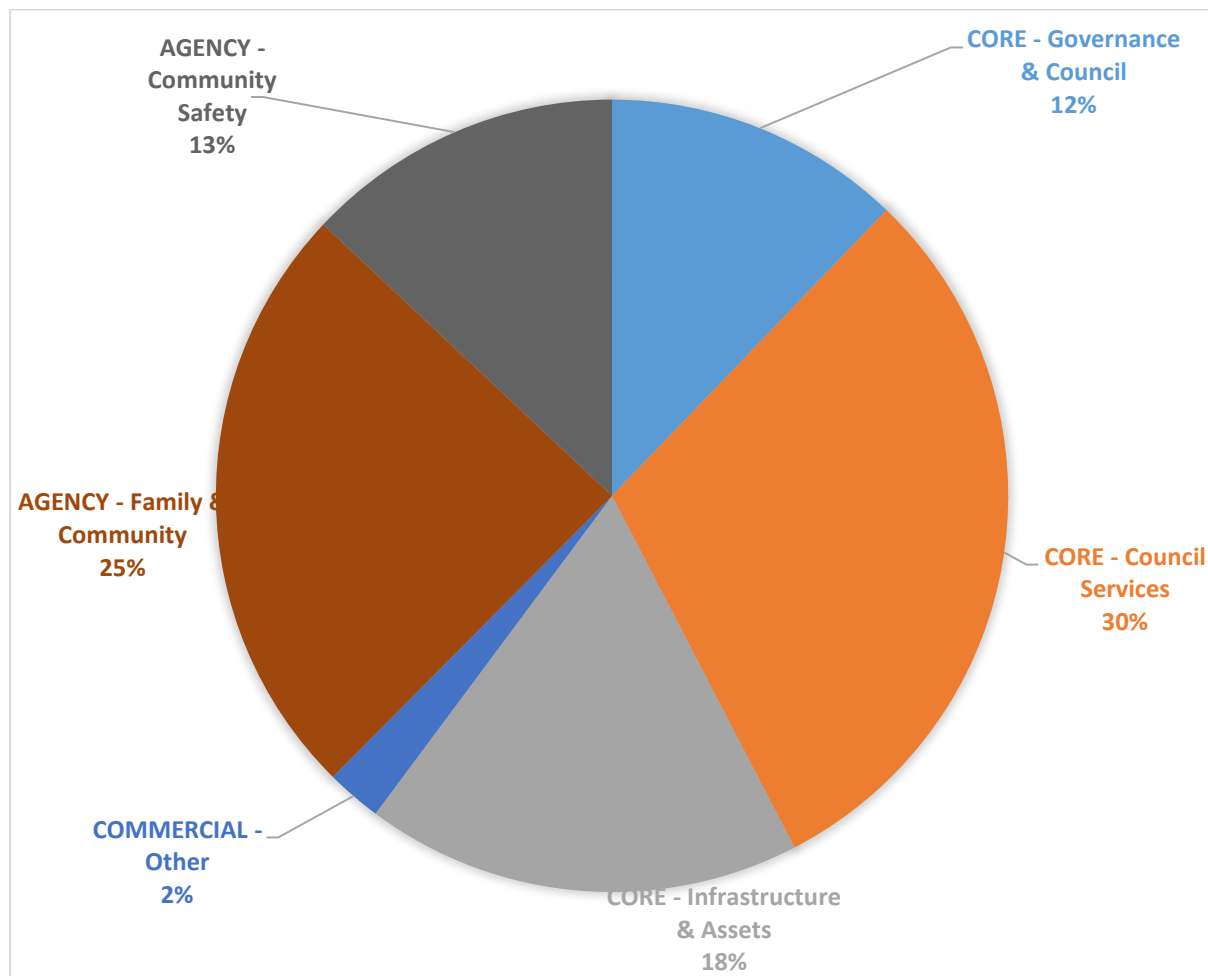
KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

There are variances to budget amounts in some activities as outlined in the attached expenditure report. An explanation for the major variances for each division is as follows:

Operating Income:

Operating Income variance under budget -\$188,851, Night patrol, lower than budgeted staffing levels and Local Authority project delays are affecting the ability to deliver services required to claim grant monies received. Aged care services also a contributor with income not being processed to claim.

Operating Expenditure:

Total Operating Expenditure is under budget \$245,255.00 major variances due to shortfalls in staffing numbers being experienced in Night Patrol and timing delays in LA roadworks maintenance projects.

Capital Expenditure:

The total underspend for capital expenditure is \$184,255. Variance is due to the delay in acquisition of new Toyota Hilux and Tractor for Municipal Services.


Please see the project register/ fleet management for further detail.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

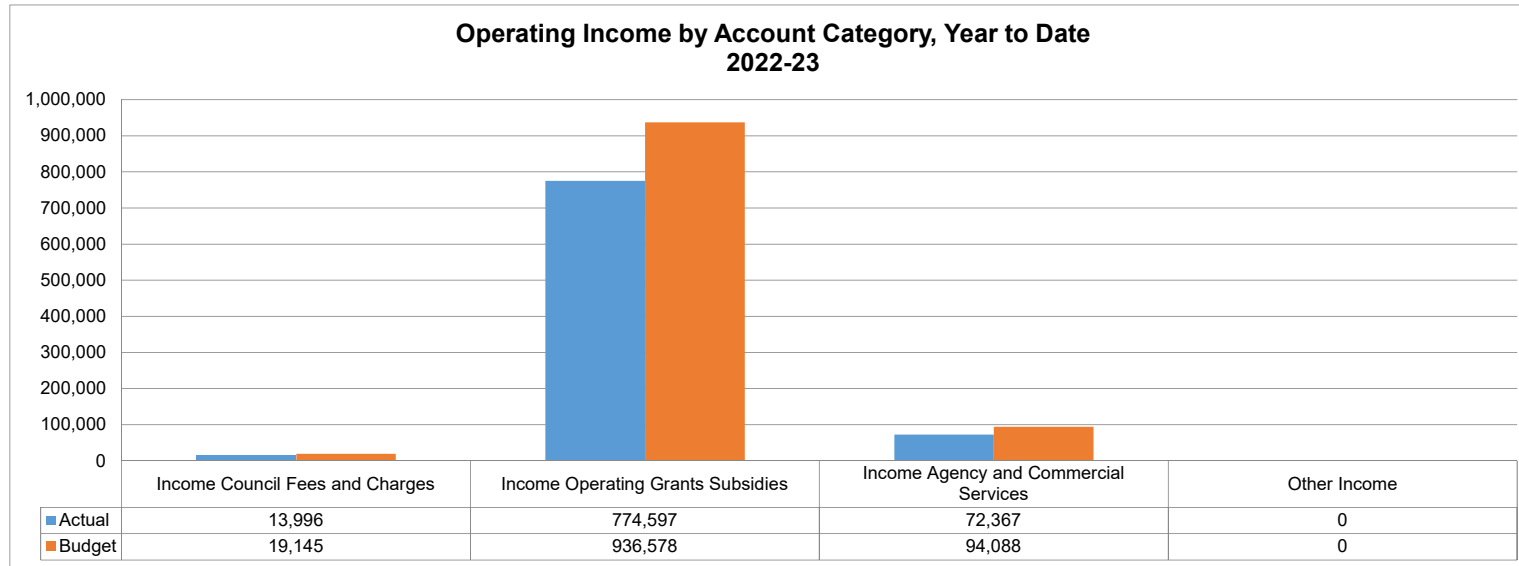
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ATTACHMENTS

1   Financial Report 28.2.2023.pdf

Roper Gulf Regional Council						
Financial Report as at						
28-February-2023						
Beswick						
	Year to Date Actual (\$)	Year to Date Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Explanation	
Income						
Income Council Fees and Charges	13,996	19,145	-5,149	28,717	Municipal Service revenue for private works, cemetery revenue, vaccinations and equipment hire below budget, discuss with Managers to determine if no revenue or revenue being allocated elsewhere	
Income Operating Grants Subsidies	774,597	936,578	-161,981	1,404,867	Night Patrol staffing behind budget affecting service delivery levels, Local Authority activities yet to commence	
Income Agency and Commercial Services	72,367	94,088	-21,721	141,132	Community Care revenue in CHSP, Aged Care and NDIS below budget nil revenue recorded for Aged Care and NDIS	
Other Income	0	0	0	0		
Total Operating Income	860,960	1,049,811	-188,851	1,574,716	Operating Income variance underbudget -\$188,851, Night patrol, lower than budgeted staffing levels and Local authority project delays are affecting the ability to deliver services required to claim grant monies received. Aged care services also a contributor with income not being processed to claim.	
Operating Expenditure						
Employee Expenses	939,626	1,029,194	89,568	1,543,791	General shortfalls in staffing numbers being experienced in Night Patrol, Municipal Services and CHSP being offset by overspends in Municipal Service and Creche.	
Contract and Material Expenses	165,877	226,524	60,647	339,785	LA Projects and Road Works yet to commence	
Fleet, Plant & Equipment	41,319	45,154	3,835	67,730	Insurance Expenses not being recognised against budget, allocation issue. Fuel usage excessive in Npatrol and Creche being offset by underspend in Municipal Services	
Other Operating Expenses	91,155	77,414	-13,742	116,120	S19 Rent annual amount applied against zero budget	
Finance Expenses	40	27	-13	40		
Internal Cost Allocations	468,675	551,856	83,181	827,783		
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	1,396	3,333	1,937	5,000		

Councillor Allowance Exp	10,765	30,607	19,842	45,910	Meetings held less than budgeted
Total Expenditure	1,718,853	1,964,107	245,255	2,946,160	Underbudget \$245,255.00 major variances due to shortfalls in staffing numbers being experienced in Night Patrol and timing delays in LA roadworks maintenance projects.
Operating Surplus/Deficit	-857,893	-914,296	56,403	-1,371,444	
Capital Funding					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
Capital Expenditure					
Capital Construct Infrastructure	89,553	98,508	-8,955	98,508	
Capital Purchases Plant & Equipment	0	95,000	-95,000	95,000	No Capital Expenses has generated for Plant & Equipment which is for a Tractor.
Capital Purchase Vehicles	0	80,300	-80,300	80,300	No Capital purchase happened for Vehicle which Toyota Hilux.
Total Capital Expenditure	89,553	273,808	-184,255	273,808	Variance of 184K due to the delay in payment for new Toyota Hilux and Tractor for Creche
Net Operating Position	-947,446	-1,188,104	240,659	-1,645,252	



OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	12.5
TITLE	Local Authority Review Report
REFERENCE	1315146
AUTHOR	Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Review report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

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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

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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	
<i>What does this mean?</i>	<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>
<i>What does this look like?</i>	<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 LAF 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

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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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 LAPF. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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?	<p>Where LAs seek to do so, regional councils consider opportunities for delegation of relevant decisions to LAs consistent with the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>, including decision making about priorities for LA project funds</p> <p>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.</p>

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Changing of Local Authority Name
REFERENCE	1326956
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority;

- (a) fully support the application submitted to the Northern Territory Place Names Committee on behalf of the Bagala Traditional Owners; and
- (b) requests the Beswick Local Authority officially be renamed to the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Bagala Traditional Owners submitted a request for a formal name change of the Township of Beswick to the Township of Wugularr to the Northern Territory Place Names Committee.



ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1  Place Names Committee Letter from BAC.pdf
- 2  Bagala TODM Agreement Implementation Plan 2022-25.pdf

Lot 211 Barunga Community, Via Katherine
PO Box 40298, Casuarina NT 0811



TO: Northern Territory Place Names Committee
Level 1 Energy House
Darwin NT 0800
Via email: place.names@nt.gov.au

CC: Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
Big Rivers Government Centre
Via email: CMC.BigRivers@nt.gov.au

RE: Support of Official Place Names Request – Beswick to Wugularr

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Bagala Aboriginal Corporation (BAC) and Bagala Traditional Owners (TOs), TOs for the Barunga and Beswick (Wugularr) communities. I am a senior Bagala TO and the current Chairperson of BAC. The Bagala TOs and BAC are strongly in support of a name change for the Beswick community, requesting it be formally changed to Wugularr.

We, the Bagala TOs, are specifically requesting this change which was identified as a priority action of the Bagala Traditional Owners Decision Making (TODM) Agreement, a partnership between the TOs, Northern Land Council, NT Government, BAC, Roper Gulf Regional Council, and National Indigenous Australians Agency. Extensive consultations with almost all TOs was undertaken throughout the development of the TODM Agreement and all TOs and BAC Board Members have agreed to support this change.

BAC, acting on behalf of the TOs, have requested letters of support from our TODM Agreement partners who are key agencies in the community and for this application. We are working with the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) locally to progress our application.

This letter and our TODM Agreement serves as formal support from BAC and the Bagala TOs in favour of changing the legal name of Beswick to Wugularr. I have also attached the relevant resolution from our BAC board meeting 2 March 2023, stipulating this decision.

BAC and the Bagala TOs will continue to work with CM&C and our TODM partners to progress this application. We look forward to the Committee Members considering our request and will continue to provide any necessary support to formalise this change.

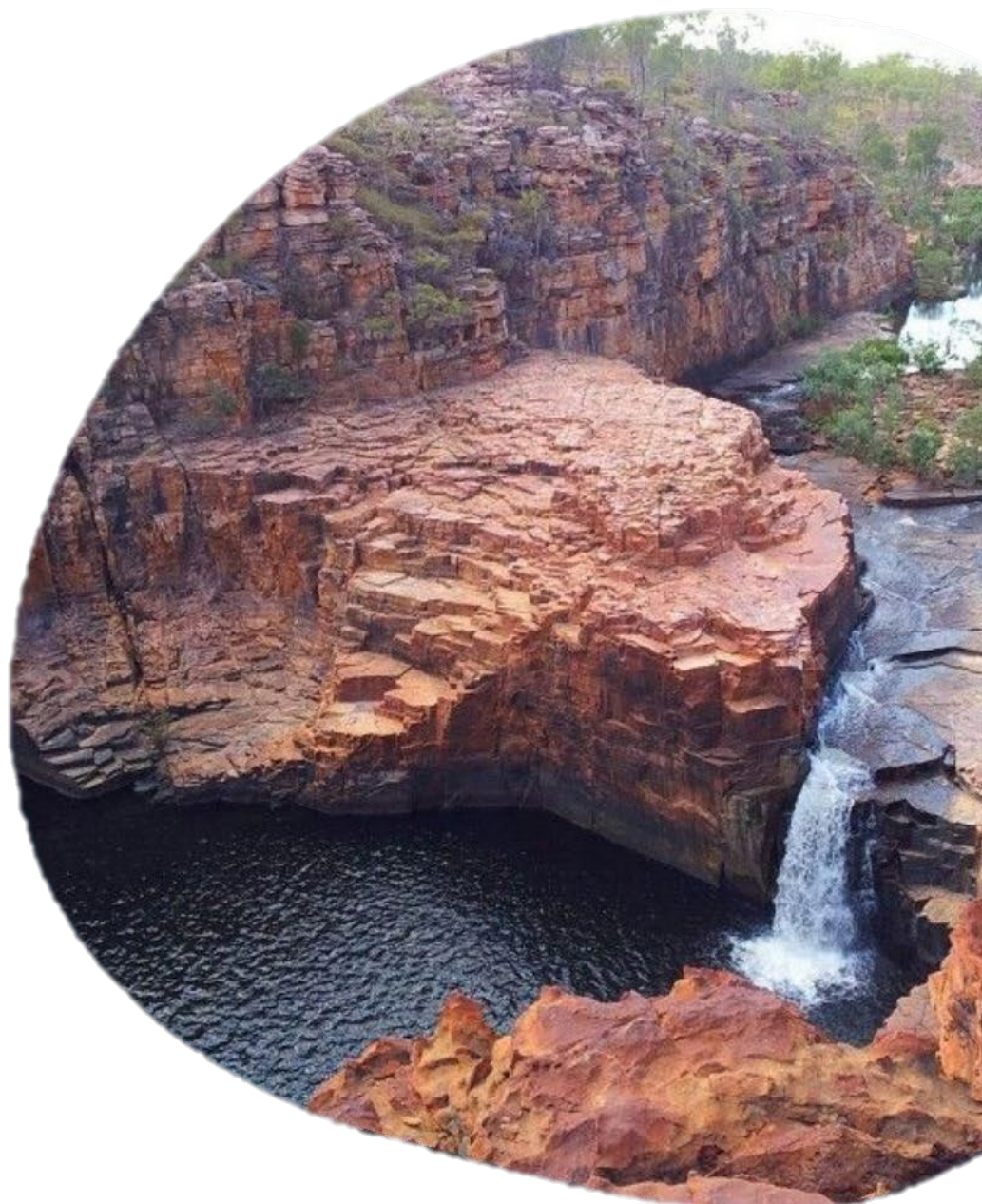
Sincerely,

Esther Bulumbara

Esther Bulumbara
Chairperson – Bagala Aboriginal Corporation
Bagala Traditional Owner
03/03/2023

Bagala Traditional Owners Decision Making Agreement Bagala Aboriginal Corporation

Implementation Plan 2022-2025



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Barunga Sports Hall

Bagala Traditional Owners Decision Making Agreement Bagala Aboriginal Corporation Implementation Plan 2022-2025



Esther Bulumbara
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Senior Bagala Traditional Owner

Nell Brown
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Senior Bagala Jungayi



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Chief Executive Officer
Northern Land Council



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The Hon Natasha Fyles MLA
Chief Minister
Northern Territory Government



Lisa Mumbin
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Chairperson
Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation

Selena Uibo
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Minister for Treaty and Local Decision-Making
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Department of the Chief Minister
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Jessica Powter
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Department of Industry, Tourism
and Trade
Northern Territory Government

Kylie Anderson
Kylie Anderson
Commander
Northern Territory Police Force

2. Abbreviations

ACFC:	Arnhem Crows Football Club
BAC:	Bagala Aboriginal Corporation
BSWG:	Banajarl Strongbala Wimun Grup
CM&C:	Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
DIPL:	Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
DITT	Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade
IP:	Implementation Plan
JAAC:	Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation
LDM:	Local Decision Making
MOU:	Memorandum of Understanding
NIAA:	National Indigenous Australians Agency
NLC:	Northern Land Council
NT:	Northern Territory
NTPFES:	Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services
NTG:	Northern Territory Government
ORIC:	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
RISE:	Nyirunggulung-RISE Community Development Program
RGRC:	Roper Gulf Regional Council
TFHC:	Territory Families, Housing and Communities
TODM:	Traditional Owners Decision Making
TOs:	Traditional Owners

3. Context

The Bagala TOs are the recognised land owners for the Barunga and Wugularr communities in the Big Rivers Region.

Barunga is an Aboriginal community located 80 kilometres south-east of Katherine and is home to approximately 400 people. It is well known for the Barunga Statement, which requested a treaty between the Commonwealth Government and Indigenous Australians in 1988. It is also the home of the Barunga Festival, an annual celebration of music, sport, arts and culture.

Situated only 31km from Barunga is the Aboriginal community of Wugularr. Commonly known as Beswick, the TOs preference is for the community to be referred to as Wugularr. Located on the banks of the Waterhouse River, 118 kilometres south-east of Katherine, Wugularr has a population of approximately 600 people. This Country is known for its beauty and culturally significant landmarks, such as Malkgulumbu (Beswick Falls).

Both communities are currently covered by the JAAC LDM Agreement, which also covers Manyallaluk and multiple homelands.

In Aboriginal culture, TOs are the custodians and decision makers for the land. This TODM Agreement aims to empower the Bagala TOs as decision makers for their community, working

alongside JAAC as a partner and service provider. By including JAAC throughout the consultation process, Bagala have ensured the Agreement will be mutually beneficial and provide strong outcomes for community members.

CM&C Big Rivers staff assisted the consultation and development of the TODM Agreement, with facilitation support provided by Katherine based not-for-profit Circulanation. This agreement spans three years, 2022-2025, with short (1 year) and medium term (2-3 years) actions being identified.

By signing this TODM Agreement, the parties acknowledge their commitment to fully implementing actions in a transparent, consultative, and accountable manner. All parties will work together based on the overarching LDM guiding principles, which are:

- Self-determination;
- Flexible place-based approaches;
- Co-design; and
- Community control.

4. Bagala Traditional Owners

The Bagala TOs are a Jawoyn clan group who are the recognised land owners of the Barunga and Wugularr communities, located on the Beswick Aboriginal Land Trust. Bagala TOs are defined as the patrilineal descendants of the Lamjorroc, Bulumbara, Moreen and Anderson ancestors.

The rights of TOs are legally recognised under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (the Act). The Act states that TOs have 'primary spiritual responsibility' and are the key decision makers for the land which they own.

The Bagala Traditional Owners are:

- Elizabeth Moreen
- Veronica Moreen
- Demitrious Anderson
- John Anderson
- Seamus Anderson
- Dayleen White
- Tyler Anderson
- Stephen Anderson
- Tamika Anderson
- Gwyn Bulumbara
- Symeon Bulumbara
- Charlane Bulumbara
- B Bulumbara (dec) (and children)
- Raelene Bulumbara (and children)
- Esther Bulumbara (and children)
- Crystal Bulumbara (and children)
- Joyce Bulumbara (and children)
- Ambrose Bulumbara
- Aileen Bulumbara
- Megan Bulumbara
- Lauren Bulumbara
- Damien Bulumbara

Traditional Ownership is passed down through generations from TOs to their children. Cultural protocol dictates seniority and authority among TOs based on factors such as age, gender and family groups.

TO groups are also supported by 'Jungayi'. Jungayi are the traditional 'land managers' charged with ensuring that TOs and visitors are caring for Country appropriately. Jungayi are also determined by family relationships being the children of female TOs.

The current senior Bagala Jungayi are:

Nell Brown
Simon Brown

5. Bagala Aboriginal Corporation

BAC was formally established by the Bagala TOs in 2014 to support community members by reducing disadvantage, providing employment opportunities and improving health and wellbeing. Currently Aboriginal Investment Group supports BAC by providing administrative and backend support to their operations including the Bagala Store and Bagala Bus.

The BAC Board of Directors consists of between four and eight directors at any given time with at least four of the directors required to be TOs. This board composition ensures BAC continues to empower and represent the views of the Bagala TOs. For these reasons, BAC will be utilised as the operational corporation responsible for delivering on several actions throughout this TODM Agreement on behalf of the Bagala TOs.

The current BAC directors are:

- Esther Bulumbara (Chairperson)
- Charlane Bulumbara
- Crystal Bulumbara
- Raelene Bulumbara
- Braun Bush
- Danielle Bush
- Trepina Bush
- Nell Brown



Pandanus weaving

6. Vison

This TODM Agreement supports the aspirations and vision of the Bagala TOs to create economic growth, opportunity and independence, enabling the progress of the Barunga and Wugularr communities and their residents.

Statement from senior TO:

We as the Bagala Traditional Owners are excited to have finalised this agreement with our partners from the NTG, NLC, NIAA, JAAC and RGRC. This agreement supports our vision and will also grow our organisation to be financially strong and independent. Our goals are designed to facilitate this independence and grow our capacity for the future, to deliver larger projects and better outcomes in our communities.

- Esther Bulumbara



Heritage Park, Barunga

7. Implementation Plan

There are four strategic priorities identified for the IP 2022-2025. These strategies have been developed through engagement and consultation with LDM Partners and in alignment with the Bagala TOs priorities and vision.

The IP commences 7 December 2022 and expires 7 December 2025. Following this plan parties should meet again to formalise a new IP. Responsibilities for the execution of specific actions are outlined within the IP.



LDM workshop, BAC board and partners

Strategic Priorities and Objectives

Strategic Priorities	Objectives
Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in the growth and capacity building of BAC • Provide training for residents aligned with employment and business opportunities • Develop local employment opportunities • Regain control of community assets
Health and Community Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunities for TOs to support or develop local initiatives • Ensure the safety of community members • Improve health, wellbeing and education
Infrastructure and Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilise JAAC as the preferred contractor for civil and construction works in community • Generate economic opportunities through leasing of assets • Revise Barunga and Wugularr town plans, service delivery and assets with NTG partners
Culture and Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and preserve culture and heritage • Develop a strategy to share culture and history • Support positive and culturally-appropriate practices on Bagala Country

Monitoring and Evaluation

The IP will be an evolving document and through regular engagement between the partners will be assessed and updated as required. Partners commit to meet and formally review the execution of the IP annually.

This review process will allow the partners to:

- I. Report on the progress of actions and to work together to address any emerging barriers to successful implementation;
- II. Measure and report on key socio-economic outcomes;
- III. Agree on any changes within the IP to reflect changing priorities, addressing emerging opportunities or issues and/or alternative approaches which may be required; and
- IV. Ensure communities continue to be informed of the IP and any successful outcomes are profiled.



Malkgulumbu

Economic Development

#	Key Actions / Objectives	Measure of Success	Lead	Partners
SHORT TERM (1 Year)				
1	Appointment of a BAC CEO/Project Officer to support the TOs vision and actions within the TODM Agreement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete employee recruitment Independent accounting, bookkeeping and management processes implemented 	BAC	CM&C
2	Implementation of Information Technology systems, website and other enabling systems to support BAC operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website established IT and governance systems implemented 	BAC	CM&C / DITT
3	BAC board members and TOs supported to receive governance training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training identified and completed by majority of eligible participants. 	BAC	CM&C / ORIC
4	Leasing and utilisation of BAC assets to NTG and other service providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEH leases signed and implemented Developed strong revenue stream from leasing of assets 	BAC	NTG / NLC
5	Development of a strategic plan for BAC to guide future vision, objectives and goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic plan is developed by BAC 	BAC	JAAC / CM&C / RGRC
6	Provide training and shadowing opportunities for community members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training programs established for residents in community identified areas of interest and industries 	BAC / JAAC	NIAA / RISE / DITT
7	Secure funding for the refurbishment of proposed site for Bagala Social Club.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding secured from NTG or other partners 	BAC	NTG

*Note that Government funding opportunities will continue to be subject to the required terms and conditions for approval, program availability, ability to complete the work identified in the application process and program budgets.

Economic Development (continued)

#	Key Actions / Objectives	Measure of Success	Lead	Partners
MEDIUM TERM (2-3 Years)				
8	Establish a Social Club board and governance structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board appointed Governance structure developed and shared with stakeholders 	BAC	CM&C / DITT
9	BAC to secure S19 leases from NLC for commercial gravel extraction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application by BAC to DIPL for transfer of S19 leases Commercial gravel extraction by BAC commences 	BAC	DIPL / NLC
10	Explore a transition of operations of the Beswick Store and Social Club to BAC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore feasibility and capacity of BAC for this project BAC take over leases and operation of both businesses 	BAC	NLC / NTG

Health and Community Wellbeing

#	Key Actions / Objectives	Measure of Success	Lead	Partners
SHORT TERM (1 Year)				
1	Establishment of a partnership between Bagala TOs and NTPFES.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of a formal set of protocols with TOs and local NTG partners 	TOs	NTG / NTPFES
2	Establishment of a Barunga-Wugularr Community Law and Justice Group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and formalise membership, terms of reference for the Law and Justice Group Development of an Action Plan for the Group 	CM&C	TOs
MEDIUM TERM (2-3 Years)				
3	Explore options to develop or support a domestic and family violence support program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic and family violence support program is available to residents 	BAC	ACFC / TFHC
4	Explore opportunities to expand the activities of BSWG and increase culture, wellbeing, healing and sharing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase frequency of activity in Wugularr and Barunga of BSWG Increase in the engagement of women and girls in activities 	JAAC / BAC	NIAA / NTG
5	Undertake a feasibility study for a water play facility in Wugularr and Barunga.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility study undertaken and next steps identified if project proceeds 	BAC	RGRC / NTG

Infrastructure and Housing

#	Key Actions / Objectives	Measure of Success	Lead	Partners
SHORT TERM (1 Year)				
1	BAC utilise JAAC as the preferred contractor for civil and construction opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BAC partner with JAAC as preferred contractor where they have capability and capacity NTG recognise JAAC as preferred service provider 	BAC	JAAC / NTG
2	Undertake an investigation into flood issues in Barunga, lots 158, 159, 160, 162, 163, 183, 184, 185, 195, 281.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood investigation completed and shared with community Next steps identified 	TFHC / DIPL	BAC / RGRC
3	Resurfacing, irrigation, and drainage of football oval at Barunga.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football oval is refurbished and ready for use 	RGRC	JAAC / BAC
4	Moving forward NTG must rectify any defects to buildings and lots prior to the end of their lease and handover to Bagala/Beswick Land Trust.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future buildings and lots are repaired or returned to a greenfield site prior to being handed back Ongoing action – nil lots currently identified for handover 	NTG	BAC
5	BAC to develop MOU with JAAC to identify mutually beneficial opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOU developed 	BAC / JAAC	CM&C
6	All new Section 19 leases including community housing to be leased to BAC for sub-leasing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new S19 leases provided unless it is to BAC. 	NLC / BAC	RGRC / JAAC / NTG
7	Undertake planning and consultation for relocation of Maranboy Police Station to Wugularr or Barunga.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and consultation completed 	NTPFES	DIPL / TOs

Infrastructure and Housing (continued)

#	Key Actions / Objectives	Measure of Success	Lead	Partners
MEDIUM TERM (2-3 Years)				
8	NTG to lease housing for staff from BAC. Up to three 2x2 bedroom duplexes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed lease agreements Works commenced 	BAC	NTG
9	Undertake a review of the Barunga and Wugularr Housing Reference Group Terms of Reference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviews completed and endorsed. 	TFHC	TOs
10	Review of the town plans, service delivery and assets with NTG.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of town plans completed and adjustments made accordingly Service delivery and assets reviewed, future planning completed 	BAC / DIPL	NLC
11	Development of Town Beautification plan for Barunga and Wugularr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RGRC Town Beautification plan is developed with the Bagala TOs 	RGRC	TOs / NLC
12	Explore opportunities for township leasing by BAC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a Strategic Engagement plan 	BAC	NLC / NIAA
13	New Wugularr oval developed outside of flood zone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site identified Works commenced 	NTG	JAAC / BAC / RGRC

Infrastructure and Housing (continued)

#	Key Actions / Objectives	Measure of Success	Lead	Partners
MEDIUM TERM (2-3 Years)				
14	Works completed to raise the Waterhouse River Bridge to improve flood immunity and access to the Wugularr community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works planned and shared with community • Works completed 	DIPL	NLC / JAAC / RGRC
15	Share information and timeframes with community on planned Central Arnhem Road upgrades.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned works shared with community and ongoing updates provided 	DIPL	BAC / JAAC
16	Mediation undertaken to demolish single men's quarters in Wugularr and rehouse residents in appropriate permanent accommodation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediation completed • Residents rehoused • Men's quarters demolished 	DIPL / TFHC	BAC / NTG
17	BAC to register as a Community Housing Provider.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application submitted • Commence activities as a provider 	BAC	JAAC / NTG

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.2
TITLE	Local Authority Member Attendance Report
REFERENCE	1329651
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance.

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 Local Authority Members may be removed from a Local Authority if they are absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without approved apologies.

Local Authority member attendance of Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meetings

Local Authority Meeting Members	04 April 2022	04 July 2022	19 July 2022	12 October 2022	03 November 2022	09 January 2023
	Cancelled	Postponed		Postponed		
Mayor Tony JACK	-	-	P	-	AP	AP
Councillor Selina Ashley	-	-	P	-	P	AP
Trephina Bush	-	-	P	-	P	P
Raelene Bulumbara	-	-	NO AP	-	P	NO AP
Anne-Marie Ryan	-	-	Appointed	-	AP	NO AP
Eddie Kennedy	-	-	NO AP	-	NO AP	P
Anne-Marie Thompson-Kenny	-	-	P	-	P	P
Brett Cameron						P

** Table Key

P Present

AP Apologies given and accepted

NO AP No apologies given and not present at meeting

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.3
TITLE	Elected Member Report
REFERENCE	1332284
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes 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 – 22 March 2023

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee consists of the following members:

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

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee approved budget amendments for the Barunga Playground Shade Structure and soft fall, and the Bulman dump access road.

At this meeting, Roper Gulf Regional Council submitted its support to the Bagala Traditional Owners for the formal name change of the Township of Beswick to the Township of Wugularr.

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 22 February 2023

Council approved the recommendations submitted by the following Local Authorities:

- Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on 12 January 2023;
- Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on 10 January 2023; and
- Beswick Local Authority Meeting held on 09 January 2023.

Council approved membership for the Barunga Local Authority to Ambrose BULUMBARA and opened a 21 day nomination period to fill the two (2) vacancies on the Manyallaluk Local Authority. Council also discussed the need for Community Consultation in Manyallaluk regarding the Local Authority.

Council also set the launch date of the Reconciliation Action Plan to be 15 March 2023 in Barunga. Discussion was also had surrounding the upcoming Barunga Festival and the preparation that must be done.

Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting – 25 January 2023

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee consists of the following members:

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

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee discussed the recent plane crash in Bulman and the associated risks of flying during the wet season.

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 14 December 2022

Council approved the recommendations submitted by the following Local Authorities:

- Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on 13 October 2022;
- Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on 03 November 2022; and
- Beswick Local Authority Meeting held on 03 November 2022.

Council called for a '21 day nomination period' for the following:

- Manyallaluk called to fill two (2) open vacancies; and
- Barunga called to fill one (1) open vacancy.

Council approved the contact for the Extension of Grant Agreement for Children and schooling Program – for Bulman and Manyallaluk 2023/2024.

Council discussed the Sport and Recreation – Night Patrol in the Beswick Community regarding a previous resolution made to investigate unsupervised activities, reporting vehicle incidents and safety issues associated with passengers.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

12 April 2023	10:00am	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine
27 April 2023	8:30am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Briefing day to be held in Manyallaluk RGRC Office <i>AND</i> OMC to be held in Wugularr RGRC Office
24 May 2023	9:00am	Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine

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

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR



The Mayor is currently on Leave approved by the Council. Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE is acting as Mayor in the meantime.

LOCAL AUTHORITY	NUMBER OF VACANCIES
Barunga Local Authority	<i>0</i>
Beswick Local Authority	<i>0</i>
Bulman Local Authority	<i>0</i>
Manyallaluk Local Authority	<i>2</i>

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

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Nil.



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY MEETING
OF COUNCIL HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT
CENTRE
MATARANKA
ON WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 08:30AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Judy MACFARLANE;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Owen TURNER; and
- Councillor John DALYWATER.

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- David HURST, General Manager; Community Services and Engagement;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer (minute secretary).

1.3 Guests

- Jennifer JENKINS, Acting Principal Mataranka School and six (6) school children.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:49am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests 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****1/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR, Councillor Patricia FARRELL and Councillor Jana DANIELS; and
- (b) does not accept the tendered apology from Councillor Selina ASHLEY.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****2/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER)****CARRIED**

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on 14 December 2022 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 ACTION LIST****3/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)****CARRIED**

That Council:

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

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- Regional Australia Day Award Winner;
- Councillor travel rules;
- Councillor phone allowance;
- Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (presentation by CEO);
- International Women's Day luncheon in Katherine in March;
- Barunga Festival preparation;
- Reconciliation Action Plan;
- Mornington Peninsula Shire Council; and
- Rest stops with Toilets along the Carpentaria Highway.

9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**9.1 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST****4/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Helen LEE)****CARRIED**

That Council acknowledges that Councillor Helen LEE declared an interest at Item number 13.2 recommendation about nominations received and Councillor Owen TURNER declared an interest at Item number 20.4 Community Development Programme update and 20.5 Community Development Program - Deed of Extension of Contract of Confidential session and decided to leave the room during discussion of this item.

10 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**10.1 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

5/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes report.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

6/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council accepts the incoming correspondence.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

7/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council notes the outgoing correspondence.

13 WARD REPORTS**13.1 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT**

8/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report.

13.2 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

9/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Gadrian HOOSAN) CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Borrooloola Local Authority meeting held on 09 February 2023;
- (c) re-convenes the February Robinson River Local Authority Meeting for a date to be confirmed by the Mayor;
- (d) approves Casey HUCKS for membership on the Borrooloola Local Authority; and
- (e) declines David HARVEY for membership on the Borrooloola Local Authority.

Cr. Owen TURNER left the meeting, the time being 09:29 am.

Cr. Owen TURNER returned to the meeting, the time being 09:31 am.

13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD REPORT

10/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Numbulwar Numbirindi Ward Report.

13.4 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

11/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/John DALYWATER) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 12 January 2023;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 10 January 2023;
- (d) approves the recommendations from the Beswick Local Authority Meeting held on

Monday, 09 January 2023;

- (e) approves Ambrose BULUMBARA for membership on the Barunga Local Authority;
- (f) undertakes Community Consultation in relation to the Manyallaluk Local Authority; and
- (g) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21-day Nominations Period' to fill the two (2) vacancies on the Manyallaluk Local Authority.

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 09:42 am.

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE returned to the meeting, the time being 09:44 am.

13.5 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

12/2023 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) approves the provisional recommendations from the Jilkmिंगgan Local Authority Meeting held on 07 February 2023;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority meeting held on 07 February 2023;
- (d) confirms that the Council will convene four (4) Mataranka Local Authorities per year;
- (e) accepts Edna ILLES for membership to the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority;
- (f) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21-day Nominations Period' to fill one (1) vacancy on the Jilkmिंगgan Local Authority; and
- (g) accepts Morgan COCKYELL for membership to the Jilkmिंगgan Local Authority.

Six (6) Mataranka School Children joined the Meeting time being 10:02am with Acting principal.

Independent Member Ian SWAN presented to Council regarding Audit and Risk Committee time being 10:35am.

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 10:50 am.

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE returned to the meeting, the time being 10:51 am.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 POLICY REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

13/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That Council approves:

- (a) the policy amendment to ASS002 Asset Management Policy.
- (b) the policy amendment to FIN010 Borrowing Policy.
- (c) the policy amendment CL003 Elected Member and Employee Gift Policy.
- (d) the policy amendment FIN007 Fraud Protection Policy.
- (e) the policy amendment GOV031 Procurement Policy; and
- (f) the newly created policy FIN026 Accountable Forms.

15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

15.1 COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

14/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Council Meeting Attendance Report.

15.2 MAYOR'S REPORT

15/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Mayoral Report.

15.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**16/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/John DALYWATER) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

15.4 GUIDELINE 7 – PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS IN DECIDING CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS**17/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the new Guideline 7 – Procedural Fairness in Deciding Code of Conduct Complaints of the Northern Territory Government.

15.5 COUNCILBIZ MEMBER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH S176(3) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2019.**18/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve policies and codes of CouncilBiz as per Section 176(3) of the Local Government Act 2019; and
- (b) records the delegation on its Delegations Register and associated manuals.

15.6 CHANGE OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL DATE FOR JUNE 2023**19/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Gadrian HOOSAN) CARRIED**

That Council approves the rescheduling of the Ordinary Meeting of Council from the 14 June 2023 to 21 June 2023 due to the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly.

15.7 COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AND CALL FOR MOTIONS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANBERRA 13-15 JUNE 2023**20/2023 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That Council:

- a) approves the attendance of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR, Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT, Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI, Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN and Councillor Samuel EVANS and staff General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability , Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer and Governance Officer to the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly to be held from the 13 June to 15 June 2023 in Canberra; and
- b) declines to submit the motion to the Assembly.

15.8 2023 LGANT CONFERENCE & GENERAL MEETING**21/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the 2023 Local Government of the Northern Territory Conference & General Meeting Report; and
- (b) submits the motion as below:
 - Telecommunication and mobile signal around Urapunga and Jilkminggan;
 - Cyclone shelter (Referendum/Indigenous representation/voice);
 - Prioritising Road upgrades for worst locations;
 - Repetition and follow up on previous motion;
 - Bitumen/Road Scaling from Borrooloola to the Queensland border; and
 - Advocate for additional toilets to Carpentaria Highway.

15.9 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REPORT

22/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) **CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Animal Management Program Report.

15.10 ROPER GULF REGIONAL PLAN 2022-2023 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REVIEW - OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2022

23/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/John DALYWATER) **CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Regional Plan 2022-23 Quarterly Performance Report for the second quarter ending 31 December 2022.

16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Ian SWAN, Independent Member of Audit and Risk Committee Presented to Council about Audit Committee.

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 11:45 am.

17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**17.1 COUNCIL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

24/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/John DALYWATER) **CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council Services and Community Engagement Update report.

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE returned to the meeting, the time being 11:50 am.

18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**18.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

25/2023 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Samuel EVANS) **CARRIED**

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

18.2 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2023

26/2023 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Judy MacFARLANE) **CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 31 January 2023.

Cr. Annabelle DAYLIGHT left the meeting, the time being 11:55 am.

19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**19.1 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT**

27/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/John DALYWATER) **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the report; and
- (b) be notified as per Organisational Delegation of the CEO's awarding of the contract for the Hybrid Solar Power project to Saltwater Solar Pty Ltd for \$497,864.

21 OTHER BUSINESS

Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT returned to the meeting, the time being 12:05 pm.

21.1 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

28/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/John DALYWATER) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) accepts the Reconciliation Action Plan; and
- (b) confirms the launch date of the Reconciliation Action Plan on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 in Barunga.

21.2 REGIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD WINNER

29/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

That Council awards the Inaugural Australia Day Regional Citizen of the year to Dave GUY (Ngukurr).

21.3 COUNCILLOR TRAVEL RULES

30/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer Guidelines and Policies on Councillor Travel Rules.

21.4 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LUNCHEON

No Resolution Made

That Council advise the Chief Executive Officer of Councillors attendance to the International Women's on Wednesday, 8 March 2023 in Katherine.

21.5 BARUNGA FESTIVAL PREPARATION

31/2023 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the information provided in relation to Barunga Festival preparation.

21.6 MORNINGTON PENNINSULA COUNCIL

32/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the information provided in relation to Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

21.9 COUNCILLORS PHONE

33/2023 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer provide a Councillors Phone Allowance report to the 27 April 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

21.10 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND TRADE PRESENTATION BY CEO

34/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Judy MacFARLANE) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade presentation by the Chief Executive Officer.

21.11 REST STOPS WITH TOILETS ALONG THE CARPENTARIA HIGHWAY

35/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) requests advocacy for more Rest Stops with Toilets along the Carpentaria Highway; and
- (b) requests the Northern Territory Government invest in Mobile hotspots along the Central Arnhem Road, Roper Highway, Carpentaria Highway.

20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

36/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE)

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:-

- 20.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session** - *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.*
- 20.2 Action List - Confidential Items** - *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.*
- 20.3 Previous Committee Minutes Confidential Session** - *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.*
- 20.4 Community Development Programme (CDP) Update** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (e) (f), 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 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; AND information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.*
- 20.5 Community Development Program (CDP) - Deed of Extension of Contract** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (e) (f), 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 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; AND information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.*
- 20.6 Budget Amendment - Borroloola Recycling Shed** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 20.7 MYOBA Rollout** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 20.8 WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - Budget Amendment Request** - *The report will*

conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i) (c)(ii) (c)(iv), 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 interests of council or some other person.

20.9 Sport & Recreation Master Plan - The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

20.10 Review of the Liquor Act 2019 - The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(ii) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (e), 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.

The meeting moved to the Confidential Session at 2:12 pm.

The below resolutions were resolved to be made public following discussions had in the Confidential Session of the Ordinary Meeting.

20.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (CDP) UPDATE

40/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Judy MacFARLANE) CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) receives and notes the Community Development Programme (CDP) Update report; and
- (b) makes public the resolution from this report in the open minutes of this Council meeting.

20.6 BUDGET AMENDMENT - BORROLOOLA RECYCLING SHED

42/2023 RESOLVED (Gadrian HOOSAN/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) approves the budget amendment of \$200,000 to contribute to the construction of the Borroloola Recycling Shed; and
- (b) makes public the resolution from this report in the open minutes of this Council meeting.

20.8 WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST

44/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/John DALYWATER) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the report entitled *WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – Award of Consultancy Contract Scope & Budget*;
- (b) resolves to allocate an additional \$60,000 to the project via a Budget Amendment to ensure the Strategy is informed by a robust, consistent and equitable remote community consultation campaign; and
- (c) makes public the resolution from this report in the open minutes of this Council meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.4
TITLE	Council Services Report
REFERENCE	1331767
AUTHOR	Leigh WARE, Council Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

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

- Commencement of Leigh Ware as the Council Services Manager Wugularr and Bulman.
- Street light Audit has been completed and repairs will be undertaken in the upcoming weeks (this includes the flashing light at Aged Care)
- Fallen Tree in Victor Hood Park is being removed – CSM has spoken to occupants nearest to the tree to seek approval (which has been granted)
- The council office has been broken into twice in recent weeks – Consequently we will have to have all Roper Gulf locks in community Changed to protect our Assests.

160 – Municipal Services

- All Municipal Services are being delivered and are going well
- We will be undertaking a Bin Audit in the upcoming weeks to identify the need for replacements.
- Mowing and brush cutting has been constant
- We have commenced filling potholes – this will continue
- Once we are on top of the communal areas we will commence offering yard services again.

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

- NA

348 – Library

- WIFI has been upgraded in the council office

350 – Centrelink

- Continuing as per contract. Martina and Susan have been working well to ensure community needs are met.

404 – Indigenous Sports and Recreation

- We are in the process of recruiting a new Community Safety Coordinator, who will be based in Wugularr and shared with Bulman Community.
- We are in the Process of Recruiting a Sport and Rec Officer
- We are also excited to be involved in the upcoming RoperGulf Sport and Rec. Master Consultation which will see a review of sport and rec in the region.

- Aged Care – Caroline has returned from Long Service Leave – Thank you to Donna for her hard work and Sherri Ann for stepping up into the Coordinator role in Carolines Absence. Fantastic effort
- Crèche – We have Welcomed Balina to the community as our Crèche Coordinator – Numbers have been growing in this space which is wonderful to see.
- Night Patrol – Business as usual.

OTHER / MISCELLANEOUS

- Nil.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

- Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.