



AGENDA

BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2023

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

Thursday, 9 February 2023 at 09:00am
The Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, Borroloola

Or

Via Video/Teleconferencing
ID #: (03) 9260 6977
Pin: 1693

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.

**Marc GARDNER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

BORROLOOLA CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Elected Members

1. Mayor Tony JACK;
2. Councillor Samuel EVANS; and
3. Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN

Appointed Members

1. Donald GARNER (Chairperson);
2. Raymond ANDERSON;
3. Trish ELMY;
4. Mike LONGTON;
5. Maria PYRO;
6. Jonathon SAUER;
7. Andrew FIRLEY; and
8. **Vacant.**

MEMBERS: 11

COUNCIL: 3

LOCAL AUTHORITY: 8

QUORUM: 6 (minimum requirement)

PROVISIONAL: 4 (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	Confirmation of the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	1315281
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held 01 December 2022, 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 Borroloola Local Authority met and held a **QUORUM** meeting on Thursday, 01 December 2022. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to approve.



ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1   BOR_01122022_MIN.pdf



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BORROLOOLA LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, BORROLOOLA
ON THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2022 AT 09:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (via teleconference);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS (chairperson);
- Trish ELMY;
- Mike LONGTON;
- Maria PYRO;
- Jonathon SAUER; and
- Andrew FIRLEY.

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer (via teleconference);
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute taker);
- Bethany O'SULLIVAN, Communications Coordinator;
- Casey-Leigh HUCKS, CDP Senior Employment Coordinator; and
- Joseph SMITH, Acting Manager Community Projects and Engagement.

1.3 Guests

- Dr Heather STEWART, Project Director for CSIRO.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Borroloola Local Authority Meeting opened at 9:12am with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

BOR Q-15/2022

(Trish ELMY/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority noted that no apologies were tendered prior to the beginning of the meeting.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES**

BOR Q-16/2022 (Mike LONGTON/Jonathon SAUER) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held 11 August 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**

BOR Q-17/2022 (Mike LONGTON/Jonathon SAUER) **CARRIED**

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

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

- Community Engagement Program – *CSIRO*
- Rubbish truck at Caravan Park – *Trish Elmy*
- Subdivision Council Verges – *John Sauer*
- House on the Hill – *Mike Longton*
- Toilet Block at Airport – *Mike Longton*
- Potholes on camp roads – *Maria Pyro*

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**11.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

BOR Q-18/2022 (Jonathon SAUER/Mike LONGTON) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Outgoing Correspondence.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**13 GENERAL BUSINESS****13.1 WATER TRENDS AND CONSERVATION**

BOR Q-19/2022 (Mike LONGTON/Jonathon SAUER) **CARRIED**

This item has been deferred as the representative from Power and Water was unavailable to present in regards to Water Trends and Conservation.

13.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY REVIEW REPORT

BOR Q-20/2022 (Jonathon SAUER/Mike LONGTON) CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Review report.

Andrew FIRELY left the meeting, the time being 10:29am.

Andrew FIRELY returned to the meeting, the time being 10:31am.

13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE

BOR Q-21/2022 (Mike LONGTON/Maria PYRO) CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance report; and
- (b) requests the Community Engagement Coordinator work with the General Manager of Corporate Services and Sustainability regarding record keeping of unofficial meetings.

13.4 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

BOR Q-22/2022 (Mike LONGTON/Trish ELMY) CARRIED

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

13.5 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

BOR Q-23/2022 (Trish ELMY/Mike LONGTON) CARRIED

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

13.6 LA PROJECT FUNDING CERTIFICATION

BOR Q-24/2022 (Jonathon SAUER/Mike LONGTON) CARRIED

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

Maria PYRO left the meeting, the time being 10:59am.

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

BOR Q-25/2022 (Mike LONGTON/Jonathon SAUER) CARRIED

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

Maria PYRO returned to the meeting, the time being 10:31am

13.8 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2022 - 30.09.2022

BOR Q-26/2022 (Jonathon SAUER/Trish ELMY) CARRIED

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

13.9 BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE.

BOR Q-27/2022 (Jonathon SAUER/Maria PYRO) CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report;
- (b) requests costings are provided for power provision in Tamarind Park at the next

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Action List
REFERENCE	1312613
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Action List is a summary of tasks that the Local Authority has requested be undertaken by Council staff. The table also identifies the staff member assigned to the task by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Action List is a **non-authoritative** reference document for Business Arising out of Previous Minutes. The highlighted points are the actionable item of each **resolved** matter.

BORROLOOLA ACTION LIST

BOR Q-1/2022

This item has been deferred as the representative from Power and Water was unavailable to present in regards to Water Trends and Conservation.

13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE

BOR Q-2/2022

Completed

That the Borrooloola Local Authority;
(a) receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance report; and

- (b) requests the Community Engagement Coordinator work with the General Manager of Corporate Services and Sustainability regarding record keeping of unofficial meetings.

13.9 BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE.

BOR Q-3/2022

That the Borroloola Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report;
- (b) requests costings are provided for power provision in Tamarind Park at the next scheduled Borroloola Local Authority Meeting;
- (c) requests costings be provided for a power pole at the airport yard at the next scheduled Borroloola Local Authority Meeting; and
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer calls for a Borroloola Local Authority meeting to be convened to discuss Local Authority Projects in February 2023.

Report in agenda

13.10 ANYULA STREET PROJECT

BOR Q-4/2022

That the Local Authority;

- (a) receive and note the Anyula Street Project report; and
- (b) requests Council to provide a report back to the next scheduled Borroloola Local Authority regarding future works on Anyula st.

Report in agenda

14.2 RUBBISH TRUCK AT THE CARAVAN PARK

BOR Q-5/2022

That the Borroloola Local Authority requests a report be submitted back to the Local Authority regarding personal and commercial options for disposal of rubbish.

Waste management strategy project currently being undertaken and this will be reported as part of the strategy development.

14.3 SUBDIVISION COUNCIL VERGES

BOR Q-6/2022

That the Borroloola Local Authority;

Information unavailable at time of Agenda compilation.

- (a) requests notices be supplied to Borroloola residents in regards to the removal of personal assets from Council street verges; and
- (b) provides and update back to the next scheduled Borroloola Local Authority Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	Major Projects
REFERENCE	1317845
AUTHOR	Dave HERON, Acting Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receive and note 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
Multi Court Resurfacing	Tender documents being prepared
Cyclone Shelter	Tender responses being considered by the NT Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics
Relocation of Youth Centre	The building is being assessed for suitability for relocation or demolition
Airport Toilet Block	New scope of works have completed tender documents are being prepared
Dump Office	Preliminary investigations will be informed by the Strategic Waste Management Strategy currently being conducted.
Recycling Shed	Tender responses being considered by RGRC Panel
Jose Street Upgrades	Designs being prepared by consultants
Anyula St Upgrades Stage 2	Designs being prepared by consultants
Garawa/Foster Streets Upgrades	Designs being prepared by consultants
Broad Street Upgrades	Scope of works being reviewed

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None of the road upgrades are funded and Council will need to approve the designs to be able to fund the upgrades.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Local Authority Member Attendance
REFERENCE	1315294
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

Borroloola Local Authority Member Attendance

Local Authority Meeting Members	11 August 2022	10 November 2022
Mayor Tony Jack	AP	Meeting Postponed
Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN	AP	-
Councillor Samuel Evans	P	-
Donald GARNER	P	-
Michael Longton	P	-
Jon Sauer	P	-
Trish Elmy	P	-
Maria Pyro	P	-
Raymond Anderson	P	-
Rebecca Gentle	AP NOT ACCEPTED	-

Key

P Present at LA

AP Apology given and accepted by LA

NO AP Did not attend LA and did not tender any apologies

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.2
TITLE	Council Financial Report for the period 01.07.2022 - 31.12.2022
REFERENCE	1316849
AUTHOR	Karandeep SINGH, Senior Finance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

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

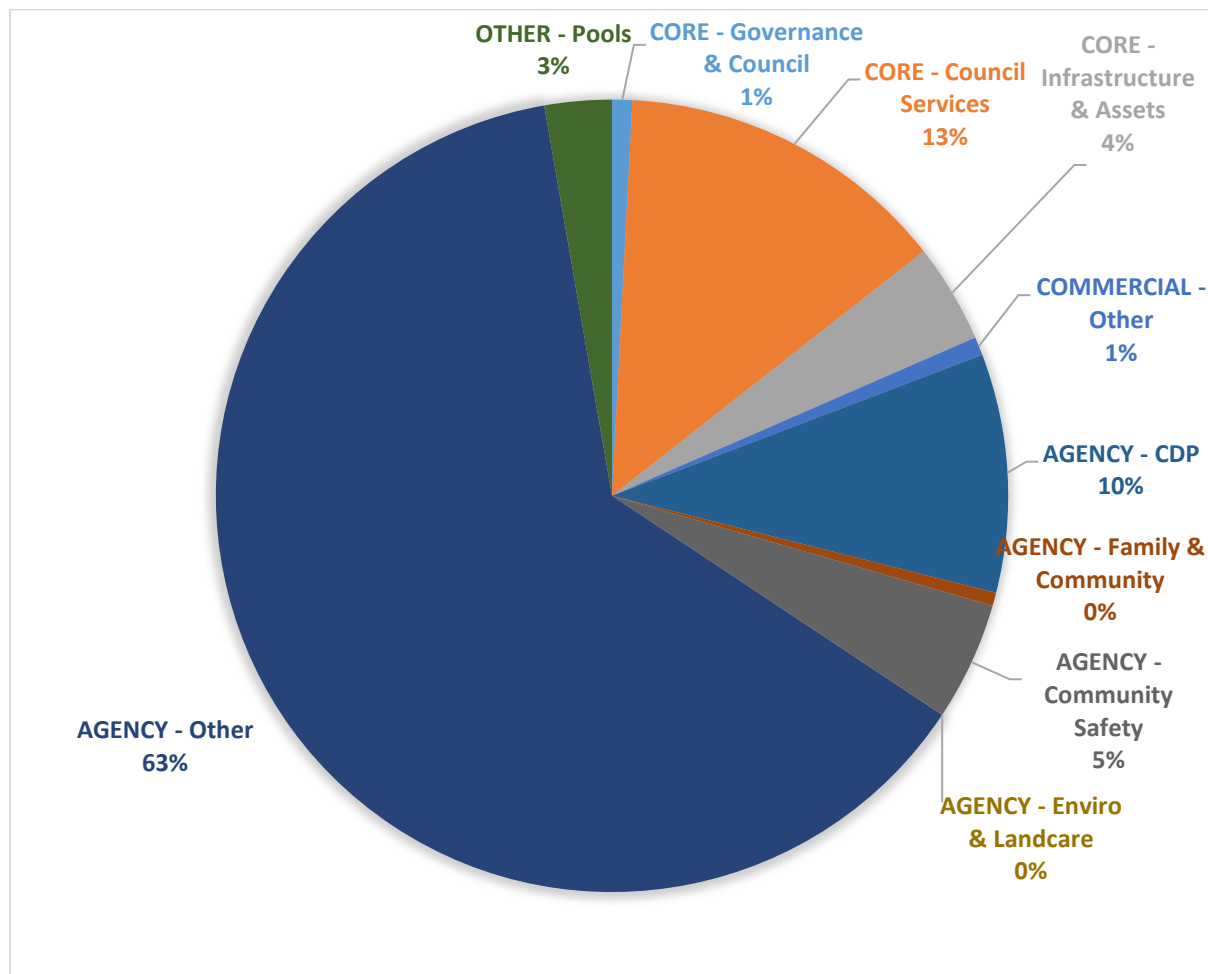
KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

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



ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

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

Operating Income:

Council received \$1,306,891 in operating income for Borroloola, which is leading to a variance of \$548,895. The major cause is from Local Authority Funding and CDP Service Income always received Month later. Due to recent accounting standards, tied funds can only be recognized as income once Projects reach further stage of progression.

Operating Expenditure:

The total underspend in operating expenditure is \$575,237. The major cause in underspend is from internal cost allocations and Employee expenses due staff absences and vacant positions.

Capital Expenditure:


The total underspend for capital expenditure is \$1,412,088. Please see the attachment and project register for further detail.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

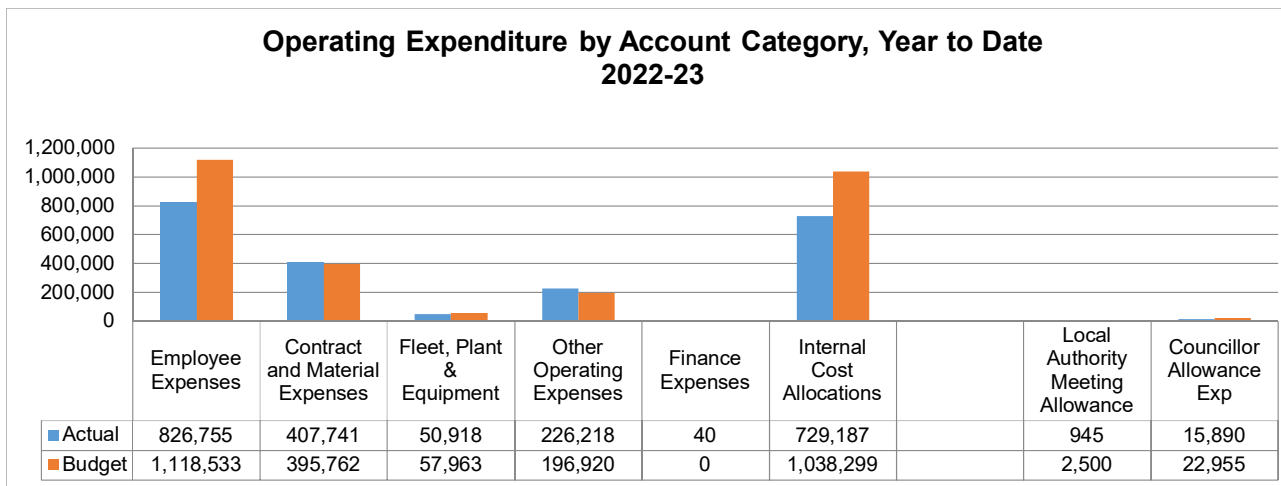
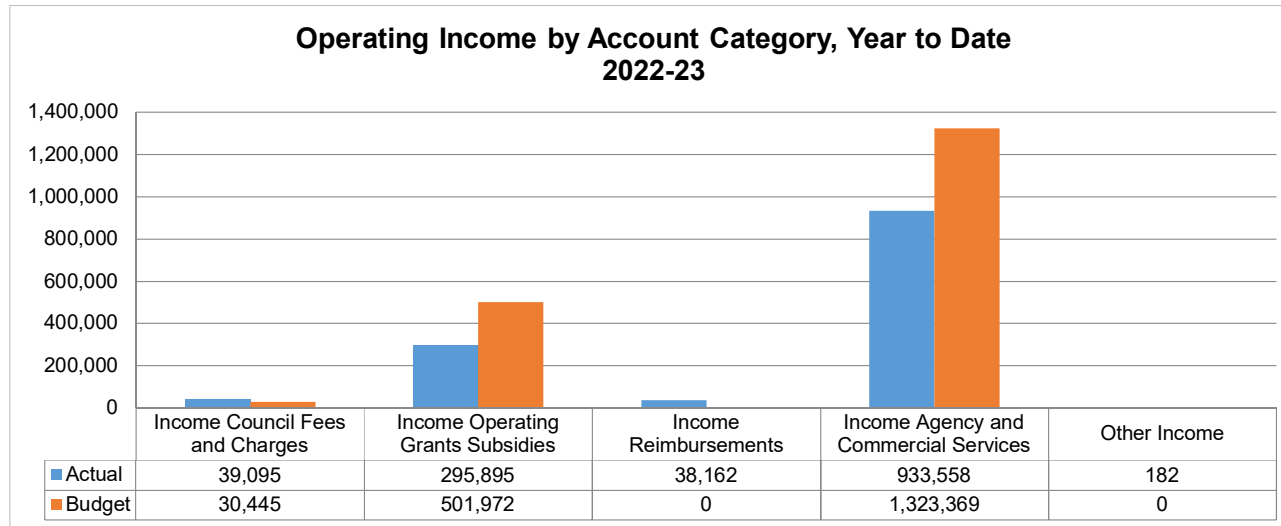
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1   Financial Report 31.12.2022.pdf

Roper Gulf Regional Council					
Financial Report as at					
31-December-2022					
Borroloola					
	Year to Date Actual (\$)	Year to Date Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Explanation
Income					
Income Council Fees and Charges	39,095	30,445	8,650	60,890	
Income Operating Grants Subsidies	295,895	501,972	-206,077	796,144	The major cause in variance is from Local Authority and waste Resource Management funding and As projects reach further stages of progression and income will be recognised from liability as expenses are incurred as per New Accounting Standards.
Income Reimbursements	38,162	0	38,162	0	The major cause in variance is from CDP insurance reimbursement.
Income Agency and Commercial Services	933,558	1,323,369	-389,811	2,646,739	The main cause in variance is from CDP since income is always received a month later.
Other Income	182	0	182	0	
Total Operating Income	1,306,891	1,855,786	-548,895	3,503,772	
Operating Expenditure					
Employee Expenses	826,755	1,118,533	-291,778	2,237,066	The Major cause of underspend for Employee Expenditure is the Absence and vacancies on the different position in different communities.
Contract and Material Expenses	407,741	395,762	11,980	791,523	
Fleet, Plant & Equipment	50,918	57,963	-7,044	115,925	
Other Operating Expenses	226,218	196,920	29,298	393,840	The Main Reason for overspend in Operating Expenses is Community Grants which is not predicted in the Budget and unexpected growth in the Recycling Operations.
Finance Expenses	40	0	40	0	

Internal Cost Allocations	729,187	1,038,299	-309,112	2,076,597	The underspend is caused to to less internal cost being allocated for office space sharing, Muns services and CDP- project management.
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	945	2,500	-1,555	5,000	
Councillor Allowance Exp	15,890	22,955	-7,065	45,910	
Total Expenditure	2,257,694	2,832,931	-575,237	5,665,862	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	-950,802	-977,145	26,342	-2,162,089	
Capital Funding					
Income Capital Grants	3,862,552	3,121,577	740,975	3,121,577	The major cause in variance is due to budget being allocated to Borroloola multi-purpose court. However, we receive the Grant more that expected.
	3,862,552	3,121,577	740,975	3,121,577	
Capital Expenditure					
Capital Purchase/Construct Buildings	3,862,552	4,735,800	-873,248	4,735,800	Please see project register for further detail
Capital Construct Infrastructure	18,428	360,000	-341,572	360,000	Please see project register for further detail
Capital Purchases Plant & Equipment	0	133,000	-133,000	133,000	There has been no actual capital expenditure incurred for plant and equipment until this month.
Capital Purchase Vehicles	0	160,600	-160,600	160,600	There has been no actual capital expenditure incurred for Purchase Vehicles until this month.
Capital Purchases Roads	96,332	0	96,332	0	The Major cause for overspend because no Budget were predicted for Roads.
Total Capital Expenditure	3,977,312	5,389,400	-1,412,088	5,389,400	
Net Operating Position	-1,065,563	-3,244,968	2,179,405	-4,429,912	



GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.3
TITLE	Borroloola Local Authority Projects Update
REFERENCE	1317741
AUTHOR	Puspa KARKI, Executive Assistant Community Services and Engagement

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

Since 2014 the Borroloola Local Authority has received a total of \$973,931.00 from the Northern Territory Government and \$71,477 from the Council 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 Borroloola Local Authority has allocated \$940,232.49, accounting for surplus funds from completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Please refer to the attached funding report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**Unallocated Funds**

The Borroloola Local Authority currently has \$129,831 to allocate to new projects.

ATTACHMENTS

1   Borroloola LA Projects 31.12.2022.pdf

Borrooloola Local Authority Project Funding		31 December 2022
Funds Received from Department	\$	973,931.00
Funds allocated from Council	\$	71,477.00
	\$	1,045,408.00
Funds Allocated to projects by Local Authority Members	\$	940,232.49
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects	\$	24,655.49
Remaining Unallocated funds	\$	129,831.00

Date Approved Project ID	Projects	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Status
Pre 2017 1313818	Toilet at Cemetery	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	Should include the steel shade structure attached to the toilet block, as well as a concrete slab under the shade and in front of both toilet entries. The septic tank and its location will also need to be identified. The project team working on this project. The toilet from the sports court is non-compliant.
6/2/2020 1313822	Replace Toilet Block at Airport	\$ 428,464.49	\$ 32,826.01	Commenced - Funded allocated \$ 130,580 on 6.12.18. A further \$ 140,000 on 6.2.2020. \$ 17746.45 allocated 8.10.2020 . Construction contract signed. Works have begun. Underground plumbing complete.
	Total for current projects in progress	\$ 453,464.49	\$ 32,826.01	
	Total for Completed projects	\$ 486,768.00	\$ 462,112.51	
	Grand Total	\$ 940,232.49	\$ 494,938.52	

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.4
TITLE	Council Services Report
REFERENCE	1317808
AUTHOR	Maxine ARMSTRONG, Customer Service Officer

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

This report provides an outline of Council Services as delivered in Borroloola.

CORE SERVICES111 – *Councils Services General*

- All services and programs are being delivered
- Letters to Commercial Operators regarding dump opening hours and charging of loads are being finalized and have started charging commercial customers.
- Our Avdata machine has been repaired.

160 – *Municipal Services*

- Mowing, irrigation and maintenance of parks & airport is ongoing

161 – *Waste Management*

- Letters to commercial enterprises will be going out shortly to inform them of Dump restrictions and charging

165 – *Recycling Program*

- Discussions with MRM regarding their containers is ongoing

AGENCY SERVICES314 – *Community Development Program (CDP)*

- Please refer to the Community Development Program Report in the Agenda.

348 – *Library*

- Our Library Officer has gone back to working regular hours 10:00am to 2:00pm

350 – *Centrelink*

-

404 – *Indigenous Sports and Recreation*

- Recruitment for a number of vacancies is underway. The program is having a positive impact in engaging our youths in community
- Community Safety Coordinator still required & we also need more staff asap

OTHER / MISCELLANEOUS

- Nil.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

- Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.5
TITLE	Elected Member Report
REFERENCE	1318409
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola 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**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 14 DECEMBER 2022.**

The following Local Authority meeting minutes were tabled and approved by Council;

- Borroloola Local Authority held on 01 December 2022
- Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting held on 05 December 2022.

Council accepted the tendered resignations received from the Jilkminggan Local Authority from Wayne ROY and Phylis CONWAY and decided to defer the nomination received from Casey HUCKS for membership on the Borroloola Local Authority

Council received and accepted Waste and Resource Management grant 2020- 2021 for Bulman waste management Facility Fencing/Waste Management Strategy project and 2021-2022 for Borroloola Recycle project

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 23 NOVEMBER 2022

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting consists of:

- Independent Member Mr Awais UR REHMAN;
- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR; and
- Councillor Owen TURNER.

There were no direct subjects pertaining to the Never Never Ward discussed at the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING – 17 AUGUST 2022

The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting consists of:

- Independent Member Ian SWAN;
- Independent Member Carolyn EAGLE;
- Independent Member Claudia GOLDSMITH;

- Councillor John DALYWATER.

There were no direct subjects pertaining to the Never Never Ward discussed at the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

22 February 2023	8:30am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Mataranka Community Hall
22 March 2023	10:30am	Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine
12 April 2023	10:00am	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.6
TITLE	Community Development Programme
REFERENCE	1318412
AUTHOR	Michaela NAARE, Acting Regional Manager Community Development Programme; Lisa Bishop, Acting CDP Assistant Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

BACKGROUND

The Community Development Program (CDP) is a remote employment and community development service being delivered by Council on behalf of the Commonwealth Government. Council is required to deliver a quality service, fulfilling all obligations and adhering to CDP contractual compliance under the Head Agreement.

Borroloola CDP currently have 365 job seekers on the caseload, numbers have increased since the last update. There are currently 83 job seekers engaged within Borroloola, 2 of whom have recently been placed into employment. These numbers do not reflect the long-term employed job seekers who are no longer required to undertake monthly post placement support interviews with the CDP team.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

CDP has commenced 2023 with vengeance after the programs end of year shut down. The CDP Borroloola team returned fresh and ready to kick goals. Borroloola outstation job seekers have been participating in the Borroloola activities and projects. Why are some of the Borroloola CDP job seekers attending activities in the township? The strategy around this is for CDP to continue providing a structured environment and ongoing professional capacity building for the engaged participants. CDP believe that all forms of capacity building and barrier addressing is crucial, irrespective of the location where this takes place. In November 2022, CDP successfully appointed two CDP Engagement Officers, both of whom were job seekers themselves. We are very fortunate as they have brought a much needed passion to our team.

Other projects, intentions and activities is currently underway:

- CDP continues to provide assistance to our participants with consistent CDP quality case management (i.e. monthly contact appointments, provider assistance, Ochre Card and identification application etc.).
- CDP have been busy assisting with yard maintenance and clean up throughout the Borroloola town camps, sub-division and surrounding outstations (where travel is possible). Our engaged CDP job seekers and their Engagement Officers have been busy conducting yard clean ups especially with the increase of rain. Some select job seekers have been attending this activity and we have had outstations borrow equipment to conduct their activities out there.

- Our newly appointed CDP Engagement Officer has implemented and enforced a 'sign in and out' board for equipment.
- Training for 2023 started with Small Engines course on the week of 23rd January 2023, unfortunately due to the community unrest (fighting) there are limited attendees.
- Traffic Management commenced on Monday 30th January 2023. Practical modules surrounding this training was underway by
- CDP Borroloola has experienced a few issues, such as (multiple) break-ins at the CDP office and IT issues impacted CDP delivery.
- Job seeker appointment attendance has improved over the past few weeks. With that said, CDP Borroloola is strengthening the compliance measures, in hopes that this will encourage more communication around their movements.

Trialling Pathways to Real Jobs

On 31 August 2022, the Minister for Indigenous Australians the Hon Linda Burney MP announced the opportunity for CDP providers to redirect a portion of their funding to trial a new approach to supporting job seekers into real jobs.

Concept of the Trial

Ideas and lessons generated through these proposed trials will inform the development and implementation of the new program. As of 1st December 2022, there were 56 approved proposals from 40 providers in 54 regions, Council being one of the successful providers.

Why did Council CDP opt into the trial?

Opting into the trial gives Council the flexibility to test ways to build job seeker readiness and transition job seekers into real jobs. This could include directly employing job seekers (for example, as a bridging arrangement into employment with another organisation); or more highly tailored case management approaches. With the trial aligning with Councils Key Outcome Areas in the latest Roper Gulf Regional Council Strategic Plan 2022 - 2027:

- Wellbeing and
- Economic Development

Council wanted to trial a project that is specific to the employment barriers within our region and communities. For example:

- a trial in a region with very few industries or jobs could include employment of job seekers in social or community enterprise development, or service delivery.
- in a region with more jobs but employers who are hesitant to take on someone who is long term unemployed, a cost sharing arrangement for work trials could be negotiated with employers.

With an opportunity for innovation and breaking away from the 'one size fits all' regime, on Friday 9th September 2022 Council submitted an Expression of Interest to NIAA to trial new approaches for Region 30. Region 30 consist of the following locations:

- Mataranka Township
- Jilkminggan Community
- Minyerri Community
- and Numbulwar Community

Why CDP Borroloola (and the surrounding outstations) was not included in the trial?

The majority of commenced job seekers (within the Gulf Region) address (as noted in their Centrelink job seeker payment) is predominantly outstation based. Given the trial contingencies and operational challenges, Council originally opted not to include Region 29 in the trial. This was only temporary, at least until Council (alongside NIAA) develop and study from the upcoming trial, all while factoring Region 29 'outreach' service component.

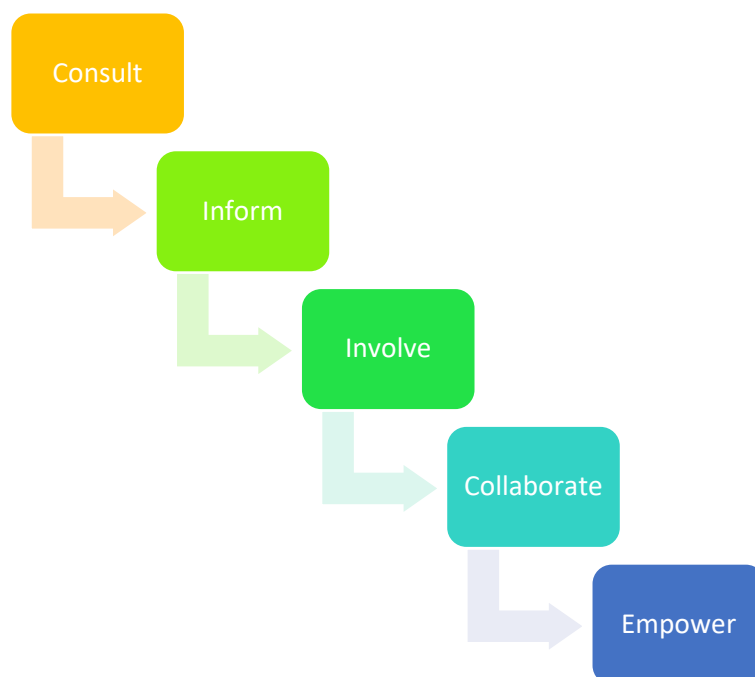
However, Council is revisiting this decision. There are some amazing and rewarding opportunities that could come of a trial. We are considering opting Region 29 into Trialling Pathways to Real Jobs. Why? The opportunity for innovation and breaking away from the 'one

size fits all' regime should be practiced in Borroloola. Change is not possible without the valuable input and community consultation from Borroloola job seekers/community residents and stakeholders.

Residents in our communities deserve long term meaningful employment that they can be proud of and that enables them to support their families and children. There are real tangible benefits, with the right trial/s for Borroloola and surrounding outstations. Borroloola warrants the chance to be part of the changes that are needed within the CDP program. 'Local people into local jobs' is a regular ambition identified by constituents of the Council and the redesign of this program sees that ambition become a reality.

Council is seeking community consultation from the Gulf Region

When developing such project proposals, the consultation with Borroloola residents and stakeholders is paramount to Council, this strategy guarantees that the proposed project/s fit with Borroloolas needs and aspirations. Council CDP engagement process must be inclusive. Council are determined to:



1. **Consult:** to obtain community feedback on Trialling Pathways to Real Jobs
2. **Inform:** to provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist community in understanding the
3. **Involve:** To work directly with the community and stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that public needs are consistently understood and considered in regards to the Trialling Pathways to Real Jobs
4. **Collaborate:** To partner with stakeholders and community members in each aspect of the decision making, including the development of alternatives and the benefits of the Trialling Pathways to Real Jobs in the region.
5. **Empower:** To deliver, capture and implement Trialling Pathways to Real Jobs that

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS