



AGENDA

MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2023

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

Tuesday, 7 February 2023 at 05:30pm
The Mataranka Community Hall, Mataranka

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

**MATARANKA CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
Elected Members**

1. Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE (Chairperson)

Appointed Members

1. Alan CHAPMAN;
2. Sue EDWARDS;
3. Margaret MINNETT;
4. Michael SOMERS;
5. Rachael WATERS;
6. Anthony HEASLIP; and
7. Desmond BARRITT.

MEMBERS: 8

COUNCIL: 1

LOCAL AUTHORITY: 7

QUORUM: 5 (minimum requirement)

PROVISIONAL: 3 (minimum requirement)

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEDGE

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

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

PRAMIS BLA WI

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

Mela bin luk ol dijlod rul, ebrobodi gada tok trubalawei, wi gada meik so wi gibit firgo en 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	Mataranka Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	1315272
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mataranka Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 08 November 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 Mataranka Local Authority met with **QUORUM** on Tuesday, 08 November 2022. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to confirm.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The next scheduled Mataranka Local Authority Meeting is Tuesday, 02 May 2023.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

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MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MATARANKA LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, MATARANKA
ON TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 5:30PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE (Chairperson);
- Sue EDWARDS;
- Margaret MINNETT;
- Michael SOMERS;
- Rachael WALTERS;
- Anthony HEASLIP; and
- Desmond BARRITT.

1.2 Staff

- Dave HERON, Acting Finance Manager;
- Clare CUPITT, Community Safety Manager;
- Michael ROE, Council Services Coordinator;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Tracey WALLACE, Community Development Program (CDP) Senior Employment Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Sam PHELAN, Protect Big Rivers.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Mataranka Local Authority Meeting opened at 5:38pm 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

MAT Q-38/2022

(Rachael WALTERS/Michael SOMERS)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Local Authority Member Alan CHAPMAN and Mayor Tony JACK.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

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

MAT Q-39/2022 (Sue EDWARDS/Rachael WALTERS) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 09 August 2022, including the confidential minutes and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings, subject to the additional amendment to item 13.2 of the previous minutes to reflect that Jill-Emerson SMITH was not in attendance at the meeting and the mover of this item was Local Authority Member Anthony HEASLIP.

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

MAT Q-40/2022 (Rachael WALTERS/Anthony HEASLIP) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority

- (a) receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) requests that the Community Safety Manager investigates the cost of purchasing a forty kilometer (40km) radius radio signal with four (4) channels to be presented as a report to the next scheduled Mataranka Local Authority Meeting.

Chairperson Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE noted that contact has been made with DIPL regarding the slip lane off the Stuart Highway.

Desmond BARRITT left the meeting, the time being 06:13 PM and returned to the meeting at 06:19PM

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

- Infrastructure on Council Block – *Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE*
- Ramp Project – *Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE*
- Council Budget – *Mataranka Local Authority*
- Australia Day – *Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE*
- Foot Paths – *Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE*
- Information Boards – *Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE*
- Naming of Parks – *Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE*
- Airstrip – *Local Authority Member Margaret MINNETT*

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS**13.1 WATER TRENDS AND CONSERVATION****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Mataranka Local Authority defers the presentation made by the Power and Water in regards to Water Trends and Conservation.

13.2 UPDATE ON FRACKING THE BEETALOO

MAT Q-41/2022 (Desmond BARRITT/Anthony HEASLIP) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Protect Big Rivers presentation on the Update on Fracking the Beetaloo.

13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY REVIEW REPORT

MAT Q-42/2022 (Michael SOMERS/Rachael WALTERS) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Review report; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer invite a representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet to a community meeting to provide assistance with the Local Authority Review Report.

13.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE

MAT Q-43/2022 (Margaret MINNETT/Sue EDWARDS) **CARRIED**

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

13.5 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

MAT Q-44/2022 (Desmond BARRITT/Michael SOMERS) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Elected Member report;
- (b) expressed their concern and frustration regarding the time frame of having each Local Authority meeting three (3) months apart and the turnover of information being delayed; and
- (c) requests Council consider the need for six (6) Local Authority Meetings per financial year.

13.6 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

MAT Q-45/2022 (Sue EDWARDS/Rachael WALTERS) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services report.

13.7 LA PROJECT FUNDING CERTIFICATION

MAT Q-46/2022 (Margaret MINNETT/Anthony HEASLIP) **CARRIED**

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

13.8 MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE.

MAT Q-47/2022 (Rachael WALTERS/Desmond BARRITT) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report; and
- (b) approves the allocation of \$5,000 of Local Authority Funding towards the purchasing of a shelter over top of the railway quad.

13.9 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2022 - 30.09.2022

MAT Q-48/2022 (Desmond BARRITT/Anthony HEASLIP) CARRIED

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

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

MAT Q-49/2022 (Rachael WALTERS/Desmond BARRITT) CARRIED

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

14 OTHER BUSINESS**14.1 INFRASTRUCTURE ON COUNCIL BLOCK – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE**

MAT Q-50/2022 (Rachael WALTERS/Margaret MINNETT) CARRIED

The Mataranka Local Authority raised their concern regarding the transformer not fit to service the amount of infrastructure currently connected on the Council Office block of land and that there is a risk of an electrical fire starting.

The Mataranka Local Authority request the Acting Finance Manager to follow up and confirm the transformer is safe and fit for purpose in its current location.

14.2 RAMP PROJECT – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

MAT Q-51/2022 (Margaret MINNETT/Michael SOMERS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority;

- (a) approves in principle the purchasing of cement and steel required to complete the Ramp Project;
- (b) requests Council to make contact with the Mataranka Community Development Program (CDP) team to request their assistance in completing the Ramp Project; and
- (c) approves the allocation of \$10,000 towards the installation of ramp access into the museum buildings.

13.3 COUNCIL BUDGET

MAT Q-52/2022 (Sue EDWARDS/Rachael WALTERS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority expressed their concern of the purchasing of two (2) three hundred (300) series GXL Land Cruisers as an unnecessary expensive to Council's budget.

14.4 AUSTRALIA DAY – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

MAT Q-53/2022

(Michael SOMERS/Desmond BARRITT)**CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority;

- (a) requests that the Mataranka Community continue to host their own Australia Day Awards Ceremony; and
- (b) make the suggestion that the winning participants from each category of award be put into the running to win that category award on a region wide basis.

14.5 FOOTPATHS – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

MAT Q-54/2022

(Rachael WALTERS/Sue EDWARDS)**CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority requests the Chief Executive Officer investigate the provision of footpaths on Sterling, Gunn, and Warloch Street in Mataranka.

14.6 INFORMATION BOARDS – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

The Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE provided the Mataranka Local Authority with a verbal update regarding the new graphic designs for the information boards. The Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE will provide the Local Authority Members with a hard copy of the graphic designs for comment and consultation once received and that the project will be completed in two (2) weeks from this Local Authority Meeting.

14.7 NAMING OF PARKS – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

MAT Q-55/2022

(Rachael WALTERS/Michael SOMERS)**CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority requests clarification in regards to the official name of "Bruno's Park".

14.8 AIRSTRIP – Local Authority Member Margaret MINNETT

MAT Q-56/2022

(Rachael WALTERS/Sue EDWARDS)**CARRIED**

The Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE provided a verbal update in regards to the ongoing investigation into costings to upgrade the airstrip. The Local Authority was advised that the grant funding received for the airstrip was returned due to inability to complete project with the small grant. The next available and applicable grant will be applied for.

That the Mataranka Local Authority requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report back to the Local Authority regarding the state of the airstrip and the upgrades required and requests the airstrip be a priority project.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:23 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 08 November 2022 and confirmed Tuesday, 07 February 2023.

Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE
Confirmed on Tuesday, 07 February 2023.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Action List
REFERENCE	1309324
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

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

MATARANKA ACTION LIST

14.2 LAND RELEASE IN MATARANKA – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

MAT Q-1/2022

That the Mataranka Local Authority requests that the regional office of the Chief Minister and Cabinet's to follow up on the land release in Mataranka.

In progress. Several meetings with Government and Ministers.

14.4 REMOVING COMMUNITY SIGNS ON ROPER HIGHWAY AND HOMESTEAD SLIPWAY – Anthony HEASLIP*MAT Q-2/2022*

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) requests the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Department of Lands Planning and Logistics in regards to removing the irrelevant community area signs;
- (b) requests the Department of Lands Planning and Logistics to extend the slip lane off the Stuart Highway to the Mataranka Homestead Road.

*Requests sent to Department – awaiting response***8.1 ACTION LIST***MAT Q-3/2022*

That the Mataranka Local Authority

- (a) receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) requests that the Community Safety Manager investigates the cost of purchasing a forty kilometer (40km) radius radio signal with four (4) channels to be presented as a report to the next scheduled Mataranka Local Authority Meeting.

*Operational matter to be followed up by Council management.***13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY REVIEW REPORT***MAT Q-4/2022*

That the Mataranka Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Review report; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer invite a representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet to a community meeting to provide assistance with the Local Authority Review Report.

*Followed up, however Mayor now representative on NT Local Authority Review Panel regarding actions from the review.***13.5 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT***MAT Q-5/2022*

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Elected Member report;

- (b) expressed their concern and frustration regarding the time frame of having each Local Authority meeting three (3) months apart and the turnover of information being delayed; and
- (c) requests Council consider the need for six (6) Local Authority Meetings per financial year.

13.8 MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE.

MAT Q-6/2022

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report; and
- (b) approves the allocation of \$5,000 of Local Authority Funding towards the purchasing of a shelter over top of the railway quad.

Fettler's quad arrived in Mataranka on the 31 January 2023 and currently seeking quotes for the shelter.

14.1 INFRASTRUCTURE ON COUNCIL BLOCK

MAT Q-7/2022

The Mataranka Local Authority raised their concern regarding the transmitter not fit to service the amount of infrastructure currently connected on the Council Office block of land and that there is a risk of an electrical fire starting.

The Mataranka Local Authority request the Acting Finance Manager to follow up and confirm the transmitter is safe and fit for purpose in its current location.

Incorrect wording in action, is in relation to the electrical transformer. Operational matter being followed up.

14.2 RAMP PROJECT

MAT Q-8/2022

That the Mataranka Local Authority;

- (a) approves in principle the purchasing of cement and steel required to complete the Ramp Project;
- (b) requests Council to make contact with the Mataranka Community Development Program (CDP) team to request their assistance in completing the Ramp Project; and
- (c) approves the allocation of \$10,000 towards the installation of ramp access into the museum buildings.

14.4 AUSTRALIA DAY

MAT Q-9/2022

That the Mataranka Local Authority;

- (a) requests that the Mataranka Community continue to host their own Australia Day Awards Ceremony; and
- (b) make the suggestion that the winning participants from each category of award be put into the running to win that category award on a region wide basis.

*Completed –
referred to the
Events Committee*

14.5 FOOTPATHS

MAT Q-10/2022

That the Mataranka Local Authority requests the Chief Executive Officer investigate the provision of footpaths on Sterling, Gunn, and Warloch Street in Mataranka.

*Added to projects
register and
currently being
assessed as part of
Council's gated
project process.*

14.7 NAMING OF PARKS

MAT Q-11/2022

That the Mataranka Local Authority requests clarification in regards to the official name of "Bruno's Park".

*Refer to report
within the agenda.*

14.8 AIRSTRIP

MAT Q-12/2022

The Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE provided a verbal update in regards to the ongoing investigation into costings to upgrade the airstrip. The Local Authority was advised that the grant funding received for the airstrip was returned due to inability to complete project with the small grant. The next available and applicable grant will be applied for.

*Refer to project
report in agenda.*

That the Mataranka Local Authority requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report back to the Local Authority regarding the state of the airstrip and the upgrades required and requests the airstrip be a priority project.

Acronyms

CS&S Corporate Services and Sustainability
CS&E Community Services and Engagement
IS&P Infrastructure Services and Planning
CEO Office of the Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE Place Name - Bruno's Park
REFERENCE 1309705
AUTHOR Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Place Name – Bruno’s Park report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

At the Mataranka Local Authority held on 8 November 2022 the following decision was made:

14.7 NAMING OF PARKS

MAT Q-1/2022

That the Mataranka Local Authority requests clarification in regards to the official name of “Bruno’s Park”.

Council made an enquiry through the Northern Territory Place Names Committee regarding Bruno’s Park.

The name Bruno’s Park does not appear in their database. They advised whilst they aim to maintain a complete record of place names in the Territory, this is not unusual with names that have not been registered under the *Place Names Act 1967*.

The Place Names Committee advised that through a quick online search however revealed Bruno’s Park was named by the Mataranka Community Government Council in 1994 in memory of Mr Bruno Kutschki (1927-1994), long time operator of the local supermarket.

Monument Australia – Bruno Kutschki (Attachment 1).

Australian Cemeteries Index – Bruno Kutschki

Individual Details					
Given names Bruno		Family Name Kutschki		Birth/Maiden Name	
Birth Date 18 Jun 1927	Gender M	Birth Town and State	Birth Country	BDM Birth Reg	
Death Date 8 Jan 1994	Age 66	Military Service No		BDM Death Reg	
Interred Date	Cemetery Mataranka	Cem Portion	Cem Row	Cem Plot	
Latitude	Longitude	Photographer Name Jeanice Levez	Transcriber Name Reg & Jean McDonell		
Other Information father, gf					

Territory Stories – Debates Day 1 – Tuesday 22 February 1994 (Extract Attachment 2).

If the Mataranka Local Authority would like to pursue a registered name for the park, guidance on the place naming process (Attachment 3) and guidelines (Attachment 4) are available.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Bruno Kutschki _ Monument Australia.pdf
- 2 Bruno Kutschki - from debates day 1 - tuesday 22 february 1994.pdf
- 3 place-naming-process-for-registered-names-flyer.PDF
- 4 Guidelines for NT place naming - Place Names Committee - NT Government.pdf

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Bruno Kutschki

The park commemorates Bruno Kutschki who owned and operated the Mataranka supermarket from 1969 to 1991.

Location

Address:	Stuart Highway, Bruno's Park, Mataranka, 0852
State:	NT
Area:	AUS
GPS Coordinates:	Lat: -14.924417 Long: 133.068583 <small>Note: GPS Coordinates are approximate</small>

View Google Map (<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=-14.924417+133.068583>)

Details

Monument Type:	Park
Monument Theme:	People
Sub-Theme:	Industry
Approx. Event Start Date:	1969
Approx. Event End Date:	1991

Dedication

Actual Monument Dedication Date:	Saturday 2nd July, 1994
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Front Inscription

Bruno's Park

This park is being developed by the Mataranka Community Government Council as a tourist display and information centre.

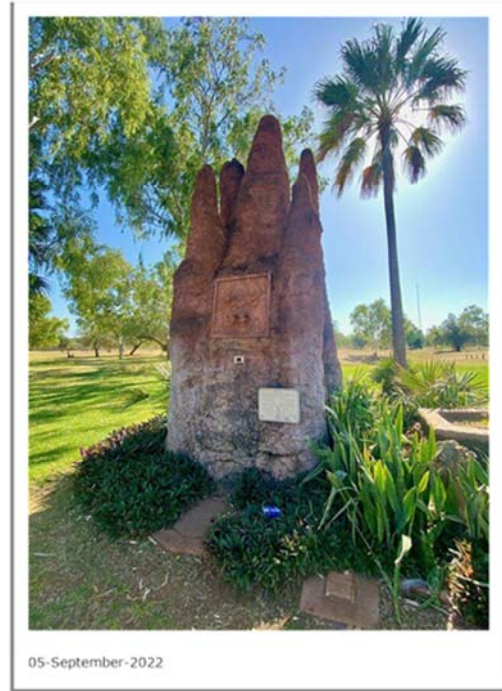
It was officially opened by the Honourable Mr Steve Hatton MLA 2 July 1994

The park is dedicated to the memory of Mr Bruno Kutschki who owned and operated the business now known as Mataranka Supermarket or "Bruno's" from 1969 to 1991

Inscription in Proximity

Source: MA

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measure of success on the part of the girls, I am not sure that it worked terribly well with the boys. Nonetheless, the very valuable work that was done in assessing that pilot program is being continued in a modified form at the school. However, that could not be regarded as her greatest milestone.

The greatest credit to Rita Macgregor was her very open and honest approach to life. She was a very direct lady. You always knew exactly where you stood with her. It did not matter what your place in society was or whether you were one of her students or an administrator from the department. She was very direct and a very dedicated teacher who certainly did not mince her words. Her greatest attribute was her relationship with students. She was able to bring out the very best in young people and was very well respected by them. Many of the children at Wanguri Primary School grew to feel a great deal of affection for her and it was impressive to see the number of former Wanguri Primary School students who came to pay their respects at that memorial service even though some of them had left the school several years earlier. Certainly, the Northern Territory education system was the winner in having Rita work with it for such a long period in a diversity of positions, but it is much the poorer for her very untimely passing. I am sure that she could be held up as a great role model for many of our young educators in terms of dedication, commitment and, most importantly, success in moulding the lives of many young Territorians.

Mr CARTWRIGHT (Victoria River): Mr Speaker, I rise in this Assembly to pay tribute to 3 people who passed away in January this year. The first 2 people were well-known Territorians. Both men were aged 66 and both contributed heavily to the development of the Territory, and their deaths are a great loss to us all. Although the late Bruno Kutschki of Mataranka and the late Noel Buntine of Katherine worked in different areas, they each knew what hard work was all about and both contributed to the progress of what we know as the Territory today. I extend my condolences to their respective families and their many friends.

Bruno Kutschki was born in Lauterhagen, Germany, on 18 June 1927, and died in Katherine Hospital on 8 January 1994. He was laid to rest in the Mataranka cemetery on Friday 14 January. In 1957, Bruno came to Australia from Germany. He arrived in Sydney and worked on the Snowy River scheme for a short period. However, he found the winter very cold and therefore moved north to Mackay in north Queensland where he worked as a surveyor's assistant. He was in Mackay at the time of the big floods that destroyed one of the main bridges in the area in about 1957-58. He then spent time in Townsville and Cairns before returning to Germany in early 1959 to bring his wife, 2 daughters and son back to Cairns. Because money was short, Bruno and his family travelled through Europe by bus and train. When they reached Ceylon, Sri Lanka, they found they were broke. Bruno borrowed money from the German Embassy in Colombo and paid air fares to reach Australia.

The family reached Darwin in June 1959 with sufficient funds to buy only a tent and a bicycle. Bruno still intended to move on to Queensland later when they had saved enough money. They set up camp on Mindil Beach and Bruno got a job with the Swan Brewery. In those days, Mindil Beach was like a village made up of tents and humpies. At the end of 1959, all the people living at Mindil Beach were given eviction notices. The brewery then provided a flat for the Kutschki family in Fannie Bay and they lived there for several months.

In early 1960, Bruno bought a house on a large block of land on the north bank at Katherine from an ex-mounted policeman and author named

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Vic Hall. The family moved to Katherine in March of that year and Bruno got a job on the railway as a fettler. Because there was a shortage of accommodation in Katherine in the early 1960s, Bruno decided to make the necessary renovations to the house which would allow them to run a boarding house. The renovations were undertaken by Bruno every night after work. The boarding house was successful and he started building flats in 1963. At about the same time, he started working at Cox's store as a shop assistant/storeman because the pay was better than with the railway.

Sadly, in November 1963, Bruno and his wife separated. His daughters, Christine and Gabrielle, left Katherine with their mother. Bruno stayed on in Katherine with his son, Peter, until August 1968 when he sold the North-Bank Guest House and flats, and bought a block of land at Mataranka. He built a restaurant/cafe and motel on the block. Business did not go too well and therefore Bruno decided to convert the building into a shop. Looking at extending his business venture, Bruno started a fruit and vegetable run to Ngukurr, including Eusey, Roper Valley and Urapunga Stations in 1971. Through his hard work, the shop slowly transformed into a supermarket. Members would also be interested to learn that Bruno was a shareholder in Cox's store in Katherine during the late 1970s. Cox's store was located on the block where the Woolworths complex is today.

In the early 1980s, he bought land and tried to establish a dairy farm at Mataranka. He ended up with about 20 milking cows and sold his milk in cartons through his supermarket and the shops in Katherine. Lack of funds nearly saw him lose his supermarket because all of his capital went into the dairy. He sold the cows and concentrated on his shop. By working 15 to 18 hours a day, he slowly rebuilt his shop business to the extent that he had to extend the shop 3 times in the next few years to make it what it is today - a modern air-conditioned supermarket supplying a wide range of goods to the residents of Mataranka, people from within Mataranka's wider region and the many tourists who pass through the town of Mataranka each year.

In August 1991, he fulfilled his lifelong ambition when he handed the shop over to his son and went for a holiday to South America. He returned in early 1992 and spent his remaining time helping out in the supermarket. In September 1993, he learnt that he had terminal cancer and he passed away on 8 January 1994. He never did return to Queensland. On Australia Day 1994, Bruno was awarded Citizen of the Year for his achievements and services to the community of Mataranka.

I first met the Kutschki family in 1962 when we lived a couple of blocks down from where Bruno ran the very successful motel-type business called the North-Bank Guest House. Bruno was well respected by all who came in contact with him. He knew everyone in the area, including all the Aboriginal people who lived at Jilkminggan, the Hodgson Downs area, Roper River and indeed all those people who lived in the Katherine/Mataranka wider region. Every time I went to Mataranka or was en route to some other part of my electorate such as Elliott, I enjoyed stopping for a chat with old Bruno. It seemed that his store was always open and he always knew what was happening in the region. He always had a joke or some humorous story to tell me.

The second person to whom I wish to pay tribute tonight is the late Noel Buntine, a pioneer of the transport network within the Northern Territory which greatly aided the Territory's pastoral industry. Noel passed away on 11 January this year while visiting the Gold Coast and was buried at the Katherine cemetery on 19 January. My parents knew Noel in Alice Springs in the early 1950s. Even in those days, he was seen as a hard worker who was determined to succeed. I never had the opportunity of

NT Place Naming Process for Registered Names

Expression of Interest



- Any person or organisation can request a place name.
- Contact the Department to advise interest in registering a place name.
- The Department will provide advice on what is needed and may assist you to develop an engagement plan. Requirements will depend on the type of place name.
- The Department will check that the name meets NT place names guidelines and national standards.

Engagement



- The person or organisation who wants to request the name is responsible for undertaking engagement.
- All 'interested parties' identified in the engagement plan must be invited to participate.

Submission to the NT Place Names Committee



- A place name submission including supporting engagement documentation is made online.
- The Place Names Committee considers the submission at its next meeting.
- If the proposed place name meets the criteria it is then recommended to the Minister for approval.

Place Name Approval



- The Minister is responsible for approving official registered place names.
- If approved, the place name is included in the NT Place Names Register.

Place Name Acknowledgement



- Once the name is registered in the [NT Place Names Register](#), mapping companies and other people are able to use the name.
- Signage is the responsibility of the local council or equivalent for that area.
- Place names for geographic features are entered into a National Register.

If you are interested in developing a place naming request you can visit www.placenames.nt.gov.au for more information, and contact the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics by email place.names@nt.gov.au or phone 8995 5334.

Place Names Committee

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Guidelines for NT place naming

The following guidelines have been developed and adopted by the Place Names Committee to assist people to understand the opportunities that apply to place naming in the Northern Territory.

These guidelines apply to all new naming requests and are not intended to apply retrospectively. They are intended to ensure that issues that have arisen as a result of past place naming processes are not repeated.

While the guidelines in no way inhibit the Committee from considering or recommending names which appear to fall outside them, they are guiding principles that, when followed, assist in timely processing and naming outcomes that successfully commemorate the history of the Northern Territory.

For detailed information on how to request a place name read about how places are named or you can contact us.

Show connection to the Territory

Names should demonstrate a strong association with the NT's history, culture, development, events or communities.

Requests should include a detailed explanation of the name and its relationship to the NT including biographical, origin and linguistic information (as appropriate to the type of request).

Don't discriminate

Names must not be discriminatory or derogatory.

Requests to change an existing name on the basis of it being discriminatory or derogatory will be investigated in accordance with the discriminatory or derogatory place names policy.

Consult

Consultation on place naming requests is to be carried out by the requestor before submitting the request to the Committee.

Requests must clearly demonstrate that the consultation carried out meets minimum requirements set out in the Place Names Act 1967 and is appropriate to the type of place to be named, the location, ownership and management of the place, and the type/origin of the name requested.

Use people's names appropriately

Names of people will not be used for the naming of a place during their lifetime and will not generally be used within the first year following their death.

Only the names of people considered to be fit and proper for commemoration will be used.

Use of full name

Only the surname of a person being commemorated through a road name, locality name or any other component of a name that forms a part of an address will be used.

Surnames that are comprised of more than one word are acceptable to match their origin, but hyphens will not be used.

The given name/s and surname of a person being commemorated may be used for place names other than those that form a part of an address, including a park, bridge, building or other public infrastructure.

Multiple commemorations of the same person through place naming are discouraged, but are recognised as appropriate in some circumstances.

Don't use promotional or estate names

Promotional or estate names will not be used for a road name, locality name, or any other component of a name that forms part of an address, and are not preferred for other place names, including a park, bridge, building or other public infrastructure.

The use of a promotional or estate name is viewed as a lost opportunity to commemorate another important aspect of the NT's history in an enduring way.

Aboriginal and dual names

Aboriginal names for geographic or topographic features are preferred where a place does not have a name that has previously been registered.

There is strong support for the registration of Aboriginal names or words as a means of acknowledging, respecting and celebrating Aboriginal people's traditional ownership and connection to country.

Aboriginal words or names from one area, should not, in general, be applied or transposed to another.

Dual names are preferred for geographic or topographic features where a place has a previously registered non-Aboriginal name and there is an Aboriginal name (or names) for the place.

Dual names may also be appropriate where there is a non-Aboriginal name in common or historic recorded usage.

While dual names generally include two parts; an Aboriginal name and a non-Aboriginal name, it is recognised that in some cases features may have more than one Aboriginal name and the flexibility to apply dual naming principles in the NT context is retained.

Application of other standards

Where relevant, the considerations of the Place Names Committee have regard to the:

- Australian Standard for rural and urban addressing - published by Standards Australia
- Principles for the consistent use of place names - published by the Permanent Committee on Place Names

including in respect of the selection, language, spelling, characteristic and depiction requirements for place names.

Think long term

Names will be enduring and will only be changed when absolutely necessary.

Careful consideration should be given when making a naming request to ensure there are no cultural limitations or restrictions that might apply in the future that would affect the use of a requested person's name or word if selected for a place name.

Don't duplicate

Names should not, in general, duplicate or nearly duplicate either in sound or spelling an existing name in the same local government area or an adjacent locality or suburb in an adjoining local government area.

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OPERATIONAL REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.2
TITLE	Major Projects Report
REFERENCE	1318461
AUTHOR	Dave HERON, Acting Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the 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
Dump Point access sealing	Strategic Assessment and Preliminary Evaluation being undertaking as per Councils Projects Gate System
Stan Martin Park Irrigation	Business Case approved by Project Steering Committee. Contractors being contacted for onsite visits
Ginty Airstrip	Strategic Assessment and Preliminary Evaluation being undertaking as per Councils Projects Gate System
Museum Ramp	Mataranka CDP undertaking the work under instruction from the Acting Mataranka CSC.
Rodeo Ground Shade Structure	Funded by Better Halves Club. Contractors expected on site in February 2023.
Lot 120 Electrical Supply	Test revealed that the electrical load on the transformer is currently at 70% of capacity. Installation of the kitchen will not have a significant impact on supply.
Carew Road Development	Preliminary Evaluation being conducted as per the Gate System.
Railway Car and Shelter	Railway Car purchased in January 2023
Bruno Park Ablution Block	
Stuart Highway Slipway	
Entrance Sign	

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Local Authority Member Attendance
REFERENCE	1307545
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mataranka 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.

Mataranka Local Authority Member Attendance

Local Authority Member Attendance	08 February 2022	01 March 2022	10 May 2022	09 August 2022	08 November 2022
Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane	Meeting Cancelled	Meeting Cancelled	P	P	P
Alan Chapman	-	-	P	AP	AP
Sue Edwards	-	-	P	P	P
Margaret Minnett	-	-	P	P	P
Michael Somers	-	-	P	P	P
Rachael Walters	-	-	P	AP	P
Desmond BARRITT	-	-	-	P	P
Anthony Heaslip	-	-	AP	P	P

Key

P Present at LA

AP Apology given and accepted by LA

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.2
TITLE	Mataranka Local Authority Projects Update
REFERENCE	1317419
AUTHOR	Puspa KARKI, Executive Assistant Community Services and Engagement

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mataranka 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.

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

BACKGROUND

Since 2014 the Mataranka Local Authority has received a total of \$367,363 from the Northern Territory Government for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocation is based on a formula related to population. To date the Mataranka Local Authority has allocated \$337,352.20 including surplus funds available from completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Please refer to the attached funding report.

- Stan Martin Park Irrigation – The LA requested that Council investigate the possibility for automatic irrigation to be installed in the Park in order to protect the statues. The Gate 3 - Business Case has been approved by the Project Steering Committee with the recommendation that contractors be asked to visit the site to provide quotes for the installation of the equipment.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**Unallocated funds**

The Mataranka Local Authority currently has \$38,858.80 to allocate to new projects.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 LA Projects Mataranka 31.12.2022.pdf

Mataranka Local Authority Project Funding		31 December 2022
Funding received from Department	\$	367,363.00
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members	\$	337,352.20
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects	\$	8,848.00
Remaining Unallocated Funds	\$	38,858.80

Date Approved	Project ID	Projects	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Status
2/02/2021		Stan Martin Park irrigation System	\$ -		On 09/08/2022 LA decided to withheld \$53,858.80 for the project.
8/11/2022		Shelter over top of railway quad	\$ 5,000.00		On 08/11/2022 LA allocated \$5,000 for purchasing of a shelter over top of the railway quad.
8/11/2022 PR1813822		Ramp access to Mesuem	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 309.27	On 08/11/2022 LA allocated \$10,000 towards installation of ramp to museum building.
		Total for current projects in progress	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 309.27	
		Total for completed projects	\$ 322,352.20	\$ 313,504.20	
		Grand Total	\$ 337,352.20	\$ 313,813.47	

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.3
TITLE	Community Development Programme
REFERENCE	1317423
AUTHOR	Michaela NAARE, Acting Regional Manager Community Development Programme; Lisa Bishop, Acting CDP Assistant Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mataranka 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.

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.

Mataranka CDP currently have 58 job seekers on the caseload, numbers have decreased since the last update. There are currently 8 job seekers employed within Mataranka, 2 of whom have recently been placed into employment. These numbers do not include the long-term employed job seekers who are no longer required to undertake monthly post placement support interviews with the CDP team.

Trialling Pathways to Real Jobs

As an early step towards a new jobs program, in September 2022, the Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon. Linda Burney MP announced that CDP Providers can re-direct around 25 percent of (Council) funding to work with remote communities to trial new approaches to securing real jobs for CDP participants.

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

Roper Gulf Regional Council – Job Shadow Trial

The basis of Councils trial approach is to place participants with employers and have them 'shadow' an actual employee undertaking the role so that the participant/s

1. may learn the unaccredited skills
2. and essential work ethics required to successfully sustain working in (the) position.

The proposal would seek to compensate an employer by way of a 'Mentoring Payment' to the value of \$15,000 for the time it takes for their employee to mentor the participant. This payment would be an upfront payment on creation of a Placement for Job Shadowing that would be applicable for a minimum 6 months placement of CDP participant/s.

This immediate incentive for the prospective employer is aimed to encourage their engagement in the program. Council recognises the resources that are required to undertake on-the-job-training, mentoring, pastoral care and day to day management. The initial placement would require the job seeker to work 10 hours per week payable by Newstart with

“top-up” available payable by the employer (which will be reimbursed by Council - to a negotiated amount), should the employer see the benefit in engaging the identified job seeker/s for more hours.



The “top-up” avenue is to entice and encourage genuine participation from CDP participants and stakeholders within:

- Mataranka Township,
- Jilkminggan Community,
- and Numbulwar Community

The primary objective is to build the capacity of placed job seekers to move towards full time working hours over time. Keeping local jobs for local people. This proposal has a potential trifecta benefit to:

1. **The CDP participants**

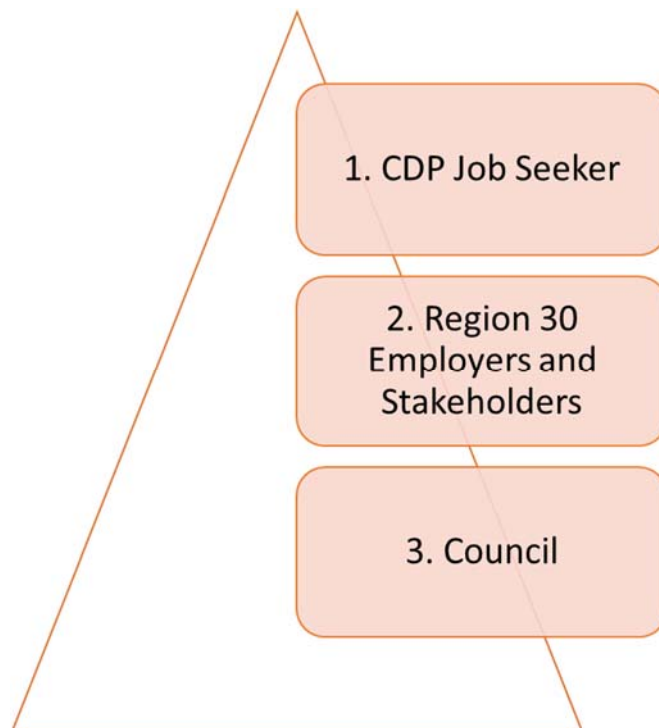
Confidence building for our job seekers is critical, through the Job Shadow trial job seekers will work on areas that potentially hinder their employability. The ‘top up’ avenue encourages retention being that it is reimbursed by Council.

2. **The employers and stakeholders within Mataranka Township**

This immediate incentive (mentoring fee \$15,000) for the prospective employer is aimed to encourage their engagement in the program. Council recognises the resources that are required to undertake on-the-job-training, mentoring, pastoral care and day to day management. Employer are encouraged to discuss trial settings with their CDP Senior Employment Coordinator.

3. **Council**

As the CDP provider, it is Councils responsibility to invest, prepare and ensure that there is a level of capability within our job seekers to bring to employment all while sustaining their genuine engagement.



ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

CDP has commenced 2023 with vengeance after the CDP end of year shut down. The CDP Mataranka and Jilkminggan team are refreshed and ready to kick goals. There are up to 15 participants consistently attending most days. The number of engaged job seekers from Jilkminggan Community has slowly increased as well. Jilkminggan job seekers have been participating in the Mataranka activities and projects. Why are the Jilkminggan CDP job seekers attending activities in Mataranka? The strategy around this is for CDP to continue providing a structured environment and ongoing professional capacity for the engaged participants from Jilkminggan. CDP believe that all forms of capacity building and barrier addressing is crucial, irrespective of the location where this takes place.

From Monday 6th February 2023 through to Friday 10th March 2023, Brenton Dawes from Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) is returning to deliver 'refresher' courses on welding and bobcat operations. To provide background on why these two specific refresher courses are taking place; towards the end of 2022 the Mataranka School approached CDP to assist with building two (2) cultural shelters on the Mataranka School grounds. The school have already purchased the necessary materials and Brenton (BIITE Lecturer) will deliver the welding course. This refresher course aligns perfectly with the scopes of works and 'practical training' platform. Meanwhile, the bobcat refresher course compliments the Local Authority Museum Project where CDP job seekers (from Mataranka and Jilkminggan) will construct a cement ramp to exhibit the purchased container at the Mataranka Museum area. Refresher courses are crucial for our CDP job seekers as it keeps their accreditations current, the added bonus is they will be the driving force behind implementing 2 amazing projects that have come from community/stakeholder request.

Other projects that are current or in the pipeline for CDP are:

- Mataranka School chook pen to be completed.
- Sunrise Health staff yards are mowed.
- Cemetery clean-up, removal of fallen trees and general upkeep.
- Refurbished container is complete and waiting on the (identified) ground to dry before relocating container to Mulggan Camp

- Mulgga Camp garden and surrounding areas are mowed and white goods/general waste disposed of.
- Job seekers yards (at either locations) are mowed on a regular basis by the job seeker/s residing at Lot number.

CDP strives to work closely with job seekers on designing activities that will not only peak a genuine interest/response from our job seekers but also ensure quality and beneficial outcomes for all.

The CDP team host weekly Monday morning barbeques with job seekers, we use this platform to discuss:

- Job Shadow Trial
- Potential activities job seekers would like to see in their community/township
- Weekly tasks/projects on hand
- Potential future training opportunities

CDP encourage our Mataranka stakeholders to join these Monday barbeques, if not for the bacon and egg sandwiches, then for the potential activities that CDP could be assisting within your organisation and the overall Township.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.4
TITLE	Council Financial Report for the period 01.07.2022 - 31.12.2022
REFERENCE	1317472
AUTHOR	Karandeep SINGH, Senior Finance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

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

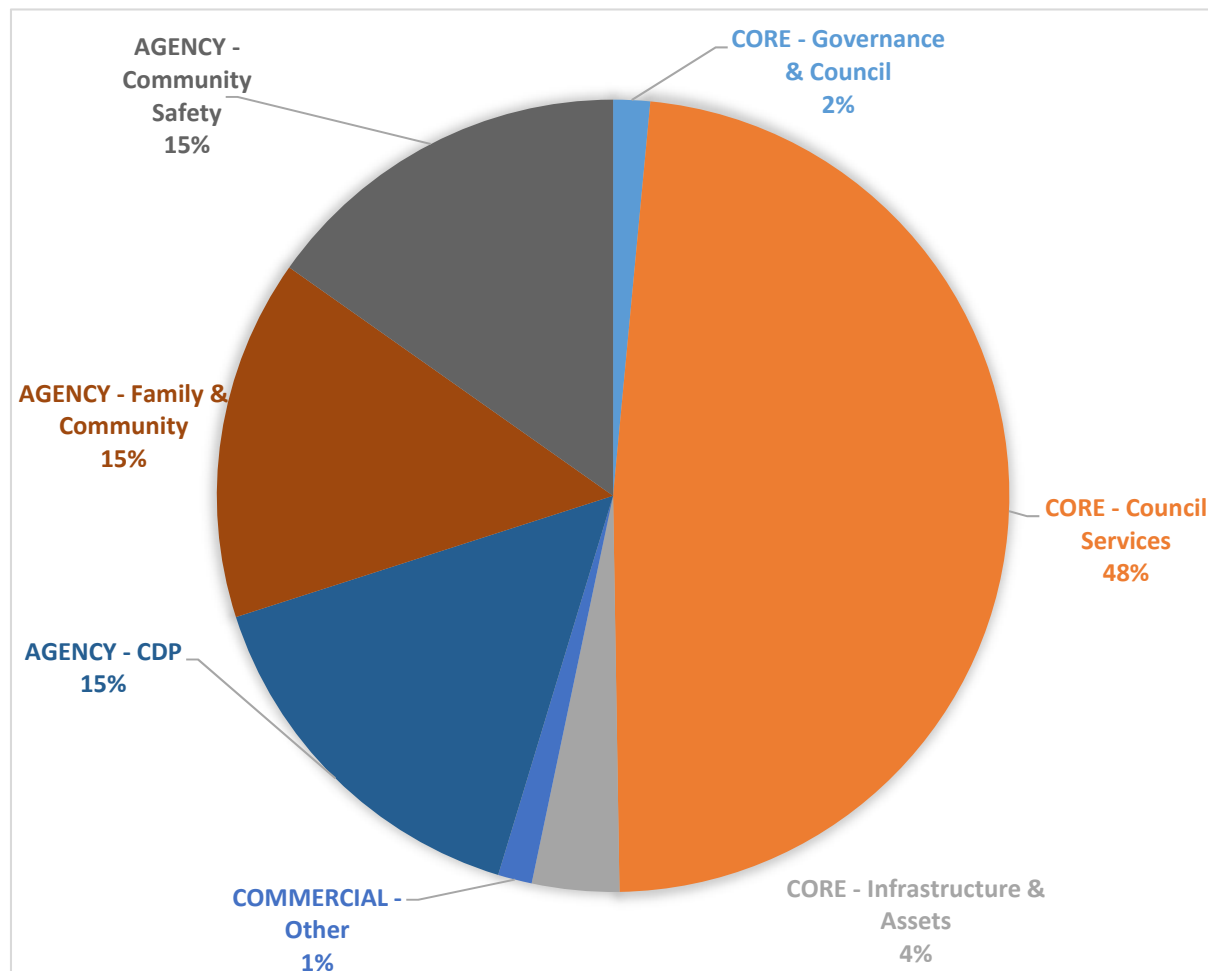
KEY OUTCOME AREA

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 \$596,934 in operating income for Mataranka which is leading to a variance of \$257,129. Please refer to the attachment for further detail.

Operating Expenditure:

The total underspend in operating expenditure is \$401,296. The major cause in underspend is from Internal Cost allocations and Employee Expenses. Please refer to the attachment for further detail.

Capital Expenditure:


The total underspend for capital expenditure is \$616,666. Please see the project register for further detail.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

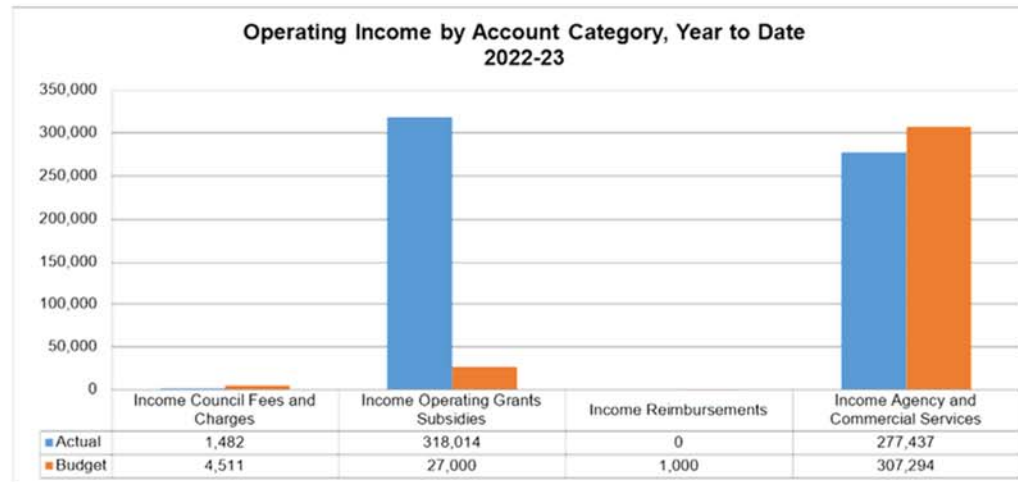
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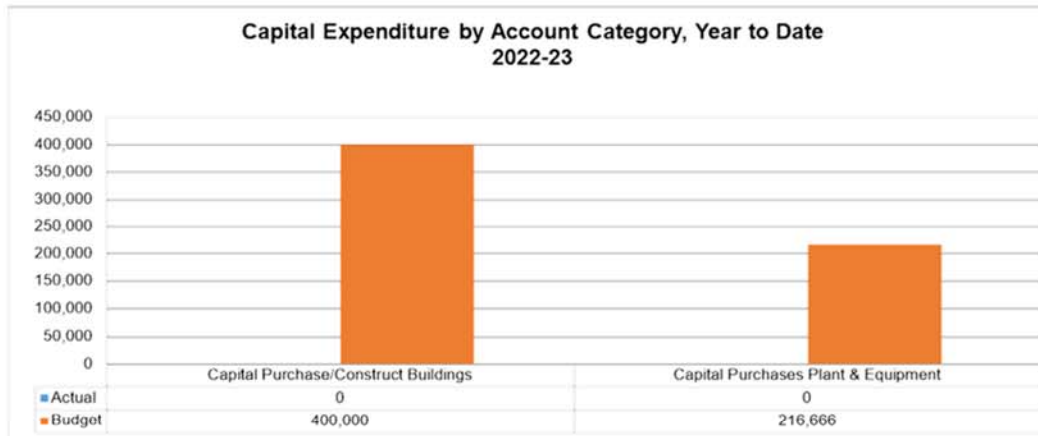
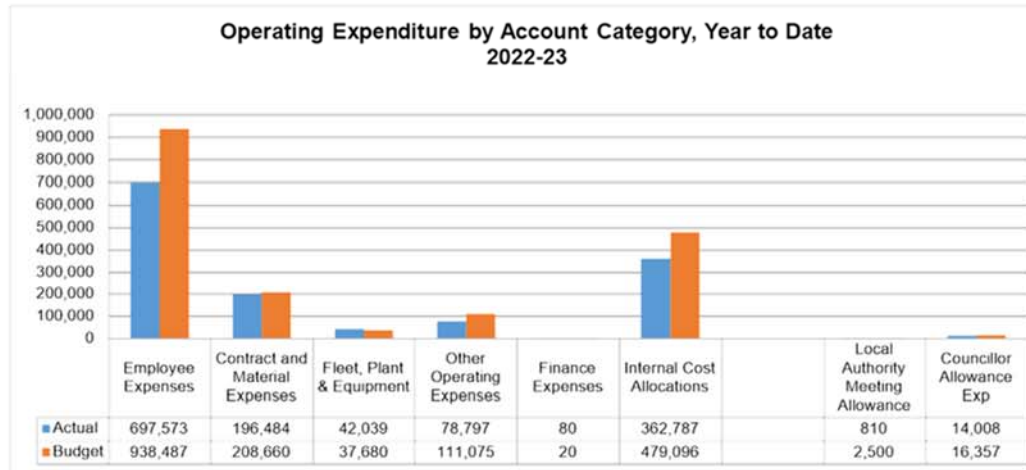
ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Financial Report 31.12.2022.pdf

Roper Gulf Regional Council					
Financial Report as at					
31-December-2022					
Mataranka					
	Year to Date Actual (\$)	Year to Date Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Explanation
Income					
Income Council Fees and Charges	1,482	4,511	-3,028	9,021	
Income Operating Grants Subsidies	318,014	27,000	291,014	54,000	The Major Reason For Variance Is the project reached to the further stage and as per new accounting standard, income has been recognised from tide funding as expenses are incurred.
Income Reimbursements	0	1,000	-1,000	2,000	
Income Agency and Commercial Services	277,437	307,294	-29,857	614,587	The Major cause For Variance Is CDP Contract And service fee as we always received this income a month later.
Total Operating Income	596,934	339,804	257,129	679,608	
Operating Expenditure					
Employee Expenses	697,573	938,487	-240,914	1,876,973	The underspend is mostly due to staff absences and vacant positions
Contract and Material Expenses	196,484	208,660	-12,176	417,320	
Fleet, Plant & Equipment	42,039	37,680	4,359	75,360	
Other Operating Expenses	78,797	111,075	-32,279	222,150	The Main reason for Underspent on Operating expenses is spending on Network communication and Training course were lees then expected Budget
Finance Expenses	80	20	60	40	
Internal Cost Allocations	362,787	479,096	-116,309	958,192	This underspend is mostly since less internal cost was allocated for Office space share, Project Management and internal contract allocation.
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	810	2,500	-1,690	5,000	
Councillor Allowance Exp	14,008	16,357	-2,349	32,714	
Total Expenditure	1,392,578	1,793,875	-401,296	3,587,749	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	-795,645	-1,454,070	658,426	-2,908,140	

Capital Funding					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
Capital Expenditure					
Capital Purchase/Construct Buildings	0	400,000	-400,000	400,000	There has been no actual capital expenditure incurred for building purchases until this month
Capital Purchases Plant & Equipment	0	216,666	-216,666	216,666	There has been no actual capital expenditure incurred for plant and equipment purchases until this month.
Total Capital Expenditure	0	616,666	-616,666	616,666	
Net Operating Position	-795,645	-2,070,736	1,275,092	-3,524,806	





GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.5
TITLE	Council Services Report
REFERENCE	1317545
AUTHOR	Sarka HIEKOVA, Senior Administrative Support Officer

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

- Council services team keeps up to date with civic events, provides and delivers posters
- Australia Day celebration completed
- A new cleaner has been recruited

160 – *Municipal Services*

- Rubbish bins emptied once a week
- Mowing verges around Mataranka township, airstrip, cemetery, Carew road, Sports and Recs Grounds, oval and parks
- Permit obtained for green waste disposal at Mataranka tip
- Rubbish tip maintenance
- Large household items and green waste collection completed
- Septic tank at Stan Martins park have been pumped out and a plumber has reported on the ongoing issues with this system to assets
- Brick toilet block at the Sports ground is operable. The new toilet block is waiting for parts
- **Recycling centre** has been closed over Christmas. Clean-up was conducted and the area has been resurfaced. Two gazebos have been purchased and put in place for weather protection. Due to demand in other areas the Recycling centre is operating 2 days a week.

AGENCY SERVICES348 – *Library*

- Library and Museum Library has been refurbished by CDP and reopened from 10am – 2pm

350 – *Centrelink*

- On average 81 clients are serviced per month

342 – *Aged Care*

- Currently provides services for 8 clients
- 2 meals a day
- Laundry
- Social support, shopping, clinic
- Planning to increase clientele

401 – *Night Patrol*

- The NP team have finished their Cert.III in Community Services.
- The ComSafe team have obtained their completion of their First Aid, Suicide Awareness (Safe talk) and Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid

404 – *Indigenous Sports and Recreation*

- Rowan Parkinson was hired as a casual Sports & Rec officer to deliver a holiday program for kids and families.
- There were 6 to 12 kids per session. We have provided various sports, crafts, dance and BBQs
- ComSafe CNP in attendance along with the Mataranka Police getting involved with the fun.

OTHER / MISCELLANEOUS

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.6
TITLE	Elected Member Report
REFERENCE	1318406
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mataranka 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