



# **AGENDA**

## **NUMBULWAR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

### **THURSDAY, 20 JULY 2023**

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

Thursday, 20 July 2023 at 10:30am  
The Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, Numbulwar  
Or  
Via Video/Teleconference  
Dial (03) 9260 \*\*\*\*  
Then enter the Pin #:  
Or  
enter the (03) number into the following website  
[Join.telstra.com](http://Join.telstra.com)

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

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**Marc GARDNER**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

## **NUMBULWAR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:**

### **Elected Members**

1. Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR; and
2. Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI.

### **Appointed Members**

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

**MEMBERS:** 8

**COUNCIL:** 2

**LOCAL AUTHORITY:** 6

**QUORUM:** 5 (minimum requirement)

**PROVISIONAL:** 3 (minimum requirement)

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## PLEDGE

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

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

## PRAMIS BLA WI

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

Mela bin luk ol dijlod rul, ebrobodi gada tok trubalawei, wi gada meik so wi gibit firgo en 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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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**



<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Action List
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1326939
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

**BACKGROUND**

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

The Action List is a **non-authoritative** reference document for Business Arising out of Previous Minutes.

**12.1 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT**

*NUM Q-1/2023* (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Roland NUNDHIRRIBALA) **CARRIED**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Major Projects report; and
- (b) confirms the location for the Festival Toilet Block to be placed at at the below coordinates;

*GMISP*

The latitude and longitude are as follows

- 14.28106, 135.73823
- 14.28128, 135.73834
- 14.28135, 135.73815
- 14.28112, 135.73806

**14.4 CYCLONE SHELTER**

*NUM Q-2/2023*      **(Felicity RAMI/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)**      **CARRIED**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority requests Council to submit a report back to the 07 June 2023 Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting in relation to building a Cyclone Shelter in Numbulwar.

*GMISP*

**14.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN**

*NUM Q-3/2022*

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

*GMCS&CE*

**14.5 NUMBULWAR DUMP AND CEMETERY**

*NUM Q-4/2022*

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

*GMISP to update*

**14.6 RECYCLING CANS**

*NUM Q-5/2022*

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

*GMISP / Waste  
Mgt Coord.*

*Basic report  
stating that the  
Council is  
undertaking a  
whole of Council  
WMP and the  
feasibility analysis  
of a CDS in  
Numbulwar will be  
outlined in the plan*

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.



**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 10.1  
**TITLE** Incoming Correspondence  
**REFERENCE** 1354265  
**AUTHOR** Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Incoming Correspondence.

**KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

Item No.	Date Received	Sender	Sent To	Correspondence Details	InfoXpert Number
01	10 May 2023	Hon Linda BURNEY, MP	Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer	Safe House in Numbulwar	1354318

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Numbulwar Corro \_1.pdf



**The Hon Linda Burney MP**  
**Minister for Indigenous Australians**

Reference: MC23-000231

Mr Marc Gardner  
Chief Executive Officer  
Roper Gulf Regional Council  
PO Box 1321  
KATHERINE NT 0850

Dear Mr Gardner *Marc*

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 January 2023 regarding the need for a safe house in Numbulwar.

I would like to acknowledge the important work Roper Gulf Regional Council (RGRC) undertakes providing services to improve the lives of First Nations people in the Roper Gulf region. I also acknowledge the importance of emergency accommodation for women and children escaping violence, particularly in remote areas. Women and children deserve safe, healthy communities no matter where they live.

The Australian Government is committed to driving coordinated, national responses to issues concerning the safety of women and children. Under the National Partnership on Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment, the Commonwealth is providing additional funds to the Northern Territory Government (NTG) to improve the safety and wellbeing of First Nations women and children in remote communities. Funding for women's safe houses is delivered through the Community Safety component of that partnership. And the location of new safe houses falls under the responsibility of the NTG.

However, the Australian Government is investing \$172.6 million in emergency accommodation through the *Safe Places Emergency Accommodation (Safe Places) Program*. This program provides capital works grants for renovating, building or purchasing new crisis accommodation places for women and children experiencing family violence.

*Safe Places* was established under the previous Government and the Fourth Action Plan of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022* and an initial investment of \$72.6 million over 5 years. As part of the 2022-23 October Budget, this Government announced an additional \$100 million to continue the *Safe Places Program* through the *Safe Places Inclusion Round (Inclusion Round)*.

The Inclusion Round will increase the number of new and appropriate emergency accommodation places across Australia, with a focus on improving access for First Nations women and children, women and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and women and children with disability.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) manages this program and anticipates opening a funding round in mid to late 2023. It will be an open and competitive capital grant round published on GrantConnect ([grants.gov.au](https://grants.gov.au)). To receive notifications about the *Safe Places Inclusion Round* please subscribe to GrantConnect. Alternatively DSS can be contacted via [enquiries@dss.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@dss.gov.au). For further information on the *Safe Places Program* go to the DSS website at [dss.gov.au](https://dss.gov.au).

Also, later this year the Australian Government will launch a dedicated First Nations Action Plan as part of the second *National Plan to end violence against women and children 2022-2032*. The details on the action and activities underpinning this Action Plan will also be available on the DSS website following the launch.

I understand that officers from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) Top End and Tiwi Island Regional Office attended the RGRC General Meeting in December 2022, and have committed to attend future meetings to provide updates on NIAA work and share information. Please contact Terina Barratt from the Top End and Tiwi Island Regional Office, if you require any further assistance on 08 7978 2013 or at [terina.barratt@official.niaa.gov.au](mailto:terina.barratt@official.niaa.gov.au).

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

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The Hon LINDA BURNEY MP  
Minister for Indigenous Australians

10 MAY 2023

**OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 11.1  
**TITLE** Outgoing Correspondence  
**REFERENCE** 1354264  
**AUTHOR** Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

Item No.	Date Sent	Sender	Sent To	Correspondence Details	InfoXpert Number
01	22 May 2023	Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer	Joe MARTIN-JARD, Chief Executive Officer NLC	Assistance for a new cemetery at Numbulwar	1354319

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 NLC CEO Joe Martin-Jard Letter\_23052023.pdf



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Mr Joe Martin-Jard  
Chief Executive Officer  
Northern Land Council  
45 Mitchell Street  
Darwin, NT 0801

22 May 2023

Dear Mr. Martin-Jard,

**Formal request for assistance for a new cemetery at Numbulwar**

The community of Numbulwar on the Gulf of Carpentaria has for many years been utilising an area of land on NT Portion 1646 for the purposes of a community cemetery.

We are of the understanding that this area of land is on a sand dune on the entrance to the community and is now becoming very limited with space for future use as a cemetery.

The community has been cognisant for the need for a new cemetery for some time, however we have not been particularly successful with identifying a new location and are limited in our ability with having a minor town planning responsibility and capability compared to other Councils around Australia. We have looked through our records and noticed that some planning has been undertaken, even back in 2010, but little has progressed since (see attached).

We therefore humbly request the Northern Land Council's assistance with identifying a suitable area of land for a new cemetery close to Numbulwar that would be acceptable by the traditional owners and custodians, and assistance with formalizing land tenure for the new cemetery such as an appropriate lease or licence arrangements.

The Council is committed to looking after a cemetery for Numbulwar and considering the future needs of the township.

If you would like further information, please contact either myself or David Hurst, General Manager for Community Services and Engagement on (08) 8972-9000 or by email to [david.hurst@ropergulf.nt.gov.au](mailto:david.hurst@ropergulf.nt.gov.au)

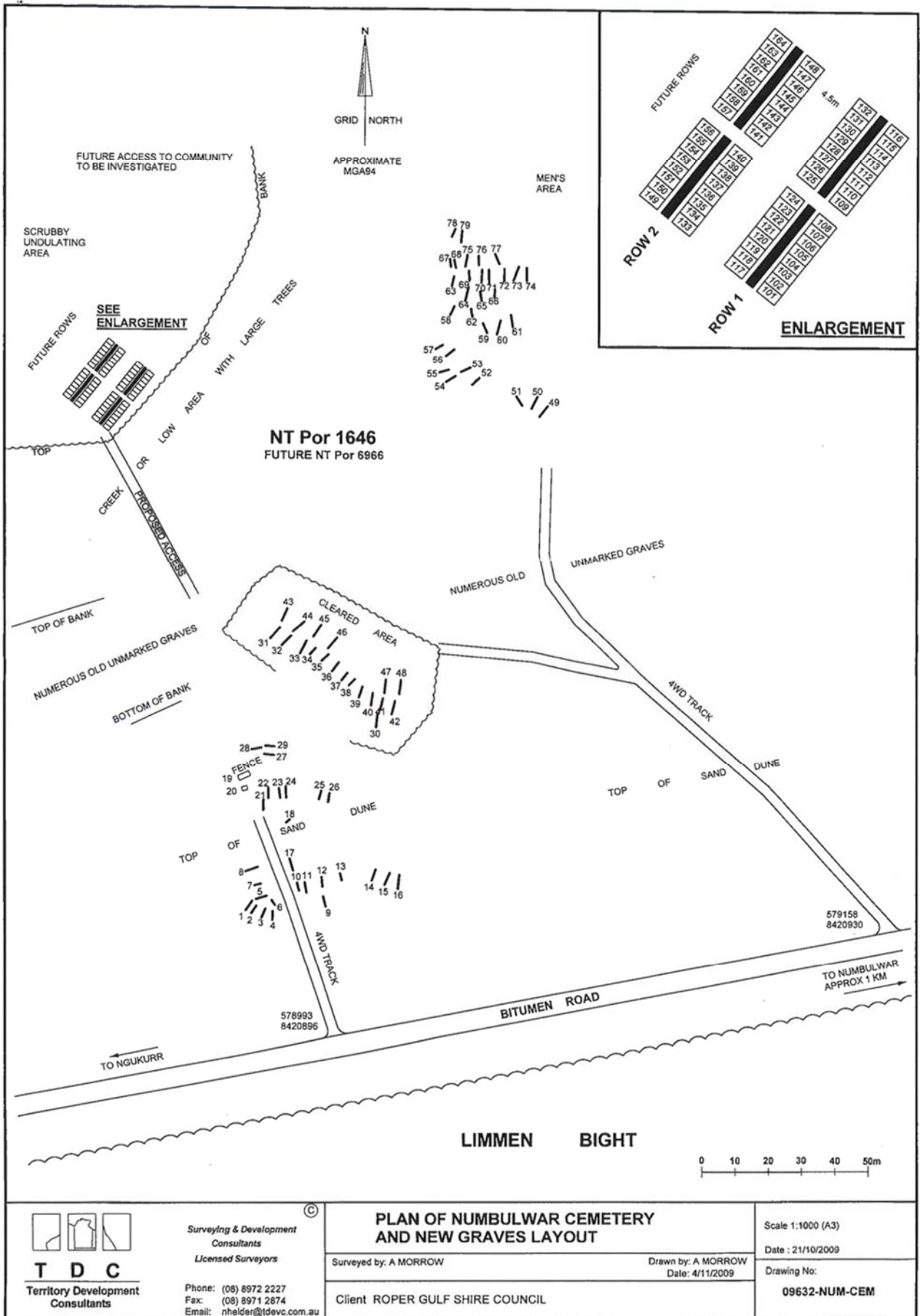
Yours Sincerely,

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Marc Gardner  
Chief Executive Officer

A copy of this document will be provided to you for your records

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**OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	12.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Numbulwar Local Authority Projects Update
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1352311
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Puspa KARKI, Executive Support Coordinator

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

**BACKGROUND**

Since 2014 the Numbulwar Local Authority has received a total of \$1,068,556.00 from the Northern Territory Government for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations are based on a formula related to population. Council has also allocated \$158,800 to cover unspent funds recovered by the NT Government. To date the Numbulwar Local Authority has allocated \$1,080,670.91, accounting for surplus funds from the completed projects.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

Please refer to the attached LA funding report as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS****Unallocated Funds**

The Numbulwar Local Authority currently has \$158,800 to allocate to new projects.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 LA Projects Numbulwar for 30.04.2023.pdf

Numbulwar Local Authority Project Funding				30 April 2023
Funds received from Department			\$ 1,068,556.00	
Allocated from Council			\$ 158,800.00	
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members			\$ 1,080,670.91	
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects			\$ 12,114.91	
<b>Remaining Unallocated funds</b>			<b>\$ 158,800.00</b>	
Date Approved Project ID	Projects	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Status
12/6/2018 2113805	New/Upgrade Toilets at the Airport	\$ 97,000.00		<i>\$87,000 allocated on 12/06/2018 \$10,000 allocated on 09/10/2018; Design commenced; Expression of interest with NLC has been lodged. Awaiting response. Location to be discussed with TO's. S19 license approved. Preparing design docs and research for options. Site inspections done. Quotes received. <b>Tender documents for the construction being prepared.</b></i>
9/10/2017	Sports Precinct Upgrade	\$ 409,145.91		<i>Lot - 97 Sports and Rec Hall: \$ 40,000 Allocated on 09/10/2018 \$66,305.04 Allocated on 20/02/2019; Finalising Design. Extra funding needed. Proposed to allocate \$ 159,589.97 (no quorum at LA to decide) Approved to go to tender. Site inspections done. <b>Fencing Purchased. Awaiting Mobilization.</b></i>
Total for current projects in progress		\$ 506,145.91	\$ -	
Total for completed projects		\$ 574,525.00	\$ 562,410.09	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,080,670.91</b>	<b>\$ 562,410.09</b>	



**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	13.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Council Financial Report for the period 1.07.2022 - 30.04.2023
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1353494
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Karandeep SINGH, Senior Finance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2022 to April 2023.

**KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

**BACKGROUND**

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

**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 \$3,063,072 in operating income for Numbulwar, which is leading to a variance of \$44,613. The major cause of variance is Grants subsidies because there is no activity recorded for Local Government Projects so far which was offset by Night patrol, CHSP and IYRP activities as this activities budget needs to relocate to Numbulwar location.

**Operating Expenditure:**

The total underspend in operating expenditure is \$967,693. The major cause in underspend is due to allocation of internal Office share cost, staff absence and vacancies in various positions.

**Capital Expenditure:**


The total underspend for capital expenditure is \$5,455,960. No capital Expenses incurred for Roads and Motor Vehicle also purchasing building and Plant & Equipment are far behind the budget. Please see the project register and attachment for further detail.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Financial Report 30.04.2023.pdf

Roper Gulf Regional Council					
Financial Report as at 30-April-2023					
Numbulwar					
	Year to Date Actual (\$)	Year to Date Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Explanation
<b>Income</b>					
12 - Income Council Fees and Charges	401,100	444,565	-43,465	533,478	
13 - Income Operating Grants Subsidies	748,934	422,500	326,434	507,000	There is no activity for Local Authority project to record and other program Budget need to review and relocate the location as this is sitting under different location ATM.
17 - Income Agency and Commercial Services	1,913,038	2,151,394	-238,356	2,581,673	CDP Revenues behind the budget as we received payment always a month latter working to resolve that issue in future also budget need to review against Employer outcomes to substantiate this amount.
19 - Other Income	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>3,063,072</b>	<b>3,018,459</b>	<b>44,613</b>	<b>3,622,151</b>	
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>					
21 - Employee Expenses	1,394,459	2,016,412	621,954	2,419,695	Mainly salary & Wages expenses contributed to the variance due to absence and vacancies for some position.
22 - Contract and Material Expenses	500,654	808,783	308,129	970,539	In line with budget but no expenses recorded for Local government projects so far.
23 - Fleet, Plant & Equipment	66,773	85,667	18,894	102,800	
25 - Other Operating Expenses	323,069	172,642	-150,427	207,170	Need to review budget
27 - Finance Expenses	40	0	-40	0	
31 - Internal Cost Allocations	1,425,060	1,581,105	156,045	1,897,326	Review this in light of CDP incomes, consistently behind budget
2550 - Local Authority Meeting Allowances	856	4,167	3,311	5,000	
2551 - Councillor Allowance Exp	28,431	38,258	9,828	45,910	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3,739,340</b>	<b>4,707,034</b>	<b>967,693</b>	<b>5,648,440</b>	Main variances lie within salary & Wages expenses due to absence and vacancies on some position and other contributor to the variance is Contract and material expenses as no expenses generated for Local Government projects.
<b>Operating Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-676,268</b>	<b>-1,688,575</b>	<b>1,012,307</b>	<b>-2,026,289</b>	
<b>Capital Funding</b>					
	0	0	0	0	
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>					
	328,528	5,784,488	5,455,960	5,784,488	No capital Expenses incurred for Roads and Motor Vehicle also purchasing building and Plant & Equipment are far behind the budget.
Cap Purchase Build	137,425	1,572,000	1,434,575	1,572,000	
Cap Purchase PL+EQ	26,839	311,666	284,827	311,666	
Cap Purchase Roads	0	1,008,578	1,008,578	1,008,578	
Cap Purchase MV	0	30,000	30,000	30,000	
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>328,528</b>	<b>5,784,488</b>	<b>5,455,960</b>	<b>5,784,488</b>	
<b>Net Operating Position</b>	<b>-676,268</b>	<b>-1,688,575</b>	<b>1,012,307</b>	<b>-2,026,289</b>	

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	13.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Council Services Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1361569
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Aimee RILEY, Council Services Manager

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Numbulwar 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****CORE SERVICES***111 – Councils Services General*

- Collaborating with services to support the wellbeing of community through education, increase in healthy lifestyles and investment in Young People pathway to community engagement
- Australia Post Agent receives incoming mail twice a week via mail plane, Chart Air and Seaswift barge service.

*160 – Municipal Services*

- Municipality team is operating with full staff
- Waste management – Compactor has been repaired and operates 3 days a week clearing roadside rubbish.
- Parks and Gardens is maintained during the week. CDP team support on Monday and Tuesday with whipper snipping and rubbish removal
- Roads are kept maintained with weekly repairs as required for pot holes and road should backfilled.
- Have stated loading and unloading the Nighthawk trucks and ongoing barge freight support as required.
- New Bachoe arrived for Numbulwar

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

- Working closely with CDP team, recruitment and community to fill vacancies for Numbulwar

*350 – Centrelink*

- Centrelink open daily from 8-4pm with two agents servicing the contractual agreement. The remote servicing team visited Numbulwar in May and due to return for a week in August

*404 – Indigenous Sports and Recreation*

- Sporting Hub is working towards basketball competition and AFL competition

*415 – Community Youth Program*

- Every Thursday evening the Community Youth Program hold a Drop in Centre.
- Guest speaker – wellbeing, mentoring, AOD, Health, Safe Relationships
- Light meal
- Supported by community stakeholders including:
  - Numburindi Corp – Anglicare / IBCC
  - Numbulwar Health Centre
  - Numbulwar Police
  - NLC Rangers
- Supported by visiting stakeholders
  - DOH Nutrition team
  - Anglicare
  - Outlook Psychology
- Upcoming collaboration with Numburindi School, Numburindi Art Centre & YR to deliver NAIDOC ART Muriel. Workshop, design and transpose art work onto the indoors of the Sport and Rec facility
- Upcoming Youth Project to encourage employment pathway with visiting Hair Dude.

#### 401 – *Community Night patrol*

- The Community Safety team are working towards a community action to improve school attendance strategy. Focus is on encouragement of all young people under the age of 16 to be at home or with parents / caregivers between the hours of 10pm – 7am
- Focused patrol on accommodation during peak stakeholder occupation to prevent break ins

#### **OTHER / MISCELLANEOUS**

- Lot 187/1 - RGRC Age Care worked with the municipality team, CDP team to clean inside and outside of an age care participant. This allow the participant to be comfortable in their space while ensuring wellbeing and healthy surrounds.
- RGRC providing firewood to elderly through CDP and also MUNS team. Firewood also delivered to Church ground for fellowship evenings
- Church yard cleared and rubbish removal to support fellowship

#### **ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

- Feral pig removal has been approved. Working with NLC Rangers, wider community and Homelands to carry out this work.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	14.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Power and Water Co. - Numbulwar's Water
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1327024
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receive and note the Power and Water Co. Presentation.

**KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

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

**BACKGROUND**

Presentation delivered by a representative from Power and Water Co.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

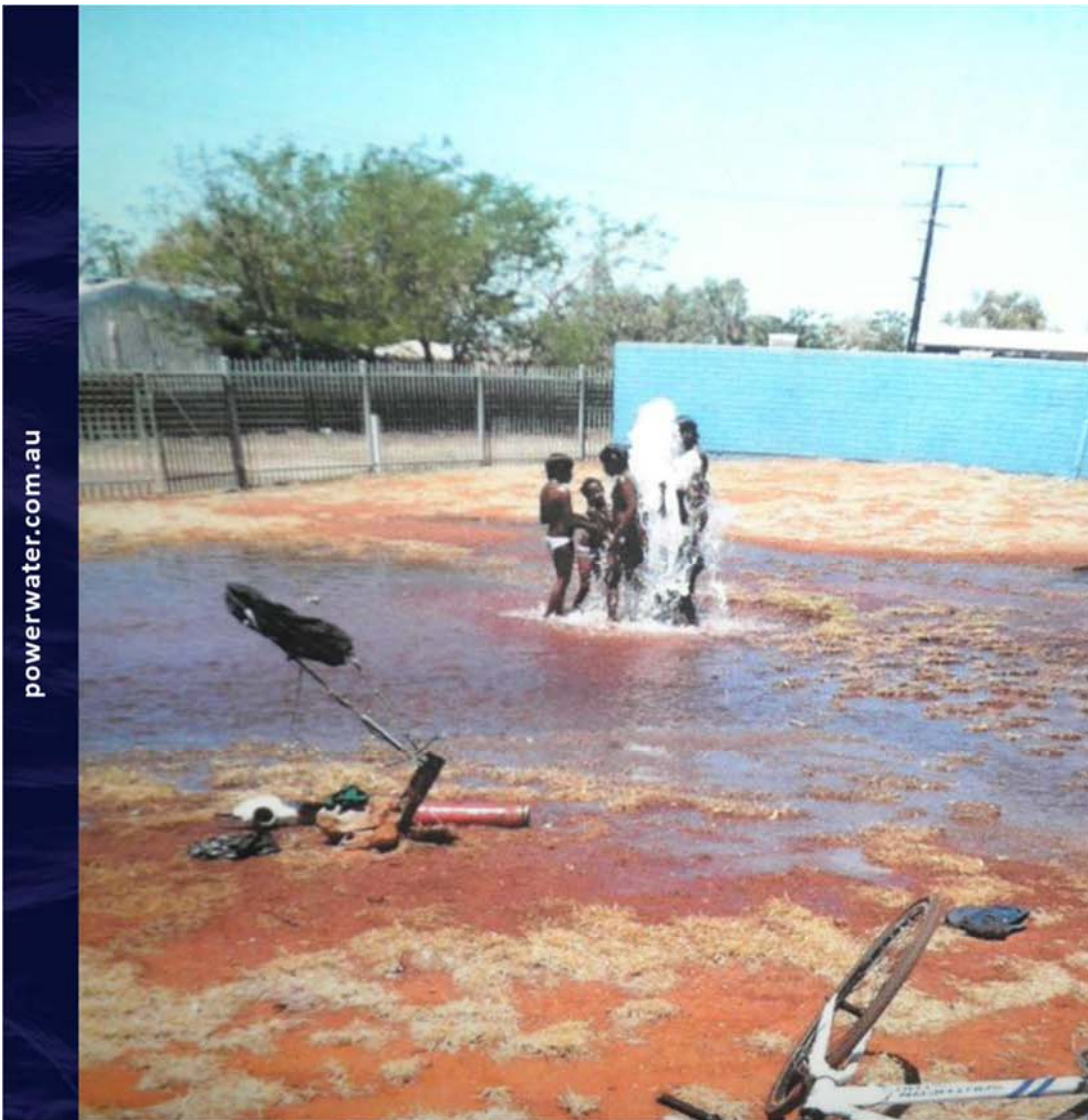
Nil.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Numbulwar LA - Water leak indicator presentation.pdf



PowerWater

## Numbulwar water leak trends and water signage ideas

*Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting  
8 March 2023*

Cail Rayment, Power and Water Corporation

# Cail Rayment

Water Demand Coordinator - Remote

- Based in Mparntwe Alice Springs for 10 years – wife and three kids
- Helping community water ‘demand’ fit within available ‘supply’
- Looking for water leaks
- Helping customers to look after water
- School education program – *That’s My Water!*



## Research Summary

Research engaged 8 communities\*:

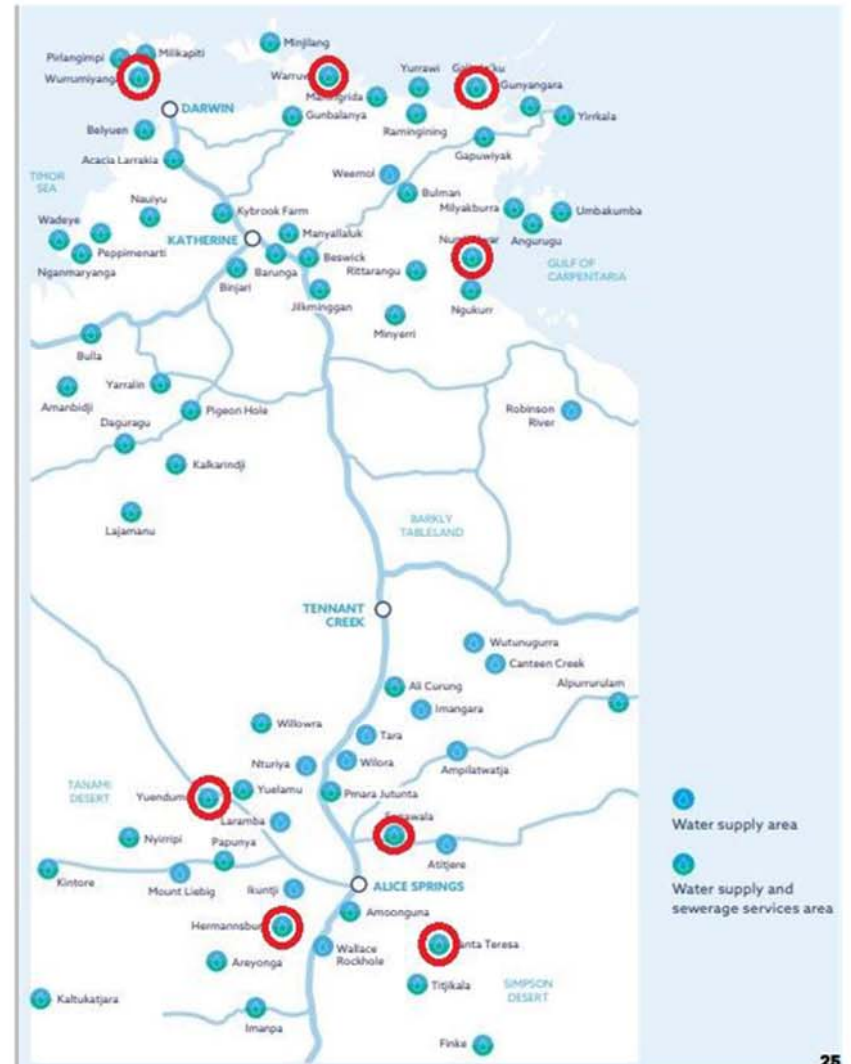
- 4 Southern region – Ntaria, Yuendumu, Ltyentye Apurte, Engawala
- 4 Northern region – Warruwi, Wurrumiyanga, Galiwin'ku, Numbulwar

### 334 participants

- 143 individual surveys
- 97 individual interviews
- 53 focus group interviews

Approximately half of people surveyed (56%) were 'dissatisfied' or 'very dissatisfied' with the level of information provided by PWC about water in their communities.

- Low awareness of water source limitations
- No information about water consumption
- information about water quality is difficult to read or hard to find





What remote communities really think about tap water

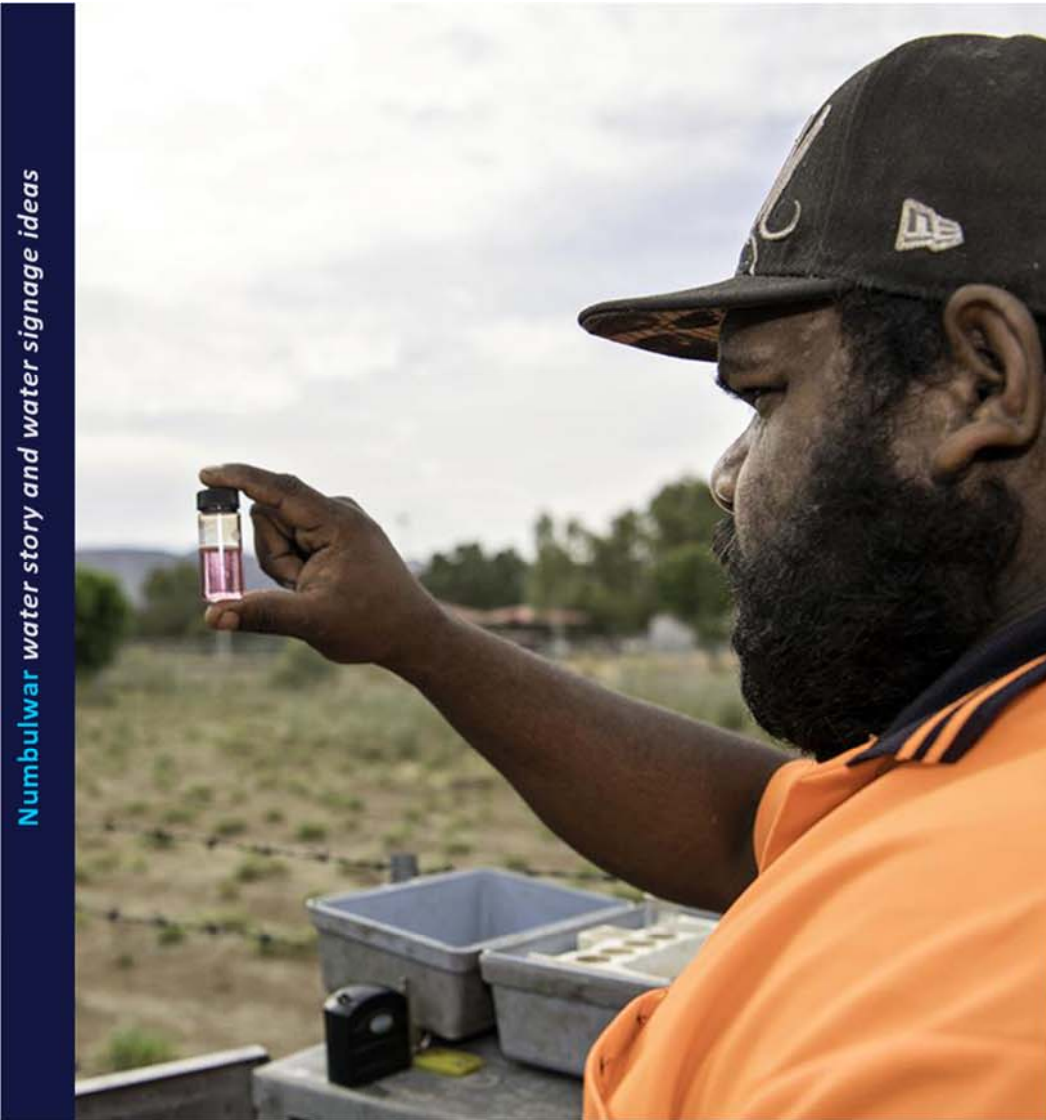
## Access to information helps communities make good water choices

- *Is my water supply limited?*
- *Is my water safe to drink?*
- *How much water am I using?*
  
- *What can I do to help my community?*



Power and Water Corporation





Numbulwar water story and water signage ideas

# Numbulwar Water demand trends

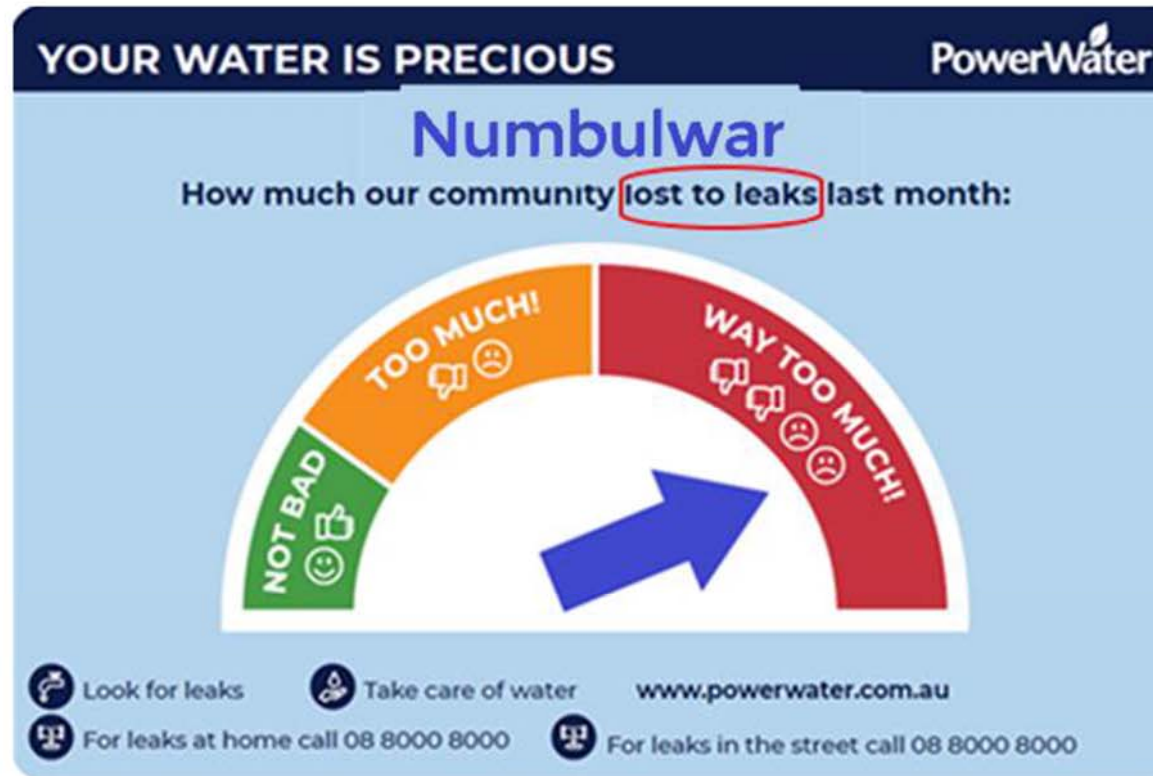
67% of all water pumped into Numbulwar in February was continuously flowing (leaks and taps turned on)

- Community needs to know this!
- It uses up water that could be available for good things, like new houses, parks, and other facilities.



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Possible new sign in Numbulwar focussing on:  
**LEAKS as the biggest problem**  
It's not about "using too much" it's about "leaking too much"



*'We need ngapa to survive. Nganinpa wankaru nganinjarrku. We need ngapa quick and smart.*

*I want to know how much water is in the tank. And will I survive another 20 years?'*

**Warlpiri Elder**

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Thank you

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