



**AGENDA**

**WUGULARR (BESWICK) LOCAL AUTHORITY  
MEETING**

**MONDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2023**

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

Monday, 2 October 2023 at 10:00am  
The Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, Beswick  
Or  
Via Microsoft Teams Meeting  
Meeting ID: 434 414 121 494  
Passcode: VzL8aY

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Marc Gardner', is positioned above the name and title.

Marc GARDNER  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**WUGULARR (BESWICK) CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:  
Elected Members**

1. Councillor Selina ASHLEY.

**Appointed Members**

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

**MEMBERS:** 7

**COUNCIL:** 1

**LOCAL AUTHORITY:** 6

**QUORUM:** 5 (minimum requirement)

**PROVISIONAL:** 2 (minimum requirement)

**EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## PLEDGE

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

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

## PRAMIS BLA WI

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

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



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## **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1371054
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

### **KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

### **BACKGROUND**

The Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority met as a **Provisional** on Monday, 03 July 2023. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to confirm.

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

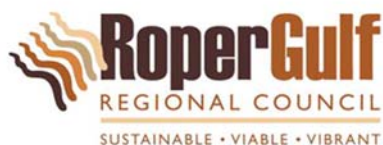
There are no more scheduled Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meetings for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority 2023-07-03 [2310] Minutes.DOCX



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, WUGULARR (BESWICK)  
LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL  
SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, BESWICK  
ON MONDAY, 3 JULY 2023 AT 10:00AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Members**

- Brett CAMERON;
- Trepina BUSH; and
- Raelene BULUMBARA.

**1.2 Staff**

- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services & Sustainability;
- David HURST, General Manager Community Services & Engagement;
- Leigh WARE, Council Services Manager; and
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary).

**1.3 Guests**

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Hon. Selena UIBO, MLA;
- Melena DAVIDSON, Selena UIBO's office;
- William BRIDGEMAN, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (teleconference);
- Heather STUART, CSIRO;
- Mandy PEARCE, Victims of Crime NT (teleconference); and
- Trude BLIZZARD, Power and Water Co.

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:45am as a **PROVISIONAL** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

**3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

WUG-P 25/2023 (Raelene BULUMBARA/Trephina BUSH) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- (a) accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Selina ASHLEY, Local Authority Member Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY and Anne-Marie RYAN; and
- (b) notes the absence with no tendered apology from Local Authority Member Eddie KENNEDY.

## 5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Hon. Selena UIBO (MLA) presented to Local Authority and provided a verbal update in regards to item 13.8 of the Action List at 10:48am and left the meeting at 10:58am.

Trude BLIZZARD from Power and Water Co. presented at 10:58am and informed the Local Authority to install Prepaid meters later this month. Also advised that Power and Water will revisit Wugularr (Beswick) on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and left the meeting at 11:10am.

Mandy PEARCE from Victims of Crime NT enlightened on distributing free food and organising Community BBQ later this month and to hold a youth/school kids music project and music video at 11:10am and left the meeting at 11:18am

Heather STUART from CSIRO presented to the Local Authority in regards to Information Sharing Event Project at 11:18am and left the meeting at 11:28am.

## 6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 7.1 WUGULARR (BESWICK) LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES

WUG-P 26/2023 (Brett CAMERON/Trephina BUSH) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the minutes from the meetings held on 03 April 2023 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

WUG-P 27/2023 (Trephina BUSH/Raelene BULUMBARA) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) requests Council write to the Northern Land Council (NLC) in regards to who owns the land that the Church is currently on;
- (c) Hon. Selena UIBO provided a verbal update in regards to item 13.8 of the action list.

## 9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

- Street Sweeper
- The Voice

## 10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.



**11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE****11.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

*WUG-P 28/2023* (Trepina BUSH/Brett CAMERON) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the outgoing correspondence.

**12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS****12.1 WUGULARR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

*WUG-P 29/2023* (Raelene BULUMBARA/Brett CAMERON) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report.

**12.2 RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON****DEFER TO NEXT LA**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson report; and
- (b) elects ... as Chairperson for a term of ...

**12.3 COMSAFE UPDATE**

*WUG-P 30/2023* (Trepina BUSH/Raelene BULUMBARA) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receive and note the ComSafe Update report.

**13 GENERAL BUSINESS****13.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

*WUG-P 31/2023* (Brett CAMERON/Raelene BULUMBARA) **CARRIED**

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

*The Wugularr Local Authority Meeting broke for Morning Tea, the time being 12:09pm.*

*The Wugularr Local Authority Meeting re-convened the meeting, the time being 12:20pm.*

**13.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT**

*WUG-P 32/2023* (Brett CAMERON/Trepina BUSH) **CARRIED**

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

**13.3 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT**

*WUG-P 33/2023* (Raelene BULUMBARA/Trepina BUSH) **CARRIED**

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

**13.4 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT PLACEHOLDER**

WUG-P 34/2023 (Raelene BULUMBARA/Brett CAMERON) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receive and note the tabled Finance Report.

**14 OTHER BUSINESS****14.1 STREET SWEEPER - Mayor Tony JACK**

WUG-P 35/2023 (Trepina BUSH/Raelene BULUMBARA) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- a) raise a concern regarding sandy and dusty streets that can make for dangerous driving conditions; and
- b) requests a report is submitted back to the 02 October 2023 Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting outlining options to keep the streets clean.

**14.2 THE VOICE - Mayor Tony JACK**

WUG-P 36/2023 (Raelene BULUMBARA/Trepina BUSH) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) receives a verbal update from the Mayor in regards to the Council's stance on the referendum to the Local Authority.

**15.4 SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL REFERENDUM FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF AN INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT**

37/2023 **RESOLVED** (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Helen LEE) **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) recognises the history and significance of the Barunga Statement and a call for the National Treaty with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the Constitutional Recognition of First Nations people; and
- (b) furthermore, supports a 'Yes' vote for the National Referendum for the Voice to Parliament.

**15 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 12:45 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 3 July 2023 and confirmed on Monday, 2 October 2023.

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Chairperson Mayor Tony JACK  
Confirmed on Monday, 2 October 2023.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Action List
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1370957
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the Action List.

**KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

**BACKGROUND**

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

**WUGULARR (BESWICK) ACTION LIST****8.1 ACTIONLIST**

*WUG Q-1/2023*      **(Anne-Maire RYAN/Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY) CARRIED**

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) notes the update provided that the Police Community Meetings are to begin again once the new permanent officers get familiarized the communities;
- (c) requests Council send a letter to the Aboriginal Inland Mission regarding item 8.1 point (b) of the Action List and to investigate who owns the land the Church is currently on.

**REPORT IN AGENDA**

- b) Contacted the Police on several occasions, most recently on 22 September 2023*
- c) Shared previous Mailing List unable to get information on future dates.*

**12.1 VET TEAM CONCERNS**

**WUG Q-2/2023 (Trepina BUSH/Anne-Maire RYAN)**

**CARRIED**

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Vet team report,
- (b) requests Council produce a media release, flyers regarding pet ownership and responsibilities in Community;
- (c) requests Council host an information night regarding pet ownership and responsibilities in Community; and
- (d) requests Council work with the Beswick School to investigate a safe meal time strategy regarding the dogs in Beswick.

*b) & c) Due to VET resources and it was decided this wasn't feasible*

*d) held meeting with Principal – suggested to purchase of Dog Buzzers for Teachers to use – This has been effective*

**12.2 BESWICK LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

**WUG Q-3/2023 (Anne-Maire RYAN/Trepina BUSH)**

**CARRIED**

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report; and
- (b) considers at the next Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting allocating Local Authority Project Funding towards community events and youth activities.

**13.1 BESWICK LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

**4/2023 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY/Trepina BUSH)**

**CARRIED**

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority;

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

**8.1 ACTION LIST**

**5/2023 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY/Trepina BUSH)**

**CARRIED**

That the Provisional Beswick Local Authority;

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

*b) Email sent to Northern Land Council (NLC)*

*No lease in place*

*Local Church may choose to apply*

### 13.8 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

*BES P-6/2022*

Action Officer: GMCS & GMCE

That the Beswick Local Authority;

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

Report details required as instructed by CEO:

- Need details of issues
- Dates, times, and length of outages reported

### 8.1 ACTION LIST

*WUG-P 27/2023*

**(Trepina BUSH/Raelene BULUMBARA)**

**CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) requests Council write to the Northern Land Council (NLC) in regards to who owns the land that the Church is currently on;
- (c) Selena UIBO provided a verbal update in regards to item 13.8 of the action list.

### 14.1 STREET SWEEPER - Mayor Tony JACK

*WUG-P 35/2023*

**(Trepina BUSH/Raelene BULUMBARA)**

**CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- a) raise a concern regarding sandy and dusty streets that can make for dangerous driving conditions; and
- b) requests a report is submitted back to the 02 October 2023 Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting outlining options to keep the streets clean.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	12.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Re-Election of Chairperson
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1371055
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson report; and
- (b) elects ... as Chairperson for a term of ...

**KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

**BACKGROUND**

At the 09 January 2023 Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting, it was resolved to appoint Local Authority Member Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY as the Chairperson for the period of six (6) months (Term date ends on 09 June 2023).

The Chairperson of the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority is a position of the Local Authority that requires dedication and a passion to support your community. The Chairperson is entitled to an increased sitting fee amount and will walk the Appointment Members and Public through the Agenda during the Local Authority Meeting.

The Chairperson can be elected for any of the following terms;

1. 3 Months
2. 6 Months
3. 12 Months
4. X Years
5. Elected at the end of every Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

The Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority are being asked to nominate a Local Authority Member to be the Chairperson of the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	12.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Wugularr Local Authority Projects Update
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1373964
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Puspa KARKI, Executive Support Coordinator

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

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

**BACKGROUND**

Since 2014 the Wugularr/Beswick Local Authority has received a total of \$604,321.00 from the Northern Territory Government and RGRC for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations provided by the Department of Local Government are based on a formula related to population. To date the Beswick Local Authority has allocated \$471,711.60, accounting for funds from completed projects.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

- Please refer to the attached LA Project funding report as at 31/08/2023.
- Recently received Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) 2022-2023 allocation of \$75,500 from the Northern Territory Government.

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

The Wugularr Local Authority currently has balance of \$53,081.15 to allocate to new projects.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 LA Projects Beswick 31.08.2023.pdf



<b>Beswick Local Authority Project Funding</b>		<b>31 August 2023</b>
Funding Received from Department	\$ 604,321.00	
Funds Allocated by Local Authority Members	\$ 471,711.60	
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects	\$ (79,528.25)	
<b>Remaining Unallocated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 53,081.15</b>	

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	13.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Member Attendance Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1371057
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

**BACKGROUND**

The *Local Government Act 2019* states that Local Authority Members may be removed from a Local Authority if they are absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without approved apologies.

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

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

**\*\* Table Key**

P Present

AP Apologies given and accepted

NO AP No apologies given and not present at meeting

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	13.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Elected Member Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1371596
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

**BACKGROUND**

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

Complete details of all Council, Committee and Local Authority agendas and minutes, are publicly available at [www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au](http://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 – 23 August 2023**

Council approved the Provisional recommendations from the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority held on 03 July 2023 and approved the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority held on 04 July 2023.

Council opened a 21-day 'Nomination Period' to fill the vacancies on the Manyallaluk Local Authority. At this Meeting, Council requested to reconvene one more Manyallaluk Local Authority before considering possibility of combining Barunga and Manyallaluk Local Authority together

Council formally adopted the new Northern Territory Subdivisional Guidelines as being applicable to the entire Roper Gulf Regional Council area. The Northern Territory subdivision development guidelines set out minimum design and construction standards for land subdivisions in the NT.

Council appointed Councillor Helen LEE as Deputy Mayor for a term of 2 years or until the next general election of the Council (whichever is sooner) and formally acknowledged the valuable service and contribution of former Cr MacFarlane to the Roper Gulf Regional Council over many years of service.

Council held a by-election for the vacant Councillor position in the Never Never Ward following the resignation of Judy MacFarlane. Five Candidates have been announced for the Roper Gulf Regional Council, Never Never Ward by-election.

Candidates are Edna Prescilla ILES, William John, Naomi WILFRED, Cecilia LAKE and Virginia BOON. Voting will be available at the following locations:

- Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) – Tuesday 03 October 2023 – 10:30am to 4:00pm.
- Jilkminggan (Council Office) – Wednesday 04 October 2023 – 10:30am to 6:00pm.
- Mataranka (Community Hall) – Thursday 05 October 2023 – 10:30am to 6:00pm.

Council approved the budget amendment of \$45,000 (Council contribution) and \$20,000 (Barunga Local Authority contribution) for the Barunga Softfall Project; and Council also discussed about the following project:

### **Barunga Youth Café**

The Barunga Youth Café continues to be delivered in line with funding requirements. A site visit conducted by the funding body in June was successful, and youth participation continues to be strong.

### **Barunga Playground Softfall**

The project was put out to tender in April with the preferred applicant, NT Shade quoting \$175,692. The initial budget allocation of this project was \$115,000. A budget amendment of \$65,000 is sought in order to progress this project. Once awarded the works will take 1 week for completion.

### **Barunga Shade Project**

The contract for this project has been awarded to BM Constructions and is on track for completion by the end of September.

## **AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING – 16 August 2023**

The Audit and Risk Committee consists of the following members:

- Ian SWAN (Independent Member);
- Carolyn EAGLE (Independent Member);
- Claudia GOLSMITH (Independent Member);
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL; and
- Councillor John DALYWATER.

There was no topics of discussion in relation to the Nyirrangulung Ward at the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.

## **FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 27 September 2023**

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee consists of the following members:

- Independent Member Awais UR REHMAN;
- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR; and
- VACANT.

The Committee were presented with a report of the Deed of Variation which provides the information on further support and the funding received from the Department as below

- Deed of Variation - 4-HY7S67G – School Nutrition Project Bulman 2023-24 - \$9,075.00
- Elected Member Report - \$58,313.18
- Elected Member Report - \$19,554.75
- Elected Member Report - \$6,995.70

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee were informed of the following Projects as below:

### **Beswick Cameron and Madigan Roads Upgrade**

AAPA Clearance has been granted. Design work is currently underway by external consultants.

### **Barunga Statement Memorial Project**

This project is progressing in the design phase. A further community is planned to finalise stakeholder input before design work is completed.

### **Barunga Playground Softfall**

This project has progressed after the amended budget was approved by Council August. Now awaiting completion by the successful contractor.

### **Bulman Community Ablution Block**

The flat pack materials have arrived in Katherine. The s19 application has been approved. An AAPA application has been submitted. On receipt of clearance, procurement for installation works will commence.

### **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

23 October 2023	11:00am	<b>Audit and Risk Committee Meeting</b>	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine
25 October 2023	10:00am	<b>Ordinary Meeting of Council</b>	RGRC Service Delivery Centre, Ngukurr
22 November 2023	9:00am	<b>Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting</b>	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine

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

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

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Ordinary Meeting of Council 2023-08-23 [2333] Minutes.DOCX



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY MEETING  
OF COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL  
COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE  
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2023  
AT 08:30AM

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## **1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

### **1.1 Elected Members**

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL (video conference);
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI (video conference);
- Councillor John DALYWATER; and
- Councillor Selina ASHLEY.

### **1.2 Staff**

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Clare CUPITT, Acting General Manager Corporate Services and Engagement;
- Maricar RHODES, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer (minute secretary).

### **1.3 Guests**

- Karen HOCKING, Project Manager, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- Dick GUIT OAM, Independent Chair, Land Development Committee;
- Jasmine HUSSON, Senior Program Manager, Land Development, Planning and Development, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics; and
- Ash RINGIN, Consultant Project Manager – Housing Projects, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

## **2 MEETING OPENED**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:58am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

## **3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

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**4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE****4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

115/2023 **RESOLVED** (Helen LEE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) accepts the tendered apology from Councillor Owen TURNER; and
- (b) does not accept the tendered apology from Councillor Jana DANIELS.

**5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC****6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

116/2023 **RESOLVED** (John DALYWATER/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI)

**CARRIED**

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on 21 June 2023 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

**7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES****7.1 ACTION LIST**

117/2023 **RESOLVED** (Selina ASHLEY/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

**CARRIED**

That Council:

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

**8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS**

- NT Remuneration Tribunal Determination – Vehicle Allowance – (CEO Marc GARDNER);
- Subdivisional Guidelines;
- Ngukurr Boat Ramp Road; – (CEO Marc GARDNER)
- Reconciliation Action Plan Summary report;
- CEO Review Committee – Confidential session; and
- Local Authority Review – (CEO Marc GARDNER).

**9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Chief Executive Officer Marc GARDNER, declared an interest as Council representative for item 15.7 CouncilBiz report.

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

118/2023 **RESOLVED** (Patricia FARRELL/Samuel EVANS)

**CARRIED**

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

**15.1 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR****119/2023 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Selina ASHLEY)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) appoints Councillor Helen LEE as Deputy Mayor for a term of 2 years or until the next general election of the Council (whichever is sooner);
- (b) formally acknowledges the valuable service and contribution of former Cr MacFarlane to the Roper Gulf Regional Council over many years of service.

*N.B. The election of the Deputy Mayor was undertaken by way of secret ballot with the Chief Executive Officer as the Returning Officer for the process. The results of which were publicly declared in open session. The decision to hold a secret ballot was unanimous.*

*The results were publicly declared as follows:*

**Deputy Mayor:**

*Cr. Helen LEE (nominated by Cr. John DALYWATER); 8 votes in favour.*

*Cr. Samuel EVANS (self-nominated); 2 votes in favour.*

Karen HOCKING, Project Manager from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet provided Code of Conduct Training at 10:05 and finished the Training at 10:28am.

Council adjourned the meeting for morning tea at 10:28am and reconvened at 11:05am.

Dick GUIT OAM, Independent Chair, Land Development Committee and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics team presented to Council on Subdivisional Guidelines at 11:05am and left the meeting at 11:35am.

**11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE****11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE****120/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)**  
**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) accepts the incoming correspondence;
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to invite the Remuneration Tribunal to Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 25 October 2023 in Ngukurr;
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to include Agenda item on the Big Rivers Region Mayors and CEOs' Meeting;
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Remuneration Tribunal with further queries about \$5000 budget capped per year for the vehicle allowance; and
- (e) requests the Chief Executive Officer to write a letter of support to the Murweh Shire Council, Office of the Mayor in relation to Remote Australians Matter conference.

**12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE****12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE****121/2023 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Samuel EVANS)****CARRIED**

That Council notes the outgoing correspondence.



**13 WARD REPORTS****13.1 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT****122/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Selina ASHLEY)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
- (b) approves the Provisional recommendations from the 06 June 2023 Ngukurr Local Authority Minutes; and
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer calls for a 21 day nomination period to fill the two (2) vacancies on the Ngukurr Local Authority.

*Cr Gadrian HOOSAN left the meeting, the time being 11:40 am.**Cr Gadrian HOOSAN returned to the meeting, the time being 11:42 am.**Cr Tony JACK left the meeting, the time being 11:43 am.**Cr Tony JACK returned to the meeting, the time being 11:45 am.***13.2 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT****123/2023 RESOLVED (Gadrian HOOSAN/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the 03 August 2023 Borroloola Local Authority Minutes;
- (c) rescinds the membership of Raymond ANDERSON from Borroloola Local Authority;
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer calls for a 21 day nomination period to fill the one (1) vacancy on the Borroloola Local Authority;
- (e) rescinds the membership of Jasmine CAMPBELL, Curtis SHADFORTH and Margaret SHADFORTH from the Robinson Local Authority; and
- (d) reduces the total membership of Robinson River Local Authority from Twelve (12) members to Nine (9) members.

*Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT left the meeting, the time being 12:03 pm.**Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT returned to the meeting, the time being 12:04 pm.***13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT****124/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Samuel EVANS)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the 20 July 2023 Numbulwar Local Authority Minutes;
- (c) notes the resignation tendered by David MURRUNGUN from the Numbulwar Local Authority;
- (d) approves the nomination received from Amanda NGALMI for membership on the Numbulwar Local Authority; and
- (f) requests to postpone the Numbulwar Local Authority from Wednesday, 06 September 2023 to Friday, 15 September 2023.

Council adjourned for Lunch at 12:34pm and reconvened at 1:15pm.

**13.4 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT****125/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Patricia FARRELL) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) approves the Provisional recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on 01 August 2023;
- (c) approves the Provisional recommendations from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Meeting held on 19 July 2023;
- (d) approves the nomination received from Naomi WILFRED for membership on the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority;
- (e) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21-day Nominations Period' to fill one (1) vacancy on the Jilkmिंगgan Local Authority;
- (f) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21-day Nominations Period' to fill one (1) vacancy on the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority;
- (i) rescinds the membership of Alan CHAPMAN from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting;
- (j) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21-day Nominations Period' to fill one (1) vacancy on the Mataranka Local Authority; and
- (k) change the meeting time of the Mataranka Local Authority to commence at 1:00pm on scheduled meeting dates due to safety and logistical issues.

**13.5 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT****126/2023 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Helen LEE) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
- (b) approves the Provisional recommendations from the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting held on 03 July 2023;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on 04 July 2023;
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21-day Nominations Period' to fill the two (2) vacancies on the Manyallaluk Local Authority;
- (e) requests to reconvene one more Manyallaluk Local Authority before considering possibility of combining Barunga and Manyallaluk Local Authority together; and
- (f) amends the Barunga Local Authority Minutes to include Charlane BULUMBARA and Ambrose BULUMBARA as present.

**14 GENERAL BUSINESS****14.1 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS, AUSTRALIA DAY****127/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Patricia FARRELL) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes this report;
- (b) submits one Citizen of the Year Award registration for the entire Roper Gulf region, rather than submitting a registration for each community;
- (c) any nominations from each Award category be entered into the Roper Gulf region award; and
- (d) each community hold a localised Australia Day event which is not registered with the Australia Day Council and no large regional event is held.

**14.2 NT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION – VEHICLE ALLOWANCE –  
CEO MARC GARDNER**

128/2023 **RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)** **CARRIED**

That Council invites the members of the NT Remuneration Tribunal to the October Ordinary Meeting of Council in Ngukurr to consult the Council in relation to the amendments to the determination Local Government Elected Members and Local Authority Allowances Determination.

**14.3 SUBDIVISIONAL GUIDELINES**

129/2023 **RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Selina ASHLEY)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) acknowledges and thanks the Northern Territory Government in relation to the presentation on the new Northern Territory Subdivisional Guidelines; and
- (b) formally accepts the new Northern Territory Subdivisional Guidelines as being applicable to the entire Roper Gulf Regional Council area.

**14.4 NGUKURR BOAT RAMP ROADS**

130/2023 **RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/John DALYWATER)** **CARRIED**

That Council in principle supports the allocation up to \$1,000,000 towards road upgrades to Ngukurr Boat Ramp, if Government funding partners are successful in the allocation of funds towards a new Ngukurr Boat Ramp.

**14.5 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN SUMMARY REPORT**

131/2023 **RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)** **CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the verbal update on Reconciliation Action Plan.

**14.6 CEO REVIEW COMMITTEE – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

This item is moved into Confidential Session.

**14.7 LOCAL AUTHORITY REVIEW**

132/2023 **RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Samuel EVANS)** **CARRIED**

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer provide a report to Council on the review of all Local Authorities of the Roper Gulf Regional Council for the 25 October 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

**15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**15.2 MAYOR'S REPORT**

133/2023 **RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)** **CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Mayoral Report.

**15.3 COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT**

134/2023 **RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)** **CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council Meeting Attendance Report.

**15.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY - CALL FOR MOTIONS - NOVEMBER 2023 GENERAL MEETING**

135/2023 **RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Samuel EVANS)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory – Call for Motions – November 2023 General Meeting report;
- (b) submits motions to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory on issues of strategic importance as below:
  - Land availability;
  - Alcohol management;
  - Social Planning;
  - Role and Sustainability of Local Government and Mechanism for reviewing financial assistance grant methodology;
  - Town Camp Roads;
  - Northern Territory Government Protocols with Council;
  - Numbulwar Safe House;
  - Remuneration Tribunal; and
  - Cotton industry issues.
- (c) nominates Mayor Tony JACK, Deputy Mayor Helen LEE, Cr. Samuel EVANS, Cr. Selina ASHLEY, Cr. Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI, Cr. Patricia FARRELL and Cr. Annabelle DAYLIGHT to attend the meeting and conference.

#### **15.5 LGANT 2022-2023 MEMBER VALUE PROPOSITION REPORT AND MEMBER SUBSCRIPTION INVOICE**

**136/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the LGANT 2022-2023 Member Value Proposition Report and Member Subscription Invoice report.

#### **15.6 RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO LOCATION OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL AND DATE OF AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE - OCTOBER 2023**

**137/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) does not approve a change to the location of the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023, from Ngukurr Community to Katherine; and
- (b) does approve a change to the meeting date of the Audit and Risk Committee from 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 11:00am.

#### **15.7 COUNCILBIZ UPDATE**

**138/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the report in relation to the CouncilBiz Update.

#### **15.8 CHANGES TO ORGANISATIONAL DELEGATIONS (NON FINANCIAL)**

**139/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED**

That Council approves the changes to the Organisational Delegations Manual (non-Financial).

### **16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

*Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR left the meeting, the time being 02:36 pm.*

*Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR returned to the meeting, the time being 02:37 pm.*

### **17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**

### 17.1 IMPROVED VISITOR MANAGEMENT AND LIVING SKILLS PLANS FOR MULGGAN CAMP 2023-24

140/2023 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Selina ASHLEY)

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Improved Visitor Management and Living Skills Plans for Mulggan Camp Agreement for 2023 – 24 report; and
- (b) approves the use of the Common Seal for the execution of the funding agreement for the above program with the Department of Territory Families and Communities.

### 17.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES & ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL UPDATE

141/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Gadrian HOOSAN)

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Community Services & Engagement Divisional Update report; and
- (b) approves for the Chief Executive Officer to sign and enter into the agreement with YMCA NT for the management of the Borrooloola and Ngukurr swimming pools.

## 18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

### 18.1 2023-24 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

142/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Patricia FARRELL)

**CARRIED**

That Council notes and approves the proposed timeline for the 2023-24 Community Grants Program, Round 1.

### 18.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

143/2023 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

**CARRIED**

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

*Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT left the meeting, the time being 02:50 pm.*

*Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT returned to the meeting, the time being 02:51 pm.*

*Cr Samuel EVANS left the meeting, the time being 02:51 pm.*

*Cr Samuel EVANS returned to the meeting, the time being 02:54 pm.*

### 18.3 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2023

144/2023 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

**CARRIED**

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

### 18.4 NUMBULWAR SAFE HOUSE

145/2023 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Helen LEE)

**CARRIED**

That Council writes to Hon Selena UIBO, Member for Arnhem (Numbulwar), the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and also the Hon Kate WORDEN, Minister for Territory Families and Minister for Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence, in relation to establishing a Women's Refuge / Safe House at Numbulwar and requesting that the Territory take-on this as a priority project and apply for the upcoming funding that will soon be available through the Commonwealth FO2021-7622 Safe Places Emergency Accommodation Program.

## 19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

**19.1 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT**

146/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Selina ASHLEY)

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Major Projects report;
- (b) approves the budget amendment of \$45,000 (Council contribution) and \$20,000 (Barunga Local Authority contribution) for the Barunga Sofffall Project; and
- (c) approves the budget amendment of \$125,000 for the Mataranka Dump Point.

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

147/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

**CARRIED**

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda:-

**20.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session** - The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

**20.2 Previous Committee Minutes Confidential Session** - The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

**20.3 Community Development Programme (CDP) Update** - The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (e) (f), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest; AND information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

**20.4 Chief Executive Officer's Report** - The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(a) (c)(iii) (e), information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

*The meeting moved to the Confidential Session at 3:56pm.*

**RETURN TO OPEN**

148/2023 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Samuel EVANS)

**CARRIED**

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re-opened to the public.

*The meeting re-opened to the public at 4:27pm.*

**21 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 4:28 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 23 August 2023 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

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Mayor Tony JACK  
Confirmed on Wednesday, 25 October 2023.

Unconfirmed

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	13.3
<b>TITLE</b>	ComSafe Report for the Wugularr Local Authority Meeting
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1372642
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Rachael WALTERS, Programs Administration Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the Community Safety Report for the period 1 July to 19 September.

### **KEY OUTCOME AREA**

Night Patrol:

For the period 1 July to 18 September 2023:

- Provided assistance to 57 individuals.
- 32% of interactions were with females.
- 68% of interactions were with males.
- 25% of interactions were in conjunction with Sport & Rec.
- 47% of interactions were alcohol related.

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

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil

### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.



**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	13.4
<b>TITLE</b>	Council Services Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1374050
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Leigh WARE, Council Services Manager

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Wugularr 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*

160 – *Municipal Services*

- New bins have been distributed
- Street sweeping works have commenced
- Pot hole works ongoing
- Weed spraying will commence in the upcoming weeks with a particular focus on Caltrop (Bindii) and Snakevine
- Community car removal to commence in upcoming weeks – Any community member that would like a car removed is encouraged to speak to the Council Services manager.

**AGENCY SERVICES**

348 – Library

- New starlink internet has been installed into the council office for community use – it's very fast

350 – *Centrelink*

- Business as usual – Has been particularly busy with end of financial support.

404 – *Indigenous Sports and Recreation*

- Recruitment of a number of new staff is underway
- Programs have been operational most days with some disruptions due to sorry business.
- School holiday programs are under way – there has been some disruption with funerals
- DJ experience is booked in for the end of the second week of holidays.

Aged Care

- Services delivery has been running well.
- Regular excursions have commenced with a trip to Mataranka on 20 September
- New coordinator commencing at the end of October

**OTHER / MISCELLANEOUS**

- Update if applicable

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

- Issues

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	13.5
<b>TITLE</b>	Council Financial Report for the period 01.07.2023 - 31.08.2023
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1374204
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Karandeep SINGH, Senior Finance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Beswick Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial Report for the year to date August 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 variances to budget amounts in some activities as outlined in the attached expenditure report. An explanation for the major variances for each division is as follows:

**Operating Income:**

Operating Income, variance under budget 30k, against a budget of 380k.

Night patrol and Aged Care service participation currently lower than budget due to reduced staffing levels.

**Operating Expenditure:**

Total Operating Expenditure is under budget \$30k major variances due to shortfalls in staffing numbers being experienced in Night Patrol, Aged Care and Creche services

**Capital Expenditure:**

No Capital expenditure has occurred to date.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 LA Reports Aug 2023.pdf

<b>Roper Gulf Regional Council</b>					
Financial Report as at					
31-Aug-23					
<b>Beswick</b>					
	<b>23GLACT</b>	<b>23GLBUD1</b>		<b>23GLBUD1</b>	<b>23GLBUD1</b>
	<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>		<i>Full Year Budget</i>	
	<i>Actual (\$)</i>	<i>Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Variance (\$)</i>	<i>(\$)</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
<b>Income</b>					
10 - Roper Gulf Contribution	270,266	270,266			
12 - Income Council Fees and Charges	3,583	3,704	-121	22,222	
13 - Income Operating Grants Subsidies	60,526	82,626	-22,100	2,117,353	
17 - Income Agency and Commercial Services	16,444	24,325	-7,882	145,952	
19 - Other Income	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>350,818</b>	<b>380,921</b>	<b>-30,103</b>	<b>2,285,527</b>	
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>					
21 - Employee Expenses	203,911	278,996	-75,085	1,673,974	General shortfalls in staffing numbers being experienced in Night Patrol, and Aged Care / Creche.
22 - Contract and Material Expenses	21,721	81,884	-60,163	491,302	LA Projects and Road Works yet to commence
23 - Fleet, Plant & Equipment	0	11,686	-11,686	70,114	Allocatios yet to be distributed.
25 - Other Operating Expenses Expenses	46,672	0	46,672	0	Review in line with Material expenses, combined variance -13.5 k
26. Finance Expenses	373	0	373	0	
30.Internal Cost Allocations	74,209	0	74,209	0	Review required here to ensure all allocations have been posted correctly.
Councillor Allowances	3,333	7,136	-3,802	42,815	
Local Authority Meeting Allowances	600	1,220	-620	7,321	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>350,818</b>	<b>380,921</b>	<b>-30,103</b>	<b>2,285,526</b>	
<b>Operating Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>					
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Net Operating Position</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	