



# AGENDA BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY

## TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2025

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

Tuesday, 7 January 2025 at 10:00 am  
Roper Gulf Regional Council Service Delivery Centre-Barunga

Or via

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Meeting ID: 472 678 952 06

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Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cindy Haddow'.

Cindy HADDOW  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**BARUNGA CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:  
Appointed Members**

1. Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
2. Anne-Marie LEE;
3. Nell BROWN;
4. Danielle BUSH;
5. Charlane BULUMBARA;
6. Damien BULUMBARA; and
7. Ambrose BULUMBARA.

**MEMBERS:** 7

**QUORUM:** 4 (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.

## 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 Rijnul 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>	Barunga Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, 08 October 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that 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 Barunga Local Authority met on Tuesday, 08 October 2024 at 10:00am with **QUORUM**. Attached are the recorded minutes for the Local Authority to review.

### ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

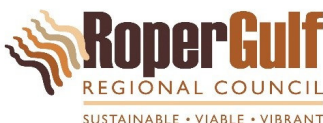
The next Barunga Local Authority Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 02 April 2025 at 10:00 am.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. BAR MIN 08102024 [7.1.1 - 3 pages]



MINUTES OF THE BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, BARUNGA LOT ON TUESDAY, 08 OCTOBER 2024 AT 10:00 AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Members**

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Anne-Marie LEE (Chairperson);
- Danielle BUSH;
- Charlane BULUMBARA (via teleconference);
- Damien BULUMBARA; and
- Nell BROWN.

**1.2 Staff**

- David HURST, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Luke HADDOW, Acting General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Cameron INGHAM, Council Services Manager;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer.

**1.3 Guests**

- Mayor Tony JACK.

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Barunga Local Authority opened at 10: 24 am with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council pledge was read.

**3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

**4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

*BAR Q/2024-36 (LA Member Danielle Bush/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee)*

**CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority accepts the tendered apology from Ambrose BULUMBARA.

**5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil.

**6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****7.1 BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES****BAR Q/2024-37 (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/Deputy Mayor Helen LEE)****CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, 09 July 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

**8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES****8.1 ACTION LIST****BAR Q/2024-38 (LA Member Danielle Bush/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee)****CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

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

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

Nil.

**10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS****12.1 COUNCIL SERVICES MANAGER REPORT****BAR Q/2024-39 (LA Member Danielle Bush/Deputy Mayor Helen LEE)****CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report; and
- (b) requests to replacement of damaged oval sign:
  - i. raising of both oval signs; and
  - ii. does not request purchase of a third oval sign.

**12.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE REPORT****BAR Q/2024-40 (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara)****CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member's Attendance Report.

**12.3 ELECTED MEMBERS REPORT****BAR Q/2024-41 (LA Member Danielle Bush/LA Member Nell Brown)****CARRIED**

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

**12.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE****BAR Q/2024-42 (Deputy Mayor Helen LEE/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee)****CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Community Safety Update.

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**12.5 BARUNGA AUGUST YTD FINANCE REPORT**

**BAR Q/2024-43 (Deputy Mayor Helen LEE/LA Member Danielle Bush)**

**CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial Report for the period 01 July 2024 to 31 August 2024.

**12.6 BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

**BAR Q/2024-44 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Danielle Bush)**

**CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) allocates \$2500 to the Cemetery Lights;
- (c) allocates \$20,000 towards fencing of solar panels at pump behind the Cemetery near mound;  
and
- (d) allocates \$3000 for Community event (celebration).

**13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

**14 OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil.

**15 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 11:19 am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 08 October 2024 and confirmed.

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Chairperson  
Confirmed on .



**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**



**ITEM NUMBER** 8.1  
**TITLE** Action List  
**AUTHOR** Bhumika ADHKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

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

**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 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.

**8.1 ACTION LIST**

**Meeting Date REPORT IN THE AGENDA**

**12.1 BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

*BAR Q-26/2024 (Charlane BULUMBARA/Ambrose BULUMBARA) CARRIED*

**09 July 2024** Local Authority Project Report Item Number 12.1

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) requests scope of spectator mound for oval using dirt and turf from Katherine;
- (c) allocates \$1,000 to put Trees at the Football Oval;
- (d) requests a Quote for solar lights near Cemetery Arch;
- (e) requests to rescope for portable Toilet near Cemetery, to have toilet door facing opposite direction from male to female; and
- (f) allocates \$2,000 to get new additional sign for Oval and raise existing sign.

**12.2 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

**BAR Q-27/2024 (Ambrose BULUMBARA/Charlane BULUMBARA) CARRIED 09 July 2024** Community Safety Update Report Item Number 12.8

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Community Safety Update report; and
- (b) requests Programs Team contact Australian Football League (AFL) Northern Territory (NT) to get scope of work to get Barunga Oval up to Competition standard.

**12.1 COUNCIL SERVICES MANAGER REPORT**

**BAR Q/2024-39 (LA Member Danielle Bush/Deputy Mayor Helen LEE) CARRIED 08 October 2024** Council Services Manager Report Item Number 12.7

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report; and
- (b) requests to replacement of damaged oval sign:
  - i. raising of both oval signs; and
  - ii. does not request purchase of a third oval sign.

**12.6 BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

**BAR Q/2024-44 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Danielle Bush) CARRIED 08 October 2024** Local Authority Project Report Item Number 12.1 Allocation Completed

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) allocates \$2500 to the Cemetery Lights;
- (c) allocates \$20,000 towards fencing of solar panels at pump behind the Cemetery near mound; and
- (d) allocates \$3000 for Community event (celebration).

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	12.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Barunga Local Authority Projects Update
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Puspa Karki, Executive Support Coordinator

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report; and
- requests Local Authority to confirm types of Trees and exact Location at the football oval.

**KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

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

**BACKGROUND**

Since 2014 the Barunga Local Authority has received a total of \$473,539.00 from the Northern Territory Government 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 Barunga Local Authority has allocated \$485,645.99, accounting for surplus funds from completed projects.

At the Barunga Local Authority held on 9 July 2024, the Barunga Local Authority resolved as below:

**12.1 BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

**BAR Q-26/2024 (Charlane BULUMBARA/Ambrose BULUMBARA) CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- requests scope of spectator mound for oval using dirt and turf from Katherine;
- allocates \$1,000 to put Trees at the Football Oval;
- requests a Quote for solar lights near Cemetery Arch;
- requests to rescope for portable Toilet near Cemetery, to have toilet door facing opposite direction from male to female; and
- allocates \$2,000 to get new additional sign for Oval and raise existing sign.

At the Barunga Local Authority held on 08 October 2024, the Barunga Local Authority resolved as below:

**12.6 BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

**BAR Q/2024-44 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Danielle Bush) CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- allocates \$2500 to the Cemetery Lights;
- allocates \$20,000 towards fencing of solar panels at pump behind the Cemetery near mound; and
- allocates \$3000 for Community event (celebration).

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

- Please refer to the attached LA funding report as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

- 12.1 Item (b): Awaiting on consultants to scope the AFL oval upgrade before moving forward with the mounds.
- Item (c): Budget allocated, please refer to the attachment.
- Item (d): Quotation request in process.
- Item (e): Awaiting Quotes to complete job
- Item (f): Budget allocated, please refer to the attachment
- 12.6 item b), c) and d) Allocation Completed and item c) PO raised to install fencing – job to be commenced in January.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Unallocated Funds**

The Barunga Local Authority currently has \$25,108.45 to allocate to new projects

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Barunga LA projects 30.11.2024 [**12.1.1** - 1 page]

Barunga Local Authority Project Funding				30 November 2024
Funding Received from Department		\$	473,539.00	
Funds Allocated by Local Authorities		\$	485,645.99	
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects		\$	37,215.44	
<b>Remaining Unallocated funds</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>25,108.45</b>	
Date Approved Project ID	Projects	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Status
3/04/2024 PR87	Purchase of Portable toilet	\$ 21,793.67		On 03/04/2024 LA decided to allocate remaining \$21,793.67 towards purchase of portable toilet with trailer. Quotation request ongoing. PO raised. <b>Order received, awaiting delivery to community.</b>
9/07/2024	Trees at the football Oval	\$ 1,000.00		On 09/07/2024 LA allocated 1K to put trees at football oval. <b>Need confirmation from LA on types of trees and location.</b>
9/07/2024	Replacement of oval sign and raise both existing signs.	\$ 2,000.00		On 09/07/2024 LA allocated 2K to get new additional sign and raise existing sign. CSM to organise after location confirmation from LA. On 8/10/2024 LA requested to replace damaged oval sign and raise both oval signs and decided not to purchase third oval sign.
8/10/2024	Cemetery lights	\$ 2,500.00		LA allocated 2.5K towards cemetery lights.
8/10/2024	Fencing of Solar panels at pump	\$ 20,000.00		LA allocated 20k towards fencing of solar panels at pump behind the cemetery. <b>Quotation request ongoing.</b>
8/10/2024	Community Event	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	LA allocated 3k towards community event. Payment made to Arnhem Crows sporting association on 10/10/2024. <b>Completed.</b>
	Total for current projects in progress	<b>\$ 47,293.67</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
	Total for Completed Projects	\$ 438,352.32	\$ 401,136.88	
	Grand Total	\$ 485,645.99	\$ 401,136.88	

**OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 12.2  
**TITLE** Town Priorities  
**AUTHOR** Cristian Coman, Manager Corporate Compliance

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Barunga Local Authority nominates the following priority for Council's consideration for the 2024-25 Financial year.

**KEY OUTCOME AREA**

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

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

**BACKGROUND**

The prescribed functions of a Local Authority are tabled at Chapter 5 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, and include participation in the development of Council's Regional Plan for each Financial Year.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

Council develops a Regional Plan annually to be adopted by no later than 30 June, that outlines its priorities and goals for the coming financial year and is inclusive of an allocated (and adopted) budget for the implementation of the same.

As part of the development of the Regional Plan (2024-25), the Barunga Local Authority is requested to nominate priority projects for the Community, for Council to consider and assess as part of its goals for the Financial Year 2024-25.

The nominated town priorities will be assessed and ranked by Council as part of the Regional Plan development process, and will be put back to the Local Authority for review and comment as part of the draft Regional Plan consultation process.

*N.b. Town priority projects are not dependent on Local Authority Project Funding.*

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Not Applicable (for nomination)

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 12.3  
**TITLE** Local Authority Member's Attendance Report  
**AUTHOR** Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member's 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* 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 Meeting Members	03 October 2023	9 January 2024	03 April 2024	09 July 2024	08 October 2024
Deputy Mayor Helen LEE	P	P	P	P	P
Nell BROWN	AP	P	AP	-	P
Danielle BUSH	P	P	P		P
Charlane BULUMBARA	P	P	P	P	P
Anne-Marie LEE	P	P	P	P	P
Ambrose BULUMBARA	P	P	P	P	AP
Damien BULUMBARA	-	-	-	Appointed at August OMC	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**

Nil.

## OPERATIONAL REPORTS

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**ITEM NUMBER** 12.4  
**TITLE** Barunga LA November YTD Finance Report  
**AUTHOR** James Sanders, Finance Manager

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial Report for the period 01 July 2024 to 30 November 2024.

### 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 of \$838,713 has been received against a budget of \$394,410 YTD resulting in a shortfall variance of \$55,698. Grant Income makes up the bulk of this with employment and other expenditure causing the variance.

#### Operating Expenditure:

Total Operating Expenditure of \$838,713 has been spent against a budget of \$894,410 YTD. The resulting variance of \$55,698 is predominantly due to employment costs with other expenses and internal charges offsetting.

#### Capital Expenditure:

YTD Capex of \$58,518.00 has been spent against a budget of \$212,500.00. Purchases includes works toward the Memorial Statement of \$35.6K and the Cemetery Arch of \$22.8K

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

### ATTACHMENTS

1. LA Report Barunga Nov YTD 2024 [12.4.1 - 1 page]



<b>Roper Gulf Regional Council</b>					
Financial Report as at					
<b>30-November-2024</b>					
<b>Barunga</b>					
	<b>YTD Actual (\$)</b>	<b>YTD Budget (\$)</b>	<b>Variance (\$)</b>	<b>Full Year Budget (\$)</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Income</b>					
User Charges and Fees	0	6,488	-6,488	15,570	
Grant Income	808,662	852,200	-43,539	2,045,281	
Contract Fee Income	29,255	35,723	-6,467	85,734	
Income Other	796	0	796		
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>838,713</b>	<b>894,410</b>	<b>-55,698</b>	<b>2,146,585</b>	
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>					
Employment	443,621	463,715	-20,094	1,112,917	
Contract & Materials	44,937	223,478	-178,541	536,346	
Asset Related	36,125	27,692	8,433	66,461	
Other Expenses	141,902	25,753	116,149	61,808	
Internal Charges	146,770	132,249	14,521	317,397	
Councillor Allowance Exp	23,508	18,578	4,930	44,588	
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	1,850	2,945	-1,095	7,068	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>838,713</b>	<b>894,410</b>	<b>-55,697</b>	<b>2,146,585</b>	
<b>Operating Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Capital Grant Income</b>	<b>58,518</b>	<b>191,667</b>	<b>-133,148</b>	<b>460,000</b>	
<b>RGRC Reserves</b>		<b>20,833</b>	<b>-20,833</b>	<b>50,000</b>	
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>58,518</b>	<b>212,500</b>	<b>-153,982</b>	<b>510,000</b>	Memorial Statement 35.6k, Cemetery Arch 22.8k
<b>Net Operating Position</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	



## OPERATIONAL REPORTS




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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	12.5
<b>TITLE</b>	Elected Member Report
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga 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 October 2024

At this meeting Council approves the recommendation from the following Local Authority:

- Recommendation from the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority held on Monday, 07 October 2024;
- Provisional recommendation from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on Monday, 07 October 2024; and
- Recommendation from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 08 October 2024.
- Recommendation from the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 10 October 2024.

Council rescinded the membership of Lloyd BROWN from the Manyallaluk Local Authority and accepted the nominations received from Alison ANDREWS and Richard MILLER for the Manyallaluk Local Authority and appointed them as members on the same

Council received and noted the request from Barunga School Council for the supply of four (4) flag poles and the concrete to stabilise them and Council agreed to supply the Barunga School Council with the items as listed.

Council also received Reconciliation Action Plan Summary Report.

#### ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 04 December 2024

Council received the variation to the Bulman Dump Road Projects.

Council, in accordance with Chapter 14 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), formally adopts the Annual Report and all content therein, with edits, as a true and accurate record of:

- (a) Its audited Annual Financial Statement (in accordance with ss 207, 208, 291 (1) of the Act);

- (b) Its assessed performance against its stated goals as outlined in its Regional Plan; and
  - (c) All other reportable obligations according to applicable law;
- for the 2023-2024 Financial Year; and

Directs the Chief Executive Officer to supply the Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government.

Following Major Projects were discussed at this meeting:

### **Barunga Statement Memorial Project – PR12**

This project is progressing in its design phase. Jensen Plus, the architects, have presented three (3) options on 16 Nov 2023. Our team members have reviewed these options and provided feedback to the architects. On site survey works and investigation of site servicing and site layout of nodes are now underway by Jensen Plus, once these are finalised draft plans will be created and reviewed by team members. 70% design has been reached with final amendments sent back to Jensen Plus for incorporation into the final design. The target is to complete the project by the Barunga Festival 2025. An application is being developed to source funding for this project through the Commonwealth Government. Design at 100%. Approached DIPL regarding Central Arnhem Road corridor. S19 application for Cultural Park awaiting NLC meeting 15/08/24. DIPL advised new intersection design underway for entry to Barunga may impact on node 1. 29/07/2024. DIPL advised they will amend their intersection design to include traffic barriers, which RGRC would have to pay for. Awaiting Formal approval from DLI - Dev Roads to build in road corridor.

### **Barunga Night Patrol Building Installation – PR86**

Upside Planning have been engaged to process Development Consent Application for the new lot situated between Lots 215 and 218. The Section 19 Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Cth) for the proposed lot has been secured. Awaiting S19 lease before commencing.

### **Barunga River Pump Relocation - PR16**

Hydrological study has been undertaken on river pump access for water extraction licence. Ecological study completed. Water Use Application submitted 29/07/24, awaiting approval.

### **Barunga Oval upgrade to AFLNT standards- PR103**

Engage a consultant to conduct a gap analysis to bring the whole facility (playing surface, lights, PA system, irrigation, etc.) up to professional competition standard. This will provide us with a scope of works to then seek funding for the project. It is estimated that this consultancy will cost \$20,000. The consultants have been engaged.

### **Wugularr (Beswick) Cameron / Maddigan Intersection & Road Upgrade – PR79**

ON HOLD - NEEDS ANALYSIS TO BE CARRIED OUT. Grant funding been sourced for project. LRCI - APPROVED. NEED APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING - Assessing scope for the multiple projects after clarification from Grants Manager on the scope submitted to the funding body. Will need to prepare designs and develop tender documentation.

### **Weemol Playground and Basketball Court PR104**

Scope and quote the construction of a full-sized undercover basketball court in Weemol. AAPA and S19 approvals have been secured. The estimated cost of the project would be \$500,000. Initial site visit completed. Detailed scope document currently being drafted.

### **Bulman Community Ablution Block – PR06**

The flat pack materials have arrived in Katherine. The s19 Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Cth) application has been approved. We have also received an AAPA clearance certificate around 17 Jan 2024. Tender is being coordinated by AWS. Tender documents are complete and ready for release however we are still waiting for the Power and Water approvals before we release the tender.

**Bulman Dump Fencing – PR39**

S19 obtained. Quotes being sought for 360 m of fencing awaiting AAPA Clearance Approximately 70,000 more required - Joseph scoping fence requirements. NO GRANT FUNDING

**Bulman Staff Housing – PR80**

The Bulman Staff housing project was identified for engagement of Project Managers to progress in order to meet the deadlines for the Grant Funding agreement that is partially funding this project. Turner and Townsend have provided a project management plan that is inclusive of the procurement of the building and installation. Turner and Townsend will be undertaking the procurement in accordance with Council's legislated procurement obligations. The project is fully budgeted for in 2023/24 and 2024/25. We have received 4 submissions that are currently being assessed by Turner and Townsend and RGRC. Supplier selected in principle with final budget assessment to be completed to ensure sufficient funding is available to complete.

**Bulman Dump Road – PR117**

Original project was postponed due to no AAPA and MEA Agreement in place, Council have now received these approvals, and draft tender documentation was reviewed on 26 August for final amendments with the aim to release in September 2024. Tender awarded with mobilisation to site on the 22nd November. Aim to have job completed before the wet season. Contractors onsite. Minor variation required.

**Manyallaluk Cemetery Fencing – PR57**

Quotations sort are over budget needs to go back to LA. On 28/08/2024 OMC decided to use \$28264.70 towards AAPA clearance for this project, allocated remaining 13,128.88 from unallocated funds towards it and also allocated extra 37k from the council funds to this project.

**Audit and Risk COMMITTEE MEETING – 13 November 2024**

The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting 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 November 2024**

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee consists of the following members:

- Awais UR REHMAN (Independent Member);
- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR; and
- Councillor John DALYWATER.

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

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

22 January 2025 at 9:00 am	<b>Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting</b>	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
19 February 2025 at 10:00am	<b>Audit and Risk Committee Meeting</b>	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
26 February 2025 at 8:30am	<b>Ordinary Meeting of Council</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>Wugularr Local Authority</b>	0
<b>Bulman Local Authority</b>	0
<b>Manyallaluk Local Authority</b>	0

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. OMC MIN 04122024 [**12.5.1** - 9 pages]



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, HELD  
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE  
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2024 AT 8:30 AM**

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

### **1.1 Elected Members**

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Councillor John DALYWATER;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN;
- Councillor Selina ASHLEY;
- Councillor Edna ILES; and
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL.

### **1.2 Staff Members**

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Tony HOPP, Acting General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, Acting General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer (minute secretary).

### **Guests**

- The Honourable Jo HERSEY, Minister for Education and Training, Early Education, Public Services.
- Karen HOCKING, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development;
- Ursula CHUBB, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development;
- Matthew WARD, KPMG Enterprise, Audit and Assurance (via audio/video conference); and
- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant, LG Services Group Pty Ltd(via audio/video conference).

## **2 MEETING OPENED**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 8:37 am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

## **3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

## **4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**2024/175 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Selina Ashley)**

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) accepts the tendered apologies from Councillors Annabelle DAYLIGHT, Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR; and

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- (b) does not accept the tendered apology from Councillor Samuel EVANS.

## 5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**2024/176 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor Selina Ashley) CARRIED**

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 October 2024, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

Councillor Owen TURNER joined the Meeting at 8:50 am.

*Councillor John DALYWATER left the Meeting at 9:57 am.*

*Councillor John DALYWATER returned to the Meeting at 9:58 am.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 am and reconvened at 10:26 am.

## 7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 7.1 APPOINTMENT OF AN ELECTED MEMBER

**2024/177 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED**

That Council appoints Melissa ANDREWS-WURRAMARRBA as an Elected Member (Councillor), representing the Yugul Mangi Ward, on the Roper Gulf Regional Council.

### 7.2 ACTION LIST

**2024/178 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor Edna Iles) CARRIED**

That Council:

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

## 8 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### 8.1 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**2024/179 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Owen Turner) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes Report;
- (b) ratifies the decisions made by the Committee as tabled in the same; and
- (c) reschedules the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting for April 2025 to Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 08:30 am.

## 9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

## 10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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Councillor Owen TURNER declared a Conflict of Interest at Item 11 and recused himself from the Meeting whilst the matter was deliberated and Resolved.

## **11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

**2024/180 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Selina Ashley) CARRIED**

That Council accepts the Incoming Correspondence Report.

Councillor Owen TURNER declared a conflict of interest and left the Meeting at 10:38 am and rejoined the Meeting at 10:46 am.

## **12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

**2024/181 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan) CARRIED**

That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

## **13 WARD REPORTS**

### **13.1 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT**

**2024/182 RESOLVED (Councillor Selina Ashley/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report.

*Councillor Owen Turner left the meeting at 10:54 am.*

### **13.2 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT**

**2024/183 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) ratifies the resolved decisions of the Jilkminggan Local Authority from its Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 November 2024;
- (c) ratifies the resolved decisions of the Mataranka Local Authority from its Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 November 2024, with the exception of Resolution MAT Q/2024-18 (Meetings to be held outside of Business Hours);
- (d) rescinds the Membership of Michael SOMERS from the Mataranka Local Authority; and
- (e) resolves for the Mataranka Local Authority to comprise of seven (7) Members in total.

### **13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT**

**2024/184 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Selina Ashley) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report;
- (b) reschedules the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting from Wednesday, 11 December 2024 to Tuesday, 10 December 2024 due to cultural reasons; and
- (c) resolves for the Numbulwar Local Authority to comprise of eight (8) Members in total.

### **13.4 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT**

**2024/185 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Report;



- (b) reschedules the Ngukurr and Urapunga Local Authority Meetings from Tuesday, 10 December 2024 to Wednesday, 11 December 2024 due to cultural reasons;
- (c) rescinds the Membership of Jana DANIELS from the Ngukurr Local Authority and Urapunga Local Authority;
- (d) resolves for the Ngukurr Local Authority to comprise of eight (8) Members in total; and
- (e) resolves for the Urapunga Local Authority to comprise of seven (7) Members in total.

### **13.5 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT**

**2024/186 RESOLVED (Councillor Gadrian Hoosan/Councillor Selina Ashley) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) rescinds the Memberships of Maria PYRO, Jack GREEN, Andrew FIRLEY and Jonathon SAUER from the Borrooloola Local Authority; and
- (c) resolves for the Borrooloola Local Authority to comprise of six (6) Members in total.

## **14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **14.1 COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**2024/187 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Meeting Attendance Report; and
- (b) resolves that Councillor Samuel EVANS is absent without the permission of Council in accordance with Section 47(1) (o) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

### **14.2 MAYOR'S REPORT**

**2024/188 RESOLVED (Councillor Selina Ashley/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Mayor's Report; and
- (b) recognises and congratulates Nathaniel MILLER for his ARIA Award win, and ongoing contribution to the Bulman/Weemol Community.

### **14.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**2024/189 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to invite the Executive Director of Housing Local Government and Community Development to attend the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 February 2025 to discuss Housing Reference Groups in remote Communities.

*Councillor Selina Ashley returned to the Meeting at 11:39 am.*

## **15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**

### **15.1 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**2024/190 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Selina Ashley) CARRIED**

That Council, in accordance with Chapter 14 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), formally adopts the Annual Report and all content therein, with edits, as a true and accurate record of:

- (a) Its audited Annual Financial Statement (in accordance with ss 207, 208, 291 (1) of the Act);
- (b) Its assessed performance against its stated goals as outlined in its Regional Plan; and
- (c) All other reportable obligations according to applicable law;

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for the 2023-2024 Financial Year; and

Directs the Chief Executive Officer to supply the Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government.

#### **15.2 POLICY REVIEW**

**2024/191 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) CARRIED**

That Council adopts the revised GOV004 Cultural Business Policy.

#### **15.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

**2024/192 RESOLVED (Councillor Selina Ashley/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

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

#### **15.4 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 26.11.2024**

**2024/193 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 26 November 2024.

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

#### **16.1 PROGRAMS UPDATE**

**2024/194 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Selina Ashley) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Programs Update Report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm and reconvened at 12:59 pm.

*Councillor Owen TURNER returned to the Meeting at 12:54 pm.*

*Councillor John DALYWATER returned to the Meeting at 1:08 pm.*

#### **16.2 AGED AND DISABILITY CARE - INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT 2024 - 2026**

**2024/195 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the new funding agreement for Aged and Disability Care's- Indigenous Employment Initiative Program – 4-K4CGN52;
- (b) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the 2024-2026 Indigenous Employment Initiative Funding Agreement with a total grant amount of \$1,081,988.96 excluding GST; and
- (c) approves the use of the Common Seal on the funding agreement documents.

#### **16.3 AGED CARE AND DISABILITY SERVICES REPORT**

**2024/196 RESOLVED (Councillor Owen Turner/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Aged Care and Disability Services Report.

#### **16.4 IAGED HEALTH - SIX-MONTH REVIEW**

**2024/197 RESOLVED (Councillor Selina Ashley/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the iAged Health six-month Review.

*Mayor Tony Jack left the meeting at 1:21 pm.*

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**16.5 NUMBULWAR CRECHE FEASIBILITY UPDATE****2024/198 RESOLVED (Councillor Owen Turner/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Numbulwar Creche Feasibility Update.

*Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting at 1:25 pm.***16.6 JILKMINGGAN AND WUGULARR OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS - PROJECT SCHEDULE 2025-26****2024/199 RESOLVED (Councillor Owen Turner/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the 2025-26 Project Schedule for Jilkminggan and Wugularr communities Outside School Hours Care Program - 4-K9NEHPH;
- (b) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the 2025-2026 Outside School Hours Program Project Schedule to the amount of \$270,637.74 excluding GST; and
- (c) approves the use of the Common Seal on the funding agreement documents.

**17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT****17.1 DISPOSAL OF LEGACY TYRES FROM BORROLOOLA WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY****2024/200 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan) CARRIED**

That Council approves the sum of \$180,000.00 for the disposal of legacy tyres at the Borroloola Waste Management Facility.

*Councillor Owen TURNER left the Meeting at 1:35 pm.**Councillor Owen TURNER returned to the Meeting at 1:46 pm.**Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI left the Meeting at 1:57 pm.**Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI returned to the Meeting at 1:59 pm.**Deputy Mayor Helen LEE left the Meeting at 2:00 pm.**Deputy Mayor Helen LEE returned to the Meeting at 2:02 pm.**Councillor John DALYWATER left the Meeting at 2:02 pm.**Councillor John DALYWATER returned to the Meeting at 2:04 pm.**Councillor Patricia FARRELL left the Meeting at 2:11 pm.**Councillor Selina ASHLEY left the Meeting at 2:12 pm.**Councillor Patricia FARRELL returned to the Meeting at 2:13 pm.**Councillor Selina ASHLEY returned to the Meeting at 2:14 pm.***17.2 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT****2024/201 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Edna Iles) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Major Project Report;
- (b) evicts the Department of Education from its site at Lot 644 in Borroloola at first opportunity according to law; and
- (c) directs the Chief Executive Officer to issue the Department of Education with a formal eviction notice as pertaining to Item (b).

**18 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

**19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

The Hon Jo HERSEY, Minister for Education and Training, Early Education, Public Services, joined the Meeting at 8:40 am and made deputation to Council.

Council discussed several matters with Minister Jo HERSEY, as set out below. No resolution made.

1. New CLP Government key policy positions;
2. Borrooloola Cyclone Shelter, including difficulties arising out of Department of Education hindering progress and opening;
3. Lack of communications with Northern Territory Government (NTG) pertaining to cyclone shelter prioritisation across Region; and
4. Community need for Creche and Early Childhood services in Numbulwar.

Matthew WARD, KPMG Enterprise, Audit and Assurance, joined the Meeting at 9:30 am and made deputation to Council pertaining to its Audited Financial Statement.

**20 CLOSED SESSION****DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

2024/202 RESOLVED (Councillor Owen Turner/Councillor Patricia Farrell) **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:

**21.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session**

*Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains 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.*

**21.2 Previous Committee Minutes Confidential session**

*Regulation 51(1)(d) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*

*Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept*

**21.3 Action List**

*Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.*

*Regulation 51(1)(d) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*

**21.4 Superannuation for Elected Members**

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*Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.*

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#### **21.5 Compliance Review Action Report**

*Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.*

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#### **21.6 Local Decision Making Agreements**

*Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

*Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains 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.*

#### **21.7 Tender Variation - Bulman Dump Road**

*Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

#### **21.8 Tender Variation - Mataranka Community Office – Wastewater Management System**

*Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

#### **21.9 Contract Variation-LG Services Group Pty Ltd for Financial Consulting**

*Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

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**20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting**

2024/212 **RESOLVED (Councillor Selina Ashley/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee)** **CARRIED**

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

**21 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 3:17 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 04 December 2024 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

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Mayor Tony JACK  
Confirmed on 26 February 2025.

## OPERATIONAL REPORTS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	12.6
<b>TITLE</b>	Annual Report
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Annual Report.

### KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

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

Council adopted Annual Report at Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday, 04 December 2024.

### ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Annual Report is supplied to Local Authority Members for review. Annual Report is currently with printers and hard copies shall be available soon.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

### ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	12.7
<b>TITLE</b>	Council Services Manager Report
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Cameron Ingham, Council Services Manager, Ngukurr

### RECOMMENDATION

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

### KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

**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

#### 111 – Councils Services General

- Replacement Oval signs have been purchased and arrived. We are currently awaiting the availability of a trades person to extend the current height and install

#### 160 – Municipal Services

- All Municipal Services are being delivered
- Works completed at the Barunga Aerodrome. This includes slashing, removal of ant hills and removal off old tree that had fallen at the entrance
- Purchase of new hoses, sprinklers and joiners
- The priority continues to be maintaining the grass length around the community with continuous mowing and whipper snipping taking place

#### 346 – Indigenous Broadcasting

- Delma continues to deliver content relevant to the community. We would love more community/stake holder involvement. This could be done in either interview form or paperwork handed to Delma to broadcast

#### 348 – Library

- The Library position has now been filled and we welcome Anna Marie to the team

#### 350 – Centrelink

- Centrelink is open daily from 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday, with a new Agent Karleen Andrews servicing the contractual agreement.

### ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

### ATTACHMENTS

Nil.



## OPERATIONAL REPORTS

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**ITEM NUMBER** 12.8  
**TITLE** Community Safety Update  
**AUTHOR** Rodney Hoffman, Program Support Coordinator

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Community Safety 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.

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

### BACKGROUND

Council receives funding from the National Indigenous Australian's Agency to deliver Community Night Patrol, Library Services, Indigenous Sport & Recreation and the Indigenous Broadcasting & Media Program in Barunga. Council also receives funding from the Northern Territory Government to deliver the Remote Sport Program in Barunga.

### ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Community Night Patrol, Library, Sport and Recreation and the Indigenous Broadcasting & Media Program in Barunga are currently being delivered in line with funding agreements and regulatory requirements. A statistics update will be provided for all programs after 15 January 2025 for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 in line with that required under the funding arrangements.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

### ATTACHMENTS

Nil.