



AGENDA NUMBULWAR LOCAL AUTHORITY

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2024

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

Tuesday, 10 December 2024 at 10:30 am
Roper Gulf Regional Council Service Delivery Centre-Numbulwar
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Hurst".

David HURST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**NUMBULWAR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
Appointed Members**

1. Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
2. Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
3. Roland NUNDHIRRIBALA;
4. Felicity RAMI;
5. Douglas WUNUNGMURRA;
6. Rhonda SIMON;
7. Travis MIRNIYOWAN; and
8. Amanda NGALMI.

MEMBERS: 8

QUORUM: 5 (minimum requirement)

PROVISIONAL: 3 (minimum requirement)

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

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

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

During a provisional meeting, all agenda items may be discussed, and minutes must be kept. Members at a provisional meeting may by majority vote make recommendations to Council.

However, the recommendations shall be considered as those of a provisional meeting rather than a quorum meeting of the Local Authority.

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

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

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, 04 September 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meeting decisions and proceedings and ratifies the same.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Numbulwar Local Authority opened with **QUORUM** at 10:30 am on Wednesday, 04 September 2024. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to confirm.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The next Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 05 March 2025 at 10:30am.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. NUM MIN 04092024 [7.1.1 - 4 pages]



MINUTES OF THE NUMBULWAR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, NUMBULWAR ON WEDNESDAY, 04 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI (Chairperson) (via audio/video teleconference);
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Felicity RAMI;
- Douglas WUNUGMURRA; and
- Travis MIRNIYOWAN.

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Tony HOPP, Acting General Manager Council Services and Community Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, Acting General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Alexis AUSTIN, Acting Council Services Manager; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (via audio/video teleconference) (minute secretary)
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer.

1.3 Guests

- Ella DOONAN, Executive Officer, Numburindi Development Aboriginal Corporation;
- Aimee RILEY, Numburindi Development Aboriginal Corporation;
- Mathilda LIPSCOMBE, Remote Water Demand Coordinator, Power Water Corporation (via audio/video teleconference); and
- Alec MOYLAN, Senior Regional Project Officer, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (via audio/video teleconference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:30 am with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

NUM Q/2024-16 (LA Member Felicity Rami/LA Member Douglas Wunugmurra) CARRIED

That the Numbulwar Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Roland NUNDHIRRIBALA, Rhonda SIMON and Amanda NGALMI.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

NUM Q/2024-17 (LA Member Felicity Rami/LA Member Douglas Wunugmurra) **CARRIED**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, 05 June 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meeting decisions and proceedings and ratifies the same.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 Action List

NUM Q/2024-18 (LA Member Amanda Ngalmi/LA Member Douglas Wunugmurra) **CARRIED**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority:

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

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

12.1 Local Authority Member Attendance Report

NUM Q/2024-19 (LA Member Douglas Wunugmurra/LA Member Travis MIRNIYOWA) **CARRIED**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

12.2 Elected Member Report

NUM Q/2024-20 (LA Member Douglas Wunugmurra/LA Member Felicity Rami) **CARRIED**

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

12.3 Community Safety Update

NUM Q/2024-21 (LA Member Felicity Rami/LA Member Travis Mirniyowan) **CARRIED**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Community Safety Update Report.

12.4 Numbulwar Local Authority Projects Update

NUM Q/2024-22 (LA Member Douglas Wunugmurra/Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr) **CARRIED**

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

12.5 Council Financial Report as at 31.07.2024

NUM Q/2024-23 (LA Member Douglas Wunugmurra/LA Member Felicity Rami) **CARRIED**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 July 2024.

13 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 Stolen Generation Redress Scheme

NUM Q/2024-24 (LA Member Felicity Rami/LA Member Douglas Wunugmurra) **CARRIED**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Stolen Generation Redress Scheme Report.

14.2 Council Services Report

NUM Q/2024-25 (LA Member Douglas Wunugmurra/Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr) **CARRIED**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Council Service Report.

14.3 Community Development Program

NUM Q/2024-26 **RESOLVED** (LA Member Douglas Wunugmurra/LA Member Felicity Rami) **CARRIED**

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

Alec MOYLAN presented to the Numbulwar Local Authority at 11:20 am on Local Authority Review and finished at 11:29 am.

Mathilda LIPSCOMBE from Power and Water presented at 11:31 am and finished at 11:42 am.

14.4 Water Quality Concerns

NUM Q/2024-27 (LA Member Douglas Wunugmurra/Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr) **CARRIED**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Deputation from Power and Water Corporation (PWC); and
- (b) noting the poor water quality in Numbulwar, requests a Water Quality Report from PWC to be supplied to its next Meeting.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11:43 am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 04 September 2024 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 11 December 2024

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Re-Election of Chairperson
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar 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 Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held on 05 June 2024, it was resolved to appoint Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI as the Chairperson for the period of six (6) months and the Term date ended in December 2024.

The Chairperson of the Numbulwar 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 fees amount and will walk the appointment members and public through the agenda during the Local Authority Meeting.

The Chairperson can be selected to hold the position for a period of a few months, a few years, or can be elected at the end of every 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 Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The Numbulwar Local Authority are being asked to nominate a Local Authority Member to be the Chairperson of Numbulwar Local Authority.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES



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

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Action List is a summary of tasks that the Local Authority has requested be undertaken by Council staff.

The 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.

Action List

12.4 Numbulwar Local Authority Projects Update

NUM Q-9/2024 (Douglas WUNUNGMURRA/Roland NUNDHIRRIBALA) **CARRIED**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) requests scoping for the basketball Court projects including fencing and ablution to be tabled at the next Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting scheduled to be held on 04 September 2024; and
- (c) deliberates and considerate Cemetery Projects scoping including update and requests Cemetery Consultant around Numbulwar.

Meeting Date

Report Included?

05 June 2024

YES, Local Authority Project Update Report, Item Number 12.5

14.4 Water Quality Concerns

NUM Q/2024-11 **RESOLVED** (LA Member Douglas Wunugmurra/Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr) **CARRIED**

Nungumajbarr)

That the Numbulwar Local Authority:

04 September 2024

Standalone Report, Power and Water fails to supply Report

- (a) receives and notes the Deputation from Power and Water Corporation (PWC); and
- (b) noting the poor water quality in Numbulwar, requests a Water Quality Report from PWC to be supplied to its next Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE Local Authority Member Attendance Report
AUTHOR Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

Numbulwar Local Authority Member Attendance

Local Authority Meeting Members	06 December 2023	6 March 2024	05 June 2024	04 September 2024
	Cancelled	Cancelled		
Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR	-	-	P	P
Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI	-	-	P	P
Douglas WUNUNGARRA	-	-	P	P
Felicity RAMI	-	-	P	P
Roland NUNDHIRRIBALA	-	-	P	P
Rhonda SIMON	-	-	P	P
Travis MIRNIYOWAN	-	-	P	P
Amanda NGALMI			P	P

Key
 P Present at LA
 AP Apology given and accepted by LA
 NO AP Did not attend LA and did not tender any apologies

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	12.2
TITLE	Elected Member Report
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members Report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

Complete details of all Council, Committee and Local Authority agendas and minutes, are publicly available at www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au and can be provided upon request at all the Roper Gulf Regional Council offices.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 28 August 2024

At this meeting, Council requested that a playground be considered at the next Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting as a Local Authority Project also received and notes the Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR concern pertaining to poor water quality within Numbulwar Community and requested for the matter to write a letter to Power and Water Corporation.

Council requested the Chief Executive to open a '21 days nomination period' to fill the two (2) vacancies on the Numbulwar Local Authority. Council also received Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR's concern pertaining to Numbulwar Waste Management facility and requested a report to be presented to Council at the next Ordinary Meeting pertaining to the Life span and Operations of the same.

Council approved the reallocation of \$85,088.18 from the Numbulwar New/Upgrades at Toilets at the Airport to a new Project called Numbulwar-existing cemetery works and \$337,234.09 from the Numbulwar Sports Precinct Upgrade to a new Project called Numbulwar-existing cemetery works.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 23 October 2024

Council approved the recommendation from the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 04 September 2024. Council also requested the Chief Executive Officer open a '21 days nomination period' to fill the two (2) vacancies in the Numbulwar Local Authority.

Council received Councillor NUNGGUMAJBARR's request of updates on the dump reassessment and requested for fuel pricing breakdown information to be supplied to the Numbulwar Local Authority and to the Numbulwar Community in general.

At this meeting, Council requested feasibility scoping for the provision of the Childcare Services in Numbulwar. The Reconciliation Action Plan was presented to the Council during this meeting.

Following Major Projects were discussed at this meeting:

Numbulwar Clinic Road

As reported in the last report, the Clinic Road had to be redesigned as Power and Water did not want their infrastructure moved. The engineering Consultant SCP have been commissioned to carry out the redesign. However, the redesign is stalled due to:

- an additional s19 lease over a small portion of land due to realignment of road;
- No Mineral Extraction Agreement in place for the gravel pit, additional gravel will be required to complete the road upgrade. Section 19 Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Cth) application made for a gravel pit in 2021, however this was unsuccessful due to the Northern Land Council (NLC) being unable to reach an agreement with Traditional Owners pertaining to the same. The next scheduled NLC consultations in Numbulwar are October 2024;
- Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) clearances have been received, designed drainage works cannot move forward due to Restricted Work Areas proximity to identified drainage areas;
- Road works will need to be within existing road footprint with no additional drainage works to be carried out;
- New design/works options are now been considered prior to tender release.

****Estimated costs associated with transporting suitable gravel material from Katherine are \$100,000 for transport alone.**

Numbulwar Office Redesign

As advised previously, Troppo Architects have been engaged to do the design work on this project. They visited the community on 15 September to conduct consultations and present to the Local Authority. They have since provided to us two documents setting out:

- their understanding of our requirements;
- their design options.

Numbulwar Cemetery Existing

Site surveys using x-ray equipment commenced in September, with further works being undertaken the week commencing 23 September. The surveyors are working with community elders to ensure access to the site and works undertaken are culturally appropriate. Design works on the retaining wall and fencing are continuing, with final design anticipated in October

Numbulwar Aged Care Building Works

Grant funding received to carry out refurbishment and upgrades to the existing facility. Planning application is ready to be lodged with PM to be outsourced to proceed to next stage. Anticipate completion by end of 2025. Procurement of backup generator underway with plans to have installed before the wet season.

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – 27 November 2024

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting consists of:

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

There were no direct subjects pertaining to the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward discussed at the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING – 13 November 2024

The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting consists of:

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

Annual Report was presented at this meeting.

General Business Item Fuel Pricing

The exercise into the fuel pricing was done well before and has remained unchanged for at least 18 months – 2 years. Suspect is that the fuel price was determined when the original tender was provided, considering daily fuel price fluctuations. And expected the pricing to be averaged out over the year so as to not have price changes constantly. The other way to calculate the costs would be to do it on a daily/weekly basis and adjust the sell price in cycles like what we see in metro areas. This would mean that there is significant work required to update the consumer affairs website and change the bowser price every time a price change was needed. The community would then not know what the pricing is until they get to the bowser. It could change rapidly, as we see in Katherine and Darwin already.

It is likely that the actual pricing figures are classified as commercial-in-confidence. Therefore, it is recommended that the Council avoid disclosing specific details and terms agreed with the supplier, as doing so may not align with the Council’s best interests. This may prove to be problematic, especially when we seek out tenders to renew the fuel contract.

- Cost of fuel purchased
- Freight for fuel (barge in wet season)
- Equipment rental – Council does not own the fuel infrastructure, we rent the equipment at a reduced rate from the supplier
- Ongoing repairs and maintenance (including yearly calibration) to the equipment.
- Merchant charges by the company that manages the payment gateway

If a detailed analysis is required, additional data from the finance team needs to be gathered. The plan is to conduct this review as part of the preparation for seeking tenders to renew the expired fuel contract.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

22 January 2025 at 9:00am	Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
19 February 2025 at 10:00am	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
26 February 2025 at 8:30am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	RGRC Support Centre Katherine

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. OMC 23102024 MIN [12.2.1 - 8 pages]



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

Elected Members

Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT;
Councillor John DALYWATER;
Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN;
Councillor Edna ILES; and
Councillor Patricia FARRELL (via audio/visual conference).

Staff Members

David HURST, Acting 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;
Sarah PEACHMENT; Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer;
Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer (minute secretary).

Guests

Karen HOCKING; Project Manager, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet;
Lord Mayor, the Honourable Kon VATSKALIS, Board President, Local Government
Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), City of Darwin Council; and
Mary WATSON, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association of the Northern
Territory (LGANT).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 8:38 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

2024/142 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Kathy-Anne
Numamurdirdi)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Owen TURNER, Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR, Councillor Samuel EVANS and Councillor Selina ASHLEY; and
- (b) does not accept the tendered apology from Councillor Jana DANIELS.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2024/143 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor Edna Iles) CARRIED

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 28 August 2024, 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

2024/144 RESOLVED (Councillor Annabelle Daylight/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan) 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

2024/145 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the previous Committee Meeting Minutes Report; and
- (b) ratifies the decisions made by the Committee as tabled in the same.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

2024/146 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Edna Iles) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) accepts the Incoming Correspondence;
- (b) receives and notes the request from Barunga School Council for the supply of four (4) flag poles and the concrete to stabilise them; and
- (c) agrees to supply the Barunga School Council with the items as listed at point (b).

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

2024/147 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED

That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

2024/148 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 07 October 2024;

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- (c) approves the Provisional recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on Monday, 07 October 2024;
- (d) approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 08 October 2024;
- (e) approves the recommendations from the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 10 October 2024;
- (f) rescinds the membership of Lloyd BROWN from the Manyallaluk Local Authority; and
- (g) accepts the nominations received from Alison ANDREWS and Richard MILLER for the Manyallaluk Local Authority and appoints them as members on the same.

13.2 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT**2024/149 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/Councillor Annabelle Daylight) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report; and
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 02 September 2024.

13.3 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT**2024/150 RESOLVED (Councillor Gadrian Hoosan/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21 days nomination period' to fill the one (1) vacancy on the Borroloola Local Authority.

13.4 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT**2024/151 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendation from the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 04 September 2024;
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21 days nomination period' to fill the two (2) vacancies in the Numbulwar Local Authority;
- (d) receives Councillor NUNGGUMAJBARR's request of updates on the dump reassessment; and
- (e) requests for fuel pricing breakdown information to be supplied to the Numbulwar Local Authority, and to the Numbulwar Community in general.

13.5 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT**2024/152 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Report.

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**14.1 COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT****2024/153 RESOLVED (Councillor Gadrian Hoosan/Councillor Edna Iles) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Meeting Attendance Report;
- (b) resolves that Councillor Jana DANIELS is absent without the permission of Council in accordance with Section 47(1) (o) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and thus is disqualified from office as Member of Roper Gulf Regional Council noting that this was Cr. DANIELS' second consecutive absence from the Ordinary Meetings of Council without its permission, thus Ms Jana DANIELS is not longer a Councillor of the Roper Gulf Regional Council;

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- (c) resolves in accordance with Section 54(2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 2019* to call for Nominations from the Constituents of Yugul Mangi Ward to fill the vacant position of Councillor for the Yugul Mangi Ward;
- (d) rescinds the membership of Councillor Samuel EVANS from the Finance and Infrastructure Committee;
- (e) appoints Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI as a Member of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee;
- (f) removes Cr. Samuel EVANS from Council's delegation attending the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) November Conference (including Annual General Meeting and General Meeting) in Alice Springs in November 2024; and
- (g) resolves for its delegation to attend the LGANT November Conference (including Annual General Meeting and General Meeting) in Alice Springs in November 2024 to consist of Mayor Tony JACK, Deputy Mayor Helen LEE, Councillor Patricia FARRELL, Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT and Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN.

14.2 MAYOR'S REPORT

2024/154 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Annabelle Daylight)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

14.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

2024/155 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Annabelle Daylight) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Acting Chief Executive Officer's Report; and
- (b) supports the proposed name change of Edith Falls to Leliyn as requested by the Jawoyn Aboriginal Association, and authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer to compile a Letter of Support to that affect, and supply it to the Jawoyn Aboriginal Association and to the Northern Territory Government.

14.4 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE - COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

2024/156 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) approves the 2025 Meeting Schedule – Council, Committee and Local Authority Meetings;
- (b) reschedules the April 2025 Briefing Day and Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Numbulwar on 15, 16 April 2025 respectively;
- (c) reschedules the December 2025 Briefing Day and Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Katherine on 9, 10 December 2025 respectively;
- (d) reschedules the April 2025 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting to be held in Katherine on 23 April 2025;
- (e) reschedules the October 2025 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting to be held in Katherine on 20 October 2025;
- (f) reschedules the December 2024 Briefing Day and Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Katherine on 03 and 04 December 2024 respectively;
- (g) reschedules the Minyerri Local Authority Meeting to 9 December 2024;
- (h) reschedules the Ngukurr and Urupanga Local Authority Meetings to 10 December 2024; and
- (i) reschedules the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting to 11 December 2024.

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**15.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24**

2024/157 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) resolves to hold a Special Meeting of Council on 13 November 2024 at 11:00 am to deliberate and adopt its Annual Report (including Audited Financial Statements);
- (b) defers this matter to be dealt with at the Special Meeting of Council on 13 November 2024; and
- (c) directs the Audit and Risk Committee to meet on 13 November 2024 at 08:30 am.

15.2 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP) SUMMARY REPORT

2024/158 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

That the Council receives and notes the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Summary Report.

15.3 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30.09.2024

2024/159 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 30 September 2024.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

16.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

2024/160 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

That the Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
- (b) allocates \$100,000 of Mataranka Local Authority Projects Funding towards Mulggan Camp Community Beautification and Amenity in accordance to Section 79 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, noting the persistent lack of Quorum at the Mataranka Local Authority Meetings.

Councillor John Dalywater left the meeting at 10:15 am.

Councillor John Dalywater returned to the meeting at 10:17 am.

16.2 PROGRAMS UPDATE

2024/161 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED

That the Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Programs Update Report; and
- (b) requests feasibility scoping for the provision of the Childcare Services in Numbulwar.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 am and reconvened at 11:04 am.

16.3 AGED CARE AND DISABILITY SERVICES REPORT

2024/162 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Edna Iles) CARRIED

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

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 Major Projects Report

2024/163 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Major Projects Report; and
- (b) approves a budget amendment of \$15,000 to increase the total budget for the Mataranka Aged Care Kitchen upgrades.

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18 GENERAL BUSINESS

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Council received deputations from:

- 1) the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) (in person); and
- 2) MyCDP Ngukurr (in writing).

N.B. these deputations were received whilst in Confidential Session.

20 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

2024/164 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor John Dalywater) **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

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.

20.2 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

20.3 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.

20.4 Chief Executive Officer Recruitment

Regulation 51(1)(a) - 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)(a). It contains 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.

20.5 Chief Executive Officer Leave

Regulation 51(1)(a) - 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)(a). It contains 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.

20.6 Community Development Program Report

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)(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)(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.

Regulation 51(1)(f) - 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)(f). It contains information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

20.7 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.

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.

20.8 Workshop Budget Amendment

Regulation 51(1)(a) - 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)(a). It contains 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.

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.

20.9 Annual Return of Interests – Senior Council Staff

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Regulation 51(1)(a) - 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)(a). It contains 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.

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.

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

2024/174 **RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/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 re opened to the public.

The meeting reopened to the public at 1:59 pm.

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 1:59 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 October 2024 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 3 December 2024.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER 12.3
TITLE Town Priorities
AUTHOR Cristian Coman, Manager Corporate Compliance

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar Local Authority nominates priority projects 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 Numbulwar 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 12.4
TITLE Numbulwar Local Authority Projects Update
AUTHOR Puspa Karki, Executive Support Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

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

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 Numbulwar Local Authority has received a total of \$1,227,356.00 from the Northern Territory Government for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations are based on a formula related to population. To date the Numbulwar Local Authority has allocated \$1,265,670.91 towards local authority projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

- Please refer to the attached LA funding report updated 31st October 2024.
- Solar light and Seating both projects at old workshop in Newtown completed.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**Unallocated Funds**

NIL.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Numbulwar LA projects attachment 31.10.2024 [12.4.1 - 1 page]

Numbulwar Local Authority Project Funding		31 October 2024
Funds received from Department	\$	1,227,356.00
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members	\$	1,265,670.91
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects	\$	36,823.09
Remaining Unallocated funds	\$	(1,491.82)

Date Approved Project ID	Projects	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Status
28/08/2024 PR88	Existing Cemetery Works	\$ 422,322.27		On 28/08/2024 OMC reallocated \$85088.18 from Toilets at Airport and \$337,234.09 from Sports Precinct upgrade towards new project- Existing cemetery Works. PO raised for design & ground penetration radar.
15/09/2023 PR62	Shade structure and seatingX6	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 35,239.34	LA allocated \$60K towards 6X shade structure and seating at various parks. PO raised.
15/09/2023 PR63	Solar LightsX4-Park areas	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 15,535.00	LA allocated 40k towards one solar light in each park. PO raised.
15/09/2023 PR64	Large solar light-Top of boat ramp	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,050.00	LA allocated large luminious solar light at the top of boat ramp. PO raised.
15/09/2023 PR65	Solar light-old workshop at Newtown	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,126.36	LA allocated 10k for installing solar light at seating area of old workshop. PO raised. Completed. Awaiting final invoice.
15/09/2023 PR66	Seating-Old workshop at Newtown	\$ 10,000.00		LA allocated 10K for seating at old workshop. Expected completion on October first week. Completed. Awaiting final invoice.
15/09/2023 PR67	Large solar lightsX3- Newtown to mission area.	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 16,435.00	LA allocated 40k for installing 3 large solar lights along dirt road from newtown to mission area. PO raised.
	Total for current projects in progress	\$ 621,145.91	\$ 79,385.70	
	Total for completed projects	\$ 644,525.00	\$ 631,525.55	
	Grand Total	\$ 1,265,670.91	\$ 710,911.25	

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.5
TITLE	Numbulwar LA October YTD Finance Report
AUTHOR	James Sanders, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 October 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 underspends/overspends in a few activities as outlined in the attached expenditure report. The brief explanation for these underspends/overspends for each division is as follows:

Operating Income:

Operating Income of \$1,245,107 was received over the October YTD period for Numbulwar against a budget of \$1,936,950 resulting in a variance of \$691,843. Grant Income and Contract Fee Income are both driving this variance, this is reflected in the employment and contracts expenditure variances.

Operating Expenditure:

Total Operating Expenditure for the year of \$1,245,107 was received over the October YTD period against a budget of \$1,936,950 resulting in a variance of \$691,843. Variances in employment, materials and allocation expenses making up the bulk of this.

Capital Expenditure:

Capital expenditure of \$48,810 has occurred YTD October against a budget of \$531,859 resulting in a variance of \$483,049. Design concept and consultancy on the Numbulwar Office and the Cemetery projects being the bulk of this total.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Numbulwar Oct YTD LA Finance P& L Report [12.5.1 - 1 page]

Roper Gulf Regional Council					
Financial Report as at					
31-October-2024					
Numbulwar					
	Year to Date Actual (\$)	Year to Date Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Explanation
Income					
RGRC Contribution	164,768	0	164,768	0	RGRC Contribution
User Charges and Fees	165,393	177,631	-12,238	532,892	
Grant Income	229,843	845,744	-615,901	2,537,231	Review Income for Aged Care component, Employment stats reflecting in income recognition ability
Contract Fee Income	685,104	913,576	-228,472	2,740,728	
Income Other	0	0	0	0	
Total Operating Income	1,245,107	1,936,950	-691,843	5,810,851	
Operating Expenditure					
Employment	481,960	821,581	-339,621	2,464,743	
Contract & Materials	82,849	339,304	-256,454	1,017,911	
Asset Related	94,850	38,034	56,816	114,103	
Other Expenses	128,257	64,360	63,897	193,079	
Internal Charges	436,085	661,749	-225,664	1,985,246	Central Admin 40K / Month, Project Management 84K / month
Banking & Finance	40	0	40	0	
Councillor Allowances	20,467	9,567	10,900	28,700	
Local Authority Meeting Allowances	600	2,356	-1,756	7,069	
Total Expenditure	1,245,108	1,936,950	-691,843	5,810,851	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	0	0	0	0	
Capital Grant Income					
RGRC Contribution	9,938	48,333	-38,395	145,000	
Grant Income	38,872	483,526	-444,654	1,450,578	
Total Capital Income	48,810	531,859	-483,049	1,595,578	
Total Capital Expenditure					
Capital Construct Buildings	5,347	43,500	-38,153	522,000	Design Concept Numbulwar Office
Capital Construct Infrastructure	33,525	0	33,525		Numbulwar Cemetary Consultancy
Capital Purchases Plant & Equipment	9,938	7,917	2,021	95,000	Centrelink Office Airconditioner Replacement
Capital Purchase Vehicles	0	0	0		
Capital Purchases Roads	0	81,548	-81,548	978,578	Clinic Roadworks
Net Operating Position	0	0	0	0	



OPERATIONAL REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.6
TITLE Community Safety Update
AUTHOR Rodney Hoffman, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receive and note 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 receive funding from the National Indigenous Australian's Agency to delivery Community Night Patrol, Youth Reconnect, Indigenous Sport & Recreation and the **Indigenous Broadcasting & Media Program in Numbulwar**. Council also receives funding from the Northern Territory Government to deliver the Remote Sport Program in **Numbulwar**.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Community Night Patrol and Sport and Recreation 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.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER 12.7
TITLE Numbulwar Creche Feasibility Update
AUTHOR Cristie Geer, Acting Programs Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receive and note the Numbulwar Creche Feasibility Update.

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

A request has been made to Council to investigate the potential for Numbulwar to have a Creche similar to other communities within the region. This initiative would greatly benefit the community by increasing employment opportunities whilst providing early education and care for children under the age of five.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

On the 8th November 2024, CEO - David Hurst, Acting Programs Manager - Cristie Geer and Children's Services Manager – Olivia Kuhl met with the Department of Education to discuss the potential for a Creche Service in Numbulwar. The Department has advised that the 10 year strategic focus is to make all Creche services regulated, and all new Creche Services that are funded through the Department of Education and the Community Child Care Fund Restricted (CCCFR) will be required to be a regulated service as of 2024. This means that the compliance standards to operate a Creche service will be in line with that of any other daycare service in Australia (such as those in capital cities). In order to meet compliance standards, all childcare workers will require national childcare qualifications and a fit-for-purpose building.

Currently, the Creches operating in Wugularr, Manyallaluk and Jilkminggan are unregulated, meaning that the compliance standards to operate only require a Creche Coordinator to hold a national childcare qualification allowing local staff to work at the creche without holding a qualification or whilst working towards one.

Operating a regulated Creche service in a remote community carries a high risk of closing if unable to meet compliance standards. It has therefore been suggested by the Department of Education that a Playgroup or Families as First Teachers program through the school could be a more feasible option, however would potentially need to be operated through alternative organisations or the Numbulwar School.

Council is advocating for the ability to operate an unregulated Creche Service in Numbulwar and a business case has been proposed to the Department of Education for consideration.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

In order to fund a Creche, Council would need the Commonwealth Government to fund 100% of contributions from the Community Child Care Fund Restricted (CCCFR), as well as that of parents who are entitled to the Centrelink Child Care Subsidy.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	12.8
TITLE	Council Services Manager Report
AUTHOR	Alexis Austin, Acting Council Service Manager Numbulwar

RECOMMENDATION

That the Numbulwar 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**Core Services***111 – Councils Services General*

- Council Office has been opened, and all services are being delivered
- Recruitment for multiple positions is currently advertised
- Training continues to be conducted for all staff in their respective areas

160 – Municipal Services

- All Municipal services are being delivered
- Fencing repair completed at Age Care Facility and staff accommodation
- Street Sweeping has been conducted
- New installation and repair of bin holders completed
- Maintenance on dirt road areas completed after recent rain

Agency Services*350 – Centrelink*

- Centrelink has been opened and operational

401 – Night Patrol

- Community Night Patrol continues to be delivered to contractual obligations (Report attached separately)

404 – Sport and Recreation Program

- Sport and Recreation Program continues to be delivered to contractual obligations (Report attached separately)

342 – Age Care

- Age Care services continue to be delivered in Numbulwar to contractual obligations.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.