



AGENDA WUGULARR LOCAL AUTHORITY

MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2025

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

Monday 6 January 2025 at 10:00 am
The Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, WugularrOr
Or Via
Microsoft Teams Meeting

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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

**WUGULARR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
Appointed Members**

1. Councillor Selina ASHLEY;
2. Brett CAMERON (Chairperson);
3. Anne-Marie THOMPOSON-KENNY;
4. Trepina BUSH;
5. Eddie KENNEDY;
6. Raelene BULUMBARA; and
7. Samuel Junior BUSH.

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 Rijinul Kaunsul deya maindim en kipbum bla wi pramis, dum wek brabli gudbalawei, en im laibliwan.”

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Wugularr Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
AUTHOR Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 07 October 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Wugularr Local Authority met on Monday, 07 October 2024 at 10:00 am with **QUORUM**. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to review.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. WUG MIN 07102024 [6.1.1 - 3 pages]



MINUTES OF THE WUGULARR LOCAL AUHTORITY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF
REGIONAL COUNCIL, HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY, WUGULARR
ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2024 AT 10:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Selina ASHLEY;
- Brett CAMERON (Chairperson);
- Eddie KENNEDY; and
- Samuel Junior BUSH.

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;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer.

Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK; and
- Darren NOBLE, Beswick Store Manager.

2 MEETING OPENED

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

Mayor convey the meeting until the Election of Chairperson was resolved.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

WUG Q/2024-37 (Cr. Selina Ashley/LA Member Samuel Junior Bush)

CARRIED

That the Wugularr Local Authority accepts the tendered apology from Trephina BUSH, Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY and Raelene BULUMBARA.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 WUGULARR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES

WUG Q/2024-38 (Cr. Selina Ashley/ LA Member Samuel Junior Bush)

CARRIED

That the Wugularr Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 08 July 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 ACTION LIST****WUG Q/2024-39 (LA Member Samuel Junior Bush/ Cr. Selina Ashley)****CARRIED**

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

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

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

9 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**12.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT****WUG Q/2024-40 (Cr. Selina Ashley/LA Member Brett Cameron)****CARRIED**

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

12.2 ELECTED MEMBER'S REPORT**WUG Q/2024-41 (LA Member Samuel Junior Bush/LA Member Eddie Kennedy)** **CARRIED**

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

12.3 RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**WUG Q/2024-42 (Cr. Selina Ashley/ LA Member Samuel Junior Bush)****CARRIED**

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson Report; and
- (b) elects Brett CAMERON as a Chairperson for a Term of twelve (12) months.

L.A Member Brett CAMERON (Chairperson) Chairs the Meeting after this item.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**13.1 WUGULARR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE****WUG Q/2024-43 (Cr. Selina Ashley/LA Member Samuel Junior Bush)****CARRIED**

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) allocates \$5000 for the purchase of the sports and Rec equipment (basket balls, volleyballs footballs, soccer ball and soft fall equipment);
- (c) allocates \$25000 for the purchase of Wugularr Cemetery Arch and requests Arch to be scoped;
- (d) requests scope and Quote for water tap as closed to the Cemetery; and
- (e) requests a Quote for the twenty (20) portable toilet for the next Year Christian Convention event.

13.2 BESWICK AUGUST YTD FINANCE REPORT

WUG Q/2024-44 (LA Member Samuel Junior Bush/Cr. Selina Ashley)

CARRIED

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

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

14.1 COUNCIL SERVICES MANAGER REPORT

WUG Q/2024-45 RESOLVED (Cr. Selina Ashley/LA Member Anne-Marie Thompson Kenny)

CARRIED

That the Wugularr Local Authority receives and notes the Council services Manager Report.

14.2 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

WUG Q/2024-46 RESOLVED (Cr. Selina Ashley/LA Member Anne-Marie Thompson Kenny)

CARRIED

That the Wugularr Local Authority receives and notes the Community Safety Update report.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11:16 am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Wugularr Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 07 October 2024 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on .

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Action List
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List; and
- (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.

ACTION LIST**MEETING DATE REPORT IN THE AGENDA****12.1 Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Projects Update**

WUG Q-/2024 **(Brett CAMERON/Eddie KENNEDY)** **CARRIED**

08 July 2024

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
- (b) requests for lighting options (internal) to be scoped for the ablution block (Lot 57).

CSM Report
Item Number 14.1

14.2 CEMETERY

WUG Q /2024 **(Selina ASHLEY/Raelene BULUMBARA)** **CARRIED**

08 July 2024

That the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority requests for a tap and for solar lightning (free standing) to be installed at the Cemetery and for a solar lightning to be scoped and installed at the adjacent playground.

Local Authority Project Report
Item Number 13.3

13.1 WUGULARR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

WUG Q/2024-43 (Cr. Selina Ashley/LA Member Samuel Junior Bush)

CARRIED 07 October 2024

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

Local Authority Project Report,
Item Number 13.3

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) allocates \$5000 for the purchase of the sports and Rec equipment (basket balls, volleyballs, footballs, soccer ball and soft fall equipment);
- (c) allocates \$25000 for the purchase of Wugularr Cemetery Arch and requests Arch to be scoped;
- (d) requests scope and Quote for water tap as closed to the Cemetery; and
- (e) requests a Quote for the twenty (20) portable toilet for the next Year Christian Convention event.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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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 authorization.

Local Authority Member Attendance

Local Authority Meeting Members	27 November 2023	15 January 2024	02 April 2024	08 July 2024	07 October 2024
Councillor Selina ASHLEY	P	AP	P	P	P
Trephina BUSH	P	P	P	P	AP
Raelene BULUMBARA	AP	P	P	P	AP
Anne-Marie RYAN	P	AP	AP	RESIGNED	-
Eddie KENNEDY	AP	P	P	P	P
Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY	P	P	AP	AP	AP
Brett CAMERON	P	No AP	P	P	P
Samuel Junior BUSH	-	-	-	Appointed at 28 August 2024 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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 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
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(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	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

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

LOCAL AUTHORITY	NUMBER OF VACANCIES
Barunga Local Authority	0
Wugularr Local Authority	0
Bulman Local Authority	0
Manyallaluk Local Authority	0

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. OMC MIN 04122024 [12.2.1 - 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;

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- (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 Borroloola Local Authority; and
- (c) resolves for the Borroloola 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).

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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.

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.

21.5 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.

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.

21.6 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.

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.

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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.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 26 February 2025.



CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Annual Report
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr 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

CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	13.2
TITLE	Wugularr LA November YTD Finance Report
AUTHOR	James Sanders, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr 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 \$1,089,450 has been received against a budget of \$1,316,080 YTD resulting in a shortfall variance of \$226,630. Grant Income makes up the bulk of this with employment and other expenditure causing the variance.

Operating Expenditure:

Total Operating Expenditure of \$1,089,450 has been spent against a budget of \$1,316,080 YTD. The resulting variance of \$226,630 is predominantly due to employment costs with other expenses and internal charges offsetting.

Capital Expenditure:


YTD Capex of \$22,598.00 has been spent on minor plant and property assets.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. LA Report Beswick Nov YTD 2024 [13.2.1 - 1 page]

Roper Gulf Regional Council					 Roper Gulf REGIONAL COUNCIL SUSTAINABLE - VIABLE - VIBRANT
Financial Report as at 30-Nov-24					
Beswick					
	<i>Year to Date Actual (\$)</i>	<i>Year to Date Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Variance (\$)</i>	<i>Full Year Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
Income					
User Charges and Fees	20,071	9,362	10,709	22,468	
Grant Income	1,017,613	1,242,860	-225,247	2,982,864	shortfall a reflection of internal charge variance
Contract Fee Income	51,767	63,858	-12,092	153,260	
Other Income	0.00	0	0	0	
Total Operating Income	1,089,450	1,316,080	-226,630	3,158,592	
Operating Expenditure					
Employment	605,284	716,970	-111,685	1,720,727	
Contract & Materials	125,413	150,078	-24,665	360,187	Madigan and Cameron Roadworks
Asset Related	63,478	31,235	32,244	74,963	
Other Expenses	158,336	45,732	112,604	109,756	
Banking & Finance	0.00	0	0	0	
Internal Charges	125,097	359,085	-233,988	861,803	Review allocations against budget for internal project management
Councillor Allowance Exp	10,342	10,037	305	24,088	
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	1,500	2,945	-1,445	7,068	
Total Expenditure	1,089,450	1,316,080	-226,630	3,158,592	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	0	0	0	0	

CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	13.3
TITLE	Wugularr Local Authority Projects Update
AUTHOR	Puspa Karki, Executive Support Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr 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.

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

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

BACKGROUND

Since 2014 the Wugularr Local Authority has received a total of \$679,821.00 from the Northern Territory Government and RGRC for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations provided by the Department of Local Government are based on a formula related to population. To date the Wugularr Local Authority has allocated \$554,793.10, accounting for funds from completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Please refer to the attached LA projects funding report as at 30th November 2024.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Unallocated Funds

The Wugularr Local Authority currently has \$46,903.65 to allocate to new projects.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Wugularr LA projects 30.11.2024 [13.3.1 - 1 page]

Wugularr Local Authority Project Funding		30 November 2024
Funding Received from Department	\$	679,821.00
Funds Allocated by Local Authority Members	\$	554,793.10
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects	\$	(78,124.25)
Remaining Unallocated Funds	\$	46,903.65

Date Approved Project ID	Projects	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Status
9/08/2021 1213821	Catering for community events	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,328.83	CSM notified.
27/11/2023 PR114	Ablution block-Upgrade	\$ 28,081.50		Allocated towards upgrade of ablution block. Awaiting S19 approval. Quotation received for lights, awaiting LA confirmation before procurement. Ongoing.
24/11/2023 PR089	Speed bumps	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,285.78	Allocated towards purchase and installation of 5X speed bumps. Quotation request ongoing. PO raised for speed bumps. Under procurement stage. Awaiting on roads project and filling potholes before proceeding.
7/10/2024	Purchase of sports and rec equipments	\$ 5,000.00		LA allocated 5K towards purchase of sports and rec equipments.
7/10/2024	Wugularr Cemetery Arch	\$ 25,000.00		LA allocated 25K towards purchase of Arch. Quotation requests ongoing.
	Total for Current projects	\$ 86,081.50	\$ 12,210.61	
	Total for Completed projects	\$ 468,711.60	\$ 548,239.85	
	Grand Total	\$ 554,793.10	\$ 560,450.46	

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	14.1
TITLE	Council Services Manager Report
AUTHOR	Cameron Ingham, Council Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr 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

- The recruitment for Council Services Manager has now been finalized
- The Recruitment for the Cleaner position is finalized
- The recruitment for a Senior Administration Support Officer is currently being advertised

160 – Municipal Services

- The Municipal Team have taken delivery of their new Compactor
- All Municipal services are being delivered to a high standard
- The Municipal Team has worked tirelessly over the past months Wipper snipping, mowing, and slashing, replacing bollards, pruning trees and undertaking grounds maintenance at both cemeteries, parks, and open spaces

350- Centrelink

- Centrelink has been open and operating as per contract
- Centrelink has received new phones and equipment

404- Indigenous Sports and Recreation

- The recruitment for a Community Safety Coordinator in Wugularr in currently underway

401 – Night Patrol

- Night Patrol has welcomed new staff members, and all services are being provided

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	14.2
TITLE	Town Priorities
AUTHOR	Cristian Coman, Manager Corporate Compliance

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr 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 Wugularr 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

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	14.3
TITLE	Community Safety Update
AUTHOR	Rodney Hoffman, Program Support Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr 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 delivery Community Night Patrol, Indigenous Sport & Recreation, Outside School Hours Care and the Indigenous Broadcasting & Media Program in Wugularr. Council also receives funding from the Northern Territory Government to deliver the Remote Sport Program in Wugularr.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Community Night Patrol, Sport and Recreation and Outside School Hours Care 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.