

AGENDA BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2026

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

Wednesday 1 July 2026 at 10:00 am

Roper Gulf Regional Council Service Delivery Centre-Barunga

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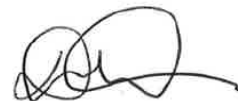
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David HURST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Barunga CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
Appointed Members**

1. Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
2. Anne-Marie LEE (Chairperson);
3. Nell BROWN;
4. Charlane BULUMBARA;
5. Damien BULUMBARA;
6. Ambrose BULUMBARA;
7. Lana BROOME;
8. Eventhia FRIDAY; and
9. Scott LEE.

MEMBERS: 9

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

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4 RE-ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Re-Election of a Chairperson
AUTHOR	Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga 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 Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on 01 July 2025, it was resolved to appoint Anne-Marie LEE as the Chairperson for the period of one (1) year (Term date ends in July 2026).

The Chairperson of the Barunga Local Authority is a position of the Local Authority that requires dedication and a passion to support your community. The Chairperson is entitled to an increased sitting fee amount and will walk the appointment members and public through the agenda during the Local Authority Meeting.

The Chairperson can be 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 Barunga Local Authority Meeting.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

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7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, 31 March 2026 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that Meeting's decisions and proceedings.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Barunga Local Authority met on Tuesday, 31 March 2026 at 10:00am with **QUORUM**. Attached are the recorded minutes for the Local Authority to review.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

That the next Barunga Local Authority Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 06 October 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. BAR MIN 31032026 (1) [7.1.1 - 3 pages]



MINUTES OF THE BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MEETING HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE BARUNGA ON TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2026 AT 10:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Anne-Marie LEE (Chairperson);
- Nell BROWN;
- Charlane BULUMBARA;
- Ambrose BULUMBARA (arrived at 10:14 am at Item 8.1);
- Lana BROOME (via audio conference); and
- Eventhia FRIDAY.

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Samantha WRIGHT, Relief Council Services Manager;
- Lisa BISHOP, Acting Human Resource Manager;
- Tony KERR, Acting Council Services Manager; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary).

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK

2 MEETING OPENED

The Barunga Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:03 am with **QUORUM** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Anne-Marie LEE welcomes all persons to the Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

BAR Q/2026-10 (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/LA Member Charlane Bulumbara) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority provisionally accepts apologies from Ambrose BULUIMBARA and Damien BULUMBARA noting the communications difficulties arising out of the recent severe weather and flooding events throughout the Region.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

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6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Barunga Local Authority Meeting

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 Barunga Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes**

BAR Q/2026-11 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, 13 January 2026 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that Meeting's decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**8.1 Action List**

BAR Q/2026-12 (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/LA Member Charlane Bulumbara) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

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

Ambrose joined the Meeting at 10:14 am.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**12.1 Local Authority Member's Attendance Report**

BAR Q/2026-13 (LA Member Eventhia Friday/LA Member Nell Brown) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Member's Attendance Report; and
- (b) requests Council to reduce the size of Local Authority by one (1) for a total of eight (8) members.

12.2 Elected Member Report

BAR Q/2026-14 (LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara/LA Member Nell Brown) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Elected Member Report; and
- (b) Deputy Mayor concern pertaining to lack of an Evacuation Centre in the Region, especially evident during recent flooding events.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**13.1 Barunga LA February YTD Finance Report**

BAR Q/2026-15 (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 28 February 2026.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

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31 March 2026

14.1 Council Services Manager Report

BAR Q/2026-16 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report;
- (b) notes that the prevalence of derelict motor vehicles is an ongoing issue and requests increased advertising of disposal process to be made within the Community;
- (c) requests an increase of the frequency of the mail pick-up.
- (d) notes with concern, that the condition of the Basketball Court and football oval amenities as being inadequate for the upcoming Barunga Festival;
- (e) notes with concern the potentially inadequate planning for the upcoming Barunga Festival and requests Council to provide assistance with waste management and amenity; and
- (f) requests for a safety assessment to be undertaken at the playground.

Charlane BULUMBARA left the meeting at 11:01 am and returned at 11:02 am.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 Barunga Local Authority Projects Update

BAR Q/2026-17 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara) CARRIED

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

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11:12 am.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Barunga Local Authority Meeting, held on Tuesday, 31 March 2026 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 02 July 2026.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority:

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

The Action List is a non-authoritative reference document for Business Arising out of Previous Minutes. The highlighted points are the actionable item of each resolved matter.

8.1 ACTION LIST

**Meeting Date REPORT IN
THE AGENDA**

15.1 Barunga Local Authority Projects Update

BAR Q/2026-9 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Ambrose
CARRIED

Bulumbara)

**13 January
2026**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) requests for Cemetery expansion consultation to be undertaken and allocates \$1000 for this purpose including Community engagement barbeques;
- (c) allocates \$6000 towards playground lights project and requests for commencement of installation of the same;
- (d) requests for steel barrier bollards to replace barrier rocks in Barunga and requests scoping for the same; and
- (e) notes and supports the floor plan for Major Projects PR103 (Oval Upgrades) as tabled.

14.1 Council Services Manager Report

BAR Q/2026-16 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee) **CARRIED**

**31 March
2026**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report;
- (b) notes that the prevalence of derelict motor vehicles is an ongoing issue and requests increased advertising of disposal process to be made within the Community;
- (c) requests an increase of the frequency of the mail pick-up.
- (d) notes with concern, that the condition of the Basketball Court and football oval amenities as being inadequate for the upcoming Barunga Festival;
- (e) notes with concern the potentially inadequate planning for the upcoming Barunga Festival and requests Council to provide assistance with waste management and amenity; and (f) requests for a safety assessment to be undertaken at the playground.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

Local Authority Meeting Members	02 July 2025	14 October 2025	13 January 2026	31 March 2026
Deputy Mayor Helen LEE	P	P	P	P
Nell BROWN	P	P	P	P
Charlane BULUMBARA	AP	AP	P	P
Anne-Marie LEE	P	P	P	P
Ambrose BULUMBARA	P	P	P	P
Damien BULUMBARA	NO AP	NO AP	P	AP
Lana BROOME	-	-	Appointed at 2026 February OMC	P
Eventhia FRIDAY	-	-	Appointed at 2026 February OMC	P
Scott LEE	-	-	-	Appointed at 2026 April OMC

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 Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 11 June 2026

At this meeting Council appointed Councillor Preston LEE to the Bulman Local Authority.

Projects on Hold:

Barunga Statement Memorial - Project Awaiting Funding– PR12

Projects in Progress:

Barunga Upgrades to Sport and Recreation Hall – PR125

New design received. Reviewing for suitability and budget availability.

Barunga Night Patrol Building Installation – PR86

Awaiting Power Water Approval.

Barunga River Pump Relocation – PR16

Procurement underway for replacement pump and new switchboard

Barunga Oval upgrade to AFLNT standards - PR103 Awaiting AFL NT to confirm site visit to assess oval. Deloitte have been engaged to assist with scoping and sourcing funding to upgrade the facilities. Changeroom design ideas presented to Council. Additional scoping being undertaken to develop comprehensive scope.

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

Works in progress

Bulman Community Ablution Block – PR06

Building practically complete. Awaiting water meter to be installed by Power Water.

Manyallaluk Cemetery Fencing – PR57

Grant received, procurement underway.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING – 12 June 2026

The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting (as of 25 September 2025) consists of the following members:

- Ian SWAN (Independent Member);
- Carolyn EAGLE (Independent Member);
- Claudia GOLDSMITH (Independent Member);
- Councillor Preston LEE; and
- Councillor Samuel EVANS.

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

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 20 May 2026

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee consists of the following members:

- David BLAIR (Independent Member);
- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Michelle FARRELL;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR; and
- Councillor Ash GARNER.

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

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

22 July 2026 at 8:30am	Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
19 August 2026 at 10:00am	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
26 August 2026 at 9:00am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	RGRC Service Delivery Centre Numbulwar

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 11062026 [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 THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Michelle FARRELL, (*joined at 10:18 am*);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL, (*joined at 10:18 am*);
- Councillor Preston LEE;
- Councillor Des BARRITT; and
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS.

Staff Members

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Kellie JOHNSTON, Assets Manager;
- Chaturangi DIAS, Acting Finance Manager;
- Cristie GEER, Programs Manager; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator.

Guests

- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 8:58 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

2026/64 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/ Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) **CARRIED**

That Council accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Michelle FARRELL, Patricia FARRELL, Councillor John DALYWATER and Councillor Ash GARNER.

n.b. Councillors Michelle FARRELL and Patricia FARRELL attended the Ordinary Meeting of Council at 1018hrs.

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11 JUNE 2026

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**6.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

2026/65 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Des Barritt)** **CARRIED**
That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 22 April 2026.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 Action List**

2026/66 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** **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**

2026/67 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/ Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** **CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Des BARRITT declared a Conflict of Interest at Item number 11.1.
Councillor Sue EDWARDS declared a Conflict of Interest at Item number 13.2.
Mayor Tony JACK declared a Conflict of Interest at Item number at item 13.5

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**11.1 Incoming Correspondence**

2026/68 **RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/ Councillor Samuel Evans)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) accepts the Incoming Correspondence including the Certification of the Assessment Record as supplied by the Chief Executive Officer;
- (b) waives the fees request for Mataranka Better Half Club, in the event of annual Mataranka Campdraft; and
- (c) waives the fees request for Nathan "Whippy" Griggs' show.

Councilor Des BARRITT recused himself from the Meeting at 9:17 am, as he declared interest at item 11.1 and returned at 9:18 am, after the deliberations at which he had a conflict were resolved.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**12.1 Outgoing Correspondence**

2026/69 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** **CARRIED**

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That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 Nyirranggulong Ward Report

2026/70 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulong Ward Report; and
- (b) appoints Councillor Preston LEE to the Bulman Local Authority.

13.2 Never Never Ward Report

2026/71 **RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) does not accept the nomination of David John EAST for appointment as a Member of the Mataranka Local Authority;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 May 2026;
- (d) approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 May 2026;
- (e) approves the recommendations from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 01 June 2026;
- (f) considers the Jilkminggan Local Authority's request for Council's assistance to convey its concerns pertaining to inadequate and inappropriate funeral services within Jilkminggan; and rescinds the membership of Sonia ROBERTS from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority;
- (h) invites Jilkminggan Community Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC) to Meet with the Mayor and the Ward Councillor to address common issues including cemeteries, service delivery, Community Roads and cooperation for community benefit, at a time nominated by the JCAC's board;
- (i) approves Councillor BARRITT's motion of future fees waiver and sponsorship, community grants requests to require public acknowledgment of Council as a condition of them being granted;
- (j) scopes community barbeque for Meetings of Electors if practical; and
- (k) requests for urgent road repairs to be carried out at Jilkminggan noting safety hazards, subject to tenure restrictions.

Councillor Sue EDWARDS declared interest at item 13.2 and left the Meeting at 9:27 am and returned at 9:49 am.

Councillor Preston Lee left the meeting at 10:11 am and returned at 10:14 am.

Councillor Samuel Evans left the meeting at 10:17 am and returned at 10:18 am.

Councillor Michelle FARRELL and Councillor Patricia FARRELL joined the meeting at 10:18 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 am and reconvened at 11:22 am

13.3 Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report

2026/72 **RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report;
- (b) approves the Provisional Recommendations of the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

11 JUNE 2026

- on Wednesday, 03 June 2026;
- (c) rescinds the membership of Douglas WUNUNGMURRA from the Numbulwar Local Authority; and
- (d) directs the Chief Executive Officer to commence the nomination process.

13.4 Yugul Mangi Ward Report**2026/73 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Preston Lee)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
- (b) appoints Clayton JOHN as a member of the Urapunga Local Authority;
- (c) notes the Danny DUNCAN's resignation from the Urapunga Local Authority;
- (d) approves the recommendations from the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 02 June 2026;
- (e) approves the recommendations from the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 02 June 2026;
- (f) considers the Ngukurr Local Authority's request for Council to advocate for Outstations and Homelands support and maintenance, noting the Community frustration arising out of the inadequacy of current arrangements.

13.5 South West Gulf Ward Report**2026/74 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/ Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) appoints Dean JACK as a member of Robinson River Local Authority;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 07 May 2026;
- (d) authorises the Borroloola Local Authority's request for Council to advocate for slashing of Highway (Borroloola to Stuart Highway) and maintenance and grading with the Northern Territory Government; and
- (e) authorises the Borroloola Local Authority's request for Council to raise its concerns with the Northern Territory Government pertaining to insufficient road lighting creating dangerous potentially fatal conditions.

Mayor Tony JACK left the Meeting at 11:46 am as declared interest at item 13.5 and returned at 11:49 am.

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**14.1 Mayor's Report****2026/75 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr)****CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

14.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report**2026/76 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/ Councillor Samuel Evans)****CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report, including the approved Community Grants (Round 2) that are as follows:

- (1) Borroloola Gulf show society;
- (2) Jilkminggan School - FAFT;
- (3) Numbulwar School;
- (4) Borroloola Amateur Race Club;
- (5) Urapunga op shop;
- (6) Ngukur Arts;
- (7) Numburindi Corporation

14.3 Council Meeting Attendance Report

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2026/77 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr)**CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council and Committee Meeting Attendance Report.

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**15.1 Regional Plan 2026-27****2026/78 RESOLVED (Councillor Helen Lee/Councillor Sue Edwards)****CARRIED**That Council adopts the 2026-27 Regional Plan and all contents therein in accordance with Section 35 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) and its statutory instruments, including:

- (a) Elected Member Allowances in accordance with Section 106 of the Act;
- (b) Declared Rates in accordance with Sections 237 and 238 of the Act, having been certified by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*;
- (c) Fees and Charges in accordance with Section 288 of the Act;
- (d) Budget for Financial Year 2026-27 in accordance with Section 203 of the Act; and
- (e) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit the finalised, adopted version of the Regional Plan 2026-27 to the Minister for Local Government.

15.2 May 2026 Financial Report**2026/79 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 22 May 2026, and
- (b) acknowledges the career progression and accreditation of Chaturangi DIAS, Acting Finance Manager, expressing its gratitude and appreciation for the same.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm and reconvened at 1:26 pm.

15.3 Policy Revision**2026/80 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/Councillor Preston Lee) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) Adopts the revised OCEO002 Financial Delegations Manual;
- (b) Adopts the revised FIN011 Investment Policy; and
- (c) Adopts the revised AS001 Fleet Procurement and Allocation Policy.

15.4 Cultural Safety Framework**2026/81 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the draft Cultural Safety Framework.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**16.1 Programs Update****2026/82 RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/ Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)****CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Programs Update report.

*Deputy Mayor Helen LEE left the meeting at 2:23 pm and returned at 2:24 pm.**Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi left the meeting at 2:25 pm and returned at 2:29 pm.***16.2 Aged Care and Disability Services Report****2026/83 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Aged Care and Disability Report, and
- (b) acknowledges and thanks Ashab HASSANAR, Aged Care Coordinator in Mataranka for his efforts,

Councillor Des Barritt left the meeting at 2:32 pm and returned at 2:34 pm.

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Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 2:33 pm and returned at 2:36 pm.

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 Major Projects Report

2026/84 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Michelle Farrell)** **CARRIED**
That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Report

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm and reconvened at 3:18 pm.

17.2 LA Projects Report

2026/85 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/ Councillor Des Barritt)** **CARRIED**
That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Project report

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

20 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

2026/86 **RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/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 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 Action List

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.

20.3 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 confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.4 Finance and Infrastructure Committee

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*

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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 interests.*

20.5 Contracts

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.*

20.6 Regional and Remote Land Releases

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.*

20.7 Asset Disposal

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*

20.8 Elected Member Administration

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.*

20.9 Chief Executive Officer Leave

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.*

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

2026/97 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/ Councillor Des Barritt)

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 4:21 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 11 June 2026 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

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Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 26 August 2026

UNCONFIRMED

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Barunga LA May YTD Finance Report
AUTHOR	Chathurangi Dias, Acting Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 22 May 2026.

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 in a few activities as outlined in the attached expenditure report. The brief explanation for these differences in budget and actual cost for each division is as follows:

Operating Income:

Operating Income of \$2,069,140 was received YTD for Barunga against a budget of \$2,026,734 resulting in a variance of \$42,406. The variance largely as a result of timing of grant and contract revenue and should be corrected during the year

Operating Expenditure:

Total Operating Expenditure for the year of \$2,069,141 against a budget of \$2,026,733 the resulting total variance in operating expenditure of \$42,407. The variance is largely due to timing of expenses, changes in allocation methodology for internal cost allocations, and vacancies in labour.

Capital Expenditure:


There has been \$29,425 Capital expenditure for the year against a budget of \$462,917 the resulting in a variance of \$433,492. The variance is caused by the timing of night patrol, minor projects and road maintenance.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Barunga LA Report 22 May 2026 [13.1.1 - 1 page]

Roper Gulf Regional Council					
Financial Report as at					
22-May-2026					
Barunga					
	YTD Actual (\$)	YTD Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Explanation
Income					
RGRC Contribution	1,377,199	0	1,377,199	0	RGRC Untied Contribution, represents proportion of activity covered by untied grant funding.
User Charges and Fees	27,291	14,701	12,590	16,037	Timing variance
Grant Income	565,537	1,931,086	-1,365,548	2,106,639	Timing variance
Contract Fee Income	93,966	80,947	13,019	88,306	Timing variance
Income Other	5,146	0	5,146	0	
Total Operating Income	2,069,140	2,026,734	42,406	2,210,982	
Operating Expenditure					
Employment	931,572	1,250,208	-318,637	1,363,864	Staff vacancies
Contract & Materials	205,929	442,815	-236,886	483,071	Timing variance
Asset Related	0	62,750	-62,750	68,455	Depreciation now costed at corporate level, budget to be corrected in 2026/27
Other Expenses	376,195	94,950	281,246	103,581	Timing variance
Banking & Finance	79	39	40	42	
Internal Charges	480,899	127,199	353,699	138,763	New budget allocation methodology
Councillor Allowance Exp	68,967	42,099	26,868	45,926	Timing variance
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	5,500	6,673	-1,173	7,280	
Total Expenditure	2,069,141	2,026,733	42,407	2,210,982	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	0	0	-1	0	
Total Capital Income					
RGRC Contribution	0	22,917	-22,917	25,000	Fleet Reserve
Capital Grant Income	10,715	169,583	-158,868	185,000	
Total Capital Expenditure	29,425	462,917	-433,492	505,000	Night Patrol, Minor Projects, Roads and Maintenance
Net Operating Position	-18,710	-270,416	251,706	-295,000	

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	14.1
TITLE	Council Services Manager Report
AUTHOR	Alicia MIRANDA, Council Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

This report provides the Barunga Local Authority with an overview of Council remote services delivered within the Barunga Community

111 – Council Services General

- The Council Office continues to be open & operational.
- Australia Post continues to be delivered to the community weekly.
- All recruitment positions are fulfilled.
- Street Light Audits have been completed with the support of the Night Patrol Team and reported to Assets.
- In the process of planning a community NAIDOC Event.

160 – Municipal Services

- All Municipal Services continues to be delivered in the community.
- The Municipal Team have been focusing on maintaining parks & garden areas. Along with the concentration on irrigation on the parks where possible & the Footy Oval.
- The Municipal Team supported the Barunga Community in preparation for the annual Barunga Festival.

350 – Centrelink

- Centrelink continues to be opened & operational as a self-service site.
- The Centrelink Agent is currently going through their onboarding process.

342 – Aged Care & Disability

- Aged Care & Disability Services continues to be delivered to clients in Barunga as per their care plan package.

401 – Night Patrol

- Community Night Patrol continues to be delivered to contractual obligations.
- The Night Patrol vehicle is currently not operational due to vehicle issues which have been reported to Fleet.
- The Night Patrol Team have increased their participation & assistance to support the Sport & Recreation Team & Programs.

404 – Sport & Recreation

- Sport & Recreation continues to be delivered to contractual obligations.
 - The School Holiday Program is currently being delivered with many fun activities for the youth to get involved in. Activities depending on staff availability.
 - The library is open & operational for the youth.
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346 – Indigenous Broadcasting

- The Media Officer continues to deliver content relevant to the community.
- We would love more community & stakeholder involvement; this could be done as an interview or handed paperwork in information to broadcast.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 15.1
TITLE Local Authority Project Update Report
AUTHOR Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Planning and Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga 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 Barunga Local Authority has received a total of \$473,539.00 from the Northern Territory Government for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations provided by the Department of Local Government are based on a formula related to population. To date the Barunga Local Authority has allocated \$498,645.99, accounting for surplus funds from completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Please refer to the attached LA projects funding report as at 25 June 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Unallocated Funds

The Barunga Local Authority currently has \$15,268.04 to allocate to new projects

ATTACHMENTS

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Barunga Local Authority Project Funding								13 April 2026
Funding Received from Department					\$	473,539.00		
Funds Allocated by Local Authorities					\$	508,645.99		
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects					\$	50,375.03		
Remaining Unallocated funds					\$	15,268.04		
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status
4/03/2024	PR87	Purchase of portable toilet	Purchase of and installation of portable toilets in the following location the cemertry	\$21,793.67	\$ 7,024.27			03/04/2024: LA decided to allocate remaining \$21,793.67 towards purchase of portable toilet. 30/11/2024: 2 Toilets onsite and in position. Temporary privacy screening setup. 18/02/2025: Additional scope to install shade being developed. Original contractor has closed business and left town. 07/03/2025: A freestanding shade structure has been selected, costing approximately \$2000.00 excluding installation fees. Readjust of scope and reapproval is required to include the privacy screens. 15/05/2025: Discussing with Nyirranggulung Rise CDP manager to do the small shade and the screening as a cdp activity 25/06/2026:Design finalised and materials list sent for quoting
1/07/2025	PR 150	Playground lighting	Solar lightning to be supplied for the playground.	\$ 6,000.00	\$0.00 -			14/10/2025: LA confirmed lights required under shelter. Quotes to be obtained before next LA 13/01/2026: LA Allocated funding - Lights ordered 06/03/2026: Lights in stock, awaiting installation
2/04/2025	PR20	Water Taps	Requests to scope installation of water taps at Heritage Park and Norforce Park.	-	\$ 7,352.67	PWC Approved Heritage Park SSP: \$3,181.47 Norforce Park Drawings: \$4,171.20	-	02/04/2025: LA requests to scope installation of water taps at Heritage Park and Norforce Park. 04/04/2025: Expression of interest sent to power and water, for heritage park. 20/08/2025: Previous submissions located, RGRC to scope and price to complete the physical works. 17/09/2025: Ongoing. 21/11/2025: Corresponding with PWC. Quotes being obtained for works at Heritage Park.
Total allocation for current projects				\$42,293.67	25152.36		2724.58	
Total for Completed projects				\$ 466,352.32	\$ 442,173.45	n/a	\$ 50,375.03	
Grand Total				\$ 508,645.99	\$ 467,325.81	n/a	\$ 53,099.61	