

AGENDA

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 22 July 2026

Notice is hereby given that the next Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting of the Roper Gulf Regional Council will be held on:

Wednesday 22 July 2026 at 9:00 am
The Council Chambers, Roper Gulf Regional Council Support Centre
2 Crawford Street, Katherine, NT

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

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David HURST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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 7.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
AUTHOR Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee confirms the Minutes of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 20 May 2026 and affirms them to be 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 Finance and Infrastructure Committee met and held a Meeting as a Quorum in Katherine on Wednesday, 20 May 2026 at 1:00 pm. Attached is the unconfirmed Minutes from that Meeting for the Committee to confirm.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The next Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 23 September 2026 at 9:00am.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FICM MIN 20052026 0 [7.1.1 - 3 pages]



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL
SUPPORT CENTRE
ON WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2026 AT 1:00 PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

Elected Members

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE (Chairperson);
- Councillor Ash GARNER;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI (via audio/video conference); and
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR (via audio/video conference).

Staff Members

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Garry GILES, Acting General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Kellie JOHNSTON, Assets Manager; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (Minute Secretary).

Guests

- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Finance Committee Meeting opened at 1:13 pm The Deputy Mayor welcomed members and staff to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

FICM 2026-11 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Des Barritt)** **CARRIED**

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee accepts the tendered apologies from Mayor Tony JACK.

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

6 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

20 MAY 2026

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes***FICM 2026-12 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED*

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee confirms the Minutes of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 18 March 2026 and affirms them to be true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**8.1 Action List***FICM 2026-13 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Ash Garner) CARRIED*

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

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

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**12.1 Finance and Infrastructure Committee Member Attendance Report***FICM 2026-14 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED*

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Member Attendance Report.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**13.1 Revised Financial Delegations Manual***FICM 2026-15 RESOLVED (Edwin Nunggumajbarr/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED*

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the revised Financial Delegations Manual.

13.2 Council Financial Report as at 30.04.26*FICM 2026-16 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED*

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 30 April 2026.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**15.1 Major Projects Report***No Resolution Passed*

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Major Projects report

15.2 LA Projects Report**No Resolution Passed**

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Local Authority Projects update report.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

17 CLOSED SESSION**DECISION TO MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL**

FICM 2026-17 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/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 closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

17.1 Expressions of Interest - Independent Member

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.*

17.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

FICM 2026-19 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/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.

18 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 3:45 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 20 May 2026 and will be confirmed on 22 July 2026.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 22 July 2026



BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (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 Council 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

Nil.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE Finance and Infrastructure Committee Member Attendance Report
AUTHOR Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Member Attendance Report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 2019* states that the Committee Members will be disqualified as a member of a Committee if the person is absent, without permission or the approved apologies of the Committee in accordance with the regulations, from two (2) consecutive Committee meetings.

Council Member Attendance

Elected Members	26 November 2025	21 January 2026	18 March 2026	20 May 2026
David BLAIR	-	-	-	Appointed at June OMC
Mayor Tony JACK	P	P	P	AP
Deputy Mayor Helen LEE	P	P	P	P
Councillor Ash GARNER	P	P	P	P
Councillor Des BARRITT	P	P	P	P
Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRI	P	P	P	P
Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR	P	P	P	P
Councillor Michelle FARRELL	-	-	-	Appointed at June OMC

** Table Key

P Present

AP Apologies given and accepted

NO AP No apologies given and not present at meeting

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

According to clause 6.7 Individual Responsibility of Elected Members of CL006, Elected Member Administration Policy, Elected Members failure to attend a prescribed activity without a lawful, and reasonable excuse, including travel costs, activity costs, and accommodation costs. Such costs are generally recovered by way of deduction from an Elected Members monthly allowance, however Council may undertake other steps to ensure its costs are recovered in full.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT



ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE Council Financial Report as at 30.06.26
AUTHOR Chathurangi Dias, Financial Accountant

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 30 June 2026.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Economic Development: Foster strengthening and growing jobs, industries, and investment attraction.

BACKGROUND

The Financial Report to 30 April 2026 is tabled to Finance and infrastructure Committee for its consideration. Note that the financial report is based on transactions up until the date of this report, as this is the financial year end, further transactions will occur due to Financial Year end procedures and audit review. Council will receive final financial statements with the annual report.

Attached are the Council's financial reports as at 30 June 2026, including:

- Balance Sheet;
- Income and expenditure report by account category with explanation on variances;
- Breakdown of Other Operating Expenses with explanation on variances;
- Financial Ratio Analysis;
- Cash-at-bank Statement and 12-month graph on cash balances;
- Investment Report;
- Capital Expenditure Report;
- Accounts Receivable Age Analysis report and a summary of outstanding rates;
- Accounts Payable Age Analysis report and list of top ten payments made to suppliers.

The balance sheet has been prepared as per prevailing accounting standards, practice and in compliance with the applicable *Local Government Act 2019*.

The Income and Expenditure Report YTD June shows that the net operating position is a overspend of \$5.2M inclusive of depreciation and amortisation costs. This figure represents a variance from budget of \$33.2M. Capex expenditure represents the bulk of this variance.

The bank balance as at 30 June is \$30.9M. Of this total bank balance, \$25M is invested in various interest earning term deposits. The total balance of untied cash after liabilities and commitments towards major projects is \$26.8M.

As per the Local Government Act 2019, the monthly financial reports have to be certified by the Chief Executive Officer.

Chief Executive Officer's Declaration

To the Council,

I, David HURST, Chief Executive Officer of the Council, certify that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

- (i) the internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate: and
- (ii) the council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the Council

David HURST,



Chief Executive Officer 16 June 2026

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**Provision for Landfill Rehabilitation**

As per recent environmental regulations, Council's waste management operations give rise to obligations to rehabilitate certain sites. As such the liability component of the estimated future cost has to be included in the financial statement for a fair representation of Council's financial affairs.

Statement on Australian Tax Office, Payroll and any other obligations.

The reported Payroll Tax obligations were paid by the due date as required by the Tax Office. The Business Activity Statement reporting for 30 June 2026 will be submitted prior to the due date. Furthermore, all superannuation obligations and insurance premium have been paid by the due date.

Debtors Analysis:

Debtors currently sit at \$153K, current invoices make up 72% of this total with 90 day plus debtors representing an additional 28% of this figure.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Financial Reports June 2026 1 [13.1.1 - 16 pages]



Financial Reports

at 30 June 2026

The Balance Sheet – a snapshot of the organisation's financial status at a given point in time



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Balance Sheet

30-June-2026



ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Current Assets		Current Liabilities	
Cash	5,885,969	Accounts payable	2,287,512
Accounts receivable	88,828	Taxes payable	43,924
(less doubtful accounts)	-	Accrued Expenses	- 71,471
Rates & Waste Charges Receivable	1,344,313	Provisions (Annual Leave)	1,914,983
Inventory	594,434	Contractors Retention and Deposit Bonds	258,081
Investments	25,000,000	Operating Lease	105,521
Other current assets	890,379	Unspent Grant and Client Funds	4,075,593
Total Current Assets	33,803,924	Total Current Liabilities	8,614,144
Non-current Assets		Long-term Liabilities	
Land	5,575,000	Non Current Provision (Long Service Leave)	345,142
Right of Use - Land	4,503,795	Operating Lease Expense Property	4,938,110
Buildings	52,591,978	Provision for Landfill Rehabilitation	1,104,565
(less accumulated depreciation and impairment)	- 2,512,214	Total Long-Term Liabilities	6,387,816
Fleet, Plant, Infrastructure and Equipment	50,860,009	Total Liabilities	
(less accumulated depreciation)	- 10,000,468	15,001,960	
Intangible Asset Acquisition(Landfill rehabilitation)	-	EQUITY	
Work in Progress assets	8,435,743	Retained earnings	44,938,178
Other non-current assets	370,755	Asset Revaluation Reserves	83,688,384
Total Non-current Assets	109,824,598	Total Shareholders' Equity	128,626,562
TOTAL ASSETS	143,628,522	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	143,628,522

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Actual Cash at Bank as at 30 June 2026


Bank:

Commonwealth - Operating XXXXXXXX3294
 Commonwealth - Business XXXXXXXX3307
 Commonwealth - Trust XXXXXXXX3315
 Commonwealth - Numbulwar Fuel XXXXXXXX1211
 Commonwealth - Borroloola Recycling XXXXXXXX7642
 Commonwealth - Homeland Grants XXXXXXXX0900
 Petty Cash

Term Deposits

Total Cash at Bank

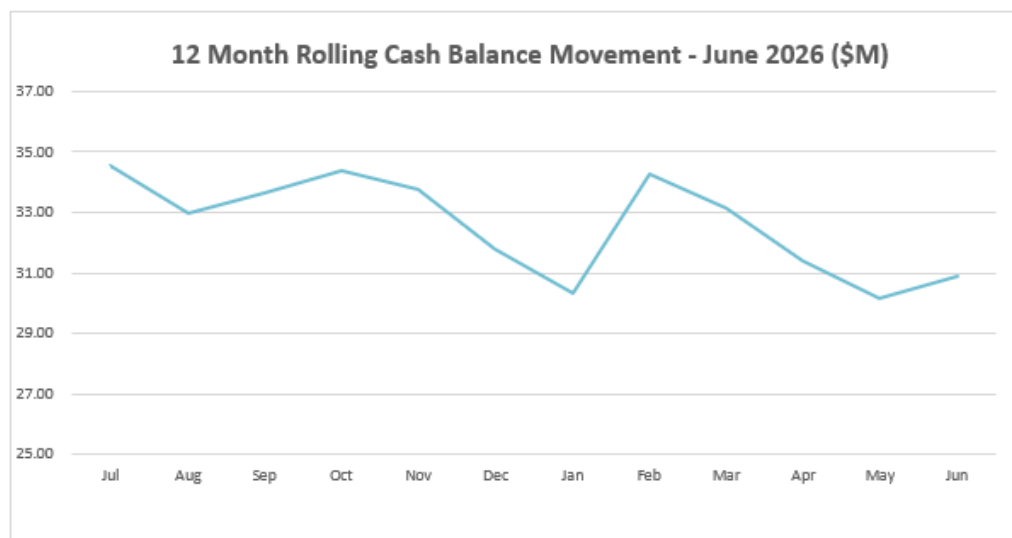
Less

Liabilities - Tied

Total Untied Cash

Total Interest Earned for 2025-26 financial year

Closing Balances June 2026	June Interest Receipts
\$740,340.31	\$747.81
\$4,745,430.44	\$10,203.66
\$135,438.03	\$459.83
\$4,420.96	\$14.72
\$2,098.37	\$9.20
\$257,741.11	\$847.37
\$500.00	-
\$5,885,969.22	\$12,282.59
\$25,000,000.00	\$43,879.45
\$30,885,969.22	\$56,162.04
\$4,075,592.73	
\$26,810,376.49	
\$1,415,169.08	



Note: Totals represent physical cash balances as per closing bank account statements 30 June 2026

Liquidity Ratio Analysis

Current Ratio:

The Current ratio measures our council's ability to use its assets to generate income.

Current Assets

Current Liabilities



With a current ratio of 3.92:1, Roper Gulf has solid liquidity. Including all assets, this rises to **3.92:1**, indicating strong financial capacity.

Quick Ratio:

A ratio of 3.86 means the Council has \$3.86 in untied assets for every \$1 of liabilities, showing strong short-term financial health.

Untied Cash to Creditors Ratio:

The 5.80:1 ratio shows untied cash is well in excess of what is required to meet current creditor obligations, exceeding the minimum desirable level.

TERM DEPOSITS (10) | Total Consideration (excl. accrued): \$25,000,000



INVESTMENT	INSTITUTION	S&P RATING	CONSID.	SETTLE DATE	TERM	MATURITY	YIELD	INT. FREQ.	INT. ACCRUED	TOTAL INT.	NEXT PMT	FOSSIL STATUS	COMMENTS
CN# 109298 Roper Gulf Regional Council	NAB	A-1+ / AA-	\$2,000,000	15/05/2026	277	16/02/2027	5.3000%	At maturity	Monthly: \$8,712.33 Total: \$13,649.32	\$80,443.84	16/02/2027	Not Fossil Free	
CN# 104926 Roper Gulf Regional Council	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.	A-2 / A-	\$3,000,000	28/04/2026	275	28/01/2027	5.2500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$12,945.21 Total: \$27,616.44	\$118,664.38	28/01/2027	Fossil Free	
CN# 100220 Roper Gulf Regional Council	Judo Bank.	A-2 / BBB	\$3,000,000	23/03/2026	270	18/12/2026	5.3500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$13,191.78 Total: \$43,972.6	\$118,726.03	18/12/2026	Fossil Free	
CN# 099201 Roper Gulf Regional Council	Judo Bank.	A-2 / BBB	\$1,000,000	13/02/2026	273	13/11/2026	4.7500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$3,904.11 Total: \$17,958.9	\$35,527.4	13/11/2026	Fossil Free	
CN# 099200 Roper Gulf Regional Council	NAB	A-1+ / AA-	\$3,000,000	13/02/2026	273	13/11/2026	4.6000%	At maturity	Monthly: \$11,342.47 Total: \$52,175.34	\$103,216.44	13/11/2026	Not Fossil Free	
CN# 098910 Roper Gulf Regional Council	Rabobank Australia	A-1 / A	\$3,000,000	03/02/2026	245	06/10/2026	4.6100%	At maturity	Monthly: \$11,367.12 Total: \$56,077.81	\$92,831.51	06/10/2026	Not Fossil Free	
CN# 098856 Roper Gulf Regional Council	Rabobank Australia	A-1 / A	\$2,000,000	29/01/2026	243	29/09/2026	4.5900%	At maturity	Monthly: \$7,545.21 Total: \$38,480.55	\$61,116.16	29/09/2026	Not Fossil Free	
CN# 097572 Roper Gulf Regional Council	Great Southern Bank	A-2 / BBB+	\$3,000,000	14/11/2025	270	11/08/2026	4.3700%	At maturity	Monthly: \$10,775.34 Total: \$82,251.78	\$96,978.08	11/08/2026	Fossil Free	
CN# 097072 Roper Gulf Regional Council	NAB	A-1+ / AA-	\$2,000,000	27/10/2025	301	24/08/2026	4.1000%	At maturity	Monthly: \$6,739.73 Total: \$55,490.41	\$67,621.92	24/08/2026	Not Fossil Free	
CN# 096853 Roper Gulf Regional Council	Bank of Queensland.	A-2 / A-	\$3,000,000	15/10/2025	273	15/07/2026	4.2000%	At maturity	Monthly: \$10,356.16 Total: \$89,408.22	\$94,241.1	15/07/2026	Fossil Free	

Income & Expenditure Statement Summary June YTD 2026

Income & Reserve	-	Expenditure	=	Net Operating position
\$42,366,373		\$47,558,906		-\$5,192,533



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Income & Expenditure Report as at
30-June-2026



Income

11 - Income Rates
12 - Income Council Fees and Charges
13 - Income Operating Grants Subsidies
14 - Income Investments
16 - Income Reimbursements
17 - Income Agency and Commercial Services
19 - Other Income

Total Operating Income

YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Budget 25-26
3,596,962	3,530,758	66,204	3,530,758
665,510	943,687	- 278,177	943,687
27,354,048	21,426,787	5,927,260	21,426,787
1,415,169	1,567,530	- 152,361	1,567,530
62,469	-	62,469	-
8,268,509	6,357,600	1,910,909	6,357,600
372,196	529,005	- 156,809	529,005
41,734,862	34,355,368	7,379,494	34,355,368

Operating Expenditure

21 - Employee Expenses
22 - Contract and Material Expenses
24 - Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment
25 - Other Operating Expenses
26 - Other Operating Expenses
27 - Finance Expenses
31 - Internal Cost Allocations

Total Expenditure

Operating Surplus/Deficit

19,450,923	21,671,661	- 2,220,738	21,671,661
8,524,280	10,382,211	- 1,857,931	10,382,211
4,474,270	6,150,563	- 1,676,293	6,150,563
10,131,462	9,579,337	552,125	9,579,337
62,181	-	62,181	-
92,361	135,252	- 42,891	135,252
- 0	-	0	-
42,735,477	47,919,024	- 5,183,547	47,919,024
- 1,000,615	- 13,563,656	12,563,041	- 13,563,656

Capital Funding

18 - Income Capital Grants

631,511	3,875,000	- 3,243,489	3,875,000
631,511	3,875,000	- 3,243,489	3,875,000

Capital Expenditure

53 - WIP Assets

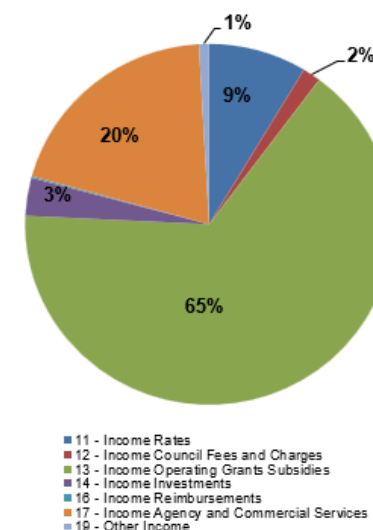
Total Capital Expenditure

4,823,429	28,683,208	- 23,859,779	28,683,208
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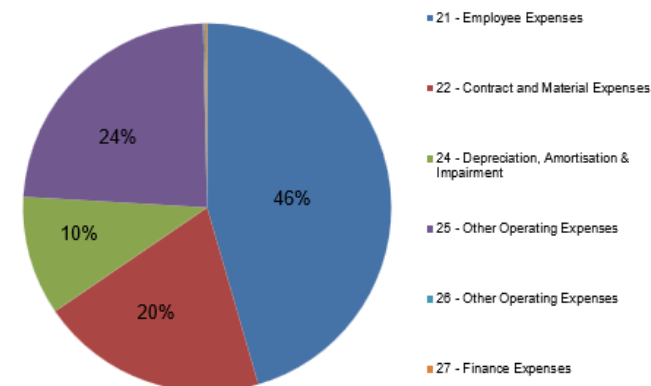
Net Operating Position

- 5,192,533	- 38,371,864	33,179,331	- 38,371,864
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Income by Account Category - YTD



Expenditure by Account Category -YTD



Variances in Income and Expenditure YTD June 2026

Income			
Income Rates		66,204	
Income Council Fees and Charges	-	278,177	Reduced fees and charges across a number of categories
Income Operating Grants Subsidies		5,927,260	Reflection of underspends within grant operated activities
Income Investments	-	152,361	Redemption of TD of \$2MN and the lower interest rate
Income Reimbursements		62,469	
Income Agency and Commercial Services		1,910,909	Commercial Services(DLI Contracts etc) invoicing timing issue, variance will reduce as awaiting final accrual for audit.
Other Income	-	156,809	Asset sales were lower than last year which was the basis of the budget
Total Variance		7,379,494	
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	-	2,220,738	Reduced staffing levels due to vacancies
Contract and Material Expenses	-	1,857,931	Lower than budgeted expenditure due to delays caused by disaster events
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	-	1,676,293	Final depreciation calculations still being finalised as part of year-end.
Other Operating Expenses		552,125	See Other expenses table
Finance Expenses		62,181	
Internal Cost Allocations	-	42,891	
Total Variance	-	5,183,547	
Capital Funding			
Income Capital Grants	-	3,243,489	Delayed capital expenditure, variance may reduce with final year-end transactions
Capital Expenditure			
WIP Assets	-	23,859,779	Delayed capital programs
Total Variance		33,179,331	

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Other Expenses Report as at
30-June-2026



Other Expenses

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Budget 25-26
Utilities	904,625	848,826	55,798	848,826
Freight	233,029	225,594	7,435	225,594
Insurance	1,259,232	1,266,159	-6,927	1,266,159
Office Expenses	866,116	669,293	196,823	669,293
IT and Comms Costs	949,183	770,163	179,020	770,163
Vehicle Costs	1,251,566	1,128,321	123,245	1,128,321
Cost of Goods Sold	1,004,556	1,200,699	-196,142	1,200,699
Travel Expenses	1,297,938	991,395	306,543	991,395
Staff costs	387,271	360,653	26,618	360,653
Audit and Legal Fees	278,552	506,374	-227,821	506,374
Rent and Taxes	777,733	493,561	284,172	493,561
Outdoor Rec Costs	298,501	105,258	193,243	105,258
Council Allowances	521,868	825,332	-303,464	825,332
Other	163,473	187,709	-24,236	187,709
Total Other Expenses	10,193,643	9,579,337	614,306	9,579,337

Variances in Other Expenses YTD June 2026

Other Expenses			
Utilities		55,798	Higher than budget electricity costs
Freight		7,435	
Insurance	-	6,927	
Office Expenses		196,823	Higher than budget subscriptions, printing and consumables
IT and Comms Costs		179,020	Higher than budget IT and communications costs including Surepact & Councilwise cloud licence
Vehicle Costs		123,245	Higher fuel prices and new vehicle registrations
Cost of Goods Sold	-	196,142	Reduced cost of goods sold compared to 2024/25 budget the basis of the 2025/26 budget
Travel Expenses		306,543	Higher travel costs compared to the 2025/26 budget
Staff costs		26,618	
Audit and Legal Fees	-	227,821	Reduced legal cost than budgeted
Rent and Taxes		284,172	Higher than budget rent
Outdoor Rec Costs		193,243	Higher than budget outdoor recreation costs
Council Allowances	-	303,464	Reduced Council allowances as 2025/26 budget included more meetings
Other	-	24,236	
Total Variance		614,306	

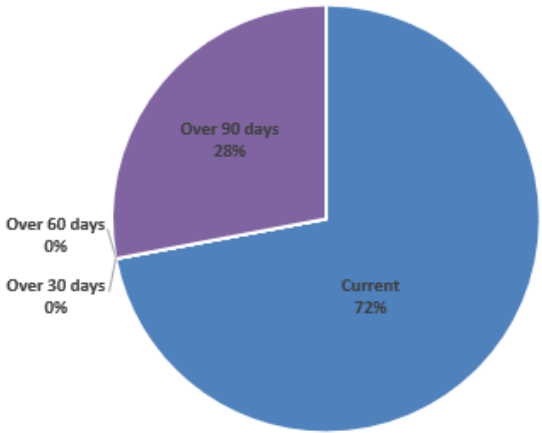
YTD Capital Expenditure June 2026

Account	WIP Expenditure	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	FY Budget
5321	Buildings	2,998,681.14	12,335,000.00	12,335,000.00
5331	Infrastructure	1,289,935.69	10,464,265.00	10,464,265.00
5341	Plant & Equipment	334,323.82	1,770,000.00	1,770,000.00
5361	Furniture	9,120.00	0.00	0.00
5371	Vehicles	115,624.69	850,000.00	850,000.00
5381	Roads	75,743.46	3,263,943.00	3,263,943.00
	Total Capex YTD	4,823,428.80	28,683,208.00	28,683,208.00

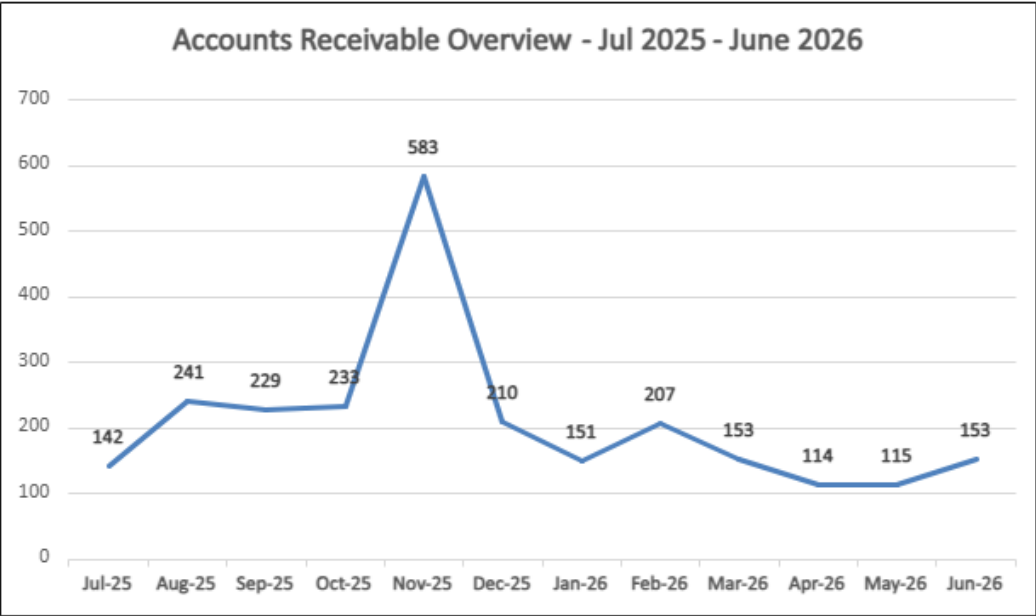
Accounts Receivable

Current	Over 30 days	Over 60 days	Over 90 days	Total
\$110,475.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,921.58	\$153,397.10
Balance after accounting for unapplied credits (\$0.00)				\$153,397.10

Accounts Receivable Aged Analysis - June 2026



Accounts Receivable Overview - Jul 2025 - June 2026



Note this analysis is from Council's debtors' system and excludes GST Receivable which explains the difference between this table and the Accounts Receivable number in the balance sheet

Rates Outstanding YTD June 2026

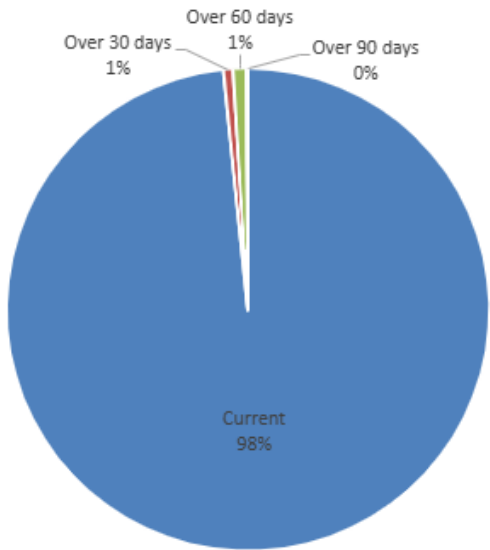
Year	Total Balance	Oustanding %
Outstanding upto 23/24 (TechOne)	\$571,122.45	42.48%
Outstanding Bal 24/25	\$280,450.53	20.86%
Outstanding Bal 25/26	\$492,740.45	36.65%
Total	\$1,344,313.43	100.00%

Rates processing was migrated from the TechOne to CouncilWise financial operating system in July 2024, balances up to and including 2023 - 2024 will in future be represented as a summed amount as uploaded into the CouncilWise operating system.

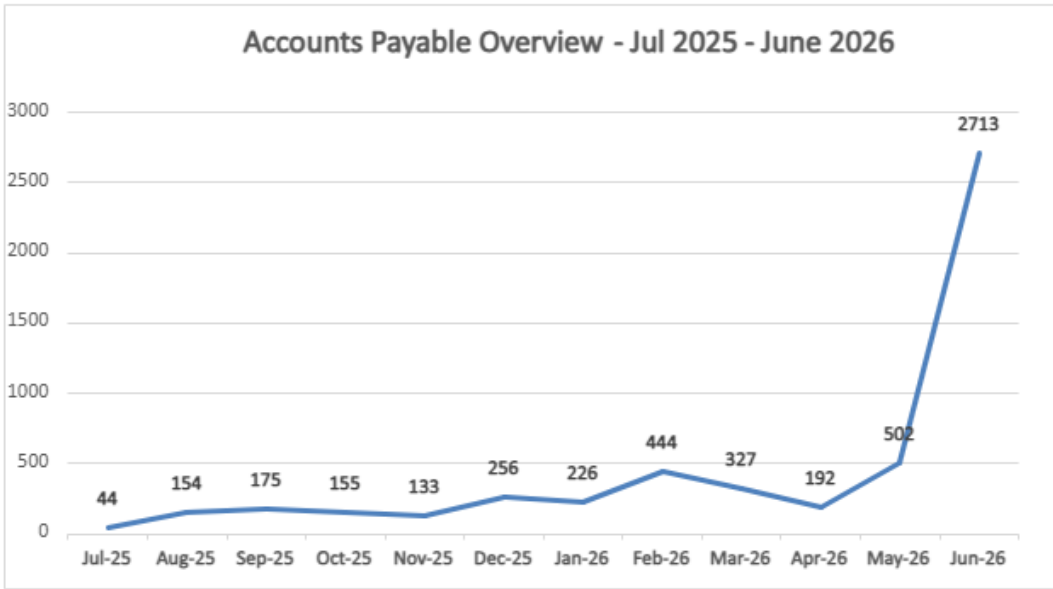
Accounts Payable

Current	Over 30 days	Over 60 days	Over 90 days	Total
\$2,668,056.20	\$17,432.81	\$24,559.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,712,648.01
Balance after accounting for unapplied debits \$0.00				\$2,712,648.01

Accounts Payable Aged Analysis - June 2026



Accounts Payable Overview - Jul 2025 - June 2026



Note this analysis is from Council's creditors system and excludes disputed debt with Grant provider which explains the difference between this table and the Accounts Payable number in the balance sheet

Following are the details of top ten suppliers from whom invoices were received and entered during the month of June.

Reported amounts for June 2026 are significantly higher due to an increase in project invoicing received during the month for Projects 06, 48, 79, 145 and 156. This increase was driven by grant agreement requirements and end-of-financial-year invoicing.

Acc. #	Supplier	Amount \$	Transaction Description
10302	Voyager Trailers Pty Ltd	35,241.00	Rubbish Bin Trailer Purchase
10325	Airpower	41,242.00	PR156 - Supply and Delivery of 3 New Kubota Mowers
10863	Cairns Industries Pty Ltd	71,523.10	Borrooloola Library Repairs Under Insurance Claim
11264	JLT Risk Solutions Pty Ltd	213,491.57	Workers' Compensation Renewal - 1st Quarter
12040	Fighting Fair	37,785.00	Resolution And Culture Capability Training - Phase 2
13921	Northern Building and Property Services Pty Ltd	245,025.00	PR06 - Construction of Bulman Ablution Block
14879	Boule Pty Ltd T/As New Future IT	62,094.15	Council Chambers Upgrade
14912	Butterworth Industries	436,245.38	PR79 - Beswick – Rehabilitation of Internal Roads
15030	BV Contracting Pty Ltd	656,592.20	PR48 - Numbulwar Clinic Road Rehabilitation - Variation 1
15079	Northern Renewable Group Pty Ltd	609,617.00	PR145 - Solar Hybrid Systems (Homelands)
		2,408,856.40	

All amounts have been paid and settled.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT



ITEM NUMBER 15.1

TITLE Major Projects Report

AUTHOR Luke Haddow, General Manager of Infrastructure Services and Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Major Projects report

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

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

Economic Development: Foster strengthening and growing jobs, industries, and investment attraction.

BACKGROUND

This Major Project Report provides the status of projects – at the stages of pre-design, design and construction stages.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Completed Projects 2026:

- Ngukurr New Ablution Block – Sports Court – PR96
- Bulman Community Ablution Block – PR06
- Borrooloola Tamarind Park Power Supply (Lighting project)PR38

Projects on Hold:

- Katherine Head Office/Carpark modifications
 - Katherine 29 Crawford Street Development - PR61
 - Katherine Head office internal fit out modifications
 - Borrooloola Office Modifications – PR91
 - Ngukurr Staff Housing – Lot 231 – PR98
 - Numbulwar Office Redesign – PR60
 - Numbulwar Staff Housing - Lot 156 – PR101
 - Larrimah – Telstra House – PR95
 - Ngukurr Boat Ramp Solar Light – Scope and Quote – PR99
 - Barunga Statement Memorial - Project Awaiting Funding– PR12
- Attached market sounding pack from Deloitte.

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

Have received Letter of no objection for RGRC to utilise new lot for Night Patrol, letter sent to Upside Planning to move forward on DCA process. DCA have advised that a land suitability assessment

and stormwater plan need to be provided for this lot. PO has been raised to Upside Planning to undertake these works. PO raised to CAT Contracting for SSP Design and Power Water Approval.

Barunga River Pump Relocation – PR16

Awaiting plumbers recommendations on pump location and suitability.

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. Attached market sounding pack from Deloitte.

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

Works practically complete

Borroloola Drainage Works

Scoping to repair sections of drainage in 2 identified areas underway. Roads Manager to review and finalise scope and planning. Some maintenance works have been undertaken.

Borroloola Scoping Streetlights along Robinson Road PR93

Application for Black Spot funding underway, quotes ascertained for survey works.

Weemol Playground and Basketball Court PR104

Contractors on site and works underway

Manyallaluk Cemetery Fencing – PR57

Grant funding received. LA to receive original funding back to reallocate

Mataranka Airstrip Upgrade Scoping – PR148

Initial scoping to determine requirements to upgrade the Mataranka Aerodrome. Scope to include fencing, dedicated helipad, lights, additional windsock, parking area for aircraft, extension (length and width) to gravel airstrip with the option to provide sealing in the future.

Grant submission to fund project to be submitted when the next round commences. Detailed scoping and costings underway

Mataranka Septic – Showgrounds PR10

Additional solutions being investigated to provide a suitable long term, functional system. Consultant engaged to do site visit and proposal with costings to develop sustainable solution.

Mataranka Carew Heights Development PR00151

Concept to develop site for additional housing for potential leasing to external stakeholders. Review previous design for cost and suitability. Potential option for this site as an aged care residential facility.

Numbulwar Cemetery Existing - PR88

Additional discussions required and process with NLC re Section 19 and AAPA process to allow any work in this location

Numbulwar Ablution Block – Festival - PR45

S19 lease applied for. Designs for Ablution block needed. AAPA Clearance received, Designs been sort - Awaiting S19's, NLC consultation to occur. NLC discussions booked for October 2024. NLC have submitted further questions from community members about the location. There are issues with the proposed location from the NLC, there is no lot number and services to the area are unknown. Subdivision process would need to be started.

Further discussions within the community will need to be completed to finalise the correct location. Alternative site put forward. Assessment on suitability for the placement of ablution unit. Rebus unit to be proposed solution

Site visit and community consultation required to formalise location.
NLC process required for S19. Last proposed meeting in October 25 was cancelled.
NLC has advised next consultation meeting to be held in September 2026

Ablution Block at Airport – PR47

Unit is in Katherine. Awaiting transport to Numbulwar and final setup. Due to road conditions, transport delayed until after the wet and the road is graded.

Numbulwar Aged Care Building Works – PR100

Building 95% complete in Darwin. Awaiting road opening to transport and install on site.

Numbulwar Clinic Road – PR48

Works almost completed

Urapunga Community Hall – PR49

In the process of obtaining additional lease over Lot 6. Currently on have Lot 7 but additional space required due to size and placement on the block.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Major Projects Master Report 15 07 2026 [**15.1.1** - 6 pages]
2. Roper Gulf Regional Council - Market Sounding Deck - Barunga Statement Memorial [**15.1.2** - 3 pages]
3. Roper Gulf Regional Council - Market Sounding Deck - Barunga and Mataranka Sports AFL Oval Upgrades [**15.1.3** - 4 pages]
4. Roper Gulf Regional Council - Market Sounding Deck - Numbulwar Community Cyclone Shelter [**15.1.4** - 3 pages]

MAJOR PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Date	Project ID	Project Name	Officer	Stage					Project Budget	Project Expenditure EX GST	Approved Budget	Funding	Amendments	PO Number	Contractor	CURRENT COMMENTS
				1	2	3	4	5								
Katherine																
1/01/2023	PR61	29 Crawford Street Development						100,000		100,000	RGRC					ON HOLD C/F \$100,000 into 2024/25 Budget
4/04/2024		Head Office - Internal Fit Out Modifications						200,000								Rescoping currently underway
4/04/2024		Head Office Carpark Modifications						100,000								ON HOLD - PROJECT SCOPE REDUCED.
Barunga																
		Minor projects - roads & maintenance						100,000								To be identified & carried out by CSM's. Same allocation in 2024/25 budget
	PR125	Upgrades to Sport and Rec Hall	Belinda					188,000		188,000	Community places for people		PO 117481	ASU Certifiers MLEI		New design received. Reviewing for suitability and budget availability.
30/04/2019	PR12	Barunga Statement Memorial - Design	Belinda					49,200	70,800	100,000 100,000 20,000	GRANT RGRC LA		PO107366	Jensen Plus		RGRC currently reviewing 100% design. Funding required for construction
	PR86	Barunga Night Patrol Building Installation	Belinda					35,000					PO 111659 PO121224	Upside Planning CAT Contracting		Awaiting Power Water approval
	PR16	River Pump Relocation & water extraction license	Belinda					40,000						Surface Water & Erosion Solutions		Procurement underway for replacement pump and new switchboard
	PR103	Oval upgrade to AFLNT Specifications	Luke													Project is being scoped by Deloitte to seek grant funding. Change room concept to be discussed. Additional scoping being undertaken to develop comprehensive scope.
Heswick																
		Minor projects - roads & maintenance						100,000					PO 111659			To be identified & carried out by CSM's. Same allocation in 2024/25 budget

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	PR79	Cameron / Maddigan Intersection & Road Upgrade	Gordon						771,521	39450 176,041.30	771521 428479	LRCI Grant Council		PO109063 PO117486	TPM TPM	Works are practically complete
Borroloola																
		Minor projects - roads & maintenance	CSM													To be identified & carried out by CSM's. Same allocation in 2024/25 budget
	PR91	Borroloola Office Modifications	Luke													ON HOLD
		Borroloola Drainage Upgrades	Gordon													Scoping to repair sections of drainage in 2 identified areas underway.
	PR93	Streetlights along Robinson Rd Scoping	Gordon													Application for Black Spot funding underway, quotes ascertained for survey works.
Robinson River Bulman																
		Minor projects - roads & maintenance	CSM													To be identified & carried out by CSM's. Same allocation in 2024/25 budget
	PR104	Weemol - Construct undercover basketball court	Tony						500,000							Contractors on site and have commenced work

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5/12/2018	PR06	Community Ablution Block	Belinda						343,722	144,400	199361 144361.59	Grant LA RGRC		PO107114 PO107474 PO104240 PO103787 PO103789	AWS AWS Modus ITSConsult ITSConsult	Project Complete
Manyallaluk																
3/4/2023	PR57	Cemetery fencing	Mon						28,265		28,265	LA				Grant funding received, procurement underway
Jilkmimggan																
Mataranka																
		Minor projects - roads & maintenance	CSM													To be identified & carried out by CSM's. Same allocation in 2024/25 budget
	PR148	Mataranka Airstrip Upgrade Scoping	Luke													Initial scoping to determine requirements to upgrade the Mataranka Aerodrome. Scope to include fencing, dedicated helipad, lights, additional windsock, parking area for aircraft, extension (length and width) to gravel airstrip with the option to provide sealing in the future. Grant submission to fund project to be submitted when the next round commences. Detailed scoping and costings underway
	PR151	Carew Heights Development	Luke						1,063,120	36,880	1,100,000	RGRC		PO10836	AWS	Concept to develop site for additional housing for potential leasing to external stakeholders. Review previous design for cost and suitability. Potential option for this site as an aged care residential facility.
	PR164	Stan Martin Park Dump Point Upgrades							120,000		120,000	RGRC		PO	WSP	WSP Australia to review system and development upgrade design proposal to illimate need to pump out system.
	PR10	Showgrounds sewerage system	Luke											PO124186	WSP	Additional solutions being investigated to provide a suitable long term, functional system. Consultant engaged to do site visit and proposal with costings to develop sustainable solution
Minyerri / Hodgson Downs																

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Ngukurr																
		Minor projects - roads & maintenance	CSM													To be indentified & carried out by CSM's. Same allocation in 2024/25 budget
	PR99	Boat Ramp Solar Light - Scope and quote	Luke													Initial plan is to have a solar light mounted to a concrete block to prevent water damage to the base of the pole. Quotes to be obtained for the concrete block. ON HOLD to discuss with Yugal Mangi who have funding for lights in this area as part of their upgrades
	PR98	Ngukurr Staff Housing - Lot 231	Luke						400,000							ON HOLD
24/06/2021	PR43	Beatification Project	Luke						165,156		165,156	LA				Sport and rec hall repairs completed. Bus stops to finalise locationans and planning.
Numbulwar																
		Minor projects - roads & maintenance	CSM													To be indentified & carried out by CSM's. Same allocation in 2024/25 budget
	PR88	Numbulwar Cemetery - design improvements & ground penetrating radar	Luke							70,000	NTG Grant			Bennett Design		Additional discussions required and process with NLC re Section 19 and AAPA process to allow any work in this location
	PR60	Council Office Redevelopment	Tony						88,410	31,590	120,000	RGRC		PO108370	Troppo	ON HOLD until 2026
	PR45	Numbulwar Ablution Block - Festival	Luke						261,145		261,145	Arts & Culture Grant				Site visit and community consultation required to formalise location.NLC have advised community consultation meeting scheduled for September 2026.
	PR47	Ablution Block at Airport	Belinda						210,000		113000 97000	Grant LA		PO 117195	Modulate	Unit is in Katherine. Awaiting transport to Numbulwar and final setup. Due to road conditions, transport delayed until after the wet and the road is graded.
	PR101	Staff Housing - Lot 156	Luke						1,100,000							ON HOLD

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	PR100	Numbulwar Aged Care Building Works	Tony						1,056,000			Grant				Building 95% complete in Darwin. Awaiting road opening to transport and install on site.
	PR48	Clinic Road Design Phase	Gordon						2,500,000	81,605.00	978,578 1,521,422	LRCI Grant RGRC		PO105012 PO102933	SCP SCP	Contractor currently on site working on the roads
Robinson River																
Larrimah																

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	PR95	Telstra House	Luke													Condition assessment and recommendations for the repair of the old Telstra House. Initial investigations have identified asbestos onsite.
Urapunga																
18/08/2020	PR49	Community Hall Shed	Belinda						425,000.00		10000, 415,000	LA Grant			TTS Built - Construction CAT Contracting - Certification	Awaiting lease to cover Lot 6 as well as 7. Shape and size of lot 7 poses a problem to placement of the building
Project Management Fees																
									250,000							To be utilised for Bulman & Borrooloola Toilet projects & staff housing projects.
Homelands																

Barunga Statement Memorial Overview

Overview of Roper Gulf Regional Council's (RGRC) shovel-ready cultural precinct project in Barunga, NT.

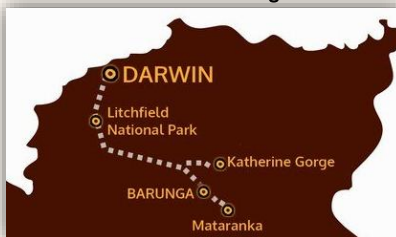
Background

Nationally significant heritage: Barunga is home of the 1988 Barunga Statement, a landmark declaration of Indigenous rights and reconciliation, and hosts the annual Barunga Festival, attracting 4,000+ visitors to celebrate Indigenous music, art, sport, and culture.

Cultural engagement gap: No permanent, accessible spaces link the township, the Barunga Festival, and dedicated learning/reflection areas.

Limited year-round impact: Absence of infrastructure constrains cultural learning, knowledge sharing, tourism, and community growth.

Location of Barunga



Source: <https://cultureconnect.com.au/barunga-festival-top-end/>

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Barunga Festival



Source: <https://ropergulf.nt.gov.au/visit-us/events/barunga-festival-q> and <https://barungafestival.com.au/>

Barunga Statement



Source: <https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/barunga-statement>

Opportunity (the project)

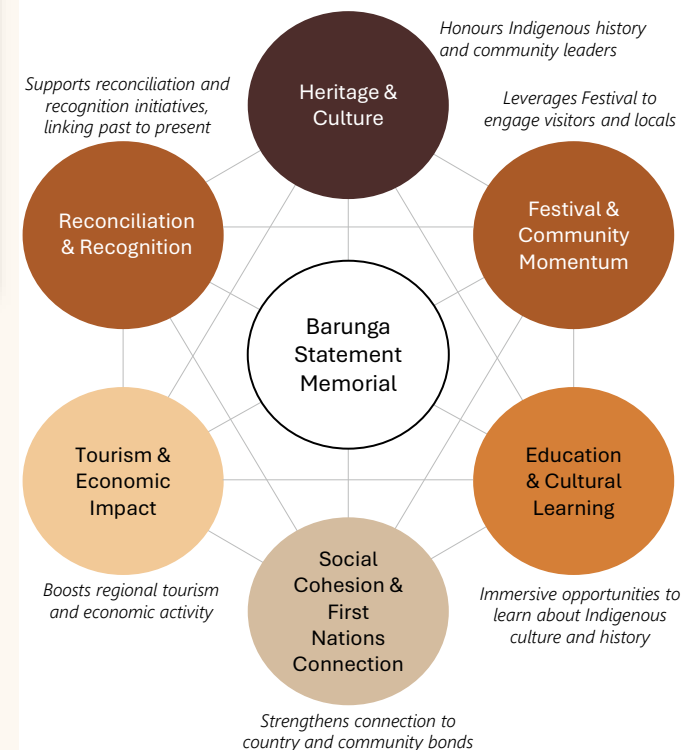
Through the development of the 'Memorial Walk', Roper Gulf Regional Council (RGRC) intends to create a permanent, culturally significant precinct that:

- **Connects** residents and visitors to Barunga's heritage.
- **Honours** the Barunga Statement and community leaders, enhancing Festival experiences.
- **Strengthens** First Nations connection to country, social cohesion, and regional tourism.
- **Aligns** with government priorities for reconciliation, treaty recognition, and regional development.

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Impact of the Project

The project will deliver transformative, interconnected benefits across cultural, social, and economic dimensions, creating lasting impact.



Barunga Statement Memorial Concept & Design

The following illustrates the project scope and shows how the Memorial Walk is designed to achieve its objectives.



"The Project celebrates Indigenous culture, resilience, and reconciliation while providing a space for reflection"

Project Scope

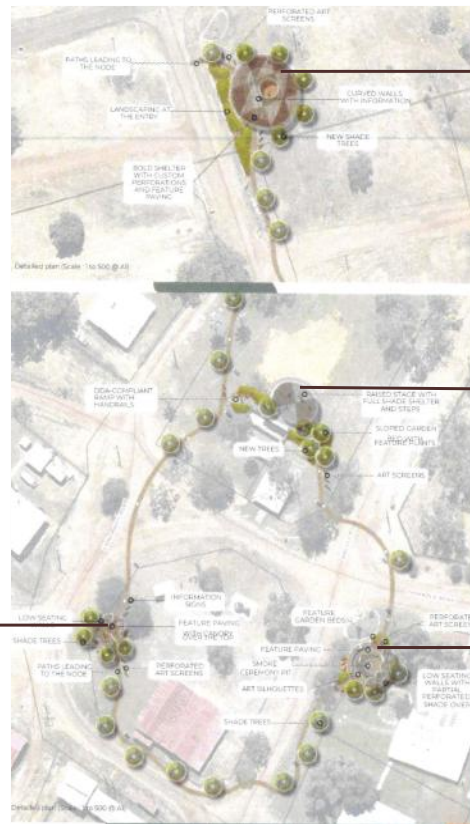
RGRC proposes a Barunga Statement Memorial featuring a whole-of-town pathway from the township entry through to key community areas. The design is intended to be meaningful, respectful, and deliver a positive outcome.

Four nodes will be incorporated in the walk, and this will tell the story, beginning with a prominent entry statement highlighting the Statement's history and past Barunga residents.

The memorial walk then guides visitors into the town, supporting the storytelling intent while gently integrating with the existing landscape.

Node 3 – Knowledge and Information Centre

- Provides information and history to 'tell the story', including a chronological timeline.
- Circular shape offering the opportunity to gather for storytelling and sharing cultural knowledge



Node 1 – Entry Statement + Memorial

- A bold entry statement easily seen from the road
- Provides informative signage on the Barunga Statement and its residents
- Area of significance as this is where the Statement was signed



Node 2 – Performance Space

- A stage-style arrangement offering a place to gather, perform and celebrate
- The stage with steps and DDA-compliant ramps on both sides to enhance accessibility



Node 4 – Performance Space

- Close to the basketball court where locals gather for important meetings, and close to the Council Office
- Information sharing opportunity to hold a local noticeboard



Barunga Statement Memorial Project Details

The below provides an overview of the project's key details, milestones and timeline, and budget/costs.



Key Project Details

- The project encompasses a culturally significant Memorial Walk from Barunga through the township.
- This project supports multi-use community infrastructure, combining culture, recreation, and education by incorporating performance spaces, a memorial for key Barunga community members, a gathering space, and a knowledge circle.
- **Key Constraints:** Seasonal access limits during the Festival, utility and irrigation requirements, design compromises to meet community expectations, regulatory and infrastructure approvals, resourcing and skilled labour availability, and the need for additional funding to cover capex and contingencies.

The Investment

The total cost of the project is estimated between **\$8-12 million**. As a local government, RGRC recognises the importance of supporting the Barunga Statement Memorial to ensure it appropriately reflects the significance of First Nations histories and contemporary treaty discussions; however, the scale, cultural importance, and long-term stewardship of such a memorial extend beyond the financial capacity of the Council alone.

This underscores the need for shared investment, reflecting a collective responsibility to acknowledge Australia's history and support reconciliation. Government partnership ensures the memorial can serve not only the local community but also stand as a powerful, enduring symbol of truth-telling and respect for First Nations peoples across Australia, particularly as treaty processes continue to shape the nation's future.

Work Done to Date

- Council has been working in this project for over 2 years, undertaking extensive consultation with the Bagala Traditional Owners and community members.
- Concept and detailed design phases are complete.
- RGRC has worked with Jensen Plus and local artists on developing the project design.
- The Council has held public feedback and consultation with key stakeholders at the Barunga Festival 2024.
- This is a shovel-ready project, pending a Section 19 lease (which has been approved by the Traditional Owners).

Project Phases/Milestones



✓ Phase 1 – Planning, Approvals & Procurement (Current)

- Designs and concepts substantially complete; project scope and intent confirmed
- Section 19 lease approved in principle; Letter of Comfort enables progression
- Market sounding and funding confirmation underway
- Competitive procurement (2–3 months); off-site works can proceed
- Legal and final lease processes run in parallel
- **Amount spent:** \$200,000 invested in design, feasibility and prior grant-funded work



Phase 2 – Construction & Infrastructure Delivery

- On-site construction to commence immediately post-festival.
- No on-site works during June–July (festival period)
- Supporting works: utilities, pedestrian safety and road upgrades
- ~6-month construction period
- Delivery of Memorial Walk, performance spaces, memorials, gathering areas and knowledge circle
- **Estimated cost:** \$8 million - \$12 million



Phase 3 – Activation & Community Engagement

- Public launch of the Barunga Statement Memorial
- Community-led activation and interpretation
- Year-round access; supports festival and broader regional tourism.
- **Estimated cost:** \$150,000

Sports and AFL Oval Upgrades in Barunga and Mataranka

Overview of regional oval upgrades in Barunga and Mataranka to better serve the needs of the community and local sporting groups.



Background

Regional hubs at capacity: Barunga and Mataranka ovals are vital for sport, festivals, youth engagement, and community gatherings but struggle to meet current demand.

Infrastructure limits: Ageing facilities, limited amenities, and poor ground conditions restrict safe participation, peak-season use, and hosting of major events.

Constrained impact: Lack of fit-for-purpose infrastructure limits regional event opportunities and the social, cultural, and economic benefits of sport.



Source: Roper Gulf Active & Connected, Roper Gulf Sport and Recreation Masterplan, December 2023, pg. 16 - 17
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Why It Matters

Participation gaps + declining activity in remote NT communities (especially for Indigenous people, women, and youth)

Demand shifting to inclusive, flexible recreation alongside traditional sport (AFL remains dominant)

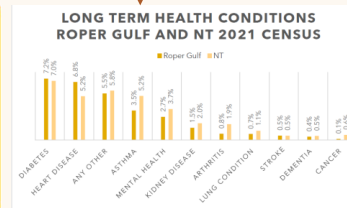
Higher heart disease and diabetes rates than the NT average highlight the urgent need for better active recreation infrastructure

Quality facilities are critical to rebuild participation, wellbeing, and community cohesion

Evidence of Participation & Health Trends



Source: Roper Gulf Active & Connected, Roper Gulf Sport and Recreation Masterplan, December 2023, pg. 25 and 29



Opportunity (the project)

Through the upgrades at Barunga and Mataranka, RGRC will deliver a fit-for-purpose, multi-sport network, across two sites, that:

Closes the infrastructure gap

Strengthens regional sport

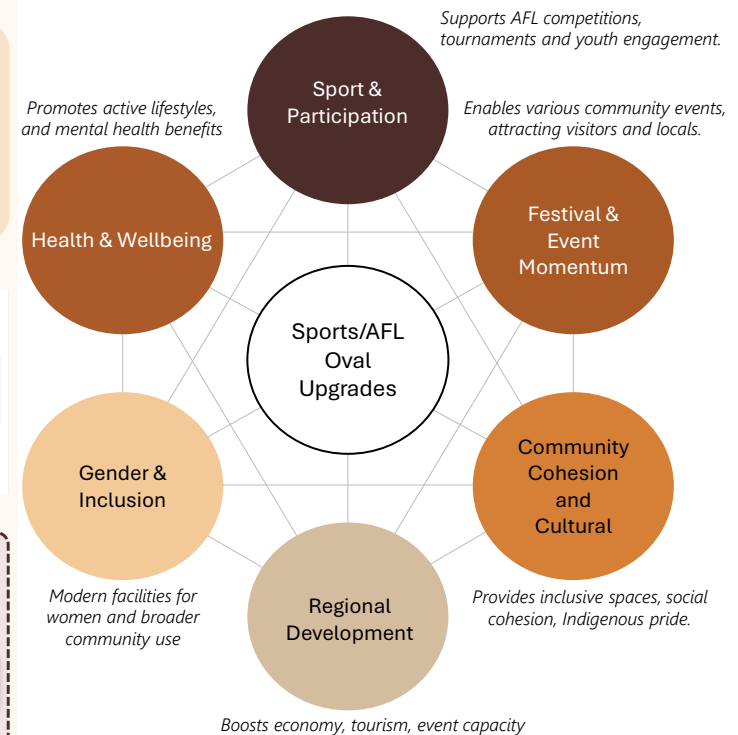
Boosts participation & wellbeing

Supports events & the local economy

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Impact of the Project

The project will deliver transformative, interconnected benefits across cultural, social, and economic dimensions, creating lasting impact, as illustrated below:



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Project Description for Each Site

Overview of site-specific upgrades for Barunga and Mataranka ovals, with each scope tailored to community use, demand, and role within the regional sports network.

Barunga Sports/AFL Oval Upgrade

***Purpose:** Strengthen Barunga as a central regional sports hub, supporting competitions, community events, and inclusive participation.*

Project Scope

Barunga Oval is a high-use regional hub requiring significant upgrades to meet AFL Northern Territory standards and support year-round community activity. The project includes upgrades and development of the following:

- **Ground upgrades:** Full surface renewal, removal of the legacy concrete cricket pitch, re-turfing, and installation of subsurface irrigation to improve playing quality and durability.
- **Amenities:** Modular men's and women's change rooms and amenities blocks to accommodate players, officials, and community use.
- **Spectator facilities:** Additional sheltered seating and shade structures to support larger events and regional competitions.
- **Ancillary infrastructure:** Scoreboard, fencing, and multi-sport functionality to enable broader community activation.
- **Delivery approach:** Scalable design that prioritises high-use facilities and allows staged implementation as demand grows.

Mataranka Sports/AFL Oval Upgrade

***Purpose:** Provide a safe, functional, and flexible venue that supports regional competitions, community engagement, and acts as an alternative site to the Barunga hub.*

Project Scope

Mataranka Oval serves as a seasonal and complementary venue for regional sport, including AFL Northern Territory events. The project focuses on essential upgrades to enhance usability and community access while reflecting lower event demand:

- **Ground upgrades:** Resurfacing, irrigation, and line marking to meet AFL standards and improve playing quality during peak usage periods.
- **Amenities:** Modular change rooms and toilets for players, officials, and community users.
- **Spectator facilities:** Expanded seating and shade structures to accommodate larger crowds.
- **Multi-sport use:** Flexible design allowing activation beyond peak AFL periods.
- **Delivery approach:** Efficient, modular installation suited to short-term seasonal usage and potential alternative venue requirements.

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Barunga AFL Oval Images



Source: <https://ropergulf.nt.gov.au/our-communities/barunga>

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Location Images of the Ovals for Each Site

The images below show the current condition of the ovals at each site, with their locations indicated by the green circles on the accompanying map.



Barunga Sports/AFL Oval Upgrade

- **Current Condition:** Well-used, high-quality facilities with strong community engagement.
- **Opportunity:** Upgrade to meet AFL NT standards, improve spectator amenities, and support major events like regional tournaments and the Barunga Festival.
- **Map Reference:** Green circle indicates oval site location



Map of Barunga and Mataranka
(Showing location and proximity of the two sites)

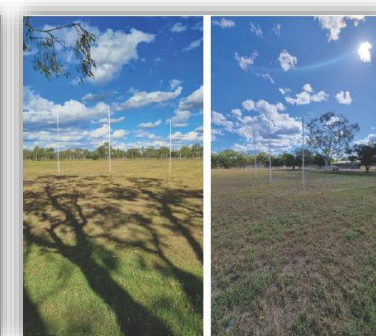
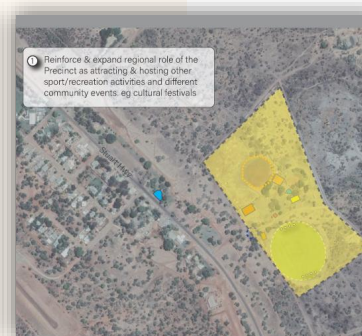


Source: <https://cultureconnect.com.au/barunga-festival-top-end/>

Source: Roper Gulf Active & Connected, Roper Gulf Sport and Recreation Masterplan, December 2023, pg. 47

Mataranka Sports/AFL Oval Upgrade

- **Current Condition:** Facilities in place but underutilised; playing surface requires regeneration.
- **Opportunity:** Enhance field quality to support seasonal competitions, local leagues (e.g., Big Rivers Football League), and position as a complementary regional venue.
- **Map Reference:** Green circle indicates oval site location



Source: Roper Gulf Active & Connected, Roper Gulf Sport and Recreation Masterplan, December 2023, pg. 79

Project Details of Oval Upgrades in Barunga and Mataranka

The below provides an overview of work completed to date, investment, timeline, milestones, and costs for each site.

The Investment

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 per site (\$3 million total).

Upgrading the community sports ovals to meet AFL NT standards represents a significant infrastructure investment that is beyond the financial capacity of RGRC alone. External funding support from partners is essential to deliver safe, compliant, and high-quality facilities that can host regional competition, support community participation.

Shared investment recognises that the benefits of the upgrade extend well beyond the local rate base, contributing to regional development, youth engagement, health outcomes, and social cohesion in a remote community where sporting infrastructure plays a central role in everyday life.

Barunga - Work Done to Date

- Currently in early concept and design phase.
- Defined preliminary scope for ground upgrades, including resurfacing, irrigation, and line marking.
- Identified amenities and spectator requirements, including change rooms, toilets, seating, shade, scoreboard, and fencing.
- Clarified high-use hub requirements and regional event needs with preliminary input from **AFL Northern Territory**.
- Considered construction sequencing, staged delivery, and initial budget (~\$1.5M).

Mataranka - Work Done to Date

- Currently in early concept and design phase.
- Defined preliminary scope for ground upgrades, including resurfacing, irrigation, and line marking.
- Identified essential amenities, including modular change rooms, toilets, limited seating, and shade.
- Clarified seasonal/alternative venue requirements with preliminary input from **AFL Northern Territory**.
- Considered construction sequencing and initial budget (~\$1.5M) for peak-season use.

Project Phases/Milestones



Phase 1 – Planning, Approvals & Procurement (Current)

2 – 3 months

- Finalise concept designs and detailed scope for each oval
- Prepare visual concepts to support funding discussions
- Prepare visual concept drawings to support funding and stakeholder discussions
- Confirm modular build approach and delivery sequencing
- **Estimated Costs:** \$20,000 (per site)



Phase 2 – Construction & Infrastructure Delivery

6–12 months, seasonally sequenced

- Off-site fabrication of modular change rooms and toilets
- Off-site fabrication of modular toilets and change rooms during footy season
- Short on-site installation period (civil works and crane placement), oval resurfacing, subsurface irrigation, and line marking post-season
- Installation of limited spectator seating and shade structures and scoreboard upgrades
- **Estimated cost:** \$1.5 million (per site)



Phase 3 – Activation & Community Use

Post-construction

- Seasonal commissioning aligned with turf establishment
- Community and multi-sport access enabled
- Year-round use, with peak seasonal activity (Community and multi-sport access for short seasonal use (~6 weeks/year))
- **Estimated cost:** \$TBC

Numbulwar Community Cyclone Shelter Overview

Overview of Roper Gulf Regional Council's (RGRC) multi-purpose community cyclone shelter in Numbulwar, NT.

Background

Remote coastal community in NT: Numbulwar has high exposure to tropical cyclone hazards, destructive winds, storm surge, heavy rainfall and flooding.

External evacuations: In March 2026, the entire community was forced to evacuate ahead of Tropical Cyclone Narelle.

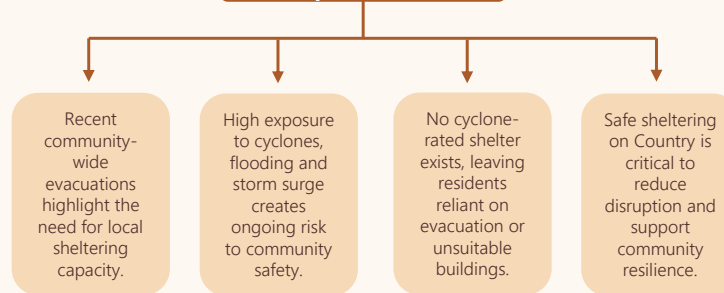
Infrastructure gap: Lack of fit-for-purpose local infrastructure capable of safely sheltering residents during a major cyclone and weather event.



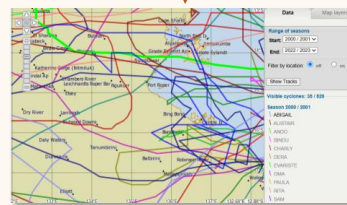
Source: (1) NT News, (2) Katherine Times

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Why It Matters



Evidence of Cyclone Risk and Community Evacuation



Source: (1) NT News, ADF mission to airlift 340 Numbulwar residents to Darwin, (2) Bureau of Meteorology, Southern Hemisphere Tropical Cyclone Data Portal

Opportunity (the Project)

Through the development of the Numbulwar Community Cyclone Shelter, RGRC will deliver a fit-for-purpose, multi-functional facility that:

- Closes the infrastructure gap
- Strengthens disaster preparedness
- Delivers year-round community benefits
- Reduces reliance on evacuations

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Impact of the Project

The Project will strengthen community resilience, improve disaster preparedness, and deliver lasting social and economic benefits through a dual-use community facility, as illustrated below:



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Numbulwar Community Cyclone Shelter Concept & Design

The following illustrates the Project scope and shows how the cyclone shelter is designed to achieve its objectives.

According to recent remarks made by Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr, "the evacuation and repatriation during Tropical Cyclone Narelle was culturally inappropriate."

Project Scope

The Numbulwar Community Cyclone Shelter is a purpose-built, dual-use facility that will operate as a critical emergency shelter during cyclone events and a year-round community hub for recreation, sport, events, gatherings and a community crèche.

It features a large indoor multi-purpose space, modern amenities, and flexible open-plan design to accommodate 560 people during emergencies.

Location



Source: Australian Government

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Numbulwar
Community Cyclone
Shelter Project
location

Key Design Features



560-person Capacity

Purpose-built shelter designed to safely accommodate 560 people



Multi-Purpose Community Space

Supports recreation, sport, events and community gatherings



Community Crèche

Dedicated flexible space for early childhood and family services



Resilient Infrastructure

Backup power, water and communications systems for emergency operations.



Borroloola Sports and Cyclone Shelter

Comparable dual-use cyclone shelter facility completed in 2025



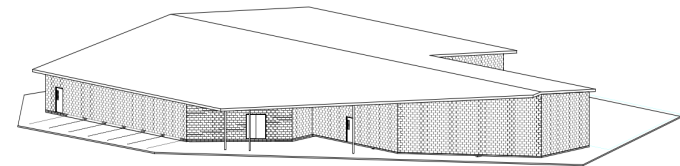
Cyclone use



Recreation use

Designed as a dual-use facility, the shelter combines emergency preparedness with everyday community value, ensuring the asset remains active, trusted and well utilised throughout the year.

Schematic Development Designs



Source: DKJ Project Architecture

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Numbulwar Community Cyclone Shelter Project Details

The below provides an overview of the Project's key details, milestones and timeline, and budget/costs.



Key Project Details

- The Project provides critical, fit-for-purpose protective infrastructure in a remote, high-risk community exposed to natural disasters such as cyclones, storm surges, heavy rainfall and flooding.
- This Project supports multi-use community infrastructure, incorporating recreation space, community events facilities and a community crèche to deliver year-round social benefits for the Numbulwar community.
- **Key Constraints:** Remote location, freight and logistics challenges, wet season access limitations, workforce availability, infrastructure servicing requirements and the need for additional funding to support delivery.

The Investment

The total estimated project value is **\$16.6 million**, including planning, design, construction, enabling works, contingencies and locality allowances. RGRC is seeking **\$14.3 million** in external funding and will contribute **\$2 million in cash and \$300,000 in-kind support** to deliver the Project. The investment will provide a long-term resilience asset that reduces reliance on costly community evacuations while delivering year-round community benefits.

Shared investment is critical to deliver this vital resilience asset, ensuring the Numbulwar community has access to safe local sheltering during severe weather events while providing lasting social and community benefits throughout the year.

Work Done to Date

- This Project has progressed through planning and design development, with key approvals, schematic designs and cost estimates completed.
- RGRC has worked with DKJ Architecture and QSS Quantity Surveyors to develop the project design and costings.
- This Project has been repeatedly requested as a high priority project by the Numbulwar Local Authority and community over a number of years.
- A Letter of Support for the Project has been received from the Northern Land Council.
- The Project is ready to formally commence and proceed to detailed design and procurement.



INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT



ITEM NUMBER 15.2

TITLE LA Projects Report

AUTHOR Luke Haddow, General Manager of Infrastructure Services and Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee 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

The purpose of Local Authority Project Funding is to encourage the continued development of local authorities and their respective communities through the provision of funding to undertake priority community projects that are in line with these guidelines.

Objectives

The objectives of the program are to:

- Assist in building stronger communities and assist community priority projects as recommended by local authorities;
- Assist local governing bodies and the constituent communities they represent to become stronger and self-sustaining;
- Assist in the provision of quality community infrastructure that facilitates community activity and integration; and
- Assist in developing local government capacity to provide legitimate representation, effective governance, improved service delivery and sustainable development.

Local Authority Project Approvals

Individual local authorities must formally resolve each initiative this funding will be used for. A copy of this resolution is to be recorded in the minutes of the relevant local authority meeting.

At each local authority meeting, a report is to be submitted detailing the total amount of funding available and spent on local authority projects under this program in each financial year.

The report is to include details and amount spent on each project of the relevant local authority for which funding has been provided.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. LA Projects Report 15-07-2026 [**15.2.1** - 19 pages]

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							
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance
4/03/2024	PR87	Purchase of portable toilet	Purchase of and installation of portable toilets in the following location the cemetery	\$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 Nyirranggung Rise CDP manager to do the small shade and the screening as a cdp activity 25/06/2025: Design finalised and materials list sent for quoting 15/07/2026: Awaiting materials to arrive
1/07/2025	PR 150	Playground lighting	Solar lighting 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. 15/07/2026: Quote to complete a new connection is \$29,000. Connection requires trenching across the road to connect to the water main.
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

Borroloola Local Authority Project Funding							27 April 2026	
		Funds Received from Department			\$	1,103,731.00		
		Funds allocated from Council			\$	71,477.00		
		Funds Allocated to projects by Local Authority Members			\$	1,105,063.49		
		Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects			\$	22,695.49		
Remaining Unallocated funds								
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status
9/02/2023	PR38	Tamarind Park Power supply	Solar lighting in Tamarind Park	\$ 129,831.00	\$ 83,313.35	Avero Solar Lighting System x 20: \$66,800.00 Freight to Katherine: \$6,960.00 Premix cement for Borroloola: \$7,500.00 Freight of solar lights and 10 pallets of concrete to Borroloola: \$2,053.35	46,517.65	9/02/2023: LA allocated \$129,831 to install power supply at the Tamarind Park. 30/06/2024: Investigating Solar Lights as an option for power supply to BBQ area. Suggest putting solar lights at the memorial and a few through the park as well. Purchased Solar lightning system and cement premix. 30/09/2024: All materials are now onsite awaiting installation. Rescoping and quoting. 1 quote obtained so far. 06/02/2025: Revalidating quote, Acting GM ISP met with contractor onsite 06/02/25 to finalise scope. 04/04/2025: Contractor advised Roper Gulf will need to organise a power pole and connection with power and water. 15/05/2025: Power and Water have advised contractor that a new connection won't be granted. Alternative source of power to be determined. 17/09/2025: LA has made a resolution to rescope the project for four solar lights in the park and under the shelter quotes underway. 14/10/2025: Awaiting permission from Minister for infrastructure upgrades 13/04/2026: Permission received, Awaiting updated quotes for light installation and material for memorial wall. 27/04/2026: Solar lights installed in park area and additional lighting installed under shelter.

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Bulman/Weemol Local Authority Project Funding							13 April 2026	
Funds Received from Department			\$	340,259.00				
Allocated by Council								
			\$	32,581.00				
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members			\$	426,370.49				
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects			\$	68,820.44				
Remaining unallocated funds			\$	15,289.95				
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status
5/12/2018	PR06	Community Ablution Block	Purchase and Installation of Toilets located near council office	\$ 144,361.59	\$ 50,897.64	Consistency: \$4795.00 Consistency: \$4795.00 Internal - Sanitary Drainage: \$2,382.00 AAPA: \$18629.09 Tender Development: \$5200.00 Consistency: \$1285.72 Project Management: \$2284.80 Consistency: \$1,125.00 Project Management: \$1,285.72 Consistency: \$2,284.80 Tender Fees: \$180.00 Tender Advertisement: \$438.40 Consistency: \$1,500.00 Project Management: \$3,426.40 Commitments: \$226,178.00		05/12/2018: LA allocated \$72,000 to the Community Ablution Block. 22/08/2019: LA allocated additional \$25,000 on the Community Ablution Block. 11/02/2021: The project is under planning stage. S19 License approved. PWC to be contacted for services response by 31/3/2021. 15/04/2021: Currently in Design phase to provide a final costing. 12/6/2021: Unallocated funds (\$47,361.59) allocated to toilet block. In procurement phase. Site visit scheduled for Feb 2nd. Project now with RGRC Assets Team. Purchased Ablution Block. Projects team soon to start tender documents. AWS preparing services designs. 20/01/2022: S19 approved. Awaiting AAPA clearance. AAPA certified. Now this project will need to go for public quotation for installation after completion of hydraulic plans. AWS undertaking tender documentation and projects management. Tender documentation complete and with RGRC for review. 31/08/2024: Awaiting SSP's prior to tender readiness. 18/02/2025: Pending power and water approvals. 07/03/2025: Ongoing. Still pending power and water approvals. 04/04/2025: Power and Water advised to replace a power pole. Proceeding with solar rather than the expense of purchasing a new pole. 28/05/2025: Power water approval received 23/05/2025. Review of tender documents to be released. 19/06/2025: Tender to be released in the new financial year. 17/09/2025: Tender online and closing September 30th 14/10/2025: Tender awarded, awaiting contractor scheduling 21/11/2025: Toilet is onsite with construction expected to be completed by the end of December - weather permitting. 05/01/2026: Construction started. Delay in completion due to kit errors. 13/05/2026: Final site inspection due week ending 22/05/2026 15/07/2026: Project Complete.
10/10/2024	PR137	Solar light	Purchase and Installation of three Solar Light. Two located near the workshop and one near the turn off.	\$ 5,000.00				10/10/2024: LA allocated \$5,000 towards solar light installation. 2 near the workshop and 1 near turn off. 07/03/2025: one light on concrete block to move to the corner. To be confirmed. Remains ongoing. 17/09/2025: remaining ongoing 05/01/2026: Will address once toilet is completed

10/10/2024	PR121	Oval goal post replacement	Removal of goal posts, purchase and install goal posts at the football field.	\$	10,000.00	\$	8,935.00	9m/6m AFL Goal Posts with Sleeve bases: \$8935.00	10/10/2024: LA allocated \$10,000 towards replacement of oval goal post. 18/02/2025: Goal posts are in transit to Katherine. 07/03/2025: Have arrived in Katherine, installation required and allocation of more funding needed to install the posts. 14/10/2025: Awaiting quote from contractor to install. 13/04/2026: Additional allocation needed to install. Received 2 quotes that are around 15K 25/06/2026: Goal posts to be installed by the company building Weemol Basketball court
10/10/2024		Council office extension	Scoping of council office extension.	\$	10,000.00				10/10/2024: LA allocated \$10,000 towards Bulman council office extension. 18/02/2025: Need scoping. 07/03/2025: Ongoing. 15/05/2025: RGRC project manager was on site week ending the 12/05/2025, to get initial design ideas. 28/05/2025: Initial scoping done design process underway 19/06/2025: Project Manager is working concept after reviewing site. It will be an additional building rather than an extension. 17/09/2025: concept design produced to be tabled at the next LA. 05/01/2026: Design presented at last LA. Cost estimates to be finalised for discussion. 13/04/2026: initial cost estimates are around \$750K. budget to proceed required or rescope to reduce costs
Total allocation for current projects				\$	169,361.59	\$	59,832.64		
Total for Completed projects				\$	257,008.90	\$	188,188.46		
Grand Total				\$	426,370.49	\$	248,021.10		
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								\$	68,820.44

Jilkinggan Local Authority Project Funding							27 April 2026
Funds received from Department							
					\$	481,331.00	
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members							
					\$	454,270.00	
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects							
					\$	36,120.79	
Unallocated remaining funds							
					\$	63,181.79	
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance
							28/08/2024: OMC allocated \$20,000 from unallocated funds towards this new project 18/02/2025: \$19 application submitted 16/04/2025: When the \$19 is approved, the plan will be to remove the damaged tiles and all other flooring then replace with a non slip paint. 17/09/2025: \$19 NLC consultation meeting occurred on the 16/09/2025 14/10/2025: Awaiting NLC "letter of comfort" to proceed 04/11/2025: LA allocated an additional \$30,000 14/01/2026: Scope completed and Request for quotations being prepared. Letter of comfort has been received, procurement underway 23/01/2026: Awaiting quotes from suppliers to complete works 13/04/2026: Works were due to commence just before Jilkinggan was flooded. Awaiting final cleanup before contractor commence work. 27/04/2026: Contractors mobilising to site on the 28/04 - Estimated 3 week time for completion. 13/05/2026: Works underway and almost complete 15/07/2026: Project Complete
28/08/2024	PR138						
5/06/2025		Barunga Festival	Allocation of funds to the local sporting team to attend the Barunga Festival Weekend	\$ 5,000.00			
5/08/2025		BBQ	Community Barbecues with Police (Cops and Kids) initiative for three (3) months	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,219.30	PO121288 - \$1399.30 PO121099 - \$1820	
4/11/2025		Community Nursery	Establishment of a Community Nursery and nominates the Muns Yard area as its location	\$10,000			
4/11/2025		Christmas Community Festivities	Christmas Lights competition and Christmas Community Festivities to be held	\$15,000	\$ 6,756.55	PO121345 - \$75 PO121291 - \$1048 PO121290 - \$5457 PO121289 - \$179.55	
Total allocation for current projects				\$ 84,500.00	\$ 9,975.85		\$ 74,524.15
Total for Completed projects				\$ 369,770.00	\$ 333,649.21		\$ 36,120.79
Grand Total				\$ 454,270.00	\$ 343,625.06		\$ 110,644.94

Urapunga Local Authority Project Funding							13 April 2026
Funds received from Department				\$		96,400.00	
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members				\$		66,800.00	
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects				\$		1,500.00	
Remaining Unallocated funds							
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance
11/12/2024	PR140	Landscaping and planting	Landscaping and planting tree and scrubs works throughout the community.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -		\$ -
11/12/2024	PR141	Cemetery fencing repairs and boulder installation	Cemetery fencing repairs and boulder installation to be conducted on the old cemetery located as you come into the community.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -		\$ -
11/12/2024	PR123	Community sporting equipment	Requests for the purchase of sporting equipment.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	Sporting and recreation gear: \$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Total allocation for current projects				\$ 18,000.00	\$ 1,500.00		
Total for Completed projects				\$ 48,800.00	\$ 34,949.51		
Grand Total				\$ 66,800.00	\$ 36,449.51		

Hodgson Downs Local Authority Project Funding							25 May 2026
Funds received from Department						\$ 722,340.00	
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members						\$ 670,140.00	
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects						\$ 65,029.74	
Remaining unallocated funds							\$ 117,229.74
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance
6/03/2024	PR118	Steel Bin Holders	Supply 60 Steel Bin Holders, and Alawa Aboriginal Corporation to install the same	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -		
03/06/2024: LA allocated \$4,000 towards steel for bin holders 09/12/2024: allocated another \$4,000. Council to supply 60 bin holders and AAC to install. 18/02/2025: Cost of commercial bin holders only allows about 30 units. Looking at alternative design and manufacture using internal labour 20/08/2025: Cost per unit is approx. \$300.00 a unit which are all locking which is not practical for Muns 17/09/2025: Alternative design found manufacturing option to be determined. 25/05/2026: Material Ordered							
3/06/2024	PR124	Sports Equipments	Sports equipments for Alawa Aboriginal Corporation.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -		
03/06/2024: LA allocated \$5,000 towards sports equipment for Alawa Corporation. 18/02/2025: Procurement underway by the Programs team. 03/06/2025: Dale Campbell advised that Alawa have brought some equipment and are awaiting reimbursement. Dale will liaise with community members to identify needs. 17/09/2025: nothing received from Alwa regarding outcomes or invoices for this project. 23/02/2026: Council will purchase equipment to be stored at the schools							
3/06/2024	PR136	Speed Bumps and signage	2 X slow down for children signs 5 X speed Bumps (collaborate with CDP to install and paint speed bumps)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 8,227.64	Speed Humps: \$8,227.64	
03/06/2024: LA allocated \$5,000 towards two slow down for children signs and allocated \$15,000 towards speed bumps. 02/09/2024: LA allocated additional \$10,000 towards purchasing of five additional speedbumps and signage. 18/02/2025: Signs will be ordered by end of Feb, currently finalising sign replacements across the region. 04/04/2025: Signs have arrived. 28/10/2025: Pallet of speed bumps to be sent to Hodgson Downs.							
3/06/2024		Scoping of Playground	Cost Scoping	\$ -	\$ -		
03/06/2024: LA requests for council to scope of a playground. 28/05/2025: LA asked to provide a location to allow scoping of playground on 28/05/2025 LA Meeting 17/09/2025: Still waiting for another site to be proposed by the LA 14/01/2026: Site has been selected, scoping to be done to determine costs to construct playground							
9/12/2024		Christmas festivities	Festivities event	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -		
09/12/2024: LA allocated \$5,000 towards Christmas festivities. 20/08/2025: Awaiting for Alwa to provide details. 17/09/2025: nothing received from Alwa regarding outcomes or invoices for this project.							

9/12/2024	Australia Day festivities	Festivities event	\$	2,000.00	-	-	09/12/2024: LA allocated \$2,000 towards Australia Day festivities. 20/08/2025: Awaiting for Alwa to provide details. 17/09/2025: nothing received from Alwa regarding outcomes or invoices for this project.
9/12/2024	PR131 Massacre site scoping	Cost Scoping	\$	25,000.00	20,815.30	20,815.30	09/12/2024: LA has requested for cost scoping of the Massacre site. 21/02/2025: A proposal has been developed by Bennett Architects for the survey of the site and community visits to ensure any work is done in a culturally appropriate way. The cost estimate is \$18,923 + Travel and disbursements. 26/05/2025: The Local Authority allocates \$25,000 of Local Authority Project Funding for the scoping and planning surveying of the Massacre Site Project to be undertaken in a culturally appropriate way. 20/08/2025: Consultant date to be confirmed potentially going to be on the week beginning the 15 September 2025 17/09/2025: on hold.
Total allocation for current projects			\$	80,000.00	\$	33,732.33	
Total for Completed projects			\$	590,140.00	\$	525,420.91	
Grand Total			\$	670,140.00	\$	559,153.24	

Manyallaluk Local Authority Project Funding						13 April 2026		
Funds Received from Department						\$	121,878.00	
Funds from Council						\$	37,000.00	
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members						\$	173,009.24	
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects						\$	14,131.24	
Remaining Unallocated funds						\$	(14,131.24)	
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status
28/04/2023	PR057	Fencing at Top Cemetery	purchase and installation of fencing the perimeter of the Top cemetery	\$ 78,393.58				03/04/2023: LA provisionally allocated remaining funding \$28,264.70 towards purchasing and installing mesh fence at the bottom cemetery. 27/04/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendation from the 03/04/2023 Manyallaluk Local Authority Provisional Meeting minutes. 03/07/2023: Quotation requests ongoing. 02/10/2023: Quotations sort are over budget. LA reallocated from bottom cemetery to Top cemetery. 15/01/2024: Quotes obtained are higher than allocation. Recommendation included in OMC report for resolution. 28/08/2024: OMC allocated \$28264.70 towards AAPA clearance for this project and allocated remaining \$13,128.88 from LA unallocated funds towards it and also allocated extra \$37,000 from the council funds to this project. 18/02/2025: Quotation request ongoing. 07/03/2025: some materials have been procured. AAPA has been applied for. Currently awaiting progression. 04/04/2025: Received AAPA quote, which has been authorised. 28/10/2025: Received and processed invoice. Awaiting final clearance documentation. 21/11/2025: AAPA Received. Scoping for fence replacement to commence. 15/07/2026: Grant funding received, LA to have allocation returned for reallocation
Total allocation for current projects				\$ 78,393.58	\$ -			
Total for Completed projects				\$ 94,615.66	\$ 80,484.42		\$ 14,131.24	
Grand Total				\$ 173,009.24	\$ 80,484.42		\$ 14,131.24	

Mataranka Local Authority Project Funding								27 April 2026
Funding received from Department				\$	524,563.00			
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members				\$	544,913.20			
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects				\$	53,756.76			
Remaining Unallocated Funds				\$	33,406.56			
Date	Project ID	Projects	Projects Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status
09/05/2025	PR139	Playground	playground upgrade	\$ 170,000.00				05/08/2025: The Local Authority combines the two Mulgigan Camp Project into one (1) , and allocates a total of \$170,000 to playground upgrade the project from Local Authority Project Funding. 17/09/2025: tender documents being prepared for release. 23/01/2026: Tender to be released on LocalBuy week ending 30/01/26. Tender will be open for 3 weeks. 13/04/2026: Only 1 tender received and it was almost double the assigned budget. Alternative procurement being discussed. 13/05/2026: Works due to start 13/07/2026 with 3 week construction timeframe. 15/07/2026:Works have commenced
Total allocation for current projects				\$ 170,000.00	\$ -		\$ 53,756.76	
Total for Completed Projects					\$ 321,156.44			
Grand Total								

Ngukurr Local Authority Project Funding										13 April 2026
Funds received from Department								\$	1,360,291.00	
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members								\$	1,377,646.00	
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects								\$	3,071.28	
Remaining Unallocated funds								\$	(14,283.72)	
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status		
11/12/2024	PR43	Community bus stop installation	Installation of four bus stops	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 75,659.00	Double Bus stops: \$61,000 Barcelona Bency Aluminium: \$8,720.00 Freight: \$5,939		11/12/2024: LA allocate \$100,000 from beautification towards community bus stop installation. 18/02/2025: Four bus stops with aluminium seating have been ordered and are currently being manufactured. 04/04/2025: Bus stops in Katherine awaiting shipment to Ngukurr. 15/05/2025: awaiting scheduling with CSM 20/08/2025: Works ongoing.		
7/04/2025		Bush Tukka trees	Purchase and installation of Bush Tukka tree	\$5,000				04/09/2025: The LA allocates \$5,000 of Local Authority Project Funds for the purchase and installation of Bush Tukka trees. The species to be determined by Councillor Melissa ANDREWS with General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning.		
4/07/2025		Shade & electrical lighting	shade/power/lighting for the fellowship	\$10,000				04/09/2025: The LA allocates \$10,000 for fellowship shade and electrical lighting to be scoped.		
Total allocation for current projects				\$ 220,000.00	\$ 439,387.95					
Total for Completed projects				\$ 1,098,622.14	\$ 1,081,344.77					
Grand Total				\$ 1,318,622.14	\$ 1,520,732.72					

Numbulwar Local Authority Project Funding						25 May 2026		
Funds received from Department						\$ 1,227,356.00		
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members						\$ 1,270,670.91		
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects						\$ 41,696.73		
Remaining Unallocated funds						\$ (1,618.18)		
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status
28/08/2024	PR88	Existing Cemetery Works	Scope, design survey and install all appropriate items to maintain current cemetery, in order to preserve the site.	\$ 422,322.27	\$ 124,420.10	Consultancy Fee: \$14,012.50 Consultancy Fee: \$19512.60 Consultancy Fee: \$87828.00 Consultancy Fee: \$3067.00	\$ 297,902.17	28/08/2024: (OMC) reallocated \$85088.18 from Toilets at Airport and \$337,234.09 from Sports Precinct upgrade towards new project- Existing cemetery Works. 11/12/2024: PO raised for design & ground penetration radar. Fencing and retaining wall design received and being reviewed. 18/02/2025: Fencing materials have been ordered, awaiting delivery. 21/02/2025: Existing Cemetery – design works and surveying has been undertaken. The GPS coordinates for each burial site have been recorded. Works will soon commence with Council CDP to manufacture memorial headstones for each site. Alternatively, the LA may wish for crosses to be used. Bennett Architects have requested that a resolution be passed by the Local Authority to confirm that the community has been consulted with regarding the new cemetery site and confirmation that the site identified is suitable. Please see attached map for reference. 16/04/2025: Discussion around the retaining wall due to concerns regarding the fine sand. Further discussion is needed regarding headstones or crosses. 15/07/2025: Gravesite marking to be discussed. Quote received for crosses, exceeding \$75K- alternative markings may need further discussions with community. Alternative to "retaining wall" proposed. Dune retention consist of Geotextile fabric and additional trees and shrubs consistent with the area. 20/08/2025: Designs to be table for approval of the fence and the dune stabilisation. 03/09/2025: The local Authority resolves to selected the current design work presented on 03 September to progress as the main focus.
15/09/2023	PR62	Shade structure and seating	six seating sites and shade structures	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 15,767.94	Shade Structure: \$8750.25 Shade Structure: \$8750.24 Seating for Numbulwar x6: \$6387.76 Freight to Katherine: \$2079.00 Wrong Costing: + \$10,199.31	\$ 44,232.06	15/09/2023: \$60,000 towards six shade structure and seating at various parks. 18/02/2025: Four structure sites have been identified and awaiting contractor to provide quote to install. 17/09/2025: ongoing contractors availability issues
15/09/2023	PR63	Solar Lights	Four solar lights in park to be installed	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 15,939.60	Concrete: \$1125.00 4 x solar lights: 13360.00 Freight to Katherine: \$1050.00 freight to Numbulwar: \$404.60	\$ 24,060.40	15/09/2023: LA allocated \$40,000 towards one solar light in each park. 18/02/2025: One Light to be installed at each of the four shade structures 17/09/2025: being completed at the same time as the shade structure; ongoing contractors availability issues 28/10/2025: Awaiting Engineering design for footings.

15/09/2023	PR64	Large solar light	One Large solar light to be installed at the top of the boat ramp	\$	15,000.00	\$	8,654.60	Concrete: \$750.00 1 Large Solar Light: \$5550.00 Freight to Katherine: \$1950.00 Freight to Numbulwar: \$404.60	\$	6,345.40	15/09/2023: LA allocated \$15,000 large luminous solar light at the top of boat ramp. 18/02/2025: Light to be installed on concrete block. Require cages from Numbulwar to allow blocks to be manufactured. 04/04/2025: Cage has been retrieved from Numbulwar. Concrete block to be design and quoted. 17/09/2025: ongoing contractors availability issues 28/10/2025: Awaiting Engineering design for footings.
15/09/2023	PR67	Large solar lights x 3	Three solar lights located from Newtown to mission area require maintenance.	\$	40,000.00	\$	16,435.00	Concrete: \$1125.00 3 x solar lights: \$13360.00 Freight to Katherine: \$1950.00 Freight to Numbulwar: \$404.60	\$	23,565.00	15/09/2023: LA allocated 40k for installing 3 large solar lights along dirt road from Newtown to mission area. 18/02/2025: 2 of the 3 existing lights have been repaired. Last one to be repaired once access is available. 17/09/2025: ongoing contractors availability issues
5/03/2025		BBQ	Community festivities	\$	5,000.00						05/03/2025: The LA allocates \$5000 for a community BBQ. 23/02/2026: Awaiting invoices to complete project
				\$	582,322.27	\$	181,217.24				
				\$	688,348.64	\$	668,348.64				
				\$	1,270,670.91	\$	849,565.88				
				Total allocation for current projects							
				Total for Completed projects							
				Grand Total							

Robinson River Local Authority Project Funding										27 April 2026
Funds received from Department				\$	130,000.00					
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members				\$	97,500.00					
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects				\$	5,459.09					
Remaining Unallocated funds				\$	37,959.09					
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status		
31/08/2023	PR68	Speed Humps	Purchase and installation of speed humps	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,703.18	Mid Section Speed Humps x 120: \$2386.80 Speed Hump ends x 10: \$155.80 8mm Spikes: \$1040.00 Freight: \$120.58	\$ 1,296.82	31/08/2023: provisionally allocates \$5,000 towards speed humps. 25/10/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendations from the 31 August 2023 Robinson River Local Authority. 18/02/2025: PO raised. Order received, awaiting delivery to community. 28/10/2025: Started installing but ground too hard, need additional tooling. 29/01/2026: 2 Speedbumps completed outside the school late November, 3 remaining to install.		
31/08/2023	PR72	Solar lights	Purchase and installation of four solar lights.	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 17,068.39	4 x solar lights: \$13360.00 Freight to Darwin: \$1363.64 2 x pallets of premix concrete: \$1500.00 Freight: \$312.35 Freight: \$532.40	\$ 22,931.61	31/08/2023: provisionally allocates \$40,000 towards four (4) solar lights installation. 25/10/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendations from the 31 August 2023 Robinson River Local Authority Provisional Meeting minutes. 18/02/2025: Locations provided. To be completed once access is available. 28/10/2025: Awaiting Engineering design for footings.		
31/08/2023	PR73	Signage-Road Safety	Purchase and installation of a variety of Signage for road safety for community	\$ 5,000.00				31/08/2023: provisionally allocates \$5,000 towards Road Traffic Management or Road Safety Signage. 25/10/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendations from the 31 August 2023 Robinson River Local Authority Provisional Meeting minutes. 18/02/2025: Signs to be added to bulk order for other communities. Need to finalise sign audit for Robinson River to add to order. 15/05/2025: GM on site on the 08/05/2025 to scope signs to be ordered. 15/07/2025: Additional signs ordered. 28/10/2025: Some signs have been installed, near the school. 13/04/2026: Additional safety signs to be delivered to Community once road access is suitable		
31/08/2023	PR74	Bollards for the Park	Purchase and installation of bollards around the perimeter of the park	\$ 10,000.00				31/08/2023: provisionally allocates \$10,000 for purchasing Bollards for the perimeter of the park. 25/10/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendations from the 31 August 2023 Robinson River Local Authority Provisional Meeting minutes. 18/02/2025: Project likely to cost more than budget. 28/10/2025: Additional design to be tabled at the LA. 13/04/2026: Potential to manufacture the same barriers that we are constructing for other communities.		

31/08/2023	PR75	Basketball Equipment	Purchase of a variety of Basketball equipment.	\$ 500.00	\$ 901.64	Basketball Backboards: \$652.73 Freight: \$248.91	\$ 401.64	31/08/2023: provisionally allocates \$500 for purchasing Basketball Equipment. 25/10/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendations from the 31 August 2023 Robinson River Local Authority Provisional Meeting minutes. 18/02/2025: New backboards ordered, awaiting delivery to community. 15/07/2025: Additional funding required for additional repairs to basketball rings. 28/10/2025: Post straightened attempted to install backboards, need additional tools.
31/08/2023	PR77	Portable BBQ	Purchase of portable BBQ	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 817.27	BBQ: \$817.27	\$ 1,182.73	31/08/2023: provisionally allocates \$2,000 for purchasing portable BBQ. 25/10/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendations from the 31 August 2023 Robinson River Local Authority Provisional Meeting minutes. 18/02/2025: in Procurement stage 21/11/2025: BBQ procured delivery to site to follow.
31/08/2023	PR78	Food for Community BBQ	Purchase of food for a community BBQ.	\$ 500.00				31/08/2023: Local Authority provisionally allocated \$500.00. 25/10/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendations from the 31 August 2023 Robinson River Local Authority Provisional Meeting minutes.
27/04/2026	PR159	Storage and equipment for funerals	Shipping container, chairs, tables portable shade for funeral events.					27/04/2026: Awaiting quote for shipping container. Quotes for seating and table as well as portable shade to be completed and items purchased. 15/07/2026: Container has arrived. Awaiting procurement of remaining equipment.
Total allocation for current projects				\$ 37,959.00	\$ 31,605.93		\$ 25,894.07	
Total for Completed projects				\$ 24,500.00	\$ 16,040.91		\$ 5,459.09	
Grand Total				\$ 97,500.00	\$ 47,646.84		\$ 31,353.16	

Wugularr Local Authority Project Funding						13 April 2026		
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						\$0.00		
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status
								27/11/2023: LA allocated \$20,000 towards purchase and installation of five speed bumps. 29/02/2024: Quotation request ongoing. 30/06/2024: Awaiting confirmation from LA before procurement. 31/08/2024: PO raised for speed bumps. Under procurement stage. 06/01/2025: Awaiting on roads project and filling potholes before proceeding. 07/03/2025: Currently awaiting other project completion before progression can occur. 15/07/2025: Additional speedbumps to be ordered with the balance. 14/10/2025: LA has requested (LA meeting 13/10/2025: concrete speed bumps are installed instead of plastic. Rescoping to be done
7/10/2024	PR109	Cemetery Arch	purchase and installation of cemetery arch.	\$ 25,000.00	-	Speed Hump mid section: \$4773.60 Speed Hump ends: \$311.60 8mm Spikes: \$2080.00 Freight: \$120.58	\$ 12,714.22	07/10/2024: LA allocates \$25000 for the purchase of Wugularr Cemetery Arch and requests Arch to be scoped; 26/02/2024: Quotation requests ongoing. (Contractor that constructed Barunga arch has closed the business and left town) 07/03/2025: Scoping still to be completed. 15/07/2025: Obtained Barungas drawings to duplicate, design in progress. 25/06/2026: Awaiting quote for construction of arch
10/07/2024	PR130	Water tap	scope and Quote for water tap as closed to the Cemetery;	\$ -	\$ 3,480.00	Site Servicing Plan: \$3,480.00	\$ (3,480.00)	07/10/2024: The Local Authority requests scope and Quote for water tap as closed to the Cemetery. 20/08/2025: Working through the power and water submission for the tap. Solar lighting still to come. 17/09/2025: originally plan was rejected and scope needs to be reduced.
15/10/2025		Steel Bollards	Steel Bollards to replaced existing Rocks on road side	\$30,000	\$ -		\$ -	15/10/2025: Requests for steel bollards to replace rocks as roadside barriers and for a costing estimate to be presented at its next Meeting 13/04/2026: Materials have been delivered
14/01/2026	PR 149	Playground Lighting	Solar Lighting to be supplied for the playground	\$10,000				06/03/2026: Lights in stock, awaiting installation
Total allocation for current projects				\$ 88,000.00	\$ 12,946.69		\$ 10,053.31	
Total for Completed projects				\$ 511,293.10	\$ 574,683.26		\$ (67,061.33)	

Grand Total	\$	599,203.10	\$	587,629.95	\$	(67,008.02)
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17 CLOSED SESSION**17.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session**

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.*