



AGENDA MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY

TUESDAY 5 MAY 2026

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

Tuesday 5 May 2026 at 1:00 pm
Roper Gulf Regional Council Service Delivery Centre-Mataranka
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Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DH', is positioned above the name of the Chief Executive Officer.

David HURST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**MATARANKA CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
Appointed Members**

1. Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
2. Councillor Des BARRITT;
3. Rachael WALTERS (Chairperson);
4. Margaret MINNETT;
5. Johnny BILLY;
6. Shaunette MARTIN;
7. Maria GIBBS;
8. Helen HAWKINS;
9. Lorretta GIBSON; and
10. **VACANT**

MEMBERS: 10**QUORUM: 6** (minimum requirement)**PROVISIONAL: 3** (minimum requirement)**EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

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

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

During a provisional meeting, all agenda items may be discussed, and minutes must be kept.

Members at a provisional meeting may by majority vote make recommendations to Council. However, the recommendations shall be considered as those of a provisional meeting rather than a quorum meeting of the Local Authority.

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

PLEDGE

“We pledge to work as one towards a better future through effective use of all resources.

We have identified these key values and principles of Honesty, Equality, Accountability, Respect and Trust as being integral in the achievement of our vision, that the Roper Gulf Regional Council is Sustainable, Viable and Vibrant.”

PRAMIS BLA WI

“Mela pramis bla wek gudbalawei bla meigim futja bla wi wanwei, en bla yusim ola gudwan ting bla helpum wi luk lida.

Mela bin luk ol dijlod rul, ebrobodi gada tok trubalawei, wi gada meik so wi gibit firgo en lisin misalp, abum rispek en trastim misalp bla jinggabat bla luk lida, Roper Galf Rijinul Kaunsul deya maindim en kipbum bla wi pramis, dum wek brabli gudbalawei, en im laibliwan.”

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6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mataranka Local Authority confirms the minutes from the Meeting held on Tuesday, 03 February 2026 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the 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 Mataranka Local Authority met and held a meeting with **Quorum** on Tuesday, 03 February 2026. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting and the closed session minutes for the Local Authority to confirm.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

That the next Mataranka Local Authority Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 04 August 2025.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. MAT MIN 03022026 Unconfirmed [6.1.1 - 4 pages]
2. MAT MIN 03022026 CLD Unconfirmed [6.1.2 - 2 pages]



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE-MATARANKA 36 ROPER TERRACE, MATARANKA NT 0852 ON TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 1:00 PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Appointed Members

- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
- Rachael WALTERS (Chairperson);
- Johnny BILLY;
- Maria GIBBS;
- Margaret MINNETT;
- Loretta GIBSON; and
- Helen HAWKINS.

1.2 Staff Members

- Cindy HADDOW, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Garry GILES, Acting General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Liam FARRELL, Operations Manager;
- Cristie GEER, Programs Manager;
- Karyn KALAMARAS, Council Services Manager;
- Lisa BISHOP, RAES Manager;
- Shane SMITH, Community Safety Coordinator;
- Sarah PEACHMENT, Executive Assistant to the CEO;
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Ashab HASSANAR, Mataranka Aged Care and Disability Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Heath GIBBONS, Sunrise Health Mataranka Clinic Manager;
- Keith R SMITH, Member of the Public; and
- Michael McFARLANE, Member of the Public.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Mataranka Local Authority Meeting opened at 1:04 pm with a **QUORUM** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Mataranka Local Authority Member Johnny BILLY welcomed all persons to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

MAT Q-1/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Lorretta GIBSON/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority does not authorise the absence of Annabelle DAYLIGHT and Shaunette MARTIN noting that no apologies were received.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

Heath GIBBONS, Sunrise Health Mataranka Clinic Manager, introduced himself to the Mataranka Local Authority.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**6.1 Mataranka Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes**

MAT Q-2/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) confirms the minutes from the Meeting held on Tuesday, 04 November 2025 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the Meeting's decisions and proceedings; and
- (b) confirms the minutes from the Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 August 2025 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the Meeting's decisions and proceedings.

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

MAT Q-3/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Margaret Minnett/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

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

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

9 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declaration of interest at this Mataranka Local Authority Meeting.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**11.1 Outgoing Correspondence**

MAT Q-4/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the outgoing correspondence; and
- (b) requests for further correspondence to be sent to Northern Territory Government as outlined in Attachment A.

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

MAT Q-5/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Johnny Billy/LA Member Lorretta GIBSON) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report; and
- (b) does not authorise the absence of Annabelle DAYLIGHT and Shaunette MARTIN.

12.2 Elected Members Report

MAT Q-6/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/LA Member Margaret Minnett) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Elected Members Report; and
- (b) requests for the Mataranka School senior students to be invited to the upcoming Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Mataranka on Wednesday, 25 February 2026.

12.3 Town Priorities

MAT Q-7/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority nominates the following priorities for Council's consideration for the 2026-27 Financial year and add Museum Upgrades and Renovation.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 Mataranka LA YTD December Finance Report

MAT Q-8/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/LA Member Margaret Minnett) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

14.1 Council Services Manager Report

MAT Q-9/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Margaret Minnett/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report;
- (b) requests Council to contact Greenview Farm in relation to dust and chemical pollution;
- (c) raises the issue (b) with Northern Territory Government agencies;
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer to contact Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DIPL) to request the installation of electronic instant speed signage and to request speed limit reduction to 40 km/h on the Stuart Highway; and
- (e) requests the CEO to contact DIPL to relocate road signage on Martins Road and Stuart Highway due to visual impediment of oncoming road traffic (southbound).

LA Member Lorretta GIBSON left the meeting at 2:19 pm.

14.2 Community Safety Report

MAT Q-10/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Johnny Billy/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Community Safety Report

LA Member Lorretta GIBSON returned to the meeting at 2:28 pm.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 LA Projects Report

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MAT Q-11/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Maria Gibbs/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED
That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report

16 CLOSED SESSION**DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

MAT Q-12/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) CARRIED
That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

16.1 Mulggan Camp

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

Regulation 51(1)(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.

17 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 3:00 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting, held on Tuesday, 03 February 2026 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 04 May 2026



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE-MATARANKA 36 ROPER TERRACE, MATARANKA NT 0852 ON TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 1:00 PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Appointed Members

- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
- Rachael WALTERS (Chairperson);
- Johnny BILLY;
- Maria GIBBS;
- Margaret MINNETT;
- Loretta GIBSON; and
- Helen HAWKINS.

1.2 Staff Members

- Cindy HADDOW, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Garry GILES, Acting General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Liam FARRELL, Operations Manager;
- Cristie GEER, Programs Manager;
- Karyn KALAMARAS, Council Services Manager;
- Lisa BISHOP, RAES Manager;
- Shane SMITH, Community Safety Coordinator;
- Sarah PEACHMENT, Executive Assistant to the CEO;
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Ashab HASSANAR, Mataranka Aged Care and Disability Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK.

4 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

4.1 Mulgga Camp

MAT Q-13/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Lorretta GIBSON/Councillor Sue Edwards)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes this Report; and
- (b) invites Mia CHRISTOPHERSEN, Northern Land Council (NLC) and representative of Homelands, at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Mataranka and the next Mataranka Local Authority Meeting.

5 CLOSE OF MEETING

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4 NOVEMBER 2025

The meeting closed at 3:00 pm.

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Chairperson
Confirmed on 04 May 2026

UNCONFIRMED

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

ACTION LISTS

8.1 General Business

MAT P-37/2025 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED

Meeting Date

04 November 2025

REPORT IN THE AGENDA

b) Yes, Item Number 15.1

That the Provisional Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) notes the amendment of the previous minutes pertaining the request of scoping Footpaths in Mataranka;
- (b) requests for scoping of laneway as alternative noting land tenure issues;
- (c) notes the land tenure concerns pertaining the safety issues in Mulggan Camp, with temporary structures not authorised by Council and hazards arising from the same in upcoming Wet Season storms;
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer to contact the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development as urgent matter pertaining the inadequate infrastructure and to continue advocacy for Homelands Funding; and
- (e) requests the Chief Executive Officer to invite Mia CHRISTOPHERSEN to the next Mataranka Local Authority Meeting and to visit Mulggan Camp.

d) & e) Completed

11.1 Outgoing Correspondence

MAT Q-4/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED 03 February 2026

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the outgoing correspondence; and Completed
- (b) requests for further correspondence to be sent to Northern Territory Government as outlined in Attachment A.

12.2 Elected Members Report

MAT Q-6/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/LA Member Margaret Minnett) CARRIED 03 February 2026

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Elected Members Report; and Completed
- (b) requests for the Mataranka School senior students to be invited to the upcoming Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Mataranka on Wednesday, 25 February 2026.

14.1 Council Services Manager Report

MAT Q-9/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Margaret Minnett/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED 03 February 2026

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report;
- (b) requests Council to contact Greenview Farm in relation to dust and chemical pollution; b) and c) delayed due to weather events
- (c) raises the issue (b) with Northern Territory Government agencies;
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer to contact Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DIPL) to request the installation of electronic instant speed signage and to request speed limit reduction to 40 km/h on the Stuart Highway; and d) and e) Completed
- (e) requests the CEO to contact DIPL to relocate road signage on Martins Road and Stuart Highway due to visual impediment of oncoming road traffic (southbound).

4.1 Mulgan Camp

MAT Q-13/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Lorretta GIBSON/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED 03 February 2026

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes this Report; and Completed
- (b) invites Mia CHRISTOPHERSEN, Northern Land Council (NLC) and representative of Homelands, at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Mataranka and the next Mataranka Local Authority Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

Local Authority Member Attendance

Local Authority Meeting Members	06 May 2025	05 August 2025	04 November 2025	03 February 2026
Councillor Sue EDWARDS	-	Appointed at 25 September 2025 OMC	P	P
Councillor Des BARRITT	-	Appointed at 25 September 2025 OMC	P	P
Margaret MINNETT	P	AP	AP	P
Rachael WALTERS	P	P	P	P
Maria GIBBS	P	P	P	P
Johnny BILLY	P	P	NO AP	P
Shaunette MARTIN	P	P	AP	NO AP
Helen HAWKINS	-	-	Appointed at December 2025 OMC	P
Lorretta GIBSON	-	-	Appointed at December 2025 OMC	P

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 22 APRIL 2026

At this meeting Council noted Councillor Des BARRITT's concern pertaining to the inadequacies of the response and evacuations during the recent disaster, including lack of planning, infrastructure and Communications, and inadequacy of recovery provisions.

Council requested to advocate for road Infrastructure to mitigate the flooding emergency and noted Councillor Patricia FARRELL's concern pertaining to RAES participants being cut-off from the Programme due to lack of provider presence and directed the CEO to formally raise complaint to the Commonwealth and requests for In-situ council staff to support community members to complain directly.

Following Major Projects were discussed at this meeting:

Projects on Hold:

- Larrimah – Telstra House – PR95

Projects in Progress:

Mataranka Airstrip Upgrade Scoping – PR148

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

AWS Consultants have provided the engineering documentation for the new wastewater treatment facility with septic tanks and soak, and our team has provided their comments. Estimated pricing for project was over \$1.5 million. Alternative designs are to be revisited and costed to try and achieve a more cost-effective solution. Additional solutions being investigated to provide a suitable long term, functional system.

Mataranka Carew Heights Development PR00151

Review of previous design for cost and suitability being undertaken.

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 18 March 2026

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee consists of the following members:

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

There was no topics of discussion in relation to the Never Never Ward at the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING – 18 February 2026

The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting consists of the following members:

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

There was no topics of discussion in relation to the Never Never Ward at the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

20 May 2026 at 9:00 am	Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
11 June 2026 at 8:30 am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
12 June 2026 at 10:00 am	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine

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

LOCAL AUTHORITY	NUMBER OF VACANCIES
Mataranka Local Authority	<i>1</i>
Jilkminggan Local Authority	<i>0</i>
Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority	<i>0</i>

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. OMC MIN 22042026 [12.2.1 - 8 pages]

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MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE RGRC SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE BULMAN
ON WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2026 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE (Chairperson, via audio/video conference);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor John DALYWATER;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR (via audio/video conference);
- Councillor Patricia FARREL attended at 9:57 am(via audio conference);
- Councillor Ash GARNER (via audio/video conference);
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS, (via audio/video conference); and
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI.

Staff

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer (via audio/video conference);
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability (via audio/video conference);
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning (via audio/video conference);
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Kellie JOHNSTON, Assets Manager (via audio/video conference);
- Cristie GEER; Programs Manager (via audio/video conference); and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary).

Guests

- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant (via audio/video conference)

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 9:00 am. The Deputy Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Deputy Mayor welcomed all persons to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

2026/31 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor John Dalywater) **CARRIED**

That Council accepts the tendered apologies from Mayor Tony JACK, Councillor Preston LEE Michelle FARRELL and Councillor Patricia FARRELL.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

22 APRIL 2026

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

2026/32 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi) CARRIED

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 February 2026.

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

2026/33 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Samuel Evans) CARRIED

That Council:

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

8 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**8.1 Previous Committee Meeting Minutes**

2026/34 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Des BARRITT declared a Conflict of Interest at item 11.1 regarding his own correspondence (that was withdrawn at his request) and the Mataranka fishing club fee waiver request.

Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI declared a Conflict of Interest at Item 13.2.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**11.1 Incoming Correspondence**

2026/35 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nunggamajbarr/Councillor Samuel Evans) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) accepts the Incoming Correspondence;
- (b) authorises the waiver of fees for Mataranka Fishing Club, Mikey's Cricket Challenge,
- (c) supports the Community Impact and Innovations Grant application of the Wuyagiba Bush Hub Aboriginal Corporation and directs the Chief Executive Officer to supply a Letter of Support to that effect;
- (d) supports the request for a Letter of 'No Objection' from Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation(YMDAC) for s19 *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (Cth) variation Lot 445 authorises the Chief Executive Officer to supply the same;
- (e) agrees to participate in Australian Council for Local Government and appoints the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as to representatives to attend the official function on 22 June 2026.
- (f) supports Sunrise Health Aboriginal Corporation's request for a Letter of Support and directs the Chief Executive Officer to supply the same;
- (g) invites NT Health to Mulggan Camp to carry out Environmental Health Assessments;
- (h) notes Councillor Des BARRITT's withdrawal of his Correspondence to Council; and
- (i) formally invites NDIS Commission to attend Council's Ordinary Meeting in June 2026.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

22 APRIL 2026

Councillor Des BARRITT left the meeting at 9:36 am citing Conflict of Interest for fee waiver request for Mataranka Fishing Club.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Outgoing Correspondence

2026/36 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to follow up with the Chairperson of Werenbun Aboriginal Corporation in relation to renaming of Edith Bridge.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 Nyirranggulung Ward Report

2026/37 **RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Samuel Evans)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 30 March 2026;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 31 March 2026;
- (d) approves the recommendations from the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 01 April 2026;
- (e) appoints Scott LEE as a Member of the Barunga Local Authority;
- (f) appoints Danielle BUSH as a Member of the Wugularr Local Authority;
- (g) requests advocacy for urgent repairs to the Manyallaluk Access Road;
- (h) appoints the Deputy Mayor as a Member of the Bulman Local Authority;
- (i) rescinds the membership of Selina ASHLEY from Bulman Local Authority;
- (j) postpones the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting scheduled to be held on 01 July 2026 to 02 July 2026;
- (k) advocates and supports for building of multipurpose Evacuation Center in Wugularr noting impact of recent Disaster events for Department of Logistics and Infrastructure Pipeline;
- (l) advocates Northern Territory Government (NTG) to utilise for Disaster Resilience Funding for the multiple purpose Evacuation Center and associated resilience infrastructure; and
- (m) directs the Chief Executive Officer to raise concerns pertaining to sewage leaks to the Power and Water Corporation.

Cr. Patricia FARRELL attended the Meeting at 9:57 am.

13.2 Never Never Ward Report

2026/38 **RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) notes Councillor Des BARRITT's concern pertaining to the inadequacies of the response and evacuations during the recent disaster, including lack of planning, infrastructure and Communications, and inadequacy of recovery provisions;
- (c) requests Council to advocate for road Infrastructure to mitigate the flooding emergency; and
- (d) notes Councillor Patricia FARRELL's concern pertaining to RAES participants being cut-off from the Programme due to lack of provider presence and directs the CEO to formally raise complaint to the Commonwealth and requests for In-site council staff to support community members to complain directly.

Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI raised a Conflict of Interest and left the meeting at 10:00 am and returned at 10:01 am.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am and resumed at 10:39 am.

13.3 Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report

2026/39 **RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Des Barritt)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report; and
- (b) appoints Elizabeth JOSHUA as a Member of the Numbulwar Local Authority.
- (c) notes Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI's overview of the Emergency Response to the recent Disaster response;
- (d) notes Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR'S concerns pertaining to communication issues pertaining to recent Disaster Response;
- (e) continues advocacy for Numbulwar Evacuation Centre noting recent Disaster Events; and
- (f) invites new Executive Director of the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Community Development to attend next Ordinary Meeting of Council in June 2026 to discuss housing needs of elderly people in Numbulwar.

13.4 Yugul Mangi Ward Report

2026/40 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report; and
- (b) notes the Owen TURNER's resignation from the Ngukurr and Urapunga Local Authorities.
- (c) appoints Sarah-LEE SILVER as a member of Ngukurr Local Authority.

13.5 South West Gulf Ward Report

2026/41 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Samuel Evans)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) appoints Taryn ANDERSON as a Member of the Borroloola Local Authority; and
- (c) appoints Cr. Ash GARNER and Cr. Samuel EVANS as Council's representatives on the Community Benefits Trust Steering Committee.

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

14.1 Mayor's Report

2026/42 **RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)**

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

14.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

2026/43 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Ash Garner)**

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

14.3 Council Meeting Attendance Report

2026/44 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Council and Committee Meeting Attendance Report.
- (b) requests AICD training to be arranged for Councillors in Katherine.

Cr. Samuel EVANS left the Meeting at 11:05 am and returned at 11:07 am.

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15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**15.1 Draft Regional Plan 2026-2027**

2026/45 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

That Council in accordance with Section 35 (3) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

- (a) approves the Draft 2026-2027 Regional Plan; and
- (b) resolves to formally put the Draft 2026-2027 Regional Plan out to public consultation in accordance with Section 35(3)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

15.2 Remuneration Tribunal Determination on Allowances for Elected and Appointed Members

2026/46 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Remuneration Tribunal's Determination for Allowances for Councillors and Local Authority Members; and
- (b) requests Tribunal to review its Determination pertaining to travel noting significant increase in fuel costs impacting Elected Member travel and engagement.

15.3 Grant Funding Acquittal

2026/47 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant Funding 2023-24 Acquittal.

15.4 March 2026 Financial Report

2026/48 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 31 March 2026.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**16.1 Programs Update**

2026/49 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Programs Update; and
- (b) requests scoping and procurement of multipurpose vehicles for Community Night Patrol noting cultural sensitivity requirements.

16.2 Aged Care and Disability Services Report

2026/50 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Aged Care and Disability Report;

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**17.1 Major Projects Report**

2026/51 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Report.

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17.2 Local Authority Projects Update**2026/52 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) allocates an additional \$8,000 of unallocated Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) of the Bulman Local Authority towards the Goal Post project PR121;
- (c) allocates the remaining unallocated of the Robinson River Local Authority towards storage and funeral equipment noting the imminent expiry of LAPF by end of FY25-26.

meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm and resumed at 1:17 pm.

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

20 CLOSED SESSION**DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION****2026/53 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED**That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda :-**20.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session***Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.***20.2 Action List***Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.***20.3 Previous Committee Minutes Confidential Session***Regulation 51(1)(d) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity. Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.***20.4 Expression of Interest – Independent Member, Finance and Infrastructure Committee***Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) - 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)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.*

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.5 Malandarri Festival - Grants support

Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) - 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)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

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

20.6 Rates Concessions – PID 503230,501718,501719 & 501456

Regulation 51(1)(b) - 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)(b). It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) - 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)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

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

20.7 Logistical Dispositions

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

Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) - 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)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

20.8 By-Election

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

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.9 Budget Review

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

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Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person. Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) - 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)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

2026/63 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)**

CARRIED

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

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 3:18 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 February 2026 and will be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 22 April 2026.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Mataranka LA YTD March Finance Report
AUTHOR	Chathuranghi Dias, Acting Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

As per the *Local Government Act 2019* and its statutory instruments, the council is to submit a current financial report of actual expenditure against the latest approved budget for the Local Authority area.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

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

Operating Income:

Operating Income of \$2,166,422 was received YTD for Mataranka against a budget of \$2,805,288 resulting in a variance of \$638,866. The variance largely as a result of timing of grant and contract revenue and should be corrected during the year.

Operating Expenditure:

Total Operating Expenditure YTD of \$2,166,422 against a budget of \$2,805,288 the resulting total variance in operating expenditure of \$638,866. The variance is largely due to timing of expenses, changes in allocation methodology for internal cost allocations, and vacancies in staff.

Capital Expenditure:


There has been \$156,209 Capital expenditure YTD against a budget of \$877,500 the resulting in a variance of \$721,291. The variance is caused by the timing of a number of projects.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Mataranka LA Report Mar 26 [13.1.1 - 1 page]

					
Roper Gulf Regional Council Financial Report as at 31-March-2026 Mataranka					
	Year to Date Actual (\$)	Year to Date	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Explanation
Income					
RGRC Contribution	1,326,190	0	1,326,190		Represents RGRC fund transfer for untied activities
User Charges and Fees	13,097	8,736	4,360	11,648	
Grant Income	595,441	2,289,817	-1,694,376	3,053,089	Timing variance
Contract Fee Income	231,510	506,735	-275,225	675,646	Timing variance
Income Other	185	0	185	0	
Total Operating Income	2,166,422	2,805,288	-638,866	3,740,384	
Operating Expenditure					
Employment	1,222,266	1,502,934	-280,668	2,003,912	Staff vacancies
Contract & Materials	197,270	299,742	-102,472	399,656	Timing variance
Asset Related	0	63,602	-63,602	84,802	Fleet & Plant & Equip vehicle expenses
Other Expenses	467,402	279,253	188,149	372,337	Timing variance
Banking & Finance	164	32	133	42	
Internal Charges	240,113	636,450	-396,337	848,600	New budget allocation methodology
Councillor Allowance Exp	36,307	17,816	18,491	23,754	Timing variance
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	2,900	5,460	-2,560	7,280	
Total Expenditure	2,166,422	2,805,288	-638,866	3,740,383	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	0	0	0	0	
Total Capital Income					
	0	877,500	-877,500	1,170,000	
RGRC Contribution	0	802,500	-802,500	1,070,000	
Capital Grant Income	0	75,000	-75,000	100,000	Timing variance
Total Capital Expenditure	156,209	877,500	-721,291	1,170,000	
Buildings	156,209	562,500	-406,291	750,000	Aged Care Building
Infrastructure	0	150,000	-150,000	200,000	Minor projects \$100k + \$100k showgrounds sewerage system
Plant	0	15,000	-15,000	20,000	Municipal equipment
Vehicles	0	0	0	0	
Roads	0	150,000	-150,000	200,000	Carew Road development
Net Operating Position	-156,209	0	-156,209	0	

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	14.1
TITLE	Council Services Manager Report
AUTHOR	Karyn Kalamaras, Council Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

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

BACKGROUND

Core Services

111- Council Services General

- All Council Services have been delivered as required.
- Due to recent weather events, Jilkmिंगgan residents were evacuated to Mataranka. The evacuees spent 3 weeks in Mataranka before being allowed to return home.
- The community hall will undergo a deep clean as well as the library, including the carpets being professionally cleaned.
- Preparation for Anzac Day are underway

160 – Municipal Services

- Preparations for Anzac Day and the Never Never Festival are underway.
- The slashing of the roads for the DLPE contract is currently on hold due to the ground being too wet.
- Ongoing works to refurb the fountain, expect to have the hand over to community at the opening of the NNF.

165 – Recycling Centre

- 97 749 units of recycling were collected in the third quarter (January – March)

Agency Services

348 – Library

- The library was utilised to hold activities for the Creche and Sports and Rec program whilst the Jilkmिंगgan evacuees were here.

350 – Centrelink

- Centrelink office has been open and operational daily
- The number of clients increased over the period that the evacuees were in Mataranka.
- Recruitment for a new Centrelink Agent has begun as the current agent has resigned.

342- Aged Care

- New aged care support at home program started from 01 November 2025.
- The aged care program is being delivered daily as per contractual requirements.
- Jilkmिंगgan clients enjoyed the Mataranka facilities whilst in Mataranka.
- Client participation increased for indoor group activities and social support.
- The recruitment of two new casual employees is underway.

- The Aged care team made sure that Jilkminggan clients received hampers from the office at Jilkminggan during road closure period. Once the roads opened, aged care continued service delivery to Jilkminggan.
- All seven aged care standards are followed and maintained throughout delivery service.
- Aged care compliance is maintained and monitored each month with the help of monthly meetings and internal audits.

401- Community Safety

- Recruitment for a permanent fulltime staff member will be advertised in the coming weeks, to replace one staff member who recently resigned.

404- Indigenous Sports & Recreation

- Recruitment for PPT Sport and Rec positions ongoing.
- However, we are running activities and community events during the school holidays with a casual staff member.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
TITLE	LA Projects Report
AUTHOR	Luke Haddow, General Manager Infrastructure Services, and Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

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

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

BACKGROUND

Since 2014 the Mataranka Local Authority has received a total of \$472,163.00 from the Northern Territory Government for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocation is based on a formula related to population. To date the Mataranka Local Authority has allocated \$426,569.20 including surplus funds available from completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Please refer to the attached LA funding report as at 27 April 2026

On 04 November 2025, the Mataranka Local Authority requested for scoping to be undertaken for prospective laneway and footpath works.

This has been completed, and before the matter can be progressed into the project phase, it needs to be Resolved by the Local Authority, and a budget allocated.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Unallocated Funds

The Mataranka Local Authority currently has \$33,406.56 to allocate to new projects.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Mataranka LA Projects Report April 26 1 [**15.1.1** - 1 page]

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
8/05/2025	PR139	Playground	playground upgrade	\$ 170,000.00				<p>05/08/2025: The Local Authority combines the two Mulggan Camp Project into one (1) , and allocates a total of \$170,000 to playground upgrade the project from Local Authority Project Funding.</p> <p>17/09/2025: tender documents being prepared for release.</p> <p>23/01/2026: Tender to be released on LocalBuy week ending 30/01/26. Tender will be open for 3 weeks.</p> <p>13/04/2026: Only 1 tender received and it was almost double the assigned budget. Alternative procurement being discussed.</p>
Total allocation for current projects				\$ 170,000.00	\$ -		\$ 53,756.76	
Total for Completed projects					\$ 321,156.44			
Grand Total								