



AGENDA URAPUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY

TUESDAY 03 MARCH 2026

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

Tuesday 3 March 2026 at 3:00 pm
Urapunga School
Or

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Cindy HADDOW
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**URAPUNGA CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
Appointed Members**

1. Councillor Michelle FARRELL;
2. Owen TURNER;
3. Dennis DUNCAN (Chairperson);
4. Danny DUNCAN;
5. Clifford DUNCAN;
6. Breandan TURNER; and
7. Edna NELSON.

MEMBERS: 7

QUORUM: 5 (minimum requirement)

PROVISIONAL: 3 (minimum requirement)

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

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

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

During a provisional meeting, all agenda items may be discussed, and minutes must be kept. Members at a provisional meeting may by majority vote make recommendations to Council. However, the recommendations shall be considered as those of a provisional meeting rather than a quorum meeting of the Local Authority.

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

PLEDGE

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

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

PRAMIS BLA WI

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

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

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Urapunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, 02 December 2025 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Urapunga Local Authority met and held a meeting with a **Quorum** on Tuesday, 02 December 2025 at 3:30pm. Attached are the recorded minutes for the Local Authority to confirm.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

That the next Urapunga Local Authority Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 02 June 2025.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. URA MIN 02122025 [7.1.1 - 3 pages]



MINUTES OF THE URAPUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE ROPER GULF
REGIONAL COUNCIL, HELD AT THE URAPUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL, URAPUNGA
ON TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2025 AT 3:00 PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Dennis DUNCAN (Chairperson);
- Clifford DUNCAN;
- Brendan TURNER; and
- Edna NELSON.

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary);
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Bridgitte ATKINSON, Director, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development;
- Sahardi GARLING, Senior Regional Project Officer, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development; and
- Louise BEILBY, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Urapunga Local Authority Meeting opened at 3:10 pm with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

The Chairperson welcomes all people to the Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Re-Election of a Chairperson

URA Q/2025-1 (LA Member Clifford Duncan/LA Member Edna Nelson)

CARRIED

That the Urapunga Local Authority:

- receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson Report; and
- elects Dennis DUNCAN as Chairperson for a term of twelve (12) months.

4.2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

URA Q/2025-2 (LA Member Clifford Duncan/LA Member Edna Nelson)

CARRIED

That the Urapunga Local Authority:

- accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Melissa Andrews-WURRAMARRBA and Owen TURNER; and

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2 December 2025

(b) does not accept the no tendered apology from Danny DUNCAN noting that it was never tendered.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Urapunga Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

URA Q/2025-3 (LA Member Edna Nelson/LA Member Brendan Turner) **CARRIED**

That the Urapunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, 11 December 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 Action List

URA Q/2025-4 (LA Member Brendan Turner/LA Member Clifford Duncan) **CARRIED**

That the Urapunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List Report; 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 Local Authority Member Attendance Report

URA Q/2025-5 (LA Member Brendan Turner/LA Member Edna Nelson) **CARRIED**

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

12.2 Elected Members Report

URA Q/2025-6 (LA Member Clifford Duncan/LA Member Edna Nelson) **CARRIED**

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

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 Town Priorities

URA Q/2025-7 (LA Member Brendan Turner/LA Member Edna Nelson) CARRIED

That the Urapunga Local Authority:

- (a) nominates the following priority projects for Council’s consideration for the 2026-27 Financial year.
 - 1. Telecommunication Connectivity Advocacy;
 - 2. Accessible Waste Management facility;
 - 3. Playground Refurbishment; and
 - 4. Community Recycling.
- (b) requests Council to direct the Chief Executive Officer to continue advocacy for telecommunication, especially cellular telecommunications.

13.2 Urapunga LA October YTD Finance Report

URA Q/2025-8 (LA Member Edna Nelson/LA Member Clifford Duncan) CARRIED

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

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

14.1 Council Services Manager Report

URA Q/2025-9 (LA Member Brendan Turner/LA Member Edna Nelson) CARRIED

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

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 Urapunga Local Authority Projects Update

URA Q/2025-10 (LA Member Edna Nelson/LA Member Clifford Duncan) CARRIED

That the Urapunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) receives and notes the Certification of 2023-24 Local Authority Project Funding; and
- (c) receives and notes the Certification of 2024-25 Local Authority Project Funding.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 4:23 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting, held on 02 December 2025 and confirmed.

 Chairperson
 Confirmed on 03 March 2026

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES



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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Urapunga Local Authority:

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Action List is a summary of tasks that the Local Authority has requested be undertaken by Council staff. The Action List is a **non-authoritative** reference document for Business Arising out of Previous Minutes. The highlighted points are the actionable item of each **resolved** matter.

| ACTION LIST | MEETING DATE | Report in Agenda? |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 13.1 TOWN PRIORITIES | | |
| <i>URA Q/2025-7 (LA Member Brendan Turner/LA Member Edna Nelson)</i> CARRIED | | |
| That the Urapunga Local Authority: | | |
| (a) nominates the following priority projects for Council’s consideration for the 2026-27 Financial year. | 02 December 2025 | b) Outgoing Correspondence 11.1 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Telecommunication Connectivity Advocacy; 2. Accessible Waste Management facility; 3. Playground Refurbishment; and 4. Community Recycling. | | |
| (b) requests Council to direct the Chief Executive Officer to continue advocacy for telecommunication, especially cellular telecommunications. | | |

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.



OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 11.1
TITLE Outgoing Correspondence
AUTHOR Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Urapunga Local Authority notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

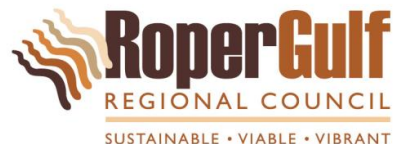
KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

| Item No. | Date Received | Sender | Sent To | Correspondence Details |
|----------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| 01 | 10/11/2025 | David HURST, Chief Executive Officer | William ROWE, Senior Service Delivery Consultant for Telstra Enterprise and Government | Telecommunication Connectivity Urapunga Community |

ATTACHMENTS

1. Telecommunication Connectivity Urapunga Community [11.1.1 - 1 page]



William Rowe,
Senior Service Delivery Consultant for Telstra Enterprise and Government,
Telstra Team.
Delivered at william.rowe@team.telstra.com

05 January 2026

To William,

RE: Telecommunication Connectivity Urapunga Community

On behalf of Roper Gulf Regional Council, as resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 17 December 2025 (2025/220), I am writing to advocate for improved telecommunications connectivity, particularly cellular coverage, in Urapunga Community, Northern Territory.

Urapunga has an approximate population of 118 (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2021). At present, there is only minimal mobile coverage in small parts of the community, and the majority of the community has no reliable connectivity.

This issue has been raised by the Urapunga Local Authority, and at its most recent meeting on 2 December 2025, the Local Authority requested further advocacy on this matter (Resolution Q2025-7).

The Council is also concerned about the safety risk created by poor or non-existent coverage, particularly for residents who are unable to reliably contact emergency services when needed.

On behalf of The Council, I am requesting an urgent review of coverage and connectivity options for Urapunga. Roper Gulf Regional Council is willing to work with Telstra to support solutions that ensure residents have access to the same essential communication services as other communities.

Should you require further information, please contact me via email at David.Hurst@ropergulf.nt.gov.au or by phone on (08) 8972 9011.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Hurst', is positioned above the printed name.

David Hurst
Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Urapunga 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*, deals with Local Authority Administration Members may be removed from a Local Authority if they are absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without authorisation.

Urapunga Local Authority Meetings Member Attendance

| Local Authority Meeting Members | 04 March 2025 | 27 May 2025 | 04 September 2025 | 02 December 2025 |
|--|---------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | Cancelled | Cancelled | Cancelled | |
| Councillor Melissa Andrews-WURRAMARRBA | - | - | - | AP |
| Owen TURNER | - | - | - | AP |
| Dennis DUNCAN | - | - | - | P |
| Danny DUNCAN | - | - | - | No AP |
| Clifford DUNCAN | - | - | - | P |
| Brendan TURNER | - | - | - | P |
| Edna NELSON | - | - | - | P |

Key

P Present at LA

AP Apology given and accepted by LA

NO AP Did not attend LA and did not tender any apologies

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Urapunga 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 – 17 DECEMBER 2025

At this meeting Council approved the Recommendation from the following Local Authority

- Recommendation from the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 02 December 2025; and
- Recommendation from the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 02 December 2025.

Council directed the Chief Executive Officer to continue advocacy for telecommunication, especially Cellular Communications for the Urapunga Community.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 25 February 2026

At this Meeting Council received and noted Cr. Melissa ANDREWS-WURRAMARRBA resignation from Ngukurr and Urapunga Local Authorities and appointed Cr. Michelle FARRELL to the Ngukurr and Urapunga Local Authorities.

Following Major Projects were discussed at this Meeting:

Completed Projects 2026:

- Ngukurr New Ablution Block – Sports Court – PR96

Projects on Hold:

- Ngukurr Staff Housing – Lot 231 – PR98
- Ngukurr Boat Ramp Solar Light – Scope and Quote – PR99

Projects in progress:

- **Urapunga Community Hall – PR49**

Mutual termination of contract completed. RGRC to undertake further community discussions and/or look at alternative designs.

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 21 JANUARY 2026

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee consists of the following members:

- Awais UR REHMAN (Independent Member);
- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Melissa ANDREWS-WURRAMARRBA;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR; and
- Councillor Ash GARNER.

There was no topics of discussion in relation to the Yugul Mangi 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 GOLSMITH (Independent Member);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS; and
- Councillor Preston LEE.

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

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

| | | |
|---------------|---|--|
| 18 March 2026 | Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting | RGRC Support Centre Katherine |
| 22 April 2026 | Ordinary Meeting of Council | RGRC Service Delivery Centre Bulman |
| 09 June 2026 | 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 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ngukurr Local Authority | 0 |
| Urapunga Local Authority | 0 |

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. OMC MIN 25022026 [12.2.1 - 9 pages]



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE-
MATARANKA 36 ROPER TERRACE, MATARANKA NT 0852ON WEDNESDAY 25
FEBRUARY 2026 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Preston LEE;
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI (via audio/video conference);
- Councillor Ash GARNER;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS (via audio/video conference);
- Councillor Michelle FARRELL; and
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL.

1.2 Staff Members

- Cindy HADDOW, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Garry GILES, Acting General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Chathurangi DIAS, Acting Finance Manager;
- Kellie JOHNSTON, Assets Manager;
- Upeksha UDUWALAGE, Training and Development Coordinator;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Cristie GEER, Programs Manager (via audio/video conference);
- Niloy MAZUMDAR, Contracts Coordinator;
- Annika BERENDES, Programs Communications Coordinator; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary).

1.3 Guests

- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant (via audio/video conference); and
- Mataranka School 3 Staff and 11 children.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 8:37 am. Mayor Tony JACK welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Mayor Tony JACK welcomed all persons to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

2026/1 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

CARRIED

That Council accepts the tendered apology from Councillor John DALYWATER, Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR and Councillor Samuel EVANS.

Councillor Samuel EVANS joined the meeting at 8:39 am.

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25 FEBRUARY 2026

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**6.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes****2026/2 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Sue Edwards)****CARRIED**

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 17 December 2025.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 Action List****2026/3 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)****CARRIED**

That Council:

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

Councillor Patricia Farrell left the meeting at 8:44 am.

Councillor Patricia Farrell returned to the meeting at 8:47 am

8 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**8.1 Previous Committee Meeting Minutes****2025/4 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes.

Cr. Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR joined the Meeting at 8:53 am.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**11.1 Incoming Correspondence****2026/5 RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/Councillor Samuel Evans)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) accepts the Incoming Correspondence Report;
- (b) waives the fee of Mataranka Sports and Recreation Grounds for the Annual Sports Camp for the Isolated Children's Parents' Association to be held from the 07 to 09 October 2026 (inclusive);
- (c) notes the resignation of Councillor Melissa ANDREWS-WURRAMARRBA from Council and Local Authorities;
- (d) nominates Councillor Ash GARNER as Council's representations to the membership of Ministerial Advisory Committee of Cultural Affairs (MACMA);
- (e) supports The - Y's grant application and directs the Chief Executive Officer to supply correspondence to that effect; and

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

25 FEBRUARY 2026

- (f) supports the return of Barunga Festival to Community Management, and appoints a staff member as its representative to be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Outgoing Correspondence

2026/6 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

CARRIED

That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

13 WARD REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE and Councillor Preston LEE declared a Conflict of Interests at item (e) (personal) and left the meeting at 9:12 am and returned the meeting at 9:16 am.

13.1 Nyirranggulong Ward Report

2026/7 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Samuel Evans)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulong Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Wugularr Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 12 January 2026;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 12 January 2026;
- (d) approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 13 January 2026;
- (e) accepts and appoint the nomination of Lana BROOME and Eventhia FRIDAY and appoints them Members of the Barunga Local Authority;
- (f) requests Council to progress the Blanasi Collection matter and to undertake appropriate consultation.
- (g) receives and notes Councillor Preston LEE's resignation from Barunga Local Authority;
- (h) increases membership of Wugularr Local Authority to ten (10);
- (i) appoints Councillor Preston LEE to Wugularr Local Authority; and
- (j) receives and notes the Deputy Mayor concern pertaining to Bulman Local Authority Meeting not being postponed rather than cancelled.

13.2 Never Never Ward Report

2026/8 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Des Barritt)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 03 February 2026;
- (c) notes the resignation of Shirley ROBERTS as a Member of the Jilkminggan Local Authority;
- (d) accepts the nominations of Adrian DOCTOR and Patricia BAKER for the Jilkminggan Local Authority and appoints them as a member of the Jilkminggan Local Authority;
- (e) notes the resignation of Edna ILES as a Member of the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority;
- (f) accepts the nominations of Caroline VINCENT for the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority and appoints them as Members of Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority.
- (g) rescinds the membership of Annabelle DAYLIGHT from the Mataranka Local Authority;
- (h) calls for expression of interest for Water Allocation trading in Mataranka; and
- (i) requests for urgent remedial works to be carried out at the Mataranka airstrip.

13.3 Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report

2026/9 **RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.

13.4 Yugul Mangi Ward Report**2026/10 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
- (b) receives and notes Cr. Melissa ANDREWS-WURRAMARRBA resignation from Ngukurr and Urapunga Local Authorities; and
- (c) appoints Cr. Michelle FARRELL to the Ngukurr and Urapunga Local Authorities.

13.5 South West Gulf Ward Report**2026/11 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Ash Garner)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) notes the resignation of Trish ELMY from the Borroloola Local Authority;
- (c) rescinds the membership of Gadrian HOOSAN from the Robinson River Local Authority; and
- (d) reduces the size of Robinson River Local Authority to eight (8).

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**14.1 Mayor's Report****2026/12 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Mayor's Report;
- (b) receives and notes the Mayor's concerns pertaining to NDIS providers inducing clients by way of unethical means; and
- (c) directs the Chief Executive Officer to express Council's concern pertaining to unscrupulous National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) service providers taking advantage of vulnerable community members in Council's Region to the Regulator – the National Disability Insurance Agency.

14.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report**2026/13 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Ash Garner)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report; and
- (b) notes with concern, the excessive Safe NT OCHRE card processing times and requests that the Chief Executive Officer to correspond with the responsible NT and Commonwealth ministers pertaining in relation to the same.

14.3 Council Meeting Attendance Report**2026/14 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Council and Committee Meeting Attendance Report;
- (b) authorises the attendance of Elected Members at training workshops to be held on Tuesday 09 June 2026 at the Council Chambers; and
- (c) changes the date of the June Audit and Risk Committee Meeting to Friday 12 June 2026.

14.4 LGANT Annual and General Meetings Call for Motions**2026/15 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Sue Edwards)****CARRIED**

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

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- (a) calls for motions for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Annual and General Meetings;
 - * OCHRE Cards application processing
 - * NDIS scams and fraud targeting vulnerable constituents
- (b) approves the attendance of its delegation Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR, Councillor Ash GARNER, Councillor Preston LEE, Councillor Patricia FARRELL at the LGANT Meeting in from 14 April 2026 to 15 April 2026 (plus associated travel days).

14.5 LG Governance Essentials**2026/16 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Ash Garner)****CARRIED**

That Council nominates Councillor Ash GARNER, Councillor Preston LEE to attend the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) Governance Essentials for Local Government course in Darwin on 12 – 13 March 2026 (inclusive), plus associated travel days.

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**15.1 Council Financial Report as at 31.01.2026****2026/17 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

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

15.2 Grant Funding Acquital**2026/18 RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/Councillor Des BARRITT)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Immediate Priority Grant Program Funding Acquital;
- (b) receives and notes the Community Places for People (CPP) Grant Program; and
- (c) receives and notes the Local Government Immediate Priority Grant 2022-23 Acquital.

15.3 Numburindi Corporation Ltd - Numbulwar Grants Applications**2026/19 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Sue Edwards)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to supply a letter of support to the Numburindi Corporation Limited's (NCL) application for organisational capacity building funding through Creative Australia;
- (b) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to supply a letter of support to the Numburindi Corporation Limited's (NCL) application to the Community Benefit Fund for the replacement of the Numburindi Store roof;
- (c) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to supply a letter of support to the Numburindi Corporation Limited's (NCL) application to the Aboriginal Investment NT Community Impact and Innovation Grant;
- (d) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to supply a letter of support to the Numburindi Corporation Limited's (NCL) application for a vehicle gift through the Community Benefit Fund; and
- (e) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to supply a letter of support to the Numburindi Corporation Limited's (NCL) application to the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation for the Art Centre development in Numbulwar.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**16.1 Programs Update****2026/20 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Programs Update report; and

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- (b) Council to hold a Community Information Day barbeque at upcoming community-based Briefing days to promote public engagement with Council especially relating to vacancies and Community issues.

16.2 Aged Care and Disability Services Report

2026/21 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Patricia Farrell)**

CARRIED

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

Mataranka School Group joined the meeting at 11:24 am.

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 Local Authority Projects Update

2026/22 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

CARRIED

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

17.2 Major Projects Report

2026/23 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Report.

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

20 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

2026/24 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Samuel Evans)**

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.

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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 Domain Title

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

20.5 ALGA NGA 2026 Submissions

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.

20.6 2025/26 Budget Review Report

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.

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

2026/31 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/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 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.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY

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| ITEM NUMBER | 13.1 |
| TITLE | Urapunga LA January YTD Finance Report |
| AUTHOR | Garry EVANS, Financial Consultant |

RECOMMENDATION

That the Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 January 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. Please note as this is the start of a new Financial Year, the financials are preliminary and subject to change as Council goes through the audit process for the previous Financial Year.

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 \$168,956 was received YTD for Urapunga against a budget of \$128,456 resulting in a variance of \$40,500. The variance largely as a result of grant revenue not received and reduced CDP Contract Revenue offset by higher RGRC Contribution, these are timing issues and should be corrected during the year.

Operating Expenditure:

Total Operating Expenditure for the year of \$168,956 against a budget of \$128,456 the resulting total variance in operating expenditure of \$40,500. The variance is largely due to timing issues relating to various expenses and are likely to correct over time.

Capital Expenditure:


Capital expenditure of \$18,089 for the year against a budget of \$17,500 resulting in a timing variance of \$589.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

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| Roper Gulf Regional Council | | | | |  Roper Gulf REGIONAL COUNCIL SUSTAINABLE • VIABLE • VIBRANT |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--|
| Financial Report as at | | | | | |
| 31-January-2026 | | | | | |
| Urapunga | | | | | |
| | <i>Year to Date Actual (\$)</i> | <i>Year to Date Budget (\$)</i> | <i>Variance</i> | <i>Total Budget (\$)</i> | <i>Explanation</i> |
| Income | | | | | |
| RGRC Contribution | 120,772 | 0 | 120,772 | | RGRC Contribution |
| User Charges and Fees | 0 | 323 | -323 | 553 | |
| Grant Income | 30,370 | 125,296 | -94,926 | 214,793 | Timing of grant income |
| Contract Fee Income | 17,814 | 2,837 | 14,977 | 4,864 | Aged Care Revenue HCP |
| Total Operating Income | 168,956 | 128,456 | 40,500 | 220,211 | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Employment | 81,562 | 83,688 | -2,126 | 143,465 | |
| Contract & Materials | 17,043 | 48,073 | -31,030 | 82,411 | Classification of budget to be corrected in Budget Review |
| Asset Related | 0 | 4,329 | -4,329 | 7,422 | Classification of budget to be corrected in Budget Review |
| Other Expenses | 31,384 | 10,378 | 21,007 | 17,790 | Classification of budget to be corrected in Budget Review |
| Internal Charges | 38,068 | -47,201 | 85,269 | -80,916 | New allocation method |
| Councillor Allowances | 0 | 24,942 | -24,942 | 42,758 | Timing of expenses |
| Local Authority Meeting Allowances | 900 | 4,247 | -3,347 | 7,280 | Timing of expenses |
| Total Expenditure | 168,956 | 128,456 | 40,500 | 220,210 | |
| Operating Surplus/Deficit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Capital Grant Income | | | | | |
| RGRC Contribution | 18,089 | 0 | 18,089 | 0 | |
| Grant Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total Capital Income | 18,089 | 0 | 18,089 | 0 | |
| Capital Expenditure | | | | | |
| Buildings | 2,571 | 17,500 | -14,929 | 30,000 | Urapunga Community Hall |
| Infrastructure | 6,972 | 0 | 6,972 | 0 | |
| Plant & Equipment | 8,545 | 0 | 8,545 | 0 | |
| Net Operating Position | 0 | -17,500 | 17,500 | -30,000 | |



INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 15.1
TITLE Urapunga Local Authority Projects Update
AUTHO Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That the Urapunga Local Authority: receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

Since 2018 the Urapunga Local Authority has received a total of \$96,400 from the Northern Territory Government for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations provided by the Department of Local Government are based on a formula related to population. To date the Urapunga Local Authority has allocated \$66,800, accounting for surplus funds from completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Please refer to the attached LA funding report as at 23 January 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Unallocated Funds

The Urapunga Local Authority currently has \$24,761.40 to allocate to new projects.

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| Urapunga Local Authority Project Funding | | | | | | | | 14 January 2026 |
|--|------------|---|---|----------------|--------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Funds received from Department | | | | \$ | 96,400.00 | | | |
| Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members | | | | \$ | 66,800.00 | | | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects | | | | \$ | (4,838.60) | | | |
| Remaining Unallocated funds | | | | \$ | 24,761.40 | | | |
| Date | Project ID | Projects | Project Descripton | Project Budget | Actual Expenditure | Project Expenditure Breakdown | Project Variance | Project Status |
| 11/12/2024 | PR140 | Landscaping and planting | Landscaping and planting tree and scrubs works throughout the community. | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ - | | \$ - | 11/12/2024: allocates \$10,000 on landscaping and planting trees and shrubs. 18/02/2025: Tree types and locations to be determined. Supplier to recommend native trees local/suitable for the area. |
| 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: allocates \$5,000 on Cemetery fencing repair and boulder installation. 18/02/2025: Materials for fence repairs ordered with another project to receive better price for bulk order. Awaiting materials supply. |
| 11/12/2024 | PR123 | Community sporting equipment | Requests for the purchase of sporting equipment. | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | Sporting and recreation gear: \$1500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | 11/12/2024: LA allocated \$3,000 towards community sporting equipment. 18/02/2025: Procurement underway by the Programs team. 03/06/2025: Sporting equipment purchased by CSM; upon more staff commencing in positions additional sporting and recreation gear will be purchased when needs are identified by sport and recreation participants. |
| Total allocation for current projects | | | | \$ 18,000.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | | | |
| Total for Completed projects | | | | \$ 48,800.00 | \$ 34,949.51 | | \$ (4,838.60) | |
| Grand Total | | | | \$ 66,800.00 | \$ 36,449.51 | | \$ (4,838.60) | |

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| ITEM NUMBER | 14.1 |
| TITLE | Council Services Manager Report |
| AUTHOR | Peter Perry, Council Services Manager |

RECOMMENDATION

That the Urapunga 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 – Councils Services General

- Working on getting Municipal office repaired
- Fortnightly inspections of Aerodrome
- Engaging with community on their needs or to improve

160 – Municipal Services

- Dennis and Clayton continue to do an excellent job serving the municipal needs in the Community.
- Rubbish runs Monday and Friday
- Municipal is currently providing yard maintenance for Aged Care clients and NDIS clients.
- Mowing and slashing of Aerodrome
- Cleaned up cemetery and rubbish dump

AGENCY SERVICES

401 – Night Patrol

- *Night* patrol does weekly patrols, Tuesday on Thursday

342 – Aged Care

- Aged Care is currently providing for 2 clients in community. Breakfast and lunch delivered daily
- Thursday afternoons pick up for activity in Ngukurr

1404 – Sport Rec

- Curranty recruiting new staff to run sport and rec
- Monday to Friday 3:00pm to 6:00pm

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

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