



AGENDA WUGULARR LOCAL AUTHORITY

MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2026

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

Monday 12 January 2026 at 10:00 am
Roper Gulf Regional Council Service Delivery Centre-Wugularr
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Hurst', is positioned above the name and title of the Chief Executive Officer.

David HURST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**WUGULARR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
Appointed Members**

1. Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
2. Selina ASHLEY;
3. Samuel Junior BUSH (Chairperson);
4. Trepina BUSH;
5. Eddie KENNEDY;
6. Raelene BULUMBARA;
7. Loretta GEORGE; and
8. Alonza ASHLEY.

MEMBERS: 8**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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ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Re-Election of a Chairperson
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson Report; and
- (b) elects ... as Chairperson for a term of ...

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

At the Wugularr Local Authority Meeting held on 01 July 2025, it was resolved to appoint Samuel Junior BUSH as the Chairperson for the period of six (6) Months (Term date ended in January 2026).

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

The Chairperson can be selected to hold the position for a period of a few months, a few years, or can be elected at the end of every meeting.

The Chairperson can be elected for any of the following terms;

1. 3 Months
2. 6 Months
3. 12 Months
4. X Years
5. Elected at the end of every Wugularr Local Authority Meeting.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Wugularr Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
AUTHOR Daniele Piga, Governance Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 13 October 2025 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Wugularr Local Authority met on Monday, 13 October 2025 at 10:00 am with **QUORUM**. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to review.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

That the next Wugularr Local Authority Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, 30 March 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. WUG MIN 13102025 Unconfirmed [6.1.1 - 5 pages]



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, WUGULARR LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE-WUGULARR 30 BALANDA STREET, WUGULARR NT 0852 ON MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2025 AT 10:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Selina ASHLEY;
- Samuel Junior BUSH (Chairperson);
- Trepina BUSH;
- Loretta GEORGE; and
- Raelene BULUMBARA.

Staff Members

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Liam FARRELL, Operations Manager;
- Alicia MIRANDA, Council Services Manager; and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator (minute secretary).

Guests

Nil.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Wugularr Local Authority opened at 10:00 am 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 welcomed all persons to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

WUG Q/2025-30 **RESOLVED (LA Member Trepina Bush/LA Member Selina Ashley) CARRIED**

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

- (a) accepts the tendered apology from Alonza ASHLEY; and
- (b) does not authorise the absence of Eddie KENNEDY noting that no apology was tendered.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

{ITEM-NUMBER} {ITEM-TITLE}

WUG Q/2025-31 RESOLVED (LA Member Selina Ashley/LA Member Raelene Bulumbara) CARRIED

That the Wugularr Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, 01 July 2025 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

WUG Q/2025-32 RESOLVED (LA Member Selina Ashley/LA Member Loretta George) CARRIED

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

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

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

9 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

12.1 Local Authority Member Attendance Report

WUG Q/2025-33 RESOLVED (LA Member Samuel Junior Bush/LA Member Trepina Bush) CARRIED

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

12.2 Elected Member Report

WUG Q/2025-34 RESOLVED (LA Member Trepina Bush/LA Member Selina Ashley) CARRIED

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

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 Wugularr LA August YTD Finance Report

WUG Q/2025-35 RESOLVED (LA Member Loretta George/LA Member Raelene Bulumbara) CARRIED

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

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

14.1 Community Services Manager Report

WUG Q/2025-36 RESOLVED (LA Member Selina Ashley/LA Member Loretta George) CARRIED

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report;
- (b) requests for boxing to be dropped as a Sport and Recreation activity;
- (c) requests additional foot patrols (Community Night Patrol);
- (d) requests additional pothole repairs;

- (e) requests for (unnamed) Street to be named 'Bulumbara Street' if possible; and
- (f) supports in principle the Community Mural to be scoped and design discussed at next meeting.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 Wugularr Local Authority Projects Update

WUG Q/2025-37 RESOLVED (LA Member Selina Ashley/LA Member Samuel Junior Bush) CARRIED

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Funding Certification 2024-25;
- (c) requests for speed bumps to be made of concrete rather than plastic and for a costing estimate to be presented at next Meetings;
- (d) authorises the already allocated Local Authority Projects Funding for speed bumps to be used for concrete bumps;
- (e) requests for steel bollards to replace rocks as roadside barriers and for a costing estimate to be presented at its next Meeting;
- (f) requests to the Chief Executive Officer to contact Power Water Corporation to arrange Community consultation and investigation of water supply issues and extraction licence from billabong and springs for town beautification purposes; and
- (g) allocates an additional \$1,000 for the generator project and an additional \$2,000 for toilet project.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10:55 am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Wugularr Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 13 October 2025 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 05 January 2026

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

ACTION LIST

MEETING DATE REPORT IN THE AGENDA

15.1 WUGULARR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

WUG Q/2025-29 **RESOLVED** (LA Member Trepina Bush/Councillor Selina Ashley) **CARRIED**

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) authorises purchase of additional speed bumps with the already allocated funding for the same; and
- (c) requests scoping of oval irrigation.

01 July 2025

b) Local Authority Project Report
Item number 15.1

c) On-going

14.1 Community Services Manager Report

WUG Q/2025-36 **RESOLVED** (LA Member Selina Ashley/LA Member Loretta George) **CARRIED** 13 October 2025

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report;
- (b) requests for boxing to be dropped as a Sport and Recreation activity;
- (c) requests additional foot patrols (Community Night Patrol);

b) Completed
c), d), e) & f) In-Progress

- (d) requests additional pothole repairs;
- (e) requests for (unnamed) Street to be named 'Bulumbara Street' if possible; and
- (f) supports in principle the Community Mural to be scoped and design discussed at next meeting.

15.1 Wugularr Local Authority Projects Update

WUG Q/2025-37 **RESOLVED** (LA Member Selina Ashley/LA Member Samuel Junior Bush)

13 October 2025

CARRIED

That the Wugularr Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Funding Certification 2024-25;
- (c) requests for speed bumps to be made of concrete rather than plastic and for a costing estimate to be presented at next Meetings;
- (d) authorises the already allocated Local Authority Projects Funding for speed bumps to be used for concrete bumps;
- (e) requests for steel bollards to replace rocks as roadside barriers and for a costing estimate to be presented at its next Meeting;
- (f) requests to the Chief Executive Officer to contact Power Water Corporation to arrange Community consultation and investigation of water supply issues and extraction licence from billabong and springs for town beautification purposes; and
- (g) allocates an additional \$1,000 for the generator project and an additional \$2,000 for toilet project.

c), d) & g) Local Authority Project Report, Item number 15.1

e) In-progress

f) Letter sent, awaiting Response

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	Local Authority Member Attendance Report
AUTHOR	Daniele Piga, Governance Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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BACKGROUND

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

Local Authority Member Attendance

Local Authority Meeting Members	06 January 2025	01 April 2025	01 July 2025	13 October 2025
Deputy Mayor Helen LEE			Appointed at 25 September 2025 OMC	P
Selina ASHLEY	AP	P	P	P
Trephina BUSH	P	P	P	P
Raelene BULUMBARA	P	P	P	P
Eddie KENNEDY	P	AP	P	No AP
Samuel Junior BUSH	P	P	P	P
Loretta GEORGE	-	-	Appointed at 23 July 2025 OMC	P
Alonza ASHLEY	-	-	Appointed at 23 July 2025 OMC	AP

Key

P Present at LA

AP Apology given and accepted by LA

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.2
TITLE	Elected Member Report
AUTHOR	Daniele Piga, Governance Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 17 December 2025

At this Meeting, Council received and noted the Nyirrangulung Ward Report and did not accept the nomination of Andrea ANDREWS for the Barunga Local Authority.

Council requested the Chief Executive Officer to ascertain the Maranboy Police Station staffing situation and noted the renaming of the Edith River Bridge to the Mike REED Bridge request from Member of Katherine, and requests for Traditional Owners to be consulted on the matter before any further deliberations.

Following Major Projects were discussed at this meeting:

Completed Projects 2025:

- Bulman Dump Fencing – PR39
- Bulman Dump Road Upgrade PR117
- Bulman Staff Housing – PR80

Projects in Progress:

Barunga Upgrades to Sport and Recreation Hall – PR125

Structural report received 22.05.25 and forwarded to building certifier.
Awaiting detailed design from certifier

Barunga Statement Memorial Project – PR12

100% design documentation completed. Funding to be sourced to proceed.

Barunga Night Patrol Building Installation – PR86

Have received Letter of no objection for RGRC to utilise new lot for Night Patrol, letter sent to Upside Planning to move forward on DCA process. DCA have advised that a land suitability assessment and stormwater plan need to be provided for this lot. PO has been raised to Upside Planning to undertake these works. PO raised to CAT Contracting for SSP Design and Power Water Approval.

Barunga River Pump Relocation – PR16

Awaiting plumbers recommendations on pump location and suitability.

Barunga Oval upgrade to AFLNT standards - PR103

Awaiting AFL NT to confirm site visit to assess oval. Deloitte have been engaged to assist with scoping and sourcing funding to upgrade the facilities. Changeroom design ideas to be presented to Council.(attachment).

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

TPM have completed site investigations and preliminary designs. Met with projects team and will be providing more detailed designs. New Roads Manager is reviewing and compiling project scopes in conjunction with TPM.

Weemol Playground and Basketball Court PR104

Site visit completed 8/5/25. Currently working on a suitable location. A tree will need to be removed to fit the full-size court.

A new AAPA certificate including TO consultation required to address tree. Currently underway. Alternative location on the block being investigated.

Bulman Community Ablution Block – PR06

Works currently underway. Slab due to be poured on 09/12/25. Building works due to be completed before Christmas.

Manyallaluk Cemetery Fencing – PR57

AAPA Received. Scoping to commence to price project.

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 25 November 2025

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 Nyirrangulung Ward at the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING – 20 October 2025

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 Nyirrangulung Ward at the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

21 January 2026 at 9:00 am	Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
18 February 2026 at 10:00 am	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
25 February 2026 at 8:30 am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	RGRC Service Delivery Centre Mataranka

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

LOCAL AUTHORITY	NUMBER OF VACANCIES
Barunga Local Authority	<i>1</i>
Wugularr Local Authority	<i>0</i>
Bulman Local Authority	<i>0</i>
Manyallaluk Local Authority	<i>0</i>

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. OMC MIN 17122025 UNCONFIRMED [12.2.1 - 8 pages]



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, HELD
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2025 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;
- Councillor Ash GARNER;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Michelle FARRELL; and
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL.

1.2 Staff Members

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

1.3 Guests

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

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 8:35 am. Mayor Tony JACK welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

At request of Mayor Tony JACK, Council observed one minute's silence out of respect for the victims of the Bondi Beach terrorist attack and their families.

Councillor Michelle FARRELL formally sworn-in by Mayor and Chief Executive Officer by reciting the Affirmation of Office. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors and Staff formally congratulated Councillor Michelle FARRELL and welcomed her to Council.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Mayor Tony JACK welcomed all persons to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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17 DECEMBER 2025

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence**2025/209 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr)****CARRIED**

That Council accepts the tendered apologies from Councillors John DALYWATER and Melissa ANDREWS-WURRAMARRBA.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**6.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes****2025/210 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)****CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 22 October 2025.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 Action List****2025/211 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)****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****2025/212 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes;
- (b) invites Awais UR REHMAN, Independent Member of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee to attend the first Committee Meeting of Calendar Year 6 in-person; and
- (c) invites Ian SWAN, Claudia GOLDSMITH and Carolyn EAGLE, Independent Members of the Audit and Risk Committee to attend the June 2026 Committee Meeting in-person.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillors Michelle FARRELL, Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR and Samuel EVANS declared a conflict of interest at Item 20.8.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**11.1 Incoming Correspondence****2025/213 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) accepts the Incoming Correspondence Report;

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- (b) receives and notes the Contract Variation for the Active Regional and Remote Communities Program from the Northern Territory Government;
- (c) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Contract Variation Agreement with the Northern Territory Government;
- (d) approves the use of the Common Seal on the funding agreement documents;
- (e) directs the Chief Executive Officer to compile and supply a response to Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability Inquiry (Cth);
- (f) requests the Chief Executive Officer to ascertain the Maranboy Police Station staffing situation;
- (g) receives and notes the renaming of the Edith River Bridge to the Mike REED Bridge request from Member of Katherine, and requests for Traditional Owners to be consulted on the matter before any further deliberations; and
- (h) agrees to assist the Mataranka Fishing Club with the installation of guttering and fencing as per its request.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Outgoing Correspondence

2025/214 **RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Sue Edwards)** **CARRIED**

That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 Nyirranggulung Ward Report

2025/215 **RESOLVED (Councillor Preston Lee/Councillor Michelle Farrell)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report; and
- (b) does not accept the nomination of Andrea ANDREWS for the Barunga Local Authority.

Councillor Samuel Evans left the meeting at 9:10 am.

Councillor Samuel Evans returned to the meeting at 9:12 am.

13.2 Never Never Ward Report

2025/216 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 04 November 2025;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 04 November 2025;
- (d) approves the recommendations from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 01 December 2025;
- (e) notes the resignation of Alesha SANDY as a Member of the Jilkminggan Local Authority;
- (f) accepts the nominations of Helen HAWKINS and Lorretta GIBSON and appoints them as members of the Mataranka Local Authority and declines the nomination of David EAST;
- (g) requests scoping of Council's asset dispositions in Mataranka;
- (h) establishes the Mataranka Citizen of the Year Committee, to assess and nominate candidates for the Citizen of the year, to be ratified by the Mayor;
- (i) appoints Mayor Tony JACK, Councillor Des BARRITT and Councillor Sue EDWARDS to the above; and
- (j) requests Chief Executive Officer to ascertain and address the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DLI) safety hazards on Roper Creek Bridge arising overgrown vegetation and lack of signage.

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17 DECEMBER 2025

*Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 9:26 am.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee returned to the meeting at 9:28 am.*

13.3 Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report

2025/217 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/Councillor Michelle Farrell) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Numbulwar Local Authority meeting held on Wednesday, 03 December 2025;
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to invite Department of Education (Cth) decision-makers to attend the early child care centres throughout the Council's Region with Council to supply accommodation and intra-Region transport; and
- (d) rescinds the membership of Amanda NGALMI from the Numbulwar Local Authority.

*Councillor Des Barritt left the meeting at 9:36 am.
Councillor Des Barritt returned to the meeting at 9:36 am.*

13.4 Yugul Mangi Ward Report

2025/218 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendation from the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 02 December 2025;
- (c) approves the recommendation from the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 02 December 2025; and
- (d) directs the Chief Executive Officer to continue advocacy for telecommunication, especially Cellular Communications for the Urapunga Community.

*Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr left the meeting at 9:37 am.
Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr returned to the meeting at 9:39 am.*

13.5 South West Gulf Ward Report

2025/219 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Borrooloola Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 06 November 2025; and
- (c) rescinds the Membership of Gadrian HOOSAN from the Borrooloola Local Authority.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 am and reconvened at 10:16 am.

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

14.1 Mayor's Report

2025/220 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Mayor's Report; and
- (b) invites Tessa MAYBERRY to attend all upcoming Gulf Region Local Authority Meetings commencing in 2026.

Councillor Samuel Evans left the meeting at 10:33 am.

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14.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report**2025/221 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

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

14.3 Council Meeting Attendance Report**2025/222 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Council and Committee Meeting Attendance Report; and
- (b) authorises the attendance of Elected Members at training workshops to be held on Thursday 18 December 2025 at the Council Chambers.

*Councillor Samuel Evans returned to the meeting at 10:35 am.***14.4 Calendar Meeting Schedule - Council, Committee and Local Authority Meetings****2025/223 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

That Council approves the 2026 Meeting Schedule – Council (and Briefing Days), Committee and Local Authority Meetings as outlined in the Calendar (attached).

*Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr left the meeting at 10:36 am.**Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr returned to the meeting at 10:38 am.***14.5 ALGA Call for Motions - National General Assembly 2026****2025/224 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) resolves its formal motions for submission, and the composition of its Delegation to attend the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly, scheduled to be held in Canberra from the 23 June 2026 to the 25 June 2026 (plus associated travel days); and
- (b) authorises the attendance of Mayor Tony JACK, Deputy Mayor Helen LEE, Councillors Sue EDWARDS, Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR, Ash GARNER, Patricia FARRELL, Michelle FARRELL, Melissa ANDREWS, Samuel EVANS and Preston LEE.
- (c) Motions to comprise of:
 - i. Childcare Availability;
 - ii. Logistics Infrastructure;
 - iii. Water Security; and
 - iv. Appropriate Community Consultation.

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**15.1 Council Financial Report as at 30.11.2025****2025/225 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr)** **CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 30 November 2025.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**16.1 Animal Management Research Proposal****2025/226 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Ash Garner)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Animal Management Research Proposal Report;
- (b) endorses the Proposal; and
- (c) directs the Chief Executive Officer to compile and supply a Letter of Support for the same.

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16.2 Programs Update**2025/227 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Programs Update Report.

*Councillor Patricia Farrell left the meeting at 11:06 am.**Councillor Patricia Farrell returned to the meeting at 11:09 am.***17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT****17.1 Allocation of WARM grant towards purchase of a Car Crusher****2025/228 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr)****CARRIED**

That Council approves the allocation of the 25-26 WARM Grant of \$207,800.00 to the following project.

- \$207,800.00 towards the purchase of Car Crusher.

17.2 Local Authority Projects Update**2025/229 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Preston Lee)****CARRIED**

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

17.3 Major Projects Report**2025/230 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/Councillor Samuel Evans)****CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Report

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 am and reconvened at 12:50 pm.

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

20 CLOSED SESSION**DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION****2025/231 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 :-**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 Chief Executive Officer Leave

Regulation 51(1)(a) - 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)(a). It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

20.5 Aged Care and Disability Services Report

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

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

20.6 Workshop Rates 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 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.

20.7 2025/2026 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 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.

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.

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20.8 Prospective Memorandum

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.

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20.9 Urgent Remediation Works

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

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

2025/241 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirid/Councillor Patricia Farrell) *CARRIED*

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

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 3:39 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 December 2025 and will be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 25 February 2026.



EXECUTIVE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.3
TITLE	Town Priorities
AUTHOR	Daniele Piga, Governance Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr Local Authority nominates the following priorities for Council's consideration for the 2025-26 Financial year.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

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

BACKGROUND

The prescribed functions of a Local Authority are tabled at Chapter 5 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, and include participation in the development of Council's Regional Plan for each Financial Year.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Council develops a Regional Plan annually to be adopted by no later than 30 June, that outlines its priorities and goals for the coming financial year and is inclusive of an allocated (and adopted) budget for the implementation of the same.

As part of the development of the Regional Plan (2025-26), the Wugularr Local Authority is requested to nominate priority projects for the Community, for Council to consider and assess as part of its goals for the Financial Year 2025-26.

The nominated town priorities will be assessed and ranked by Council as part of the Regional Plan development process, and will be put back to the Local Authority for review and comment as part of the draft Regional Plan consultation process.

N.b. Town priority projects are not dependent on Local Authority Project Funding.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Not Applicable (for nomination)

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Wugularr LA November YTD Finance Report
AUTHOR	Greg Evans, Financial Consultant

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 30 November 2025.

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 \$1,356,882 was received YTD for Wugularr against a budget of \$1,355,562 resulting in a variance of \$1,320. The variance largely as a result of timing of grant and contract revenue and should be corrected during the year.

Operating Expenditure:

Total Operating Expenditure for the year of \$1,356,881 against a budget of \$1,355,562 the resulting total variance in operating expenditure of \$1,319. The variance is largely due to timing of expenses, changes in allocation methodology for internal cost allocations, and vacancies in labour.

Capital Expenditure:

There has been nil Capital expenditure for the year against a budget of \$8,333 the resulting in a variance of \$8,333. The variance is caused by the timing of minor projects and road maintenance.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Wugularr LA Rep November 2025 [13.1.1 - 1 page]

Roper Gulf Regional Council					
Financial Report as at					
30-Nov-25					
Wugularr Beswick					
	<i>Year to Date Actual (\$)</i>	<i>Year to Date Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Variance (\$)</i>	<i>Full Year Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
Income					
RGRC Contribution	620,935	0	620,935	0	RGRC Untied Contribution, represents proportion of activity covered by untied grant funding.
User Charges and Fees	6,107	9,643	-3,536	23,143	Timing variance
Grant Income	678,516	1,280,146	-601,630	3,072,350	Grant recognition processing will be reviewed in January
Contract Fee Income	50,555	65,774	-15,219	157,858	Timing variance
Income Other	770	0	770	0	
Total Operating Income	1,356,882	1,355,562	1,320	3,253,350	
Operating Expenditure					
Employment	727,878	835,995	-108,117	2,006,387	Timing Variance
Contract & Materials	138,890	135,171	3,720	324,410	Timing Variance
Asset Related	0	32,171	-32,171	77,211	Depreciation now costed at corporate level, budget to be corrected in February
Other Expenses	246,271	76,664	169,607	183,993	Rent expense timing will correct over time
Banking & Finance	206	18	188	42	
Internal Charges	237,616	262,173	-24,557	629,215	Allocations being reviewed in January
Councillor Allowance Exp	4,221	10,338	-6,117	24,811	Timing Variance
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	1,800	3,033	-1,233	7,280	Timing Variance
Total Expenditure	1,356,881	1,355,562	1,319	3,253,350	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	0	0	0	0	
Capital Grant Income	5,243	8,333	-3,091	20000	Timing Variance
Total Capital Expenditure	0	8,333	-8,333	20,000	Timing Variance
Net Operating Position	5,243	0	5,243	0	



COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	14.1
TITLE	Council Services Manager Report
AUTHOR	Alicia Miranda, Council Services Manager, Wugularr

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wugularr Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

This report provides the Wugularr Local Authority with an overview of council remote service delivery within the Wugularr community.

111- Council Services General

- The Wugularr Council Office is open Monday to Friday where all services have been delivered as operationally required.
- A Street Light Audit was completed early December by the Night Patrol team and emailed to the RGRC Roads Manager for actioning.
- Recruitment for outstanding positions are advertised. The current vacancies are tabled below:

Department	Position Title	Number of Vacancies
Aged Care & Disability	Coordinator	1
Aged Care & Disability	Community Services Officer	1
Community Safety	Coordinator	1
Community Safety	Sport & Recreation	2
Community Safety	Media Officer	1

160 – Municipal Services

- All Municipal services continue to be actively delivered in the Wugularr Community, with a strong focus on maintaining community spaces and essential infrastructure. This work includes ongoing pothole repairs, weed management, maintenance of parks and gardens, along with the planned clearance of drainageways and the repair of road traffic signage.
- Rubbish Bin collections are scheduled for every Monday and Thursday. If a scheduled collection falls on a public holiday, services will resume on the next business day.
- Residents seeking the removal of abandoned or unwanted vehicles are encouraged to complete a vehicle removal request form.
- It is encouraged that residents give feedback and report on any areas in the Wugularr Community that require maintenance and upkeep.

Agency Services

350 – Centrelink

- The Centrelink Office is open Monday to Friday, with one agent serving the contractual agreement.

342 – Aged Care and Disability

- The Aged Care and Disability services operate Monday to Friday, supported by a team consisting of a Supervisor, a Community Services Officer and although a Coordinator position is currently vacant, the team continues to deliver high-quality care to 13 clients in Wugularr and 4 clients in Barunga.
- The Aged Care & Disability provides a comprehensive range of services to their clients, this includes nutritious meals on wheels, transportation services and laundry services all depending on the individuals care plan package.
- The Aged Care & Disability are actively recruiting additional staff to enable the delivery of client-focused activities, providing enhanced engagement and support to further improve the wellbeing of clients within the communities.
- Last year, the Aged Care & Disability team prepared a special Christmas lunch and presents for clients to enjoy a festive afternoon.

374 – Creche

- The Creche operating hours are Monday to Friday, supported by a team consisting of 7 local educators and a Coordinator that provide high quality early childhood care for 17 children enrolled and averaging between 10 to 15 children regularly attending.
- The Creche provides a comprehensive range of services to support both children and their families, this includes nutritious meals, laundry services, pick-up and drop-off plus indoor and outdoor educational play-based activities.
- The Creche continues to work closely with the Wugularr Preschool to ensure smooth transitions for all children going from “little school to big school”. This year, 3 children will transition from Creche to Preschool where 2 educators will accompany the children during the first week of 2026 helping the children adjust to Preschool with confidence.
- A strong focus for the children the last few months has been on caring for country, emotional regulation and child directed activities. This involved monitoring and identifying local animals & the water levels in the river and billabong in relation to the approaching wet season, daily breathing, physical nervous system releases like heavy work and dance to help children to feel safe and relax and daily consults with each child to direct the Creche Educators on what activities, foods & discussions they want to include in their day. This is important to build children’s identity and confidence to encourage them to be future leaders of their community.
- A strong focus for the staff the last few months has been on individual staff development in accordance with the QIP and take leadership to lead in all areas of creche operations to encourage staff, retain staff and build local leadership. Part time staff have commenced on the job training in developing and delivering intentional age-appropriate activities for the children, regulating children’s emotions, behaviours and being inclusive with children with additional needs and conducting individual written digital child observations by uploading these onto the ‘playground app’ this is an essential requirement for the service to stay registered and a requirement of all staff’s employment.
- Creche key focus areas for 2026 will be, developing collaborative partnerships with families and community service providers, continuation of local staff training in governance and leadership in all creche operations along with improving the creche physical environment.

404 – Indigenous Youth, Sport and Recreation (YSR)

- Indigenous Youth, Sport and Recreation (YSR) are operational Monday to Friday and continues to be delivered to contractual obligations.

403 – Outside School hour Care

- Outside of School Hours Care are operational Monday to Friday and continues to be delivered to contractual obligations and running in conjunction with the Indigenous Youth, Sport and Recreation program.

346 – Indigenous Broadcasting

- Wugularr is actively recruiting for a Media Officer. Training will be provided by Teabba.
- We encourage stakeholders to provide any relevant information that they wish to have broadcast on the radio.

401 – Community Night Patrol

- Community Night Patrol continues to be delivered to contractual obligations.
- Night Patrol have been increasing their participation and assistance to YSR programs.
- CSM requested the purchase of torches to increase foot patrol in Community.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

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

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

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Please refer to the attached LA projects funding report as at 05 January 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Unallocated Funds

The Wugularr Local Authority currently has \$44,903.65 to allocate to new projects.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Unallocated Funds [**15.1.1** - 1 page]
2. Wugularr LA Projects [**15.1.2** - 1 page]

Unallocated Funds		5 January 2026
Communities	Remaining Unallocated funds	2023-2024 Fund
Barunga	\$ 22,268.04	\$53,700 expiry 30 June 2026
Wugularr	\$ 44,903.65	\$75,500 expiry 30 June 2026
Borrooloola	\$ 92,840.00	\$129,800 expiry 30 June 2026
Bulman/Weemol	\$ 109,818.90	\$41,400 expiry 30 June 2026
Hodgson Downs	\$ 146,691.49	\$86,100 expiry 30 June 2026
Jilkminggan	\$ 13,581.79	\$45,100 expiry 30 June 2026
Manyallaluk	\$ (14,131.24)	\$12,900 expiry 30 June 2026
Mataranka	\$ 81,006.56	\$52,400 expiry 30 June 2026
Ngukurr	\$ (5,077.63)	\$169,200 expiry 30 June 2026
Numbulwar	\$ (6,491.82)	\$158,800 expiry 30 June 2026
Urapunga	\$ 24,761.40	\$18,800 expiry 30 June 2026
Robinson River	\$ 37,959.09	\$32,500 expiry 30 June 2026

Wugularr Local Authority Project Funding								5 January 2026
Funding Received from Department					\$	679,821.00		
Funds Allocated by Local Authority Members					\$	554,793.10		
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects					\$	(78,124.25)		
Remaining Unallocated Funds					\$44,903.65			
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status
27/11/2023	PR089	Speed bumps	Installation of five speed bumps.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,285.78	Speed Hump mid section: \$4773.60 Speed Hump ends: \$311.60 8mm Spikes: \$2080.00 Freight: \$120.58	\$ 12,714.22	<p>27/11/2023: LA allocated \$20,000 towards purchase and installation of five speed bumps.</p> <p>29/02/2024: Quotation request ongoing.</p> <p>30/06/2024: Awaiting confirmation from LA before procurement.</p> <p>31/08/2024: PO raised for speed bumps. Under procurement stage.</p> <p>06/01/2025: Awaiting on roads project and filling potholes before proceeding.</p> <p>07/03/2025: Currently awaiting other project completion before progression can occur.</p> <p>15/07/2025: Additional speedbumps to be ordered with the balance.</p> <p>14/10/2025: LA has requested (LA meeting 13/10/2025: concrete speed bumps are installed instead of plastic. Rescoping to be done</p>
7/10/2024	PR109	Cemetery Arch	purchase and installation of cemtery arch.	\$ 25,000.00	-	-	\$ -	<p>07/10/2024: LA allocates \$25000 for the purchase of Wugularr Cemetery Arch and requests Arch to be scoped;</p> <p>26/02/2024: Quotation requests ongoing. (Contractor that constructed Barunga arch has closed the business and left town)</p> <p>07/03/2025: Scoping still to be completed.</p> <p>15/07/2025: Obtained Barungas drawings to duplicate, design in progress.</p>
10/07/2024	PR130	Water tap	scope and Quote for water tap as closed to the Cemetery;	\$ -	\$ 3,480.00	Site Servicing Plan: \$3,480.00	\$ (3,480.00)	<p>07/10/2024: The Local Authority requests scope and Quote for water tap as closed to the Cemetery.</p> <p>20/08/2025: Working through the power and water submission for the tap. Solar lighting still to come.</p> <p>17/09/2025: originally plan was rejected and scope needs to be reduced.</p>
23/07/2025	PR146	Generator	Requests to purchase a generator	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,180.91	Generator: \$2,180.91	\$ 819.09	<p>23/07/2025: The OMC allocates \$2,000 for the purchase of a generator.</p> <p>17/09/2025: More information is required regarding what the generator will power in order to select the right one.</p> <p>14/10/2025: Generator procured and supplied</p> <p>15/10/2025: allocates an additional \$1,000 for the generator project</p> <p>28/10/2025: supplied and delivered</p>
15/10/2025		Steel Bollards	Steel Bollards to replaced existing Rocks on road side	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	<p>15/10/2025: Requests for steel bollards to replace rocks as roadside barriers and for a costing estimate to be presented at its next Meeting</p>
Total allocation for current projects				\$ 48,000.00	\$ 12,946.69		\$ 10,053.31	
Total for Completed projects				\$ 511,293.10	\$ 574,683.26		\$ (67,061.33)	
Grand Total				\$ 559,293.10	\$ 587,629.95		\$ (57,008.02)	