

AGENDA

BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2026

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

Tuesday 6 October 2026 at 10:00 am

Roper Gulf Regional Council Service Delivery Centre-Barunga

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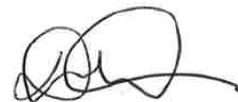
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David HURST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Barunga CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Appointed Members

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

MEMBERS: 9

QUORUM: 5 (minimum requirement)

PROVISIONAL: 3 (minimum requirement)

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

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

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

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

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

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

PLEDGE

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

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

PRAMIS BLA WI

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

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

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8 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Barunga Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, 02 July 2026 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that Meeting's decisions and proceedings.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Barunga Local Authority met on Thursday, 02 July 2026 at 10:00am with **QUORUM**. Attached are the recorded minutes for the Local Authority to review.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

There are no more scheduled Barunga Local Authority Meeting for the remainder of the 2026 Calendar Year.

Council will set the Meeting Calendar for (Calendar Year) 2027 at its Ordinary Meeting in December 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. BAR MIN 02072026 [8.1.1 - 3 pages]



MINUTES OF THE BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL, MEETING HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY 02 JULY 2026 AT 10:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Anne-Marie LEE (Chairperson);
- Nell BROWN, joined at 10:26 am;
- Charlane BULUMBARA; and
- Scott LEE.

1.2 Staff

Staff Members

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer (via audio/video conference);
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Liam FARRELL, Operations Manager;
- Alicia MIRANDA, Council Services Manager;
- Tony KERR, Community Safety Coordinator;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (Minute Secretary); and

1.3 Guests

Nil.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Barunga Local Authority Meeting opened 10:17 am as a **PROVISIONAL** meeting and later turned into **Quorum**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Nil.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Re-Election of a Chairperson

BAR P/2026-18 RESOLVED (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Scott Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson Report; and
- (b) elects Anne-Marie LEE as Chairperson for a term of twelve (12) months.

4.2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

BAR P/2026-19 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) accepts the tendered apology from Lana BROOM and Nell BROWN; and
- (b) does not accept apology from Damien BULUMBARA, Ambrose BULUMBARA and Eventhia

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FRIDAY, noting that it was never tendered.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Barunga Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

BAR P/2026-20 RESOLVED (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/Helen Lee)

CARRIED

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

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 Action List

BAR P/2026-21 RESOLVED (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/Helen Lee)

CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action Lists Report;
- (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's Attendance Report

BAR P/2026-22 RESOLVED (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/LA Member Scott Lee)

CARRIED

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

12.2 Elected Member Report

BAR Q/2026-23 RESOLVED (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee)

CARRIED

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

Nell BROWN joined at 10:26 am.

Charlane BULUMBARA left at 10:46 am and returned at 10:48 am.

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13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**13.1 Barunga LA May YTD Finance Report****BAR Q/2026-24 RESOLVED (LA Member Scott Lee/Helen Lee)****CARRIED**

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

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**14.1 Council Services Manager Report****BAR Q/2026-25 RESOLVED (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/LA Member Charlane Bulumbara)****CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report; and
- (b) requests that the Council Services Manager update the vehicle disposal flyers to encourage people to move their vehicle into the yard.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**15.1 Barunga Local Authority Projects Update****BAR Q/2026-26 RESOLVED (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Scott Lee)****CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) creates a new project for bollards installation and no camping sites and allocates \$14,268.04 for the same purpose;
- (c) creates NAIDOC barbeque project and allocates \$1,000 for this purpose; and
- (d) requests scoping be conducted for playground fence extension.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11:35 am.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Barunga Local Authority Meeting, held on Thursday, 02 July 2026 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 06 October 2026

9 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Action List
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority:

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Action List is a summary of tasks that Council has requested be undertaken by Council Staff.

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Barunga Local Authority Action List [9.1.1 - 1 page]

ACTION LIST BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY		
Action (Resolution)	Meeting Date	Report in the Agenda
14.1 Council Services Manager Report		
BAR Q/2026-16 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED That the Barunga Local Authority: (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report; (b) notes that the prevalence of derelict motor vehicles is an ongoing issue and requests increased advertising of disposal process to be made within the Community; (c) requests an increase of the frequency of the mail pick-up; (d) notes with concern, that the condition of the Basketball Court and football oval amenities as being inadequate for the upcoming Barunga Festival; (e) notes with concern the potentially inadequate planning for the upcoming Barunga Festival and requests Council to provide assistance with waste management and amenity; and (f) requests for a safety assessment to be undertaken at the playground.	31 March 2026	Completed
14.1 Council Services Manager Report		
BAR Q/2026-25 RESOLVED (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/LA Member Charlane Bulumbara) CARRIED That the Barunga Local Authority: (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report; and (b) requests that the Council Services Manager update the vehicle disposal flyers to encourage people to move their vehicle into the yard.	01 July 2026	Completed
15.1 Barunga Local Authority Projects Update		
BAR Q/2026-26 RESOLVED (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Scott Lee) CARRIED That the Barunga Local Authority: (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; (b) creates a new project for bollards installation and no camping signs and allocates \$14,268.04 for the same purpose; (c) creates NAIDOC barbeque project and allocates \$1,000 for this purpose; and (d) requests scoping be conducted for playground fence extension.	01 July 2026	Completed

13 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Local Authority Member's Attendance Report
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Key

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



EXECUTIVE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	13.2
TITLE	Elected Member Report
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 26 August 2026

At this meeting Council the following recommendations:

- recommendations from the Wugularr Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 01 July 2026;
- recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 02 July 2026;
- recommendations from the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Friday, 03 July 2026; and
- recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 08 July 2026;

Council considered the Wugularr Local Authority requests to review the membership of Wugularr Local Authority and Council also approved the Manyallaluk Local Authority requests to create Bollards Installation Local Authority Project on its behalf, and to allocate \$13,128 of its Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) for that purpose. For the avoidance of doubt, Council makes this allocation on the Local Authority's behalf.

Following Projects were discussed at this Meeting.

Completed Projects

Bulman Community Ablution Block – PR06

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

Projects on Hold:

Barunga Statement Memorial - Project Awaiting Funding– PR12

Projects in Progress:

Barunga Upgrades to Sport and Recreation Hall – PR125

Tender documents ready to upload subject to minor clarification to 1 door detail.

Barunga Night Patrol Building Installation – PR86

Awaiting Power Water Approval.

Barunga River Pump Relocation – PR16

Procurement underway for replacement pump and new switchboard

Barunga Oval upgrade to AFLNT standards - PR103

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

Weemol Playground and Basketball Court PR104

Works well underway. Due to be completed by end of August 2026

Manyallaluk Cemetery Fencing – PR57

Grant received, procurement underway

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING – 19 August 2026

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

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

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

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 23 September 2026

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee consists of the following members:

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

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

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

21 October 2026 at 10:00am	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
28 October 2026 at 8:30am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	RGRC Service Delivery Centre Numbulwar
18 November 2026 at 8:30am	Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine

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

LOCAL AUTHORITY

NUMBER OF VACANCIES

Barunga Local Authority	0
Wugularr Local Authority	0
Bulman Local Authority	0
Manyallaluk Local Authority	0

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. OMC MIN 26082026 [**13.2.1** - 9 pages]



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ROPER GULF
REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, NGUKURR
ON WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2026 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Michelle FARRELL;
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL;
- Councillor Ash GARNER (via audio/video Conference);
- Councillor John DALYWATER;
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
- Councillor Des BARRITT (*left at 9:56 am*);
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRI; and
- Councillor Olga DANILES.

1.1 Staff Members

- Cindy HADDOW, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- 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; and
- Annika BERENDES, Programs Communications Coordinator.

Guests

- Donna McMASTERS, Traditional Owner; and
- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant (via audio/video conference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 8:32 am The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

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

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Traditional Owner, Donna McMASTERS welcomes all persons to the Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

2026/98 **RESOLVED** (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)

CARRIED

That Council accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR and Councillor Preston LEE.

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5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**6.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes****2026/99 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor Sue Edwards)** **CARRIED**

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday, 11 June 2026.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 Action List****2026/100 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Olga Daniels)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

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

8 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**8.1 Previous Committee Meeting Minutes****2026/101 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor John Dalywater)** **CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor declares conflict of Interest at item 11.1.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**11.1 Incoming Correspondence****2026/102 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Michelle Farrell)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the incoming correspondence;
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to write to Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment for matter (Remaining of Edith River Bridge) to be referred to Traditional Owners, as Council does not have a position on this matter
- (c) authorises the payment of up to \$80,000 for outstanding liabilities for the winding up of CouncilBiz to adjust the budget accordingly;
- (d) requests formal investigation into CouncilBiz operations leading up to their wind-up; and
- (e) responds to the Tribunal Chair to request for notice periods for matters requiring Council Resolution to be at a minimum of two (2) months, to reflect meeting frequency of Regional Councils.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**12.1 Outgoing Correspondence****2026/103 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Sue Edwards)** **CARRIED**

That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

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13 WARD REPORTS**13.1 Nyirranggulung Ward Report****2026/104 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Wugularr Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 01 July 2026;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 02 July 2026;
- (d) approves the recommendations from the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Friday, 03 July 2026;
- (e) approves the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 08 July 2026;
- (f) considers the Wugularr Local Authority requests to review the membership of Wugularr Local Authority; and
- (g) approves the Manyallaluk Local Authority requests to create Bollards Installation Local Authority Project on its behalf, and to allocate \$13,128 of its Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) for that purpose. For the avoidance of doubt, Council makes this allocation on the Local Authority's behalf.

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE left the Meeting at 9:33 am, declaring conflict of Interest at item number 13.1 and return at 9:48 am.

Councillor Des Barritt left the meeting at 9:50 am and returned at 9:51 am.

Councillor Des Barritt left the meeting at 9:56 am.

13.2 Never Never Ward Report**2026/105 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Olga Daniels) 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 August 2026;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 04 August 2026; and
- (d) notes the Anne-Marie WOODS's resignation from the Jilkminggan Local Authority.

13.3 Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report**2026/106 RESOLVED (Councillor Olga Daniels /Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report; and
- (b) authorises Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Patricia FARRELL and Councillor Samuel EVANS to attend a Funeral in Numbulwar on 04 September 2026 as Council representatives.

13.4 Yugul Mangi Ward Report**2026/107 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/ Councillor Olga Daniels) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
- (b) appoints Councillor Olga DANIELS to the Urapunga Local Authority;
- (c) raises concerns pertaining to poor condition of Roads including shoulder, runs and causeways of Roper Highway with Northern Territory Government (NTG); and
- (d) raises concerns pertaining to electrical grid capacity being at its limit in Ngukurr and directs the Chief Executive Officer to put its concerns to the Northern Territory

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Government, and respective Northern Territory and Commonwealth Ministers.

Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 10:30 am and returned at 10:32 am.

13.5 South West Gulf Ward Report

2026/108 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Sue Edwards)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report; and
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 13 August 2026.
- (c) raises its concerns pertaining to the non-functional street lights causing significant safety issues with the Minister
- (d) notes Councillor Samuel EVANS' concerns pertaining to racist and sexist remarks made by Borroloola Local Authority Member – Mike LONGTON, at the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting as held on 13 August 2026.
- (e) considers the matter (d) to be a Code of Conduct complaint against Mike LONGTON, and puts the allegations to him for response, to be considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting in October 2026.

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

14.1 Mayor's Report

2026/109 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Sue Edwards)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

14.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

2026/110 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor John Dalywater)

CARRIED

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

14.3 Council Meeting Attendance Report

2026/111 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor Olga Daniels)

CARRIED

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

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 LGANT Annual and General meetings Call for Motions

2026/112 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Michelle Farrell)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) calls for motions for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Annual and General Meetings;
 - Elected Member Allowance;
 - Power and Water Infrastructure;
 - Transport Infrastructure - poor roads - danger - vehicle damage
 - Emergency Management - Local Government to be embedded into processes;
 - Regulated Child Care Services; and
 - LGANT notice periods for matters requiring Council Resolutions: Regional Councils meet every two (2) months.
- (b) resolves for its delegation to the November 2026 Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Annual and General Meeting to comprise of
 - Mayor Tony JACK;
 - Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
 - Councillor Ash GARNER;

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- Councillor Preston LEE;
 - Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
 - Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
 - Councillor Olga DANIELS; and
 - Councillor John DALYWATER.
- (c) approves the attendance of its delegation at the LGANT Meeting in Alice Springs on 11 November 2026 (plus associated travel days); and
- (d) nominates Councillors Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI, Samuel EVANS, John DALYWATER for LGANT Long Services Awards; and
- (e) nominates following Local Government Officers for LGANT Long Services Awards:
- DEVEREUX, Mandy;
 - MOORE, Richard;
 - DANIELS, Johnny;
 - GILLETT, Terrence Snr;
 - WESAN, Ezariah;
 - MULHALL, Joshua;
 - HUDDLESTON, Gary;
 - GEORGE, Margaret;
 - WALDEN, Rodwell;
 - DALYWATER, Verona;
 - BISHOP, Lisa;
 - BROWN, Martina; and
 - COMAN, Cristian.

15.2 LGANT Board - Call for Nominations

2026/113 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the LGANT Board - Call for Nominations Report; and
- (b) nominates Councillor Ash GARNER as a LGANT Board Member.

Mayor Tony JACK left the Meeting at 11:18 am and returned at 11:27 am.

Cr. Patricia FARRELL left the Meeting at 11:21 am and returned at 11:23 am.

15.3 Policy Matters

2026/114 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor Olga Daniels)**

CARRIED

That Council adopts the revised:

- (1) Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk Committee;
- (2) Terms of Reference for the Finance and Infrastructure Committee;
- (3) CL006 Elected Members' Administration Policy; and
- (4) OCEO003 Breach of Code of Conduct (Members) Policy.

And rescinds the:

- (5) CL010 Register of Interest Policy; and
- (6) CL011 Conflict of Interest (Elected Member) Policy.

15.4 CPP Grant Program 2023-2024

2026/115 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/ Councillor Olga Daniels)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the CPP2400011 (Barunga Sport Hall) grant acquittal for the year end 2024/25 - 2025/26; and
- (b) receives and notes the CPP2400013 (Ngukurr Toilet Block) grant acquittal for the year end 2024/25 2025/26.

15.5 Numbulwar Airport Ablution Block Grant Acquittal

2026/116 **RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi)**

CARRIED

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That Council receives and notes the Numbulwar Airport Ablution Block Grant Acquittal Report.

15.6 Council Finance Report as at 31.07.2026

2026/117 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)

CARRIED

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

Councillor Michelle FARRELL left the Meeting at 11:56 am and returned at 12:00

Councillor Olga DANIELS left the Meeting at 11:56 am and returned at 12:00 pm.

Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 12:05 pm and returned at 12:07 pm.

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

2026/118 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Sue Edwards)

CARRIED

That Council receive and note the Programs Update Report.

16.2 Aged Care and Disability Services Report

2026/119 RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/Councillor Sue Edwards)

CARRIED

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

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

Councillor Patricia Farrell left the meeting at 1:53 pm and returned at 1:57 pm.

Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 2:09 pm and returned at 2:10 pm.

Councillor Michelle Farrell left the meeting at 2:05 pm returned to the meeting at 2:15 pm.

17.1 Major Projects Report

2026/120 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Sue Edwards)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Report.

17.2 LA Projects Report

2026/121 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Sue Edwards)

CARRIED

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

Councillor Michelle Farrell left the meeting at 2:34 pm and returned at 2:38 pm.

Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi left the meeting at 2:16 pm and returned at 2:24 pm.

Councillor Sue Edwards left the meeting at 2:24 pm and returned at 2:26 pm.

18 GENERAL BUSINESS**18.1 Mechanics Workshops in Community**

2026/122 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Sue Edwards)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's General Business item Report to put apprentices, training mechanics workshops in Community.

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

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20 CLOSED SESSION**DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION****2026/123 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor John Dalywater) 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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20.4 Review of Funding Allocation Methodology

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

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

20.5 Review of Unmetered Street Lighting Tariffs

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

20.6 Local Government Representation Review

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

20.7 Remuneration Tribunal - Call for Submissions

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.

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20.8 Property Matters

Regulation 51(1)(b) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(b). It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

Regulation 51(1)(c)(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.

20.9 2026_27 August 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.

20.10 Remote Jobs and Economic Development Round 3

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.

20.11 Contracts Reporting

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.

20.12 Numbulwar Workshop Update

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.

20.13 Urgent Remediation Workshop Update

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.

20.14 Rates Concession

Regulation 51(1)(b) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(b). It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

Regulation 51(1)(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

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

20.15 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.

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

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

2026/139 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED**
That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re-opened to the public.

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 4:48 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 26 August 2026 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 28 October 2026.

14 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	14.1
TITLE	Barunga LA AUG YTD Finance Report
AUTHOR	Greg Evans, Financial Consultant

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT There are variances in a few activities as outlined in the attached expenditure report. This report is draft due to the finalisation of the 2025/26 Financial accounts. The brief explanation for these differences in budget and actual cost for each division is as follows:

Operating Income:

Operating Income of \$112,536 was received YTD for Barunga against a budget of \$161,238 resulting in a variance of \$48,703. The variance largely as a result of timing of grant receipts and delayed sales receipts.

Operating Expenditure:

Total Operating Expenditure YTD of \$112,535 against a budget of \$161,238 the resulting total variance in operating expenditure of \$48,703. The variance is largely due to impact of higher than budget employment costs on internal allocations.

Capital Expenditure:

Due to the finalisation of the 2025/26 Financial accounts nil capital expenditure has been recorded or budgeted.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Barunga LA Report Aug 26 [**14.1.1** - 1 page]

Roper Gulf Regional Council					
Financial Report as at					
31-August-2026					
Barunga					
	23GLACT				
	YTD Actual (\$)	YTD Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Explanation
Income					
User Charges and Fees	5,526	5,166	360	36,186	
Grant Income	100,450	128,610	-28,160	654,924	Timing of grant receipt
Contract Fee Income	6,560	27,463	-20,903	99,526	Delayed sales receipts
Income Other	0	0	0	0	
Total Operating Income	112,536	161,238	-48,703	790,636	
	0	0			
Operating Expenditure					
Employment	209,906	186,415	23,492	1,444,254	Impact of wage increase on leave provisions in July was budgeted to occur over full year
Contract & Materials	37,625	13,518	24,107	197,572	Material expenses higher than budgeted will review in September
Other Expenses	82,447	109,961	-27,514	471,545	Timing variances across a number of expenses
Banking & Finance	15	20	-5	68	
Internal Charges	-230,945	-157,729	-73,216	-1,408,143	Higher than budgeted internal charges due to allocation based on higher employment costs
Councillor Allowance Exp	12,587	8,108	4,479	78,724	Timing variance
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	900	945	-45	6,616	
Total Expenditure	112,535	161,238	-48,703	790,636	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	0	0	0	0	
Total Capital Income	0	0	0	575,000	
RGRC Contribution	0	0	0	315,000	Fleet Reserve
Capital Grant Income	0	0	0	260,000	
Total Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	575,000	Night Patrol, Minor Projects, Lot 238 Finance, Oval upgrade, Sport & Rec Hall
Net Operating Position	0	0	0	0	

15 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
TITLE	Council Services Manager Report
AUTHOR	Alicia Miranda, Council Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

111 – Council Services General

- The Council Office continues to be open & operational.
- Australia Post continues to be delivered to the community twice a week.
- Most recruitment positions are fulfilled. Advertised on the RGRC Vacancy Bulletin is the Community Cultural Liaison Adviser – we have interest in this position already.
- Barunga's NAIDOC Event was a great success, with beautiful weather creating a welcoming and positive atmosphere for everyone who attended. The campfire provided a warm and inviting space for residents and visitors to gather, connect and share stories. The event provided an opportunity to celebrate and enjoy cultural foods including kangaroo tail and damper, which added to the cultural experience and connection for all. A special thank you to the Local Authority for providing additional funding and to our Community Stakeholders that got involved making the event an enjoyable celebration of NAIDOC.

160 – Municipal Services

- All Municipal Services continues to be delivered in the community.
- The Municipal Team have been focusing on maintaining parks & garden areas.
- Along with the concentration on irrigation on the parks where possible & the Footy Oval. We started irrigating the entrance into Barunga which looks much more welcoming now.

350 – Centrelink

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

342 – Aged Care & Disability

- Aged Care & Disability Services continues to be delivered to clients in Barunga as per their care plan package.
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- Aged Care & Disability are servicing 3 clients and 1 NDIS, more clients pending.
- Age Care started social activities in Beswick and are looking to starting some activities in Barunga later in the year.
- Aged Care are prepping for wet season.

401 – Night Patrol

- Community Night Patrol continues to be delivered to contractual obligations.
- The Night Patrol Team have increased their participation & assistance to support the Sport & Recreation Team & Programs.
- Night Patrol have onboarded 2 more staff members.

404 – Sport & Recreation

- Sport & Recreation continues to be delivered to contractual obligations.
- The School Holiday Program is currently being delivered with many fun activities for the youth to get involved in. Activities depending on staff availability.
- The library is open & operational for the youth.
- Sport and Recreation have onboarded 4 more staff members, making the upturn of staff better

346 – Indigenous Broadcasting

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**ITEM NUMBER** 15.2**TITLE** Animal Management Update Report**AUTHOR** Tony Hopp, General Manager Council Services and Community Engagement**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Animal Management 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.

BACKGROUND

Animal Management Teams are required to provide an update on Animal Management Program.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

A copy of Animal Management Update Report is attached.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Report Barunga Aug 2026 [15.2.1 - 4 pages]

Roper Gulf Regional Council – Animal Control Program

ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

Animal Management Program

Barunga

June 9-11

7, 13, 26-27 August



Dr Samantha Phelan RGRC Vet

Dr Megan Pickering RGRC casual Vet

Alia Schmidt RGRC Vet Nurse

Meg Hanssen RGRC Vet Nurse June visit only

Next visit 20-22 October

Roper Gulf Regional Council – Animal Control Program

Overview:

Dr Sam Phelan has returned to Roper Gulf Regional Council as our vet. The Council now employs 1 vet, 1 full-time vet nurse and 1 casual vet nurse and 1 casual vet. The new team will visit each community at least 3 times every year. Because Barunga is close to Katherine tend to do more regular short visits which creates better animal care and control. The demand for the service has been high.

We are wanting to recruit casual animal management workers in every community to assist with community liaison, delivery of tick, flea, and worm medicine, and to help on surgery days. If LA members know animal lovers who would be interested in this work, please tell them to contact the vet team.

There has been a rise in dog numbers across all communities in the RGRC Region. People are also choosing to own larger and more aggressive dogs. This is particularly the case in Barunga. More dogs lead to more dog fights and larger packs which are dangerous for people, especially children.

In 2020 there were 136 adult dogs in Barunga. There are now 182 adult dogs in Barunga.

Barunga only has 5 cats registered on our database. Many other communities in the RGRC Region have huge numbers of cats. We would warn against bringing cats into community as they breed so quickly. They are also a bird flu risk to family members as they will eat sick birds and can contract the virus. If bird flu comes to the NT cats may be one way it spreads.

The focus of the program from June this year has been on increasing the number of desexed animals and actively managing the dog packs that have developed across town.

Desexing dogs

This is an important part of showing the vet program is working.

- Desexing dogs makes for a more peaceful community.
- It stops fighting and makes both female and male dogs less aggressive.
- Stopping dogs breeding stops the spread of sicknesses from pups to people.
- Desexed dogs are cheaper to feed and need less food to stay healthy.

Every community should aim for 80% of female and male dogs desexed and 100% of all cats desexed.

After recent vet visits Barunga is on track. It would be good to desex some more male dogs to stop roaming and fighting.

	% of female dogs desexed after visits	% of male dogs desexed after visit
Barunga	82%	58%

Roper Gulf Regional Council – Animal Control Program

Treatment Summary – Barunga

Number of anti-parasitic treatments	Desexing surgeries performed	Other surgeries	Number of euthanasia	Other treatments
139 dog tick and flea treatments Wormed all puppies. 18 puppy vaccinations	37 total 16 male dogs 21 female dogs 0 cats	2 lump removals	0	Antibiotics 1 for tick sickness 4 for dog fight wounds 1 infected ear

Public Safety and Education

There has been a focus on talking about dogs and public safety in Barunga at a household level. There are at least 3 households of dogs in Barunga that have potential to be a public safety problem. Some of these dogs are effectively controlled, and some have not been.

The trend towards pitbull ownership is a problem in Barunga. Pitbulls can be lovely dogs. However, they also have a tendency towards fierce and unstoppable aggression if managed badly. Some of the dogs in question are rumoured to have killed other dogs in community and have deliberately been taken to fights between family members. This is an extremely dangerous cocktail that the animal management team have been negotiating.

The animal management team are now actively managing one household of dogs, following 3 formal complaints filed about these dogs. We engaged police support, utilised the RGRC dangerous dog policy, advertised the use of a dangerous dog collar in posters around the community, and placed a regulatory order on one dog. All dogs from that family have now been desexed and the situation is being monitored.

Another previously declared dangerous dog was imported into Barunga from Katherine. We have desexed this dog and have received no formal complaints about his behaviour.

We are asking community members to make formal complaints if they are worried about any aggressive dogs who are allowed to roam in community.

Reported dog Bites to Sunrise Health:

RGRC gets de-identified dog bite information from the Sunrise Health Clinics each month. This tells us if there are problem dogs and if they are causing a safety issue for the community. There were no dog bite presentations to Sunrise Clinic in Barunga in June or July 2026.

Roper Gulf Regional Council – Animal Control Program**Issues or things for the LA to consider.**

From an outside perspective the program is working well in Barunga and all households are engaged.

If the LA has any concerns that they want the animal management team to address, please let us know. All matters brought to us are treated in confidence.



16 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	16.1
TITLE	Barunga Local Authority Projects Update
AUTHOR	Luke Haddow, General Manager of Infrastructure Services and Planning

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

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

BACKGROUND

Since 2014 the Barunga Local Authority has received a total of \$473,539.00 from the Northern Territory Government for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations provided by the Department of Local Government are based on a formula related to population. To date the Barunga Local Authority has allocated \$498,645.99, accounting for surplus funds from completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Currently awaiting completed audited and acquitted financials to determine balances.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Barunga Sept 2026 [16.1.1 - 1 page]

Barunga Local Authority Project Funding								13 April 2026
Funding Received from Department				\$	473,539.00			
Funds Allocated by Local Authorities				\$	508,645.99			
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects				\$	50,375.03			
Remaining Unallocated funds				\$	15,268.04			
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Descripton	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status
4/03/2024	PR87	Purchase of portable toilet	Purchase of and installation of portable toilets in the following location the cemertry	\$21,793.67	\$ 7,024.27			03/04/2024: LA decided to allocate remaining \$21,793.67 towards purchase of portable toilet. 30/11/2024: 2 Toilets onsite and in position. Temporary privacy screening setup. 18/02/2025: Additional scope to install shade being developed. Original contractor has closed business and left town. 07/03/2025: A freestanding shade structure has been selected, costing aporoximately \$2000.00 excluding installation fees. Readjust of scope and reapproval is required to include the privacy screens. 15/05/2025: Discussing with Nyirranggulong Rise CDP manager to do the small shade and the screening as a cdp activity 25/06/2026:Design finalised and materials list sent for quoting 15/07/2026:Awaiting materials to arrive
1/07/2025	PR 150	Playground lighting	Solar lightning to be supplied for the playground.	\$ 6,000.00	\$0.00 -			14/10/2025: LA confirmed lights required under shelter. Quotes to be obtained before next LA 13/01/2026: LA Allocated funding - Lights ordered 06/03/2026: Lights in stock, awaiting installation 16/09/2026: Project Completed
2/04/2025	PR20	Water Taps	Requests to scope installation of water taps at Heritage Park and Norforce Park.	-	\$ 7,352.67	PWC Approved Heritage Park SSP: \$3,181.47 Norforce Park Drawings: \$4,171.20	-	02/04/2025: LA requests to scope installation of water taps at Heritage Park and Norforce Park. 04/04/2025: Expression of interest sent to power and water, for heritage park. 20/08/2025: Previous submissions located, RGRC to scope and price to complete the physical works. 17/09/2025: Ongoing. 21/11/2025: Corresponding with PWC. Quotes being obtained for works at Heritage Park. 15/07/2026: Quote to complete a new connection is \$29,000. Connection requires trenching across the road to connect to the water main.
Total allocation for current projects				\$42,293.67	25152.36		2724.58	
Total for Completed projects				\$ 466,352.32	\$ 442,173.45	n/a	\$ 50,375.03	
Grand Total				\$ 508,645.99	\$ 467,325.81	n/a	\$ 53,099.61	