AGENDA
ROBINSON RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2026

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

Thursday 5 November 2026 at 9:00 am
Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation-Robinson River
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David HURST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ROBINSON RIVER CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Appointed Members

1. Mayor Tony JACK;
2. Councillor Samuel EVANS ;
3. Shandel DICK;
4. Freddy JACKSON;
5. Susan GEORGE;
6. Melissa NOBLE;
7. Patsy-Anne GEORGE; and
8. Dean JACK.

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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4 RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Re-election of Chairperson
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION
That the Robinson River 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 Robinson River Local Authority Meeting held on 03 March 2022, Local Authority Member appointed the Chairperson for the period of four (4) years (Term date ended in March 2026).

The Chairperson of the Robinson River 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 Robinson River Local Authority Meeting.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT
The Robinson River Local Authority are being asked to nominate a Local Authority Member to be the Chairperson of Robinson River Local Authority.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION
That the Robinson River Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 07 August 2024 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 Robinson River Local Authority held a meeting and met as a **PROVISIONAL** meeting on Wednesday, 07 August 2024 at 9:00am. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to confirm.

The Robinson River Local Authority scheduled to be held on Thursday, 6 February 2025 was Cancelled.

The Robinson River Local Authority scheduled to be held on Thursday, 8 May 2025 was Cancelled.

The Robinson River Local Authority scheduled to be held on Thursday, 07 August 2025 was Cancelled.

The Robinson River Local Authority scheduled to be held on Thursday, 06 November 2025 was Postponed and Cancelled due to lack of member attendance.

The Robinson River Local Authority, scheduled to be held on Thursday, 05 February 2026, was cancelled due to roads access constraints.

The Robinson River Local Authority scheduled to be held on Thursday, 07 May 2026, was cancelled due to funeral.

The Robinson River Local Authority scheduled to be held on Thursday, 06 August 2026, was cancelled due to funeral.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT
There are no more Robinson River Local Authority Meeting scheduled for the remainder of the 2026 Calendar Year.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS
1. ROB MIN 07082024 0 [**8.1.1** - 4 pages]

MINUTES OF THE, ROBINSON RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT THE MUNGOORBADA OFFICE, ROBINSON RIVER
ON WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2024 AT 9:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (appointed Chairperson for this meeting);
- Melissa NOBLE;
- Shandel DICK; and
- Freddy JACKSON.

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Acting Chief Executive Officer; (via teleconference)
- Luke HADDOW, Acting General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Clare CUPITT, Acting general Manager Council Services and Community Engagement (via audio/video conference);
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary) (via audio/video conference); and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer (via audio/video conference).

1.3 Guests

- Karen HOCKING, Project Manager, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (via audio/video conference);
- Ruth STORER, Project Manager, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (via audio/video conference);
- Heather STEWART, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (via audio/video conference);
- Ian WATSON, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation(via audio/video conference); and
- Kristina FISHER, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (via audio/video conference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Robinson River Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:23 am as a **PROVISIONAL** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ROB P-24/2024] **(Shandel DICK/Freddy JACKSON)** ***CARRIED***

That the Provisional Robinson River Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Samuel EVANS, Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN, Timothy SIMON, Susan GEORGE and Patsy-Anne GEORGE.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mayor JACK declared an interest as being a representative of Northern Land Council for Robinson River.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE ROBINSON RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES

ROB P-25/2024 **(Melissa NOBLE/Freddy JACKSON)** ***CARRIED***

That the Provisional Robinson River Local Authority receives and noted the minutes from the meeting held on 09 May 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

ROB P-26/2024 **(Freddy JACKSON /Melissa NOBLE)** ***CARRIED***

That the Provisional Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Action List.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

ROB P-27/2024 **(Melissa NOBLE/Freddy JACKSON)** ***CARRIED***

That the Provisional Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Incoming Correspondence.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

12.1 ROBINSON RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

ROB P-28/2024 **(Shandel DICK/Melissa NOBLE)** ***CARRIED***

That the Provisional Robinson River Local Authority:

(a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
(b) requests an update an allocation breakdown from Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation on Local Authority Projects and Local Authority Project Funding.

12.2 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2023 - 30.06.2024

ROB P-29/2024 **(Melissa NOBLE/Freddy JACKSON)** ***CARRIED***

That the Provisional Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

ROB P-30/2024 **(Shandel DICK/Melissa NOBLE)** ***CARRIED***

That the Provisional Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

13.2 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

ROB P-31/2024 **(Freddy JACKSON /Melissa NOBLE)** ***CARRIED***

That the Provisional Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.

13.3 STOLEN GENERATION REDRESS SCHEME

ROB P-32/2024 **(Melissa NOBLE/Freddy JACKSON)** ***CARRIED***

That the Provisional Robison River Local Authority receives and notes the Stolen Generation Redress Scheme Report.

13.4 INFORMATION SHEET - SCHOOL STUDENT BROADBAND INTIATIVE FOR FREE INTERNET

ROB P-33/2024 **(Shandel DICK/Melissa NOBLE)** ***CARRIED***

That the Provisional Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Information Sheet – School Student Broadband Initiative.

13.5 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

ROB P-34/2024 **(Shandel DICK/Freddy JACKSON)** ***CARRIED***

That the Provisional Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Community Safety Update Report.

13.6 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

ROB P 35/2024 **(Freddy JACKSON/Melissa NOBLE)** ***CARRIED***

That the Provisional Robinson River receives and notes the Council Services Report.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

Received a deputation from Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation at 11:38 am and finished at 11:49 am

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11:49 am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Robinson River Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 7 August 2024 and confirmed .

Chairperson
Confirmed on 07 November 2024

9 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION
That the Robinson River Local Authority:
(a) receives and notes the Action List Report; and
(b) approves the removal of completed items.

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

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

The Action List is a **non-authoritative** reference document for Business Arising out of Previous Minutes. 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
Nil

13 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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

RECOMMENDATION
That the Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

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

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

Local Authority Member Attendance

Local Authority Meeting Members	07 August 2025	06 November 2025	05 February 2026	07 May 2026	06 August 2026
	Postponed and cancelled	Postponed and cancelled	Meeting Cancelled	Meeting Cancelled	Postponed and Meeting Cancelled
Mayor Tony JACK	-	-	-	-	
Councillor Samuel EVANS	-	-	-	-	
Patsy-Anne GEORGE	-	-	-	-	
Shandel DICK	-	-	-	-	
Freddy JACKSON	-	-	-	-	
Susan GEORGE	-	-	-	-	
Melissa NOBLE	-	-	-	-	
Dean JACK	-	-	-	Appointed at June OMC	

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 Town Priorities

AUTHOR Daniele Piga, Governance Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION
That the Robinson River Local Authority nominates the following priorities for Council's consideration for the 2026-27 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 (2026-27), the Robinson River 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 2026-27.

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

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	13.3
TITLE	Elected Member Report
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION
That the Robinson River 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 approved the recommendations from the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 13 August 2026. Council raised its concerns pertaining to the non-functional streetlights causing significant safety issues with the Minister

Council also noted Councillor Samuel EVANS' concerns pertaining to racist and sexist remarks made by Borroloola Local Authority Member, at the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting as held on 13 August 2026. Council considered this matter to be a Code of Conduct complaint against him, and puts the allegations to him for response, to be considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting in October 2026.

Council submitted motions to 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.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 28 October 2026
At this Meeting Council ratified the resignation of Mike LONGTON from the Borroloola Local Authority;
Council also endorsed and supported the Borroloola / Ngardara Solar Microgrid Project as undertaken by the Ngardara Co-operative and Original Power, and supported its expansion throughout its Region.
Council nominated and appoints Mayor Tony JACK as the contact point and spokesperson for Council on this matter.

Council in accordance with Chapter 14 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), formally adopts the Annual Report and all content therein, with edits, as a true and accurate record of:

(a) Its independently audited Annual Financial Statement (in accordance with ss 207, 208, 291 (1) of the Act);
(b) Its assessed performance against its stated goals as outlined in its Regional Plan;
(c) All other reportable obligations according to applicable law for the 2025-2026 Financial Year; and
(d) directs the Chief Executive Officer to supply the Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government.

Following Major Projects were discussed at this meeting:

Completed Projects 2026

- Borroloola Tamarind Park Power Supply/Lighting PR38

Projects on Hold:

- Borroloola Office Modifications – PR91

Projects in Progress:

Borroloola Drainage Works

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

Borroloola Scoping Streetlights along Robinson Road PR93

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

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING – 21 October 2026

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

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

There was no topics of discussion in relation to the South West Gulf 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:

- Vacant;
- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Ash GARNER; and
- Councillor Michelle FARRELL.

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

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

18 November 2026 at 8:30 am	**Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting**	RGRC Support Centre Katherine

16 December 2026 at 9:00 am	**Ordinary Meeting of Council**	RGRC Support Centre Katherine

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

LOCAL AUTHORITY	NUMBER OF VACANCIES
Borroloola Local Authority	*2*
Robinson River Local Authority	*0*

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS
1. OMC MIN 28012026 [**13.3.1** - 9 pages]

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE 2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2026 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Preston LEE;
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI (via audio/video conference);
- Councillor Ash GARNER;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Olga DANIELS;
- 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;
- Chathurangi DIAS, Finance Manager;
- Kellie JOHNSTON, Assets Manager;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Cristie GEER, Programs Manager (via audio/video conference);
- Kathy MARA, Executive Assistant to the CEO;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Annika BERENDES, Programs Communications Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Peter PANGQUEE, President, Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT);
- Mary WATSON, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT);
- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant (via audio/video conference); and
- Friedrick LAW, KPMG Enterprise, Audit and Assurance.

2 MEETING OPENED

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

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Mayor Tony JACK welcomed all persons to Country.

UNCONFIRMED

That Council received a deputation from the Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT), as delivered by Peter PANGQUEE, President, and Mary WATSON, Chief Executive Officer:
General deliberations and remarks made by Council pertaining to issues across the Roper Gulf Region, in lack of town and social planning, poor infrastructure, lack of government consultation and conditional rating.

Friedrick LAW, KPMG Enterprise, Audit and Assurance, supplied the Council with a deputation of the Audited Financial Statements.

Fredrick LAW, KPMG Enterprise, Audit and Assurance, left the Meeting at 10:37 am.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

2026/140 **RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council accepts the tendered apology from Councillor John DALYWATER.

Councillor Samuel Evans left the meeting at 9:04 am.
Councillor Samuel Evans returned to the meeting at 9:08 am.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 9:17 am.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee returned to the meeting at 9:19 am.
Councillor Sue Edwards left the meeting at 9:54 am.
Councillor Sue Edwards returned to the meeting at 9:57 am.
Councillor Patricia Farrell left the meeting at 9:55 am.
Councillor Patricia Farrell returned to the meeting at 9:57 am.

Meeting adjourned at 09:58 am and reconvened at 10:28 am.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2026/141 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 August 2026 and affirms them to be true and accurate record of that Meeting's decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

2026/142 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Samuel Evans)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:
(a) receives and notes the Action List;
(b) approves the removal of completed items; and
(c) notes that resolution 2026/71 cannot be progressed any further due to being unable to engage to Jilkminggan Community Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC) due to legal matters.

8 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

8.1 Previous Committee Meeting Minutes

2026/143 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Ash Garner)** ***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 Helen LEE, Councillor Michelle FARRELL and Councillor Sue EDWARDS declared conflict of interest at Item 13.2.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Incoming Correspondence

2026/144 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Michelle Farrell)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the incoming correspondence; and
(b) supports the application of the Numburindi Corporation for the Airstrip Upgrade and directs the CEO to supply a letter to that effect.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Outgoing Correspondence

2026/145 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Samuel Evans)** ***CARRIED***

That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 Nyirranggulung Ward Report

2026/146 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
(b) approves the recommendations from the Wugularr Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 05 October 2026;
(c) approves the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 05 October 2026
(d) approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 06 October 2026;
(e) approves the recommendations from the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 08 October 2026;
(f) advocates on behalf of the Wugularr Local Authority for increased police presence in Wugularr, including a Police station;
(g) requests a report on by-laws development to be supplied to it at its next Ordinary Meeting;
(h) agrees to fund 50% of the Water Taps Installation Project at Heritage Park (PR20) and amends budget for this purpose; and
(i) creates a Major Project for the Manyallaluk Access Road, repairs and maintenance.

Councillor Olga Daniels left at 10:51 am and returned at 10:53 am.

13.2 Never Never Ward Report

2026/147 **RESOLVED (Councillor Olga Daniels/Councillor Samuel Evans)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
(b) approves the recommendation from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting

held on Tuesday, 01 September 2026;
(c) rescinds the membership of Shaunette MARTIN from the Mataranka Local Authority;
(d) appoints Sharon FORBES as a Mataranka Local Authority Member;
(e) requests the Chief Executive Officer to call for nominations to appoint for the Mataranka Local Authority;
(f) appoints Antoinette JOE as a Jilkminggan Local Authority Member;
(g) considered the request from Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority's concern regarding, the lack of communication and services delivery from the Alawa Aboriginal Corporation (AAC) and requests Council to cease payments to AAC until issue is rectified;
(h) reschedules the November 2026 Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting and Mataranka Local Authority Meeting to be held on 17 November 2026;
(i) reschedules the December 2026 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting to be held on Friday, 4 December 2026;
(j) requests scoping of Rubbish Collection Service in Larrimah;
(k) general deliberations on Health Services in Mataranka; and
(l) requests the Chief Executive Officer to contact Sunrise Health and Katherine West Health in relation to Health Service delivery in Mataranka and throughout the Roper Gulf Region.

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE, Councillor Michelle FARRELL and Councillor Sue EDWARDS deliberated Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Sunrise.

Councillor Sue EDWARDS further recused herself whilst nominations for the Mataranka Local Authority were considered.

Mayor Tony Jack left the meeting at 10:55 am.
Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting at 10:58 am.
Councillor Ash Garner left the meeting at 11:00 am.
Mayor Tony Jack left the meeting at 11:01 am.
Councillor Ash Garner returned to the meeting at 11:02 am.
Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting at 11:08 am.
Councillor Sue Edwards left the meeting at 11:10 am.
Councillor Michelle Farrell left the meeting at 11:10 am.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 11:10 am.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee returned to the meeting at 11:21 am.
Councillor Sue Edwards returned to the meeting at 11:21 am.
Councillor Michelle Farrell returned to the meeting at 11:21 am.
Councillor Sue Edwards left the meeting at 11:22 am.
Councillor Sue Edwards returned to the meeting at 11:39 am.

13.3 Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report
2026/148 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/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 Thursday, 03 September 2026; and
(c) appoints Thaddeus ALLEN as a Numbulwar Local Authority Member.

Councillor Samuel Evans left the meeting at 11:41 am.
Councillor Samuel Evans returned to the meeting at 11:41 am.
Councillor Des Barritt left the meeting at 11:42 am.
Councillor Des Barritt returned to the meeting at 11:42 am.

13.4 Yugul Mangi Ward Report
2026/149 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***
That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
(b) approves the recommendations from the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 02 September 2026;
(c) approves the recommendations from the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 02 September 2026;
(d) appoints Annie DANIELS as a Local Authority Member of Urapunga Local Authority; and
(e) requests scoping for cans recycling for Ngukurr to be presented to it at its next Ordinary Meeting.

13.5 South West Gulf Ward Report

2026/150 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Michelle Farrell)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:
(a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
(b) ratifies the resignation of Mike LONGTON from the Borroloola Local Authority;
(c) endorses and supports the Borroloola / Ngardara Solar Microgrid Project as undertaken by the Ngardara Co-operative and Original Power, and supports its expansion throughout its Region; and
(d) nominates and appoints Mayor Tony JACK as the contact point and spokesperson for Council on that matter (c).

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

14.1 Mayor's Report

2026/151 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

14.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

2026/152 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

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

14.3 Council Meeting Attendance Report

2026/153 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:
(a) receives and notes the Council and Committee Meeting Attendance Report; and
(b) authorises all Elected Members to attend Mandatory Departmental Training in-person, to be held in Katherine on Thursday,19 November 2026, at 01:00 pm, plus associated Travel Days;
(c) authorises Councilor Samuel EVANS to attend the LGANT Annual General Meeting and associated travel days (if registration allows);
(d) nominates Mayor Tony JACK and Councillor Ash GARNER as the voting delegates at LGANT; and
(e) rescinds the membership of the Independent Member David BLAIR from the Finance and Infrastructure Committee and directs the Chief Executive Officer to commence the appointment process.

14.4 Calendar Meeting Schedule – Council, Committee and Local Authority Meetings 2027

2026/154 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:
(a) confirms its Briefing Day and Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Katherine on 15 and 16 December respectively; and
(b) confirms its Meeting Calendar for 2027 as tabled.

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 Adoption of Annual Report including Audited Financial Statements

2026/155 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Patricia Farrell)** ***CARRIED***

That Council, in accordance with Chapter 14 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), formally adopts the Annual Report and all content therein, with edits, as a true and accurate record of:

(a) Its independently audited Annual Financial Statement (in accordance with ss 207, 208, 291 (1) of the Act);
(b) Its assessed performance against its stated goals as outlined in its Regional Plan;
(c) All other reportable obligations according to applicable law for the 2025-2026 Financial Year; and
(d) directs the Chief Executive Officer to supply the Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm and reconvened at 01:00 pm.

15.2 Council Finance Report as at 30.09.2026

2026/156 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 30 September 2026.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

16.1 Vet Program Fees for Service Charges

2026/157 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Ash Garner)** ***CARRIED***

That Council defers the matter to the next Ordinary Meeting in December.

Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr left the meeting at 1:05 pm.
Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr returned to the meeting at 1:10 pm.

Mayor Tony Jack left the meeting at 1:18 pm.
Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting at 1:22 pm.

16.2 Aged Care and Disability Services Report

2026/158 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

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

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 Major Projects Report

2026/159 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Report.

17.2 Local Authority Projects Update Report

2026/160 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
(b) allocates an additional $1,000 towards the Anthem Crows Presentation Project.

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

That Council notes Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR's concerns pertaining to unrest in Numbulwar. Council further noted that those concerns are applicable Region-wide.

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That Council notes Mayor Tony JACK's remarks and concerns pertaining to Ochre Card's processing, causing significant disruption and distress to current and prospective employees.

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS
Nil.

20 CLOSED SESSION
DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION
2026/161 **RESOLVED (Councillor Olga Daniels/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***
That pursuant to *section 99(2) and 293(1)* of the *Local Government Act 2019* and *section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda :-

Councillor Patricia Farrell left the meeting at 1:58 pm.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 1:58 pm.
Councillor Patricia Farrell returned to the meeting at 1:59 pm.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee returned to the meeting at 2:00 pm.
Councillor Patricia Farrell left the meeting at 2:09 pm.
Councillor Patricia Farrell returned to the meeting at 2:11 pm.
Councillor Samuel Evans left the meeting at 2:13 pm.
Councillor Samuel Evans returned to the meeting at 2:16 pm.

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 Rating Matter
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*

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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.

20.5 Auditors' 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 Grant Funding allocation
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 2026/2027 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.*

20.8 Code of Conduct Complaint against Elected Member
2026/169 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***
That Council:
(a) Receives and Notes the Outcome of its Code of Conduct Complaint against Councillor Preston LEE;
(b) Receives and Notes the Summary Decision Notice;
(c) Receives and Notes the Notice of Decision; and
(d) Makes public the Resolution and Notice of Decision as required by Regulation 51 (2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* as the Matter is no longer prescribed as Confidential in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting
2026/170 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Ash Garner)** ***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 3:23 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on 28 October 2026 and will be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 16 December 2026

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14 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	14.1
TITLE	Robinson River LA YTD Sep Finance Report
AUTHOR	Chathu Dias, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION
That Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2026 to 30 September 2026

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

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

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

Operating Income:
Operating Income of $107,814 was received YTD for Robinson River against a budget of $60,222 resulting in a variance of $47,592. The variance largely as a result of underspending within grant-funded activities and payments received under the RAES program.

Operating Expenditure:
Total Operating Expenditure YTD of $107,814 against a budget of $60,222 the resulting total variance in operating expenditure of $47,592. The variance is largely due to changes in allocation methodology for internal cost allocations and lower-than-budgeted expenditure on contract & materials.

Capital Expenditure:
There was no capital expenditure during the period, against a nil budget.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS
1. Robinson River LA YTD Sep Financial Report [**14.1.1** - 1 page]

Roper Gulf Regional Council Financial Report as at 30-September-2026 Robinson River					
	Year to Date Actual ($)	***Year to Date Budget ($)***	***Variance ($)***	***Full Year Budget ($)***	***Explanation***
Income					
User Charges and Fees	-	-	-	-	
Grant Income	84	60,222	- 60,138	197,587	Reflection of underspends within grant operated activities
Contract Fee Income	107,730	-	107,730	-	The RAES program has not been budgeted
Income Other	-	-	-	-	
Total Operating Income	**107,814**	**60,222**	**47,592**	**197,587**	
	-	-			
Operating Expenditure					
Employment	-	-	-	-	
Contract & Materials	-	64,414	- 64,414	118,508	Other expenses lower than budgeted
Other Expenses	1,999	1,025	975	12,780	
Internal Charges	78,245	- 33,205	111,449	- 45,654	New budget allocation methodology
Councillor Allowance Exp	-	-	-	-	
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	-	-	-	-	
Chairman Mayoral Allowance	27,570	27,989	- 419	111,953	
Total Expenditure	**107,814**	**60,222**	**47,592**	**197,587**	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	**-**	**-**	**-**	**0**	
Total Capital Income	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	
RGRC Contribution	-	-	-	-	
Capital Grant Income	-	-	-	-	
Total Capital Expenditure	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	
Buildings	-	-	-	-	
Infrastructure	-	-	-	-	
Plant & Equipment	-	-	-	-	
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	
Roadworks	-	-	-	-	
Net Operating Position	**-**	**-**	**-**	**0**	

CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	14.2
TITLE	RAES Manager Report
AUTHOR	Alexis Austin, RAES Manager

RECOMMENDATION
That the Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Remotes Australia Employment Service (RAES) 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.

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

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

BACKGROUND
The Remote Australia Employment Service (RAES) Program has replaced the Community Development Program (CDP). It is now being delivered by Council on behalf of the Commonwealth Government in Region 29.

Council is required to deliver a quality service that meets all obligations and complies with RAES contractual requirements under the Head Agreement.

Since the program commenced on 1 November 2025, RAES has operated under a Mutual Obligation pause. NIAA has advised that the pause will be lifted on 1 September 2026, with Mutual Obligations returning from this date. The extended pause has affected RAES commencement rates, attendance and participant self-engagement in the region.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT
Participant Engagement
Robinson River RAES currently has 79 participants on the caseload, including 33 participants who are pending commencement. Council is working to increase engagement through meaningful interactions, appointments, training opportunities and other participant supports.

Council is also considering NIAA-approved incentives for participants and staff to support improved engagement and attendance.

RAES Delivery services include but is not limited to:

- Preparing for work and staying employed
- Accessing mentoring and tailored support
- Building work readiness through community projects, activities or training
- Identifying employment pathways and moving into work

Limited infrastructure and housing availability have affected service delivery in Robinson River. An extended wet season and road closures have also disrupted access, making regular servicing difficult. RAES has periodically arranged for staff to service Robinson River by plane. However, limited accommodation options have meant that visits have been irregular.

RAES has recently commenced a new employee, and they are undertaking training in the role to support RAES clients and have the office open daily. Looking to increase to also have staff to support activities etc. RAES staff to continue to travel and support new staff until the road is impassable.

Engagement and commencement rates remain slow at times. However, this is consistent with feedback from other providers, who are reporting similar challenges due to the extended Mutual Obligation pause. With Mutual Obligations returned we have noticed the increase of engagement.

Employment and Program Opportunities
Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) program Grant Round 4 is now open –Closing 17th March 2027. RGRC RAES can supply/provide information on how and where to lodge your grant submission.

RAES is able to arrange and supply training as well as Back on Track to assist RAES clients in the region.

RAES Delivery services include but is not limited to:

- Preparing for work and staying employed
- Accessing mentoring and tailored support
- Building work readiness through community projects, activities or training
- Identifying employment pathways and moving into work

Regional Support and Delivery
Council RAES Manager, Lexii, is relocating to Borroloola this month to support local delivery and strengthen program implementation. This work will focus on:

- Providing staff training and support
- Supporting participants
- Strengthening stakeholder engagement
- Supporting upcoming training and programs
- Assisting with RAES service delivery across the region

RAES manager has had meetings with NIAA remote Representative in regards to activities/programs and training that may benefit the region. RAES management to complete stakeholder engagement in the area to better support stakeholders and participants in the area.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil

ATTACHMENTS
Nil

15 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
TITLE	Council Services Manager Report
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION
That the Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services 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
Council is required to report on service delivery within the Local Authority's area.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT
Municipal services within the Robinson River area are delivered by the Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation and AusProjects. Council is not in receipt of information pertaining to the delivery of these services.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil

16 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATION
That the Robinson River Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and

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

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

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

BACKGROUND
Since 2020 the Robinson River Local Authority has received a total of $130,000 from the Northern Territory Government for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations provided by the Department are based on a formula related to population. To date the Robinson River Local Authority has allocated $97,500, accounting for surplus funds from the completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT
Please refer to the attached LA Funding Report as at August 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Unallocated Funds
The Robinson River Local Authority currently has $137,354 to allocate to new projects.

ATTACHMENTS
1. LA Projects Report Rob [**16.1.1** - 2 pages]

LA Report Robinson River

Year to Date - August 2026

Funding Position

Financial Year	Bal at 30/6/26	2026/27 Expenditure	Balance Remaining	Expiry Date	Funding Available to Assign to New Projects
2023/24	$73,954	$0	$73,954	30/06/2027	
2024/25	$32,500	$0	$32,500	30/06/2027	
2025/26	$30,900	$0	$30,900	30/06/2028	
2026/27	$0	$0	$0	30/06/2029	
	$137,354	$0	$137,354		$137,354.00

Date LA Aprroved	Project ID	Project Name	Major Project	Funding Expiry	Project Description	Project Budget	Prior Year Expenditure	Current Expenditure	Total Expenditure	Balance Remaining	Commitment / Expenditure (Project to Date)	Status / comments
31/08/2023	PR68	Speed Humps			Purchase and installation of speed humps	$5,000.00	$3,703.18	$0.00	$3,703.18	$1,296.82	Mid Section Speed humps x 120: $2386.80 Speed Hump ends x 10: $155.80 8mm Spikes: $1040.00 Freight: $120.58	31/08/2023: provisionally allocates $5,000 towards speed humps. 25/10/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendations from the 31 August 2023 Robinson River Local Authority. 18/02/2025: PO raised. Order received, awaiting delivery to community. 28/10/2025: Started installing but ground to hard, need additional tooling. 29/01/2026: 2 Speedbumps completed outside the school late November, 3 remaining to install.
25/10/2023	PR70	Soft ball gear				$1,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,000.00		Provisionally allocated on 31.08.2023 LA. Official allocation OMC 25.10
31/08/2023	PR71	Robinson River fishing competition			Allocation of funds to Robinson River Fishing Competition.	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		31/08/2023: provisionally allocates $2,000 for the Robinson River Fishing Competition. 25/10/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendations from the 31 August 2023 Robinson River Local Authority
31/08/2023	PR72	Solar lights			Purchase and installation of four solar lights.	$40,000.00	$17,068.39	$0.00	$17,068.39	$22,931.61	4 x solar lights: $13360.00 Freight to Darwin: $1363.64 2 x pallets of premix concrete: $1500.00 Freight: $312.35 Freight: $532.40	31/08/2023: provisionally allocates $40,000 towards four (4) solar lights installation. 25/10/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendations from the 31 August 2023 Robinson River Local Authority Provisional Meeting minutes. 18/02/2025: Locations provided. To be completed once access is available. 28/10/2025: Awaiting Engineering design for footings.
31/08/2023	PR73	Signage-Road Safety			Purchase and installation of a variety of Signage for road safety for community	$5,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$5,000.00		31/08/2023:provisionally allocates $5,000 towards Road Traffic Management or Road Safety Signage. 25/10/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendations from the 31 August 2023 Robinson River Local Authority Provisional Meeting minutes. 18/02/2025: Signs to be added to bulk order for other communities. Need to finalise sign audit for Robinson River to add to order. 15/05/2025: GM on site on the 08/05/2025 to scope signs to be ordered. 15/07/2025: Additional signs ordered. 28/10/2025: Some signs have been installed, near the school. 13/04/2026:Additional safety signs to be delivered to Community once road access is suitable
31/08/2023	PR74	Bollards for the Park			Purchase and installation of bollards around the perimeter of the park	$10,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$10,000.00		31/08/2023: provisionally allocates $10,000 for purchasing Bollards for the perimeters of the park. 25/10/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendations from the 31 August 2023 Robinson River Local Authority Provisional Meeting minutes. 18/02/2025: Project likely to cost more than budget. 28/10/2025: Additional design to be tabled at the LA. 13/04/2026:Potential to manufacture the same barriers that we are constructing for other communities.
31/08/2023	PR78	Food for Community BBQ			Purchase of food for a community BBQ.	$500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$500.00		31/08/2023: Local Authority provisionally allocated $500.00. 25/10/2023: OMC approves the Provisional recommendations from the 31 August 2023 Robinson River Local Authority Provisional Meeting minutes.

27/04/2026	PR159	Storage and equipment for funerals			Shipping container, chairs, tables portable shade for funeral events.	$37,959.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$37,959.00		27/04/2026: Awaiting quote for shipping container. Qoutes for seating and table as well as portable shade to be completed and items purchased.

Total						$99,459.00	$20,771.57	$0.00	$20,771.57	$78,687.43		