



AGENDA

BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2021

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

Wednesday, 17 February 2021 at 2:30PM
The RGRC Service Delivery Centre, Borroloola

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

Marc GARDNER
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BORROLOOLA CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:**Elected Members**

1. Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
2. Councillor Samuel EVANS;
3. Councillor Donald GARNER; Chairperson and
4. Councillor Marlene KARKADOO.

Appointed Members

1. Stan ALLEN;
2. Raymond ANDERSON;
3. Trish ELMY;
4. Rebecca GENTLE;
5. Lizzie HOGAN;
6. Mike LONGTON;
7. Maria PYRO; and
8. Jonathon SAUER.

MEMBERS: 12

COUNCIL: 4

LOCAL AUTHORITY: 8

QUORUM: 7 (minimum requirement)

PROVISIONAL: 4 (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.

Local Authority appointed members are paid for attending meetings (not for informal meetings or Roper Gulf Regional Council Employees during their hours of work).

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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	Nil.	
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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Borroloola Local Authority Meeting - 3 December and 8 October 2020
REFERENCE	1051591
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 3 December and 8 October 2020 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

BACKGROUND

The Borroloola Local Authority met with quorum on Thursday, 8 October 2020. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to approve.

The Borroloola Local Authority met on Thursday, 3 December 2020 and held a provisional meeting. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to approve.

The next Borroloola Local Authority meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 8 April 2020 at 9:00am.





ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

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MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BORROLOOLA LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, BORROLOOLA
ON THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2020 AT 9:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Donald GARNER (Chairperson);
- Mayor Judy MACFARLANE (via teleconference)
- Councillor Marlene KARKADOO;
- Elizabeth HOGAN
- Michael LONGTON
- Stan ALLEN
- Maria PYRO
- Jon SAUER
- Trish ELMY

1.2 Staff

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer;
- Marc GARDNER, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Fred GRAHAM, Manager Community Projects and Engagement;
- Cindy MORGAN, Senior Administration Support Officer; and
- Virginya BOON, Acting Community Safety Manager.

1.3 Guests

- Mr Steve EDGINGTON, MLA, Member for Barkly;
- Rodney HOFFMAN, Dept Chief Minister and Cabinet, Local Government;
- Jackie RAWLES, Dept Chief Minister and Cabinet, Local Government; and
- Jo NICHOLS, Office of Minister Warren Snowden (via teleconference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Borroloola Local Authority Meeting opened at 0907 with **QUORUM** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

Introduced Guests DCMC and Steve Edgington, Member for Barkly. Mr Edgington did an introduction and identified some of the areas of concern, namely HEALTH (esp. Dialysis); Town Plan; 10 year Master Plan; and a need for an alcohol management plan.

One minute silence respect for the passing of an Elder.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Councillor Karkadoo delivered a Welcome to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

24/2020 **RESOLVED** (Mike LONGTON/Jonathon SAUER) **CARRIED**

The Borroloola Local Authority accept the apology of Councillor Samuel EVANS, Raymond ANDERSON and Rebecca GENTLE.

The Mayor attempted to phone in but had technical issues.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Borroloola Local Authority Meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING - 2 JULY 2020

25/2020 **RESOLVED** (Stan ALLEN/Jonathon SAUER) **CARRIED**

The Borroloola Local Authority confirmed the minutes from the meeting held on 2 July 2020 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

Jo Nicol joined meeting via teleconference at 09:40am.

Mayor Judy Macfarlane joined meeting via teleconference at 09:45am.

Virginya Boon left at 09:55 am.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

26/2020 **RESOLVED** (Stan ALLEN/Mike LONGTON) **CARRIED**

The Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) Received and noted the Action List; and
- (b) Approved the removal of completed items.

Action: CEO to send a letter to NTG about Town Camp Roads.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Access Road through Mara Camp to Carpentaria Highway
- Council to send letter of appreciation to Glencore.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

27/2020 RESOLVED (Jonathon SAUER/Mike LONGTON) CARRIED

The Borroloola Local Authority received and noted the Elected Member Report.

Maria Pyro left the meeting at 10:35 AM.

Lizzie Hogan left the meeting at 10:38 AM.

13.2 CHANGES TO MINISTERIAL GUIDELINE 8: REGIONAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

28/2020 RESOLVED (Stan ALLEN/Mike LONGTON) CARRIED

The Borroloola Local Authority received and noted the changes to Ministerial Guideline 8 relating to Regional Councils and Local Authorities.

Presentation was delivered by Ms Jackie Rawles at 9:20 AM.

13.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST INFORMATION

29/2020 RESOLVED (Stan ALLEN/Jonathon SAUER) CARRIED

The Borroloola Local Authority received and noted the information on Conflicts of Interest.

13.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE

30/2020 RESOLVED (Stan ALLEN/Mike LONGTON) CARRIED

The Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) Received and noted the Local Authority attendance for the 2019/2020 financial year; and
- (b) Approved the statistics for inclusion in the 2019/2020 Annual Report.

13.5 CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENT

31/2020 RESOLVED (Stan ALLEN/Mike LONGTON) CARRIED

The Borroloola Local Authority appointed Councillor Don Garner as Chairperson for a period of 12 Months.

13.6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

32/2020 RESOLVED (Stan ALLEN/Jonathon SAUER) CARRIED

The Borroloola Local Authority received and noted the Community Development Program (CDP) report.

13.7 NEW TICK SICKNESS

33/2020 RESOLVED (Mike LONGTON/Jonathon SAUER) CARRIED

The Borroloola Local Authority received and note the information on Ehrlichia bacteria.

13.8 UNDERSTANDING AGENDAS AND REPORTS

34/2020 **RESOLVED** (Marlene KARKADOO/Stam ALLEN) **CARRIED**

The Borroloola Local Authority received and noted the Agendas and Reports Training.

13.9 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS FINANCIAL TRAINING

35/2020 **RESOLVED** (Jonathon SAUER/Marlene KARKADOO) **CARRIED**

The Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the finance training presentation.

13.10 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2020 - 31.08.2020

36/2020 **RESOLVED** (Judy MacFARLANE/Jonathon SAUER) **CARRIED**

The Borroloola Local Authority received and noted the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2020 to August 2020.

13.11 BORROLOOLA BUDGET 2020/21

37/2020 **RESOLVED** (Mike LONGTON/Jonathon SAUER) **CARRIED**

The Borroloola Local Authority received and noted the 2020/21 Budget report.

13.12 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING ACQUITTAL

38/2020 **RESOLVED** (Marlene KARKADOO/Stam ALLEN) **CARRIED**

The Borroloola Local Authority received and noted the signed Certification for 2019-20 Local Authority Project Funding.

13.13 BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUND REPORT

39/2020 **RESOLVED** (Jonathon SAUER/Mike LONGTON) **CARRIED**

The Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) Received and noted the Local Authority Project Funding Update report;
- (b) That the balance of LAPF to go towards the completion of the Airport Toilet Project;
- (c) Recommend to Council that any additional funds required to upgrade connections for the Airport Toilet Project be funded by Council; and
- (d) That a project schedule for the Airport Toilet Project be submitted to next LA meeting.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 ACCESS ROAD THROUGH MARA CAMP TO CARPENTARIA HIGHWAY

40/2020 **RESOLVED** (Marlene KARKADOO/Stam ALLEN) **CARRIED**

The Borroloola Local Authority requests that the CEO approach the NLC for a formal agreement that the access road through Mara Camp be made for both Council and general Public in the case of emergencies.

14.2 LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO GLENCORE

41/2020 **RESOLVED** (Jonathon SAUER/Mike LONGTON)

CARRIED

The Borroloola Local Authority requests that the CEO writes a letter of appreciation to Glencore for all of their assistance to Borroloola and surrounds during COVID19.

Malandarri Festival on 16-17 October 2020. Barra Cup 23-25 October.

The Chair made mention and thanks to Fred Graham for all he has done for Borroloola Community in his time working with the Council.

Fred Graham expressed thanks to the LA members

The Mayor also expressed thanks to Fred Graham.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11:36 AM.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 8 October 2020 and confirmed 9:00 am Thursday, 3 December 2020.

Chairperson



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BORROLOOLA LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, BORROLOOLA
ON THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2020 AT 9:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Donald GARNER (Chairperson);
- Mayor Judy MACFARLANE (via teleconference)
- Michael LONGTON
- Stan ALLEN
- Jon SAUER
- Trish ELMY

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Acting CEO
- Virginia BOON, Manager Community Projects and Engagement; Community Safety Manager;
- Janette HAMILTON, CDP Regional Manager; and
- Cindy MORGAN, Senior Administration Support Officer

1.3 Guests

Nil

2 MEETING OPENED

The Borroloola Local Authority Meeting opened at 9am 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

Nil

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION

The Borroloola Local Authority accepted and noted apologies from Councillor Samuel EVANS, Councillor Marlene KARKADOO, Maria PYRO, Raymond ANDERSON, and Rebecca GENTLE.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this Borroloola Local Authority Meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING - 8 OCTOBER 2020****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Borroloola Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 8 October 2020 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**8.1 ACTION LIST****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

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

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Status of the Road Works on the Carpentaria Hwy
- Housing in the Subdivision
- Borroloola Vet Services

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**10.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Borroloola Local Authority accepts the Incoming Correspondence.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**13 GENERAL BUSINESS****13.1 BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUND REPORT****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Project Funding Update report.

Information on the report regarding unallocated funds is incorrect. As per previous meeting minutes:

(b) That the balance of LAPF to go towards the completion of the Airport Toilet Project;

(c) Recommend to Council that any additional funds required to upgrade connections for the Airport Toilet Project be funded by Council; and

(d) That a project schedule for the Airport Toilet Project be submitted to next LA meeting.

13.2 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2020 - 31.10.2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period of July 2020 to the end of October 2020.

13.3 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

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

13.4 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Report

13.5 MARA CAMP EMERGENCY ROAD

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola Local Authority notes the report in relation to the Mara Camp Emergency Road.

It was noted that the Borroloola Local Authority requests RGRC to go ahead with EOI and to continue its advocacy for upgrades to be completed on Searcy Street dips with culverts.

It was noted that the map with access track marked provided in the agenda is incorrect.

13.6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

RECOMMENDATION

That Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Community Development Program (CDP) report.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 STATUS OF THE ROAD WORKS ON THE CARPENTARIA HWY

A 5-7km section of roads works on the Carpentaria Hwy has been ongoing since April. The detour is getting worse and residents are concerned that increasing storms and rain will have an impact on freight and travel for everyone. No contractors have been seen onsite for a while now.

During the meeting Marc Gardner received a response from DIPL, there was an issue with the standard of materials, this has been resolved and works are expected to be completed by Christmas.

14.2 HOUSING IN THE SUBDIVISION

The Borroloola Local Authority discussed the issue of Borroloola not being able to expand / develop due to no land being available. New housing are going into the town camps, but none for the subdivision. Currently, houses are in disrepair for various reasons; Local people, Government and or businesses cannot access land to develop for housing.

Local authority would like Council to follow up again regarding Land Tenure for Borroloola.

14.3 BORROLOOLA VET SERVICE

Information Only:

The Vet Service Program funded by the CBT has been completed and November was the last visit as a part of this funding.

Borroloola residents will need to access Vets in Katherine and Darwin etc should they require Vet assistance like animal de-sexing, vaccinations and worming.

Mayor Judy MacFarlane wished everyone a Merry and Safe Christmas

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10:45am.

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Chairperson

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 8.1
TITLE Action List
REFERENCE 1051589
AUTHOR Naomi HUNTER, Executive Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

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

BACKGROUND**BORROLOOLA ACTION LIST**

CURRENT ACTIONS						
DATE	ITEM NO	TASK	CURRENT ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSIBLE DIVISION	UPDATE	STATUS
08.10.2020	8.1	Town Camp Roads	Letter to NTG	CEO	Barkly Member Steve Edgington MLA has raised this with the NTG. Town Camp Roads are on private land. Council receives a small amount of funding for basic repairs e.g. filling potholes, not for replacement of roads or new roads. Letter written to NTG about roads condition and status and reply back was that the NTG would consider town camp roads after completion of housing upgrades. No further information has come from NTG in relation to this matter.	In Progress
08.10.2020	14.2	Appreciation to Glencore	Letter of appreciation to Glencore for all of their assistance to Borroloola and surrounds during COVID19.	CEO	Completed	In Progress

08.08.19	11.1	Street Lights	Upgrade of Street Lights	IS&P	Last Audit carried out – October 2020; Repairs carried out by PWC – December 2020; Next Audit Due start March 2021; Next Repairs due approx. April 2021. Suggest item is removed as lights have been repaired.	
08.08.19	11.12	NAIDOC Funding	Apply for NAIDOC funding for 2020	CEO	Application being submitted for all of RGRC Communities. No further information received at time of agenda preparation.	Ongoing
08.08.19	11.15	Portable Solar Lights	Provide costing for additional portable solar lights	IS&P	Update to be given in meeting	In Progress
LONG TERM / ADVOCACY						
08.10.2020	14.1	Access Road through Mara Camp	Approach the NLC for a formal agreement that the access road through Mara Camp be made for both Council and general Public in the case of emergencies.	IS&P	Emailed NLC Regional Manager for details on how to approach this subject. Reply received, has been previously raised. Costs associated with project to be determined. Ongoing costs e.g. land permits and upkeep not in Council's jurisdiction (on Aboriginal Land). Does the LA still want Council to advocate for this?	
09.06.16	6.2	Tamarind Park Lease	Application for Long Term Lease of Tamarind Park	IS&P	Process is ongoing	Ongoing
08.03.17	11.1	Release of Land – Borroloola Sub-Division	Meeting with NLC	CEO	Update sought from DIPL early Feb 2021. Response as separate agenda item.	
09.11.17	12.5	Town Camp Roads	Upgrade of Town Camp Roads	IS&P	Suggest action is removed, see first item.	
08.02.18	11.6	Garawa and Jose Road Upgrades	Funding to be sourced	IS&P	Not incorporated in 2020/21 Budget. Roads Coordinator visiting week of 15/2/21 to scope and cost works. Report to be prepared for Roads Committee meeting on 24 March 2021.	

05.04.18	8.1	Sports Courts Development	Upgrade of Borroloola Sports Courts	IS&P	Tender submissions for Stage One (covered area) received prior to Christmas and above project budget. Funding sources being reconsidered as is scope of project. Stage Two (Cyclone shelter and sports courts) likely to be released for tender by end of 20/21 financial year with construction commencing around July 2021. Project being managed by NTG.	
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Acronyms

CEO Office of the Chief Executive Officer
IS&P Infrastructure Services and Planning

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Council Financial Report for the period 01.07.2020 - 31.12.2020
REFERENCE	1055302
AUTHOR	Elvisen SOUNDRON, Management Accountant

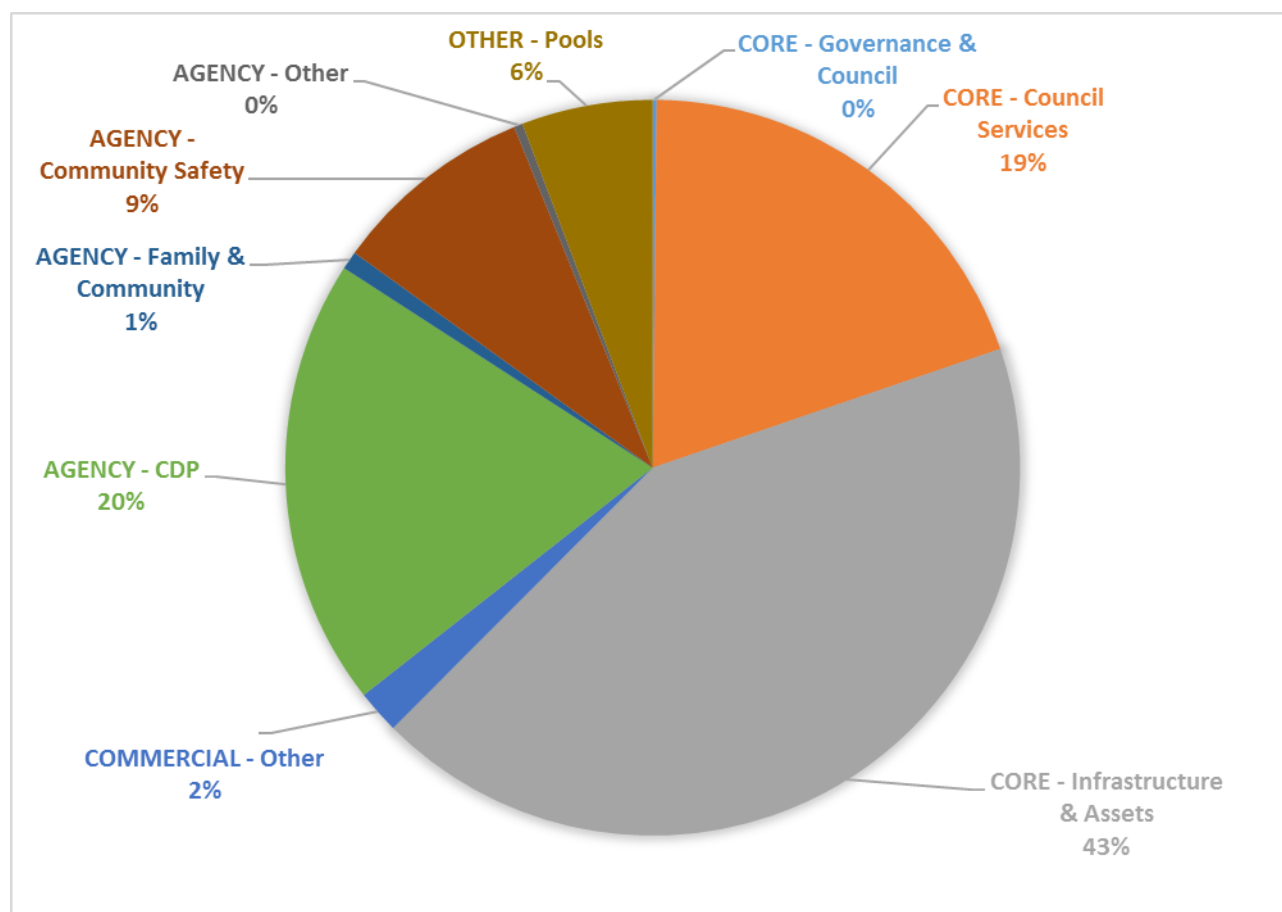
RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period of July 2020 to the end of December 2020

BACKGROUND

As per the Guideline 8 of the *Local Government Act 2008*, the council is to submit a current financial report of actual expenditure against the latest approved budget for the Local Authority area.

The below graph depicts the proportion of accumulated expenditures by service category in the community

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

There are underspends/overspends in few activities as outlined in the attached expenditure report. The brief explanation for these underspends/overspends for each division is as follow:

Corporate Services & Sustainability Division:

The total underspend under this division is \$377,327. The main activity contributing to this underspend is 314 – Service Fee – CDP which is mostly from salaries and wages due to staff absences and vacant positions

Infrastructure Services & Planning Division:

The total underspend under this division is \$941,119. The major activity contributing to this underspend is Activity 425 – SPG – Borroloola Rocky Creek Upgrade (\$600,000). This project has now been completed and the underspend is mainly a budgeting issue which will be resolved at the next budget revision.

Community Services & Engagement Division:

The total underspend under this division is \$331,757. The major activities contributing to this underspend is Activity 111 – Council Services (\$107,111) and Activity 550 – Swimming Pool (\$90,232). The underspend is mostly from salaries and wages due to vacant positions and staff absences.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

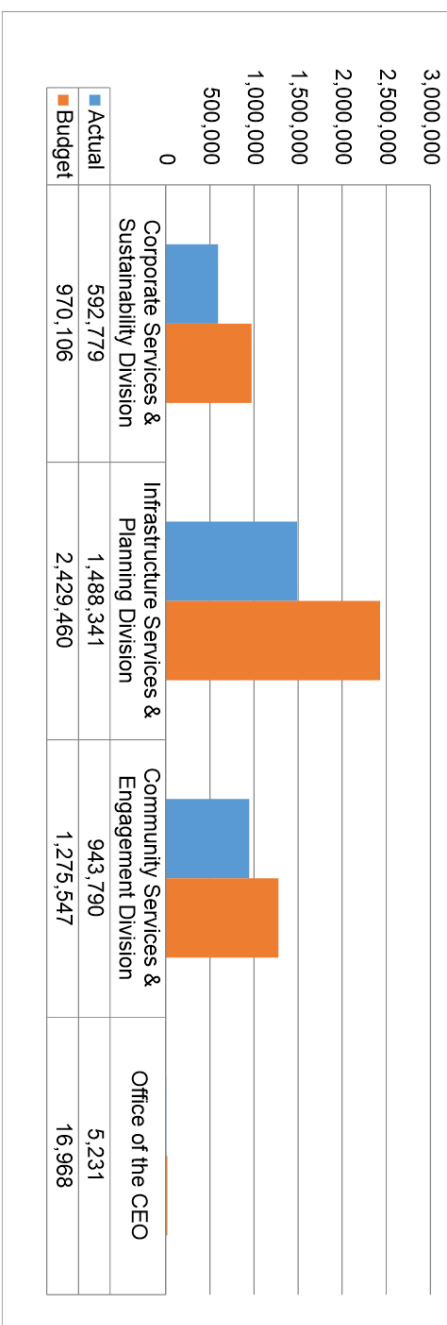
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Roper Gulf Regional Council Borroloola Expenditure Report as at 31 December 2020

Expenditure by Service	December 2020 Actual	December 2020 Budget	December 2020 Variance	Annual Budget	Percentage of Budget Spent
Corporate Services & Sustainability Division	592,779	970,106	377,327	1,940,212	61%
Infrastructure Services & Planning Division	1,488,341	2,429,460	941,119	7,627,214	61%
Community Services & Engagement Division	943,790	1,275,547	331,757	2,555,826	74%
Office of the CEO	5,231	16,968	11,737	33,936	31%
Total Expenditure	3,030,141	4,692,082	1,661,940	12,157,188	65%

Expenditure by Service Group

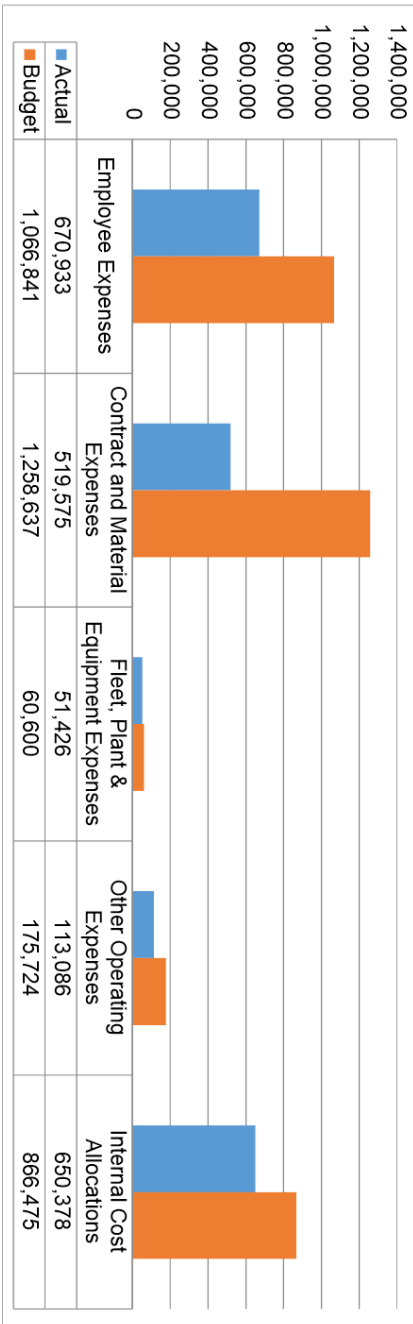




Roper Gulf Regional Council Borroloola Expenditure Report as at 31 December 2020

Expenditure by Account Category	December 2020 Actual	December 2020 Budget	December 2020 Variance	Annual Budget	Percentage of Budget Spent
Employee Expenses	670,933	1,066,841	395,908	2,133,681	63%
Contract and Material Expenses	519,575	1,258,637	739,062	1,658,990	41%
Fleet, Plant & Equipment Expenses	51,426	60,600	9,174	121,200	85%
Other Operating Expenses	113,086	175,724	62,638	351,447	64%
Internal Cost Allocations	650,378	866,475	216,097	1,737,682	75%
Capital Expenditure	1,024,744	1,263,805	239,061	6,154,187	81%
Total Expenditure	3,030,141	4,692,082	1,661,940	12,157,188	65%

Expenditure by Account Category



Roper Gulf Regional Council Borroloola Expenditure Report as at 31 December 2020



Activity Listing	December 2020 Actual	December 2020 Budget	December 2020 Variance	Annual Budget	Explanation
Corporate Services					
314 - Service Fee - CDP	592,779	970,106	377,327	1,940,212	The underspend is mostly from salaries and wages due to vacant positions and staff absences
Corporate Services Total	592,779	970,106	377,327	1,940,212	

Infrastructure Servi					
110 - Assets Management - Fixed Assets	105,274	307,000	201,726	307,000	Some projects under this activity are currently in progress
115 - Asset Management - Mobile Fleet & Equipment	238,217	230,500	7,717	461,000	
138 - Local Authority Project	25,265	164,088	138,824	328,177	Please refer to project register for further detail
161 - Waste management	106,645	96,225	10,420	192,451	The overspend is due to the purchase of the heavy duty bin for the dump. This is within the budget of the activity.
162 - Cemeteries Management	3,694	5,000	1,306	10,000	
164 - Local Emergency Management	10	0	10	0	
199 - Road Construction and Upgrade	0	0	0	533,577	The project under this activity has yet to commence
200 - Local roads maintenance	33,289	75,500	42,211	151,000	The underspend is mostly due to less expenses incurred for contractors
201 - Street lighting	10,857	39,000	28,143	78,000	The underspend is simply due to less expenditure incurred for maintenance of streetlights

Roper Gulf Regional Council Borroloola Expenditure Report as at 31 December 2020



Activity Listing	December 2020 Actual	December 2020 Budget	December 2020 Variance	Annual Budget	Explanation
202 - Staff Housing	37,795	7,598	45,394	15,197	The overspend is due to the purchase and installation of the carport and verandah at one the staff housing
241 - Airstrip maintenance	29,463	30,777	1,314	61,554	
245 - Visitor Accommodation and External Facility Use	28,030	30,684	2,654	61,369	
425 - SPG - Borroloola Rocky Creek Upgrade	858,283	1,458,283	600,000	1,458,283	This project has now been completed. The underspend is simply due to a budgeting issue which will be amended in the next revision
480 - CBF - Borroloola Multi-Purpose Court	0	0	0	4,000,000	This project has yet to commence
491 - BBRF - Borroloola Government Business Hub Development	11,519	0	11,519	0	The overspend is mainly due to the design fees which was invoiced at a later stage. This is within the financial capacity of the Grant for this project.
Infrastructure Serv Total	1,488,341	2,429,460	941,119	7,627,214	

Community Services &

111 - Council Services General	228,688	335,799	107,111	671,598	The underspend is mostly from salaries and wages due to vacant positions
160 - Municipal Services	249,708	307,935	58,227	620,601	The underspend is mostly from salaries and wages due to vacant positions and staff absences
348 - Library	24,196	25,655	1,459	51,311	
381 - Animal Control	0	1,200	1,200	2,400	
401 - Night Patrol	124,507	163,002	38,495	326,004	The underspend is mostly from salaries and wages due to vacant positions and staff absences

Roper Gulf Regional Council Borroloola Expenditure Report as at 31 December 2020



Activity Listing	December 2020 Actual	December 2020 Budget	December 2020 Variance	Annual Budget	Explanation
404 - Indigenous Sports and Rec Program	31,856	48,271	16,415	96,543	The underspend is mostly from salaries and wages due to vacant positions
407 - Remote Sports Program	0	3,475	3,475	6,950	
415 - Indigenous Youth Reconnect	111,478	126,350	14,873	252,700	The underspend is mostly from salaries and wages due to staff absences
416 - Youth Vibe Grant	0	270	270	540	
550 - Swimming Pool	173,357	263,590	90,232	527,179	The underspend is mostly from salaries and wages due to vacant positions
Community Services & Total	943,790	1,275,547	331,757	2,555,826	

Office of the CEO

131 - Council and Elected Members	45	3,000	2,955	6,000	
132 - Local Authority	5,136	12,068	6,933	24,136	
133 - Local Elections	50	0	50	0	
169 - Civic Events	0	700	700	1,400	
170 - Australia Day	0	400	400	800	
171 - Naidoc Week	0	800	800	1,600	
Office of the CEO Total	5,231	16,968	11,737	33,936	

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.2
TITLE	Borroloola Local Authority Project Fund Report
REFERENCE	1055574
AUTHOR	Keerthi KUMARAWADU, Projects Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Project Funding Update report.

BACKGROUND

Since 2014 the Borroloola Local Authority has received annual funding from the Northern Territory Government to fund Local Authority Projects within Borroloola. Annual allocations are based on a formula related to the town or communities population.

To date the Borroloola Local Authority has received a total of \$915,608.00 and has allocated \$798,394.45 for approved projects. There is currently a Surplus of \$12,586.45 remaining from completed projects.

Current ProjectsReplace Toilet Block at Airport - Update

Roper Gulf Regional Council (RGRC) Infrastructure Projects Team received the draft tender documentation from the consultant.

RGRC Projects Team currently working with the Power and Water Corporation to obtain the Development Work Permit for the project.

As soon as the permit received, the project will commence the procurement via public tender.

Unallocated Funds

There is \$129,800.00 of unallocated funds and it's recommended by the Projects Department to keep these funds for contingency purposes.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please find attached financial report.

ATTACHMENTS

1  Borroloola LA Projects.docx

Borroloola Local Authority Project Funding		31 December 2020
Funds Received from Department	\$ 915,608.00	
Funds Allocated to projects by Local Authority Members	\$ 798,394.45	
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects	\$ 12,586.45	
Remaining Unallocated funds	\$ 129,800.00	

Date Approved Project ID	Projects	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Status
Pre 2017 1313818	Toilet at Cemetery	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	Pending Sports Courts development and transfer of existing toilets to the cemetery (after basic upgrade). Should include the steel shade structure attached to the toilet block, as well as a concrete slab under the shade and in front of both toilet entries. The septic tank and its location will also need to be identified. The project team working on this project.

6/2/2020 1313819	<p>a) Removable Solar Lights (1 x Rocky Creek Boat Ramp, 2 x McArthur River Crossing, 1 x Airport Toilet/car park area)</p> <p>b) Upgrading the Searcy Corner light and investigating the cost of street lights from Rocky Creek to Garawa Street</p>	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 37,961.96	<p>a) First three lights of the project are completed. Underspends need to be allocated for lights at further locations. CSC seeking quote. Removable lights reallocated by LA to the Airstrip carpark for safety reasons. There was only 3 lights not 4, Mel Amarant managing left over funds to replace damaged light in town. PO released PWC for Robinson Road and Searcy St intersection LED light installation 05/05/2020.</p> <p>b) Commenced investigation 1. Fix Searcy Street corner solar light 2. investigate the cost of upgrading existing lights and adding more lights due to gap between each pole to improve visibility in main thoroughfare</p> <p>c) Three removable solar lights been installed. Project completed 02/11/2020</p>
1313821	Borroloola Men's Group/Men's shed program	\$ 1,000.00		To be cancelled
6/2/2020 1313822	Replace Toilet Block at Airport with 2018-19 Funding	\$ 288,326.45	\$ 17,970.00	Commenced - Funded allocated \$ 130,580 on 6.12.18. A further \$ 140,000 on 6.2.2020. \$ 17746.45 allocated 8.10.2020 Final design and costing to be tabled at the April LA Meeting. LA members don't support design. New designed agreed with LA. Currently reviewing the tender document in progress. Expected tendering end February 2021.
	Total for current projects in progress	\$ 364,326.45	\$ 55,931.96	
	Total for Completed projects	\$ 434,068.00	\$ 421,481.55	
	Grand Total	\$ 798,394.45	\$ 477,413.51	

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.3
TITLE	Town Priorities 2021-22
REFERENCE	1056114
AUTHOR	Naomi HUNTER, Executive Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola Local Authority approves the draft 2021-22 Town Priorities list for the 2021-22 Regional Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Plan is published each year to illustrate what Councils plan is for the next 12 months. Council must adopt a Regional Plan for the Financial Year 2021-22 no later than 30 June 2021.

As part of the planning process, the Borroloola Local Authority is requested to review its priorities from the previous Financial Year and update the listed priorities for the upcoming Plan. Town Priorities are a way of determining projects that the Community identify as their priority projects.

Below are the updated Town Priorities for the Borroloola Local Authority to confirm or further edit. This list along with the Roper Gulf Regional Plan 2021/2022 will be published on the Roper Gulf Regional Council webpage (www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au) and open for 21 days for public comment should further amendments be required.

BORROLOOLA**SOUTH WEST WARD**

Location: Borroloola is situated on the eastern coast of the Northern Territory in the Gulf of Carpentaria, and on the banks of the McArthur River. Borroloola is 670 kilometres east-south east of Katherine. Borroloola includes four town camps within its boundary - Garawa Camp One, Garawa Camp Two, Yanyula Camp and Mara Camp.

Total population: 871 (2016 Census)

Total Indigenous population: 669 (2016 Census)

Median age: 26 years (2016 Census)

Population change since 2011: 5.9% decrease (2016 and 2011 Censuses)

Services: Roper Gulf Regional Council provides a range of core, commercial and agency services in Borroloola, including road maintenance and repair, traffic management, rubbish collection, maintenance of parks, gardens, community safety through Community Night Patrol, animal welfare and control, sport and recreation programs as well as the delivery of Community Development Programme (CDP) activities in Borroloola and nearby outstations. In addition, it operates the community swimming pool and Waste Management Facility. Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation is a provider of agency services in Borroloola such as a childcare centre, aged care centre, safe house, sea ranger unit, town camp and outstation maintenance, and the community radio station. Other services in the town include a police station, a school, a health clinic, motels, caravan parks, cafes, shops, Post Office, NLC, service stations, mechanical, electrical, building and maintenance contractors.

Major events: The Borroloola Show, Rodeo, Camp Draft, Malandari Festival and NAIDOC Events draws hundreds of visitors to the remote town every year. There are also various fishing competitions held at nearby King Ash Bay throughout the year.

CORE SERVICES			
PROJECT DETAILS	RESPONSIBILITY, STAKEHOLDERS OR PARTNERS	FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING OBTAINED
Waste Management Strategy for Borroloola including links to Regional Strategy	NTG, RGRC, LGANT, NT EPA & BRRW	RGRC WASTE MANAGEMENT	YES
Construction of new council offices including business hub, meeting spaces and waste dump point	RGRC	RGRC & BBRF	YES
Replace Airport Toilets and relocate waste dump point	RGRC and LA	RGRC and LA	YES
New street lights throughout the town eliminate dark spots and maintenance of existing lights	RGRC	RGRC	PARTIAL
Showgrounds master plan to include following elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade Cricket Club shelter as a shared facility • New shelter for spectators adjacent softball diamond • Upgrade toilet block and include showers for campers • Lighting for softball diamond and oval • Flood Lights at showgrounds 	RGRC & NTG	TO BE SOURCED	NO
Multipurpose Sport Courts upgrades: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shade cover or roof over both courts • Lighting for courts • Resurface courts • Replace current toilets 	NTG – DIPL&TOURISM & CULTURE, RGRC & MRM CBT	NTG RGRC MRM CBT DIPL	YES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of building with larger covered space/veranda overlooking courts and relocate toilets to one side • Prepare as cyclone shelter 			
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AGENCY SERVICES			
PROJECT DETAILS	RESPONSIBILITY, STAKEHOLDERS OR PARTNERS	FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING OBTAINED
Anti-social behaviour management through agency program support	GMCE	PMC NTG RGRC	YES

OTHER SERVICES - ADVOCACY ONLY		
PROJECT DETAILS	RESPONSIBILITY, STAKEHOLDERS OR PARTNERS	FUNDING OBTAINED
Community & Town Camp roads & drainage plans	NTG & RGRC	NTG RGRC
Advocate for safe house for men	MABUNJI	NO
Advocate for more public housing– vacant blocks	NTG DLGHCD & COMMONWEALTH	YES
Advocate for upgrade to mobile phone footprint	COMMONWEALTH NBN	NO
Searcy Street – Bing Bong road culverts	DIPL	NO

It is recommended that the Local Authority members review the above 2020/21 Town Priorities and determine if they are still applicable for 2021/22. In the review members should edit/ change/ remove any items to ensure they are applicable for 2021/22. Members are also asked to add any new priorities.

Additionally, members are requested to approve that the amended list be used as the Draft 2021/22 Town Priorities for the 2021/22 Regional Plan.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1  Regional Plan and Budget Timetable 2021.pdf

ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

BBRF	Building Better Regions Fund
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BRRW	
DIPL	Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
DLGHCD	Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development
GMCE	General Manager Community Engagement
LGANT	Local Government Association of the Northern Territory
MRM	CBT McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust
NT EPA	Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority
NTG	Northern Territory Government
PMC	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
RGRC	Roper Gulf Regional Council

Regional Plan and Budget Timetable 2021



	Task	Requirement	Start Date
1	LA Agenda is to include a review of Town Priorities	Guideline 8 clause 16.3.2	2/02/21 -17/02/21
2	OMC Agenda is to include a review of council's Town Priorities and LA feedback		24/02/21
3	Operational Plan due for each Division/department - sent to Executive Manager		08/03/21
4	KPI Finalised @ EMT		10/03/21
5	2 Day Managers Forum to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Workshop session Managers to present departments Operational Plans Regional Plan Working Session - Managers are to meet to review council's Regional Plan relevant to their roles at Managers Forum 		15/3/21 – 16/3/21
6	First draft budget review- SLT		31/03/21
7	LA Agenda to finalise and approve Town Priorities		06/04/21 - 21/04/21
8	Mayor and CEO message is to be finalised		23/04/21
9	Draft Regional Plan is to be reviewed by Executive Management Team minus finalised LA Town Priorities		06/04/21 – 09/04/21
10	OMC Agenda is to include the FINALISED DRAFT Regional Plan including draft budget before beginning the public consultation period		28/04/21
11	Advertise and make accessible, on council's website and available at council's public office, the draft Regional Plan and invite submissions for at least 21-days from the date the plan and budget become available	Local Government Act sections 24(2) and 200(c)	29/04/21 - 20/05/21
12	Second draft budget review - SLT		13/05/21 – 14/05/21
13	Present FINAL DRAFT budget to FCM		26/05/21
14	LA Agenda is to include a Final review of the draft Regional Plan with photos	Local Government Act section 53D(e) Guideline 8 clause 16.3.4	1/06/21 -23/06/21
15	LA Agenda is to include a review of the draft budget priorities for the LA	Local Government Act section 53D(f)	1/06/21-23/05/21

		Guideline 8 clause 16.3.5	
16	Present final draft budget to ACM		9/06/21
17	CEO, following a minimum 21-day public consultation period, is to finalise the Regional Plan and budget for council consideration		3/06/21
18	OMC Agenda is to include FINAL consideration and resolution to adopt the Regional Plan	<i>Local Government Act</i> sections 23 and 24(1)	16/06/21
19	OMC Agenda is to include final consideration and resolution to adopt the budget accompanying the Regional Plan NOTE the adopted budget must include separate budgets for each local authority area detailing expenditure by program and account category	<i>Local Government Act</i> section 128(1) Guideline 8 clause 20.3	
20	OMC Agenda is to include consideration and resolution to adopt Elected Member and LA Member Allowances and expense payments or reimbursements	<i>Local Government Act</i> sections 71, 72 and 127(2)(f) Guidelines 2 and 8	
21	OMC Agenda is to include consideration and resolution to declare rates & CEO certification verifying the Rates Book	<i>Local Government Act</i> section 155	
22	CEO is to notify the Agency in writing of the adopted budget and provide a copy of the Regional Plan including the long-term financial plan NOTE the adopted budget notification and a copy of the Regional Plan is to be sent to EO of Chief Minister & Cabinet and lg.compliance@nt.gov.au /	<i>Local Government Act</i> sections 24, 126(5) and 128(3)(b)	By 30/06/21 following adoption
23	CEO is to ensure council's Regional Plan is accessible on council's website and available at council's public office	<i>Local Government Act</i> sections 22 and 200(c) and (f)	
24	CEO is to ensure council's adopted budget is accessible on council's website, available at council's public office and publish the budget availability details in a newspaper circulated in the area	<i>Local Government Act</i> sections 128(3)(a) and (c), and 200(ha)	
25	CEO is to ensure the notice of rates is accessible on council's website, available at council's public office and published in a newspaper circulated in the area within 21-days of declaration of rates	<i>Local Government Act</i> sections 158 and 200(j)	By 30/06/21 within 21-days of declaration

Note:

- This timetable includes a Managers Forum which is not a legislative requirement.
- This timetable includes a Draft Regional Plan and budget being put before council twice (at tasks 3 and 9) which is not a legislative requirement before resolutions are passed.
- Councils will have Briefing Day prior to adoption of the Regional Plan and budget on 23/06/20 to make any last minute changes.
- The Regional Plan must contain:
 - a service delivery plan and council budget;
 - a long-term community or strategic plan; and
 - a long-term financial plan which relates to a period of at least four financial years (*Local Government Act* sections 23 and 126).

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.4
TITLE	Council Services Report
REFERENCE	1056178
AUTHOR	Virginya BOON, Acting General Manager Community Services and Engagement; Cindy MORGAN, Senior Administration Support Officer

RECOMMENDATION

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

**BACKGROUND
CORE SERVICES***111 – Councils Services General*

- Rates in arrears notices have been sent out - we had nine (9) to issue
- All services are running as required

160 – Municipal Services

- Mowing and slashing has commenced around town due to recent rains
- Work has recommenced at the waste facility by the municipal team

162 – Cemeteries Management

- Cemetery is looking great but unfortunately getting much more use than we would like

AGENCY SERVICES*401 – Community Night Patrol*

- Staff have continued to work throughout the Christmas period only having the public holidays off
- Things have been pretty quiet during the period
- CNP staff continue to assist with the Sport & Rec program up at the Rec Centre as required
- Any kids on the street after 9pm on school days are being reported to the school as required under the funding contract
- Staff recruitment has been ongoing to fill all vacant positions

404 – Indigenous Sports and Recreation

- The Rec Centre has been operating when it is not raining and as agreed at a local stakeholders meeting in early December, staff have continued to cook food supplied to them each Thursday evening for the kids
- One of the activities held during the holidays has been a four hour fishing event on one day each week
- Staff recruitment is ongoing to fill vacant positions

415 – Indigenous Youth Reconnect

- Youth referred by the Youth Diversion Unit have very recently commenced to carry out community service hours as required
- Staff recruitment has been ongoing to fill a vacancy

550 – Swimming Pool

- Staff continue to have the pool open though we do have a reduced number of lifeguards
- We are in the process of recruiting a "Pool Maintenance" officer to maintain the pools

In general staff are still unstable as they don't have their coordinator driving them as was the case prior to the incident. We have advertised to find a replacement for this role in the short term but have not had much response to this.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

- Recruitment is a major issue with some programs, we have multiple local people applying for work but our slow processes see them moving on to other organisation's.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.5
TITLE	Local Authority Member Attendance Report
REFERENCE	1057980
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Attendance Report.

BACKGROUND

At the 2 February 2021 Mataranka Local Authority Meeting (resolution number 1/2021) the attendance of members was discussed and it was noted that a report monitoring attendance be supplied to the Local Authority.

Subsection 9.4 of the *Local Government Act* states '*that the council must give consideration to revoking an appointment where a member is absent, without permission of the local authority, from two consecutive meetings of the local authority.*'

These Guidelines are made by the Minister under Parts 5.1A and 19.10 of the *Local Government Act*

Elected member attendance of Borroloola Local Authority Meetings

Local Authority Meeting Members	6 Feb 2020	4 June 2020	2 July 2020	6 August 2020	8 Oct 2020	3 Dec 2020
Mayor Judy MacFarlane	AP	Meeting Cancelled	P	Meeting Cancelled	P	P
Councillor Donald Garner	P	-	P	-	P	P
Councillor Samuel Evans	P	-	P	-	AP	AP
Councillor Marlene Karkadoo	P	-	P	-	P	AP
Elizabeth Hogan	NO AP	-	Not Minuted	-	P	
Michael Longton	P	-	P	-	P	P
Stan Allen	P	-	P	-	P	P
Jon Sauer	P	-	Not Minuted	-	P	P
Trish Elmy	AP	-	Not Minuted	-	P	P
Maria Pyro	AP	-	P	-	P	AP
Raymond Anderson	AP	-	P	-	AP	AP
Rebecca Gentle	P	-	Not Minuted	-	AP	AP

Key

P Present at LA

AP Apology given and accepted by LA

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.6
TITLE	Elected Member Report
REFERENCE	1058915
AUTHOR	Chloe IRLAM, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

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

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, to then, the wider community.

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

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – Last meeting held on 11 DECEMBER 2020

The Council meets seven (7) times a year to hold an Ordinary meeting. Decisions from the last meeting include:

South West Gulf Ward

There was no Ward Report in the 11 December Ordinary meeting of Council agenda.

Roper Gulf Regional Council Annual Report

The Council received and noted the Annual Report Update; and delegated the approval of the final draft of the 2019/20 Annual Report to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the CEO. The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the CEO approved the Annual Report on 13 November 2020.

Major Projects Updates

Council received and noted the Major Projects Updates across the region including the following major projects.

- To provide support services to reconnect disengaged youth in Ngukurr, Numbulwar, and Borroloola with education, training, and/ or employment for a further two years (2020-22).
- Increase in Capital Grants received or expected mainly for road upgrades in Borroloola and Numbulwar, and the Borroloola Sports Courts/Cyclone Shelter.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

24 February 2021	8:30am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	The Conference Room Council Service Delivery Centre, Barunga
3 March 2021	10:00am	Audit Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine
24 March 2021	8:30am	Roads Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine
24 March 2021	10:30am	Finance Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre, Katherine

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

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR

November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special Meeting of Council – 03 November 2020• Larrimah Community Consultative Meeting – 04 November 2020• Daly Waters Community Consultative Meeting – 04 November 2020• LGANT AGM (in Alice Springs) – 4-6 November 2020• Ngukurr Garden Competition – 19 November 2020• Barunga LA Meeting – 23 November 2020• Road Committee Meeting – 24 November 2020• Finance Committee Meeting – 24 November 2020
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ordinary Meeting of Council – 11 December 2020• Jilkminggan LA Meeting – 1 December 2020• Mataranka LA Meeting – 1 December 2020• Larrimah Community Consultative Meeting – 2 December 2020• Borroloola LA Meeting (via teleconference) – 3 December 2020• Minyerri LA Meeting (via teleconference) – 7 December 2020

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.7
TITLE	Naming of the Rocky Creek Bridge
REFERENCE	1059064
AUTHOR	Marc GARDNER, Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola Local Authority provide advice for the official naming of the Rocky Creek Bridge in Borroloola.

BACKGROUND

As the Local Authority is aware, construction of the Rocky Creek Bridge has been completed with the road opening to traffic on the 22 December 2020.

The Council is now in the process of organizing an official opening of the bridge for the 18 May 2021 (to suit NT Government Ministerial representatives availability). There for the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide input into possibly renaming the bridge prior to the official opening.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The Local Authority have several options:

1. Do Nothing

This option means keeping the name of the bridge as the "Rocky Creek Bridge" and no further consideration is given to alternate names. The name of the plaque and road signs will remain as the "Rocky Creek Bridge."

2. Seek to change the name to a local place name

This options involves consideration of changing the name to another Indigenous or non-Indigenous place name and applying to the NT Government Place Names Committee to change the name, change the name on the signage and a new name is placed on opening plaque for the bridge. For example the "Borroloola Town Bridge."

3. Seek to change the name of the bridge to a local notable person's name

This option involves consideration of changing the name to commemorate a local person of significance that the community think is important with the naming of the bridge. It also involves applying to the NT Government Place Names Committee to change the name, change the name of the bridge signage and a new name placed on the opening plaque for the bridge. For example "Longton's Bridge" (sorry Mike... I needed a well known local, I'm sure there are other suggestions).

The bridge being brand new and a totally different design, it might be appropriate for the Local Authority to consider changing its name. Once the bridge is officially opened, the community will no longer have an option to change the bridge's name for some time.

Based on feedback from the LA, the Council may have to seek other advice from Traditional Owners to ensure a culturally appropriate name is applied.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The financial considerations about changing the name are minimal. There are probably some minor costs with installing new signage and applying to the NT Government Place Names Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.8
TITLE	Community Development Programme
REFERENCE	1059183
AUTHOR	Janette HAMILTON, Community Development Program Regional Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Community Development Program (CDP) report.

BACKGROUND

Borroloola CDP currently have 322 Job Seekers on the caseload compared to 240 this time last year and pre-Covid 19. Currently 32 Job Seekers are in employment in Borroloola.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

CDP is now back to full servicing of Job Seekers. We had been running on minimal staffing during 2020 due to Covid 19 and the inability to engage local community members into employment. Vacant positions have been advertised, interviews have been taking place and we are anticipating to have Borroloola CDP running at full staffing capacity by mid-March 2021.

Training locked in with Batchelor Institute (BIITE) is as below:

- Feb 21 Chainsaw Training – *To be rescheduled due to Funerals occurring*
- April 21 Civil Machinery Training
- May 21 Small Engine Training
- July 21 Welding Training

In addition to the above there will be White Card Training when minimum numbers have been confirmed. Cert I Business is also an option to be delivered in the second half of the year if we can get enough interest from the Participants.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

CDP Monthly payments have now reverted back to the original payment model as under the Head Agreement.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	13.9
TITLE	Update of Borroloola Subdivision/land release
REFERENCE	1059191
AUTHOR	Marc GARDNER, Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borroloola Local Authority notes the report in relation to the Borroloola subdivision and land release.

BACKGROUND

An action of the Borroloola Local Authority for many years has been keeping a watching brief on the development of a new subdivision and land availability for the township of Borroloola.

The Northern Territory Government have been working for a very long time on this matter as freehold land availability and development in the township has been restricted.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Recent information from the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics has provided the following:

There is a land release project proposed for Borroloola – which was originally put forward as part of the Bringing on Land Release program; and \$4 million has carried forward for these works.

The proposal is to service 35 existing residential lots on Mulholland Street, ranging in size from 992m² to 3880m². Servicing works will include power, water and sewer. The release will also include 3 existing serviced lots; ranging from 1370m² to 2260m². All lots are zoned MD (Multiple Dwelling) for residential use.

The development requires the negotiation of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) prior to any servicing works. These negotiations did commence, however then stalled pending the Timber Creek compensation decision. Since Sharon Hillen has commenced with NLC, we have recommenced discussions about the ILUA locally; which will progress in earnest. Unfortunately at this stage it is difficult to estimate any timeframe on these negotiations, and ultimately release of the parcels.

The department also advised that they are happy to respond to any specific questions that the community may have in relation to this matter.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.