



Agribusiness Potential of the Big Rivers Region

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This document identifies potential agribusinesses which could support the development of the Katherine Agribusiness and Logistics Hub and regional investment and regional investment.



The town of Katherine is located 320 kilometres south-east of Darwin with an estimated population of 11,000.

Katherine provides a range of infrastructure, services and facilities. It services the remote towns of Lajamanu, Wadeye, Borroloola, Numbulwar, Daguragu – Kalkarindji and Ngukurr, as well as the outlying communities of Pine Creek, Mataranka, Larrimah, Timber Creek, Barunga, Bulman, Jilkminggan, Lajamanu, Kybrook, Nuiui, Palumpa Peppimenarti and Yarralin.

Katherine is a transport hub. It connects the Ord River and Kimberley to the west, Alice Springs to the south, and Queensland to the east. The north-south transcontinental rail route passes through Katherine connecting Darwin to Adelaide.

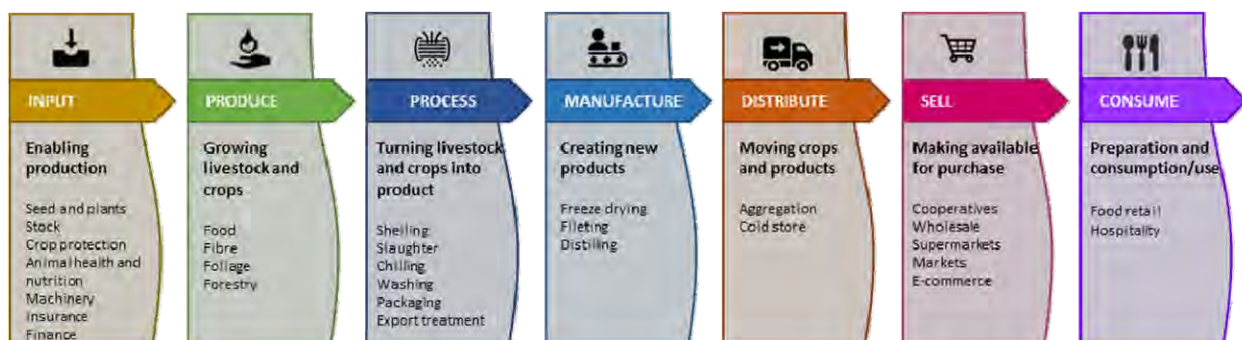
The Northern Territory Government has committed to capitalising on Katherine’s regional potential through development of an agribusiness and logistics hub. The hub will be located near the township of Katherine and will support growth of the agribusiness, mining, defence, transport and tourism sectors.

As part of planning for the design and tenanting of the Katherine Agribusiness and Logistics Hub, the Department of Primary Industries and Resources (DPIR) has assessed the potential for agribusiness development in the broader Big Rivers Region.

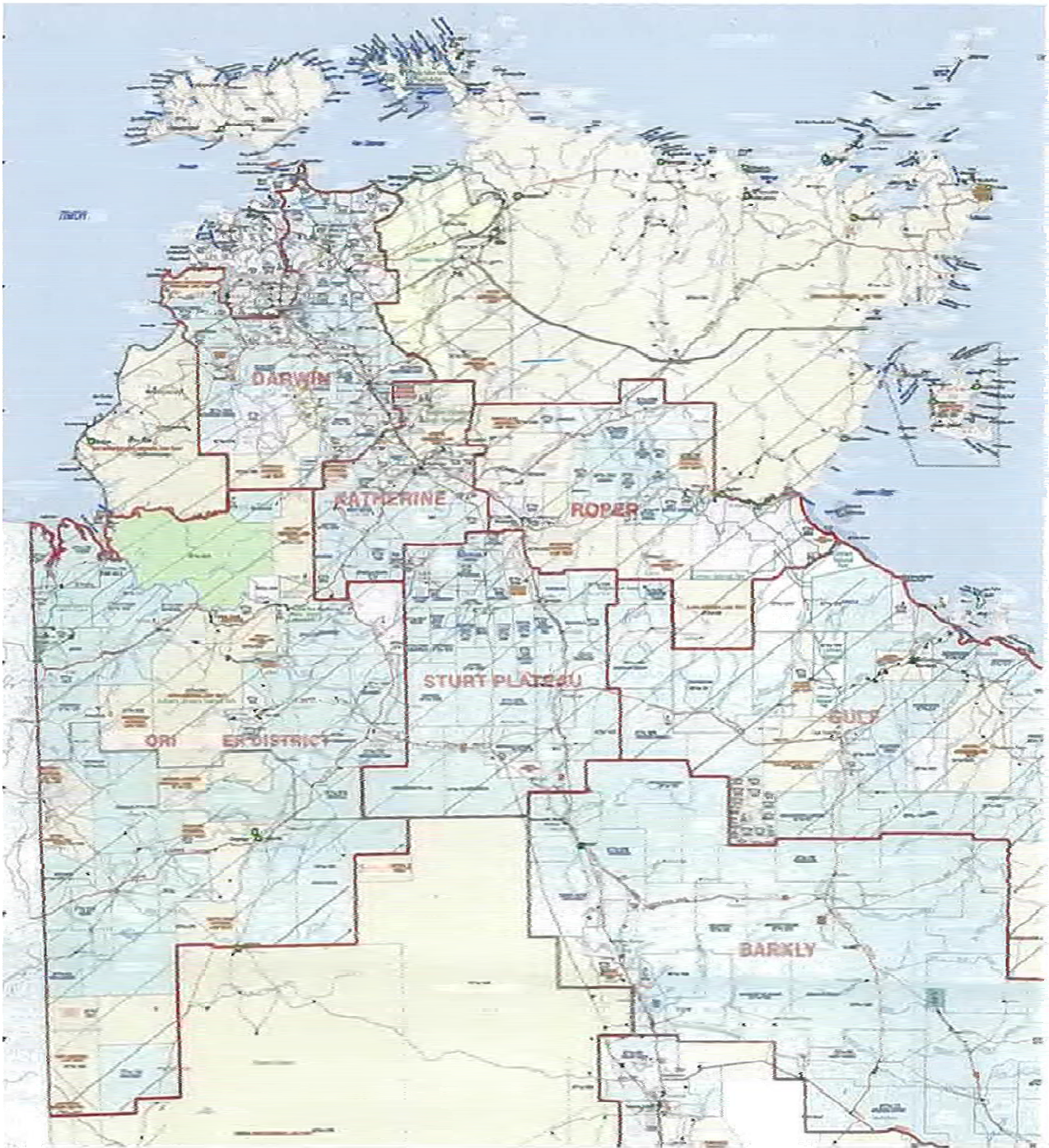
Agribusiness industries include horticulture, agriculture, pastoralism and aquaculture. Agribusinesses along the value chain have been considered.

The Big Rivers Region adopted here is a very broad and includes, Mary River, the greater Darwin area, Wadeye, and the Katherine, Roper, Victoria River and Stuart Plateau districts. The Region has been defined on the basis that production value chains could be linked to a hub in Katherine.

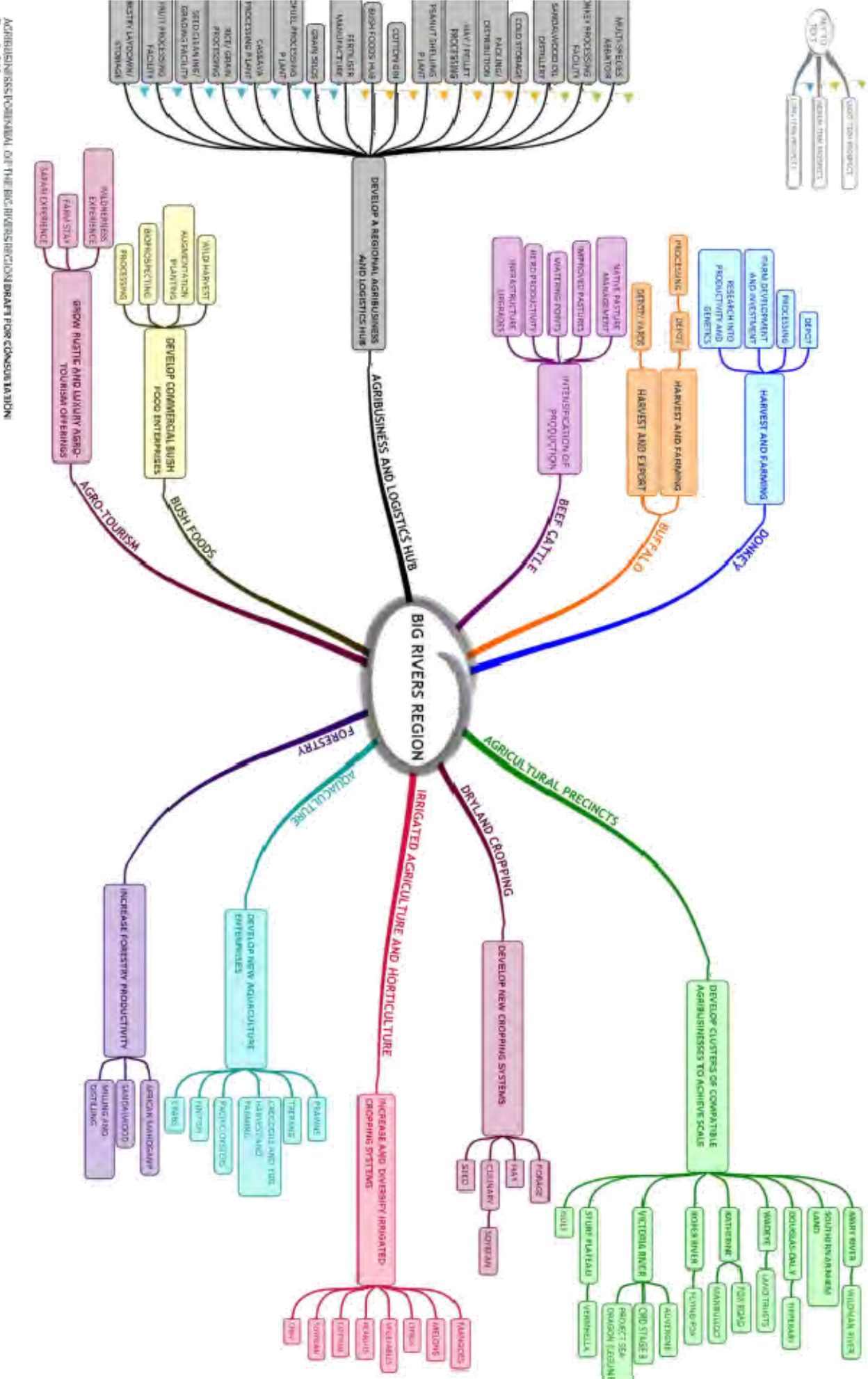
Agribusiness value chain














Big Rivers Region





Prospective Agribusinesses of the Big Rivers Region



Agribusinesses Opportunities of the Big Rivers Region	
Cattle 	Beef cattle production has a long history in the region. It supplies the live export trade and boxed beef to domestic and international markets. There is opportunity for improved productivity through improved resource and business management.
Buffalo (harvest and farmed) 	Swamp buffalo are harvested to supply to the live export trade, largely from the west Arnhem Land sub-region. There is potential for expansion of this feral harvest as well as farming domestic buffalo with introduced genetics to produce premium (Tender Buff) product.
Donkey (farmed) 	Feral herds of donkey occur across the region, with highest densities located in the Douglas-Daly, Katherine, Roper, Gulf and Victoria River sub-regions. There is growing interest in commercial farming of donkeys for production of gelatin (ejiao) from the hides as well as meat and by-products for the Chinese market.
Depot or feedlot 	There are export yards in the region which are registered for preparation for export. Potential exists for further development of depot or feedlot facilities located to service the livestock and field crop for stock feed industries.
Livestock processing 	AACo's Livingstone Beef (50 km south of Darwin) is an export accredited (Tier 2) facility that currently processes cattle, largely focused on out-of-specification export cattle from the Katherine and Top End regions. There are smaller abattoirs at Palumpa (Port Keats Road 50 km east of Wadeye) and Kalkarindji (Buntine Highway 150 km south of Timber Creek) servicing local communities. There is potential for development of processing facilities to process buffalo, donkey and other livestock as these industries grow in the region.
Field crops 	Broadacre cropping is currently limited to hay production. There is potential for expansion of field crops to be grown as part of dryland and irrigated production systems. Future crops could include cassava, poppies, chia, guar, lucerne, peanuts, cotton, soybean.
Horticulture 	The region produces a range of fruits and vegetables, the major crops being mangoes and melons. Opportunities exist for increased productivity and for the diversification of high value products particularly tropical fruits.
Forestry 	There are large stands of African mahogany and Sandalwood in the region. Harvest of existing stands will require developments along the supply chain for transport and processing. There is potential for expansion of forestry plantations (such as eucalypt hybrids) as well as select harvest of native hardwoods.
Aquaculture 	Coastal and inland opportunities exist for the production of fish and other aquatic foods (oysters, trepang, algae, crocodiles). Low technology aquaculture presents a particular opportunity for Aboriginal communities.
Bush food and medicine 	Wild harvest, supplementary planting and cropping of bush foods and medicinal plants presents an opportunity particularly for Aboriginal communities. This includes Kakadu plum, bush tomato, bush apple and wattle seed.
Precincts 	Clustering of compatible agricultural activities presents efficiencies for inputs and can provide sufficient scale at the sub-regional level to validate the viability of downstream value chain development.

Agribusinesses Opportunities of the Big Rivers Region

<p>Agricultural supply and services</p> 	<p>Growth and diversification of agribusinesses will facilitate demand for agricultural inputs. This will include fuel, fertiliser, seed, machinery, contractors and consultants, agri-tech products, financial and insurance services.</p>
<p>Agro-tourism</p> 	<p>Tourism presents an opportunity for diversified income stream alongside commercial agricultural ventures, capitalising on farm stay, wilderness and safari experiences.</p>

Realising the Agribusiness Potential of the Big Rivers Region

To effectively utilise the offerings of an agribusiness hub agribusiness development face a number of challenges.

Challenges		Current NT Government Actions
Natural Resources		
Groundwater	Access to groundwater is constrained by the nature of the resource and existing allocation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued research into water resource availability under the land and water assessment and Mapping the Future programs will provide information for new developments. Continued roll out of water allocation planning will provide certainty and security to new and existing users. Development of policy mechanisms such as trade, management of unused water and water market development may provide new opportunities.
Surface water	<p>The region's reliance on groundwater has meant that surface water development has not been explored in detail.</p> <p>Future agribusiness will rely on secure access to suitable quality water particularly over the dry season. Harvesting of wet seasons flows and storage (including managed aquifer recharge) are now being considered for development.</p>	
Pastoral leasehold land	<p>Changes to pastoral lease administrative arrangements have allowed for a broader range of diversification opportunities on pastoral land.</p> <p>Allowing sub-leasing arrangements allowing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue improvements to pastoral lease administrative arrangements to provide improved security of investment associated with enterprise diversification, a broader range of uses and ownership/operation models. Reduce red tape associated with development assessment processes.
Aboriginal Land	<p>Agribusiness development on Aboriginal Land can be challenging due to the complexity associated with communal ownership, and the time scales required for negotiation.</p> <p>Similar to other tenure, where there is interest in agribusiness development, there can be a lack of information on the suitability of land and water resources to support this interest.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamline processes for leasing of Aboriginal Land. Continue to support aboriginal businesses in identifying opportunities and partnerships. Seek partnerships to invest in the collection of pre-feasibility information. Support the Aboriginal Land and Sea Economic Development Agency (ALSEDA) to drive investment on Aboriginal land.
Land capability	The NTG program of land resource mapping is invaluable in determining agribusiness potential. Focus has been on areas with identified higher agribusiness potential.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue the land resource mapping program in priority areas. Provide open access to existing land resource data through NRM Maps.

Challenges		Current NT Government Actions
	Further more detailed investigation is usually required at the property scale for financial planning purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue government services provided for intensification of pastoral land. • Seek partnerships to invest in the collection of pre-feasibility information for untested agribusiness ideas.
Crop feasibility	The NT and Australian governments have invested in crop research for many years. This research need to continue in line with demonstrated market demand for new crops, genetic improvements in crop varieties and improvements in agronomic practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with industry bodies to determine crops suitability for soil types identified through land use mapping. • Seek partnerships to invest in trials and pilots for new varieties. • Develop a coordinated program to systemically evaluate and trial broad acre crops.
Biosecurity	The high biosecurity status of the region help protects Australia's 'clean, natural and safe' reputation and offers preferred status in international food markets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued implementation of prevention, elimination and management programs. • Industry and community partnerships to share the responsibility of minimising the likelihood of pest, disease and weeds.
Infrastructure		
Transport	Safe and reliable access is critical for agribusinesses operations. Road access for road trains and heavy farm machinery can be limiting during seasonal periods. Bridge crossings for any vehicle size can also be restricted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and improve the regional road network (as per <i>10 Year Infrastructure Plan</i>).
Electricity	The reliable supply of electricity is a key enabler for agribusiness development. Outside of the Darwin-Katherine network generated from natural gas, access to electricity is limited. Agribusinesses in this area generally operate with diesel powered generators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the development of diesel/solar-battery/gas generation on-farm in line with the Territory's renewable energy target (50 per cent by 2030). • Encourage new players into the market to encourage price competition.
Telecommunications	Connectivity will play an increasingly important role in agribusiness for value chain partners. Outside of regional centres there is extremely limited internet access, even along transport corridors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to advocate for greater access with service providers. • Support on-farm implementation of remote connectivity solutions.
Scale and precincts	Larger scale and intensified farming systems offer efficiencies in production by increasing production units for the same level of fixed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage investment in larger scale agricultural precincts.

Challenges		Current NT Government Actions
	<p>cost, meaning an overall lower cost of production.</p> <p>Co-location or clustering of compatible agribusinesses can offer efficiencies, in transport, labour, technical skills and processing facilities; as well attracting other businesses.</p> <p>As scale is achieved businesses becomes self-generating and the regional economy self-sustaining.</p>	
Processing	Downstream processing of agricultural and fisheries products adds value and can reduce cost and technical issues associated with transport. There is very limited processing of agribusiness products in the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage investment in larger downstream processing to value-add to agribusiness products.
Supply chain including dry and cold store	Live export of cattle from the Darwin Port is well established. For other products, much of the gain from the region's proximity to Asia is currently lost in export of product from southern sea and air ports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop processing, cold chain infrastructure and logistics support (as per 10 Year Infrastructure Plan).
Business Capacity		
Access to capital	Access to finance can be constrained by existing levels of debts and land tenure regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore new business models for partnering with potential investors.
Financial capability	Whilst some agribusinesses have corporate ownership and local management, many are family owned business where there is room to improve financial capabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue training and education, financial products and tools, network and mentoring programs in conjunction with industry organisations.
Land management capability	There is further gains to be made from increasing land management skills for improved productivity. This includes implementation of Smart Ag products to make the most of the increasing technological applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue training and education, network and mentoring programs in conjunction with industry organisations. Continue government advisory services on livestock carrying capacity and management scenario modelling.
People and Labour	Finding and keeping skilled labour is essential to growing business profits. The cost of continued training can impact on the bottom line.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to advocate for the seasonal worker program. Support liveability by investing in social infrastructure in Katherine Township.
Export capability	The technical requirements (biosecurity, packaging, paperwork) requirements to facilitate to export can be difficult to navigate initially.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work with agribusinesses through export requirements to demonstrate financial return. Continue to work Australian Government partners on trade access and export capabilities.

Have your say

This information has been compiled on the basis of departmental opinion – it represents our informed views about future development. The NT Government is keen to hear your views on the potential for development of agribusinesses in the Territory.

Are there potential developments not considered here?

What are the most prospective agribusinesses for the Big Rivers Region?

What is government's role in assisting agribusinesses to develop?

More information

For further information please refer to our website www.dpir.nt.gov.au or contact Lorraine Corowa at lorraine.corowa@nt.gov.au or (08) 9666 5363.



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COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT



ITEM NUMBER	16.2
TITLE	Changes to Public Library Services
REFERENCE	715750
AUTHOR	Sharon Hillen, Director of Council and Community Services

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note the report relating to changes to the NT Library Service.**

BACKGROUND

CURRENT SERVICE PROFILE

Northern Territory Library services

- Barunga Library & Knowledge Centre
- Borroloola Library & Knowledge Centre
- Mataranka Community Library
- Ngukurr Library & Knowledge Centre

Community Internet Service Sites

- Numbulwar
- Barunga
- Beswick (proposed new site)
- Borroloola
- Minyerri (proposed new site)
- Ngukurr

Funding

- 2017/18 Public Library Funding Agreement Grant Allocation: \$166,747 (ex GST)
- 4 x level 2 Library Officers at 20 hours per week

Collections

- 2016/17 Library Resource Allocation expenditure with NTL: \$8,055
- Territory Wide Digital Collections
- NTL provides free access to a wide range of eResources for all Territorians including databases, eBooks, online magazines, newspapers and journal articles.

Community Stories:

Community Stories is a digital keeping place designed for Aboriginal communities to preserve, organise and repatriate digital copies of cultural and historical material according to local cultural protocols.

Roper Gulf Community Stories Sites:

- Numbulwar
- Barunga
- Borroloola
- Ngukurr

Other Services

- LMS: NTL provides a shared Library Management System for all Territory public libraries to enable libraries to manage collections, borrowing and patro data.
- Professional development: NTL is committed to providing ongoing support to Territory library staff to build the capability of the library sector.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Current service delivery model goes from annual funding to a 5 year funding agreement commencing July 2018.

The NTG's Connecting Communities – Vision for NT Public Libraries 2017-2023 identifies that Public Libraries are among the most valued social institutions and provide vital and trusted resources for local communities.

Future library developments will be guided by the following principles:

- Access for all
- Responsive to local community needs
- Inclusive services
- Respect for Aboriginal Culture
- Customer focus
- Innovative solutions and partnerships
- Effective and efficient services
- Sustainable services
- Effective Networks.

A brief review of RGRC Library service indicated the following future service and opportunities for provision of library services in the Roper Gulf Region.

Barunga and Manyallaluk

- Provide a mobile service from Barunga to Manyallaluk
- Investigate co-location with the Media Unit
- Provide a fulltime job not 20hrs per week. If collocated it could be part funded by Indigenous Broadcasting

Beswick

- No current services
- Lot 5 could be used to establish a service or collocate with Media Unit in New sub
- Needs a 20hr/week level 2 officer
- Will need to be set up from scratch

Borrooloola

- Convert Level 2 officer from part time to full time
- The library space will be upgraded with the Government Business Hub Project
- WIFI and computer access for locals and visitors
- Mobile service to crèche, aged care and other captured audiences
- Mobile Service to Robinson River

Bulman

- Investigate colocation with Media Unit
- Investigate incorporation into old store – resource centre proposal
- Bulman may be able to access a service due to its remoteness
- Mobile service to Weemol
- Needs a 20hr/week level 2 officer

Mataranka

- Incorporate Library and Museum and grow historical collection incorporating an indigenous component
- Mobile Service to Jilkminggan in conjunction with the Sport and Rec Program at the Sport and Rec Hall
- Jilkminggan Sport and Rec Hall to access WIFI to access resources
- \$100k from Culture and Tourism to upgrade access to the Library and Museum and extend space.
- Maintain Level 2 part time position and add one FT Regional Coordinator, level 6 to support all regional libraries; maintain compliance and reporting; capacity build and upskill staff; planning and implementation of information and local story content.
- Mobile service to Larrimah and Daly Waters

Ngukurr

- Maintain Level 2/20hrs/week position
- Collocate with the Media Unit, Sound studio and utilise Vic Hwy Transportable Offices to establish a library
- Currently the furniture and collection is either at the Aged Care Centre or in storage
- Support bilingual collection
- Informal generational learning

Numbulwar

- Co-locate with Media Unit – provide functional space in new office upgrade.
- New 20hr/week Level Officer
- New Library to be set up from scratch

Minyerri

- Unknown - Need to discuss with LA

Robinson River

- Unknown - Need to discuss with Mungoorbada

Develop the Big Rivers Region Library Working Group to support and enhance regional remote service provision through a shared services arrangement.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Current service delivery model goes from annual funding to a 5 year funding agreement commencing July 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT



ITEM NUMBER	16.3
TITLE	Council Services - First Quarter Report - Central Arnhem Management Area
REFERENCE	712259
AUTHOR	Nathan Mclvor, Area Manager, Central Arnhem

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note the Council Services – First Quarter Report – Central Arnhem Management Area.**

BACKGROUND

FORWARD

This report provides updates and highlights of the Council Services in the Central Arnhem Management Area for the service provision in Barunga, Beswick, Bulman, Jilkminggan, Manyallaluk and Mataranka for the following Operational Activities:

Core Services

111 – Councils Services General
160 – Municipal Services

Agency Services

346 – Indigenous Broadcasting (Barunga, Beswick, Bulman)
348 – Libraries – (Barunga, Mataranka)
350 – Centrelink
404 - Indigenous Sport and Recreation
407 – Remote Sport and Recreation

The Area Manager, Nathan Mclvor is based in Barunga and manages Council Service operational activities in Barunga, Beswick, Bulman, Jilkminggan, Manyallaluk and Mataranka. The Area Manager is supported by a Regional Sport and Rec Coordinator and a Regional Sport and Rec Admin officer based in Katherine. Each town has a Council Services Coordinator who provides daily oversight of all Council and Community Services.

Barunga:

Core Services

111 – Councils Services General

- CSC recruitment Completed, Susan Gillies commenced duties on the 4th of October 2017

160 – Municipal Services.

- Oval sprinkler system being updated
- Cemetery shade structure completed
- Cemetery generator purchased
- Cemetery culvert nearing completion
- Update of bins around community
- Inter community softball competition
- Inter community sports carnival
- Up the Guts Music and Theatre workshop
- RGRC entrance sign installed
- Completion of new shop and heavy vehicle turn around.

- Waste facility received face lift, recycling bays to add to better coordination of waste stream.
- Storm water drains cleaned and prepped for wet season
- Spoon drains cleaned out and reformed for wet season
- Fire breaks and burning off around community completed.
- Playground fence being installed
- Completion of rock bollards around parks and gardens
- Bollards installed at storm water drains
- CDP and MUNS continue to work closely with each other.
- Rubbish Compactor is out of service, utilising ute and trailer.

Agency Services*346 – Indigenous Broadcasting*

- Current Level 2 Media Officer Vacant

348 – Libraries

- Current Level 2 Library Officer interviewed awaiting recruitment

350 – Centrelink

- Current Level 2 Centrelink Officer filled - Daphne Talbot

404 - Indigenous Sport and Recreation

- School Holiday Program commenced and 2 new positions filled by CDP direct appoint.

407 – Remote Sport and Recreation

- Softball Carnival on the 30th Sept/1Oct – 3 teams, 70 participants, Arnhem Crowns won the carnival

Beswick:**Core Services***111 – Councils Services General*

- Office Upgrades have commenced including: office windows upgraded; entry fence replaced; CDP commenced external paint job, nearing completion.

160 – Municipal Services

- Two weekly rubbish collection days and a weekly hard rubbish day contributing to the overall appearance of the town.
- Parks and gardens have been difficult to keep green due to the river pump being out of service. Low water table drains are also contributing to a lack of usable water for parks and gardens.
- A number of projects have been completed or are in the process of being completed such as the heritage trail, rock and plastic bollards around parks, bus shelters, playground equipment and new BBQ areas. These projects are a Local Authority initiative and an indication of the strong LA presence in Beswick.
- Beswick has also started a recycle program for cans and bottles where residents get cash for recycling. This has also contributed to the overall cleanliness of the town.
- Compactor truck out of service, rubbish pick up is via vehicle and trailer.
- RGRC Entrance sign soon to be installed, slabs have been poured.

Agency Services*346 – Indigenous Broadcasting*

- Current Level 2 Media Officer filled Ronald Weetra

350 – Centrelink

- Current Level 2 Centrelink Officer filled Sarah Bush-Blanasi

404 - Indigenous Sport and Recreation

- School Holiday Program commenced and two new workers commenced

407 – Remote Sport and Recreation

- Beswick Softball Team attended the Barunga Softball Carnival, but were too late for the competition, they played some scratch games and some Beswick players joined the RGRC team for the grand final.

Bulman:**Core Services***111 – Councils Services General*

- New cleaner commenced
- CDP co-located in old Centrelink Office.

160 – Municipal Services

- Maintenance has improved to a good standard for Bulman and Weemol in regard to Parks Gardens;
- 2 weekly pickups and once a week and hard waste removal although the Compactor truck is out of service. (repaired now)
- Continuous irrigation of the oval and parks and airfield maintenance has improved the appearance of Council assets.
- The fuel pod was relocated from the center of town to the workshop yard.
- Problem trees identified around the towns were removed,
- The Weemol half-court was completed, and shaded seating around the half court installed.
- Local roads around Bulman were graded by contractors,
- Oval fences repaired and
- The local dump was given a much needed facelift, with recycling bays commenced and soon to be more defined.

Agency Services*346 – Indigenous Broadcasting*

- Position filled and functioning – Peter Miller

350 – Centrelink

- As per the contract; Verona Dalywater
- The office functions are under resourced with several staff using one computer and one phone line. Office has been relocated to the front foyer (CDP has co-located to the Council Office in the previous Centrelink office)

404 - Indigenous Sport and Recreation

- School Holiday Program commenced however staff have unapproved absences; CSC to fill the void and undertake performance management. Recruitment re-commenced.

407 – Remote Sport and Recreation

- NIL to report

Jilkmिंगgan:**Core Services***111 – Councils Services General*

- New old face Paul Amarant commenced as Senior Council Service Coordinator in Jilkmिंगgan. This will bring better coordination of all services in this community

160 – Municipal Services

- Old Sport and Rec accommodation redecorated for New CSC home.
- Oval sprinkler system updated
- Sport and Rec hall refurbished and aircon with insulation fitted.
- Volley Ball court installed
- RGRC Entrance sign soon to be installed
- Speed bump added for traffic control outside service delivery centre.
- Speed Bump signs sprayed on road, mitigates damage to road signs
- Neem tree's all sprayed on community and many private residents and river corridor
- Whole of the workshop parking area covered with gravel.
- Horse control program started by fences being rebuilt.
- Fire breaks completed and burning off around community done with help of Mungarri Rangers.

- Playground yet to be purchased LA in process of deciding.
- Facelift of the old Waste Facility occurred, with new dump site constructed
- Grading of dump road

Agency Services

350 – Centrelink

- As per contract, full service offered.

404 - Indigenous Sport and Recreation

- School holiday program commenced and two new workers commenced.
- Paul Amarant is closely working with this team

407 – Remote Sport and Recreation

- Softball team pulled out of the comp in Barunga at the eleventh hour.
- Basketball and Football teams have been part of the inter community competitions in Katherine and Barunga.

Manyallaluk:

Core Services

111 – Councils Services General

- New Council Service Coordinator has commenced at Manyallaluk, Stephen Loring. This will bring better coordination of all services in this community. An extension service to Community Services as well.
- Office cleaned up and revamped

160 – Municipal Services

- Spring pump repaired and operating
- Sprinkler system cleaned up and operating
- Stage painted
- Waste Facility tidied up, more work to commence in coming weeks, formalisation of recycling bays.
- Workshop major spring clean occurring, still to complete
- Maintenance of parks and gardens
- Bollard project to commence in centre of town
- New fence installation at top cemetery
- Fence install to occur in bottom cemetery
- Remedial road works occurred including cause way and storm water drainage update.

Agency Services

350 – Centrelink

- Unmanned office, open until 4pm as per contract. CDP co-located into Centrelink office.

404 - Indigenous Sport and Recreation

- Currently 2 positions vacant, applicants having trouble obtaining Ochre Cards.
- Currently ESO Phil Krackour is working as a casual worker providing activities for the program

407 – Remote Sport and Recreation

- Nil to report

Mataranka:

Core Services

111 – Councils Services General

- Current CSC now focused on Mataranka, can provide 100% attention to the town of Mataranka.
- New Customer Service Officer commenced, providing extension support services to Agency programs and Core services.

160 – Municipal Services

- We have had two successful rodeos,
- Demountable to the museum yard,

- Completion of Basketball court and Sport and Rec shed (being constructed)
- Install of spring rockers for park
- All toilets painted and repaired
- All plumbing in Sport and Rec and Stan Martin Park updated.
- Power in catering shed upgraded.
- Never Never Ward festival success
- New Indigenous Sport and Rec officer
- New signage around town
- All firebreaks completed and burning off done around town
- Dept of Infrastructure contract completed
- Neem Program initiated and continuing
- Moroak Bar in Sport and Rec ground turned into CDP training center.
- Obtained \$200,000 for Sport and Rec upgrade
- Mataranka Market going really well bringing in large crowds.
- Mataranka Cemetery has had a facelift.
- Mataranka Dump has also been given a facelift
- Bollards installed down towards the Sport and Rec facility.
- Large problem trees removed around Council building.
- New Staff Sarka has moved from Sport & Rec to CSO, Diane Brumby is now the Sport and Rec Officer. Erica Kingsley is in Community Services(Aged Care), Nichola Walters has joined the Muns team.
- Weekend workers picking up rubbish through corridor of town.
- Recycling Centre opened on 26 September 2017, at the time of this report over 27000 cans/bottles had been processed at the site and some thousands more yet to be processed. Centre opening times will be on Fridays from 9am to 1pm. For larger business and stations, this will be done via appointment. This is with only 2 days running and 8 hours operation.

Agency Services

348 – Libraries – (Barunga, Mataranka)

- Position vacant, but has been serviced by CSO and Aged Care Coordinator. Recruitment to commence. 100K secured for upgrade to this facility

350 – Centrelink

- Serviced as per contract – permanent position with back up agents x 3 in Mataranka.

404 - Indigenous Sport and Recreation

- New worker commenced with support from the CSO as part of the extension services created. Activities and holiday program occurring.

407 – Remote Sport and Recreation

- Nil to report.

Larrimah:

Core Services

111 – Councils Services General

- Support provided by Mataranka, Area Manager and Governance Unit

160 – Municipal Services

- The oval project is nearing completion at the date of this report. There had been a number of issues with getting the project completed by June of 2017. However after working through the technical issues the irrigation was laid in September. Testing has yet to occur as of this report.
- Signs for Larrimah that were requested at the last community meeting have been made and delivered for Larrimah residents to install as requested.
- The clean up of the legacy issue of old Green Park servo is still ongoing.

Daly Waters:

Core Services

111 – Councils Services General

- Support provided by Mataranka, Area Manager and Governance Unit

160 – Municipal Services

- Solar lights for the tennis court were ordered and will be installed in coming weeks. Projects have mobilised a contractor to install the solar lights at the Daly Waters tennis courts.
- A new basketball backing board and hoop has been provided for the town also, to be installed by Mataranka MUNS.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

As Above

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

As Above

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT



ITEM NUMBER	16.4
TITLE	Quarterly Report - Area Roper
REFERENCE	713518
AUTHOR	Janeen Bulsey, Area Manager Roper

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note the Quarterly Report for Area Roper at the October 25, 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting.**

BACKGROUND

This report provide updates and highlights of the Council Services in the Roper Management Area for the service provision in Borroloola, Ngukurr and Numbulwar including service provision to Urapunga for the following Operational Activities:

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160 – Municipal Services

Agency Services

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350 – Centrelink (Ngukurr, Numbulwar)
404 - Indigenous Sport and Recreation (Borroloola, Ngukurr, Numbulwar)
407 – Remote Sport and Recreation (Borroloola, Ngukurr, Numbulwar)

The Area Manager, Janeen Bulsey is based in Ngukurr and manages Council Service operational activities in Borroloola, Ngukurr including service provision to Urapunga and Numbulwar. Each Town has a Council Services Coordinator who provides daily oversight of all Council and Community Services.

Borroloola

Core Services

111 – Councils Services General

- Currently requesting to recruit a 20hr per week cleaner/CSO

160 – Municipal Services.

- Oval has been top dressed and is under the sprinkler
- Cemetery we have had 2 funerals for this report period
- We will soon be replacing bins beyond repair and repairing bins that can be fixed, each bin will have the lot number fixed to the bin with a sticker
- RGRC Entrance sign installed there has been questions regarding the site the sign has been located
- Waste facility upgrade is under way by contractors
- Storm water drains have to be cleaned and prepped for wet season
- Spoon drains to be cleaned out and reformed for wet season, this will be done by Mabunji
- Fire breaks and burning off around community completed.
- CDP and MUNS will begin to work closely with each other following the changes in town

550 – Swimming Pools.

- Ongoing maintenance of swimming pool complex ongoing
- Staff will be trained in chemical application with RLSSA in October 2017
- CDP, Municipal Services and Sports & Rec staff will receiving training with RLSSA for Bronze Medallion and Life Guard qualifications in October

Agency Services

346 – Indigenous Broadcasting

- Not our role in Borrooloola

348 – Libraries

- Current Level 2 Library Officer interviewed awaiting recruitment

350 – Centrelink

- Not our role in Borrooloola

404 - Indigenous Sport and Recreation

- Current Level 2 female Sport and Rec Officer interviewed awaiting recruitment

407 – Remote Sport and Recreation

- Barra Cup Cricket Carnival may not go ahead due to the oval top dressing
- Assisted with NAIDOC activities

Ngukurr

Core Services

111 – Councils Services General

- CSC recruitment completed, John Bateup commenced duties on the 2nd of October 2017
- SASO recruitment completed, Patchouli Cross commenced in August 2017
- ARO training conducted in Ngukurr – 5 participants from Council, Municipal Services, CDP

160 – Municipal Services.

- New Municipal Services Supervisor has commenced, previously CDP Supervisor David Thompson from Ngukurr
- Front End Loader currently in Numbulwar – normal activities requiring the use of a loader will be purchased by 'Wet Hire' from Yugul Mangi Corporation
- Solar Lights delivered, waiting installation by contractor in some of our hot spot areas within the Parks and Sporting reserves.
- Electronic Scoreboard for the Football Oval has been installed, it was officially opened during the Yugal Festival held in early September
- The works and upgrades to Rainbow Street commenced
- Sporting fields and parks watered and maintained
- Update of bins around community
- RGRC Entrance sign delivered to community
- Storm water drains cleaned and prepped for wet season has commenced
- Fire breaks and burning off around community has commenced
- CDP and MUNS continue to work closely with each other.
- Rubbish Compactor has been out of service, during this period utilised ute and trailer.
- Waste facility upgrade is scheduled to commence late October 2017 by contractors
- Spoon drains to be cleaned out and reformed for wet season, this will be done by Yugul Mangi Corporation

550 – Swimming Pools.

- Ongoing maintenance of swimming pool complex
- Staff will be trained in chemical application with RLSSA in late November 2017
- CDP, Municipal Services and Sports & Rec staff will receiving training with RLSSA for Bronze Medallion and Life Guard qualifications in October / November
- Recruitment of Sports & Recreation Supervisor and Pool Attendants is being finalised

Agency Services*346 – Indigenous Broadcasting*

- Position filled and functioning – Keith Rogers

348 – Libraries

- Current Level 2 Library Officer recruitment process to commence
- Library location to be finalised for RIPIA and community access

350 – Centrelink

- Current Level 2 Centrelink Officer vacancy – other position filled by Margaret Thompson

404 - Indigenous Sport and Recreation

- School Holiday Program commenced – Derek Wurramarra and Remy Joe S&R officers.

407 – Remote Sport and Recreation

- NAIDOC was also celebrated with events and activities.
- Visit by Pittswater School, 70 students visiting Ngukurr for a three day period with joint activities with the Sports and Recreation team and included NAIDOC. The students witnessed a welcome to community ceremony from Traditional Owners, sporting activities, enhancement and promotion of Aboriginal culture and tradition, bush walks, a BBQ and disco. Two way learning for both these students and Ngukurr youth who engaged with our visitors.
- Basketball Workshop was held which explored a number of different activities such as relays, ball games and skills development focusing on more advanced development for the older kids and assisting them to perfect their shooting styles and ball handling skills.
- Netball Workshop delivered clinic sessions which aimed at developing skills.

Other

- Upgrades to Community Houses commenced as part of the Room to Breathe project
- opening of our New Health Clinic in Ngukurr .
- Yugal Festival 2017 – we had approximately 1,000 people over the three days, the program included Sporting events, a disco, a Dance Competition, Live Bands, Traditional Dance and Cultural activities, Novelty events, Fashion Parade and Baby Contest.
- Annual visit by Taylors Circus with the Dodgem Cars, Merry Go Around and Slides, etc., was a welcomed and enjoyed by all community members.
- A Mural Workshop was held in Ngukurr with the involvement of Ngukurr youth, a design was developed and now has pride of place on both sides of the ablution block on the sporting oval – one side a troopy with passengers and the other side has a Ngukurr Bulldog.

Numbulwar**Core Services***111 – Councils Services General*

- Staff numbers in Numbulwar are stable

160 – Municipal Services.

- Front End Loader currently in Numbulwar – awaiting replacement loader
- Solar Lights delivered, waiting installation by contractor in some of our hot spot areas within the Parks and Sporting reserves.
- Sporting fields and parks watered and maintained
- Update of bins around community
- RGRC Entrance sign delivered to community
- Storm water drains cleaned and prepped for wet season has commenced
- Fire breaks and burning off around community completed
- CDP and MUNS continue to work closely with each other.

- Waste facility upgrade has been put on hold until finalisation of site with NLC and Traditional Owners
- Spoon drains to be cleaned out and reformed for wet season

Agency Services

346 – Indigenous Broadcasting

- Current Level 2 Media Officer – recruitment process in place

350 – Centrelink

- Current Level 2 Centrelink Officer – Sheila and Eileen

404 - Indigenous Sport and Recreation

- School Holiday Program commenced – recruitment process in place

407 – Remote Sport and Recreation

- Numburindi Festival was a successful event and it coincided with the school's Fete and sports day

Other

The opening of our New Health Clinic in Numbulwar drew a number of political figures to community; Roper Gulf Regional Council assistance was acknowledged in the announcements and thanked for the role it played with the transition process from the old clinic to the new.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT



ITEM NUMBER	16.8
TITLE	Quarterly Report - Community Services
REFERENCE	715988
AUTHOR	Annalisa Bowden, Regional Manager Community Services

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note the quarterly report for Community Services.**

BACKGROUND

FORWARD

This report provide updates and highlights of the Community Services Management Area for the service provision in Barunga, Beswick, Bulman, Borroloola, Jilkminggan, Manyallaluk, Mataranka, Ngukurr and Numbulwar for the following Operational Activities:

Agency Services

- 341 – Commonwealth Aged Care Package
- 342 – Aged Care NT Jobs Package
- 344 – Community Home Support Program
- 347 – Crèche
- 349 – School Nutrition Program
- 352 – Disability in Home Support Program
- 403 – Outside School Hours Care
- National Disability Insurance Scheme

The Regional Manager – Annalisa Bowden is based in Katherine and manages Community Services operational activities in Barunga, Beswick, Bulman, Borroloola, Jilkminggan, Manyallaluk, Mataranka, Ngukurr and Numbulwar. The Regional manager is supported by a various Coordinators and Administration Staff based both in town and on community. Forty six staff based on community or in Katherine make up the team in Community Services.

- **344 Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)**

Mervyn Franey Regional Aged Care and Disability Coordinator based in Numbulwar coordinates services in Ngukurr, Numbulwar, Beswick, Bulman, Barunga, Manyallaluk, Mataranka and Jilkminggan.

Commonwealth Home Support Program assists frail, older people (65 years and older or 50 years and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) who are living in the community to maximise their independence.

Through the delivery of timely, high quality entry-level support services which takes into account each person's individual goals, preferences and choices – and underpinned by a strong emphasis on restorative approaches, including wellness and enablement. This program helps its participants to stay living in their own homes for as long as they can and wish to do so building relationships with the participants and their careers

59 participants are receiving services currently from this program

- **341 Home Care Packages (HCP)**

The Home Care Packages Program is part of the Government's continuum of care for older Australians. The Program is for people who have complex needs that can only be met by a

coordinated package of care. As part of the Living Longer Living Better Aged Care Reform, the Australian Government is expanding home care to assist people to remain living at home for as long as possible, and to introduce more choice and flexibility for people receiving care at home through Home Care Package Program (HCPP). CDC is a way of delivering services that allows clients to have greater control over their own lives by allowing them to make choices about the types of care and services they access and the delivery of services, including who will deliver the services and when. It is intended to maintain or build health and strengthen abilities to manage their preferred level of independence. Clients are assessed by the ACAT (Aged Care Assessment Team) and a referral is received by the organisation through the Aged Care Portal.

19 participants receive packages at a

Level 2 \$23,000

Level 4 \$60,000

- **342 Indigenous Aged Care Employment Program**

Supplemented waged by the Department of Health to fund Indigenous Staff on Community for Aged Care.

- **Disability In Home Support (DIHS)**

Current clients will transition from this program to NDIS

NDIS – Five new positions currently being approved:

NDIS Coordinator – Katherine

NDIS Administrator – Katherine

NDIS Officer – Beswick, Ngukurr, Numbulwar

The National Disability Insurance Scheme is a person-centred planning and practice delivery model that supports the individual's needs and wishes. It is underpinned by the person – centred principles and approaches. The NDIS is a new, national approach to provide individuals that have a disability. The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is rolling out the NDIS in the Northern Territory (NT). Roper Gulf Regional Council is registered for the Coordination of Supports and will be transitioning clients to this new system of service delivery

- **347 Crèche – Beswick, - Jilkminggan, Manyallaluk**

- Recruitment process underway for a vacancy in Manyallaluk.
- Early Childhood Australia – inclusion Support Agency from Darwin visited our Three Crèche sites and Outside School Hours Care programs in Jilkminggan and Ngukurr with Yagya Timalsina. Positive feedback regarding programs were given to the Regional Manger after they spent four days with Yagya visiting the communities.

- **349 School Nutrition Program – Bulman, Manyallaluk**

- Manyallaluk has one vacant position which is under process currently.
- Program is being run in accordance to the funding body and in alignment with the menu plan

- **403 Outside School Hours Care – Ngukurr, Jilkminggan**

- The Outside School Hours Program is provided by Council on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Education in Jilkminggan and Ngukurr and is strategically designed to address target issues FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN such as:
 - To prevent at risk behaviours and boredom by participating in physical activities

- To allow the kids to escape from the community issues and have a place to talk about issues and express themselves
- One position vacant in the Ngukurr program.

Community Services up date

- Better Practice Conference in Darwin – Regional Manager and Community Coordinators attended and presented a half an hour speech on Delivering Aged Care in The Roper Gulf Region.
- Regional Manager invited by Meaningful Aging Australia to Canberra to Meet with Minister for Aged Care the Hon Ken Wyatt.
- August Regional Manger spoke on the ABC Darwin Radio. How the Remote Aged Care staff achieve best practice through life story learnings from their clients
“The biggest challenge we face is not distance or isolation, it’s about failing to recognise the life our clients use to live.’
“Dedicated staff are building relationships, inspiring social change, empowering people and ultimately challenging the status quo when it comes to Aged Care “.
- Regional Manager has been invited to participate in the Standards Guidance Reference group for the Quality Agency in Sydney. The outcomes of this group will govern the new Quality Review Standards being established and be our voice for the Northern Territory
- Regional Manager invited to be involved with a Stakeholder group that has been set up by the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency in Darwin. Last meeting providers highlighted the many challenges, successes and insights of providing care in very remote Australia. Considerable time was also spent exploring the draft standards, especially how to better include consumers in care and how to evidence this for accreditation purposes. Next meeting in November.
- Maintenance requests have been submitted for renovations for Numbulwar and Ngukurr Aged Care buildings

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

As Above

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

As Above

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

**COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE
REPORT**



ITEM NUMBER	16.6
TITLE	Aged Care Community Services
REFERENCE	712251
AUTHOR	Annalisa Bowden, Regional Manager Community Services

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note the Aged Care Community Services Report.**
- (b) **That council adjust the 2017- 2018 budget to include \$263,709.60 for the purchase of the two 4x4 bus's for Aged Care in Ngukurr and Numbulwar.**

BACKGROUND

As part of the Living Longer Living Better Aged Care Reform, the Australian Government is expanding Home care to assist people to remain living at home for as long as possible, and to introduce more choice and flexibility for people receiving care at home.

Roper Gulf Regional Council offer two services for Aged Care through our two programs in 7 communities;

- CHSP – Commonwealth Home Support Program
- HCPP – Home Care Package Program

Our current vehicles supplied in community do not currently meet the Consumer Directed Care(CDC) model.

Aged Care is operating in 7 (seven) communities currently and the issue of transportation is effecting all communities in order to keep in line with the requirements of the Aged care service delivery model.

None of our current vehicles have wheel chair accessibility or allow for use on dirt roads.

Community Services are requesting appropriate vehicles in order to meet the requirements of the Aged Care Reform.

Ngukurr and Numbulwar are our priority communities and I am requesting two vehicles be purchased for our Aged Care Programs. Consideration is also going to have to be requested for the other communities.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

CDC is a way of delivering services that allow clients to have greater control over their own lives by allowing them to make choices about the types of care and services they access and the delivery of services. A strong emphasis on restorative approaches, including wellness and enablement.

The consequences of not having a suitable vehicle affects program delivery and the acceptance of new clients.

These two vehicles will replace the existing 2 wheel drive vehicles in Numbulwar and Ngukurr.

Approval to dispose of these two vehicles will be handled by the assets Manager.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

4 x 4 Commuter mini bus with wheel chair access

A quote was obtained by the Assets department from Bus 4x4

Quote 103801

- 2015 new Toyota Hiace Commuter bus
- Automatic
- All terrain tyres
- Shock absorber and coil suspension
- 110 litre fuel tank (giving a range of 800 – 900 km)
- 8 seats
- Wheelchair lift with tie downs for wheel chair

\$131,854.80

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT



ITEM NUMBER	16.7
TITLE	NDIS Report
REFERENCE	715256
AUTHOR	Annalisa Bowden, Regional Manager Community Services

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note the NDIS Report.**
- (b) **That Council approve the proposal for the NDIS program structure.**

BACKGROUND

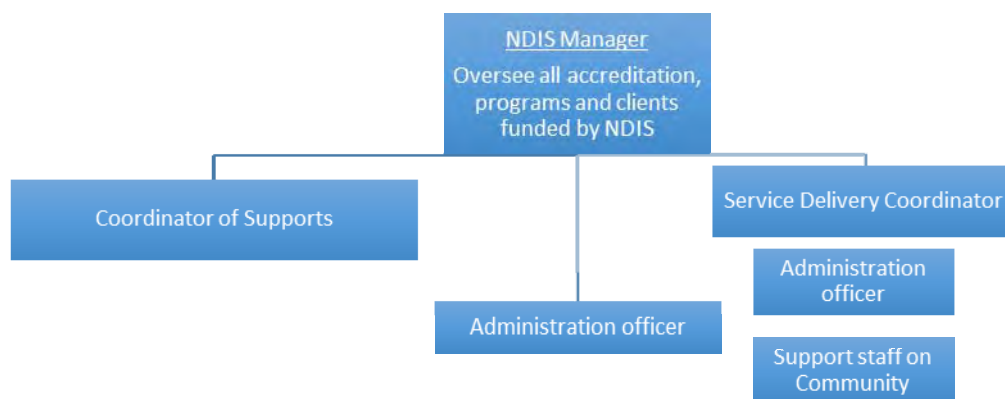
The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a person-centred planning and practice delivery model that supports the individuals needs and wishes. It is underpinned by the person – centred principles and approaches.

The NDIS is a new, national approach to provide individuals that have a disability. The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is rolling out the NDIS in the Northern Territory (NT).

Predicted landscape in the Roper Gulf Regional Council Region - A review has been conducted with in the Roper Gulf Regional Council (RGRC) regions and 172 people have been identified as the predicted numbers of possible NDIS clients in our region.

Restructure has been driven by the following issues:

- NT Government funding for disability services will cease on a pro rata basis for individual participants as they transition to NDIS
- Each participant will have a plan approved by the NDIA – when this happens the service provider will invoice NDIA for the service instead of receiving block funding
- Consultant through the program will assist the organisation to fully cost out current service delivery, map the services we provide and price in the price guide and provide clarity of the financial stability of the service delivery model.
- No additional funding for start up or for staff.
- All costs need to be factored in to the financial planning for NDIS as per the NDIS price guide mapped to services approved in the participants plans.
- Initial assessments are done by the NDIS who will assess eligibility and create the plan
- Standards and Performance Pathways (SPP) accreditation will provide a good foundation to assist Council to meet the NT Quality and Safeguarding Framework (NTQSF) but will not automatically ensure you meet the Framework.
- Council will need to provide evidence to demonstrate we meet each element of the NTQSF in each of the 5 domain areas of – Financial management, Governance, workforce planning and development, person centred planning and practice, safeguarding and cultural safety, security and competency.
- NTQSF self assessment was completed on line by the Regional Manager



The positions that are being employed as stage one of the NDIS proposal

1. Coordinator of Supports

'assistance to strengthen participant's abilities to coordinate and implement supports and participate more fully in the community. It can include initial assistance with linking participants with the right providers to meet their needs, assistance to source providers, coordinating a range of supports both funded and mainstream and building on informal supports, resolving points of crisis, parenting training and developing participant resilience in their own network and community.'

The Coordinator of Supports strengthen participants ability to connect with informal, mainstream and funded supports, increase capacity to maintain relationships, resolve service delivery issues.

2. Administration officer

- Managing the NDIS allocated packages through the provider website
- Setting the financial information into our Client Managing System
- Review ongoing funding and follow up as needed
- Verify data and issue invoice batches
- Follow up issues with the NDIS office
- Training and support of staff on system as required

3. Support Staff on community

- 3 – Community Services Officers 20 hrs per week
- Ngukurr, Numbulwar, Beswick

Capacity Building

As per the NDIS Price Guide for Very Remote Coordinator of Supports would receive \$117 per hour per client.

- 104 hours x \$117 per hour \$12,168.00
- 208 hours x \$117 per hour \$24,336.00

As our clients with Roper Gulf are very remote any client that came to us with a service plan of 104 would be put back to NDIA as reviewed and we would as for the 208 hours.

Existing 10 clients x \$24,336.00 = \$243,360.00

The future under NDIS

Given that RGRC has an existing footprint and infrastructure, they are in the best position to deliver NDIS services to the identified 8 communities. It would be in the best interest for the identified communities to have constant delivery approach under NDIS by an organisation

that they trust and know. RGRC are in a position to offer a wide range of services which may not be the case for other providers allowing people with a disability to live on country.

RGRC Goals are to

- Provide strong Leadership through Good Governance, Strong Financial Management, Corporate Planning and Operational Support
- Protect and Care for our Physical Environment
- Develop Safe, Strong and Vibrant Communities
- Support Employment, Training and Economic Development

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

As Roper Gulf Regional Council takes on more than 10 clients a review will be conducted on this program

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Budget to sustain this program has been approved by the finance manager

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT



ITEM NUMBER	16.8
TITLE	Community Safety Quarterly Report - 1st Quarter 2017/18
REFERENCE	715325
AUTHOR	Daniel Kirk, Community Safety Manager

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note the Community Safety 1st Quarter 2017/18 Report.**

BACKGROUND

This report covers Community Safety aspects in the following communities Bulman, Beswick, Barunga, Manyallaluk, Mataranka, Jilkminggan, Minyerri, Ngukurr, Numbulwar Borroloola and Robinson River

The DCCS Community Safety Unit came into being following a resolution by Council at its July meeting to realign Community Services delivery across the Roper Region. The department is responsible for the delivery of the following agency services.

- 401 – Community Night Patrol to all 11 Communities listed above
- 410 – National Youth Week in all Roper Gulf communities
- 414 – Alcohol and Volatile substances to all communities in the Roper Region
- 415 – Youth Reconnect program for Youth who have disconnected from Community or are at other risk in Borroloola, Ngukurr and Numbulwar
- 416 – Youth Vibe Grant for school holiday activities in all communities except Minyerri and Robinson River
- 418 – NTG Alcohol Action Initiative funding for Nutritious cooking program in Borroloola
- 419 – NTG Alcohol Action Initiative funding for Grief, Loss and Trauma training in Borroloola
- 420 – NTG Alcohol Action Initiative funding for Country Cattle Workshop in Borroloola
- 423 – NTG Alcohol Action Initiative funding – diversion Evenings in Borroloola, Ngukurr, Beswick, Barunga, Manyallaluk and Jilkminggan.

The Unit consists of a Manager, admin support as well as a Coordinator responsible for Night Patrol Services in the Central Arnhem Region. These positions are currently based in Katherine.

Other staff includes a Night Patrol Coordinator based in Ngukurr who is responsible for patrols in the Roper Region as well as 42 night Patrol Officers in communities across the Region.

The Youth Programs have a Youth Coordinator based in Borroloola, Ngukurr and Numbulwar along with 2 part time Youth workers in each Community.

By the date of this meeting all of the above roles will be filled with the exception of two part time youth workers, one based in Borroloola and the other in Ngukurr.

Issues caused by unauthorised absences of appointed staff have resulted in some patrol services being cancelled, approval has been obtained from DPMC to have CDP participants shadow Patrollers in all Communities who can be called in as paid casuals when absences occur.

27 Night Patrol Staff are participating in Cert 3 in Night Patrol Operations and are expected to graduate in November. Some services have been disrupted by staff absent on training but this training is compulsory for all patrollers.

Activity Summary by community as follows:

Bulman

401 – Community Night Patrol, This is a three person patrol which has been generally running well with the exception of two periods where patrols were stopped due to unauthorised absences by appointed staff.

Patrol was involved in stopping gambling by youth in Weemol and Bulman.

Nil activity with other activities but event planning is under way with other stakeholders.

Beswick

401 – Community Night Patrol, This is a four person patrol which has generally run well with the exception of some services cancelled due to unauthorised staff absences and training.

Some patrol highlights include the rescue of 6 girls stranded on the Central Arnhem Road and the prevention of a suicide attempt by a young lady.

Nil movement as yet on other activities but planning is well under way with stakeholders.

Barunga

401 – Community Night Patrol, this is a three person patrol which has generally run well with the exception of some services cancelled due to unauthorised absences and training.

Patrol highlights have included involvement in the rescue of 6 girls stranded on the Central Arnhem Road, assisting Police quell a riot involving 200 people and assisting police at several domestic violence incidents.

Planning is underway with stakeholders for other activities.

Manyallaluk

401 – Community Night Patrol, this is a three person patrol which is generally running well with the exception of some services cancelled due to unauthorised staff absences.

Patrol highlights have included rescues involving two youngsters missing whilst on a fishing trip and a local ranger who had run out of fuel in a remote location.

Planning is underway with stakeholders for other activities.

Mataranka

401 – Community Night Patrol, this is a four person patrol that is running extremely well, however has experienced some service loss due to unauthorised staff absences.

Due to the proximity of several alcohol outlets this patrol is often extremely busy and action is underway to expand the patrol to two vehicles and increase patrol numbers by using CDP participants.

Planning is underway with stakeholders for other activities.

Jilkminggan

401 – Community Night Patrol, this is a four person patrol which has experienced severe disruptions to services due to staff resignations and unauthorised absences. Recruitment of replacement staff is now complete and normal services resumed.

Patrol highlights include the rescue of a family stranded remotely without food and water.

Planning is underway with stakeholders for other activities.

Minyerri

401 – Community Night Patrol, this service was contracted to Alawa Aboriginal Corporation from 01/07/17. Some difficulties have been experienced in maintaining services due to cultural issues between patrol members but services have been resumed.

Contract performance will continue to be monitored by the Regional Manager. No other community safety activities are undertaken in Minyerri.

Ngukurr

401 – Community Night Patrol, This is a five member patrol equipped with two vehicles. Patrol numbers have been increased by up to 10 CDP participants agreeing to shadow the patrol.

The use of CDP volunteers is a trial to try and reduce vandalism and other crime in Ngukurr. Figures to date show that whilst these crimes are much reduced, they have not been totally eliminated as yet.

The patrol has not experienced any loss of service but has been forced to reduce services due to unauthorised staff absences and training.

The patrol has been active in community events such as the recent festival and the performance by Tim O Matic. The patrol has also supported the Numbulwar patrol during their recent festival.

Patrol highlights include assisting police at several domestic violence incidents, locating an old man lost outside the Community, assisting in quelling several large riots, saving a mans life when he was found unconscious on a road and preventing a young lady commit suicide.

415 – Youth Reconnect Program, this program should be staffed by a coordinator and two part time youth workers. Recruitment has been difficult and the program has been supported in the interim by the local Night Patrol Coordinator.

Reconnect service delivery has been difficult, however, 3 Youth were referred by NT Police for case management. Two have returned to school and the other's whereabouts are not known.

At the time of writing, the incumbent Coordinator is on board and will be in community from 17/10/17. Youth staff are assisting Sport and Rec staff until the Reconnect program gets fully underway.

Event planning with stakeholders for the rest of 2017 and early 2018 is well advanced and includes other relevant activities.

Numbulwar

401 – Community Night Patrol, this is a five member patrol that has been running well. One member has been on long term workcover which has not disrupted services, however, unauthorised absences and training have caused some services to be cancelled.

A trial of day patrol services was conducted utilising a member on rehabilitation and a family member who is an Appointed Patrol Officer. A new automatic patrol vehicle was made available and the trial was considered a success. The day patrol was mainly used to prevent truancy by local Children as well as patrolling the community.

Other Patrol highlights include assisting police at domestic violence incidents, helping the TRG to reestablish control after recent riots and assisting at the local and Ngukurr Festivals.

415 – Youth Reconnect Program, very little progress made initially due to the rejection of employment by the desired candidate. Another candidate has been selected and will be in community on 17/10/17.

Youth and Sport and Rec staff assisted the local school with the school holiday program, planning has commenced with all stakeholders for activities for the rest of 2017 and early 2018.

Borrooloola

401 – Community Night Patrol, this is a four person patrol that is now running well. A number of patrols were missed due to staff being absent unauthorised and on training. Numbers have now stabilised. The patrol is one of two equipped with a new vehicle during the first quarter with the old vehicle being redeployed to Robinson River.

Patrol highlights include the prevention of two suicide attempts, assisting in the apprehension of an escaped felon, assisting at community events such as the King Ash Bay fishing comp, the Borrooloola Rodeo and various Youth events.

414 – Alcohol and Volatile Substances, RGRC purchased a portable generator from this grant to support the Journey West Cultural event in early September.

415 – Youth Reconnect Program, this program commenced in Borrooloola in early August, staffing currently consists of a Coordinator and 1 youth worker. Some successes for this program this far include:

- 7 Youth under case management
- A number of community events organized with attendance of up 150 youth becoming common.
- The Reconnect Team including those under case management supported and participated in the recent Journey West cultural event.
- The Reconnect Team including those under case management helped organize and support the recent cattle workshop held during the October school holidays. This event had over 60 children involved over six days as well as a number of Community members spectating.
- The Reconnect Team along with the Night Patrol assisted with transporting young people to the Borrooloola rodeo.
- The Reconnect team are working with other stakeholders on such projects as the installation of a widescreen TV at the pool and painting of storylines on the pool buildings

418 – Borrooloola Nutritious Cooking Program, this program is being run in conjunction with the home economics department from the Borrooloola school.

Progress thus far has been the purchase of food and equipment as well as the establishment of a herb garden at the school.

420 – Borroloola Country Cattle Workshop. This event was organised utilising the services of NT Rodeo services. It was originally funded as a five day workshop involving 30 youth, however, it was subsequently evolved to three by two day workshops which eventually involved up to 70 local youth.

The program aimed to train youngsters from age 7 up to 24 in the finer points of handling cattle and developing their rodeo skills. Feedback from the event has been extremely positive and all are looking forward to another.

Special mention needs to be made of Ilan Bermeister and his staff including those under case management who gave freely of their time to help organise and run this logistically challenging event.

It was also gratifying to see a large number of community members and families come out and support the participants.

Planning is well underway with stakeholders for all other activities.

Robinson River

415 – Community Night Patrol, this is a 3 person patrol which until recently was equipped with a two seater Gator buggy. The patrol is now equipped with a fit for purpose patrol vehicle.

This patrol is generally not disrupted by unauthorised absences but has experienced difficulties during training blocks.

The Patrol is extremely busy with a large number of at risk Youth identified, however, RGRC does not have any involvement with other Community Safety activities in Robinson River.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

As Above

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

As Above

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMERCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	17.1
TITLE	Budget Amendment - Purchase of Vehicle for Housing Contract
REFERENCE	714021
AUTHOR	Melissa Amarant, Contracts Manager

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That Council approve the purchase of a 4x4 Toyota Hilux with tray for the Housing Maintenance section in Ngukurr.
- (b) That Council amends the budget to include the purchase up to the value of \$55,000.00.

BACKGROUND

Council provides a Housing Maintenance Program which carries out basic repairs and maintenance in various communities. A recent review of operations has highlighted the requirement for a new replacement vehicle for the staff in Ngukurr as their current vehicle has more than 270,000km on the odometer.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

It is proposed that a basic 4x4 Toyota Hilux would be sufficient for this section's requirements.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Recent quotes for a Toyota Hilux with on-road costs have indicated that the total price is around \$55,000.

Council will need to approve an amendment to its budget. Council has the financial capacity to purchase this vehicle as well as the operational budget within the Housing Maintenance section to support ongoing costs.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMERCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT



ITEM NUMBER	17.2
TITLE	Budget Ammendment - Purchase of Vehicle for Tenancy Management Contract
REFERENCE	714023
AUTHOR	Melissa Amarant, Contracts Manager

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council approved the purchase of a 4x4 Toyota Hilux for the Tenancy Management section in Barunga.**
- (b) **That council amends the budget to include the purchase up to the value of \$55,000.00.**

BACKGROUND

Council provides a Tenancy Management Service which carries out Tenancy duties under the Territory Housing Contract. A recent review of operations has highlighted the requirement for a new replacement vehicle for the tenancy staff in Barunga as their current vehicle has more than 135,000km on the odometer.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

It is proposed that a basic 4x4 Toyota Hilux would be sufficient for this section's requirements.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Recent quotes for a Toyota Hilux with on-road costs have indicated that the total price is around \$55,000.

Council will need to approve an amendment to its budget. Council has the financial capacity to purchase this vehicle as well as the operational budget within the Housing Maintenance section to support ongoing costs.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMERCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	17.3
TITLE	Outstations Funding
REFERENCE	715407
AUTHOR	Melissa Amarant, Contracts Manager

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note the Outstations Funding Report.**

BACKGROUND

Roper Gulf Regional Council is responsible to provide services and assistance to the following Outstations:

- Badawarrka
- Baghetti
- Barrapunta
- Boomerang Lagoon
- Costello
- Jodetluk
- Kewyuli
- Mole Hill
- Mount Catt
- Mulgga
- Nulawan
- Werenbun

Activity 322 & 323

Roper Gulf Regional Council has received the following funding from the NTG to provide both Municipal and Housing Maintenance services to our outstations.

Below is a table containing the funded monies for each individual outstation.

MES/HMS**FUNDING:**

Community Name:	Number of occupied dwellings as @ 30/06/2017	Municipal and Essential services funding per dwelling Activity 323	Housing maintenance service funding per dwelling Activity 322	Amount per community (GST Exclusive)
Badawarrka	3	\$9,016.00	\$3,715.00	\$38,193.00
Baghetti	1	\$9,016.00	\$3,715.00	\$12,731
Barrapunta	3	\$9,016.00	\$3,715.00	\$38,193.00
Boomerang Lagoon	2	\$9,016.00	\$3,715.00	\$25,462.00
Costello	2	\$9,016.00	\$3,715.00	\$25,462.00
Jodetluk	7	\$7,840.00	\$3,230.00	\$77,490.00
Kewulyi	5	\$9,016.00	\$3,715.00	\$63,655.00
Mole Hill	3	\$9,016.00	\$3,715.00	\$38,193.00

Mount Catt	4	\$9,016.00	\$3,715.00	\$50,924.00
Mulgan	12	\$3,830.00	\$3715.00	\$90,540.00
Nulawan	2	\$9,016.00	\$3,715.00	\$25,462.00
Werenbun	9	\$9,016.00	\$3,715.00	\$114,579.00

Activity 324

Roper Gulf Regional Council has the following MESSPG (Capital Works) outstanding and/or in progress.

Activity 324 - MESSPG			
2015-2016 Funding	Funded Amount	Remaining Funds	Status
15-16-H023 Werenbun Structural repairs to large houses	\$150,000.00	\$89,062.00	In Progress, house 5 completed. House 1 to be completed by contractors and quotes being obtained
15-16-147 Costello Replace the underground water reticulation	\$12,285.00	\$12,285.00	Works to commence 17/10/2017, works predicted to be completed by Tuesday 24/10/2017
15-16-152 Kewyuli Replace underground water line from the pump to the tanks	\$18,759.00	\$18,759.00	Not Started
15-16-210 kewyuli upgrade ablution block and renew transpiration bed	\$39,717.00	\$39,717.00	Ablution blocks sourced, awaiting arrival
15-16-209 Boomerang Lagoon Install solar light	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	Obtaining Quotes
15-16-149 All Outstations Install new solar lighting	\$56,330.00	\$17,837.00	In Progress- lights purchased, footings completed lights to be installed by November 2017
2016-2017 Funding			
16-17-M145 Boomerang Lagoon install boundary fence	\$29,719.00		In progress, Outstations crew heading to Boomerang Lagoon to complete fencing 25/09/2017
16-17-M147 Mount Catt Septic tank upgrade, upgrade access road & upgrade power line	\$55,415.00		In Progress, Septic tank has been installed, access road completed and current liaising with electrician regarding power line upgrade

16-17-M152 Kewyuli Upgrade water storage tank, install cemetery fence and upgrade septic tanks at dwellings	\$87,380.00	\$81,880.00	In Progress, Water tank purchased, materials purchased for upgrade of septic tanks and Cemetery fencing
16-17-150 Werenbun upgrade water tank and dump	\$28,796.00	\$22,796.00	Partly completed - Water tanks installed and completed, current dump has been pushed and still has substantial room for more rubbish. Once dump is full outstation crew will bury and dig new dump.
2017-2018 Funding			
17/18-239 Badawarrka power line upgrade	\$22,235.40	\$22,235.40	Not Started
17/18-241 Kewyuli, Barrapunta, Mount Catt, Badawarrka replace old generators	\$74,681.20	\$74,681.20	Not Started
17/18-240 Mole Hill Replace water tank and dump excavation	\$147,646.40	\$147,646.40	In Progress - Quotes have been obtained and PO raised
	\$767,964.00	\$571,899.00	

Activity 325

Roper Gulf Regional Council applies for additional Housing maintenance funding through the Home Extra Allowance program from the Department of Housing and Community Development (Homelands Services Section). This funding allows RGRC to undertake additional housing projects such as minor renovations, room extensions or upgrades etc. RGRC currently have outstanding HEA funding for the following outstations.

Outstation	HEA Funding Amount
Badawarrka	\$5,200.00
Barrapunta	\$5,200.00
Boomerang Lagoon	\$5,200.00
Jodetluk	\$46,800.00
Mole Hill	\$26,000.00
Mount Catt	\$10,400.00
Nulawan	\$15,600.00
Werenbun	\$20,800.00
Kewulyi	\$41,600.00

RGRC are currently working through the outstanding HEA works, Contractors have been sourced and works will be undertaken and we predict all outstanding HEA works to be completed by, if not before this financial year.

Outstations staff will be attending each outstation in the near future and will be completing a Service Delivery Plan and HEA applications for the 2017/18 HEA rounds of funding.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMERCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	17.4
TITLE	CDP Region 29 Update
REFERENCE	715668
AUTHOR	Janelle Iszlaub, CDP Regional Manager

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note the CDP Region 29 update.**

BACKGROUND

As of the 2nd October 2017, RGRC officially commenced the service delivery for CDP in region 29; this region has been broken into three areas, Borroloola, Robinson River and outstations.

Prior to commencement, the Assistant Regional Manager was on the ground at Borroloola to ensure a smooth transition for all new staff with completion of paperwork, IT access and open communications.

The transition of the caseload was only done the weekend prior to commencement, this meant that we have had to establish all contractual requirements for each job seeker, example; job plans, JSCI assessment, releases, activities, appointments, comments and diary hours.

We have placed an experience employee for a 3 month secondment in Borroloola from the 9th of October to train the staff on the ground and ensure all staff are familiar with the RGRC CDP way of operating.

Her role is to also work with the activity supervisors to organise community consultation with job seekers to explain that RGRC is now delivering the CDP contract, their mutual obligation and to establish approved activities.

A 14 seater bus has been arranged to assist with collection of Job seekers from local town camps to a centralised location, other vehicles are still being sourced at this stage.

Robison River has only had two female activity supervisors accept the offer to join RGRC, it is a priority to find additional suitable staff for this site, a current staff member has expressed an interest to having a short term secondment to Robinson River, and if this is possible it will alleviate the immediate staffing shortage. Currently site is being supported by staff from Borroloola in the interim.

Observations made new staff are unsure of the CDP contract requirements and additional checks will continue to ensure that all information entered is compliant and to RGRC CDP standards, on going training and development to continue.

Outstations has been fairly isolated which we will need to bring in line with the other staff and operations. Outstations have been advised that phone appointments can be done in the interim, whilst serving the closer locations till a more established plan for service delivery is done. Job Seekers living on outstations have the same mutual obligations with doing activities as local town and community base job seekers and are only referred to as outstations due to their location only.

GSNT have requested that all small machinery items are removed from outstation and town camp locations and brought back to Borroloola for a full stock take and comprehensive listing on what assets GSNT have.

Overall it has been a positive start to the delivery of service.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 18.1
TITLE Fees and Charges - Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr
REFERENCE 715404
AUTHOR Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Corporate Planning

RECOMMENDATION

(a) **That Council receive and note the verbal report on Fees and Charges.**

BACKGROUND

Cr Nunggumajbarr requests a discussion of Council on the Fees and Charges.

Recently (13/10/17) a funeral in Numbulwar and the people where getting charged \$250 per hour for the Council to dig and backfill the grave which was not on Council Land.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

NIL

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	18.2
TITLE	Mataranka Sportsground User Group and Master Plan Meeting
REFERENCE	716018
AUTHOR	Lyndon Keane, Communications Co-ordinator

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Council receive and note the Mataranka Sportsground User Group and Master Plan Meeting report.**

BACKGROUND

On October 11, 2017 the Council hosted a meeting with Mataranka stakeholders to outline the plans for, and to receive feedback on:

- The \$200,000 budgeted in the 2017-18 financial year to undertake capital works to essential services at the Mataranka Sport and Recreation Grounds; and
- The development of a Mataranka Master Plan.

The minutes of the meeting are attached for the reference of Elected Members.

\$200,000 in capital works funding for Mataranka Sport and Recreation Grounds

Representatives of user groups that utilise the Mataranka Sport and Recreation Grounds agreed that the order of priorities for the expenditure of the \$200,000 was:

1. Upgrade to three-phase power for site and upgrade of internal power for catering hall.
2. Upgrade main ablution block.
3. Formalise internal roads and parking.
4. Bollards for internal traffic management.
5. Reposition light heads at Mataranka Multipurpose Sports Court and Mataranka Fishing, Sporting and Recreation Club shed towards high-intensity use area around catering hall.
6. Install underground power to rodeo arena to stop cockatoos chewing existing overhead power line.

Several other smaller projects were identified and community requests received, all of which are detailed in the minutes.

Mataranka Master Plan

In order to develop a concept plan for the short- and long-term development of Mataranka, the Council needs to engage with residents and business owners to determine what the priorities for the community are.

As part of the process, consultants UNO Management Services Pty Ltd compiled a maps listing the property the Council owns in Mataranka, what Crown land it holds under a perpetual lease and what property it would like to obtain to meet projected operational needs.

The Council owns:

Lot 120 – Council office, library, museum, municipal services yard and community hall

Lot 17 – Staff accommodation
Lot 922 – Mataranka Sport and Recreation Grounds
Lot 84 – Recycling centre
Lot 128 – Waste Management Facility
Lot 75 – Cemetery
Lot 121 – Ginty Airstrip

The Council has perpetual leases on Crown land for:

Lot 7222
Lots 3670 and 3671 – old rail corridor adjacent to Stuart Highway

The agreed priorities for the development of Mataranka are:

1. New Waste Management Facility planning.
2. Relocation of Ginty Airstrip and use of Lot 121 for residential housing.

In order to determine whether relocating the community airstrip is feasible, the Director of Council and Community Services (DCCS) advised stakeholders the Council could begin investigating the cost of such a project, and whether it could be put on Crown land already held in perpetual lease.

The Council has received \$100,000 grant to upgrade library, but DCCS advised this could be contributed to a larger grant to rebuild the Council office and library. Grant applications suitable for this open in December 2017. The Mayor expressed concern that if application was unsuccessful, the \$100,000 grant would be lost and the upgrade project would stall. DCCS said the outcome of December 2017 application should be known by February or March 2018 and that if the application was unsuccessful, the \$100,000 would still be spent upgrading the existing library. The Mayor indicated she would like to see the upgrade completed by 2018 tourist season.

The next meeting with stakeholders is scheduled to be held in mid-November (date TBC) in order to provide an update to the Mataranka Local Authority when it meets on December 5, 2017.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Mataranka Master Plan and User Group Meeting Minutes 11102017.pdf 4 Pages



Mataranka Community Meeting Minutes

Held at the Mataranka Community Hall

11 October 2017

This meeting was opened at 6pm.

1. Present:

Elected Members:

Mayor Judy MacFarlane

Community Members:

Michael Somers

Des Barritt

Philippa Stansell

Sue Edwards

Glenys Somers

Di Angel

Telka Zotz-Wilson

Janette Hamilton

Jill Emerson-Smith

Staff:

Sharon Hillen – Director of Council and Community Services

Nathan McIvor – Central Arnhem Area Manager

Antony Lynch – Council Services Coordinator

Mandy Devereux – Senior Administration Support Officer

Virginia Boon – Assets Manager

Marg Minnett – Community Services Coordinator

Lyndon Keane – Communications Coordinator (minute taker)

2. 2017-18 capital works expenditure for Mataranka Sport and Recreation Grounds

The Community Meeting was held to inform Mataranka Sport and Recreation Grounds (Lot 922) user groups about the \$200,000 the Council has budgeted in the 2017-18 financial year for capital works at the facility. DCCS explained budget allocation was to upgrade essential services.

Current users of facility – Mataranka Fishing, Sporting and Recreation Club, Never Never Festival Committee, School of the Air, Northern Cowboys Association, Roper Gulf Regional Council, Bushfires NT, Mataranka Better Half Club, circus.

Current uses of facility – Anzac Day, Australia Day, Territory Day, cricket, rodeo, campdraft, games nights, Never Never Festival, camping, dog/livestock pound, sports using Mataranka Multipurpose Sports Court, AFL (goal posts needed), livestock auctions, fundraisers, private events.

Identified that no defined camping or parking areas within facility, as different user groups tend to utilise different areas for these purposes. DCCS suggested formalising parking and camping areas, with stakeholder suggestions of adding parking along both sides of the boundary fence adjacent to the Stuart Highway, and adding parking and camping around the back of the oval.

ACTION: Communications Coordinator to update map of Lot 922 to reflect the suggestions and distribute to stakeholders.

Area between catering hall and elevated ablution block identified as festival space, with consensus this area should be vehicle-free during events (emergency services, stallholder and catering vehicles excepted) to increase pedestrian safety.

Elevated ablution block identified as too small. DCCS suggested moving existing infrastructure to camping area behind rodeo arena and installing larger ablution block in its place. CSC advised issues with main ablution block seem to have been resolved after installation of macerators.

Request from users to put gravel on existing loop road behind rodeo arena to aid dust suppression during events where heavy vehicle access is required.

Request from users to reinstall water main to north-east corner of campdraft arena. The pipe has been burnt over the years.

Identified that if no three-phase power on site already, installing it would use up most of \$200,000 capital works allocation. DCCS said it was possible to request additional funding in future budgets.

Mayor advised MFSRC had received \$47,000 grant and wanted to use funding to purchase upgrade MFSRC shed at Mataranka Multipurpose Sports Court and hopefully also purchase portable ablution block. MFSRC will ask the Council to plumb the infrastructure to allow community use.

Agreed priorities for expenditure of \$200,000 capital works allocation are:

1. Upgrade to three-phase power for site and upgrade of internal power for catering hall.
2. Upgrade main ablution block.
3. Formalise internal roads and parking.
4. Bollards for internal traffic management.
5. Reposition light heads at Mataranka Multipurpose Sports Court and MFSRC shed towards high-intensity use area around catering hall.
6. Install underground power to rodeo arena to stop cockatoos chewing existing overhead power line.

3. Other Business

1. Mataranka Master Plan

DCCS advised while there is no funding currently budgeted for the development of a Mataranka Master Plan, the community needs to outline its vision to the Council in order

to create a draft for future funding applications. DCCS went through map showing key infrastructure and lots in Mataranka, and which entity owned/was responsible for it.

The Council owns:

Lot 120 – Council office, library, museum, municipal services yard and community hall
Lot 17 – Staff accommodation
Lot 922 – Mataranka Sport and Recreation Grounds
Lot 84 – Recycling centre
Lot 128 – Waste Management Facility
Lot 75 – Cemetery
Lot 121 – Ginty Airstrip

The Council has perpetual leases on Crown land for:

Lot 7222
Lots 3670 and 3671 – old rail corridor adjacent to Stuart Highway

DCCS advised there is adequate room in existing cemetery to continue in the short term, with a survey needed to identify how many additional plots can be allocated over the life of the asset.

Relocation of Waste Management Facility needed, due to complaints from neighbours on adjacent properties about vermin and fact facility is not contained to Lot 128 – actually spills on to Crown land (Lot 7222). DCCS advised collaboration with Government needed to relocate facility to Crown land, and that any new facility would need to meet Northern Territory Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

Consensus not enough land available to support growth of Mataranka. Mayor suggested moving airstrip from Lot 121 to Crown land under perpetual lease (site TBC depending on CASA requirements) which would free up Lot 121 to be subdivided and developed for residential housing. DCS currently investigating costs of potential upgrade to Ginty Airstrip, but consensus that better to look at relocating altogether. Under NT Planning Scheme, Lot 121 is zoned community use, which would preclude it from being used for residential housing. Rezoning needed.

ACTION: DCCS advised the Council could start investigating the cost of relocating the airstrip and feasibility of placing it on Crown land perpetual leases.

DCCS advised municipal services yard is too small for purpose and needs to be relocated – preferred location on Lot 129, which is not owned by the Council. Given Mataranka's strategic location in Council Local Government Area, it could be utilised as a bulk storage/laydown area, which could be incorporated into the development of a new municipal services yard.

DCCS advised there are several forward projects where current and new staffing positions could be located in Mataranka. This would require additional staff housing, which could be put on Lot 129 if acquired by the Council.

For redevelopment of Lot 120, DCCS outlined possible strategy that involves new building to house Council office, post office, library, museum and Community Night Patrol CDP and frontline Council services. Focus on off-street access and parking in current location of municipal services yard, which would remove traffic management issues with

vehicles having to back out onto Stuart Highway. The Council has investigated other office buildings in the region and have provided significant upgrades to improve functionality and improve service delivery. The Council is in a position to move beyond transportable/demountable type buildings and cater for projected future staffing expansion.

Mataranka will need purpose-built Aged Care facility with day respite, kitchen and administration facilities – this could be built on Lot 120.

Community suggestion to move playground and trees on Lot 120 to allow more outdoor space for redevelopment of museum. Access and parking for community hall could be incorporated into the off-street design.

ACTION: DCCS to provide stakeholders with treeless plan of proposed redevelopment of Lot 120 for next meeting, in order to assist with visualisation of concept.

Agreed priorities for development of Mataranka are:

1. New Waste Management Facility planning.
2. Relocation of Ginty Airstrip and use of Lot 121 for residential housing.

The Council has received \$100,000 grant to upgrade library, but DCCS advised this could be contributed to a larger grant to rebuild the Council office and library. Grant applications suitable for this open in December 2017. Mayor expressed concern that if application was unsuccessful, \$100,000 grant would be lost. DCCS said outcome of December 2017 application should be known by February or March 2018 and that if application was unsuccessful, the \$100,000 would still be spent upgrading the existing library. Mayor indicated she would like to see the upgrade completed by 2018 tourist peak.

DCCS advised will have quantity surveyor cost concept plan for Lot 120 in time for December 2017 grant application. Depending on cost estimate from quantity surveyor, redevelopment of Lot 120 could be staged if total cost prohibitive initially.

4. Meeting Closed at 8.20pm

Next Meeting: TBC – stakeholders suggested timing it for mid-November so update could be made to Mataranka Local Authority Meeting on December 5, 2017.