



**SUPPLEMENTARY  
AGENDA**

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2021**

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

Wednesday, 24 February 2021 at 9:30am  
The Barunga Service Delivery Centre, Roper Gulf Regional Council  
Barunga, NT

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

Marc GARDNER  
**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

## PLEDGE

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

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

## PRAMIS BLA WI

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

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

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT  
DIVISIONAL REPORT**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	1.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Cessation of Veterinary Program Support by MRM CBT Borroloola and Robinson River
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1061960
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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes report regarding Borroloola and Robinson River Veterinary Program and elect to either:

- (a) Continue the program in the absence of CBT support, cost of approximately \$60,000p.a. OR
- (b) Cease the veterinary program in Borroloola and Robinson River in the short term in the absence of a rates based levy.

**BACKGROUND**

Council has provided a twice yearly veterinary service to Borroloola and Robinson River for the last 3 years. This program has been largely supported by an MRM CBT Grant. Last week a CBT meeting was held in Borroloola. It was determined that ongoing support from the CBT was unlikely, despite the CBT recognising the value of and community support for the program.

The Program Manager is now pursuing ongoing discussions with CBT, providing expert opinion in an effort to alter their stance, however it is unlikely a decision will be made prior to May 2021.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

Council now has to decide whether to:

- (a) fund the deficit in the program (total CBT funding was 32K p.a but was grossly insufficient)
- (b) cease the program in the short term and hope CBT funding can be reinstated in May 2021.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

CBT contribution to the program cost was 32K p.a however multiple variations were sought to increase this as program ran at a deficit, which was filled by Council discretionary funds. It was hoped that CBT would increase their funding to approximately 60K p.a in the next grant application.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.