



AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2023

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

Wednesday, 15 November 2023 at 10:00am
The Council Chambers Roper Gulf Regional Council Support Centre
2 Crawford Street, Katherine, NT
and Audio / Video Teleconferencing, details as below:

MS Teams Meeting ID: 478 773 674 555

Passcode: WRhvc9

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Marc Gardner', is written over a white rectangular area.

Marc GARDNER
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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Nil.

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**CORP SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY
DIVISIONAL REPORT**



ITEM NUMBER	18.1
TITLE	Adoption of Annual Report
REFERENCE	1380867
AUTHOR	Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance

RECOMMENDATION

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

- (a) Its audited Annual Financial Statement (in accordance with ss 207, 208, 291 (1) of the Act);
 - (b) Its assessed performance against its stated goals as outlined in its Regional Plan; and
 - (c) All other reportable obligations according to applicable law;
- for the 2022-2023 Financial Year.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

Council is required by law to, by no later than 15 November, compile and adopt a formal Annual Report for its preceding financial year on its activities and undertakings, and this must include an independently audited Annual Financial Statement.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The draft Annual Report (the Report) is tabled for Council's consideration and formal adoption. The audited Annual Financial Statement is presented in a separately by Council's auditors.

The Report is not attached to the agenda due to the size of the document and will be presented to Councillors as a separate attachment for review and adoption at the Special Meeting of Council.

If Council is satisfied with the contents therein, it is requested to formally, adopt the complete Annual Report (inclusive of its audited Annual Financial Statement) via Resolution.

This Report will be presented to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with Section 290 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

This Report will be published on Council's website, and printed in hard copy, to be made available for public inspection and purchase.

As part of the audit process pertaining to the audited Annual Financial Statement, Council's auditors shall provide a Management Report outlining their findings, risks, concerns, and recommended remedial action(s) for management.

This Management Report is a Confidential Report and shall be tabled and provided to:

- (1) The Finance and Infrastructure Committee at its upcoming Meeting on 29 November 2023;
- (2) Council, at its upcoming Ordinary Meeting on 13 December 2023; and
- (3) The Audit and Risk Committee, for its review, at its next Meeting on 10 April 2024

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

ATTACHMENTS