

AGENDA BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY

TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2026

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

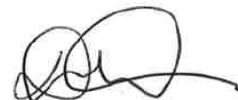
Tuesday 31 March 2026 at 10:00 am
Roper Gulf Regional Council Service Delivery Centre-Barunga
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David HURST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Barunga CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
Appointed Members**

1. Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
2. Anne-Marie LEE (Chairperson);
3. Nell BROWN;
4. Charlane BULUMBARA;
5. Damien BULUMBARA;
6. Ambrose BULUMBARA;
7. Lana BROOME;
8. Eventhia FRIDAY; and
9. **VACANT**

MEMBERS: 9

QUORUM: 5 (minimum requirement)

PROVISIONAL: 3 (minimum requirement)

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

Meetings must meet a quorum of 50% + 1 of all Members.

If no quorum is achieved, a provisional meeting can be held in one third of the total members (elected members and appointed members) are present.

During a provisional meeting, all agenda items may be discussed, and minutes must be kept.

Members at a provisional meeting may by majority vote make recommendations to Council. However, the recommendations shall be considered as those of a provisional meeting rather than a quorum meeting of the Local Authority.

A provisional meeting does not have the power or functions delegated to a Local Authority and cannot approve minutes of a Local Authority meeting.

PLEDGE

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

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

PRAMIS BLA WI

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

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

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Barunga Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, 13 January 2026 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that Meeting's decisions and proceedings.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Barunga Local Authority met on Tuesday, 13 January 2026 at 10:00am with **QUORUM**. Attached are the recorded minutes for the Local Authority to review.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

That the next Barunga Local Authority Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 02 July 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. BAR MIN 13012026 [7.1.1 - 3 pages]



MINUTES OF THE BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL, MEETING HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE-BARUNGA
ON TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2026 AT 10:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Preston LEE;
- Anne-Marie LEE;
- Nell BROWN;
- Danielle BUSH (via teleconference);
- Charlane BULUMBARA;
- Damien BULUMBARA (arrived at 1027hrs); and
- Ambrose BULUMBARA.

1.2 Staff

- Cindy HADDOW, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Samantha WRIGHT, Relief Council Services Manager;
- Sarah PEACHMENT, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer;
- Simon PELAYO, Acting Projects Coordinator;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator.

Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK

2 MEETING OPENED

The Barunga Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:13 am with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Ambrose BULUMBARA Welcomed all persons to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

BAR Q/2026-1 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority accepts the tendered apology from Damien BULUMBARA.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Barunga Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

BAR Q/2026-2 (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/LA Member Charlane Bulumbara) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, 14 October 2025 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that Meeting's decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 Action List

BAR Q/2026-3 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action Lists Report; and
- (b) approves the removal of completed items.

L.A Member Damien BULUMBARA joined the meeting at 10:27 am.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

12.1 Local Authority Member's Attendance Report

BAR Q/2026-4 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member's Attendance Report.

LA Member Charlane Bulumbara left the meeting at 10:40 am.

LA Member Charlane Bulumbara returned the meeting at 10:43 am.

12.2 Elected Member Report

BAR Q/2026-5 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara) CARRIED

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

12.3 Town Priorities

BAR Q/2026-6 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority nominates the following priorities for Council's consideration for the 2026-27 Financial year:

- Football Oval development, upgrade and maintenance;
- Adequate appropriate public ablution block within the Community;
- Barunga Statement Memorial Project;
- Internal roads maintenance; and
- Cemetery expansion,

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13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**13.1 Barunga LA November YTD Finance Report****BAR Q/2026-7 (LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara/LA Member Damien Bulumbara) CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 30 November 2025.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**14.1 Council Services Manager Report****BAR Q/2026-8 (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/Councillor Preston Lee) CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Council services Report.

BAR Q/2026-10 (Deputy Mayor Helen LEE /Councillor Preston Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) notes with concern, property damage arising out of youth crime;
- (b) notes the Deputy Mayor's concern pertaining to derelict motor vehicles on roadside verges outside of residential properties causing visual pollution and hindering mowing operations.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**15.1 Barunga Local Authority Projects Update****BAR Q/2026-9 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara) CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) requests for Cemetery expansion consultation to be undertaken and allocates \$1000 for this purpose including Community engagement barbeques;
- (c) allocates \$6000 towards playground lights project and requests for commencement of installation of the same;
- (d) requests for steel barrier bollards to replace barrier rocks in Barunga and requests scoping for the same; and
- (e) notes and supports the floor plan for Major Projects PR103 (Oval Upgrades) as tabled.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:33 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Barunga Local Authority Meeting, held on 13 January 2026 and confirmed.

 Chairperson
 Confirmed on 31 March 2026.



BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Action List
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- receives and notes the Action Lists Report;
- approves the removal of completed items.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Action List is a summary of tasks that the Local Authority has requested be undertaken by Council staff.

The Action List is a non-authoritative reference document for Business Arising out of Previous Minutes. The highlighted points are the actionable item of each resolved matter.

8.1 ACTION LIST

Meeting Date	REPORT IN THE AGENDA
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15.1 Barunga Local Authority Projects Update

BAR Q/2026-9 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara)
CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- requests for Cemetery expansion consultation to be undertaken and allocates \$1000 for this purpose including Community engagement barbeques;
- allocates \$6000 towards playground lights project and requests for commencement of installation of the same;
- requests for steel barrier bollards to replace barrier rocks in Barunga and requests scoping for the same; and
- notes and supports the floor plan for Major Projects PR103 (Oval Upgrades) as tabled.

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2026**

*Pending
no further
updates available
due to the impact
of the severe
weather events*

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	Local Authority Member's Attendance Report
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member's Attendance Report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

Local Authority Meeting Members	02 April 2025	02 July 2025	14 October 2025	13 January 2026
Deputy Mayor Helen LEE	P	P	P	P
Neil BROWN	AP	P	P	P
Charlane BULUMBARA	P	AP	AP	AP
Anne-Marie LEE	P	P	P	P
Ambrose BULUMBARA	AP	P	P	P
Damien BULUMBARA	P	NO AP	NO AP	P
Lana BROOME	-	-	-	Appointed at 2026 February OMC
Eventhia FRIDAY	-	-	-	Appointed at 2026 February OMC
Vacant				

Key

P Present at LA

AP Apology given and accepted by LA

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.



EXECUTIVE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.2
TITLE	Elected Member Report
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

The Elected Member Report provides Local Authorities with a summary of the decisions made at Ordinary Meetings of Council and Committee meetings since the previous Local Authority Meeting. The aim of this report is to convey the information from those meetings to the Local Authority members, and then from the Local Authority to the wider community.

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 25 February 2026

At this meeting Council approved the recommendations from the following meetings:

- recommendations from the Wugularr Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 12 January 2026,
- recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 12 January 2026
- recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 12 January 2026

Council accepted the nomination of Lana BROOME and Eventhia FRIDAY and appointed them as a Member of the Barunga Local Authority and requested Council to progress the Blanas Collection matter and to undertake appropriate consultation. Council received and noted Councillor Preston LEE's resignation from the Barunga Local Authority, increased the membership of Wugularr Local Authority to ten (10) and appointed Councillor Preston LEE to Wugularr Local Authority.

Council also received and noted the Deputy Mayor concern pertaining to Bulman Local Authority not being postponed rather than cancelled. Council supported the return of Barunga Festival to Community Management and appoints a staff member as its representative to be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 18 March 2026

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee (as of 25 September 2025) consists of the following members:

- Vacant (Independent Member);
- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Melissa ANDREWS-WURRAMARRBA;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR; and
- Councillor Ash GARNER.

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

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING – 18 February 2026

The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting (as of 25 September 2025) consists of the following members:

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

There was no topics of discussion in relation to the Nyirranggulong Ward at the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

22 April 2026 at 8:30am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	RGRC Service Delivery Centre Bulman
20 May 2026 at 9:00am	Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
09 June 2026 at 10:00am	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine

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

LOCAL AUTHORITY	NUMBER OF VACANCIES
Barunga Local Authority	1
Wugularr Local Authority	1
Bulman Local Authority	0
Manyallaluk Local Authority	0

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. OMC 25022026 [12.2.1 - 7 pages]



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE-
MATARANKA 36 ROPER TERRACE, MATARANKA NT 0852ON WEDNESDAY 25
FEBRUARY 2026 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Preston LEE;
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI (via audio/video conference);
- Councillor Ash GARNER;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS (via audio/video conference);
- Councillor Michelle FARRELL; and
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL.

1.2 Staff Members

- Cindy HADDOW, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Garry GILES, Acting General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Chathurangi DIAS, Acting Finance Manager;
- Kellie JOHNSTON, Assets Manager;
- Upeksha UDUWALAGE, Training and Development Coordinator;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Cristie GEER, Programs Manager (via audio/video conference);
- Niloy MAZUMDAR, Contracts Coordinator;
- Annika BERENDES, Programs Communications Coordinator; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary).

1.3 Guests

- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant (via audio/video conference); and
- Mataranka School 3 Staff and 11 children.

2 MEETING OPENED

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

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Mayor Tony JACK welcomed all persons to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

2026/1 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)

CARRIED

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That Council accepts the tendered apology from Councillor John DALYWATER, Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR and Councillor Samuel EVANS.

Councillor Samuel EVANS joined the meeting at 8:39 am.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2026/2 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

CARRIED

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 17 December 2025.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

2026/3 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Kathy-Anne**

CARRIED

Numamurdirdi)

That Council:

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

Councillor Patricia Farrell left the meeting at 8:44 am.

Councillor Patricia Farrell returned to the meeting at 8:47 am

8 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

8.1 Previous Committee Meeting Minutes

2025/4 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)**

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes.

Cr. Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR joined the Meeting at 8:53 am.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Incoming Correspondence

2026/5 **RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/Councillor Samuel Evans)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) accepts the Incoming Correspondence Report;
- (b) waives the fee of Mataranka Sports and Recreation Grounds for the Annual Sports Camp for the Isolated Children's Parents' Association to be held from the 07 to 09 October 2026 (inclusive);
- (c) notes the resignation of Councillor Melissa ANDREWS-WURRAMARRBA from Council and Local Authorities;

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- (d) nominates Councillor Ash GARNER as Council's representations to the membership of Ministerial Advisory Committee of Cultural Affairs (MACMA);
- (e) supports The - Y's grant application and directs the Chief Executive Officer to supply correspondence to that effect; and
- (f) supports the return of Barunga Festival to Community Management, and appoints a staff member as its representative to be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Outgoing Correspondence

2026/6 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

CARRIED

That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

13 WARD REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE and Councillor Preston LEE declared a Conflict of Interests at item (e) (personal) and left the meeting at 9:12 am and returned the meeting at 9:16 am.

13.1 Nyirranggulung Ward Report

2026/7 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Samuel Evans)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Wugularr Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 12 January 2026;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 12 January 2026;
- (d) approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 13 January 2026;
- (e) accepts the nomination of Lana BROOME and Eventhia FRIDAY and appoints them as a Member of the Barunga Local Authority;
- (f) requests Council to progress the Blanas Collection matter and to undertake appropriate consultation.
- (g) receives and notes Councillor Preston LEE's resignation from Barunga Local Authority;
- (h) increases membership of Wugularr Local Authority to ten (10);
- (i) appoints Councillor Preston LEE to Wugularr Local Authority; and
- (j) receives and notes the Deputy Mayor concern pertaining to Bulman Local Authority Meeting not being postponed rather than cancelled.

13.2 Never Never Ward Report

2026/8 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Des Barritt)**

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 03 February 2026;
- (c) notes the resignation of Shirley ROBERTS as a Member of the Jilkminggan Local Authority;
- (d) accepts the nominations of Adrian DOCTOR and Patricia BAKER for the Jilkminggan Local Authority and appoints them as a member of the Jilkminggan Local Authority;
- (e) notes the resignation of Edna ILES as a Member of the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority;
- (f) accepts the nominations of Caroline VINCENT for the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority and appoints her as Members of Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority.
- (g) rescinds the membership of Annabelle DAYLIGHT from the Mataranka Local Authority;
- (h) calls for expression of interest for Water Allocation trading in Mataranka; and
- (i) requests for urgent remedial works to be carried out at the Mataranka airstrip.

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13.3 Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report**2026/9 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Sue Edwards)****CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.

13.4 Yugul Mangi Ward Report**2026/10 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
- (b) receives and notes Cr. Melissa ANDREWS-WURRAMARRBA resignation from Ngukurr and Urapunga Local Authorities; and
- (c) appoints Cr. Michelle FARRELL to the Ngukurr and Urapunga Local Authorities.

13.5 South West Gulf Ward Report**2026/11 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Ash Garner)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) notes the resignation of Trish ELMY from the Borroloola Local Authority;
- (c) rescinds the membership of Gadrian HOOSAN from the Robinson River Local Authority; and
- (d) reduces the size of Robinson River Local Authority to eight (8).

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**14.1 Mayor's Report****2026/12 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Mayor's Report;
- (b) receives and notes the Mayor's concerns pertaining to NDIS providers inducing clients by way of unethical means; and
- (c) directs the Chief Executive Officer to express Council's concern pertaining to unscrupulous National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) service providers taking advantage of vulnerable community members in Council's Region to the Regulator – the National Disability Insurance Agency.

14.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report**2026/13 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Ash Garner)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report; and
- (b) notes with concern, the excessive Safe NT OCHRE card processing times and requests that the Chief Executive Officer to correspond with the responsible NT and Commonwealth ministers pertaining in relation to the same.

14.3 Council Meeting Attendance Report**2026/14 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Council and Committee Meeting Attendance Report;
- (b) authorises the attendance of Elected Members at training workshops to be held on Tuesday 09 June 2026 at the Council Chambers; and
- (c) changes the date of the June Audit and Risk Committee Meeting to Friday 12 June 2026.

14.4 LGANT Annual and General Meetings Call for Motions**2026/15 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Sue Edwards)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) calls for motions for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Annual and General Meetings;
 - * OCHRE Cards application processing
 - * NDIS scams and fraud targeting vulnerable constituents
- (b) approves the attendance of its delegation Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR, Councillor Ash GARNER, Councillor Preston LEE, Councillor Patricia FARRELL at the LGANT Meeting in from 14 April 2026 to 15 April 2026 (plus associated travel days).

14.5 LG Governance Essentials**2026/16 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Ash Garner)****CARRIED**

That Council nominates Councillor Ash GARNER, Councillor Preston LEE to attend the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) Governance Essentials for Local Government course in Darwin on 12 – 13 March 2026 (inclusive), plus associated travel days.

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**15.1 Council Financial Report as at 31.01.2026****2026/17 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 31 January 2026.

15.2 Grant Funding Acquital**2026/18 RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/Councillor Des BARRITT)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Immediate Priority Grant Program Funding Acquital;
- (b) receives and notes the Community Places for People (CPP) Grant Program; and
- (c) receives and notes the Local Government Immediate Priority Grant 2022-23 Acquital.

15.3 Numburindi Corporation Ltd - Numbulwar Grants Applications**2026/19 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Sue Edwards)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to supply a letter of support to the Numburindi Corporation Limited's (NCL) application for organisational capacity building funding through Creative Australia;
- (b) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to supply a letter of support to the Numburindi Corporation Limited's (NCL) application to the Community Benefit Fund for the replacement of the Numburindi Store roof;
- (c) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to supply a letter of support to the Numburindi Corporation Limited's (NCL) application to the Aboriginal Investment NT Community Impact and Innovation Grant;
- (d) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to supply a letter of support to the Numburindi Corporation Limited's (NCL) application for a vehicle gift through the Community Benefit Fund; and
- (e) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to supply a letter of support to the Numburindi Corporation Limited's (NCL) application to the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation for the Art Centre development in Numbulwar.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**16.1 Programs Update**

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2026/20 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Programs Update report; and
- (b) Council to hold a Community Information Day barbeque at upcoming community-based Briefing days to promote public engagement with Council especially relating to vacancies and Community issues.

16.2 Aged Care and Disability Services Report**2026/21 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED**

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

Mataranka School Group joined the meeting at 11:24 am.

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**17.1 Local Authority Projects Update****2026/22 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report.

17.2 Major Projects Report**2026/23 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Report.

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

20 CLOSED SESSION**DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION****2026/24 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Samuel Evans) CARRIED**

That pursuant to *section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda :-

20.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.2 Action List

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.3 Previous Committee Minutes Confidential Session

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Regulation 51(1)(d) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

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20.4 Domain Title

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

20.5 ALGA NGA 2026 Submissions

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.6 2025/26 Budget Review Report

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

2026/31 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)

CARRIED

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re opened to the public.

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 3:18 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 February 2026 and will be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 22 April 2026.



CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Barunga LA February YTD Finance Report
AUTHOR	Chathurangi Dias, Acting Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 28 February 2026.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

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

Operating Income:

Operating Income of \$1,504,355 was received YTD for Barunga against a budget of \$1,473,988 resulting in a variance of \$30,367. The variance largely as a result of timing of grant and contract revenue and should be corrected during the year.

Operating Expenditure:

Total Operating Expenditure for the year of \$1,504,355 against a budget of \$1,473,988 the resulting total variance in operating expenditure of \$30,367. The variance is largely due to timing of expenses, changes in allocation methodology for internal cost allocations, and vacancies in labour.

Capital Expenditure:

There has been \$19,554 Capital expenditure for the year against a budget of \$83,333 the resulting in a variance of \$63,780. The variance is caused by the timing of night patrol, minor projects and road maintenance.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Barunga LA Report February 2026 [13.1.1 - 1 page]

Roper Gulf Regional Council
Financial Report as at
28-February-2026
Barunga



	YTD Actual (\$)	YTD Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Explanation
Income					
RGRC Contribution	1,012,354	0	1,012,354	0	RGRC Untied Contribution, represents proportion of activity covered by untied grant funding.
User Charges and Fees	18,288	10,692	7,596	16,037	
Grant Income	400,914	1,404,426	-1,003,512	2,106,639	The timing variance review is in progress.
Contract Fee Income	67,652	58,871	8,782	88,306	
Income Other	5,146	0	5,146	0	
Total Operating Income	1,504,355	1,473,988	30,367	2,210,982	
Operating Expenditure					
Employment	666,116	909,242	-243,126	1,363,864	Timing variance
Contract & Materials	138,863	322,047	-183,184	483,071	Timing variance
Asset Related	0	45,637	-45,637	68,455	Depreciation now costed at corporate level, budget to be corrected in April
Other Expenses	296,478	69,054	227,424	103,581	Timing variance
Banking & Finance	39	28	11	42	
Internal Charges	348,951	92,509	256,443	138,763	New budget allocation methodology
Councillor Allowance Exp	49,707	30,617	19,090	45,926	Timing variance
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	4,200	4,853	-653	7,280	
Total Expenditure	1,504,355	1,473,988	30,367	2,210,982	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	0	0	0	0	
Total Capital Income	9,177	140,000	-130,823	210,000	Timing Variance
RGRC Contribution	0	16,667	-16,667	25,000	Fleet Reserve
Capital Grant Income	9,177	123,333	-114,156	185,000	
Total Capital Expenditure	19,554	83,333	-63,780	125,000	Night Patrol, Minor Projects, Roads and Maintenance
Net Operating Position	-10,376	56,667	-67,043	85,000	

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	14.1
TITLE	Council Services Manager Report
AUTHOR	Samantha WRIGHT, Relief Council Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Wellbeing: Contribute to the wellbeing of residents individually and communities as a whole; by fostering increased participation in community activities, education, healthy lifestyles, and a safe living environment.

BACKGROUND

This report provides the Barunga Local Authority with an overview of Council remote services delivered within the Barunga Community.

111- Council Services General

- The Council Office has been open and operational
- Post has continued to be delivered to the community weekly
- Recruitment is continuing for a Centrelink agent

160 – Municipal Services

- All Municipal Services are being delivered in the community
- The Municipal team have been focusing on maintaining the park and garden areas

Agency Services

350 – Centrelink

- Centrelink has been opened and operational as a self-serve site
- Recruitment is still ongoing for a Centrelink agent

401 – Night Patrol

- Community Night Patrol continues to be delivered to contractual obligations

404 – Sport and Recreation

- Sport and Recreation continue to be delivered to contractual obligations

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.



INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 15.1
TITLE Barunga Local Authority Project Report
AUTHOR Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Environment: Protect and care for the physical environment, including developing and maintenance of clean and environmentally focused communities.

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

BACKGROUND

Since 2014 the Barunga Local Authority has received a total of \$473,539.00 from the Northern Territory Government for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations provided by the Department of Local Government are based on a formula related to population. Until January 2026 the Barunga Local Authority has allocated \$498,645.99, accounting for surplus funds from completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Please refer to the attached LA projects funding report as at 05 January 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**Unallocated Funds**

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ATTACHMENTS

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Unallocated Funds		5 January 2026
Communities	Remaining Unallocated funds	2023-2024 Fund
Barunga	\$ 22,268.04	\$53,700 expiry 30 June 2026
Wugularr	\$ 44,903.65	\$75,500 expiry 30 June 2026
Borrooloola	\$ 92,840.00	\$129,800 expiry 30 June 2026
Bulman/Weemol	\$ 109,818.90	\$41,400 expiry 30 June 2026
Hodgson Downs	\$ 146,691.49	\$86,100 expiry 30 June 2026
Jilkminggan	\$ 13,581.79	\$45,100 expiry 30 June 2026
Manyallaluk	\$ (14,131.24)	\$12,900 expiry 30 June 2026
Mataranka	\$ 81,006.56	\$52,400 expiry 30 June 2026
Ngukurr	\$ (5,077.63)	\$169,200 expiry 30 June 2026
Numbulwar	\$ (6,491.82)	\$158,800 expiry 30 June 2026
Urapunga	\$ 24,761.40	\$18,800 expiry 30 June 2026
Robinson River	\$ 37,959.09	\$32,500 expiry 30 June 2026

Barunga Local Authority Project Funding						5 January 2026		
Funding Received from Department						\$	473,539.00	
Funds Allocated by Local Authorities						\$	501,645.99	
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects						\$	50,375.03	
Remaining Unallocated funds						\$	22,268.04	
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status
4/03/2024	PR87	Purchase of portable toilet	Purchase of and installation of portable toilets in the following location the cemetery	21793.67				03/04/2024: LA decided to allocate remaining \$21,793.67 towards purchase of portable toilet. 30/11/2024: 2 Toilets onsite and in position. Temporary privacy screening setup. 18/02/2025: Additional scope to install shade being developed. Original contractor has closed business and left town. 07/03/2025: A freestanding shade structure has been selected, costing approximately \$2000.00 excluding installation fees. Readjust of scope and reapproval is required to include the privacy screens. 15/05/2025: Discussing with Nyirranggulong Rise CDP manager to do the small shade and the screening as a cdp activity
10/08/2024	PR 107	Cemetery lights	Installation of one light at the cemetery	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,966.00	Solar Lights systems: \$1,966 PO120013	\$ 534.00	10/08/2024: LA allocated \$2,500 towards cemetery light. 18/02/2025: Light has been procured, awaiting contractor to install. 07/03/2025: This project is ongoing, currently looking for contractor to install. 15/07/2025: Measurements for pole to mount light has occurred. 17/09/2025: sourced alternative lights that can be direct mounted. Order is on the way. 05/01/2026: Lights in stock, awaiting installation
1/07/2025		Playground lighting	Lightning to be supplied for the playground.	\$ -	\$0.00		\$ -	07/10/2024: the Local Authority requests scope and Quote for water tap as closed to the Cemetery. 20/08/2025: Working through the power and water submission for the tap. Solar lighting still to come. 17/09/2025: potential to use procure solar light from the cemetery for the playground. 14/10/2025: LA confirmed lights required under shelter. Quotes to be obtained before next LA
2/04/2025	PR20	Water Taps	Requests to scope installation of water taps at Heritage Park and Norforce Park.	-	\$ 7,352.67	PWC Approved Heritage Park SSP: \$3,181.47 Norforce Park Drawings: \$4,171.20	-	02/04/2025: LA requests to scope installation of water taps at Heritage Park and Norforce Park. 04/04/2025: Expression of interest sent to power and water, for heritage park. 20/08/2025: Previous submissions located, RGRC to scope and price to complete the physical works. 17/09/2025: Ongoing. 21/11/2025: Corresponding with PWC. Quotes being obtained for works at Heritage Park.
14/10/2025	PR147	Generator / irrigation equipment	Purchase of Generator and Irrigation equipment for Barunga Church	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,180.91	Purchase of generator: \$2,180.91	\$ 819.09	14/10/2025: That the Barunga Local Authority allocates \$3,000 of Local Authority Projects Funding for purchase of a power generator and irrigation equipment for Barunga Church. 28/10/2025: Generator completed and delivered awaiting finish on Irrigation.
				35293.67	17835.26		3017.41	
Total for Completed projects				\$ 466,352.32	\$ 415,977.29	n/a	\$ 50,375.03	
Grand Total				\$ 501,645.99	\$ 433,812.55	n/a	\$ 53,392.44	