



# AGENDA MANYALLALUK LOCAL AUTHORITY

## MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026

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

Monday 30 March 2026 at 2:30 pm  
Roper Gulf Regional Council Service Delivery Centre-Manyallaluk (Eva Valley)

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Hurst', is positioned above the name and title of the Chief Executive Officer.

David HURST  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**MANYALLALUK CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:  
Appointed Members**

1. Councillor Preston LEE;
2. Eileen AVELUM; (Chairperson)
3. Elena LAWRENCE;
4. Benjamin ULAMARI;
5. Sherese DOOLEY;
6. Alison ANDREWS; and
7. Richard MILLER.

**MEMBERS:** 7**QUORUM:** 4 (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 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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## CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	6.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Manyallaluk Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 12 January 2026 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings 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 Manyallaluk Local Authority met and held a meeting with **QUORUM** on Monday, 12 January 2026. Attached are the recorded minutes for the Local Authority to review.

### ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

That the next Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 01 July 2026.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. MAN MIN 12012026 [6.1.1 - 3 pages]



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MANYALLALUK LOCAL  
AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY  
CENTRE-MANYALLALUK (EVA VALLEY)  
ON MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2026 AT 2:30 PM

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## 1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

### 1.1 Members

- Councillor Preston LEE;
- Eileen AVELUM (Chairperson);
- Elena LAWRENCE;
- Alison ANDREWS; and
- Sherese DOOLEY.

### 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;
- Simon PELAYO, Acting Projects Coordinator;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary) and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator.

### 1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK.

## 2 MEETING OPENED

The Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting opened at 2:30 am with **QUORUM** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

## 3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

The Chairperson welcomed all persons to Country.

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

MAN Q/2026-1 (LA Member Elena Lawrence/LA Member Sherese Dooley) **CARRIED**

That the Manyallaluk Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Benjamin ULAMARI and Richard MILLER.

## 5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 6.1 Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

MAN Q/2026-2 (Councillor Preston Lee/LA Member Eileen Avelum) **CARRIED**

That the Manyallaluk Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 13 October 2025 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

**7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES****7.1 Action List**

**MAN Q/2026-3 (LA Member Sherese Dooley/LA Member Elena Lawrence) CARRIED**

That the Manyallaluk Local Authority:

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

**8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

**9 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting

**10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS****12.1 Local Authority Member Attendance Report**

**MAN Q/2026-4 (LA Member Elena Lawrence/LA Member Sherese Dooley) CARRIED**

That the Manyallaluk Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

**12.2 Elected Member Report**

**MAN Q/2026-5 (LA Member Alison Andrews/LA Member Eileen Avelum) CARRIED**

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

**12.3 Town Priorities**

**MAN Q/2026-6 (LA Member Eileen Avelum/LA Member Alison Andrews) CARRIED**

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

- Cemetery Shelter and shading;
- Community lightning;
- Roads and drainage upgrade, upkeep and maintenance including (Community) Access Road; and
- Basketball Court fencing.

**13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT****13.1 Manyallaluk LA November YTD Finance Report**

**MAN Q/2026-7 (LA Member Elena Lawrence/LA Member Eileen Avelum) CARRIED**

That the Manyallaluk 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 Community Services Manager Report**

*MAN Q/2026-8 (LA Member Alison Andrews/LA Member Eileen Avelum) CARRIED*

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

**15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**

**15.1 Manyallaluk Local Authority Projects Report**

*MAN Q/2026-9 (LA Member Elena Lawrence/LA Member Sherese Dooley) CARRIED*

That the Manyallaluk Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
- (b) requests for steel traffic barrier bollards to be scoped for installation around the park and throughout Manyallaluk.

**16 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 3:22 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting, held on 12 January 2026 and confirmed.

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Chairperson  
Confirmed on 30 March 2026.

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Action List
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Manyallaluk Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List; and
- (b) 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.

<b>ACTION LIST</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>REPORTING MECHANISM</b>
<p><b>14.1 Council Services Manager Report</b>  <b>MAN Q/2025-36 RESOLVED (LA Member Benjamin Ulamari/LA Member Sherese Dooley) CARRIED</b>            That the Manyallaluk Local Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report; and</li> <li>(b) expresses its concerns pertaining to street lights failure causing inadequate lightning;</li> <li>(c) requests for urgent street lightning repairs to be carried out; and</li> <li>(d) requests for the Chief Executive Officer to raise concerns pertaining to dangerous dead trees in Lot 8 with Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.</li> </ul>	<p><b>13 October 2025</b></p>	<p><i>Pending no further updates available due to the impact of the severe weather events</i></p>
<p><b>15.1 Manyallaluk Local Authority Projects Update</b>  <b>MAN Q/2025-37 RESOLVED (LA Member Eileen Avelum/LA Member Sherese Dooley) CARRIED</b>            That the Manyallaluk Local Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) receives and notes the Manyallaluk Local Authority Projects Update Report; and</li> </ul>	<p><b>13 October 2025</b></p>	<p><i>Pending</i></p>

- (b) requests Chief Executive Officer to enquire with RISE Ventures pertaining to the social store opening in Manyallaluk.

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

### 15.1 Manyallaluk Local Authority Projects Report

That the Manyallaluk Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
- (b) requests for steel traffic barrier bollards to be scoped for installation around the park and throughout Manyallaluk.

**12 January  
2026**

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

### ATTACHMENTS

Nil



**EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Manyallaluk Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member 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 members may be removed from a Local Authority if they are absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without authorization.

**Local Authority Member Attendance**

Local Authority Meeting Members	01 April 2025	01 July 2025	13 October 2025	12 January 2026
Councillor Preston LEE	-	Appointed at 25 September 2025 OMC	P	P
Elena LAWRENCE	P	AP	AP	P
Eileen AVELUM	AP	P	P	P
Sherese DOOLEY	P	AP	P	P
Benjamin ULAMARI	P	AP	P	AP
Alison ANDREWS	P	P	AP	P
Richard MILLER	AP	AP	P	AP

Key  
 P Present at LA  
 AP Apology given and accepted by LA  
 NO AP Did not attend LA and did not tender any apologies

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	12.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Elected Member Report
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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](http://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 Blanasi 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	<b>Ordinary Meeting of Council</b>	RGRC Service Delivery Centre Bulman
20 May 2026 at 9:00am	<b>Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting</b>	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
09 June 2026 at 10:00am	<b>Audit and Risk Committee Meeting</b>	RGRC Support Centre Katherine

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

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY**

### **NUMBER OF VACANCIES**

<b>Barunga Local Authority</b>	1
<b>Wugularr Local Authority</b>	1
<b>Bulman Local Authority</b>	0
<b>Manyallaluk Local Authority</b>	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 Numamurdirdi)** **CARRIED**

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 Nyirranggulong Ward Report

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

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulong 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 Blanasi 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**

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

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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.*

*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.*

#### **20.4 Domain Title**

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*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.

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Mayor Tony JACK  
Confirmed on 22 April 2026.

## CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	13.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Manyallaluk LA February YTD Finance Report
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Chathurangi Dias, Acting Finance Manager

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Manyallaluk 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 \$930,891 was received YTD for Manyallaluk against a budget of \$1,423,942 resulting in a variance of \$493,051. 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 \$930,891 against a budget of \$1,423,942 the resulting total variance in operating expenditure of \$493,051. 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 nil Capital expenditure for the year against a budget of \$28,843 the resulting in a variance of \$128,843. The variance is caused by the timing of minor projects and road maintenance.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

### ATTACHMENTS

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

<b>Roper Gulf Regional Council</b> <b>Financial Report as at</b> <b>28-February-2026</b> <b>Manyallaluk</b>					 <b>RoperGulf</b> REGIONAL COUNCIL SUSTAINABLE • VIABLE • VIBRANT
	YTD Actual (\$)	YTD Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Explanation
<b>Income</b>					
RGRC Contribution	556,966	0	556,966	0	RGRC Untied Contribution, represents proportion of activity covered by untied grant funding.
User Charges and Fees	1,374	963	411	1,444	
Grant Income	334,628	1,313,550	-978,922	1,970,325	The timing variance review is in progress.
Contract Fee Income	37,923	109,429	-71,506	164,144	Timing variance
Income Other	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>930,891</b>	<b>1,423,942</b>	<b>-493,051</b>	<b>2,135,912</b>	
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>					
Employment	348,351	434,876	-86,525	652,314	Timing Variance
Contract & Materials	156,365	441,044	-284,679	661,567	Timing Variance
Asset Related	0	25,991	-25,991	38,987	Depreciation now costed at corporate level, budget to be corrected in April
Other Expenses	157,872	77,111	80,761	115,666	Rent expense timing variance
Banking & Finance	67	28	39	42	
Internal Charges	265,936	440,037	-174,101	660,056	New budget allocation methodology
Councillor Allowance Exp	0	0	0	0	
Local Authority Meeting Allowance	2,300	4,853	-2,553	7,280	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>930,891</b>	<b>1,423,941</b>	<b>-493,050</b>	<b>2,135,912</b>	
<b>Operating Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Total Capital Income</b>					
RGRC Contribution	0	28,843	-28,843	43,265	Timing Variance
Capital Grant Income	29,955	0	29,955	0	
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,843</b>	<b>-28,843</b>	<b>43,265</b>	Minor Projects and Road Maintenance
<b>Net Operating Position</b>	<b>29,954</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,954</b>	<b>0</b>	

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	14.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Services Manager Report
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Samantha Wright, Relief Council Services Manager

### RECOMMENDATION

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

### KEY OUTCOME AREA

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

### BACKGROUND

This Report provides the Manyallaluk Local Authority with an overview of council remote services delivery within the Manyallaluk Community

#### ***111 – Council Services General***

- The Council Office has been opened and operational
- Mail has been delivered to the community weekly

#### ***160 - Municipal Services***

- Municipal Services are continuing to be delivered
- The Municipal team are focusing on maintaining the parks and gardens within the community

#### **Agency Services**

#### ***350 – Centrelink***

- Centrelink has been opened and operational for self-serve only

### ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

### ATTACHMENTS

Nil



## INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	15.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Manyallaluk Local Authority Projects Report
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Luke Haddow, General Manager Infrastructure Services, and Planning

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Manyallaluk 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.

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.

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

### BACKGROUND

Since 2014 the Manyallaluk Local Authority has received a total of \$121,878 from the Northern Territory Government and \$37,000 from the Council for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocation is based on a formula related to population. Until January 2026 the Manyallaluk Local Authority has allocated \$173,009.24 including surplus funds available from completed projects.

### ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

*N.B. no further update is available due to the impact of severe weather events and damage assessments currently underway.*

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Unallocated Funds

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### ATTACHMENTS

1. Unallocated Funds [15.1.1 - 1 page]
2. Manyallaluk LA Projects [15.1.2 - 1 page]

<b>Unallocated Funds</b>		<b>5 January 2026</b>
<b>Communities</b>	<b>Remaining Unallocated funds</b>	<b>2023-2024 Fund</b>
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

Manyallaluk Local Authority Project Funding						5 January 2026		
Funds Received from Department					\$	121,878.00		
Funds from Council					\$	37,000.00		
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members					\$	173,009.24		
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects					\$	14,131.24		
Remaining Unallocated funds					\$	(14,131.24)		
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Description	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status
3/04/2023	PR057	Fencing at Top Cemetery	purchase and installation of fencing the perimeter of the Top cemetery	\$ 78,393.58				<p><b>03/04/2023:</b> LA provisionally allocated remaining funding, \$28,264.70 towards purchasing and installing mesh fence at the bottom cemetery.</p> <p><b>27/04/2023:</b> OMC approves the Provisional recommendation from the 03/04/2023 Manyallaluk Local Authority Provisional Meeting minutes.</p> <p><b>03/07/2023:</b> Quotation requests ongoing.</p> <p><b>02/10/2023:</b> Quotations sort are over budget. LA reallocated from bottom cemetery to Top cemetery.</p> <p><b>15/01/2024:</b> Quotes obtained are higher than allocation. Recommendation included in OMC report for resolution.</p> <p><b>28/08/2024:</b> OMC allocated \$28,264.70 towards AAPA clearance for this project and allocated remaining \$13,128.88 from LA unallocated funds towards it and also allocated extra \$37,000 from the council funds to this project.</p> <p><b>18/02/2025:</b> Quotation request ongoing.</p> <p><b>07/03/2025:</b> some materials have been procured. AAPA has been applied for. Currently awaiting progression.</p> <p><b>04/04/2025:</b> Received AAPA quote, which has been authorised.</p> <p><b>28/10/2025:</b> Received and processed invoice. Awaiting final clearance documentation.</p> <p><b>21/11/2025:</b> AAPA Received. Scoping for fence replacement to commence.</p>
<b>Total allocation for current projects</b>				\$ 78,393.58	\$ -			
<b>Total for Completed projects</b>				\$ 94,615.66	\$ 80,484.42		\$ 14,131.24	
<b>Grand Total</b>				\$ 173,009.24	\$ 80,484.42		\$ 14,131.24	