AGENDA
URAPUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2026

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

Wednesday 2 December 2026 at 3:00 pm
Urapunga School
Or
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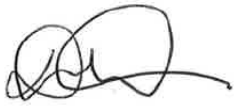

David HURST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

URAPUNGA CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
Appointed Members

1. Councillor Michelle FARRELL;
2. Councillor Olga DANIELS;
3. Dennis DUNCAN (Chairperson);
4. Clayton JOHN;
5. Clifford DUNCAN;
6. Breandan TURNER;
7. Edna NELSON; and
8. Annie DANIELS.

MEMBERS: 8

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 Rijinul Kaunsul deya maindim en kipbum bla wi pramis, dum wek brabli gudbalawei, en im laibliwan.”

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4 RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Re-election of Chairperson
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION
That the Urapunga Local Authority:
(a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson Report; and
(b) elects … as Chairperson for a term of ...

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

BACKGROUND
At the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on 02 December 2025, it was resolved to appoint Dennis DUNCAN as the Chairperson for the period of one (1) year (Term date ends in December 2026).

The Chairperson of the Urapunga Authority is a position of the Local Authority that requires dedication and a passion to support your community. The Chairperson is entitled to an increased sitting fee amount and will walk the appointment members and public through the agenda during the Local Authority Meeting.

The Chairperson can be selected to hold the position for a period of a few months, a few years, or can be elected at the end of every meeting.
The Chairperson can be elected for any of the following terms;

1. 3 Months
2. 6 Months
3. 12 Months
4. X Years
5. Elected at the end of every Urapunga Local Authority Meeting.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT
The Urapunga Local Authority are being asked to nominate a Local Authority Member to be the Chairperson of Urapunga Local Authority.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 8.1
TITLE Urapunga Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
AUTHOR Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION
That the Urapunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, 02 September 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 Urapunga Local Authority met and held a meeting with a **Quorum** on Wednesday, 02 September 2026 at 3:00 pm. Attached are the recorded minutes of the Local Authority to confirm.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT
There are no more scheduled Urapunga Local Authority Meeting for the remainder of the 2026 Calendar Year.

Council will set the Meeting Calendar for (Calendar Year) 2027 at its Ordinary Meeting in December 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS
1. URA MIN 02092026 [**8.1.1** - 3 pages]

MINUTES OF THE URAPUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, HELD AT THE URAPUNGA SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 3:00 PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Olga DANIELS;
- Dennis DUNCAN;
- Clifford DUNCAN;
- Brendan TURNER;
- Edna NELSON; and
- Clayton JOHN.

1.2 Staff Members

- Cindy HADDOW, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance; and
- Peter PERRY, COUNCIL Services Manager.

1.3 Guests

Nil.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Urapunga Local Authority Meeting opened at 3:07 pm 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

Chairperson welcomes all persons to the Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

URA Q/2026-9 **RESOLVED (LA Member Clayton JOHN/LA Member Clifford Duncan)** ***CARRIED***

That the Urapunga Local Authority:
(a) accepts the tendered apology from Councillor Michelle FARRELL; and
(b) notes the apology of Mayor Tony JACK.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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

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7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Urapunga Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

URA Q/2026-10 **RESOLVED (LA Member Dennis Duncan/LA Member Brendan Turner)** ***CARRIED***

That the Urapunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, 02 June 2026 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

URA Q/2026-11 **RESOLVED (LA Member Edna Nelson/LA Member Clifford Duncan)** ***CARRIED***

That the Urapunga Local Authority:

(a) receives and notes the Action List Report; and

(a) approves the removal of completed items.

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 Attendance Report

URA Q/2026-12 **RESOLVED (LA Member Edna Nelson/LA Member Clayton JOHN)** ***CARRIED***

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

12.2 Elected Members Report

URA Q/2026-13 **RESOLVED (LA Member Clifford Duncan/LA Member Edna Nelson)** ***CARRIED***

That the Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members Report.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 Urapunga LA JULY YTD Finance Report

URA Q/2026-14 **RESOLVED (LA Member Clayton JOHN/LA Member Edna Nelson)** ***CARRIED***

That the Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 July 2026.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

14.1 Council Services Manager Report

URA Q/2026-15 **RESOLVED (LA Member Clayton JOHN/LA Member Brendan Turner)** ***CARRIED***

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

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT
15.1 Urapunga Local Authority Projects Update
URA Q/2026-16 **RESOLVED LA Member Clayton JOHN/ Councillor Olga DANIELS)** ***CARRIED***
That the Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING
The meeting closed at 3:55 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting, held on Wednesday, 02 September 2026 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 02 December 2026

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9 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Action List
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION
That the Urapunga Local Authority:
(a) receives and notes the Action List Report; 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 Council has requested be undertaken by Council Staff.

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT
Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS
1. Urapunga ACTION LIST [**9.1.1** - 1 page]

ACTION LIST Urapunga Local Authority (Internal)		
Action (Resolution)	**Meeting Date**	**Report in the Agenda**
15.1 Urapunga Local Authority Projects Update		
URA Q/2026-8 **RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/LA Member Clifford Duncan) CARRIED** That the Urapunga Local Authority: (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and (b) allocates $31,100 of Local Authority Project Funding towards playground repairs and maintenance and creates a separate Local Authority Project for that purpose.	**02 June 2026**	Local Authority Project

13 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 13.1

TITLE Local Authority Member Attendance Report

AUTHOR Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION
That the Urapunga 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*, deals with Local Authority Administration Members may be removed from a Local Authority if they are absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without authorisation.

Urapunga Local Authority Meetings Member Attendance

Local Authority Meeting Members	02 December 2025	03 March 2026	02 June 2026	02 September 2026
		Cancelled		
Councillor Michelle FARRELL	Appointed at February 2026 OMC	-	P	AP
Dennis DUNCAN	P	-	P	P
Clifford DUNCAN	P	-	P	P
Brendan TURNER	P	-	P	P
Edna NELSON	P	-	AP	P
Clayton JOHN	-	-	Appointed at the June OMC	P
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	13.2
TITLE	Elected Members Report
AUTHOR	Daniele Piga, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION
That the Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members 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.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 28 October 2026
Council approved the recommendation from the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 02 September 2026 and from the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 02 September 2026. Council appointed Annie DANIELS as a Urapunga Local Authority Member.

Council requested scoping of Can Recycling Service in Ngukurr and to be presented at its next Ordinary Meeting.

That Council, in accordance with Chapter 14 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), formally adopted the Annual Report and all content therein, with edits, as a true and accurate record of:
(a) Its independently 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;
(c) All other reportable obligations according to applicable law for the 2025-2026 Financial Year; and
(d) directs the Chief Executive Officer to supply the Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government.

Following Major Projects were discussed at this Meeting:
Projects on Hold:
- Ngukurr Staff Housing – Lot 231 – PR98
- Ngukurr Boat Ramp Solar Light – Scope and Quote – PR99

Projects in progress:
- **Urapunga Community Hall – PR49**

Working through procurement for purchase of kit shed

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 18 November 2026
The Finance and Infrastructure Committee consists of the following members:
- VACANT;

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Ash GARNER; and
- Councillor Michelle FARRELL.

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

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING – 21 October 2026

The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting consists of the following members:

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

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

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

20 January 2027	**Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting**	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
17 February 2027	**Audit and Risk Committee Meeting**	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
16 December 2026	**Ordinary Meeting of Council**	RGRC Support Centre Katherine

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

LOCAL AUTHORITY	NUMBER OF VACANCIES
Ngukurr Local Authority	0
Urapunga Local Authority	0

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. OMC_MIN_28102026_UNCONFIRMED [**13.2.1** - 9 pages]

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE 2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 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;
- Councillor Olga DANIELS;
- Councillor Michelle FARRELL; and
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL.

1.2 Staff Members

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Chathurangi DIAS, Finance Manager;
- Kellie JOHNSTON, Assets Manager;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Cristie GEER, Programs Manager (via audio/video conference);
- Kathy MARA, Executive Assistant to the CEO;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Annika BERENDES, Programs Communications Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Peter PANGQUEE, President, Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT);
- Mary WATSON, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT);
- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant (via audio/video conference); and
- Friedrick LAW, KPMG Enterprise, Audit and Assurance.

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.

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That Council received a deputation from the Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT), as delivered by Peter PANGQUEE, President, and Mary WATSON, Chief Executive Officer:
General deliberations and remarks made by Council pertaining to issues across the Roper Gulf Region, in lack of town and social planning, poor infrastructure, lack of government consultation and conditional rating.

Friedrick LAW, KPMG Enterprise, Audit and Assurance, supplied the Council with a deputation of the Audited Financial Statements.

Fredrick LAW, KPMG Enterprise, Audit and Assurance, left the Meeting at 10:37 am.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

2026/140 **RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council accepts the tendered apology from Councillor John DALYWATER.

Councillor Samuel Evans left the meeting at 9:04 am.
Councillor Samuel Evans returned to the meeting at 9:08 am.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 9:17 am.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee returned to the meeting at 9:19 am.
Councillor Sue Edwards left the meeting at 9:54 am.
Councillor Sue Edwards returned to the meeting at 9:57 am.
Councillor Patricia Farrell left the meeting at 9:55 am.
Councillor Patricia Farrell returned to the meeting at 9:57 am.

Meeting adjourned at 09:58 am and reconvened at 10:28 am.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2026/141 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 August 2026 and affirms them to be true and accurate record of that Meeting's decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

2026/142 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Samuel Evans)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:
(a) receives and notes the Action List;
(b) approves the removal of completed items; and
(c) notes that resolution 2026/71 (f) and (h) cannot be progressed any further due to being unable to engage to Jilkminggan Community Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC) due to legal matters.

8 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

8.1 Previous Committee Meeting Minutes

2026/143 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Ash Garner)** ***CARRIED***

UNCONFIRMED

That Council receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS
Nil.

10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST
Deputy Mayor Helen LEE, Councillor Michelle FARRELL and Councillor Sue EDWARDS declared conflict of interest at Item 13.2.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE
11.1 Incoming Correspondence
2026/144 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Michelle Farrell)** ***CARRIED***
That Council:
(a) receives and notes the incoming correspondence; and
(b) supports the application of the Numburindi Corporation for the Airstrip Upgrade and directs the CEO to supply a letter to that effect.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE
12.1 Outgoing Correspondence
2026/145 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Samuel Evans)** ***CARRIED***
That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

13 WARD REPORTS
13.1 Nyirranggulung Ward Report
2026/146 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***
That Council:
(a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
(b) approves the recommendations from the Wugularr Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 05 October 2026;
(c) approves the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 05 October 2026
(d) approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 06 October 2026;
(e) approves the recommendations from the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 08 October 2026;
(f) advocates on behalf of the Wugularr Local Authority for increased police presence in Wugularr, including a Police station;
(g) requests a report on by-laws development to be supplied to it at its next Ordinary Meeting;
(h) agrees to fund 50% of the Water Taps Installation Project at Heritage Park (PR20) and amends budget for this purpose; and
(i) creates a Major Project for the Manyallaluk Access Road, repairs and maintenance.

Councillor Olga Daniels left at 10:51 am and returned at 10:53 am.

13.2 Never Never Ward Report
2026/147 **RESOLVED (Councillor Olga Daniels/Councillor Samuel Evans)** ***CARRIED***
That Council:
(a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
(b) approves the recommendation from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting

held on Tuesday, 01 September 2026;
(c) rescinds the membership of Shaunette MARTIN from the Mataranka Local Authority;
(d) appoints Sharon FORBES as a Mataranka Local Authority Member;
(e) requests the Chief Executive Officer to call for nominations to appoint for the Mataranka Local Authority;
(f) appoints Antoinette JOE as a Jilkminggan Local Authority Member;
(g) considered the request from Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority's concern regarding, the lack of communication and services delivery from the Alawa Aboriginal Corporation (AAC) and requests Council to cease payments to AAC until issue is rectified;
(h) reschedules the November 2026 Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting and Mataranka Local Authority Meeting to be held on 17 November 2026;
(i) reschedules the December 2026 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting to be held on Friday, 4 December 2026;
(j) requests scoping of Rubbish Collection Service in Larrimah;
(k) general deliberations on Health Services in Mataranka; and
(l) requests the Chief Executive Officer to contact Sunrise Health and Katherine West Health in relation to Health Service delivery in Mataranka and throughout the Roper Gulf Region.

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE, Councillor Michelle FARRELL and Councillor Sue EDWARDS deliberated Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Sunrise.

Councillor Sue EDWARDS further recused herself whilst nominations for the Mataranka Local Authority were considered.

Mayor Tony Jack left the meeting at 10:55 am.
Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting at 10:58 am.
Councillor Ash Garner left the meeting at 11:00 am.
Mayor Tony Jack left the meeting at 11:01 am.
Councillor Ash Garner returned to the meeting at 11:02 am.
Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting at 11:08 am.
Councillor Sue Edwards left the meeting at 11:10 am.
Councillor Michelle Farrell left the meeting at 11:10 am.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 11:10 am.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee returned to the meeting at 11:21 am.
Councillor Sue Edwards returned to the meeting at 11:21 am.
Councillor Michelle Farrell returned to the meeting at 11:21 am.
Councillor Sue Edwards left the meeting at 11:22 am.
Councillor Sue Edwards returned to the meeting at 11:39 am.

13.3 Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report

2026/148 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Michelle Farrell)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:
(a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report;
(b) approves the recommendations from the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 03 September 2026; and
(c) appoints Thaddeus ALLEN as a Numbulwar Local Authority Member.

Councillor Samuel Evans left the meeting at 11:41 am.
Councillor Samuel Evans returned to the meeting at 11:41 am.
Councillor Des Barritt left the meeting at 11:42 am.
Councillor Des Barritt returned to the meeting at 11:42 am.

13.4 Yugul Mangi Ward Report

2026/149 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
(b) approves the recommendations from the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 02 September 2026;
(c) approves the recommendations from the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 02 September 2026;
(d) appoints Annie DANIELS as a Local Authority Member of Urapunga Local Authority; and
(e) requests scoping for cans recycling for Ngukurr to be presented to it at its next Ordinary Meeting.

13.5 South West Gulf Ward Report

2026/150 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Michelle Farrell)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:
(a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
(b) ratifies the resignation of Mike LONGTON from the Borroloola Local Authority;
(c) endorses and supports the Borroloola / Ngardara Solar Microgrid Project as undertaken by the Ngardara Co-operative and Original Power, and supports its expansion throughout its Region; and
(d) nominates and appoints Mayor Tony JACK as the contact point and spokesperson for Council on that matter (c).

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

14.1 Mayor's Report

2026/151 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

14.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

2026/152 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

14.3 Council Meeting Attendance Report

2026/153 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:
(a) receives and notes the Council and Committee Meeting Attendance Report; and
(b) authorises all Elected Members to attend Mandatory Departmental Training in-person, to be held in Katherine on Thursday,19 November 2026, at 01:00 pm, plus associated Travel Days;
(c) authorises Councilor Samuel EVANS to attend the LGANT Annual General Meeting and associated travel days (if registration allows);
(d) nominates Mayor Tony JACK and Councillor Ash GARNER as the voting delegates at LGANT; and
(e) rescinds the membership of the Independent Member David BLAIR from the Finance and Infrastructure Committee and directs the Chief Executive Officer to commence the appointment process.

14.4 Calendar Meeting Schedule – Council, Committee and Local Authority Meetings 2027

2026/154 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:
(a) confirms its Briefing Day and Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Katherine on 15 and 16 December respectively; and
(b) confirms its Meeting Calendar for 2027 as tabled.

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 Adoption of Annual Report including Audited Financial Statements

2026/155 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Patricia Farrell)** ***CARRIED***

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 independently 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;
(c) All other reportable obligations according to applicable law for the 2025-2026 Financial Year; and
(d) directs the Chief Executive Officer to supply the Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm and reconvened at 01:00 pm.

15.2 Council Finance Report as at 30.09.2026

2026/156 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 30 September 2026.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

16.1 Vet Program Fees for Service Charges

2026/157 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Ash Garner)** ***CARRIED***

That Council defers the matter to the next Ordinary Meeting in December.

Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr left the meeting at 1:05 pm.
Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr returned to the meeting at 1:10 pm.

Mayor Tony Jack left the meeting at 1:18 pm.
Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting at 1:22 pm.

16.2 Aged Care and Disability Services Report

2026/158 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

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

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 Major Projects Report

2026/159 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Report.

17.2 Local Authority Projects Update Report

2026/160 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
(b) allocates an additional $1,000 towards the Arnhem Crows Presentation Project.

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

That Council notes Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR's concerns pertaining to unrest in Numbulwar. Council further noted that those concerns are applicable Region-wide.

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That Council notes Mayor Tony JACK's remarks and concerns pertaining to Ochre Card's processing, causing significant disruption and distress to current and prospective employees.

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS
Nil.

20 CLOSED SESSION
DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION
2026/161 **RESOLVED (Councillor Olga Daniels/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***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 :-

Councillor Patricia Farrell left the meeting at 1:58 pm.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 1:58 pm.
Councillor Patricia Farrell returned to the meeting at 1:59 pm.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee returned to the meeting at 2:00 pm.
Councillor Patricia Farrell left the meeting at 2:09 pm.
Councillor Patricia Farrell returned to the meeting at 2:11 pm.
Councillor Samuel Evans left the meeting at 2:13 pm.
Councillor Samuel Evans returned to the meeting at 2:16 pm.

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
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 Rating Matter
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.*

Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - *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*

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51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

20.5 Auditors' Report
Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - *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)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.*

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20.6 Grant Funding allocation
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.*

20.7 2026/2027 Budget Review
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.*

20.8 Code of Conduct Complaint against Elected Member
2026/169 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***
That Council:
(a) Receives and Notes the Outcome of its Code of Conduct Complaint against Councillor Preston LEE;
(b) Receives and Notes the Summary Decision Notice;
(c) Receives and Notes the Notice of Decision; and
(d) Makes public the Resolution and Notice of Decision as required by Regulation 51 (2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* as the Matter is no longer prescribed as Confidential in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting
2026/170 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Ash Garner)** ***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 3:23 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on 28 October 2026 and will be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 16 December 2026

14 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 14.1

TITLE Urapunga LA October YTD Finance Report

AUTHOR Greg Evans, Financial Consultant

RECOMMENDATION
That the Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 October 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 $36,983 was received YTD for Urapunga against a budget of $23,966 resulting in a variance of $13,017. The variance is due to the higher than budget grant income received.

Operating Expenditure:
Total Operating Expenditure YTD of $36,983 against a budget of $23,966 the resulting total variance in operating expenditure of $13,017. The variance is largely due to lower than budgeted expenditure in employment and contractor costs, offset by higher internal costs.

Capital Expenditure:
There has been $23,671 capital expenditure YTD against a budget of $106,667 the resulting in a variance of $82,995. The variance is caused by timing of building projects.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS
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Roper Gulf Regional Council
Financial Report as at
31-October-2026
Urapunga

	Year to Date Actual ($)	Year to Date Budget ($)	Variance	Total Budget ($)	Explanation
Income					
User Charges and Fees	0	0	0	0	
Grant Income	26,048	13,208	12,840	56,184	Timing of grant receipts
Contract Fee Income	10,935	10,758	177	37,308	
Income Other	0	0		0	
Total Operating Income	**36,983**	**23,966**	**13,017**	**93,493**	
	0	0			
Operating Expenditure					
Employment	35,237	46,191	-10,955	146,422	Timing of budgeted vacancies
Contract & Materials	2,314	11,911	-9,597	29,749	Timing of contract materials
Other Expenses	17,696	18,523	-826	54,696	
Banking & Finance	0	0		0	
Internal Charges	-19,165	-52,659	33,494	-138,791	Timing of labour and contract costs
Councillor Allowances	0	0	0	0	
Local Authority Meeting Allowances	900	0	900	1,416	
Total Expenditure	**36,983**	**23,966**	**13,017**	**93,492**	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
Total Capital Income	**23,671**	**106,667**	**-82,995**	**320,000**	
RGRC Contribution	23,671	106,667	-82,995	45,000	
Capital Grant Income	0	0	0	275,000	
Total Capital Expenditure	**23,671**	**106,667**	**-82,995**	**320,000**	
Buildings	23,671	106,667	-82,995	320,000	Urapunga Community Hall + office floor
Infrastructure	0	0	0	0	
Plant & Equipment	0	0	0	0	
Capital Purchase Vehicles	0	0	0	0	
Roads	0	0	0	0	
Net Operating Position	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	

15 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 14.1

TITLE Council Services Manager Report

AUTHOR Peter Perry, Council Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION
That the Urapunga 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.

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
CORE SERVICES

111 – Councils Services General

- Fortnightly inspections of Aerodrome
- Engaging with community on their needs or to improve
- Spoken with Dennis and Clifford about more speed humps

160 – Municipal Services

- Dennis and Clayton continue to do an excellent job serving the municipal needs in the Community.
- Rubbish runs Monday and Friday
- Municipal is currently providing yard maintenance for Aged Care clients and NDIS clients.
- Mowing and slashing of Aerodrome
- Cleaned up cemetery and rubbish dump
- Cleaned up lot and removed cars and tree for the new hall.

AGENCY SERVICES

401 – Night Patrol

- *Night* patrol does weekly patrols, Tuesday on Thursday

342 – Aged Care

- Aged Care is currently providing for 2 clients in community. Breakfast and lunch delivered daily
- Thursday afternoons pick up for activity in Ngukurr

1404 – Sport Rec

- Curranty recruiting new staff to run sport and rec
- Monday to Friday 3:00pm to 6:00pm

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT
Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Nil.

ATTACHMENTS
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16 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 16.1

TITLE Urapunga Local Authority Projects Update

AUTHOR Luke Haddow, General Manager of Infrastructure Services and Planning

RECOMMENDATION
That the Urapunga Local Authority: receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;

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

BACKGROUND
Since 2018 the Urapunga Local Authority has received a total of $96,400 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. To date the Urapunga Local Authority has allocated $66,800, accounting for surplus funds from completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT
Please refer to the attached LA funding report as at 27 August 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
Unallocated Funds
$41,681

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LA Report Urapunga

Year to Date - August 2026

Funding Position

Financial Year	Bal at 30/6/26	2026/27 Expenditure	Balance Remaining	Expiry Date	Funding Available to Assign to New Projects
2023/24	$4,181	$4,181.00	$0	30/06/2027	
2024/25	$18,800	$16,401.10	$2,399	30/06/2027	
2025/26	$18,700	$0.00	$18,700	30/06/2028	
2026/27	$0	$0.00	$0	30/06/2029	
	$41,681	$20,582.10	$21,099		$41,681.00

Date LA Aprroved	Project ID	Project Name	Major Project	Funding Expiry	Project Description	Project Budget	Prior Year Expenditure	Current Expenditure	Total Expenditure	Balance Remaining	Commitment / Expenditure (Project to Date)	Status / comments
18/08/2020	PR49	Community Hall				$10,000.00	$0.00	$20,582.10	$20,582.10	-$10,582.10		Being scoped up. Application for Community place for people grant lodged. Grant approved. Is now a Major Project.
11/12/2024	PR141	Cemetery fencing repairs and boulder installation			Cemetery Fencing repairs and boulder installation to be conducted on the old cemetry located as you come into the community.	$5,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$5,000.00		11/12/2024: allocates $5,000 on Cemetery fencing repair and boulder installation. 18/02/2025: Materials for fence repairs ordered with another project to receive better price for bulk order. Awaiting materials supply.
Total						$15,000.00	$0.00	$20,582.10	$20,582.10	-$5,582.10		