

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MABUNJI BOARD ROOM BORROLOOLA
ON WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2017 AT 8:30AM

1.PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Judy MacFarlane
- Deputy Mayor Helen Lee
- Councillor Annabelle Daylight
- Councillor Selina Ashley
- Councillor Ossie Daylight
- Councillor Wayne Runyu
- Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr
- Councillor David Murrungun
- Councillor Eric Roberts
- Councillor Owen Turner
- Councillor Don Garner
- Councillor Keith Rory
- Councillor Samuel Evans

1.2 Staff

- Michael Berto, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- Greg Arnott, Director Corporate Governance
- Sharon Hillen, Director Council and Community Services
- Marc Gardner, Director Commercial Services
- Lokesh Anand, Manager Finance
- Jasjit Rai, Finance Accountant
- Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Corporate Planning
- Amy Bretherton, Governance Officer (Minute Taker)
- Cindy Morgan, Senior Admin Support Officer

1.3 Guests

- Tony Tapsell, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) LGANT
- Jake Quinlivan, Department of the Chief Minister
- Danica Kalinic, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Kevin Liddy, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Adam Kinna, AIM Industries
- Patrick Collins, Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation
- Enid Leonard, Self Employed Rate Payer
- Rebecca Gentle, McArthur River Mines/LA Member
- Lee Girolamo, Deloitte

2.MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 8:38 am

3.WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Councillor Samuel Evans welcomed Elected Members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

4.APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5.CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/David Murrungun) Carried

- (a) That Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Thursday 14 September 2017.

6.CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Fees and Charges - Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr
2. Mataranka Sportsground User Group and Master Plan Meeting
3. TEABBA MOU and Transfer Of Services
4. Building Safe and Vibrant Communities – NT Alcohol Review Media Release
5. Australian Institute of Company Directors Course - Expressions of Interest
6. Request for advice on Commercial Release of GM Safflower
7. Evolving Master Plan for Katherine and the Big Rivers Region
8. Disability chairs for Borroloola Pool – Councillor Don Garner
9. MLA Member for Arnhem – Late Correspondence
10. Djilpin Arts centre – Late Correspondence
11. King Ash Bay Planning Application 2017/0477

Confidential Session

1. Write off of Outstanding Debt

7.QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

7.1 WATER DEPTH MARKERS ON FLOODWAY BORROLOOLA

Issue raised .Works is listed on DIPL Works Program and is expected to be completed before the wet. DCCS to present correspondence at next LA.

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on Water Depth Markers on Searcy Street Floodway.

8.DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest at this Ordinary Meeting of Council.

9.CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Nil

10.BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

10.1 ACTION LIST

208/2017 RESOLVED (Ossie Daylight/Samuel Evans) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Action List.

10.2 FINAL ELECTION COSTS

Issues raised of the election:

- No Interpreter at polling
- No or Little advertising locally

Pursuing electors who did not vote may cause issues with people not being able to pay the fine, enforcement may cause people to spent time in jail for unpaid fines.

Councillors to spread the word with youth to enrol and importance

209/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Keith Rory)

Carried

- (a) That Council defer this matter to the next Ordinary Meeting of council held in December 2017 on the intention to pursue or not pursue electors who did not vote in the recent Local Government Election.

11.INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

210/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the Incoming Correspondence.

12.OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

211/2017 RESOLVED (Ossie Daylight/Eric Roberts)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the Outgoing Correspondence.

13.WARD REPORTS

13.1 NEVER NEVER WARD

212/2017 RESOLVED (David Murrungun/Owen Turner)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Never Never Ward Report.
(b) That Council approve the recommendations of the Mataranka Local Authority for the minutes 3 October 2017.
(c) That Council accept the resignation of Leah Niehus from the Mataranka Local Authority as of 13th October.
(d) That Council accept the nomination from Antonella Martin to the Mataranka Local Authority.

13.2 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD

213/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Wayne Runyu)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.
(b) That Council approve the recommendations of the Numbulwar Local Authority for the minutes 26 September 2017.

13.3 NYIRRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

214/2017 RESOLVED (David Murrungun/Keith Rory)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Nyirranggulung Ward Report.
- (b) That Council approve the nominations of Anne-Marie Lee and Vita Brinjen for the Barunga Local Authority.
- (c) That Council approve the recommendations of the Bulman Local Authority for the minutes 28 September 2017.
- (d) That Council approve the recommendations of the Manyallaluk Local Authority for the minutes 20 September 2017.

13.4 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

215/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley)

Carried

- (a) That the Council receive and note South West Gulf Ward Report.
- (b) That Council approve the recommendations of the Borroloola Local Authority for the minutes 18 September 2017.

13.5 YUGUL MANGI WARD

216/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Samuel Evans)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Yugul Mangi Ward Report.

14.EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

14.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

217/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Eric Roberts)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Mayor's Report.

14.2 CEO'S REPORT

218/2017 RESOLVED (Annabelle Daylight/Donald Garner)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the CEO's Report.

15.CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

15.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - LOT 386 TOWN OF BORROLOOLA - GEC COMPLEX

219/2017 RESOLVED (Edwin Nungumajbarr/Wayne Runyu)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Development Application – Lot 386 Town of Borroloola – GEC Complex.

15.2 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REQUEST TO CHANGE THE DATE

220/2017 RESOLVED (Wayne Runyu/Ossie Daylight)

Carried

- (a) That Council change the date of the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 29th November 2017 to the 16th November 2017.

15.4 2017-2018 REGIONAL PLAN QUARTERLY REPORT

211/2017 RESOLVED (Ossie Daylight/Eric Roberts)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the first quarter report for the 2017-18 Regional Plan.

ACTION: Town priority list to be updated and presented at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

15.5 2018-2021 STRATEGIC PLAN

222/2017 RESOLVED (Owen Turner/Ossie Daylight)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on the Draft Strategic Plan 2018-2021.
- (b) That Council Suggest any amendments to the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

15.6 2018 MEETING CALENDAR

223/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Keith Rory)

Carried

- (a) That Council approve the scheduled Ordinary Meetings of Council 2018 meeting dates and locations: -
- Wednesday, 28th February 2018 (Jilkmिंगgan)
 - Wednesday, 18th April 2018 (Barunga)
 - Wednesday, 27th June 2018 (Katherine)
 - Wednesday, 25th July 2018 (Ngukurr)
 - Wednesday, 26th September 2018 (Bulman)
 - Wednesday, 31st October 2018 (Mataranka)
 - Wednesday, 19th December 2018 (Katherine)
- (b) That Council approve the scheduled Finance Committee 2018 meeting dates, located in Katherine: -
- Wednesday, 31st January 2018
 - Wednesday, 28th March 2018
 - Wednesday, 30th May 2018
 - Wednesday, 29th August 2018
 - Wednesday, 28th November 2018
- (c) That Council approve the scheduled Audit Committee 2018 meeting dates, located in Katherine: -
- Wednesday, 7th February 2018
 - Wednesday, 9th May 2018
 - Wednesday, 19th September 2018
 - Wednesday, 7th November 2018

- (d) That Council approve the scheduled Local Authority 2018 meeting dates.
- (e) That Council approve the scheduled Community 2018 meeting dates for Daly Waters, Larrimah and Urapunga.

15.7 REQUEST TO WAIVER FEES FOR MATARANKA HALL HIRE

224/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/David Murrungun) Carried

- (a) That Council approve the waiver fees for the use of the Mataranka Hall for Exercise Classes.

15.8 COUNCIL PLEDGE IN KRIOL TRANSLATION

225/2017 RESOLVED (Ossie Daylight/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Council do not approve the translation of the Council Pledge in heavy Kriol and request to change to light Kriol.

Ropa Golf Rijnul Kaunsil – Promis

Wi promis blanga wek mijamit blanga meigim gurrwan fyutja en nomo weistimbat blanga wi enijing.

Wi bin pikim dismob ting ya. Dismob nambawan la ola Ropa Golf staf:

- ebirribodi garra tok trubalawei
- ebirribodi garra bi wanbala mijamit, nomo bla birrbirbat
- wi ebirribodi garra bi risponsibul bla enijing wi dum, en if wi dum enijing rong wi garra dalim mijal
- ebirribodi garra rispek gija
- ebirribodi garra trastim mijel

Dismob brabli impotinwan blanga wi fyutja en blanga wi drim. Wi wandim Ropa Golf Rijnul Kaunsil blanga bi ya olataim, wek gurrwei bla ebirribodi, en bi laibliwan.

15.9 COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR COUNCIL SERVICES AND LOCAL AUTHORITY IN URAPUNGA

226/2017 RESOLVED (Wayne Runyu/Samuel Evans) Carried

- (a) That Council endorses the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer sending a letter to the Minister for Housing and Community Development supporting the request for Urapunga to be recognised as an independent community with its own Local Authority and Council services.

15.10 REVIEWED POLICIES

227/2017 RESOLVED (Keith Rory/Edwin Nungumajbarr) Carried

- (a) That Council approve the following reviewed policies:
1. CL001 – Members’ Code of Conduct
 2. CL003 – Elected Member and Employee Gift Policy
 3. CL007 – Caretaker Policy

4. CL009 – Elected Member Development and Support Policy
5. GOV008 – Travel Policy for Councillors and Employees
6. HR004 – Recruitment and Selection Policy
7. HR006 – Working With Children Policy

15.3 ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

228/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Donald Garner)

Carried

- (a) That the Council receive and note the Auditor's Report for the Financial Year 2016-17.
- (b) That the Council accept the Annual Report 2016-17 for the Financial Year 2016-17.
- (c) That the Council agree to the submission of the Annual Report 2016-17 to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

15.11 FINANCE - RGRC FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

22/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/David Murrungun)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note financial reports as at 30th September 2017.

15.12 GRANTS: SIGNING OF VARIOUS FUNDING AGREEMENTS

223/2017 RESOLVED (Owen Turner/Keith Rory)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the funding offer of \$978,000 from the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, provided under the Building Better Regions Fund, by signing and dating two copies of the Agreement.
- (b) That Council accept the funding offer of \$270,000 from the NTG Department of Tourism and Culture, provided under the Remote Sport Program, by signing, dating and applying the Common Seal to two copies of the Agreement.
- (c) That Council accept the funding offer of \$53,000 from the NTG Department of Health, provided under the Disability in Home Support Program, by signing, dating and affixing the Common Seal to two copies of the Agreement.

15.13 GRANTS: RGRC COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2017-18 ROUND 1

224/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Selina Ashley)

Carried

- (a) That Council endorse the recommendations of the Community Grants Committee, as listed below, for Round 1 of the 2017-18 Community Grants Program:

For the Major Category:

- Borroloola School - \$2000.00 for tree planting at the sports oval
- Artback NT Inc. \$3000.00 for jumping castle at the Numburindi Festival 2017. (Committee request Local Authority to consider funding the purchase of a jumping castle for the Community.)
- Big River Hawks -\$3000.00 for Equipment for the 2017/2018

season.(Committee request future application to provide player information and be included in the acquittal. Committee would like to see Big River Hawks support players with training.)

- Katherine Netball Association - \$2000.00 for the Katherine region uniform for the state championship.()
- Tjimat/Teachabout Inc.- \$2000.00 for the 2017/2018 holiday activity program in Minyerri.
- Mataranka Local Authority - \$3000.00 for tables and chairs in Stan Martin Park.
- Beswick Local Authority - \$3000.00 for the purchase/refurbish for a Community BBQ trailer.

For the Minor Category:

- Nil
- (b) That Council approve Round 2 of the 2017-18 Community Grants Program, to be conducted from 2 January 2018 to 13 February 2018.

15.14 GRANTS: VARIATION TO FUNDING UNDER THE HOMELANDS PROGRAM

225/2017 RESOLVED (Ossie Daylight/David Murrungun) Carried

- (a) That Council accept the increase in funding of \$59,958 from the NTG Department of Housing and Community Development, provided under the Homelands Program, by signing, dating and affixing the Common Seal to two copies of the Agreement.

15.15 GRANTS: FUNDING FOR EXERCISE STATIONS IN THREE COMMUNITIES

226/2017 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/Selina Ashley) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note report on funding for the installation of exercise stations in the Region and recommend seeking feed back from the Local Authorities in Beswick, Barunga and Jilkminggan.

15.16 ROADS REPORT

Issue that Government consistently do not provide funding to complete the entire required project.

227/2017 RESOLVED (Samuel Evans/Owen Turner) Carried

- (a) That Council receive, note and accept the Road Report update regarding current and future projects.

15.17 LOT 644 BORROLOOLA OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS NAME CHANGE FROM SHIRE TO REGIONAL COUNCIL AND APPLICATION FOR POWER AND WATER EASEMENT

228/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Edwin Nungumajbarr) Carried

- (a) That Council approve the changing of name from Shire to Regional in the ownership document of Lot 644 Borroloola, by the Mayor and CEO signing, dating and affixing the Common Seal to the “Application To Note Change Of Name” document.
- (b) That Council approve the Mayor and CEO signing, dating and affixing the Common Seal to Form 51 the “Creation of Easement in Gross” document for Lot 644 Borroloola.

15.18 CAPEX VARIATION FOR UNDERSPEND

229/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Council approve the surplus 2017/2018 capital expenditure funds allocated to the Beswick Skidsteer Purchase to be used to purchase a Plant Trailer to float the Skidsteer and a Motor-Powered Pressure Cleaner for Bulman.

15.19 DISPOSAL OF FLEET ITEM 70857 - TOYOTA LANDCRUISER MILITARY WORKMATE DUAL CAB

230/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Council approve the disposal of Toyota Landcruiser Rego – CC29NR by trade-in on a new vehicle.

15.20 APPLICATION FOR EASEMENT - 2 CRAWFORD ST KATHERINE

231/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Samuel Evans) Carried

- (a) That Council approve the Mayor and CEO signing, dating and affixing the Common Seal to Form 51 the “Creation of Easement in Gross” document for Lot 1894 / 2 Crawford St, Katherine.

16.COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT

16.1 KATHERINE AGRIBUSINESS AND LOGISTICS HUB - FEEDBACK

232/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Keith Rory) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Katherine Agribusiness and Logistics Hub report.

16.2 CHANGES TO PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES

233/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/David Murrungun) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the report relating to changes to the NT Library Service.

16.3 COUNCIL SERVICES - FIRST QUARTER REPORT - CENTRAL ARNHEM

MANAGEMENT AREA

234/2017 RESOLVED (Keith Rory/Edwin Nunggumajbarr) Carried

- (a) **That Council receive and note the Council Services – First Quarter Report – Central Arnhem Management Area.**

Cr Samuel Evans left the meeting, the time being 11:37 am

Cr Selina Ashley left the meeting, the time being 11:39 am

16.4 QUARTERLY REPORT - AREA ROPER

235/2017 RESOLVED (Annabelle Daylight/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) **That Council receive and note the Quarterly Report for Area Roper at the October 25, 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting.**

Cr Samuel Evans returned to the meeting, the time being 11:41 am

Cr Selina Ashley returned to the meeting, the time being 11:42 am

16.8 QUARTERLY REPORT - COMMUNITY SERVICES

236/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/David Murrungun) Carried

- (a) **That Council receive and note the quarterly report for Community Services.**

Cr Wayne Runyu left the meeting, the time being 11:43 am

Cr Wayne Runyu returned to the meeting, the time being 11:44 am

16.6 AGED CARE COMMUNITY SERVICES

237/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Wayne Runyu) Carried

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note the Aged Care Community Services Report.**
(b) **That Council adjust the 2017- 2018 budget to include \$263,709.60 for the purchase of the two 4x4 bus's for Aged Care in Ngukurr and Numbulwar.**

Cr Ossie Daylight left the meeting, the time being 11:48 AM

16.7 NDIS REPORT

238/2017 RESOLVED (Edwin Nunggumajbarr/Wayne Runyu) Carried

- (a) **That Council receive and note the NDIS Report.**
(b) **That Council approve the proposal for the NDIS program structure.**

Cr Ossie Daylight returned to the meeting, the time being 11:54 AM

16.8 COMMUNITY SAFETY QUARTERLY REPORT - 1ST QUARTER 2017/18

239/2017 RESOLVED (David Murrungun/Keith Rory) Carried

- (a) **That Council receive and note the Community Safety 1st Quarter 2017/18 Report.**

17.COMMERCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

17.1 BUDGET AMMENDMENT - PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR HOUSING CONTRACT

240/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Samuel Evans)

Carried

- (a) That Council approve in principle the purchase of a 4x4 Toyota Hilux with tray for the Housing Maintenance section in Ngukurr.

17.2 BUDGET AMMENDMENT - PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR TENANCY MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

241/2017 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/Samuel Evans)

Carried

- (a) That Council approved in principle the purchase of a 4x4 Toyota Hilux for the Tenancy Management section in Barunga.

17.3 OUTSTATIONS FUNDING

Issue raised that unfunded Outstations due to not being occupied because not accessible and repairs and maintenance required on dwellings to make them liveable.

242/2017 RESOLVED (Keith Rory/David Murrungun)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Outstations Funding Report.

17.4 CDP REGION 29 UPDATE

243/2017 RESOLVED (Annabelle Daylight/Wayne Runyu)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the CDP Region 29 update.

Cr Wayne Runyu left the meeting, the time being 12:26 PM

Cr Wayne Runyu returned to the meeting, the time being 12:27 PM

18.GENERAL BUSINESS

18.1 FEES AND CHARGES - COUNCILLOR EDWIN NUNGGUMAJBARR

Residents are being asked to pay fee for backhoe for burriels. DCCS is to investigate Council Fees and Charges. Explained issue with timing and booking for funerals. Issues with communication of fees and changes to residents. Request signage and better communication for fees and charges.

244/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Donald Garner)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on Cemetery Fees and Charges.

Break for Lunch 12:29pm

Meeting Commenced at 01:45pm

18.2 MATARANKA SPORTSGROUND USER GROUP AND MASTER PLAN MEETING

- (a) That the Council receive and note the Mataranka Sportsground User Group and Master Plan Meeting report.

18.3 TEABBA MOU AND TRANSFER OF SERVICES

DPMC program funding agreement states TEABA are to take over Community Broadcasting Licenses in all regions. This also includes a MOU with Council to then monitor and maintain all services.

246/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/David Murrungun)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the changes to TEABBA contract and service delivery structure.
(b) That Council review the attached MOU and Electronic Transfer Paperwork.
(c) That Council approve the signing of the MOU and Electronic Transfer Paperwork.

18.4 BUILDING SAFE & VIBRANT COMMUNITIES – NT ALCOHOL REVIEW MEDIA RELEASE



Building Safe & Vibrant Communities – NT Alcohol Review Released

19 October 2017

The Territory Labor Government has welcomed the Alcohol Policy and Legislation Review handed to government by the Chair of the Expert Alcohol Panel and former Chief Justice of the NT, Trevor Riley.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Health Natasha Fyles said Territorians want and deserve to live in safe and vibrant communities and this review provides recommendations on how government can deliver that.

"The Territory has unacceptable rates of alcohol related crime, violence and death and that must be addressed in a systematic and coordinated way," Ms Fyles said.

The review provides 220 recommendations on reforms to alcohol policy and legislation, after identifying an ad-hoc system that isn't fit for purpose.

Minister Fyles said many of the suggested reforms would require extensive changes and have widespread impact on community and business.

"These need to be examined at length before a detailed government response can be delivered," she said.

The Territory Labor Government has given support in principle to:

1. **LIQUOR ACT** - overhauling the Liquor Act to provide a robust framework for industry and community. This will likely include changes to license categories and fees including

risk based licensing

2. **LIQUOR COMMISSION** - reinstating an independent Liquor Commission to increase transparency, with decisions to be made based on a new public interest and community impact test.
3. **DENSITY** - focusing harm reduction measures on the density of liquor licences and volume of alcohol sales. This is a policy shift away from floor size restrictions and will require the repeal of 400m2 legislation. This means that any application, including Dan Murphy's, will need to be considered by the Liquor Commission and satisfy the public interest and community impact test.
4. **FLOOR PRICE/VOLUMETRIC TAX** - implementing a floor price on alcohol products to prevent alcohol related harms and continue to lobby the Federal government for a volumetric tax.
5. **ALCOHOL & VESSELS** – legislating to make it an offence for a person to operate or navigate a vessel with a breath or blood alcohol content equivalent to the levels in the Traffic Act.
6. **POSI/TBL** – POSIs/TBLs will remain a tool for police. Police will continue to lead POSI/TBL's and uniformed licensing inspectors will be authorised to assist police.
7. **ALCOHOL UNIT** - establishing a central unit in the Department of the Chief Minister to drive reforms.

The Attorney-General will today enact a complete moratorium on all new take away licenses including greenfield sites.

The Territory Labor Government has ruled out banning the sale of take away alcohol on Sundays.

Minister Fyles said a key driver in commissioning this report was to reduce alcohol related harm.

"That's why we provide in principle support to recommendations around FASD, Early Childhood and Education, Treatment and Sobering up Shelters," she said.

"While the government supports a number of reforms in principle, considerable consultation and work will be needed to establish what form these reforms will take and how they will be rolled out in the Territory context.

"We promised Territorians we would listen and take action and that is what we are doing."

Minister Fyles said the report is a significant piece of work that will help guide the future of the NT's approach to alcohol harm reduction.

"I want to acknowledge the many hours of work put in by the expert panel, with their balance of skills and expertise to produce this report," she said.

"I would also like to acknowledge and thank the community groups, businesses and individuals who made submissions, survey responses, or attended in person one of the many public forums across the NT. Your contributions have been so important."

The Territory Labor Government will now reconsider its alcohol policies in line with the review recommendations to deliver a road map for change.

The detailed response to the report is expected to be complete by early next year.

For a copy of the full report go to: <https://alcoholreview.nt.gov.au/home>

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247/2017 **RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Wayne Runyu)**

Carried

- (a) **That Council receive and note the correspondence for Building Safe & Vibrant Communities – NT Alcohol Review Released.**

18.5 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF COMPANY DIRECTORS COURSE - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Good morning,

I have had a number of requests from councils to facilitate the above course and it seems to me that it would be best, if there is enough interest, to hold the two day courses in the major centres of Darwin, Katherine (or Litchfield) and Alice Springs. While the preference for participants is elected members there is no reason for excluding staff members if council has budget provision.

The suggested dates for the courses are in February/March 2018 and are for a maximum of 25 participants per course. The cost per course is approximately \$30,000 regardless of how many participants turn up. For the most part more than one council has to attend unless other organisations can also commit.

LGANT is attempting to get an SPG from the Department for the courses, (it will not know this outcome until perhaps Christmas) however, some councils are quite prepared to meet the cost (either from their own sources and/or professional development allowances) in order to have their members receive such training. Professional development allowances will cover the course if the full quota of participants attend.

What is crucial for LGANT and councils is to obtain the full quota of participants so that we are getting value for money and not paying a premium for this training (eg less than 25 attend).

So could you let me know please if your council is interested in attending the course. LGANT will need commitments from councils to in order to organise courses. Depending on your responses, the dates and venues for the courses will be tailored to the demand for them.

Many thanks.

Tony Tapsell

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All ten Councillors who have not already completed the course showed interest in attending.

248/2017 **RESOLVED (David Murrungun/Wayne Runyu)**

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the expression of interest from the Australian Institute Of Company Directors Course.

18.6 REQUEST FOR ADVICE ON COMMERCIAL RELEASE OF GM SAFFLOWER



Australian Government

Department of Health

Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

Request for advice on licence application DIR 158 from GO Resources Pty Ltd: Commercial release of safflower genetically modified for high oleic acid composition

I have received a licence application (DIR 158) from GO Resources Pty Ltd for commercial cultivation of genetically modified (GM) safflower. I am seeking advice from jurisdictions and organisations, on matters relevant to the preparation of a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan (RARMP), in accordance with the *Gene Technology Act 2000* (the Act).

Please note that I realise Councils do not usually have specialist scientific advice available to them. The purpose in consulting your Council is to make you aware of the application and to seek comment from people who are familiar with the areas where the proposed release could take place.

The Application

Licence application DIR 158 is for commercial release of GM safflower modified to lower the expression of two fatty acid biosynthesis genes to produce more oleic acid in the seed. The GM safflower also contains a marker gene that was used for the selection of plants during the early stages of research.

GO Resources Pty Ltd is seeking approval to commercially grow the GM safflower Australia-wide, subject to restrictions in some Australian States and Territories for marketing reasons. The GM safflower and its products would enter general commerce and are intended for the industrial oil market, not for human food.

A summary of the application is attached along with a set of 'Questions and Answers' that provide an overview of the application and an outline of the assessment process. A copy of the application is available from my Office upon request.

Consultation process for this DIR application

As this application is for commercial purposes, the Act specifies two rounds of consultation. Before a RARMP is prepared in accordance with the Act, I am required to seek advice from prescribed experts, agencies and authorities. This first round of consultation must include the Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee, State and Territory Governments, prescribed Australian Government agencies, any local council that I consider appropriate (which in this case I consider to be all local councils in Australia) and the Environment Minister.

Public consultation is not required at this stage. However, I will be notifying receipt of the application by placing a Notification of Application, Summary of Application and Questions

and Answers on the OGTR website and advising people and organisations that have registered on the OGTR mailing list.

The second round of consultation, required by the Act, will occur after a consultation version of the RARMP has been prepared. I must seek advice on the RARMP from the same prescribed experts, agencies and authorities consulted initially. In addition, I must seek public comment on the RARMP.

Timeframe for comments

In order to comply with the legislative timeframe for this application, I require your advice on matters related to risks to human health and safety and the environment that I should consider in preparing the RARMP by **12 December 2017**.

Please note that if I do not receive advice by this date, I am required to proceed with the evaluation. However, you will have a further opportunity to comment on the RARMP once it has been prepared.

My office would be happy to discuss any issues or concerns in relation to the application or the preparation of the RARMP. If you have any questions please contact the OGTR by email to ogtr@health.gov.au or by telephone on 1800 181 030 and quote application number DIR 158.

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Yours sincerely

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249/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Annabelle Daylight)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the request for advice on Commercial Release of GM Safflower.

18.7 EVOLVING MASTER PLAN FOR KATHERINE AND THE BIG RIVERS REGION

Council were presented with the Evolving Master Plan for Katherine and the Big Rivers Region

250/2017 RESOLVED (Wayne Runyu/Keith Rory)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Evolving Master Plan for Katherine and The Big Rivers Region.

18.8 DISABILITY CHAIRS FOR BORROLOOLA POOL - Councillor Donald Garner

Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation have received funding for 2 disability lift chairs to install at the Borrooloola Pool and are seeking acceptance from Council.

251/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the offer from Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation.
- (b) That Council accept the funding offer from Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation to install one (1) disability lift chair at the Borrooloola pool.

18.9 MEMBER FOR ARNHEM - LATE CORROSPONDENCE

Two letters received for congratulations to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Date: Info:

252/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Ossie Daylight)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the late correspondence from Member for Arnhem.

18.10 DJILPIN ARTS CENTRE - LATE CORROSPONDENCE

Email received by CEO Date: Info:

253/2017 RESOLVED (Owen Turner/Samuel Evans)

Carried

- (a) That Council defer the matter to the Beswick and Barunga Local Authority and provide Council with a recommendation.

18.11 KING ASH BAY PLANNING APPLICATION 2017/0477 - Councillor Donald Garner

King Ash Bay fishing Club have submitted application to DLP for the construction of a large shed and request Council to make a submission for the application.

254/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Samuel Evans)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the planning application from King Ash Bay.
- (b) That Council make a submission to the Northern Territory Development Consent Authority(NT DCA) in respect of application 2017/0477 that if it does not comply with the NT planning scheme (SKA) Council oppose the application.

18.12 COMMUNITY GRANTS

255/2017 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/Selina Ashley)

Carried

- (a) That Council request an extra \$20,000.00 in the budget review for the Community Grants Program .

19.DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

Nil

20.CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Council Approve for Tony Tapsell to sit in on the Confidential Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held October 25 2017.

263/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Owen Turner)

Carried

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Confidential Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Confidential Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

270/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/David Murrungun)

Carried

That the decisions of Confidential Session be noted as follows:-

20.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL SESSION ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

264/2017 RESOLVED (David Murrungun/Eric Roberts)

Carried

- (a) That Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Confidential Session of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 14 September 2017.

Cr Keith Rory left the meeting, the time being 02:59 pm

Cr Keith Rory returned to the meeting, the time being 03:02 pm

20.2 2 CRAWFORD STREET TENDER

265/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Samuel Evans)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal update on the 2 Crawford Street Tender.

Cr Wayne Runyu left the meeting, the time being 03:10 PM

Cr Wayne Runyu returned to the meeting, the time being 03:11 PM

20.3 COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT WARNING

266/2017 RESOLVED (Samuel Evans/Eric Roberts)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Councillor Code of Conduct Warning report.

20.4 AUDIT COMMITTEE - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR INDEPENDENT MEMBER

267/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Samuel Evans)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on Independent Member for Audit

- Committee.**
- (b) **That Council appoints Phil Vivian and Sandra Cannon as Independent Members for the Audit Committee.**

20.5 CONFIDENTIAL REQUEST FOR EX-MAYOR'S CORPORATE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

268/2017 RESOLVED (Keith Rory/David Murrungun) **Carried**

- (a) **That Council receive and note this Report and this matter goes no further.**

20.6 WRITE OFF OF OUTSTANDING DEBT

269/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Samuel Evans) **Carried**

- (a) **That Council receive and note the verbal report on the Write Off of Outstanding Debt.**
- (b) **That Council approves to write off \$4,982.25 for debtor 01289.**

21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 15:30 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ordinary Meeting of Council HELD ON Wednesday, 25 October 2017 AND CONFIRMED Friday, 15 December 2017 .



Mayor Judy MacFarlane

