

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SUPPORT CENTRE 2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT  
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 JUNE 2021 AT 8:30AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Elected Members**

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE (Chairperson)
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT (late)
- Councillor Clifford DUNCAN (teleconference);
- Councillor Don GARNER;
- Councillor Deanna KENNEDY;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Owen TURNER; and
- Councillor Selina ASHLEY;

**1.2 Staff**

- Marc GARDNER, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Steve SANDERSON, General Manager of Community Services and Engagement;
- Dave Heron, Acting General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Naomi HUNTER, Executive Manager; and
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator.

**1.3 Guests**

- Amanda HAIGH, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet
- Amanda McMIILLAN, Calvert Hills Station (via teleconference)
- Samuel BUSH-BLANASI, Northern Land Council

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:42am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

**3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

**4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

47/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

The council accepted the apology from Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT, Councillor Marlene KARADOO and Councillor David MURRUNGUN.

## **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ms McMILLAN put the following question to Council: *Is there any possibility for funding for a causeway to be built on Settlement Creek due to large heavy vehicle issues with the embankment being too steep and in poor condition as trucks are getting stuck?*

The Mayor advised that Savannah Way (the Wollogorang Road) and Settlement Creek are the responsibility of the Northern Territory Government and that Council can only advocate in relation to the issue.

The Mayor further advised for Ms McMILLAN to contact the Member for Barkly and the Minister for Infrastructure via email, and to include the Acting Chief Executive Officer in the correspondence.

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 28 APRIL 2021**

*48/2021 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Deanna KENNEDY)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 28 April 2021 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.**

It was noted that Ossie Daylight was not at the Mataranka meeting.

## **7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **7.1 ACTION LIST**

*49/2021 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Donald GARNER)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council:**

- (a) Receives and notes the Action List;**
- (b) Requests the A/CEO to follow up Community Grants payments;**
- (c) Requests the A/CEO to resend Letter to CEO of NT Health pertaining to Ngukurr – Item 20.2;**
- (d) Requests A/CEO to compile Asset List Report to be presented at Council's next Ordinary Meeting;**
- (e) Approves the removal of completed items.**

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

- Skinnyfish;
- Subdivisional Guidelines.

## **9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this Ordinary Meeting of Council.

## **10 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Nil.

## **11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

*50/2021 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Helen LEE)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council**

- (a) accepts the incoming correspondence;**
- (b) formally thanks the Royal Australian Navy for the invitation to review the proposed ships' badges for HMAS Carpentaria and HMAS Arafura, and nominates Option 1 for HMAS Carpentaria and Option 3 for HMAS Arafura, as its preferred badge designs;**
- (c) notes the request for support from the Borroloola Amateur Race Club (BARC) for the Borroloola Campdraft, Gymkhana, and Rodeo to be held on 19-22 August 2021 inclusive, and hereby authorises the waiver of facility-hire fees for BARC for that event and purpose;**

## **12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

*51/2021 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Ossie DAYLIGHT)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council accepts the outgoing correspondence.**

## **13 WARD REPORTS**

### **13.1 WARD REPORT**

*52/2021 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Deanna KENNEDY)*

*CARRIED*

**That the Council receives and notes the Ward Report.**

## **14 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Nil.**

## **15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **15.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIGNATIONS AND NOMINATIONS**

*53/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Selina ASHLEY)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Resignations and Nominations report.**

### **15.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION AND CARETAKER PERIOD**

*54/2021 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Donald GARNER)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council receives and notes the report in relation to the Local Government Elections on the 28 August 2021 and forthcoming caretaker period.**

### **15.3 FUNDING VARIATION TO REMOTE INDIGENOUS BROADCASTING SERVICE**

*55/2021 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Selina ASHLEY)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council approves the variation to the Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Program in principal and delegate authority to the Acting Chief Executive Officer to sign, date and seal the Deed of Variation on its behalf.**

#### 15.4 FUNDING VARIATION TO INDIGENOUS YOUTH RECONNECT PROJECT

56/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council approves the variation in principal and delegate authority to the Acting Chief Executive Officer to sign, date and seal the Deed of Variation on its behalf.

#### 15.5 ACQUITTAL OF 2017-18 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING

**THIS MATTER WAS WITHDRAWN BY THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BEFORE DELIBERATION. NO DECISION MADE.**

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Funding Project Funding Certification Statements for Borrooloola, Bulman, Jilkminggan, Ngukurr, Numbulwar, and Beswick.

#### 15.6 FUNDING EXTENSION: COMMUNITY NIGHT PATROL AND INDIGENOUS SPORT AND RECREATION PROJECT

57/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council delegates authority to the Acting Chief Executive Officer to approve funding extensions to the Community Night Patrol and Indigenous Sport and Recreation Programs.

#### 15.7 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN 2021-22

58/2021 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and adopts with edits the Roper Gulf Regional Council Regional Plan 2021/22;
- (b) Adopts the Roper Gulf Regional Council Regional Plan 2021/22, pursuant to Section 24 (1) and 128 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2008*;
- (c) Approves the 2021/22 Annual Budget contained in the Regional Plan;
- (d) Approves the Declaration of Rates pursuant to Section 155 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2008*;
- (e) Approves the 2021/22 Council Member Allowances, pursuant to Section 71 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2008*;
- (f) Approves the 2021/22 Local Authority Member Allowances, pursuant to Guideline 8 of the *Local Government Act 2008*; and
- (g) Approves the submission of the Roper Gulf Regional Council's 2021/22 Regional Plan to the Minister of Local Government and to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

#### 15.8 BULMAN LOCAL AUTHORITY STATUS UPDATE

59/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Bulman Local Authority Status Update;
- (b) Disband the current Local Authority;
- (c) Requests for new nominations; and
- (d) Requests the A/CEO to compile report pertaining to Nominations, to be presented at its next Ordinary Meeting.

#### 15.9 MAYOR'S UPDATE

60/2021 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council notes and accepts the Mayor's update report.

#### 15.10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

61/2021 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

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

#### 16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Sam BUSH-BLANASI of the Northern Land Council verbally presented to Council considerations pertaining to liability and Community Living Areas.

#### 17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

#### 18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

##### 18.1 ELECTED MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

62/2021 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes this Report; and
- (b) Rescinds the CL001 Elected Members' Code of Conduct with effect at 2359hrs on 30 June 2021.

##### 18.2 POLICY AND CORPORATE DOCUMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2019

63/2021 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes this report outlining Council's policy and corporate document development to ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 2019 and prescribed requirements; and
- (b) Adopts the Casual Vacancy Policy – Option A.

*Mayor MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 9:52am.*

*Mayor MacFARLANE re-joined the meeting, the time being 9:54am.*

*The meeting was adjourned for a morning tea break, the time being 10:00am.*

*The meeting resumed, the time being 10:36am.*

##### 18.3 CERIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT RECORDS

64/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That the Council acknowledges that CEO certification of the Assessment Record for rateable property in the Roper Gulf Regional Council.

##### 18.4 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31.05.2021

65/2021 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the financial reports as at 31 May 2021.

## **19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**

### **19.1 TOILET BLOCK AT THE BARUNGA CEMETERY**

*66/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Deanna KENNEDY)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council notes the progress of the Barunga Cemetery Toilet Block project.**

### **19.2 INVESTIGATE THE WATER OPTIONS AT THE NORFORCE AND HERITAGE PARK AND REPORT BACK TO THE JUNE OMC.**

*67/2021 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Donald GARNER)*

*CARRIED*

**That the Council notes the report in relation to potable water provision for Norforce and Heritage Parks in Barunga.**

*Councillor KENNEDY left the meeting, the time being 11:22am.*

*Councillor KENNEDY returned to the meeting, the time being 11:26am.*

### **19.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE**

*68/2021 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Selina ASHLEY)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council:**

- (a) Receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update; and**
- (b) Provides a report in July OMC in relation to the Local Authority Projects regarding accurate status.**

### **19.4 COUNCIL PROJECTS STATUS**

*69/2021 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Deanna KENNEDY)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council notes the Council Projects Status report.**

*The meeting was adjourned for lunch, the time being 11:57am.*

*The meeting resumed, the time being 12:34pm.*

### **19.5 SKINNYFISH**

*70/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Deanna KENNEDY)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council requests that the ACEO write to Skinnyfish Music about the success of the 2021 Barunga Festival and requests that the Council is involved in the organising of the event into the future.**

*Councillor ASHLEY left the meeting, the time being 01:29pm.*

### **19.6 SUBDIVISIONAL GUIDELINES**

*71/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council requests the A/CEO to write to DIPL for the applicability of the subdivisional guidelines in communities within the Roper Gulf Region.**

*Councillor ASHLEY returned to the meeting, the time being 01:31pm.*

## **20 CLOSED SESSION**

### **DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

*72/2021 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Owen TURNER)*

*CARRIED*

**Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed 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:-

- 20.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council - 24 February 2021** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(iv).*
- 20.2 Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i).*
- 20.3 Waste and Resource Management Grant** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i).*
- 20.4 Fleet disposal request.** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(e).*
- 20.5 Tender for Beswick Playground** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i).*
- 20.6 Use of Common Seal: Lot 940 Town of Borroloola** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(b) (e).*
- 20.7 Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Speical Meeting of Council 26 May 2021** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(iv) (e).*
- 20.8 Roper Gulf Regional Council Strategic Plan 2022 to 2027** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i) (e).*

#### **RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

**73/2021 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Selina ASHLEY)**

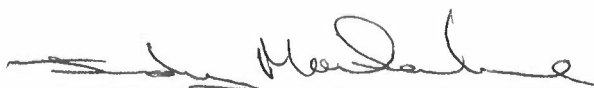
**CARRIED**

**That Council moved to return to the open session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council and declared the resolutions made in the confidential session not be available to the public in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008*, section 201.**

#### **21 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 1:38pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 28 July 2021 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



**Mayor Judy MacFARLANE**  
Confirmed on Wednesday, 28 July 2021.

1. The first part of the report discusses the current state of the industry and the challenges it faces. It highlights the need for a comprehensive strategy to address these challenges and ensure the long-term success of the organization.

2. The second part of the report focuses on the implementation of the strategy. It outlines the key initiatives and projects that will be undertaken over the next 12 months. It also identifies the resources and personnel required for the successful execution of these initiatives.

3. The third part of the report provides a detailed financial analysis of the proposed strategy. It includes a breakdown of the expected revenue, costs, and profit margins for each of the key initiatives. It also includes a sensitivity analysis to assess the impact of various risk factors on the overall financial performance.

4. The fourth part of the report discusses the monitoring and evaluation framework that will be used to track the progress of the strategy. It identifies the key performance indicators (KPIs) and metrics that will be used to measure the success of the organization. It also outlines the reporting and communication mechanisms that will be used to ensure transparency and accountability.

5. The fifth part of the report provides a summary of the key findings and recommendations. It emphasizes the importance of a strong leadership team and a clear vision for the future. It also highlights the need for a culture of innovation and continuous improvement to ensure the organization remains competitive in a rapidly changing market.

6. The sixth part of the report provides a detailed discussion of the risks associated with the proposed strategy. It identifies the key risks and their potential impact on the organization. It also outlines the risk mitigation strategies that will be used to minimize the impact of these risks.

7. The seventh part of the report provides a detailed discussion of the opportunities available to the organization. It identifies the key opportunities and their potential impact on the organization. It also outlines the strategies that will be used to capitalize on these opportunities.

8. The eighth part of the report provides a detailed discussion of the implementation timeline. It outlines the key milestones and deliverables for each of the key initiatives. It also identifies the resources and personnel required for the successful execution of these initiatives.

9. The ninth part of the report provides a detailed discussion of the budget and funding requirements. It outlines the key budget items and their estimated costs. It also identifies the funding sources that will be used to finance the proposed strategy.

10. The tenth part of the report provides a detailed discussion of the conclusion and next steps. It summarizes the key findings and recommendations of the report. It also outlines the next steps that will be taken to implement the proposed strategy.

11. The eleventh part of the report provides a detailed discussion of the appendix. It includes a list of the key documents and data sources used in the preparation of the report. It also includes a list of the key contacts and their roles in the organization.