

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, WARLOCH STREET MATARANKA, NT
ON WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL 2021 AT 8:30AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE (Chairperson)
- Deputy Mayor Hele LEE;
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT (arrived late);
- Councillor Clifford DUNCAN;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Don GARNER;
- Councillor Marlene KARKADOO;
- Councillor Deanna KENNEDY;
- Councillor David MURRUNGUN (via teleconference);
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR; and
- Councillor Owen TURNER.

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

- Jill EMERSON-SMITH;
- Mark BLACKBURN;
- Sophie CLEVAND;
- Lord Mayor Kon VATSKALIS, City of Darwin; and
- Sean HOLDEN,

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:33am. 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 (Donald GARNER/Clifford DUNCAN)

CARRIED

The council accepted the apology from Councillor Selina ASHLEY.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 24 FEBRUARY 2021

48/2021 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 24 February 2021 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

Annabelle DAYLIGHT joined the meeting, the time being 8:41 am.

Note: Errors were brought to attention under item 15.2 and item 19.4. These errors have since been corrected in the previous minutes.

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) Approves the removal of completed items, including the Advocacy only Proposed Suburb for Numbulwar.**

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- AFL Vouchers (Cr Turner)
- Rates (Closed Session) (Cr Evans)
- The Cemetery at Barunga (Cr Lee)
- Norforce Park at Barunga (Cr Lee)
- Heritage Park at Barunga (Cr Lee)
- Aged Care Building in Mataranka (Mayor MacFarlane)
- Camp Draft Correspondence (Mayor MacFarlane)
- CouncilBiz – Victoria Daly Regional Council Matter (Closed Session) (Acting Chief Executive Officer Marc Gardner)

9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

10 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

10.1 CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

50/2021 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That Council adopts the recommendations from:

- (a) The Audit Committee Meeting held on 03 March 2021; and
- (b) The Finance and Roads Committee Meetings held on 24 March 2021.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

51/2021 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Clifford DUNCAN)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Accepts the incoming correspondence report; and
- (b) Agrees to provide a waiver of facility hire fees to AFL NT for the Mataranka and Jilkminggan ovals during 2021.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

52/2021 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council accepts the outgoing correspondence.

Staff were requested to leave the meeting for the Closed Session.

Dave HERON remained in the meeting.

Jill Emerson Smith left the meeting.

Sophie Cleveland joined the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

20.0 DECISION TO MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

53/2021 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

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 Workplace Investigation Status April 2021 – The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration Regulations 2008 reg 8 (a) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) €.

The Closed Session stopped for a morning tea break, the time being 9.58am approximately.

The meeting resumed, the time being 10:30am.

Sophie Cleveland and Mark Blackburn left the meeting.

20.0 RESUMPTION OF MEETING

54/2021 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Clifford DUNCAN) 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.

Marc GARDNER, Steve SANDERSON, Naomi HUNTER and Chloe IRLAM re-joined the meeting.

Jill Emerson-Smith also re-joined the meeting.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

55/2021 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority meeting held on 6 April 2021;
- (c) Approves the recommendations from the Jilkminggan Local Authority meeting held on 6 April 2021; and
- (d) Approves the recommendations from the Minyerri Local Authority meeting held on 19 April 2021.

13.2 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

56/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report; and
- (b) Receives and notes the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority meeting held on 13 April 2021.

13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD REPORT

57/2021 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Numbulwar Numbirindi Ward Report.

Note: The Numbulwar Local Authority meeting was postponed to 22 April 2021, the minutes were distributed at the meeting.

13.4 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT

58/2021 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report.

13.5 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

59/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Marlene KARKADOO) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 AFL VOUCHERS

60/2021 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That Council approves in principle to delegate to the Acting Chief Executive Officer to organise support for the AFL Big Rivers competition prizes.

14.2 THE CEMETERY IN BARUNGA

61/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That council requests the Acting CEO to write a report for the June Ordinary Meeting of Council with scope of works and costings for the provision of water and a toilet block at the Barunga cemetery.

14.3 NORFORCE PARK AND HERITAGE PARK AT BARUNGA

62/2021 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Donald GARNER) CARRIED

That Council requests the Acting CEO to investigate the water options at the Norforce and Heritage Park and report back to the June Ordinary Meeting of Council.

14.4 UPDATE FOR MATARANKA AGED CARE FACILITY

63/2021 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer prepares a report to the Mataranka Local Authority with a scope of works for upgrades to the Mataranka Aged Care facility.

Councillor David MURRUNGUN joined the meeting, the time being 10.47am.

14.5 CAMP DRAFT

64/2021 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That council approves a 2 day hire fee for \$660 to the Mataranka Never Never Festival Campdraft and waives other associated fees for the venue use and hire.

15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

15.1 MAYOR'S UPDATE

65/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Clifford DUNCAN) CARRIED

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

15.2 ACQUITTAL OF SPECIAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AND LOCAL EMPLOYMENT GRANT

66/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That Council defers the acquittal report of the Special Community Assistance and Local Employment Grant to the next Finance Committee of Council meeting in May 2021.

15.3 GENERAL COUNCIL ELECTION PREPARATION

67/2021 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council notes the report in relation to preparations for the 2021 General Council Elections to occur on the 28 August 2021.

15.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

68/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

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

15.5 COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AT THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANBERRA 20-23 JUNE 2021

69/2021 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council approves the attendance of the Mayor, Councillor Evans, Councillor Kennedy and Councillor Duncan to the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly to be held from the 20 June to 23 June 2021.

16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 TENDER ASSESSMENT PANEL REPORT FOR THE AGED CARE SERVICES TRAINING IN REMOTE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES (INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM) AND TENDER AWARD DELEGATION TO ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

70/2021 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Approves the following persons to the Tender Assessment Panel for the Aged Care Services Training in Remote Indigenous Communities (Indigenous Employment Initiative Program):
- General Manager Community Services and Engagement
 - Regional Manager Community Services
 - General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability (Acting)
 - CDP Regional Manager
 - Training and Development Coordinator; and
- (b) Delegates Authority to the Acting Chief Executive Officer to award the tender and execute a contract agreement for the services required.

17.2 ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT GROUP - REMOTE LAUNDRIES PROPOSAL AT BORROLOOLA AND MATARANKA

71/2021 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the correspondence from Aboriginal Investment Group and approves the Acting CEO to arrange for a presentation to be made to Council at a later date.

17.3 2021 CENSUS - REMOTE AREA MANAGEMENT TEAM - JOB OPPORTUNITIES

72/2021 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

That Council notes the report in relation to the 2021 Census occurring in the Council area.

18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

18.1 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31.03.2021

73/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

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

Councillor Clifford DUNCAN left the meeting, the time being 11:10am.

Councillor Clifford DUNCAN joined the meeting, the time being 11.12am.

18.2 NEW STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2019

74/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes this update pertaining to the introduction of Statutory Instruments for the *Local Government Act 2019*.

18.3 BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY (ELECTED MEMBERS)

75/2021 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Clifford DUNCAN) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Adopts the Breach of Code of Conduct Policy (Elected Members); and**
- (b) Rescinds the CL002 Members Disciplinary Policy.**

18.4 DRAFT BUDGET 2021-22

76/2021 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/David MURRUNGUN) CARRIED

That Council resolves to approve the Draft 2021/2022 budget for its inclusion in the Draft Regional Plan.

Councillor Deanna KENNEDY left the meeting, the time being 11:17am.

18.5 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN 2021-22

77/2021 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the draft Regional Plan 2021-22;**
- (b) Receives and notes the development timeframe of the Regional Plan;**
- (c) Authorises the draft Regional Plan to be put out to public consultation for a period of no less than three (3) weeks, commencing at a date to be determined by the Acting Chief Executive Officer.**

Councillor Deanna KENNEDY joined the meeting, the time being 11:20am.

Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT left the meeting, the time being 11:20am.

Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT joined the meeting, the time being 11:22am.

19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

19.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

78/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update.

19.2 COUNCIL PROJECTS STATUS

79/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council notes the Council Projects Status report.

A verbal update was given for the Beswick shade structure that it will go to tender next week.

19.3 TRANSFER OF NT PORTION 3670 & 3671 (MATARANKA STUART HWY ROAD RESERVES) TO ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL

80/2021 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council respectfully withdraws its intention to proceed with the transfer of ownership from the Northern Territory Land Corporation for NT Portions 3670 and 3671 in the Mataranka township.

The meeting stopped for a break, the time being 11.37am

The meeting resumed at 11:48am

20 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

81/2021 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

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:-

20.2 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).*

20.3 South West Gulf Ward Report - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(e).*

20.4 Local Authority Membership Nominations - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(iii).*

20.5 Local Authority Resignations - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(e).*

20.6 Procurement and Tendering - *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) (c)(iv) (d).*

20.7 Burial Charges - *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).*

20.8 Aboriginal Benefits Account Homelands 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).*

20.9 Borroloola Sports Courts - Project Update and procurement issues - *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) (c)(iv) (d) (e).*

20.10 Purchase of land for staff accommodation at Mataranka - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(b) (c)(i) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (d) (e).*

20.11 Tender Selection Panel for Urapunga internal loop road resealing project. - *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) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (e).*

20.12 Modifications to the Animal Management Program - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(a) (c)(iv) (d).*

20.13 CouncilBiz – Victoria Daly Regional Council Matter - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(a) (c)(iv) (d).*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

82/2021 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE)

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.

The meeting stopped for lunch, the time being 12:52pm.

Don GARNER left the meeting, the time being 12:52pm.

The meeting resumed, the time being 1:32pm.

19.4 GRANTS

83/2021 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council:

(a) Approves the following organisation for community grant funding to the value of \$40,265:

- AFL NT - \$3,000.00
- Arnhem Crows Sporting Association Incorporated - \$3,000.00
- Artback NT - \$3,000.00
- Barunga School - \$3,000.00
- Bekki Bull - \$1,000.00
- Beswick School - \$3,000.00
- Circulanation - \$2,965.00
- Jennifer Jenkins - \$1,000.00
- Jilkminggan AFL - \$3,000.00
- Mataranka Fishing Sporting and Recreation Club - \$3,000.00
- Jilkminggan School - \$2,300.00
- Moriarty Foundation - \$3,000.00
- Roper River Landcare Group - \$3,000.00
- Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation - \$3,000.00
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(b) Approves a budget variation of additional \$7,000 into community grant fund to cover the difference between the current budget provisions and the extra applicants received.

The CEO Sean HOLDEN, and Present Kon VATSKALIS of NT LGANT presented to the Council. The presentation finished at 2:28pm.

Councillor Nungumajbarr left the meeting, the time being 2.23pm

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

21.1 CLOSE OF MEETING

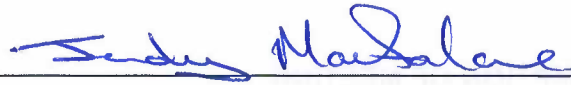
84/2021 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council officially closed the meeting.

The meeting terminated at 2:29pm.

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



Mayor Judy MacFARLANE
Confirmed on Wednesday, 16 June 2021.