

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING # 42 OF THE ROPER GULF SHIRE  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE MATARANKA ON WEDNESDAY, 27  
FEBRUARY 2013 AT 8.30AM

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**1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Elected Members**

Mayor, Tony Jack  
Deputy Mayor, Judy MacFarlane  
Councillor, Samuel Evans  
Councillor, Stan Allen  
Councillor, Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi  
Councillor, Andrea Andrews  
Councillor, John Dalywater  
Councillor, Annabelle Daylight

**1.2 Staff**

CEO, Michael Berto  
DITS, Sharon Hillen  
DCG, Greg Arnott  
DCS, Catherine Proctor  
Finance Manager, Lokesh Anand  
Council and Local Board Coordinator, Bobbi Hynes  
SSM Bulman, Beatty Retchford  
SSM Mataranka, Virginia Boon  
Communications Officer, Stephen Roper  
EA to CEO, Rita Duncan  
Governance Admin Support, Hilary Sinfield

**1.3 Guests**

LGANT President, Damien Ryan  
LGANT CEO, Tony Tapsell  
DLG, Nathaneal Knapp  
DLG, Carol Randall  
Resident, Clair O'Brien  
Resident, Tina MacFarlane  
Resident, Bruce Ross  
Resident, Jenn Reynard  
Resident, Michael Cowen  
Local Board Member, Bidy Hamilton  
Mataranka School, Marilyn Bazeley  
Mataranka School, Matthew Bell  
Mataranka School, 13 Students

**2. MEETING OPENED**

Meeting opened at 8.38am by Mayor, Tony Jack who read the Pledge.

**3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

Mayor, Tony Jack welcomed Council staff and guests.

**4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

No apologies have been received for Councillor, Daphne Daniels or Councillor, Davis Daniels

**4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**384/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Stan Allen)**

**CARRIED**

- (a) **That Council accept the apologies of Councillor, Selina Ashley**

**5. CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

- (a) Staff on long term leave
- (b) Community Surveys
- (c) Meetings and extra time for personal business
- (d) Update on Mole Hill
- (e) Local Government reform
- (f) Power Outage and access to vehicle after hours

**6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- (a) Clair O'Brien asked if Council had considered Community Grants for festivals and request Council review policies of Community Grants (only applied to within the Shire and that a section of the Community Grants Fund be reserved for festivals).
- (b) Question from the public regarding who slashes the Crown Land in Larrimah

**ACTION:** Sharon Hillen to advise who has contracts for slashing of Crown land in the Larrimah region.

- (c) Student from Mataranka School enquired about the possibility of installing a zebra crossing in front of the school across the Stuart Highway. Sharon Hillen informed that Highways are federal government responsibility.

**ACTION:** Mataranka Local Board to discuss and enquire with the appropriate government department regarding the possibility of the installation of a zebra crossing.

**7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**8.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**385/2013 RESOLVED (Samuel Evans/Stan Allen)**

**CARRIED**

- (a) **That Council confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting from 14 December 2012**
- (b) **That the Council confirm the minutes from the Finance and Audit committee Meeting from 30 January 2013**

## **8.2 ACTION LIST**

**386/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Andrea Andrews) CARRIED**

- (a) That Council receive and note the current Roper Gulf Shire Council Action List

## **9 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

**387/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

- (a) That Council receive and note the correspondence received by Council.

**ACTION: Sharon Hillen to make contact with Gary Wells regarding poor telephone lines in Bulman and Weemol.**

## **10 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **10.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

**388/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

- (a) That Council confirm and accept the Outgoing Correspondence sent by Council

9.12am: Councillor, Annabelle Daylight joined the meeting.

## **11 WARD REPORTS**

### **11.1 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT**

**389/2013 RESOLVED (Samuel Evans/Annabelle Daylight) CARRIED**

- (a) That Council accept the nomination of Edwin Rami.  
(b) That Council receive and note the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.

### **11.2 NYIRRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT**

**390/2013 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Andrea Andrews) CARRIED**

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

### **11.3 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT**

**391/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Stan Allen) CARRIED**

- (a) That Council receive and note the South West Gulf Ward Report.  
(b) The Council approve an exemption from the 'Smoke Free Policy' for Borroloola Showgrounds.

### **11.4 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT**

392/2013 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Annabelle Daylight)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council accept the nomination of Roberta Roth to the Larrimah Local Board.
- (b) That Council receive and note the Never Never Ward Report.

**ACTION:** Councillor, Annabelle Daylight to discuss with Jilkmिंगgan Local Board and follow-up with community members regarding the 'Grass Wallaby Statue' being moved to Mataranka then to advise the Mataranka Local Board of the outcome of those discussions.

**ACTION:** Mataranka Local Board to advise at the next OCM the outcome of the relocation of the 'Grass Wallaby Statue'.

**ACTION:** Mayor, Tony Jack to write to Minster Giles with regards to pest control in Larrimah (donkeys).

## 11.5 YUGAL MANGI WARD REPORT

393/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/John Dalywater)

CARRIED

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

**ACTION:** All Ward Reports to include Local Board attendance sheets

10.00am: Councillor Samuel Evans left the meeting.

10.03am: Councillor Samuel Evans returned to the meeting.

## 12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### 12.1 MOTION TO LGANT CONFERENCE

394/2013 DEFERRED(Stan Allen/Samuel Evans)Deferred until the OCM of 01 May 2013

- (a) That Council submit the following motion for the LGANT conference 2013.

10.20am: Meeting break for morning tea

10.52am: Meeting re-commenced

10.53am: LGANT presentation commenced

**ACTION:** Executive to invite the Minister of Local Government to attend an OCM regarding the upcoming Local Government reforms.

11.43am: LGANT presentation concluded

11.45am: Deputy Mayor, Judy MacFarlane left the meeting

11.47am: Deputy Mayor, Judy MacFarlane returned to the meeting

## 13 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### 13.1 ELECTION UPDATE: BY-ELECTION IN NEVER NEVER WARD

395/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Stan Allen)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note the report regarding the by-election for the Never Never Ward

**13.2 POLICY UPDATE - DRAFT ELECTED MEMBER AND EMPLOYEE GIFT POLICY**

396/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/John Dalywater) CARRIED

- (a) That Council accept and adopt the Draft Elected Member and Employee Gift Policy.

**13.3 POLICY UPDATE - OFF-SITE WORKERS POLICY**

397/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

- (a) That Council accept and approve the Off-site Workers Policy

**13.4 GOVERNANCE MEDIA UPDATE**

398/2013 RESOLVED (Samuel Evans/Annabelle Daylight) CARRIED

- (a) That council receive and note the media update report

**13.5 TRAINING PROPOSAL - ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2013**

399/2013 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

- (a) That Council agree to the proposed Elected Member Training and Development Plan.

**13.6 RATES - CONDITIONAL RATING PROPOSAL 2013-14**

400/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Stan Allen) CARRIED

- (a) That Council proposes that conditionally rateable land be rated for the 2013/14 financial year in accordance with the approved rating proposal for the 2012/13 financial year, with the addition of Territory adjusted CPI.

**13.7 GRANT FUNDING - VARIATION NO. 2 NIGHT PATROL FUNDING 2012-2014 - ATTORNEY GENERALS DEPARTMENT (AG)**

401/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Samuel Evans) CARRIED

- (a) That Council accept the variation number 2 for the Night Patrol Program for 2012 – 2014 from the AG department that was signed at FACM 30/01/2013, requested to be presented at OCM by the CEO.

**13.8 FINANCE - RGSC FINANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2013**

**402/2013 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

- (a) That the Council receive and note the financial reports for the period ending 31 January 2013

12.02pm: Councillor, Annabelle Daylight left the meeting

12.09pm: Councillor, Annabelle Daylight returned to the meeting

**14 INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**14.1 BORROLOOLA CEMETERY MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT**

**403/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Stan Allen) CARRIED**

- (a) That Council receive and note Borroloola Cemetery Management Progress Report.

**ACTION: Councillor, Stan Allen to check the Borroloola grave register to identify any unmarked graves in the local cemetery.**

**14.2 CEMETERY ACT REVIEW**

**404/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/John Dalywater) CARRIED**

- (a) That Council makes a submission to the NTG review of the Cemetery Act.

**14.3 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY VETERINARY SERVICES**

**405/2013 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Andrea Andrews) CARRIED**

- (a) That Council receive and note the end of year report on Aboriginal Community Veterinary Services (ACVS) – Dogs program in 2012.

**14.4 DIRECTORATE OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNICAL SERVICES SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT 2012/2013**

**406/2013 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Andrea Andrews) CARRIED**

- (a) That Council receive and note the Directorate of Infrastructure and Technical Services and SSM quarterly report

**15 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

**15.1 2012-2013 2ND QUARTER REPORT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**407/2013 RESOLVED (Andrea Andrews/Annabelle Daylight) CARRIED**

- (a) That Council receive and note the second quarter community services report for

2012-2013.

## 15.2 INDONESIA GOODWILL SOCCER GAMES

408/2013 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Stan Allen)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note the Indonesia Goodwill Soccer Games Report.

**ACTION:** Catherine Proctor to provide a copy of the DVD and report on the Indonesia Goodwill Soccer Games to all sponsors, participants etc.

## 16 COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### 16.1 PROJECT PROPOSAL - ALL TRADES JOBS LOCAL BY 2020: THE ROPER GULF SHIRE TRADES TRAINING ALLIANCE

409/2013 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Samuel Evans)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council approve the strategic goal for the Shire to work towards the delivery of all building trades services by locals by the year 2020
- (b) That Council approve in-principle the attached project proposal

**ACTION:** Thomas Michel and the team at Executive Managers Meeting to report at next OCM on the training alliances and housing funding options available

## 17 DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

*Nil*

## 18 GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) Deputy Mayor, Judy MacFarlane raised the issue of maintenance and care of housing rented to Staff who are on long term leave.
- (i) RGSC Staff advised that scheduled inspections and maintenance will be undertaken.
- (b) Catherine Proctor presented the proposed 2013 Community Surveys
- (i) Catherine Proctor advised that RGSC Staff will be visiting a cross section of the community asking for the survey to be completed.
- (ii) Aim of the survey is to gain an honest opinion on the communities perception of RGSC services

## COMMUNITY SURVEY PROPOSAL

410/2013 RESOLVED (Stan Allen/Samuel Evans)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council approve the questions and format of the 2013 Community Surveys.
- (c) Councillor, Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi expressed the need to arrive at meeting places half a day prior to meeting commitments to allow personal business to be conducted.

**ACTION:** CEO to ensure that travel arrangements include councillors arrive one day prior to pre-briefing to allow councillors time to conduct personal business.

- (d) Update on Mole Hill.
  - (i) Deputy Mayor, Judy MacFarlane stated the concerns of the local residents of Mole Hill in regards to refuse collection.
  - (ii) RGSC stated rate collection issues need to be resolved in order to provide refuse collection services.
  - (iii) Housing issues were raised
  - (iv) Road Issues were raised
- (e) Local Government Reform
  - (i) Completed discussion and refer to action item under LGANT Presentation.
- (f) Councillor, Annabelle Daylight updated meeting on JCAC Meeting
  - (i) RGSC Leases: night patrol, crèche, shire office, sport and recreational facilities, aged care and staff housing.
  - (ii) JCAC are objecting to leases: cemetery and community workshop.
- (g) Councillor, Stan Allen raised concerns about the security of council yard in Borroloola.
  - (i) Mayor, Tony Jack stated this issue has been covered in Local Board Meeting and investigations are already underway.
  - (ii) A policy with regards to this has been drafted and will be brought to OCM for approval.
- (h) Councillor, Andrea Andrews raised concerns about the lack access to vehicle for the ESO for after hours use.
  - (i) RGSC Staff will take relevant action to rectify this issue.
- (i) Catherine Proctor sought support from Council for Staff to participate in the 2013 'Relay for Life' event.
- (j) Councillor Annabelle Daylight raised concerns of the shared use of the Sport and Recreational bus.

**ACTION: CEO, Michael Berto to follow-up on the uses of the Sport and Recreational bus.**

- (k) CEO, Michael Berto advised Council of Councillor, Andrea Andrew's resignation effective at the close of meeting.

**19 CLOSED SESSION**

The Closed Session commenced at 12.45pm

The Closed Session concluded at 12.55pm

**20 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 1.39pm.

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Lord Mayor