

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 TUESDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2021 AT 8:30AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Elected Members**

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Councillor Helen LEE (via videoconference);
- Councillor John DALYWATER;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL (via teleconference);
- Councillor Owen TURNER (via videoconference);
- Councillor Jana DANIELS (via videoconference);
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR (via videoconference); and
- Councillor David MURRUNGUN.

**1.2 Staff**

- Marc GARDNER, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Dave HERON, Acting General Manager Corporate Services & Sustainability;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer; (Minute taker)

**1.3 Guests**

- Amanda HAIGH, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (via teleconference).

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:45am. 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**

*126/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/David MURRONGUN)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT, Councillor Selina ASHLEY and Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN.**

#### **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil.

#### **6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 26 OCTOBER 2021**

*127/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE /Samuel EVANS)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 26 October 2021 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.**

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

##### **7.1 ACTION LIST**

*128/2021 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/David MURRONGUN)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council;**

- (a) Receives and notes the Action List; and**
- (b) Approves the removal of completed items.**
- (c) Postpones the Larrimah and Daly Waters Community Consultative Meetings to early March 2022. Dates to be confirmed at the February 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council.**

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

- Call for nominations – Local Authorities;
- Responsibility of transient campers on road reserves and parks at Mataranka;
- COVID testing and Council measures;
- Animal Management Programme community travel dates;
- Mayoral Update;
- Barunga Cul-De-sac (dealt with at Agenda Item 19.2 Major Projects Report Update);  
and
- Australian Local Government Association- Nomination for financial studies

#### **9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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

*Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 09:15 AM*

*Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE returned to the meeting, the time being 09:15 AM*

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

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

*129/2021 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Judy MacFARLANE)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council receives and notes the Confirmation of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes Report.**

*Note: The Audit Committee Minutes were not attached to the Agenda, handouts were provided to Council and tabled.*

## **11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

**130/2021 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Patricia FARRELL) CARRIED**

**That Council accepts the incoming correspondence report.**

## **12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

**131/2021 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Helen LEE) CARRIED**

**That Council notes the outgoing correspondence.**

## **13 WARD REPORTS**

### **13.1 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT**

**132/2021 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/John DALYWATER) CARRIED**

**That Council;**

- (a) Receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;**
- (b) Notes the appointment by the Finance & Infrastructure Committee of Anthony HELSLIP and Beki BULLS to the Mataranka Local Authority as appointed members; and**
- (c) Notes the appointment by the Finance & Infrastructure Committee of Jones BILLY and Sonia ROBERTS to the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority as appointed members.**

*Note: Deputy Mayor MacFARLANE noted that applicant Beki BULLS formal name is Rebecca BULLS.*

### **13.2 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT**

**133/2021 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/David MURRUNGUN) CARRIED**

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

### **13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT**

**134/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED**

**That Council;**

- (a) Receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report;**
- (b) Notes that no nominations were received for the 26 October 2021 - 24 November 2021 'Call for Nominations' for the Numbulwar Local Authority; and**
- (c) Rescinds the Numbulwar Local Authority Membership from Scott NUNGGARRGALU and Dale MURRUNGUN.**

### **13.4 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT**

**135/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

**That Council;**

- (a) Receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report; and**
- (b) Notes that no nominations were received for the 26 October 2021 - 24 November 2021 'Call for Nominations' for the Ngukurr Local Authority**

### **13.5 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT**

*136/2021 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Judy MacFARLANE)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council;**

- (a) Receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;**
- (b) Receives and notes the nominations received for the Borroloola Local Authority from the following:**
  - i. Donald GARNER;**
  - ii. Ashley GARNER;**
  - iii. Marlene KARKADOO; and**
  - iv. Geoffrey HULM.**
- (c) Appoints Donald GARNER to the Borroloola Local Authority.**

### **14 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **14.1 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS- LOCAL AUTHORITY**

*137/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Samuel EVANS)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to open a '21 day call for Nominations' to fill all vacant positions on Roper Gulf Regional Council Local Authorities.**

#### **14.2 RESPONSIBILITY OF TRANSIENT CAMPERS ON ROAD RESERVES AND PARKS AT MATARANKA**

*138/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Judy MacFARLANE)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council requests Acting Chief Executive Officer to investigate the department and/or persons responsible for the preservation of public camp in Council maintained parks.**

#### **14.3 COVID TESTING AND COUNCIL MEASURES**

*139/2021 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/David MURRUNGUN)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council**

- (a) Notes that all Councillors in attendance of the Ordinary Meeting of Council in the Support Centre Katherine undertook the Rapid Antigen Tests and upon arrival to Chambers all results returned negative;**
- (b) Acting Chief Executive Officer highlighted travelling restrictions to Communities and risks associated with it;**
- (c) Travel exemption for Absolute essential worker and limiting staff movement across the communities; and**
- (d) Cr. TURNER raised an issue that essential workers not wearing masks in the Communities.**

#### **14.4 MAYORAL UPDATE**

*140/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council receives and notes that the Mayor attended the following LGANT Conference in Alice Spring, interviews on radio regarding Robinson River Lockdown, Barunga Local Authority Meeting teleconference from Borroloola Office, Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, travelled Ngukurr, Numbulwar, Minyerri Local Authority Meeting.**



#### **14.5 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION- NOMINATION FOR FINANCIAL STUDIES**

141/2021 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That the Council supports the LGANT Nomination of Roper Gulf Regional Council to participate in the ALGA Financial Assistance Grants study.

*Note: The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised the Council that he will be on leave from 29 to 31 December 2021 and that Dave HERON, Acting General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability will be Acting Chief Executive Officer for this period.*

#### **15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

##### **15.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

142/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/John DALYWATER)

CARRIED

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

##### **15.2 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN**

143/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That the Council;

- a) Receives and notes the report in relation to Council's Reconciliation Action Plan; and
- b) Amends the budget to include \$85,000 towards a project to develop a new Reconciliation Action plan.

##### **15.3 NOMINATIONS FOR THE ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

144/2021 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/John DALYWATER)

CARRIED

That the Council endorses the nomination of Kaylene DOUST as a LGANT representative of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

#### **16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Nil.

#### **17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**

##### **17.1 COUNCIL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER UPDATE**

145/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/John DALYWATER)

CARRIED

That the Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the update in relation to the Council Services and Community Engagement division; and
- (b) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer prepares a Letter to Department of Chief Minister and the Cabinet and shadow Chief Minister in relation to ongoing community housing maintenance and repairs being experienced throughout the region.

#### **18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**

##### **18.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING CERTIFICATION**

146/2021 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/David MURRUNGUN)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Project Funding acquittals.

## 18.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY (AND COUNCIL) MEETING DATES

147/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRONGUN/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) Accepts the Local Authority Meeting dates for the 2022 Calendar Year; and
- (b) Resolves to convene the Jilkmिंगgan and Mataranka Local Authority Meetings on Tuesday 08 February 2022, Tuesday 10 May 2022, Tuesday 09 August 2022 and Tuesday 7 November 2022;
- (c) Resolves to hold an Ordinary Meeting of Council in Katherine on Wednesday 14 December 2022; and
- (d) Mayor requested all Councilors and Elected Members attendance at all the Local Authority and Ordinary Meetings of the Council.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 10:00AM FOR MORNING TEA

RESUMED AT 10:33AM

## 18.3 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30.11.2021

148/2021 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Patricia FARRELL)

CARRIED

That the Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the financial reports as at 30 November 2021.
- (b) Acting Chief Executive Officer provides a report to the Finance and the Infrastructure committee in relation to the Outstanding rates.

*Mayor Tony JACK left the meeting, the time being 10:56 AM*

*Mayor Tony JACK returned to the meeting, the time being 10:59 AM*

## 19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

### 19.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

149/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRONGUN/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update.

### 19.2 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT UPDATE

150/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Patricia FARRELL)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Update.

*Cr Samuel EVANS left the meeting, the time being 11:07 AM*

*Cr Samuel EVANS returned to the meeting, the time being 11:10 AM*

Meeting entered to closed session Time being 12:18pm.

## 20 CLOSED SESSION

### DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

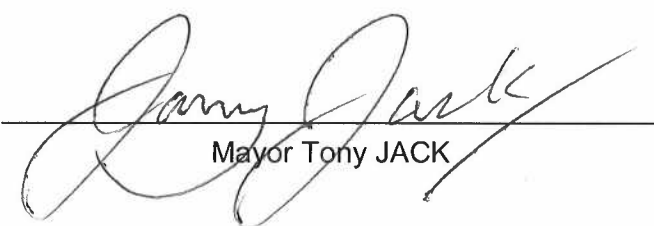
#### RECOMMENDATION:

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:-

## 21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 12:45pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 14 December 2021 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



Mayor Tony JACK

