

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUPPORT CENTRE  
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT  
ON THURSDAY, 16 JUNE 2022 AT 8:30AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Elected Members**

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Helen LEE; (audio teleconferencing)
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL;
- Councillor Jana DANIELS;
- Councillor John DALYWATER; and
- Councillor Owen TURNER.

**1.2 Staff**

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Andreea CADDY; Acting General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Debbie BRANSON; Executive Assistant to the CEO;
- Chloe IRLAM; Governance Engagement Coordinator;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer; and
- Rebecca LINN, Information Integrity Officer.

**1.3 Guests**

- Mayor Brian PEDWELL, Victoria Daly Regional Council; and
- Mayor Matt RYAN, West Arnhem Regional Council.

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 08:44am. 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**

*72/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Samuel EVANS)*

*CARRIED*

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

## **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil.

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

*73/2022 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Owen TURNER)*

*CARRIED*

That Council confirms the draft minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on 28 April 2022 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**

*74/2022 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Jana DANIELS)*

*CARRIED*

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Action List; and
- (b) Approves the removal of completed items.

*Councillor Helen LEE joined the meeting, time being 8:56am.*

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

- Container Deposit Scheme;
- Numbulwar Clinic road; and
- Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Executive – Nomination 2022.

## **9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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

## **10 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

### **10.1 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

*75/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Patricia FARRELL)*

*CARRIED*

That Council receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes report.

## **11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

*76/2022 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)*

*CARRIED*

That Council accepts the incoming correspondence report.

## **12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

## **12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

**77/2022 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)**

**CARRIED**

That Council notes the outgoing correspondence.

## **13 WARD REPORTS**

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

**78/2022 RESOLVED (Jana DANIELS/Patricia FARRELL)**

**CARRIED**

That Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on 10 May 2022;
- (c) Amend the minutes of the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on 10 May 2022 to include the Mayor in attendance;
- (d) Notes the recommendations from the Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting held on 10 May 2022;
- (e) Requests the Chief Executive Officer open a 'Call for Nominations' period to fill the one (1) vacancy on the Mataranka Local Authority and Jilkminggan Local Authority;
- (f) Acknowledge Councillor Patricia FARRELL resignation from the Mataranka and Jilkminggan Local Authorities; and
- (g) Accepts the nomination from Desmond BARRITT for the Mataranka Local Authority.

*Cr Jana DANIELS left the meeting, the time being 09:11am.*

### **13.2 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT**

**79/2022 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Helen LEE)**

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Nyiranggulung Ward Report; and
- (b) Requests the Chief Executive Officer open a 'Call for Nominations' period to fill the two (2) vacancies on the Beswick Local Authority.

*Cr Jana DANIELS returned to the meeting, the time being 09:19am.*

### **13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD REPORT**

**80/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Owen TURNER)**

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Numbulwar Numbirindi Ward Report;
- (b) Notes the acceptance of Membership to the Numbulwar Local Authority by David MURRUNGUN; and
- (c) Confirms that Local Authority project funding of \$409,145.91 is allocated for the Numbulwar Sports Hall upgrade.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:17am and reconvened at 10:52am.*

### **13.4 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT**

**81/2022 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)**

*CARRIED*

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Borrooloola Local Authority Meeting held on 12 May 2022 with the exception of resolution number 12/2022 and overrides the resolution to accept the apologies of Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN and Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- (c) Approves the recommendations from the Robinson River Local Authority Meeting held on 12 May 2022;ttt
- (d) Requests that the minutes of the Borrooloola Local Authority Meeting held on 12 May 2022 be amended to accept apologies from Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN and Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- (e) Formally acknowledges the service of Mr Stan ALLEN for the Borrooloola Local Authority and as a past Councillor of Roper Gulf Regional Council;
- (f) Rescinds the membership of Mr Stan ALLEN for the Borrooloola Local Authority due to personal circumstances; and
- (g) Requests the Chief Executive Officer to call for nominations for the vacancy for a period of 21 days on the Borrooloola Local Authority.

### **13.5 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT**

**82/2022 RESOLVED (Jana DANIELS/Owen TURNER)**

*CARRIED*

That Council receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report.

## **14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **14.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

**83/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Jana DANIELS)**

*CARRIED*

That Council receives and notes the Mayoral Report.

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

**84/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Judy MacFARLANE)**

*CARRIED*

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

*Bethany O'SULLIVAN, Communication Coordinator attended the meeting at 11:28am.*

### **15.3 NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE**

**85/2022 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Samuel EVANS)**

*CARRIED*

That Council receives and notes the new Council website report.

*Bethany O'SULLIVAN, Communication Coordinator left the meeting at 11:40am.*

## **16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Nil.

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

Nil.

## 18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

### 18.1 CERIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT RECORDS

86/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/John DALYWATER)

CARRIED

That Council acknowledges the Chief Executive Officer certification of the Assessment Record for rateable property in the Roper Gulf Regional Council.

### 18.2 ELECTED MEMBER ALLOWANCES

87/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Jana DANIELS)

CARRIED

That the Council resolves to fix the Elected Member Allowances for 2022-23 to those published in Guideline 2A issued by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

*Mayor Tony JACK left the meeting, the time being 11:48am.*

*Mayor Tony JACK returned to the meeting, the time being 11:51am.*

### 18.3 DECLARATION OF RATES 2022-2023

88/2022 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That the Council declares:

- a) The General Rates, Charges and Special Rates as
- | Zone/Class  | 2021-22     | 2022-23      |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Residential Rate 1 – Aboriginal Land  | \$ 1,235.21 | \$ 1,296.97  |
| Residential Rate 2 – Borroloola, Mataranka, Larrimah & Daly Waters                                  | \$ 1,171.48 | \$ 1,230.05  |
| Residential Rate 3 – Vacant on Aboriginal Land  | \$ 1,171.48 | \$ 1,230.05  |
| Commercial Rate 1 – Aboriginal Land   | \$ 1,417.13 | \$ 1,487.99  |
| Commercial Rate 2 – Borroloola, Mataranka, Larrimah & Daly Waters                                   | \$ 1,379.31 | \$ 1,448.28  |
| Commercial Rate – Tourist Commercial/Caravan Parks  | 7.1289% UCV | 7.4853% UCV  |
| Rural Rate 1 – Under 200 hectares   | \$ 1,180.48 | \$ 1,239.50  |
| Rural Rate 2 – Over 200 hectares  | \$ 1,211.34 | \$ 1,271.69  |
| Conditional Rate 1 – Pastoral Leases valued < \$ 1,230,000  | \$ 376.45   | \$ 511.97    |
| Conditional Rate 2 – Pastoral Leases valued < \$ 1,230,000  | 0.0306% UCV | 0.0416.% UCV |
| Conditional Rate 3 – Mining Leases valued < \$ 255,100  | \$ 890.96   | \$ 1,211.71  |
| Conditional Rate 4 – Mining Leases valued > \$ 255,100  | 0.3475% UCV | 0.4726% UCV  |
| Other – All other properties  | \$ 1,235.21 | \$ 1,269.97  |
| Special Rate – Animal Control   | \$ 125.00   | \$ 132.50    |
| Waste Management Charge – per standard rubbish bin multiplied by the number of collections per week | \$ 426.58   | \$ 447.91    |
- b) That the amount expected to be raised
- |                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| a. General Rate            | \$ 1,433,116 |
| b. Special Rates           | \$ 81,000    |
| c. Waste Management Charge | \$ 1,281,792 |
- c) That the Rates and Charges is payable in two (2) installments due by 30 September 2022 and 31 January 2023; and
- d) That an interest charge of 18% per annum for late payment.

*Cr Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 11:58am.*



#### **18.4 BUDGET 2022-23**

**89/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/John DALYWATER)**

**CARRIED**

That Council resolves to:

- a) Approve the 2022/2023 budget;
- b) Allocate \$2,323,000 from general reserves to the purchase of Fleet, Plant & Equipment;
- c) Allocate \$5,310,600 from general reserves towards Building, Infrastructure and Road Projects;
- d) Allocate \$1,028,675 from general reserves (income in advance) towards operational programs; and
- e) Set the burial charges to \$450 (GST inclusive) per burial.

*Cr Judy MacFARLANE returned to the meeting, the time being 11:59am.*

#### **18.5 REGIONAL PLAN 2022-23**

**90/2022 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)**

**CARRIED**

- 1) That Council adopts the 2022-23 Regional Plan and all contents contained therein in accordance with Section 35 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) and its statutory instruments, including:
  - (a) Elected Member Allowances in accordance with Clause 7 of Ministerial Guideline 2A;
  - (b) Declared Rates in accordance with Sections 237 and 238 of the Act, having been certified by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*;
  - (c) Budget for Financial Year 2022-23 in accordance with Section 203 of the Act; and
- 2) That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit the finalised, adopted version of the Regional Plan 2022-23 to the Minister for Local Government.

#### **18.6 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE**

**91/2022 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE)**

**CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update.

#### **18.7 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31.5.2022**

**92/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Owen TURNER)**

**CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the financial reports as at 31 May 2022.

#### **18.8 REVISED POLICIES**

**93/2022 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)**

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) Adopts the revised LA001 Local Authority Policy; and
- (b) Adopts the revised LA002 Local Authority Meeting Administration Policy.

*Andreea CADDY, General Manager of Infrastructure Services & Planning attended the meeting at 12:09pm.*

*Cr Jana DANIELS left the meeting, the time being 12:21pm.*

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

### **19.1 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE**

*94/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/John DALYWATER) CARRIED*

That Council receives and notes the report titled Major Projects Update.

*Andreea CADDY, General Manager of Infrastructure Services & Planning left the meeting at 12:23pm*

*Cr Jana DANIELS returned to the meeting, the time being 12:23pm*

*The meeting adjourned at 12:23pm and reconvened at 1:07pm.*

## **20 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **20.1 CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME - Councillor Owen TURNER**

*95/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Owen TURNER) CARRIED*

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report to the Finance and Infrastructure Committee in regards to the Container Deposit Scheme options available for Numbulwar and Ngukurr.

### **20.2 NUMBULWAR CLINIC ROAD - Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR**

*96/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED*

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report to the Finance and Infrastructure Committee in regards to the funding and plans for the Numbulwar Clinic Road.

### **20.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY EXECUTIVE - NOMINATION 2022**

*97/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Jana DANIELS) CARRIED*

That Council nominates Mayor JACK as:

- Vice President Regional and Shire; and
- Board Member Regional and Shire

to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Executive.

## **21 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

### **21.1 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC**

*98/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Owen TURNER) CARRIED*

That pursuant to *section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

#### **25.1 Confirmation of previous Confidential Session Minutes**

*The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(iii).*

#### **25.2 Previous Committee Confidential Session Minutes**

*The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(iii).*

#### **25.3 COVID-19 Restrictions**

*The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and*

*Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(iv).*

**25.4 Liquor Licence Variation**

*The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(iv).*

**25.5 Administration of By-Laws**

*The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(iv).*

**25.6 Regulatory Compliance**

*The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(iv).*

**25.7 Reconciliation Action Plan**

*The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(iv).*

**25.8 Audit and Risk Committee - Appoint an Independent Member**

*The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(iv).*

**25.9 Chief Executive Officer - Key Result Areas**

*The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(a) (f).*

**25.10 MYOB Advanced Update**

*The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(iv).*

**25.11 Beswick Playground Budget Request**

*The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(i).*

**25.12 Organisational Review**

*The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(a) (f).*

*The meeting moved to Confidential items at 1:22pm.*

**21.8 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER**

99/2022 **RESOLVED** (John DALYWATER/Samuel EVANS)

*CARRIED*

That Council:

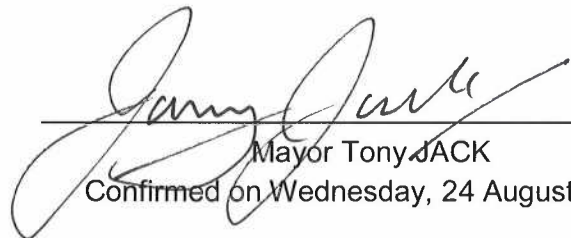
- (a) Accepts the amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk Committee to include three independent members and two elected members;
- (b) Formally appoints Ms Claudia GOLDSMITH as an Independent Member of the Roper Gulf Regional Council Audit and Risk Committee; and
- (c) Make this resolution public once resolved.



## CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2:57pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 16 June 2022 and will be confirmed on Wednesday, 24 August 2022.



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Mayor Tony JACK  
Confirmed on Wednesday, 24 August 2022.