

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUPPORT CENTRE
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT
ON WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 8:30AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Councillor Helen LEE (teleconference);
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT (teleconference);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL (teleconference);
- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Councillor David MURRUNGUN (teleconference);
- Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN (teleconference); and
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR (teleconference);

1.2 Staff

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

1.3 Guests

- Amanda HAIGH, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet; and
- Damien RYAN, Country Liberal Party

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:40am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNCIL

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Jana DANIELS, Councillor Selina ASHLEY, and Councillor John DALYWATER.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 14 DECEMBER 2021

2/2022 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 14 December 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

3/2022 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the Action List;**
- (b) Approves the removal of completed items; and**
- (c) Convenes the Larrimah and Daly Waters Community Consultative Meetings to occur on Monday, 28 March 2022.**

CR. GADRIAN HOOSAN JOINED THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:53AM

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- Fee Waiver for Mataranka Sports Grounds Use (Variety Club NT)
- King Ash Bay Road Condition
- Night Patrol in Ngukurr
- Maintenance responsibilities for Outstations and Outstation Roads
- Town Camp Roads

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

4/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Gadrian HOOSAN)

CARRIED

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

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

5/2022 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That Council accepts the Incoming Correspondence report.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

6/2022 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Patricia FARRELL)

CARRIED

That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

7/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;**
- (b) Accepts the nomination received for the Jilkminggan Local Authority from Cecilia LAKE;**
- (c) Accepts the tendered resignation from Mataranka Local Authority Member Beki BULLS; and**
- (d) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to open a 'Call for Nominations' period to fill one (1) vacancy on the Mataranka Local Authority.**

Note: The resignation was received on the 22 February 2022 via email, the resignation was dated 28 January 2022. This matter was tabled at the 23 February 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

13.2 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

8/2022 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;**
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority meeting held on 06 December 2021;**
- (c) Approves the recommendations from the Beswick Local Authority meeting held on 17 January 2022;**
- (d) Approves the recommendations from the Bulman Local Authority meeting held on 20 January 2022;**
- (e) Rescinds the membership of all six (6) Manyallaluk Local Authority Appointed Members;**
- (f) Rescinds the membership of Appointed Member Braun BUSH from the Barunga Local Authority;**
- (g) Notes that no nominations were received for the 16 December 2021 – 20 January 2022 or the 20 January 2022 – 11 February 2022 'Call for Nominations' periods for the Beswick and Barunga Local Authorities;**
- (h) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to open a 'Call for Nominations' period to fill one (1) vacancy on the Barunga Local Authority;**
- (i) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to open a 'Call for Nominations' period to fill one (1) vacancy on the Beswick Local Authority;**
- (j) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to open a 'Call for Nominations' period to fill Five (5) vacancies on the Manyallaluk Local Authority.**
- (k) Rescinds the appointment of Cr. ASHLEY from the Manyallaluk Local Authority;**
- (l) Formally Appoints Cr. LEE as the Elected Member to represent and sit on the Manyallaluk Local Authority; and**
- (m) Formally sets the membership of the Manyallaluk Local Authority to consist of five (5) other Appointed Members for a total of six (6) Members overall.**

CR. DAVID MURRONGUN JOINED THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 9:29AM.

13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD REPORT

9/2022 RESOLVED (David MURRONGUN/Judy MacFARLANE) CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the Numbulwar Numbirindi Ward Report;
- (b) Note that no nominations were received for the 16 December 2021 – 20 January 2022 or the 20 January 2022 – 11 February 2022 'Call for Nominations' for the Numbulwar Local Authority; and
- (c) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to open a 'Call for Nominations' period to fill three (3) vacancy on the Numbulwar Local Authority.

CR SAMUEL EVANS LEFT THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 09:38 AM

CR SAMUEL EVANS RETURNED TO THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 09:41 AM

13.4 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

10/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) Note that no nominations were received for the 16 December 2021 – 20 January 2022 or the 20 January 2022 – 11 February 2022 'sCall for Nominations' for the Robinson River Local Authority; and
- (c) Decreases the composition of the Robinson River Local Authority by one (1) membership, so as to comprise of Mayor JACK, Cr. EVANS, and Cr. HOOSAN, and nine (9) other Appointed Members, for a total membership of twelve (12) members.

13.5 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT

11/2022 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/David MURRONGUN) CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
- (b) Note that no nominations were received for the 16 December 2021 – 20 January 2022 or the 20 January 2022 – 11 February 2022 'Call for Nominations' for the Ngukurr Local Authority; and
- (c) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to open a 'Call for Nominations' period to fill one (1) vacancy on the Ngukurr Local Authority.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 MATARANKA SPORTS GROUND FEE WAIVER

12/2022 RESOLVED (David MURRONGUN/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council approves the waiving of all fees for the use of the Mataranka Sports Ground for the *Variety Club Bash*, being held on 29 August 2022.

14.2 KING ASH BAY ROAD CONDITION

13/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Judy MacFARLANE) CARRIED

That Council requests that the Acting Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to Finance and Infrastructure Committee about the agency

responsibility for the maintenance of the King Ash Bay and Black Rock Access Roads.

14.3 NIGHT PATROL - NGUKURR

14/2022 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) *CARRIED*

That Council requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to ascertain information sharing options in relation to Community Services Programs with applicable stake-holders for collaborative purposes, including confidential but pertinent information.

14.4 RESPONSIBLE PERSON/DEPARTMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF OUTSTATIONS AND OUTSTATION ROADS

15/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/David MURRUNGUN) *CARRIED*

That Council requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to report to Finance and Infrastructure Committee on Outstations Roads, and their maintenance responsibility.

14.5 TOWN CAMP ROADS

16/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) *CARRIED*

That Council requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to provide an update in relation to the status of Town Camp Roads Projects as discussed by the Big Rivers Region Roads Committee.

15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

15.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

17/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Helen LEE) *CARRIED*

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's report.

CR OWEN TURNER LEFT THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 09:45 AM
CR OWEN TURNER RETURNED TO THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 09:47 AM

15.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

18/2022 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) *CARRIED*

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

15.3 BIG RIVERS REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

19/2022 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Patricia FARRELL) *CARRIED*

That the Council receives and notes the report in relation to the Big Rivers Regional Coordination Committee and projects update.

15.4 STRATEGIC PLAN 2022 - 2027

20/2022 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) *CARRIED*

That Council;

- (a) Formally accepts the Roper Gulf Regional Council Strategic Plan 2022-2027 with edits; and
- (b) Selects Option 3: Adopt the Strategic Plan but allow for further edits and feedback.

15.5 LGANT CALL FOR MOTIONS - GENERAL MEETING APRIL 2022

21/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council submits the following motions to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory General Meeting:

- Fencing in and lighting of public facilities and amenities in communities;
- Sport and recreation planning, including adequate lighting;
- Town camp roads; and
- Community housing drainage.

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR MORNING TEA, THE TIME BEING 10:25AM.

MEETING RESUMED, THE TIME BEING 11:00AM

16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 NIGHT PATROL REPORT

22/2022 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Judy MacFARLANE)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Night Patrol report.

17.2 VET TEAM UPDATE

23/2022 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Vet Team update report.

17.3 PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC CAMPS IN COUNCIL MAINTAINED PARKS

24/2022 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Judy MacFARLANE)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Preservation of Public Camps in Council maintained Parks report.

17.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISIONAL REPORT

25/2022 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Community Services Divisional report.

18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

18.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

26/2022 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/David MURRUNGUN)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update.

CR SAMUEL EVANS LEFT THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 11:34 AM

18.2 AMENDMENT OF DATE OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL IN APRIL 2022

27/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Patricia FARRELL)

CARRIED

That Council resolves to hold its Ordinary Meeting on Thursday, 28 April 2022 in Borroloola.

CR SAMUEL EVANS RETURNED TO THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 11:37 AM

18.3 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31.1.2022

28/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/David MURRUNGUN) CARRIED

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

18.4 FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS

29/2022 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council approves the amendments to the Financial Delegation Manual to introduce a \$ 500,000 limit to Chief Executive Officer delegation to approve expenditure.

18.5 REVISED POLICY - BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

30/2022 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Judy MacFARLANE) CARRIED

That Council adopts the revised Breach of Code of Conduct Policy.

19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

20 CLOSE OF MEETING

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

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:-

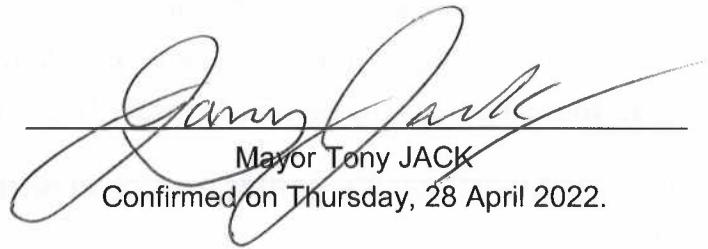
- 20.1 **Confirmation of previous Confidential Session Minutes- 14 December 2021** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(d).*
- 20.2 **Confidential Matter - Council Complaint** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(a) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (d) (e) (f).*
- 20.3 **Purchase of a new Enterprise Resource Planning software** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(i).*
- 20.4 **Selection and Appointment of an Independent Member for the Council's Audit Committee** – *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(ii) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (e).*
- 20.5 **Outstanding Rates** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(b).*
- 20.6 **Update of CouncilBiz Activities** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(i) (c)(iii) (e) (f).*
- 20.7 **Purchase of a Chief Executive Officer's House – Katherine** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(c)(iii).*
- 20.8 **Recruitment of CEO** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s 51(1)(b)*

(c)(iv).

20.9 Major Projects 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).*

The meeting terminated at 12:27 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 23 February 2022 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on Thursday, 28 April 2022.