



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY MEETING
OF COUNCIL HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, NUMBULWAR
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2022 AT 8:30AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Judy MACFARLANE;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR (*via teleconference*);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Patricia FARREL;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI (*via teleconference*);
- Councillor Owen TURNER; and
- Councillor John DALYWATER.

1.2 Staff

- Andreea CADDY, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Dave HERRON; Acting General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning; and
- Chloe IRLAM; Governance Engagement Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

Nil.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 9:19am. 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

213/2022 **RESOLVED** (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/John DALYWATER) **CARRIED**

That Council accepts the tendered apologies from, Councillor Helen LEE, Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT, Councillor Jana DANIELS and Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

214/2022 **RESOLVED** (Judy MacFARLANE/Patricia FARRELL) **CARRIED**

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on 28 September 2022 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings, subject to the following amendments to resolution 165/2022:

Item 15.4 Local Government Elected Member Long Service Award

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Local Government Elected Member Long Service Award report; and

(b) nominate the following elected members for the Long Service Awards:

10 Years

- Mayor JACK;*
- Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT;*
- Cr Samuel EVANS; and*

15 Years

- Cr John DALYWATER.*

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 ACTION LIST

215/2022 **RESOLVED** (Judy MacFARLANE/Samuel EVANS) **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) approves the removal of completed items;
- (c) requests a report be submitted to the December Ordinary Meeting of Council regarding shade structures over playgrounds in Barunga, Mulgan Camp and Weemol.

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- Animal Management Update
- Contractors in Numbulwar– *Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR*

9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

10 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Nil.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

216/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) accepts the incoming correspondence; and
- (b) requests a report be submitted to the December Ordinary Meeting of Council regarding the Australian Government Drought Plan.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

217/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council notes the outgoing correspondence.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT

218/2022 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendation from the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday 20 September 2022; and
- (c) notes the recommendations from the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 September 2022.

13.2 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

219/2022 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) receives and notes the nomination for membership on the Borroloola Local Authority from Andrew FIRLEY as tabled; and
- (c) accepts the nomination submitted for membership on the Borroloola Local Authority from Andrew FIRLEY.

13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD REPORT

220/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Patricia FARRELL) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Numbulwar Numbirindi Ward Report.

13.4 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

221/2022 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
- (b) accepts the following nominations submitted for membership on the Bulman Local Authority;
 - Desmond LINDSAY; and
 - Francis MURRAY.
- (c) accepts the tendered resignation from the Barunga Local Authority by Freddy SCRUBBY;
- (d) requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer calls for a '21 day nominations period' to fill the one (1) vacancy on the Barunga Local Authority;
- (e) requests that the Bulman Local Authority membership number be reduced to a total of eight (8) members (*two (2) Elected Members and six (6) Appointed Members*);
- (f) approves the rescinding of membership from the Manyallaluk Local Authority from the following members:
 - Ben ULAMARI; and
 - Sherese DOOLEY.
- (g) requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer calls for a '21 day nominations period' to fill the two (2) vacancies on the Manyallaluk Local Authority; and
- (h) confirms the Beswick and Barunga Local Authority Meetings to be scheduled for 3 November 2022.

13.5 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

222/2022 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRI)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report; and
- (b) notes that no nominations were received for the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Vet Program Manager provided information regarding the seriousness of dangerous dogs in communities and the amount of dogs per household being excessive in some cases. Council also discussed the importance of getting dogs desexed at an early age to manage dangerous characteristics present in dogs.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer relayed the advice sought regarding these dog issues. It was advised that Council cannot introduce new dog by-laws into communities that are not large enough to be "free hold".

14.2 CONTRACTORS IN NUMBULWAR- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR

223/2022 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to submit a complaint to the Northern Territory Government Projects division regarding contractors in Numbulwar.

15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

15.1 ANNUAL REPORT

224/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/John DALYWATER)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) defers the Annual Report to next scheduled meeting of Council;

- (b) requests that the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer call for a Special Meeting of Council to review the Annual Report and the Audited Report be convened on Monday, 14 November 2022 in the Chambers at the RGRC Head Quarters, 2 Crawford Street, Katherine; and
- (c) requests that all Councillors attending the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory conference to also attend the Special Council Meeting to review the Annual Report in Katherine prior to their departure to Darwin.

15.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION REVIEW - HAVE YOUR SAY

225/2022 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Local Government Representation Review – Have Your Say report.

15.3 REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AND LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

226/2022 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/John DALYWATER) CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) receives and notes the Remuneration Tribunal – Local Government and Local Authority Members Allowance; and
- (b) requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to liaise with Councillor NUNGGUMAJBARR and submit a motion to the tribunal.

15.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY - NOMINATIONS FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY GRANTS COMMISSION

227/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Patricia FARRELL) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory - Nominations for the Northern Territory Grants Commission report.

15.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY - NOMINATION TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

228/2022 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory – Nomination to the Neighbourhood Watch Committee.

16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

16.1 DEVELOPING BY-LAWS

The presentation that was to be provided by Hugh King, Manager Legislation and Policy Projects Local Government in regards to developing By-laws was deferred to the December Ordinary Meeting of Council

17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

229/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Judy MacFARLANE) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Suicide Prevention Training report.

17.2 APPLICATION TO WAIVE CATERING SHED FEES FOR MATARANKA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT

230/2022 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) receives and notes the Application to Waive Catering Shed Fees for Mataranka Community Christmas Event; and
- (b) accepts the application to waive the hire fees for the community organized Christmas event.

18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

18.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CDP)

231/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Patricia FARRELL)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) receives and notes the Community Development (CDP) report;
- (b) confirms and approves the Mayor and Acting Chief Executive Officer to sign the contract for participation in the Community Development Plan (CDP) trial.

18.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

232/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report.

18.3 ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REPORT DEFERED

That Council;

- (a) approves the Annual Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 for inclusion into the Annual Report; and
- (b) instructs the Chief Executive Officer to deliver the Audited Financial Statements to the Northern Territory Grants Commission by 15 November 2022.

18.4 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN UPDATE

233/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) receives and notes the report on the Reconciliation Action Plan; and
- (b) requests art work from each region be displayed on the front cover and throughout the Plan.

18.5 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

234/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 30 September 2022.

19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

19.1 ASSETS - FIRST QUARTER REPORT - 01 JULY 2022 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

235/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/John DALYWATER)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Assets – First Quarter Report – 01 July 2022 to 30 September 2022.

20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

236/2022 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Patricia FARRELL)

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:-

- 20.1 **Chief Executive Officer's Report** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*
- 20.2 **Action List - Confidential Items** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*
- 20.3 **Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*
- 20.4 **Barunga Statement and Community Wayfinding Strategy** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 20.5 **Barunga Irrigation Update Report** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 20.6 **Manyallaluk Internal Roads Repairs and Maintenance** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 20.7 **Major Projects Update Report** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 20.8 **Weemol Access Road Upgrade** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 20.9 **MYOB Update** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 20.10 **Borrooloola Cyclone Shelter Update** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 20.11 **Creation of a Civil Works team** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 20.12 **Bulman Internal Roads** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i),*

information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

20.13 Fleet Procurement Tender Heath Motor Group - The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

20.14 Fleet Procurement Tender CJD Equipment - The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

20.15 Fleet Procurement Tender Airpower - The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

The meeting moved to the Confidential Session at 10:45am.

RETURN TO OPEN

251/2022 **RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/John DALYWATER)**

CARRIED

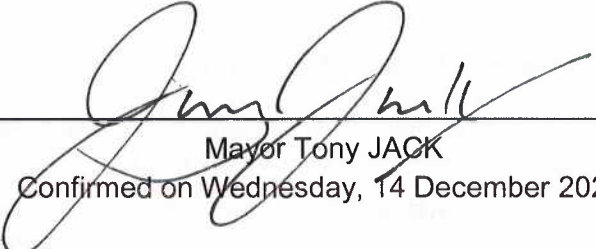
That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re-opened to the public.

The meeting re-opened to the public at 12:18pm.

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:23pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 26 October 2022 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on Wednesday, 14 December 2022.