

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 WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY 2020 AT 8:30AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS (arrived late);
- Councillor Deanna KENNEDY;
- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Councillor Marlene KARKADOO;
- Councillor Don GARNER;
- Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT; and
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR.

1.2 Staff

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer; and
- Naomi HUNTER, Executive Manager.

1.3 Guests

- Amanda HAIGH, Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:27am. 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

73/2020 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Donald GARNER)

CARRIED

That Council accepts the apology of Councillor Selina Ashley and noted that Councillor David MURRUNGUN was not present and did not tender an apology..

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 24 JUNE 2020

74/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council confirmed the minutes from the meeting held on 24 June 2020 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

75/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council received and noted the Action List.

Council requested that the CEO seek an update of the status of the Numbulwar Subdivision from NTG Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- Alcohol consumption in dry communities
- Venues for future 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council (OMC)
- Replace Yugul Mangi Ward Elected Member "casual vacancy"
- Borroloola Major Projects Delegation
- Ngukurr Oval

9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

10 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Nil.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

76/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council accepted the correspondence.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

77/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council accepted the outgoing correspondence.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

78/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Received and noted the Never Never Ward Report; and
- (b) Approved the recommendations from the Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting held on 16 September 2019.

13.2 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

79/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Received and noted the Nyiranggulung Ward Report;
- (b) Approved the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority provisional meeting on 9 September 2019;
- (c) Approved the recommendations from the Beswick Local Authority meeting held on 15 June 2020; and
- (d) Approved the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority meeting held on 15 June 2020.

13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT

80/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Donald GARNER)

CARRIED

That Council received and noted the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.

13.4 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

81/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council received and noted the South West Gulf Ward Report.

13.5 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT

82/2020 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
- (b) Approved the recommendations from the Ngukurr Local Authority meeting held on 29 June 2020 and approved the allocation of \$150,000 towards the Ngukurr Sports Court Project to match the Local Authority allocation of \$170,000; and
- (c) Approved the recommendations from the Urapunga Local Authority meeting held on 29 June 2020.

The Mayor left the room briefly and the Deputy Mayor took the role as Chair for the item 14.1.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 CERTIFICATION OF 2019-20 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING

83/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Judy MacFARLANE)

CARRIED

That Council approved the 2019-20 Local Authority Project Funding Certification Reports.

The Mayor returned to the Council Chambers.

14.2 VARIATIONS TO FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

84/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

That Council approved the use of the common seal on:

- (a) the Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund Deed of Variation for the Ngukurr Freight Hub to extend the completion date;
- (b) the Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund Deed of Variation for the Numbulwar Waste Management Facility to extend the completion date;
- (c) the Aged Care Regional, Rural and Remote Infrastructure Grant Deed of Agreement - Deed of Variation to amend scope and extend the completion date; and
- (d) the Indigenous Employment Initiative - Deed of Agreement provided by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

14.3 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

85/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Accepted funding of \$489,289 (GST Exclusive) under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program; and
- (b) Acknowledged the Commonwealth's support in respect of the funding provided.

14.4 ACQUITTAL OF SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANTS

86/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Received and noted the annual acquittals for two Special Purpose Grants totaling \$428,382 (GST Exclusive);
- (b) Received and noted the annual acquittal for one Strategic Infrastructure Fund Grant of \$500,000 (GST Exclusive); and
- (c) Acknowledged the funding provided by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

14.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER RESIGNATION

87/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Accepted the resignation of Local Authority Member Ian GUMBULA; and
- (b) Accepted the resignation of Local Authority Member Rosina FARRELL.

15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

15.1 MAYOR'S UPDATE

88/2020 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Donald GARNER)

CARRIED

That Council accepted the Mayor's update report.

15.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

89/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Donald GARNER)

CARRIED

That Council received and noted the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

15.3 ELECTED MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

90/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council received and noted the report of Elected Member attendance at Local Authority meetings for the 2019/2020 financial year.

15.4 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

91/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Received and noted the Council and Committee Attendance Statistics; and
- (b) Approved the data with edits for inclusion into the 2019/2020 Annual Report.

15.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

92/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Received and noted the Local Authority Attendance Statistics; and
- (b) Approved the data for inclusion into the 2019/2020 Annual Report.

15.6 ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL REGIONAL PLAN

93/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Received and adopted with edits the Roper Gulf Regional Council Regional Plan 2020/21;
- (b) Adopted the Roper Gulf Regional Council Regional Plan 2020/21, pursuant to Section 24 (1) and 128 (1) of the *Local Government Act*;
- (c) Adopted the 2021-2024 Long Term Financial Plan, pursuant to Section 126 (1) of the *Local Government Act*;
- (d) Approved the 2020/21 Declaration of Rates, pursuant to Section 155-157 of the *Local Government Act*;
- (e) Approved the 2020/21 Council Member Allowances, pursuant to Section 71 (2) of the *Local Government Act*;
- (f) Approved the 2020/21 Local Authority Member Allowances, pursuant to Guideline 8 of the *Local Government Act*; and
- (g) Approved the submission of the Roper Gulf Regional Council's 2020/21 Regional Plan to the Minister of Local Government and to the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

The meeting stopped for morning tea, the time being 9:55am.

The meeting resumed from morning tea, the time being 10:30am.

15.7 CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW UPDATE

94/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council:

- a) Received and noted the status of this review; and
- b) Delegated the Finance Committee to adopt the final draft of the response of the Department of Local Government after the 21 days public consultation period.

16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

18.1 CHANGES TO ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

95/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That Council adopted the changes to accounting standards AASB 16 and AASB 1058 for the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020.

18.2 BUDGET AMENDMENT - ROBINSON RIVER SOLAR LIGHTING

96/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Approved the amendment to the 2019/20 Budget to reflect the purchase of a solar lighting system and oval spectator seating at Robinson River for \$20,714.07;
- (b) Approved the amendment to the 2020/21 Budget for \$19,000 for installation of the lighting and seating at the basketball court at Robinson River; and
- (c) Approved the amendment to the 2020/21 Budget for the purchase and installation of a playground at Robinson River for \$39,000 in accordance with the grant from NT Department of Health.

18.3 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30.06.2020

97/2020 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Donald GARNER) CARRIED

That Council received and noted the financial reports as at 30 June 2020.

18.4 POLICY REVIEW

98/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That Council adopted the following revised Policies with format edit:

- (a) Policy Framework;
- (b) Organisational Delegations Manual (Non-Financial);
- (c) Financial Delegations Manual;
- (d) Rating Policy;
- (e) Waste Collection Charges Policy; and
- (f) Work Health and Safety Policy.

19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

19.1 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATES

99/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Marlene KARKADOO) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Received and noted the Major Projects Updates Report; and
- (b) Approved the use of \$350,000 funding and the \$300,000 identified for supply of contractor/VIP accommodation in Borrooloola to add \$650,000 to the Rocky Creek

- Project to allow award;
- (c) Approved the use of the common seal a deed of variation to deal with any matters relating the major projects in Borroloola; and
 - (d) Approved the following Elected Members as delegates for Borroloola major projects the Mayor Judy MacFarlane, Councillor Don Garner and Councillor Owen Turner, to deal with all matters arising.

19.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

100/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council received and noted the Local Authority Projects Update.

19.3 ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN DRY COMMUNITIES

Matter was discussed by Council, no resolution was made.

ACTION: CEO to write to the Commission of Police and the Liquor Commission to express our concerns about the amount of liquor entering Roper Gulf Area Communities.

19.4 VENUES FOR FUTURE 2020 OMC 2020

That Council approved:

- (a) The Ordinary Meeting Council on 30 September 2020 to be held in Manyallaluk; and
- (b) The Ordinary Meeting Council on 28 October 2020 in Ngukurr.

19.5 REPLACE NGUKURR CASUAL VACANCY

101/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council has decided to fill the casual vacancy and approved Clifford Duncan to take up the Elected Member Casual Vacancy for the Yugul Mangi Ward.

The meeting stopped for lunch, the time being 12.00pm.

The meeting resumed from lunch, the time being 12.40pm.

20 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

102/2020 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

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 Ordinary Meeting of Council - 24 June 2020 - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(iv).*

20.2 Manyallaluk (Eva Valley) Access Road gravel re-sheet works
Tender number: ROPER 921514 - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (e).*

20.3 Statutory Charges - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local*

Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(b) (c)(ii).

- 20.4 Variation to Deed of Agreement to allow an extension of time** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i) (e).*
- 20.5 RGRC Operational 3rd Quarter Report** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(iii).*
- 20.6 Appointment of Independent Member to Audit Committee** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(a).*
- 20.7 Exemption from Procurement** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i).*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

103/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Samuel EVANS)

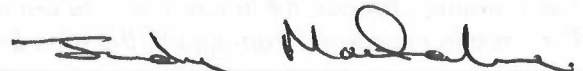
CARRIED

That Council moved to return to the open session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council and declared the resolutions made in the confidential session not be available to the public in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008*, section 201.

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1:35pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 29 July 2020 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

Confirmed on 30 September 2020