

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL  
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT  
ON WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 8.30AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Elected Members**

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Councillor Selina ASLEY;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- 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;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Officer

**1.3 Guests**

Nil.

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:31am. 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**

81/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Selina ASHLEY)

*CARRIED*

The Council accepted the apology of Deputy Mayor Helen Lee.

## 4.2 APOLOGIES

82/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

The Council notes the absence of Councillors Clifford DUNCAN and David MURRUNGAN no apology was given.

The Mayor acknowledged the change in venue for this meeting, following advice from the Northern Territory Department as there was a death in the Manyallaluk community. Advice from the Department was distributed to all attendees.

## 5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 29 JULY 2020

83/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

The Council confirmed the minutes from the meeting held on 29 July 2020 and affirmed them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

## 7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 7.1 ACTION LIST

84/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Received and noted the Action List;
- (b) Approved the removal of completed items.

## 8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- Toilet Blocks into Capital Budget
- Solar Lights
- Capital Expenditure
- Ngukurr/Numbulwar Roads
- Rates enquiry

## 9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor GARNER made a declaration regarding a rates enquiry in King Ash Bay.

Councillor is related to a Committee member of the King Ash Bay Fishing Club Incorporated and has interests in King Ash Bay.

## 10 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### 10.1 CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

85/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Adopted the recommendations from the Roads Committee Meeting held on 25

- August 2020; and  
(b) Adopted the recommendations from the Finance Committee Meeting held on 25 August 2020.

## 11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

### 11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

86/2020 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

The Council accepted the incoming correspondence, that included a late incoming correspondence from King Ash Bay Fishing Club Inc.

## 12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

### 12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

87/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

The Council accepted the outgoing correspondence.

## 13 WARD REPORTS

### 13.1 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

88/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Received and noted the Never Never Ward Report; and
- (b) Approved the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority meeting held on 4 August 2020; and
- (c) Approved the recommendations from the Hodgson Downs Local Authority meeting held on 17 August 2020.

### 13.2 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD REPORT

89/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

The Council received and noted the Numbulwar Numbirindi Ward Report.

### 13.3 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

90/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Received and noted the Nyiranggulung Ward Report; and
- (b) Approved the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority meeting held on 10 August 2020.

### 13.4 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

91/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Received and noted the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) Approved the recommendations from the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on 2 July 2020; and
- (c) Approved the recommendations from the Robinson River Local Authority Meeting held on 6 August 2020.

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

*92/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Owen TURNER)*

*CARRIED*

**The Council:**

- (a) Received and noted the Yugul Mangi Ward Report; and**
- (b) Approved the recommendations from the Urapunga Local Authority meeting held on 18 August 2020.**

### **14 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **14.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIGNATION**

*93/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)*

*CARRIED*

**The Council accepted the resignation from Annunciata Bradshaw from the Bulman Local Authority.**

#### **14.2 BESWICK CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE**

*94/2020 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Selina ASHLEY)*

*CARRIED*

**The Council:**

- (a) Noted the correspondence from the Wuduluk Progress Aboriginal Corporation; and**
- (b) Approved to advise the liquor commission that it has consulted with the Local Authority, notes that there is support from the community and that Council has no business or legislative reason to object to the application.**

### **15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

#### **15.1 MAYOR'S UPDATE**

*95/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Selina ASHLEY)*

*CARRIED*

**The Council noted and accepted the Mayor's update report.**

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

*96/2020 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Deanna KENNEDY)*

*CARRIED*

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

#### **15.3 1ST SESSION OF 14TH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

*97/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Ossie DAYLIGHT)*

*CARRIED*

**The Council received and noted the report of the 1st Session of 14th Legislative Assembly.**

#### **15.4 DEEDS OF VARIATION REQUIRING COMMON SEAL**

*98/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Deanna KENNEDY)*

*CARRIED*

**The Council:**

- (a) Accepted funding of \$691,894 (GST Exclusive) under the Homelands Services Program by signing, dating, and affixing the common seal to one copy of the Deed of Variation;**
- (b) Accepted funding of \$4,196,427 (GST Exclusive) under the Community Child Care Fund Restricted program by signing, dating and affixing the common seal to one copy of the Deed of Variation;**

- (c) Acknowledged the Territory and Commonwealth governments in respect of funding provided; and
- (d) Delegated the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO to approve the use of the common seal on legal documents that relate to decisions already made. Any use of the common seal through this delegation must be ratified by Council at the next meeting.

#### 15.5 OPERATIONAL SUBSIDY

99/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Received and noted the update from the Grants Coordinator regarding Territory Government Operational Subsidies for 2020-21; and
- (b) Acknowledged the then Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development in respect of the funding provided.

#### 15.6 ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE

100/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Marlene KARKADOO)

CARRIED

That Council received and noted the Annual Report Update.

*Cr Marlene KARKADOO left the meeting, the time being 09:29AM.*

*Cr Marlene KARKADOO returned to the meeting, the time being 09:31AM.*

*Cr Deanna KENNEDY left the meeting, the time being 09:32AM.*

#### 16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

#### 17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

##### 17.1 MATARANKA ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

101/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Received and noted the Animal Management Report;
- (b) Approved the scope of veterinary services for Matarankato be as per option B for a period of 3 months only;
- (c) Approved the By-law fee structure to be amended as per table 2; and
- (d) Require that the By-laws for Borroloola and Mataranka are properly and continually enforced.

*Cr Deanna KENNEDY returned to the meeting, the time being 09:37AM.*

*Cr Selina ASHLEY left the meeting, the time being 09:37AM.*

*Cr Selina ASHLEY returned to the meeting, the time being 09:39AM*

##### 17.2 NEW TICK SICKNESS

102/2020 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

The Council received and noted the information on Ehrlichia bacteria.

## 18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

### 18.1 POLICY RESCINDMENT AND CLASSIFICATION

103/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Rescinds all Families and Community Services (FACS) classified Community Service Policies; and
- (b) Delegated that all activity-specific operational provisions and requirements, including those covered in the current FACS classified Community Services Policies, to be dealt with by way of Directives and subordinate Corporate Documents, in accordance with the Addendum 1 provisions of the Policy Framework.

### 18.2 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31.08.2020

104/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

The Council received and noted the financial reports as at 31 August 2020.

*Cr Owen TURNER left the meeting, the time being 09:55AM.*

*Cr Owen TURNER returned to the meeting, the time being 09:59AM.*

## 19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

### 19.1 FLEET DISPOSAL 20/21 CAPEX REPLACEMENTS

105/2020 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Marlene KARKADOO) CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Approved the disposal of the following replaced fleet items:

1.	2008	ISUZU	MPR 300	924-083	FL-70320
2.	2008	KUBOTA	TRACTOR M6040	923-298	FL-70235
3.	2008	KUBOTA	TRACTOR MX5000	981-122	FL-70353
4.	2008	KUBOTA	TRACTOR M6040	CB-45-PE	FL-70234
5.	2008	KUBOTA	TRACTOR M6040DH	CA-83-UP	FL-70242
6.	2008	JOHN DEERE	GATOR	920-731	FL-70355
7.	2009	MITSUBISHI	FUSO TRUCK	935-612	FL-70386
8.	2009	MITSUBISHI	FUSO TRUCK	975-169	FL-70482
9.	2008	HINO	COMPACTOR TRUCK	915-802	FL-70197
10.	2011	HINOTIPPER	500 SERIES	CA-36-LS	FL-70597
11.	2012	CASE	SCOUT ATV	CA-48-XL	FL-70697
12.	2012	CASE	SCOUT ATV	CA-60-VS	FL-70747
13.	2009	JOHN DEERE	GATOR	955-209	FL-70442
14.	2009	JOHN DEERE	GATOR	968-285	FL-70450
15.	1999	TOYOTA	BOBCAT	CD-91-KD	FL-70515
16.	2010	CLARK	BOBCAT	975-182	FL-70467
17.	2010	CLARK	BOBCAT	CB-18-QJ	FL-70502
18.	2005	TOYOTA	FORKLIFT	CA-48-WR	FL-70130
19.	2011	KUBOTA	MOWER	F3680 CB-70-YS	FL-70607
20.	2011	JOHN DEERE	RIDE ON MOWER	988-659	FL-70518
21.	2011	JOHN DEERE	RIDE ON MOWER	990-343	FL-70519
22.	2011	JOHN DEERE	RIDE ON MOWER	CA-20-QI	FL-70611
23.	2012	CATERPILLAR	SKIDSTEER LOADER	CB-95-AG	FL-70891
24.	2010	KUBOTA	MOWER	F3680 CB-29-QI	FL-70468
25.	2010	TOYOTA	HILUX	966-674	FL-70445
26.	2010	TOYOTA	HIACE	970-987	FL-70455
27.	2011	TOYOTA	HIACE BUS	CA-32-VY	FL-70656
28.	2011	TOYOTA	HIACE BUS	995-385	FL-70531

29.	2011	TOYOTA	LANDCRUISER	CA-18-OV	FL-70596
30.	2011	TOYOTA	LANDCRUISER	985-916	FL-70508
31.	2012	TOYOTA	LANDCRUISER	CA-66-SA	FL-70710
32.	2012	TOYOTA	LANDCRUISER	CA-59-PK	FL-70708
33.	2012	TOYOTA	LANDCRUISER	CA-59-PM	FL-70707
34.	2012	TOYOTA	LANDCRUISER	CA-41-UX	FL-70682
35.	2012	TOYOTA	LANDCRUISER	CA-83-ZE	FL-70778
36.	2012	TOYOTA	HILUX	CA-70-KH	FL-70719
37.	2012	TOYOTA	HILUX	CA-54-KI	FL-70728
38.	2012	TOYOTA	HILUX	CA-60-HH	FL-70706
39.	2012	TOYOTA	HILUX	CA-57-QN	FL-70605
40.	2012	TOYOTA	HILUX	CA-45-ID	FL-70764
41.	2012	TOYOTA	HILUX	CA-57-PW	FL-70695
42.	2012	TOYOTA	HILUX	CA-59-PV	FL-70742
43.	2012	TOYOTA	HIACE BUS	CA-47-XH	FL-70694
44.	2012	TOYOTA	HILUX	CA-68-MW	FL-70717
45.	2012	TOYOTA	HILUX	CA-68-NC	FL-70715
46.	2012	TOYOTA	HILUX	CA-69-SC	FL-70770
47.	2012	TOYOTA	HILUX	CA-70-KC	FL-70716
48.		TOYOTA	HILUX	CB-53-GL	FL-70718

- (b) Approved the sale be by public auction using Orange County Auctions, Katherine.

*The meeting stopped for morning tea, the time being 10:05AM.*

*The meeting resumed after morning tea, the time being 10:40AM.*

## 19.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

106/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

The Council received and noted the Local Authority Projects Update.

## 19.3 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATES

107/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Received and noted the Major Projects Updates Report;
- (b) Approved an allocation of \$2 million for the Borroloola Business Centre to be referred to in any applications for additional funding of funds required;
- (c) Approved an allocation of \$2.4 million to construct the Mataranka Community Hub;
- (d) Approved an allocation of \$200,000 to the construction of Ngukurr Sports Centre Upgrade; and
- (e) Approved the purchase of five demountable toilet blocks to the value of \$100,000.

*Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR left the meeting, the time being 11:04AM.*

*Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR returned to the meeting, the time being 11:07AM.*

*Cr Selina ASHLEY left the meeting, the time being 11:15AM.*

*Cr Selina ASHLEY returned to the meeting, the time being 11:17AM.*

*Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT left the meeting, the time being 11:27AM.*

*Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT returned to the meeting, the time being 11:33AM*

#### 19.4 SOLAR LIGHTS

108/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Marlene KARKADOO)

CARRIED

The Council received and noted the information of the purchase of the solar lights.

Council were advised that a local supplier in Katherine can provide moveable solar lights at a very competitive price and that RGRC has ordered 4 units.

*Cr Marlene KARKADOO left the meeting, the time being 11:49AM.*

*Cr Marlene KARKADOO returned to the meeting, the time being 11:51AM.*

#### 19.5 NGUKURR/NUMBULWAR ROAD

109/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

The Council requested a letter to be sent to the NT Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and other senior officials, appealing for the immediate upgrade to the Ngukurr Road from Wilton River to Ngukurr and the Numbulwar Road from Ngukurr to Numbulwarr, on the grounds of safety to travellers.

#### 19.6 RATES ENQUIRY

110/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

The Council requested the CEO to provide advice at the next Council meeting of the appropriate response to the King Ash Bay Fishing Club Incorporated Rates enquiry.

#### 19.7 COUNCIL'S VOQ FACILITIES

111/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Donald GARNER)

CARRIED

The Council requested the CEO to provide a condition report on all the Council's VOQ facilities in communities to determine what upgrades are required.

*The meeting stopped for lunch, the time being 12:04 PM.*

*The meeting resumed after lunch, the time being 12:41 PM.*

#### 20 CLOSED SESSION

##### DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

112/2020 RESOLVED (Selena ASHLEY/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 - 29 July 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 Confirmation Committee Minutes** - *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).*

**20.3 2020 End of Year Awards Function** - *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).*

**20.4 Local Authority Nominations** - *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).*

- 20.5 Business Hardship Rates Relief** - *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)(i).*
- 20.6 Write off of Bad Debt** - *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).*
- 20.7 Cleaning Tender - awarding of contract** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(d).*
- 20.8 Changes to Council's Human Resources Department** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(a) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (d) (e).*
- 20.9 Supply and application of bituminous surfaces - Ngukurr Freight Hub** - *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).*
- 20.10 Policy Restructure** - *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).*
- 20.11 NOTIFICATION OF VARIATION TO CONTRACT** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(e).*

## **RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

**113/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Deanna KENNEDY)**

**CARRIED**

**The 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 1:47pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 30 September 2020 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

Confirmed on 28 October 2020

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