

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BULMAN ON
WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 8:30 AM

1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

Mayor Judy MacFARLANE
Deputy Mayor Helen LEE
Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT
Councillor Selina ASHLEY
Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT
Councillor David MURRUNGUN
Councillor Don GARNER
Councillor Keith RORY

1.2 Staff

Sharon HILLEN, Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Greg ARNOTT, Director Corporate Governance
Joshua CHEVALIER-BRINE, Grants Coordinator
Cristian COMAN, Manager Governance and Corporate Planning
Tessa CARNEGIE, Local Authority Coordinator (Minute Taker)

1.3 Guests

Nil

2. MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 08:38AM

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Mayor Judy MacFARLANE welcomed Elected Members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES.

199/2018 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/David Murrungun)

- (a) That Council accepts the apologies of Councillor Samuel EVANS, Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR, Councillor Eric ROBERTS, and Councillor Owen TURNER for the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 September 2018.

4.2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES.

200/2018 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/Selina Ashley)

- (a) That Council accepts the apologies of Michael BERTO, Chief Executive Office for the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 September 2018.
(b) That Council receives and notes the CEO's leave of absence to 21 January

2019.

5.CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

201/2018 RESOLVED (Ossie Daylight/Donald Garner)

- (a) That Council approves the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Wednesday 25 July 2018.

6.CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Borroloola Office update;
2. Local Authority Projects;
3. Barunga Lights Update;
4. Yes School, Yes Pool;
5. Ngukurr Freight Hub;
6. Roads Projects;
7. Cemeteries;
8. Stormwater Drainage – Barunga and Bulman Communities;
9. Local AFL – Big Rivers Region;
10. Dry Toilets at Airstrips and Cemeteries;
11. Mataranka, Ngukurr, Borroloola Lights;
12. Strategic Local Government Infrastructure Fund;
13. LGANT AGM;
14. National Roads Committee;
15. Port Roper Boat Ramp;
16. Community-based OMC Catering.

7.QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

8.DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

9.CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

9.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

202/2018 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Keith Rory)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Finance Committee Meeting held Wednesday 29th August 2018.

10.BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

10.1 ACTION LIST

203/2018 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Keith Rory)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Action List.

11.INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

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204/2018 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/David Murrungun)

- (a) That Council accepts the Incoming correspondence.

12.OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

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205/2018 RESOLVED (Ossie Daylight/Donald Garner)

- (a) That Council accepts the Outgoing correspondence.

13.WARD REPORTS

13.1 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

206/2018 RESOLVED (Annabelle Daylight/Selina Ashley)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report.

13.2 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT

NOTE: NUMBULWAR MEETING IN AUGUST WAS CANCELLED

207/2018 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/David Murrungun)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.

Cr Helen Lee left the meeting, the time being 09:13 am

Cr Helen Lee returned to the meeting, the time being 09:14 am

13.3 NYIRRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

208/2018 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Annabelle Daylight)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report.

13.4 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

209/2018 RESOLVED (Keith Rory/Donald Garner)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report.

13.5 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT

210/2018 RESOLVED (Ossie Daylight/Selina Ashley)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

14.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

211/2018 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/David Murrungun)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

14.2 CEO REPORT JULY - SEPTEMBER 2018

212/2018 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/Selina Ashley)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the CEO Report July to September 2018.

15. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

15.1 GUIDELINE 8 AMENDMENTS

213/2018 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/David Murrungun)

- (a) That Council provides a response to the proposed Ministerial amendments to Guideline 8.

ACTION: invite DCM to October Ordinary meeting of Council to clarify 'local decision making'

Cr Keith Rory left the meeting, the time being 09:34 am

Cr Keith Rory returned to the meeting, the time being 09:35 am

15.2 NYIRRANGGULUNG WARD BY-ELECTION

214/2018 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Annabelle Daylight)

- (a) That Council receives and notes community engagement activities to promote the Nyirranggulung Ward By-Election.

15.3 FINANCE - RGRC FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2018

215/2018 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/David Murrungun)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the financial report as at 31st August 2018.

15.4 ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING AGREEMENTS

216/2018 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/David Murrungun)

- (a) That Council approve in principle the funding offer of \$270,000 (GST Exclusive) for the 2018-19 Remote Sport Program, by signing, dating, and affixing the common seal to one copy of the Agreement.
- (b) That Council accepts the funding offer of \$146,841 (GST Exclusive) for the

Ngukurr Playground Upgrades, by signing, dating, and affixing the common seal to one copy of the Agreement.

- (c) That Council accepts the funding offer of \$77,000 (GST Exclusive) for the Municipal and Essential Services Program, by signing, dating, and affixing the common seal to one copy of the Agreement.
- (d) That Council accepts the funding offer of \$10,000 (GST Exclusive) provided by the Animal Welfare Fund, by signing, dating, and affixing the common seal to one copy of the Agreement.

15.5 FUNDING FOR THE NUMBULWAR SPORT AND RECREATION HALL

217/2018 RESOLVED (Keith Rory/Donald Garner)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the update from the CEO regarding the project to upgrade the Numbulwar Sport and Recreation Hall.
- (b) That Council approves \$55,000 (GST Exclusive) increase in budget for this project and that this budget amended is funded from reserves.
- (c) That Council approves the waiver of fees for use of the Council accommodation in Numbulwar as an in-kind contribution to this project.

15.6 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM: ASSESSMENT OF ROUND 1 GRANT APPLICATIONS

218/2018 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/Ossie Daylight)

- (a) That Council endorses the recommendations of the Community Grants Committee for Round 1 of the 2018-19 Community Grants Program.

For the Major Category:

- Recommendations TBA

For the Minor Category

- Nil

morning tea commenced at 10:07am

morning tea end at 10:43am

16.COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT

Nil

17.COMMERCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

17.1 CONTRACTS MANAGEMENT UPDATE

219/2018 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/David Murrungun)

- (a) That Council accepts the report in relation to Contracts Management Updates.

18.GENERAL BUSINESS

18.1 BORROLOOLA OFFICE UPDATE

220/2018 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Keith Rory)

- (a) That Council receives and notes update pertaining to Borroloola Office upgrade.
- (b) That the Council allocate \$100,000 for the BOR temporary office in preparation for the Borroloola Office Upgrade.

18.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

221/2018 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/David Murrungun)

- (a) That Council receives and notes update pertaining to Local Authority Projects.
- (b) Council directs the CEO to prioritise Local Authority Projects and report back at the OMC.

Cr Ossie Daylight left the meeting, the time being 11:02 AM

Cr Ossie Daylight returned to the meeting, the time being 11:06 AM

18.3 BARUNGA LIGHTS UPDATE

NOTE: It's going to tender this week, tender time is 4 weeks

Greg to update in October OMC on completion date

222/2018 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Helen Lee)

- (a) That Council receives and notes update from DCG pertaining to Barunga Lights project.

18.4 YES SCHOOL, YES POOL

223/2018 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/Keith Rory)

- (a) That Council approves the Yes School, Yes Pool rule for Ngukurr to promote school attendance.
- (b) That Council approves signage on pool fence regarding pool rules including barring unsupervised minors under age of 10 years, from attending / using Council pools.

18.5 NGUKURR FREIGHT HUB

224/2018 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Ossie Daylight)

- (a) That Council receives and notes update pertaining to Ngukurr Freight Hub project.

18.6 ROADS PROJECTS

225/2018 RESOLVED (Keith Rory/David Murrungun)

- (a) That Council formally requests support from the Northern Territory Government for Carpentaria Highway upgrades from Borroloola – Queensland border section.
- (b) That Council write to The Honorable Warren SNOWDEN Federal Member for Lingiari and the Australian Government Minister responsible for developing the

North and the Australian Government Minister responsible for roads and infrastructure and the two (2) Northern Territory Senators in respect to increasing funding for upgrading and maintenance of roads within the Roper Gulf Regional Council area.

- (c) **That Council write to LGANT to present at the National Roads Conference the position of Roper Gulf Regional Council.**

Cr Annabelle Daylight left the meeting, the time being 11:26 AM

Cr Annabelle Daylight returned to the meeting, the time being 11:30 AM

Cr Selina Ashley left the meeting, the time being 11:32 AM

Cr Keith Rory left the meeting, the time being 11:32 AM

Cr Selina Ashley returned to the meeting, the time being 11:35 AM

Cr Keith Rory returned to the meeting, the time being 11:35 AM

18.7 CEMETERIES

226/2018 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley)

- (a) **That Council obtains update from the Department of Housing and Community Development pertaining to Cemetery Act review.**
- (b) **CEO provided an update on the proposed CDP Headstones Project.**

ACTION: DHCD to distribute the local cemetery presentation previously tabled at LA.

18.8 STORMWATER AND DRAINAGE - BARUNGA AND BULMAN COMMUNITIES

227/2018 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Annabelle Daylight) CARRIED

- (a) **That the CEO will ensure that all drains in communities have been cleaned and are ready for the Wet Season.**
- (b) **That Council continues to advocate on behalf of Communities in regards to sub-divisional guidelines.**

Cr Helen Lee left the meeting, the time being 11:53 AM

18.9 LOCAL AFL BIG RIVERS REGION - Councillor Keith Rory

228/2018 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Keith Rory)

- (a) **That the CEO writes to AFL NT in regards to what resources are being allocated to remote communities (e.g. Borroloola)**

Cr Helen Lee returned to the meeting, the time being 11:53 AM

18.10 DRY TOILETS AT AIRSTRIPS AND CEMETERIES

229/2018 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Keith Rory)

- (a) **CEO to report to the next OMC the findings on Dry Toilets.**

18.11 MATARANKA, NGUKURR, BORROLOOLA LIGHTS

230/2018 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley)

- (a) **That Council receives and notes the Mataranka, Ngukurr, Borroloola Lights verbal report.**

18.12 STRATEGIC LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

231/2018 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Ossie Daylight)

- (a) That Council will submit an application relating to Mataranka Community Hub (Lot 120)

18.13 LGANT AGM

232/2018 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/David Murrungun)

- (a) The Council approve Mayor Judy MacFARLANE, Deputy Mayor Helen LEE, Cr Ossie DAYLIGHT, Cr Don GARNER, Cr Keith RORY, Cr David MURRUNGUN to attend the LGANT General Meeting in Darwin on the 8 – 9 November 2018 and use Councillors Professional Development Allowance to support costs.

18.14 NATIONAL ROADS CONFERENCE

233/2018 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Keith Rory)

- (a) The Council approve the Councillors on the Roads Committee and Mayor Judy MacFARLANE to attend the National Roads Conference in Alice Springs on 20 – 22 November 2018.

18.15 PORT ROPER BOAT RAMP

234/2018 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner)

- (a) CEO to write a letter to Department of Infrastructure regarding water availability and toilets for the increasing visitation occurring relating to the upgrade of the Port Roper Boat Ramp.

18.16 COMMUNITY BASED OMC MEETINGS CATERING

235/2018 RESOLVED (David Murrungun/Keith Rory)

- (a) That Council cater for the pre-brief evening meal for Councillors and staff

Lunch Start: 12:22PM

Lunch End: 01:12PM

19. DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

Nil

20. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

236/2018 RESOLVED (Ossie Daylight/Keith Rory)

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Confidential Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Confidential 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 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 20.2 Minutes of Previous Confidential Session Finance Committee Meeting** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) (e) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be keep confidential.*
- 20.3 Confidential Outgoing Correspondence** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) (e) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be keep confidential.*
- 20.4 FINANCE - WRITE OFF OUTSTANDING DEBT** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

237/2018 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/Donald Garner)

That the decisions of Confidential Session be noted as follows:-

20.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

237/2018 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Ossie Daylight)

- (a) **That Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Confidential Session of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 25 July 2018.**

20.2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL SESSION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

238/2018 RESOLVED (Ossie Daylight/Helen Lee)

- (a) **That Council approves the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Confidential Session Finance Committee Meeting held on 29th August 2018.**

20.3 CONFIDENTIAL OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

239/2018 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Keith Rory)

- (a) That Council accepts the Confidential Outgoing correspondence.

20.4 FINANCE - WRITE OFF OUTSTANDING DEBT

240/2018 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Ossie Daylight)

- (a) That Council writes off the outstanding debt of \$1,163.60 for RGRC Ex-employee

20.5 COMMUNITY SAFETY RESTRUCTURE

238/2018 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/Selina Ashley)

- (a) That the Council approves the Community Safety restructure.

20.6 MATARANKA FUNDING REQUEST

242/2018 RESOLVED (Helen Lee/Selina Ashley)

- (a) That the Council reject the request to pay the Mataranka Roadhouse septic service bills.

20.7 KING ASH BAY FISHING CLUB

243/2018 RESOLVED (Keith Rory/Annabelle Daylight)

- (a) That Council receives and notes correspondence between It and King Ash Bay Fishing Club.
(b) That Council reminds King Ash Bay Fishing club of their obligations according to law, and invites them to provide a submission.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 2:05 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 9 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ordinary Meeting of Council HELD ON Wednesday, 26 September 2018 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 31 October 2018.



Mayor Judy MacFarlane