

MINUTES OF THE HODGSON DOWNS (MINYERRI) LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, HELD AT THE ALAWA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION ON MONDAY 01 DECEMBER 2025 AT 11:00 AM

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## 1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

### 1.1 Members

- Councillor Patricia FARRELL;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Naomi WILFRED (Chairperson);
- Edna ILES (via teleconference); and
- Jonathon WALLA.

### 1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Planning and Services;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate and Compliance; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARII, Governance Engagement and Coordinator (minute secretary).

### 1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Bridgitte ATKINSON, Director, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development;
- Sahardi GARLING, Senior Regional Project Officer, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development; and
- Louise BEILBY, Director, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

## 2 MEETING OPENED

The Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting opened at 11:30 am with **QUORUM** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

Naomi WILFRED chairs the meeting at request of Chairperson Edna ILES.

## 3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

The Chairperson welcomes all people to the Country.

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

*HOD Q/2025-18 (LA Member Jonathon Walla/LA Member Naomi Wilfred) CARRIED*

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority does not accept the no tendered apologies from Sonia ROBERTS, Beth JOHN and Jones BILLY noting that it was never tendered.

## 5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

## 6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 7.1 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

*HOD Q/2025-19 (LA Member Edna Iles/LA Member Jonathon Walla)*

**CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 01 September 2025 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

## 8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 8.1 Action List

*HOD Q/2025-20 (Councillor Patricia Farrell/LA Member Naomi Wilfred)*

**CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List Report; and
- (b) approves the removal of completed items.

## 9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

## 10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

### 12.1 Elected Members Report

*HOD Q/2025-21 (LA Member Naomi Wilfred/LA Member Jonathon Walla)*

**CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members Report.

### 12.2 Local Authority Member Attendance Report

*HOD Q/2025-22 (LA Member Naomi Wilfred/Councillor Patricia Farrell)*

**CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

## 13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

### 13.1 Town Priorities

*HOD Q/2025-23 (Councillor Patricia Farrell/LA Member Jonathon Walla)*

**CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority nominates the following priority projects for Council's consideration for the 2026-27 Financial year;

- (a) Traffic Management; and
- (b) Water Park refurbishment in collaboration with Alawa Aboriginal Corporation (AAC).

### **13.2 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) YTD Finance Report**

*HOD Q/2025-24 (LA Member Naomi Wilfred/Councillor Des Barritt)*

**CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 October 2025.

## **14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**

### **14.1 Council Services Report**

*HOD Q/2025-25 (LA Member Edna Iles/LA Member Jonathon Walla)*

**CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Report; and
- (b) requests Night Patrol to undertake a streetlight audit.

## **15 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**

### **15.1 Hodgson Downs Local Authority Projects Update**

*HOD Q/2025-26 (LA Member Naomi Wilfred/LA Member Jonathon Walla)*

**CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) receives and notes the Certification of 2024-25 Local Authority Project Funding;
- (c) amends Project PR124 for Council to take carriage of procurement and supply of sporting equipment;
- (d) advocates to Commonwealth, for critical recruitment, noting Community need for sporting / playground coordinator;
- (e) requests Northern Territory Government to contact ALAWA Aboriginal Corporation Board in relation to lack of services and projects delivery, despite funding allocation by Local Authority.

## **16 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 12:53 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting, held on 01 December 2025 and confirmed.

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Chairperson  
Confirmed on 02 March 2026.