

MINUTES OF THE MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF
REGIONAL COUNCIL, HELD AT THE MATARANKA TOWN HALL
ON TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 2025 AT 1:00 PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Appointed Members

- Rachael WALTERS (Chairperson);
- Sue EDWARDS;
- Johnny BILLY;
- Shaunette MARTIN; and
- Maria GIBBS.

1.2 Staff Members

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Karyn KALAMARAS, Council Services Manager;
- Tracey WALLACE, CDP Coordinator;
- Shane SMITH, Community Safety Coordinator;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Brandon CHARMAN, Northern Territory Police Force;
- Johnoler HUDDLSTON, Northern Territory Police Force;
- Tom GEIER, Northern Territory Police Force;
- Clair O'BRIEN, Secretary and Public Officer, Better Half Club Inc.;
- Desmond BARRITT, Public Member; and
- Mick McFARLANE, Public Member.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Mataranka Local Authority Meeting opened at 1:09 pm with a **QUORUM** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

LA Member Shaunette MARTIN welcome all person to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Re-Election of a Chairperson

MAT Q-20/2025 RESOLVED (LA Member Sue Edwards/LA Member Shaunette Martin) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson report; and
- elects Rachael WALTERS as Chairperson for a term of twelve (12) months.

4.2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

MAT Q-21/2025 RESOLVED (LA Member Shaunette Martin/LA Member Sue Edwards) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Margaret MINNETT and Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Mataranka Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

MAT Q-22/2025 RESOLVED (LA Member Johnny Billy/LA Member Shaunette Martin) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority confirms the minutes from the Meeting held on Tuesday, 06 May 2025 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the Meeting's decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

MAT Q-23/2025 RESOLVED (LA Member Sue Edwards/LA Member Maria Gibbs) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

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

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

9 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declaration of interest at this Mataranka Local Authority Meeting.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

12.1 Local Authority Member Attendance Report

MAT Q-24/2025 RESOLVED (LA Member Sue Edwards/LA Member Maria Gibbs) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

12.2 Elected Members Report

MAT Q-25/2025 RESOLVED (LA Member Shaunette Martin/LA Member Johnny Billy) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members Report.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 Mataranka LA June YTD Finance Report

MAT Q-26/2025 RESOLVED (LA Member Sue Edwards/LA Member Shaunette Martin) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

14.1 Council Services Manager Report

MAT Q-27/2025 RESOLVED (LA Member Sue Edwards/LA Member Johnny Billy) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes Council Manager Services Report.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 Mataranka Local Authority Projects Update

MAT Q-28/2025 RESOLVED (LA Member Sue Edwards/LA Member Johnny Billy) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) requests correspondence to be supplied to Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DLI) pertaining to roads speed signage and repairs and maintenance on approach to town (Northern Side);
- (c) requests for correspondence to be supplied to Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DLI) pertaining to roads safety concerns arising from Caravan traffic in Mataranka;
- (d) invites Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DLI) to attend next Local Authority Meeting to address above mentioned items; and
- (e) combines the two Mulggan Camp Project into one (1) , and allocates a total of \$170,000 to playground upgrade the project from Local Authority Project Funding.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2:31 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting, held on Tuesday, 05 August 2025 and confirmed.

 Chairperson
 Confirmed on .