

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SUPPORT CENTRE

2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10:00 AM

## 1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

### 1.1 Appointed Members

- Independent Member Ian SWAN (Chairperson) (via audio/video conference);
- Independent Member Carolyn EAGLE (via audio/video conference);
- Independent Member Claudia GOLDSMITH (via audio/video conference);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS; and
- Councillor Preston LEE.

### 1.2 Staff

- Cindy HADDOW, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Garry GILES, Acting General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Chathurangi DIAS, Acting Finance Manager;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator (minutes secretary).

### 1.3 Guests

- Greg EVANS, Managing Director, Greg Evans Consulting.

## 2 MEETING OPENED

The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting opened at 10:03 am. with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the Meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

## 3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

## 5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

## 6 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Confirmation of Audit and Risk Committee Previous Minutes  
2026/1 RESOLVED (Councillor Preston Lee/Claudia Goldsmith)

**CARRIED**

That the Audit and Risk Committee confirms the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on Monday, 20 October 2025, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of those meetings, decisions and proceedings.

## **8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **8.1 Action List**

**2026/2 RESOLVED (Carolyn Eagle/Claudia Goldsmith)**

**CARRIED**

That the Audit and Risk Committee receives and notes the Action List.

## **9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

## **10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **12.1 Audit and Risk Committee Member Attendance Report**

**2026/3 RESOLVED (Carolyn Eagle/Claudia Goldsmith)**

**CARRIED**

That the Audit and Risk Committee receives and notes the Audit and Risk Committee Member Attendance Report.

## **13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**

### **13.1 Council Financial Report as at 31.01.2026**

**2026/4 RESOLVED (Carolyn Eagle/Claudia Goldsmith)**

**CARRIED**

That the Audit and Risk Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 31 January 2026; and
- (b) requests for a confidentiality review of published financial information to be undertaken.

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

## **16 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

## **17 CLOSED SESSION**

### **DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

**2026/5 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Preston Lee)**

**CARRIED**

That pursuant to *section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019* and *section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda :-

### **17.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session**

*Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.*

### **17.2 Action List**

*Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.*

*Regulation 51(1)(d) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*

### **17.3 Financial Consultant Update Report**

*Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.*

*Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*

### **17.4 Audit Committee Work-Plan**

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### **17.5 Audit Committee Terms of Reference**

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### **17.6 Corporate Services GM Report**

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### **17.7 Website Compliance**

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**17.8 Corporate Risk Register**

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**17.1.1 Return to Open Meeting**

**2026/14 RESOLVED (Carolyn Eagle/Councillor Samuel Evans)**

**CARRIED**

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re opened to the public.

**18 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Meeting closed at 12:00 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 18 February 2026 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

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Chairperson Ian SWAN  
Confirmed on 12 June 2026.