

MINUTES OF THE BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL, HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY
CENTRE, BARUNGA
ON WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 2025 AT 10:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Anne-Marie LEE (Chairperson);
- Danielle BUSH (via audio conference);
- Nell BROWN; and
- Ambrose BULUMBARA.

1.2 Staff

- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning (audio/video conference);
- Liam FARRELL, Operations Manager;
- Cameron INGHAM, Council Services Manager;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI; Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Elizabeth GADD, Infrastructure Prioritisation Officer, Remote Water Team (audio/video conference);
- Nancy BIRD, Project Officer – Remote Water Team, Public Health Division (audio/video conference);
- Sahardi GARLING, A/Senior Regional Project Officer, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development (audio/video conference);
- Melina DAVIDSON, Electorate Officer, Office of Selena UIBO MLA, Member for Arnhem (audio/video conference); and
- Joshua RODRIGO, Engagement Team Leader, National Indigenous Australians Agency (audio/video conference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Barunga Local Authority opened at 10:24 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

The Chairperson Anne-Marie LEE welcomed all persons to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Re-Election of a Chairperson

BAR Q/2025-22 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson report; and
- (b) elects Anne-Marie LEE as Chairperson for a term of twelve (12) months.

4.2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

BAR Q/2025-23 RESOLVED (LA Member Danielle Bush/LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) accepts the tendered apologies from Charlane BULUMBARA and Nell BROWN; and
- (b) does not accept the not tendered apology from Damien BULUMBARA.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Barunga Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

BAR Q/2025-24 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, 02 April 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

BAR Q/2025-25 RESOLVED (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

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

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

Nell BROWN joined Meeting at 10:54 am.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

12.1 Local Authority Member's Attendance Report

BAR Q/2025-26 RESOLVED (LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara/LA Member Danielle Bush) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member's Attendance Report.

12.2 Elected Member Report

BAR Q/2025-27 RESOLVED (LA Member Danielle Bush/LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.

12.3 Community Services Manager Report

BAR Q/2025-28 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report; and
- (b) requests to scope temporary fencing on the newly planted trees at the Oval.

12.4 Barunga Local Authority Projects Update

BAR Q/2025-29 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report.

12.5 Barunga LA May YTD Finance Report

BAR Q/2025-30 RESOLVED (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2024 to 31 May 2025.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nancy BIRD, Project Officer – Remote Water Team, Public Health Division, and Elizabeth GADD, Infrastructure Prioritisation Officer, Remote Water Team, addressed to the Barunga Local Authority the deputation in relation to the Water Management at 11:21 am, and left the Meeting at 11:31 am.

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE and Chairperson Anne-Marie LEE raised their concerns in relation to the Waste Management Service supplied to the Community, following major events as Barunga Festival and Big Rivers Football Night, while a lack of wheelie bins was supplied to accommodate the events.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 11:46 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 02 July 2025 and confirmed.



Chairperson
Confirmed on 14 October 2025