

MINUTES OF THE BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MEETING HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE-BARUNGA
ON TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2026 AT 10:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Preston LEE;
- Anne-Marie LEE;
- Nell BROWN;
- Danielle BUSH (via teleconference);
- Charlane BULUMBARA;
- Damien BULUMBARA (arrived at 1027hrs); and
- Ambrose BULUMBARA.

1.2 Staff

- Cindy HADDOW, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Samantha WRIGHT, Relief Council Services Manager;
- Sarah PEACHMENT, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer;
- Simon PELAYO, Acting Projects Coordinator;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator.

Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK

2 MEETING OPENED

The Barunga Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:13 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

Ambrose BULUMBARA Welcomed all persons to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

*BAR Q/2026-1 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) **CARRIED***

That the Barunga Local Authority accepts the tendered apology from Damien BULUMBARA.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Barunga Local Authority Meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Barunga Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

BAR Q/2026-2 (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/LA Member Charlane Bulumbara) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, 14 October 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/2026-3 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

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

L.A Member Damien BULUMBARA joined the meeting at 10:27 am.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

12.1 Local Authority Member's Attendance Report

BAR Q/2026-4 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED

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

LA Member Charlane Bulumbara left the meeting at 10:40 am.

LA Member Charlane Bulumbara returned the meeting at 10:43 am.

12.2 Elected Member Report

BAR Q/2026-5 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara) CARRIED

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

12.3 Town Priorities

BAR Q/2026-6 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority nominates the following priorities for Council's consideration for the 2026-27 Financial year:

- Football Oval development, upgrade and maintenance;
- Adequate appropriate public ablution block within the Community;
- Barunga Statement Memorial Project;
- Internal roads maintenance; and
- Cemetery expansion,

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**13.1 Barunga LA November YTD Finance Report**

BAR Q/2026-7 (LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara/LA Member Damien Bulumbara) CARRIED

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

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**14.1 Council Services Manager Report**

BAR Q/2026-8 (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/Councillor Preston Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Council services Report.

BAR Q/2026-10 (Deputy Mayor Helen LEE /Councillor Preston Lee) CARRIED

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) notes with concern, property damage arising out of youth crime;
- (b) notes the Deputy Mayor's concern pertaining to derelict motor vehicles on roadside verges outside of residential properties causing visual pollution and hindering mowing operations.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**15.1 Barunga Local Authority Projects Update**

BAR Q/2026-9 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara) CARRIED

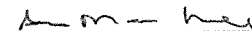
That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) requests for Cemetery expansion consultation to be undertaken and allocates \$1000 for this purpose including Community engagement barbeques;
- (c) allocates \$6000 towards playground lights project and requests for commencement of installation of the same;
- (d) requests for steel barrier bollards to replace barrier rocks in Barunga and requests scoping for the same; and
- (e) notes and supports the floor plan for Major Projects PR103 (Oval Upgrades) as tabled.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:33 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Barunga Local Authority Meeting, held on 13 January 2026 and confirmed.



Chairperson
Confirmed on 31 March 2026.