

MINUTES OF THE, BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ROPER
GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY 13 AUGUST 2026 AT 3:30 PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Ash GARNER;
- Donald GARNER (Chairperson); and
- Mike LONGTON.

Staff

- Cindy HADDOW, Acting Chief Executive Officer (via audio conference);
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement (via audio/video conference);
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Liam FARRELL, Operations Manager (via audio/video conference);
- David CURTIS, Council Services Manager;
- Alexis AUSTIN, RAES Manager;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (Minute Secretary) (via audio/video conference).

Guests

- Steven EDGINGTON, Minister for Local Government;
- Taku COOPER, Northern Territory Police; and
- Steven McALLAN, Gulf Youth and Community Service.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Borroloola Local Authority Meeting opened at 3:30 pm with a **Quorum**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

Steven McALLAN of Gulf Youth and Community Service (GYCS) provided the Local Authority with a brief overview of GYCS' activities and undertakings.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Councillor Samuel EVANS Welcomes all persons to the Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Re-Election of a Chairperson

BOR Q-10 RESOLVED (LA Member Mike Longton/Councillor Samuel Evans) CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson Report; and
- (b) elects Don GARNER as Chairperson for a term of twelve (12) months.

4.2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

BOR Q-11 RESOLVED (LA Member Mike Longton/Councillor Ash Garner) CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Mayor Tony JACK and

Taryn ANDERSON.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Borroloola Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

BOR Q-12 RESOLVED (LA Member Mike Longton/Councillor Ash Garner) CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, 07 May 2026, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

BOR Q-13 RESOLVED (LA Member Mike Longton/Councillor Ash Garner) CARRIED

That the Borroloola 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

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

12.1 Local Authority Member Attendance Report

BOR Q-14 RESOLVED (LA Member Mike Longton/Councillor Ash Garner) CARRIED

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

12.2 Elected Members Report

BOR Q-15 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Samuel Evans) CARRIED

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

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 Borroloola LA YTD June Finance Report

BOR Q-16 RESOLVED (LA Member Mike Longton/Councillor Samuel Evans) CARRIED

That Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

13.2 RAES Manager Report**BOR Q-17 RESOLVED (LA Member Mike Longton/Councillor Ash Garner)****CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Remotes Australia Employment Service (RAES) Report

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**14.1 Council Services Manager Report****BOR Q-18 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/LA Member Mike Longton)****CARRIED**

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

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**15.1 Borroloola Local Authority Projects Update****BOR Q-19 RESOLVED (LA Member Mike Longton/Councillor Samuel Evans)****CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
- (b) requests scoping of existing tracks and trails to be potentially upgraded as footpaths, amends the scope of PR158 to that effect, and requests for the matter to be put to Council, so as to be escalated to a Major (Council) Project.

17 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Minister for Local Government, Steven EDGINGTON presented to the Local Authority Members and provided overview of legislative changes pertaining to the Elected Members' Code of Conduct and the 2026 Electoral Review at 4:26 pm

Northern Territory Police:

- thanked GYCS for its work with youth engagement; and
- thanked Council Services Manager for condition of Town, RAES activities, and Fire Breaks.

17 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 4:40 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting, held on Thursday, 13 August 2026 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 05 November 2026