



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MATARANKA LOCAL
AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY
CENTRE-MATARANKA 36 ROPER TERRACE, MATARANKA NT 0852 ON TUESDAY 3
FEBRUARY 2026 AT 1:00 PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Appointed Members

- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
- Rachael WALTERS (Chairperson);
- Johnny BILLY;
- Maria GIBBS;
- Margaret MINNETT;
- Loretta GIBSON; and
- Helen HAWKINS.

1.2 Staff Members

- Cindy HADDOW, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Garry GILES, Acting General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Liam FARRELL, Operations Manager;
- Cristie GEER, Programs Manager;
- Karyn KALAMARAS, Council Services Manager;
- Lisa BISHOP, RAES Manager;
- Shane SMITH, Community Safety Coordinator;
- Sarah PEACHMENT, Executive Assistant to the CEO;
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Ashab HASSANAR, Mataranka Aged Care and Disability Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Heath GIBBONS, Sunrise Health Mataranka Clinic Manager;
- Keith R SMITH, Member of the Public; and
- Michael McFARLANE, Member of the Public.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Mataranka Local Authority Meeting opened at 1:04 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

Mataranka Local Authority Member Johnny BILLY welcomed all persons to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

MAT Q-1/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Lorretta GIBSON/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority does not authorise the absence of Annabelle DAYLIGHT and Shaunette MARTIN noting that no apologies were received.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

Heath GIBBONS, Sunrise Health Mataranka Clinic Manager, introduced himself to the Mataranka Local Authority.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Mataranka Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

MAT Q-2/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) confirms the minutes from the Meeting held on Tuesday, 04 November 2025 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the Meeting's decisions and proceedings; and
- (b) confirms the minutes from the Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 August 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-3/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Margaret Minnett/Councillor Sue Edwards) 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

11.1 Outgoing Correspondence

MAT Q-4/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the outgoing correspondence; and
- (b) requests for further correspondence to be sent to Northern Territory Government as outlined in Attachment A.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

12.1 Local Authority Member Attendance Report

MAT Q-5/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Johnny Billy/LA Member Lorretta GIBSON) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report; and
- (b) does not authorise the absence of Annabelle DAYLIGHT and Shaunette MARTIN.

12.2 Elected Members Report

MAT Q-6/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/LA Member Margaret Minnett) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Elected Members Report; and
- (b) requests for the Mataranka School senior students to be invited to the upcoming Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Mataranka on Wednesday, 25 February 2026.

12.3 Town Priorities

MAT Q-7/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority nominates the following priorities for Council's consideration for the 2026-27 Financial year and add Museum Upgrades and Renovation.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 Mataranka LA YTD December Finance Report

MAT Q-8/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/LA Member Margaret Minnett) CARRIED

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

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

14.1 Council Services Manager Report

MAT Q-9/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Margaret Minnett/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report;
- (b) requests Council to contact Greenview Farm in relation to dust and chemical pollution;
- (c) raises the issue (b) with Northern Territory Government agencies;
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer to contact Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DIPL) to request the installation of electronic instant speed signage and to request speed limit reduction to 40 km/h on the Stuart Highway; and
- (e) requests the CEO to contact DIPL to relocate road signage on Martins Road and Stuart Highway due to visual impediment of oncoming road traffic (southbound).

LA Member Lorretta GIBSON left the meeting at 2:19 pm.

14.2 Community Safety Report

MAT Q-10/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Johnny Billy/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Community Safety Report

LA Member Lorretta GIBSON returned to the meeting at 2:28 pm.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 LA Projects Report

MAT Q-11/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Maria Gibbs/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED
That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report

16 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

MAT Q-12/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Deputy Mayor Helen 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.

16.1 Mulgga Camp

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.

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 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 3:00 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting, held on Tuesday, 03 February 2026 and confirmed.



Chairperson
Confirmed on 05 May 2026