

MINUTES OF THE HODGSON DOWNS (MINYERRI) LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE
ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, HELD AT THE ALAWA ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION-HODGSON DOWNS/MINYERRI
ON TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 11:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Patricia FARRELL;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Beth JOHN (Chairperson);
- Jonathon WALLA (audio teleconference); and
- Naomi WILFRED.

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; and
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance (minute secretary).

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK; and
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting opened at 11:30 am with **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

Chairperson welcomes all persons to the Country.

Local Authority passed on condolences to Local Authority Member Jonathon WALLA.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

HOD Q/2026-10 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Jones BILLY and Caroline VINCENT

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

HOD Q/2026-11 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 01 June 2026 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

HOD Q/2026-12 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/LA Member Naomi Wilfred) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

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

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 Attendance

HOD Q/2026-13 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

12.2 Elected Members Report

HOD Q/2026-14 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members Report.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) July YTD Finance Report

HOD Q/2026-15 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 July 2026.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

14.1 Council Services Manager Report

HOD Q/2026-16 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report;

- (b) notes with concern, the lack of communication and service delivery from the Alawa Aboriginal Corporation (AAC) and requests Council to cease payments to AAC until issue is rectified.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 Hodgson Downs Local Authority Projects Update

HOD Q/2026-17 RESOLVED (LA Member Naomi Wilfred/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) nominates following sports for PR124:
- Volleyball,
 - AFL,
 - Cricket (plastic),
 - Soccer, and
 - Hockey (plastic); and
- (c) reallocates funds of PR134 to PR161

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Tony JACK updated on car crusher being purchased, and update on August Ordinary Meeting of Council. Mayor reiterated support for Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) and Alawa Aboriginal Corporation.

The meeting closed at 12:32 pm.

This page and preceding pages are Minutes of the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 01 September 2026 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 01 December 2026

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