

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING # 49 OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BARUNGA RGRC SERVICE DELIVERY
CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2014 AT 8.50 AM

1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

Mayor, Tony Jack
Deputy Mayor, Judy MacFarlane
Councillor, Timothy Baker Jnr.
Councillor, Daphne Daniels
Councillor, Anne-Marie Lee
Councillor, Donald Garner
Councillor, Eric Roberts
Councillor, Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi
Councillor, Salina Ashley
Councillor, Stan Allan
Councillor, John Dalywater

1.2 Staff

CEO, Michael Berto
Director Technical Service & Infrastructure, Sharon Hillen
Director Community Services, Catherine Proctor
Director Contracts and Economic Development , Marc Gardener
Finance Manager, Lokesh Anand
Governance & Corporate Planning Manager, Jyoti Pudasaini
Local Authority Officer, Jo Nicol
Governance Communications Officer, Stephen Roper
Governance Admin Support, Hilary Sinfield
Finance Officer, Binayak Adhikari

1.3 Guests

Nathanael Knapp, DLGR
Henry Enchong, ICC
Suresh Kumar Pudasaini

2. MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 8:50 am by Mayor Tony Jack who read the pledge with Councillor's and Staff.

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Mayor Tony Jack welcomed Guests, Councillor's and Staff to the meeting.

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 COUNCILLOR APOLOGY FOR OCM 29 JANUARY 2014

541/2014 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Donald Garner)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note the apology from Councillor Annabelle Daylight for the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 29th January 2014.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 18 DECEMBER 2013

542/2014 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting dated 18th December 2013 with some amendments.

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Nil

7. CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Sports and Recreational
- 7.2 FERG usage of community hall
- 7.3 Neem trees
- 7.4 Lot 40 at Larrimah
- 7.5 Community Development Fund for building upgrade projects at Beswick, Bulman and Numbulwar
- 7.6 Road from Maranboy to Barunga
- 7.7 Sterling Street to Beswick Street extension
- 7.8 Roads Borrooloola
- 7.9 Sand Mine lease Borrooloola
- 7.10 Yugal Mangi Development Corporation request for Outstations Funding
- 7.11 New nomination for Barunga Local Authority

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

9. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Ordinary Council Meeting.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

10.1 ACTION LIST

543/2014 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note the Action List as at 31st December 2013.

11. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

544/2014 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/John Dalywater) CARRIED

- (a) That Council accept the Incoming Correspondence for the period of 13.012.2013 to 16.01.2014.

12. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

545/2014 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Eric Roberts) CARRIED

- (a) That Council accept the Outgoing Correspondence for the period of 19.12.2013 to 16.01.2014.

13. WARD REPORTS

13.1 WARD REPORT - NEVER NEVER WARD

546/2014 RESOLVED (Timothy Baker Jr./Judy MacFarlane) CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note the Never Never Ward Report as amended.

13.2 WARD REPORT - NYIRRANGGULUNG WARD

547/2014 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note the Nyirranggulung Ward Report.
(b) That Council do not accept the nomination of Alister Andrews to the Manyallaluk Local Authority.

13.3 WARD REPORT - NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI

548/2014 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner) CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.

ACTION: CEO to send letter to Australia Post regarding services to RGRC townships.
Absent: Cr. Timothy Baker Jnr. 9:38am and returned to the meeting 9:40am

13.4 WARD REPORT - SOUTH WEST WARD

549/2014 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note the South West Ward Report as amended.

13.5 WARD REPORT - YUGAL MANGI

550/2014 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Donald Garner) CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and note the Yugal Mangi Ward Report.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

15. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

15.1 PETITION FOR REFORM OF NORTHERN AUSTRALIA ZONE ALLOWANCE

551/2014 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley) CARRIED

- (a) That Council support the petition for reform of Northern Australia Zone Allowance.

15.2 CONSULTATION PLAN FOR RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

552/2014 RESOLVED (Stan Allen/Eric Roberts) CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note consultation plan for Reconciliation Action Plan.

15.3 POLICY UPDATE: ADM012 - ORGANISATION DELEGATIONS MANUAL

553/2014 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Selina Ashley) CARRIED

- (a) That Council approve the authority for Directors to approve Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Managers to approve Work Instructions and Forms.
(b) That Council approve to make necessary changes in the Organisation Delegation Manual and include authority as (a) above.

15.4 CHANGE IN NAME OF LOCAL BOARD

554/2014 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Daphne Daniels) CARRIED

- (a) That Council accept the name change of Local Boards to Local Authorities in line with NTG Local Government reform of the Local Government Act.

15.5 POLICY UPDATE: LA001 - LOCAL AUTHORITY POLICY

555/2014 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Judy MacFarlane) CARRIED

- (a) That Council endorse the Local Authority Policy with amendments.

Note: The Local Authority Policy has been developed to ensure that Local Authorities are run in accordance to the provisions of the Local Government Act and that the community has a strong voice and is actively engaged in their local community affairs.

Morning Tea break: 10:20am and meeting resumed at 10:39am

15.6 GRANTS - JILKMINGGAN CRECHE ESTABLISHMENT FUNDING - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

556/2014 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Timothy Baker Jr.) CARRIED

- (a) That Council accept the Jilkmिंगgan Crèche 2013-14 establishment funding agreement by signing and dating both copies of the funding agreement.

15.7 RATES - CONDITIONAL RATING PROPOSAL 2014-15

557/2014 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Stan Allen) **CARRIED**

- (a) That Council agree to a Conditional Rates Proposal for the 2014-15 period, and forward this Proposal to the Minister for Local Government by 28th February.
(b) That Council directs the CEO to develop new increased Rates Proposal for pastoral and mining leases for 2015-2016.

15.8 FINANCE - RGRC FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

558/2014 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) **CARRIED**

- (a) That Council receive and note the financial reports for the period ending 31 December 2013.

16. INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORTS

16.1 SSM TITLE CHANGE

559/2014 RESOLVED (Timothy Baker Jr./Eric Roberts) **CARRIED**

- (a) That Council change the position title of the Shire Service Manager – SSM to Council Services Manager.

16.2 ENVIRONMENT AND ANIMAL MANAGER REPORT

560/2014 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Timothy Baker Jr.) **CARRIED**

That Council receive and note the Environment and Animal Manager Second Quarterly report from: October - December 2013.

ACTION: Present schedule of development of proposed by-laws in the various component of that process to council at the next meeting.

Absent: Mayor Tony Jack 11:10am and returned to the meeting 11:12am

Absent: Cr. Kathy-Anne 11:10am and returned to the meeting 11:12am

Absent: Cr. Anne Marie Lee 11:18am and returned to the meeting 11:20am

16.3 DITS - TECHNICAL SERVICES/ OUTSTATION REPORT

561/2014 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner) **CARRIED**

- (a) That Council receive and note the second quarterly report for Communities and Outstations from October 2013 – December 2013.

ACTION: Council direct CEO to continue negotiation with the Department of Community Services with regards to the homeland extra allowance grants and report to the FACM.

ACTION: Direct CEO to contact Northern Land Council to discuss the establishment of Garrawa Camp "3" seeking advice on land tenure and invite the NLC new CEO to next council meeting.

16.4 DITS - ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT

562/2014 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Stam Allen)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note DITS - Assets Management Report - December 2013 Auction of Fleet, Plant and Equipment.

16.5 DITS - PROJECT MANAGEMENT REPORT

563/2014 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Eric Roberts)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on DITS – Project Management Updates.

17. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

17.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE UPDATE

564/2014 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Daphne Daniels)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on the Community Services Directorate

ACTION: Youth Voice Committee to nominate members for Local Authority Membership.

17.2 REMOTE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STRATEGY - 2 YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT

565/2014 RESOLVED (Stan Allen/Anne-Marie Lee)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council accept the funding agreement from the Department of Prime Minister to operate the Remote School Attendance Strategy for the period January 2014 to December 2015.
- (b) That Council approve the variations to budget to purchase three new minibuses to be leased internally by the RJCP program to support the Remote School Attendance Strategy.

Lunch Break: 12:15pm, meeting resumed 13:00pm

18. CONTRACTS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

19. DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

Nil

20. GENERAL BUSINESS

20.1 Multipurpose Sports and Recreational

566/2014 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Eric Roberts)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council continue to pursue funding for multipurpose Sports and

Recreational facility in Mataranka.

ACTION: Council directs the CEO to establish shipping container at Mataranka Sports and Recreational Grounds for the purpose of storing sporting equipments.

20.2 FERG USAGE OF COMMUNITY HALL

567/2014 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

- (a) That Council approve the waiver of fees for the use of Mataranka Community Hall by Mataranka FERG unit for fund raising activities for the next twelve months.

20.3 NEEM TREES

568/2014 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED

- (a) That Council continue to manage Neem trees and other woody weed species in all towns.

20.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR BUILDING UPGRADE PROJECTS AT BESWICK, BULMAN AND NUMBULWAR

569/2014 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley) CARRIED

- (a) That Council accept, in-principle, the pending offer for \$500,000 through the federally funded Community Development Fund for building upgrade projects at Beswick, Bulman and Numbulwar.

20.5 LOT 40 AT LARRIMAH

570/2014 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Timothy Baker Jr.) CARRIED

- (a) That Council affix the Common Seal on the form relating to the registration of the Overriding Statutory Charge for Lot 40 at town of Larrimah.

Common Seal

Authorised Signatories: - Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane and CEO Michael Berto

20.6 Road from Maranboy to Barunga

571/2014 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/John Dalywater) CARRIED

- (a) That Council direct the CEO to write letter to Minister of Infrastructure in relation to condition of the central Arnhem Road.

20.7 STERLING STREET TO BESWICK STREET EXTENTION

572/2014 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Eric Roberts) CARRIED

- a) That Council direct council officers to investigate and design an extension of Sterling Street to Beswick Street in Mataranka.

20.8 ROADS BORROLOOLA

573/2014 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Stan Allen) CARRIED

- (a) That Council direct the CEO to write a letter to Minister of Transport and Minister of Community Services in relation to the condition of roads at Borroloola.

20.9 SAND MINE LEASE BORROLOOLA

574/2014 RESOLVED (Stan Allen/Eric Roberts) CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note update on Sand Mine Lease Borroloola.

*Absent: Cr. Eric Roberts 14:25 pm and returned to the meeting 14:29pm
Absent: Cr. Kathy-Anne 14:30pm and returned to the meeting 14:33pm*

20.10 YUGAL MANGI DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REQUEST FOR OUTSTATIONS FUNDING

575/2014 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/John Dalywater) CARRIED

- (a) That Council receive and note request from Yugal Mangi Development Corporation for Outstations Funding.

Action: CEO to explore the long term transition of the outstations funding for Ngukurr outstations.

Absent: Cr. Anne-Marie Lee 14:35pm and returned to the meeting 14:38pm

20.11 NEW NOMINATION FOR BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY

576/2014 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Selina Ashley) CARRIED

- (a) That Council accept the nomination from Jamie Ahfat Senior to join Barunga Local Authority.

21. CLOSED SESSION

21.1 DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

577/2014 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley) CARRIED

- (a) Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- 21.2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Closed Session of Ordinary Meeting of Council 18 December 2013 - The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

21.3 Action List - Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 18 December 2013 - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (e) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be keep confidential.*

21.4 RESUMPTION OF MEETING

578/2014 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/John Dalywater)

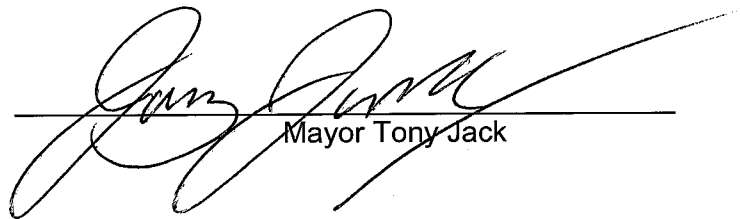
CARRIED

(a) That Council move out of confidential session at 15:30 pm of the Ordinary Council Meeting.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 15:31 pm.

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Mayor Tony Jack