

**Meeting opened at 5.40pm by DIANE ANGEL who has been designated Chair at this MATARANKA Local Authority Meeting**

**1. Present:**

**Elected Members:**

**1.2 Local Authority Members:**

Diane Angel  
Alan Ekert  
Michael Cowen  
Veronica Russo  
Biddy Hamilton  
Sue Edwards  
Tracey-Anne Wilson

**1.3 RGRC Staff:**

Sharon Hillen – DITS Director  
Stephen Roper – Governance Communications Officer  
Jo Nicol – Local Authority Support Officer  
Julie Kartinyeri – Regional Manager Sport & Recreation / Night Patrol / Youth Services  
Mary Cunningham – Sport & Recreation Regional Coordinator  
Virginya Boon – CSM Mataranka

**1.4 Visitors/Guests:**

Willy Rosas – Dept of Local Government - Support Officer  
Lachlan Kelsall – Dept of Lands, Planning & Environment  
Leah Niehus – Mataranka Resident

**2. Apologies:**

Judy MacFarlane – Deputy Mayor  
Nerine Purton – Regional Manager RJCP

**6. General Business – Commenced now for the following two reports**

**6.10 Mataranka Sport & Recreation / Mataranka Night Patrol**

Verbal report provided by S/Rec & Night Patrol Regional Manager – Julie Kartinyeri and S/Rec Regional Coordinator – Mary Cunningham.  
Budgets and a program for Sport & Rec were also tabled.

Report received and noted.

**Action:** Sport & Recreation Regional Manager to enquire as to whether or not Mataranka is included in the Katherine YMCA's region.

### 6.9 Mataranka Land Release – Presentation by Lachlan Kelsall

Presentation received and noted.

MRLA members requested a copy of the letter that was sent to LPE on behalf of Mataranka MRLA regarding Land Release.

**Action:** DITS Director to provide a copy of the correspondence to Lands Planning & Environment regarding Land Release, to the MRLA members.

**Action:** CSM to put a blurb in the local Never Never Newsletter asking locals to contact their Territory and Federal members of parliament regarding this issue.

MRLA members moved the following motion:

That MRLA ask Roper Gulf Regional Council to continue lobbying on Mataranka's behalf for Land Release in Mataranka.

Moved: D Angel / S Edwards  
Carried

*Lachlan Kelsall, Julie Kartinyeri and Mary Cunningham left the meeting at 6.20pm*

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2014 are a true and accurate record of that meeting with the following amendments:

Moved: V Russo / S Edwards  
Carried

### 4. Business Arising/Action List:

#### 4.1 Previous minutes Actions List

4.1.1 Item# 1 - Alcohol Management Plan – MRLA members requested a copy of the letter sent to the NT Government regarding this issue

**Action:** CSM to distribute a copy of the letter to all MRLA members

4.1.2 Item# 2 - Recycling/Container Deposit Scheme – Remove part about utilising social media from this item on the Actions List

**Action:** CSM to remove the part about utilising social media in regard to item two (2) of the Actions List

4.1.3 Item# 4 - Elsey St/Roper Tce Drainage – Report from DOI tabled

4.1.4 Item# 7 - No Camping By-Law – MRLA agreed to wait until RGRC by-laws are in place as there is concern that it is hard to police the message on the signs if there is no law to back this up. MRLA members to have a think about where they would like to put the signs around town.

4.1.5 Item# 8 - Mataranka Sport & Rec Gnds – MRLA have requested the RGRC revisit and update the 10yr plan for the grounds and also distribute the plans for the Multi-purpose Centre.

**Action:** CSM to distribute the plans for the Multi-purpose Centre to MRLA members.  
DITS Director to revisit the 10yr plan for the Sport & Rec Gnds.

4.1.6 Item# 9 - Priority Projects Update – Remove item from Actions List

4.1.7 Item# 10 - MRLA Correspondence Request – Remove from the Actions List

4.1.8 Item# 11 - School Holiday Program – Remove from the Actions List

4.1.9 Item# 12 - Hall Toilets – Remove from the Actions List

4.1.10 Item# 13 - Sport & Recreation – Remove from the Actions List

4.1.11 Item# 14 - Public Notifications – Remove from the Actions List

4.1.12 Item# 15 - Publication of MRLA Member's Details – Remove from the Actions List

## 5. Correspondence

### 5.1 Outgoing Correspondence:

### 5.2 Incoming Correspondence:

MRLA member's moved the following motion in regard to incoming correspondence:

That all incoming correspondence required for the meeting be sent out with the agenda where possible.

Moved: D Angel / B Hamilton  
Carried

## 6. General Business

### 6.1 \*Elected Member's Report:

No report was available from the Deputy Mayor due to the passing of a family member during the OCM.

### 6.2 \*Council Service Manager's Report:

A verbal report was provided by the CSM.  
Report received and noted.

### 6.3 \*Town Priorities:

Nothing to report

### 6.4 \*Governance Updates:

A verbal report was provided by the Governance's Local Authority Support Officer – Jo Nicol.  
Report received and noted.

**6.5 \*RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program:**

A report was read out by Mataranka's RJCP Coordinator – Veronica Russo.  
Report received and noted.

**6.6 \*Alcohol Management Plan:**

This item addressed in the Actions List

**6.7 \*Policy Updates:**

Nothing to report.

**6.8 \*Work health and Safety:**

Nothing to report.

**6.10 OCM in Communities/Towns**

MRLA queried as to why there was no BBQ or meet and greet with the Councillors when they were in town for the OCM.  
MRLA just wanted it noted for future reference that having this event is good PR between RGRC and local residents.

**6.11 MRLA Map of Area**

A map of the Never Never Ward was tabled and after discussions it was decided that Mataranka Regional Local Authority would include all areas in the Never Never Ward excluding Jilkmिंगgan and Minyerri, for consultation and issues requiring inclusion in the meeting process of the MRLA.

**6.12 Surveys – Library / Animal Management**

Due to a request to change the Library hours it was suggested by RGRC that a survey be put out to ask if there were any objections to the changes. There was also a suggestion that a survey would be undertaken in regard to Animal Management, Waste Management and other core services.

**6.13 Library Hours**

As discussed in 6.12

**6.14 Internal Vacancy Listing**

Internal vacancy listing was tabled as a FYI so MRLA members knew how we advertise local jobs.  
Received and noted.

## **7. Other Business**

**7.1 Art on Hall Toilets**

MRLA member queried the outside walls of the toilets being painted after comments made at the public meeting. Concerns about the history were discussed and all responses were received by MRLA members. General consensus was that the issue was discussed at a MRLB meeting last year and a decision was made to photograph the artwork and have the images put on canvases to be hanged on the walls in the Hall. The other decision made at that meeting was to then paint the external walls of the Hall toilet block.

## 7.2 Visitors to MRLA meetings

MRLA requested that all intended visitors to present at MRLA meetings be advised in the agenda.

## 7.3 MRLA member resignation

MRLA member Jody Hocking handed her resignation in to staff this afternoon. The resignation was accepted by members present.

## 7.4 MRLA nomination

A nomination for the MRLA from Leah Niehus was tabled. This nomination was accepted by MRLA members and referred to Council.

## 7.5 Solar Lights

MRLA have requested that they have input into where the solar lights are to be installed in the town area of Mataranka.

Suggestions to be brought to the next meeting or emailed to the CSM.

## 8. Meeting Closed

7.45pm

**Next meeting: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014**

*To be signed once minutes are confirmed on the <DATE>:*

As the Chair at the \_\_\_\_\_ Local Authority Meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

\* Denotes permanent items