

Meeting opened at 10:15am by Chrissy Joll who has been designated Chair at this Borroloola Local Authority Meeting

1. Present:

1.1. Elected Members:

Councillor Garner

Councillor Allen

1.2 Local Authority Members:

Chrissy Joll

Geoff Hulm

Trish Elmy

Mike Longton

Lizzy Hogan

Bernie Redfern

Maria Pyro

Marlene Karkadoo

1.3 RGRC Staff:

Val Rogers

Bob Pahl

Jo Nicol

Sharon Hillen

1.4 Visitors/Guests:

Shaun Cairns – Cairns Industries

Roberta Kalinic – IEO Robinson River

Patrick Fleming – GEC Borroloola / Robinson River

Alison Doyle – CEO Mabunji Resource Assoc

Michele Smith – Borroloola Clinic

Dan Delladay – Borroloola Clinic

Christine Hopkins – Mental Health – Borroloola Clinic

Bernie Eaton – DOH – Borroloola Clinic

Kate Ganley – Dept Local Govt & Regions

Floss Roberts – Royal Life Saving Society

2. Apologies:

Mayor Jack

Beatty Retchford

Kristine Mulholland

Graeme Matthews

3. Conflict of Interest:

- RGRC Conflict of Interest Policy was discussed and all members were asked to check the policy out on the RGRC website and familiarise themselves with it.
- There were no conflicts declared.

4. Guest Speakers:

4.1 Floss Roberts – Executive Director – Royal Life Saving Society

- Brief outline of RLS involvement in Borroloola since 1965
- Establish Life Saving Sub Club partnership with Borroloola pool – 2 locals from Borroloola have volunteered as Auswim Instructors and will represent RLS who cover public liability and insurance.
- RLS and LA to align together in vision, values and services provided
- Stats for Borroloola pool are down, more promotion needed to bring stats up
- Applying for Grant Applications – How you use your pool and programmes offered and community events will give good leverage. Floss will put in a letter of support.
- Pool has opportunity to earn money – Under 5 Learn to Swim programme pays \$12.50 per child – Water Safety Awareness Programme – Groups should pay etc

4.2 Michele Smith & Dan – Borroloola Clinic

- Explained reasons for lack of staff at clinic and long wait to see nurses.
- Need more nurses for Borroloola, but there is no extra housing for them.
- People coming to clinic in evening for non emergency treatment, because of long wait during the day.
- If nurses up all night, cannot work all day as well.
- Trying to get a permanent Doctor.
- Health Dept are restructuring, report to Katherine instead of Central.
- Self harm patients, takes up to 3 hours per patient, police involvement, mostly occurs at night where alcohol and drugs are involved. Pattern of repetition.
- Options – Medication available for depression, but cannot drink while on this – Mental Health workers to follow up on patient care if time allows.
- Resources for Mental Health work is under utilised, as people have to come in voluntarily, which is not happening. It was suggested the best assistance could come from Mabunji's Men's Talking Group and the Women's Safehouse as well as RGRC Youth programmes.
- There is not enough privacy at the clinic, as everyone can hear what is going on, nor is there enough space.
- Staffing issues – more demand in dry season with tourism and King Ash Bay residents.
- There have been no upgrades to clinic in years and the population has doubled where expansion hasn't. Renovations are due to begin shortly.
- Agenda item for next meeting – Need statistics from clinic for staffing versus population – accommodation.
- GEC to be a direct link to put this through.

Outcome – LA invite Borroloola clinic to nominate a permanent representative to the LA Board in advisory (not voting) capacity. Michelle Smith nominated and accepted.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Reading of Pledge at Meetings

A vote was taken by a show of hands to find if Members wanted the Pledge read at LA meetings. YES - 9 NO – 1 PASSED

ACTION: SASO to send copy of Pledge to all LA Members

5.1 Renovations to Lot 382 Broad Street

Issue – Noted that previous meeting minutes did not reflect the discussion and concerns raised by LA members regarding the move to renovate the Broad Street house. Mike Longton asked LA if he could discuss renovations with Project Manager, LA agreed to this.

Outcome – this matter to be discussed further in this meeting.

Minutes – The Chair raised the issue of the meeting minutes not reflecting the for/against arguments and key discussion points, so that anyone reading the minutes could understand how a decision had been reached, and why the LA had decided on a particular course of action.

Outcome: Minutes to reflect for and against arguments. Key points need to be more accurately recorded.

Moved: Geoff Hulm

Seconded: Bernie Redfern

LA voted unanimously to support this

6. Business Arising/Action List:

6.1. Mike Longton to give an update on progress of artwork on Council buildings; and to work with Amanda Haigh on applying for a grant to restore local artwork on Council property.

Mike tabled his report

Key Points –

1. Gulf Savannah (RJCP) to consider providing some labour under training scheme for cleaning, building plinths, roof's etc
2. RGRC could possibly supply in-kind support. Premix, cement roofing etc
3. Total cost of project is estimated to be \$19,000 which also includes paint conservator for one week, all paints and protective coatings as well as brushes, cleaning materials etc, cost of project manager for 3 weeks, remuneration for 3 artists for 3 weeks.
4. LA approved concept as presented.

For - Family members of artist have given approval - artists suggested are Alan Baker, Brian Hume and John Mawson. Local people enquiring about other artwork around town; Various options toward repairing and protecting, touch up and spray on protection best alternative. Approached well known paint conservator who has sourced best materials for job, she can also provide expertise in mixing and matching acrylics and protective coating. She can travel to Borroloola for one week teaching and workshopping Other art, approached Mabunji, MAWA and Gulf Savannah - MAWA responsible for Rrumburriya and Malandari offered financial support. Mabunji have murals at their complex and crèche and have offered in-kind support

Against - Nil

ACTION: Mike to pursue grant application with Amanda and to present it to LA with budget etc before being submitted.

6.2. C Joll to provide copy of Conflict of Interest Policy to LA Members for perusal

CSM emailed a copy of the Roper Gulf Regional Council Conflict of Interest Policy to all LA members

Completed

6.3. To send Cemetery documents that were tabled at OCM on 29/01/2014 for next LAM on 3rd April 2014

Copy of Cemetery Management Plan Consultant Report tabled.

ACTION: LA members to read and bring questions to next Board meeting.

6.4. RGRC to write to SIHIP – to update Local Authority Members on housing.

SIHIP now National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH). Councillor Garner noted he has information on this; to be further discussed in this meeting (refer to 8.3.1).

Ongoing

6.5. LA to check if reply has been sent to James Dash regarding Remembrance Day letter

CSM noted that James Dash had received a verbal response.

Completed.

6.6. DITS/ Civil to send Risk Assessment for Borroloola Traffic Management for next LAM

No risk assessment provided, however map of pedestrian crossings planned by RGRC was tabled.

On-going.

6.7. SASO to send copy of Annual Community Events Calendar and Link to RGRC Policies to LA Members.

Community Events Calendar sent out. LA are encouraged to get all local events posted on this calendar.

Link to RGRC Policies sent out, LA members are encouraged to pursue this link so they have knowledge of current policies.

Completed

6.8. DITS to send list of Acronyms and Organisation Flow Chart to LA Members

List of acronyms and organisational chart tabled.

Completed.

6.9. LA members to ask local residents if they are willing to join a Tourist Board

Noted that more signage, or upgrade old signage on highway was needed. Noted also that there was support available through NT Tourism. LA members to continue to pursue.

ACTION: Trish & Mike to work together to encourage local people to join a Tourism Board

On going

6.10. Project Manager to do scope of works for renovations to house on Lot 382 Broad Street

Tenders have closed and builders have been appointed, commencing in one week.

Mike asked Project Manager if he could inspect the building for viability of renovations.

Mike said the building is not cyclone proof as it has no structural tie downs. Sharon

said the Project Manager has noted Mike's assessment and will include tie down and work to codes.

6.11. DITS to write Waste Management Plan

Not addressed.

On-going

6.12. CSM to give update on Tourist Sewerage Dump Point

DITS has written to P&W, who have acknowledged the letter and said they are considering the dump point to be at pumping station.

P&W have also offered the town back up bore to us for use at the pool, at a cheaper rate

On-going

6.13. Chrissy Joll to arrange out of session meeting with Authority Members and Councillors to work on Town Priorities

Out of session planning meeting held 8 March, more work needs to be done.

Requested information on due date for town priorities – 23rd April latest day submissions can be made. To organise further discussions for Borroloola priorities.

ACTION: C Joll to organise further out of session discussion for LA to determine town priorities for 2014 – 2015

On-going

6.14. Sharon Hillen to give SASO Health Hotline number

Tabled.

Completed.

6.15. GEC to make enquiries regarding clinic operating hours and why people are being turned away. To give feedback to CSM

Note presentation by Health Clinic staff.

Completed.

Other items raised in this section of the meeting (refer to sect 4.2 of these minutes)

6.16. Alcohol Management Plan

Issue – Too many meetings are being cancelled; the AMP for Borroloola is not being progressed.

Point - Meetings should not be cancelled, it is up to the town to go ahead without waiting on Govt representation

For – AMP is written but not signed off; issues over area – just start with Borroloola and expand the area if and as necessary.

Against – Nil

Point – LA to call a meeting with AMP to work with SAG & CAG; LA should be included; draft up documents to send to Veronica Thorpe.

For – All agreed

Against – Nil

ACTION: LA Chair to approach Veronica Thorpe and SAG/CAG members to move on with meetings.

Resolution: All agreed

6.17. Kate Ganley – Dept Local Govt & Regions

While the meeting was in session Kate received a phone call relaying the information below and Kate gave this information to the LA at this meeting.

- Minister for LG has just announced \$5M for Local Authorities
- \$60K for each LA to spend how we see fit
- LA to discuss this further

7. Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence:

Nil

7.1. Incoming Correspondence:

There were 3 nominations submitted for Local Authority membership:
Alison Doyle, Annie Roberts and Shaun Cairns

Currently there are 9 members, still waiting on 2 from Youth Voice, with this 3, it will bring the number to 14.

Members voted unanimously for the 3 new members

ACTION: Council to approve the 3 applicants become members of Borroloola LA

7.2 Letter and Petition from Mabunji regarding Pedestrian Crossing at School

Issue – Traffic management at CBD and around school area is hazardous, there are community concerns that a child will be killed.

Point - Letter and petition were tabled and discussed

For - Noted this crossing has been brought up many times and it is time to do something; noted also DITS have been working on it for 6 months and have \$50K in funding for a traffic management plan, and is having a meeting with stakeholders today. Preliminary drawing for community consultation – Stage 1 – Ongoing; Engineer to develop risk management plan etc; LA members to encourage community to support this

Against – Nil

Outcome – LA thank the Truancy Officers for bringing this to the LA attention.

8. General Business

8.1. Council Service Manager's Report:

Received and Noted

8.1.1 Sand mine

CSM tabled a report on the RGRC Sand Mine near the Council Boat Ramp. Area has sand, topsoil and gravel deposits under extraction license. Noted that the previous coordinates are inaccurate; this is being addressed. Under the extraction license, RGRC is required to do a Mine Management Plan, due 2015. Has not been operational for the last 12 months. RGRC wishes to continue to access this lease.

For – Only accessible sand, gravel and topsoil with correct qualities for a considerable distance; there will be difficulty replacing this as a source. If it is extracted correctly, there will be no degradation of the area. Only area free of Native Title, would not like to see it closed. Previous overuse will cease, not for commercial use, sensible extraction

to be used and monitored. Mine closed for rehabilitation, waiting on wet season results. Maps lease coordinates are incorrect and need to be amended; Cost of haulage from out of town. Wait for EPA to say if viable.

Against - Interfering with access to Government boat ramp; mine has not been looked after and a little creek is forming now and could isolate boat ramp in future; Boat ramp area is used by general public and should be declared an environmental area. Mike Longton said he will still follow his paper trail for the environment. He has concerns regarding the potential for degradation of the area and that when he had the mine it was given up on request of NT Gov't Mining Dept some years previously. He said there is anecdotal support for this to be turned into a conservation area.

ACTION: DITS to invite EPA to inspect Sand Mine and report back to LA

ACTION: LA to review continuation of Sand Mine or change

Resolution: All agreed to actions

Ongoing

8.1.2 Pool

Issue – Motion put forward that LA accept responsibility to take over from the Pool Steering Committee.

ACTION - CSM to provide Terms of Reference for Pool Steering Committee to LA.

For - Pool Committee meetings were only being held once a year; Land tenure – school did not want pool so land was subdivided from school to pool

Against – No ongoing funding; \$180K to run pool per annum; must remain pool according to Agreement and supply training; CBT to look at streams of income

RESOLUTION – That the LA assumes control of the Pool by assuming the duties of the Pool Steering Committee.

Resolution: Unanimous.

8.1.3 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Audit (CPTED)

Issue – To assist with developing a Traffic Management Plan for Borroloola. Change landscape to aid in crime prevention and anti social behaviour. 4 design guidelines are: natural surveillance, natural access control, territorial reinforcement and maintenance.

Point: Community and LA Members to undertake audit with CSM, proposed dates Monday 14th April and Thursday 17th April 2014 at 12:00 noon and 7:00pm

ACTION: CSM and volunteers to walk sections of town, identify issues and dangers.

ACTION: LA Members and volunteers to advise CSM if they can do the CPTED Audit

On going

8.2. Youth Report:

Presented and noted.

Youth Officer in town to do National Youth Week events; not available today. CSM report on current activities:

Issue – Chair requested stats on number of kids turning up for events.

ACTION: DITS to supply LA with meeting details for Multi Purpose Centre from Council

ACTION: Youth, S&R Dept to supply stats to LA on # of children turning up for events

8.2.1 Tennis Court has been closed for Health and Safety reasons

The court is in a poor state of repair and poses a high liability risk to RGRC. LA members expressed concern, asking about alternatives as there are few resources

available for local children. CSM advised it would cost \$300,000 for the site to be repaired and made available.

Point - Multi Purpose Centre hopefully will fill this gap. Land for MPC is being rezoned

8.3. OCM – Councillor Report

8.3.1 Land release in Borroloola

Councillor Garner tabled a report from Lachlan Kelsall, Regional Director, Dept Lands, Planning & the Environment, on Native Title in Borroloola and Mataranka. Vacant Crown Land (VCL) in Borroloola identified for development; requires negotiation of Native Title as Native Title is not extinguished. Will be in Court in May, hopeful to proceed in 2015 – 16 for the 43 lots and to extend the subdivision by a further 68 lots. There is \$21M in Trust for renovations and housing development; will take 18months to complete the headworks.

Issue: Need further clarification so people know status of housing for Borroloola

ACTION: CSO to invite Lachlan Kelsall or delegate to attend next LA meeting on 5th June 2014

Ongoing

8.3.2 By-laws

Councillor Garner asked LA members to ensure they keep up with changes to local by-laws across the Council area. This includes updates such as the dog by-laws. Borroloola one of the few Councils to have extensive range of by-laws, and RGRC is working to standardise these so they are more manageable.

On going

8.4. Local Authority Boundaries

As part of the Local Authority reform, the Borroloola LA authority boundary needs to be decided; for purpose of expedience it was determined that the Borroloola LA accept the electoral boundary.

Agreed.

9. Other Business

9.1. Complaints process

9.1.1 Jo Nicol tabled the RGRC complaints process.

9.1.2 Jo Provided the LA with a copy of the RGRC Regional Plan survey which consists of 6 questions and an “Other Comments” section. This is for broad distribution to residents so they can make comment on Council Services for the Regional Plan. It closes mid May.

9.1.3 Noted that dog registrations were currently being taken in Borroloola.

9.2. LA Financial Training Workshop

Members were reminded that the LA Financial Training Workshop is on Thursday 1st May from 10:00am to 1:00pm. All members will be paid and are expected to attend.

ACTION: SASO to send reminder of LA Financial Training Workshop to Members

9.3. Regional Infrastructure Study

Chair note that there is currently a Regional Infrastructure Study being conducted by NT Government for Infrastructure Australia. This study will for the first time, include the social aspects of regional development as well as the economic development aspects. This means places like Borroloola can show that not only would improved roads lead to better economic (tourism) outcomes, but would improve ability of people to get themselves to medical support facilities prior to something becoming an emergency; to education support for the children etc. Strongly urge LA members to put together submission.

Sharon Hillen noted that RGRC would be putting in a submission on behalf of the Regional Council and would include – undiluted - anything the Borroloola LA came up with as an annex to their submission.

9.4. Clinic

Issue of clinic hours and operational activity again raised.

It was discussed that the LA write a letter to Health Department expressing our many concerns in relation to the clinic (grossly under manned, opening hours, very long waiting periods etc).

Councillor Garner suggested that he goes and explain public concerns.

(Refer to 4.2 of these minutes)

9.5 Slashing of Verges for DOI

Councillor Allen said that muns always slashed the verges at end of Searcy Street and Carpentaria Highway after the wet. The grass is getting too high to see approaching vehicles and is a hazard. CSM said that DOI have not requested for this area to be done, CSM was asked to approach DOI re slashing.

9.6 Push up Dump

CSM was asked if Cairns can push up the dump, they currently have a big machine in town and can do it in one go. CSM said he will look into it.

10. Meeting Closed

Meeting Closed 2:10pm

As the Chair at the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on the 3rd April 2014 I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

Chrissy Joll - Chairperson

Borroloola Local Board Action List

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Mike Longton	Mike to pursue grant application with Amanda and to present it to LA with budget etc before being submitted.	
CSM	To invite Lachlan Kesall or delegate (DLPE) to attend next LA meeting on 5 th June 2014 and others as per CSM Report.	
C. Joll	To organise further out of session discussion for LA to determine town priorities for 2014 – 2015	
CSM	To provide Terms of Reference for Pool Steering Committee to LA.	
Trish & Mike	To work together to encourage local people to join a Tourism Board	
Council	To approve the 3 applicants become members of Borroloola LA	
LA Chair	To approach Veronica Thorpe and SAG/CAG members to move on with BAMP meetings.	
DITS	To invite EPA to inspect Sand Mine and report back to LA	
LA	To review continuation of Sand Mine	
CSM and Volunteers	To walk sections of town, identify issues and dangers.	
CSM	To give updates on Tamarind Park Dump Point relocation	Ongoing
DITS	To supply LA with meeting details for Multi Purpose Centre from Council	
Youth, S&R Dept	To supply stats to LA on # of children turning up for events	



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SASO	To send reminder of LA Financial Training Workshop to LA Members	<i>Completed 10.04.2014</i>
DITS	To write Waste Management Lifespan	Ongoing
SASO	Send list of LA Members to all Members and put on notice boards	<i>Completed 10.04.2014</i>
SASO	To send copy of Pledge to all LA Members	<i>Completed 10.04.2014</i>
LA members	To read Cemetery Management Plan Consultant Report and bring questions to next Board meeting.	
LA Members and volunteers	To advise CSM if they can do the CPTED Audit	
DITS	To keep LA updated of Cemetery Management Plan for each LA meeting.	Ongoing