

# BULMAN



## Local Authority Meeting Agenda

Held at **Bulman Service Delivery Centre**

**Wednesday the 18 February 2015**

This meeting was opened at 2:45pm by Chair SallyAnn Sherman and the Roper Gul Regional council Pledge was read.

### 1. **Present:**

#### **Elected Members:**

John Dalywater

#### **Local Authority Members:**

Darrilyn Martin

Maggie Chikappa

Essau Martin

Sally- Anne Sherman (Chair)

#### **Staff:**

Stephen Roper - Governance Communications Officer

#### **Visitors/Guests:**

William Rosas – Department of Local Government

Vicki Burns – Department of Local Government

Yasmin Murphy – IEO

Peter Brown – Northern Territory Police

### 2. **Apologies/Absent:**

Margaret Lindsay

Apologies Accepted,

Moved: Sally Anne Sherman

Seconded: John Dalywater

### 3. **Conflict of Interest-Members & Staff:**

Nil

### 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Previous Minutes Accepted,

Moved: Essau Martin

Seconded: Maggie Chikappa

### 5. **Business Arising/Action List;**

#### 5.1. **Previous minutes action List**

- Old car bodies.

Is there a charge for removing old car bodies from within housing yards?

**Action:** CSM to advise

- Speeding signs.  
Police advised that advisory signs can put up but signs setting actual speed limits require formal approval and gazetting. Police are happy to enforce safe driving within the town if speeding and hooning are an issue.

**Action:** Local Authority Member Essau and Indigenous Engagement Officer Yasmin to follow up on procedure to change speed limits and sign post.

## 6. Correspondence

6.1. **Outgoing Correspondence: Nil**

6.2. **Incoming Correspondence: Nil**

## 7. General Business

### 7.1 **\*Elected Member Report:**

Cr. John Dalywater did not attend the last OCM but briefly reported on Council business. Next meeting of Council is scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> February in Mataranka.

### 7.2 **\*Council Services Managers Report:**

Bulman CSM Nyrelle Johnson was not present due to attending Managers Meeting in Katherine.

### 7.3 **\*Council Financial Reports:**

Governance Communications Officer Stephen Roper presented the Bulman Finance Report. Variances were noted in Housing which is related to unexpended wages due and some funds being carried forward from last year.

An under spend in RJCP is due to there being no coordinator employed for some time. The meeting was reminded about the training for Local Authority members to be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April at 12:30 which would include some understanding financial reports. There were no questions.

### 7.4 **\*Town Priorities:**

The meeting was reminded that Township priorities need to be thought about for the coming Council Plan. This will be raised in detail at the next meeting.

### 7.5 **\*Governance Updates:**

Governance Local Authority Coordination Officer Jo Nicol made apologies for not being able to attend due to incoming weather situations.

Next round of Local Authority Grant Funding is due in June.

The Local Authority was reminded about Local Authority Training on 24 April at 12:30. There is some flexibility in time if needed. No request for change of time was made.

The Local Authority was told about the new Roper Gulf Facebook page.

**7.6 \*Complaints Register:**

No complaints for Bulman have been registered.  
Governance Communications Officer Stephen Roper outlined the complaints procedure and how it can be used.

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

No report

**7.8 \*Alcohol Management Plan:**

No staff resources are available at present.  
There was a brief discussion on VSA but it does not appear to be a problem at present in town.

**7.9 \*Policy Updates:**

No policy updates.

**7.10 \*Work Health and Safety:**

10 staff have completed a 4 WD training course run by CDU at Bulman and have also completed a chemical handling course. The meeting was reminded that it is everyone's responsibility to report observed risk. Concern was expressed about the public laneway behind the playground which has quite long grass and several snakes have been seen recently in the area. This area is often used by children

**Action:** Request that the CSM organise a cleanup

**7.11 Walaman Cultural Festival**

No Report

**8. Other Business**

**8.1** Township priorities were discussed and are to be followed up at next meeting. Cr. Dalywater raised concern about the number and size of potholes in the road around Weemol.

**Action:** CSM to be asked to report.

**8.2** Police Sgt Peter Brown reported on preparations for Tropical Cyclone Lam, which is expected to impact on Bulman Friday, expecting probable high winds and flooding.

**8.3** An issue was raised by the Police that the emergency batteries for the phone system needs to be upgraded by Telstra, currently it only has approximately 3 hours of life in the event of a power outage.

**9. Meeting Closed 4:30 pm**

Next Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 10:00am

As the Chair at the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2015 I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

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