

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL  
BARUNGA ON WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH 2016 AT 8:30

---

**1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Elected Members**

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane  
Councillor Anne Marie Lee  
Councillor Don Garner  
Councillor Daniel Mulholland  
Councillor Eric Roberts  
Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi  
Councillor John Dalywater  
Councillor Selina Ashley  
Councillor Annabelle Daylight  
Councillor Daphne Daniels

**1.2 Staff**

Michael Berto, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Greg Arnott, Director Corporate Governance (DCG)  
Sharon Hillen, Director Council Services and Infrastructure (DCSI)  
Marc Gardner, Director Contracts and Technical Services (DCTS)  
Marion Smith, Director Community Services (DCS)  
Lokesh Anand, Manager Finance  
Amanda Haigh, Acting Manager Governance and Compliance  
Annalisa Bowden, Regional Manager Community Services  
Janelle Iszlaub, Regional Manager RJCP  
Rashmi Sharma, Governance Officer (Minute Taker)  
Stephen Roper, Communications Officer  
Emma McDonald, Governance Officer

**1.3 Guests**

Nathaneal Knapp, Department of Local Government and Community Services  
Rose Peckham, Department of Local Government and Community Services  
Courtney Barber, Barkly Regional Council  
Petro Smith, Member of Public

**2. MEETING OPENED**

Meeting opened at 8:38 am.

**3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane welcomed all members, staff and guest at the meeting.

**4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- (a) **That Council do not accept the apologies from Cr Timothy Baker for Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 30 March 2016.**

Voted accepting apology : None

Action: The Mayor and CEO to issue Councillor Baker a warning letter for non attendance.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**51/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Annabelle Daylight) Carried**

- (a) **That Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday 29 January 2016.**

**6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**52/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Anne-Marie Lee) Carried**

- (a) **That Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24 February 2016.**

**7. CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Grants: Job Creation Package – Sport and Recreation Program variation – Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
2. National General Assembly coincides with the OCM June, Deputy Mayor recommends to move the meeting to 15-16 June – *DM Judy MacFarlane*
3. Update on Local Government Professionals Management Challenge – *Marc Gardner*
4. Late Incoming correspondence (email) request for accommodation assistance in Ngukurr from Kung Fu enterprises
5. Sports Oval Fees and Charges Review - *CEO*

**Closed Session:**

1. National Stronger Regions Fund grant application – *Greg Arnott*

**8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil

## **9. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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

## **10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **10.1 ACTION LIST**

**53/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Selina Ashley) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the Action List.

Action: CEO to write a letter to JCAC requesting demolition of house 5 & 6 in Jilkminggan.

## **11. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

**54/2016 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Anne-Marie Lee) Carried**

- (a) That Council accept the Incoming correspondence.

## **12. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

**55/2016 RESOLVED (Annabelle Daylight/Donald Garner) Carried**

- (a) That Council accept the Outgoing correspondence.

## **13. WARD REPORTS**

### **13.1 NEVER NEVER WARD**

**56/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Daniel Mulholland) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the Never Never Ward Report.  
(b) That Council revoke the Membership of Owen Daylight and Adrian Doctor from the Jilkminggan Local Authority.

### **13.2 NYIRRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT**

**57/2016 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Anne-Marie Lee) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the Nyirranggulung Ward Report.  
(b) That Council accept the nomination of Daryl Kalakala to the Manyallaluk Local Authority  
(c) That Council remove Rosemary Sullivan from the Manyallaluk Local Authority

Action: 1) Mayor to follow up with NLC in regards to feral buffalo issues within Barunga, Beswick and Manyallaluk endangering people in these communities.

2) CEO to write a letter to the full Council of NLC raising the feral buffalo issues.

### **13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD**

**58/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Annabelle Daylight) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.
- (b) That Council approve the nomination of Roland Nundhirribala to the Numbulwar Local Authority.

### **13.4 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT**

**59/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Selina Ashley) Carried**

- (a) That the Council receive and note South West Gulf Ward report.
- (b) Councillor Mulholland to consult with the constituents of town camps in respect to their concerns of service delivery and report back to Council.

### **13.5 YUGUL MANGI WARD**

**60/2016 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/John Dalywater) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the Yugul Mangi Ward Report.

## **14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

### **14.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

**61/2016 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Donald Garner) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the Mayor's Report.

### **14.2 CEO REPORT**

**62/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the CEO's Report.

## **15. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

### **15.1 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - ALAWA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION SERVICES**

**63/2016 RESOLVED (Daniel Mulholland/Annabelle Daylight) Carried**

- (a) That Council accept the Memorandum of Understanding with Alawa Aboriginal

Corporation for services in Hodgson Downs Community by signing and affixing the Common Seal to the agreement.

#### **15.2 2016 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**64/2016 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Eric Roberts) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note update on 2016 National General Assembly of Local Government.
- (b) That Council approve Deputy Mayor, Cr Lee, Cr Ashley, Cr Daylight and Cr Numamurdirdi to attend National General assembly 2016 at Canberra on 19-22 June and the cost of attendance will be charged out of the Councilors Professional Development Allowance.

#### **15.3 ELECTED MEMBER'S ALLOWANCE 2016-2017**

**65/2016 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Daniel Mulholland) Carried**

- (a) That Council approve the Councilor Allowances as per the maximum schedule supplied by the Department of Local Government and Community Services.
- (b) That Council approve extra meeting allowance to remain \$125.00 per meeting.

#### **15.4 POLICY REVIEW - CL006 - ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER ALLOWANCE**

**66/2016 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Donald Garner) Carried**

- (a) That Council adopt the amendments in CL006 Elected Council Member Allowance policy.

#### **15.5 POLICY REVIEW - LA001 LOCAL AUTHORITY POLICY**

**67/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Annabelle Daylight) Carried**

- (a) That Council adopt the amendments in the LA001 Local Authority Policy.

#### **15.6 AGENCY PROGRAMS AND CONTRACT PROGRAMS FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

**68/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on agency and contract programs financials.

*Cr Annabelle Daylight left the meeting, the time being 10:29 am  
Cr Annabelle Daylight returned to the meeting, the time being 10:35 am*

*Morning Tea Break: 10:30 am  
Meeting resumed : 11:02 am*

#### **15.7 FINANCE - RGRC FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2016**

69/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note financial reports as at 29 February 2016.

**15.8 GRANTS: DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION - FACILITY AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAM 2015-16 - MANYALLALUK BASKETBALL COURT**

70/2016 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Anne-Marie Lee)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the funding agreement for the Facility and Capital Equipment Program 2015-16 from the Department of Sport and Recreation for the Manyallaluk Basketball Court Upgrade by signing, dating and affixing the Common Seal on both copies of the agreement.

**15.9 GRANTS: DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION - FACILITY AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAM 2015-16 - NUMBULWAR BASKETBALL COURT RE-SURFACE**

71/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the funding agreement for the Facility and Capital Equipment Program 2015-16 from the Department of Sport and Recreation for the Numbulwar Basketball Court Re-surface by signing, dating and affixing the Common Seal on both copies of the agreement.

**15.10 GRANTS: RGRC COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM ROUND THREE 2015-16**

72/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Selina Ashley)

Carried

- (a) That Council endorse the recommendations of the Community Grants Committee for Round 3 2015-16.
1. Jilkmिंगgan School - Pathways to Employment (Hospitality) Project - \$2945.57
  2. Ngukurr Arts Centre - Ngukurr Sculpture Project - \$3000.00
- (b) That Council carry-forward the balance of the unspent 2015-16 RGRC Community Grants Program funding into the 2016-17 RGRC Community Grants Program budget.

**15.11 GRANTS: INDIGENOUS ADVANCEMENT STRATEGY - JOBS, LAND AND ECONOMY PROGRAMME - IAS BUILDING TRAINEESHIPS PROJECT AND JOBS FOR COMMUNITIES PROJECT - DPMC**

73/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts)

Carried

- (a) That Council does not accept the funding agreement to provide the Building Traineeships Project and Jobs for Communities Project from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Action: CEO to renegotiate the purpose of the funding.

**15.12 GRANTS: COMMUNITY NIGHT PATROL PROGRAMME VARIATION -  
DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET**

**74/2016 RESOLVED (Annabelle Daylight/Daphne Daniels) Carried**

- (a) That Council accept the variation to the Community Night Patrol Programme by initialing each page, signing, dating and affixing the common seal to two copies of the agreement.

**16. COUNCIL SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT**

**16.1 APPROVED SURVEY PLANS WEEMOL**

**75/2016 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Daniel Mulholland) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on the Approved Survey Plans Weemol.

**16.2 APPROVED SURVEY PLANS ROBINSON RIVER**

**76/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on the Approved Survey Plans Robinson River.

**16.3 MOBILE BLACK SPOT PROGRAMME**

**77/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Daniel Mulholland) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on the Mobile Black Spot Programme sub-missions.

**16.4 APPLICATION TO INTRODUCE GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS COTTON TO THE GROWING AREAS OF THE NT**

**78/2016 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Eric Roberts) Carried**

- (a) That Council provide a submission outlining its intended consultation process for its constituents relating to the Office of Gene Technology Regulator for the application DIR 143 from Bayer CropScience Pty Ltd: for the Commercial release of cotton genetically modified for insect resistance and herbicide tolerance (GlyTol<sup>®</sup> and GlyTol TwinLink Plus<sup>®</sup>).

**16.5 SECOND QUARTER REPORT - DIRECTORATE COUNCIL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE.**

**79/2016 RESOLVED (Daniel Mulholland/Donald Garner) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the Council Services and Infrastructure Directorate Report for the Second Quarter Report of 2015/16 Financial Year.

*Cr Selina Ashley left the meeting, the time being 12:00 pm*

## **16.6 PA2016/0099 ADMIN LOT 141 TOWN SITE OF NUMBULWAR – GEH FOR CLINIC STAFF**

**80/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Daniel Mulholland) Carried**

- (a) That Council provide comment to Planning Application PA2016/0099 Admin Lot 141, Townsite of Numbulwar proposing the development of 2 x 2 bedroom multiple dwellings (supporting accommodation) in a single storey building.

## **17. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

### **17.1 REPORT FROM THE ACTING COMMUNITY SERVICES REGIONAL MANAGER**

**81/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner) Carried**

- (a) That Council Receive and Note the report from the Acting Community Services Regional Manager.

*Cr Anne-Marie Lee left the meeting, the time being 12:22 pm*

*Cr Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi left the meeting, the time being 12:24 PM*

*Cr Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi returned to the meeting, the time being 12:28 PM*

*Cr Daniel Mulholland left the meeting, the time being 12:28 PM*

*Cr Daniel Mulholland returned to the meeting, the time being 12:31 PM*

*Cr Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi left the meeting, the time being 12:36 PM*

*Cr Anne-Marie Lee returned to the meeting, the time being 12:46 PM*

*Cr Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi returned to the meeting, the time being 01:24 PM*

*Cr Selina Ashley returned to the meeting, the time being 01:24 PM*

## **18. CONTRACTS & TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

### **18.1 CONTRACT UPDATES**

**82/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Anne-Marie Lee) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the report in relation to the Contracts and Technical Services 2nd Quarter Performance and Activities Report.

### **18.2 ASSETS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2015 TO DECEMBER 2015**

**83/2016 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Selina Ashley) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on Assets Management for the period October 2015 to December 2015.

- b) That Council approve the items listed for disposal.

Note: Councillor Roberts feels that Council should give consideration to providing community based disposal options of assets such as vehicles within compliance of Guideline 7 : Disposal of Property

### **18.3 UPDATE OF CHARDON STREET DEPOT PROJECT**

**84/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Daniel Mulholland) Carried**



- (a) That Council receive and note the report on the Chardon Street Depot Project.

#### **18.4 CIVIL WORKS UPDATE**

**85/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Anne-Marie Lee)**

- (a) That Council receive and note the report of civil works projects update.

*Cr Anne-Marie lee left the meeting, the time being 02:19 pm  
Cr Annabelle Daylight left the meeting, the time being 02:20 PM  
Cr Anne-Marie Lee returned to the meeting, the time being 02:21 PM*

*Cr Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi left the meeting, the time being 02:21 PM  
Cr Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi returned to the meeting, the time being 02:24 PM*

*Cr Annabelle Daylight returned to the meeting, the time being 02:24 PM*

#### **18.5 2 CRAWFORD STREET KATHERINE UPDATE**

**86/2016 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Selina Ashley) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the report for 2 Crawford Street Katherine.

*Cr Anne-Marie lee left the meeting, the time being 02:36 pm  
Cr Anne-Marie Lee returned to the meeting, the time being 2:45 pm*

#### **18.6 USE OF LOT 225 NGUKURR**

**87/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on the use of Lot 225 at Ngukurr.

#### **18.7 MECHANICAL WORKSHOP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2015 TO DECEMBER 2015**

**88/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the report for the Mechanical Workshops at Headquarters and Numbulwar for the October 2015 to December 2015 quarter.

#### **18.8 OUTSTATIONS REPORT**

**89/2016 RESOLVED (Annabelle Daylight/Daniel Mulholland) Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on Outstations operations.

## **19. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **19.1 GRANTS:JOB CREATION PACKAGE - SPORT AND RECREATION PROGRAM VARIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET**

Under the Jobs Creation Package – Sport and Recreation Program – RGRC JCP 2014 (Activity 74677) during the 2014-15 year, Council experienced an underspend of \$36,501.00 excluding GST.

Council has been offered the full amount of the underspend, \$36,501.00 to be spent in the 2015-16 year on training and training expenses for Indigenous Sport and Recreation employees.

Agreement end date: 30 June 2016.

#### **ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**

Council will have only three months to deliver this training.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

\$36,501.00 excluding GST.

**90/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts)**

**Carried**

- (a) **That Council accept the variation to the Job Creation Package – Sport and Recreation Program 2014-15 by signing and dating two copies of the agreement.**

### **19.2 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY COINCIDES WITH THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL JUNE, DEPUTY MAYOR RECOMMENDS TO MOVE THE MEETING FORWARD ON 15-16 JUNE – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane**

**91/2016 RESOLVED (Daniel Mulholland/Donald Garner)**

**Carried**

- (a) **That Council approve the moving of the June Ordinary Meeting of Council forward to the 16 June.**

### **19.3 UPDATE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONALS MANAGEMENT CHALLENGE – Marc Gardner**

RGRC employees Amanda Haigh, Virginia Boon, Ansuya Sobha, Annalisa Bowden and Sarah Myles participated the Professional Management Challenge held at Darwin. Four NT Councils participated and the RGRC Solutions team received second place, half a point behind the winning Council – City of Darwin.

Council congratulated the team for their great achievement.

**92/2016 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Eric Roberts)**

**Carried**

- (a) **That Council receive and note on verbal update on Local Government professionals Management Challenge.**

### **19.4 LATE INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE (EMAIL) REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE IN NGUKURR FROM KUNG FU ENTERPRISES**

93/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Annabelle Daylight)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note on the late incoming correspondence request for accommodation assistance in Ngukurr from Kung Fu Enterprises

#### 19.5 SPORTS OVAL FEES AND CHARGES REVIEW - CEO

94/2016 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note verbal report on Sports and Oval Fees and Charges Review.

Action : CEO to respond to AFL NT regarding oval fee and usage and bring to the May OCM with further information.

#### 20. DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

Nil

#### 21. CLOSED SESSION

#### DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

95/2016 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Donald Garner)

Carried

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:-

- 21.1 Confirmation of Previous Closed Session Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes -**  
*The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) 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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 21.2 Exit Report of the Temporary Director Community Services. -**  
*The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*
- 42.3 CEO Review Report -**  
*The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

**RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

96/2016 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Daniel Mulholland)


Carried

- (a) That Council move out of closed session into open session of the ordinary meeting of the Council at 16:15 pm.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 16:15 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 11 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ordinary Meeting of Council HELD ON Wednesday, 30 March 2016 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 25 May 2016.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Tony Jack