

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

The meeting was opened at 10:10 by the Chair Cr Don Garner and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

## **1. Present:**

### **1.1 Elected Members:**

Councillor Don Garner

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

Mike Longton

John Sauer

Bernie Redfern

Lizzie Hogan

Marlene Karkadoo

Rebecca Gentle

Stan Allen

Trish Elmy

Raymond Mawson

### **1.3 Staff:**

Sharon Hillen – Director Council Services

Jo Nicol – Local Authority Coordination Officer

Cindy Morgan – Acting Senior Administration Support Officer

Bertha Cochran – Sport and Recreation Supervisor

Juan Hernandez – Regional Night Patrol Coordinator

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

Jessica Black – Northern Territory Government.

Greg Shanahan – Borroloola Community Champion, NTG

Kirk Whelan – Government Engagement Coordinator, PMC

Shonada Anderson – Indigenous Liaison, PMC

Nic Sharah – Department Local Government & Community Services

Ken Orwell – Department of Business

Louise Beilby – Office of Aboriginal Affairs

Greg Crofts – CEO Mabunji

## **2. Apologies:**

Maria Pyro

**Motion:** That the Borroloola Local Authority accept the apology from Maria Pyro.

**Moved:** Bernie Redfern

**Seconded:** Mike Longton

**Carried**

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

There was no Conflict of Interest tabled.

### 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

**Motion:** That Borroloola Local Authority accepts the Minutes from the previous Local Authority Meeting held on 07.04.2016 as true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Mike Longton  
**Carried**

**Seconded:** Bernie Redfern

### 5. Business Arising/Action List;

#### 5.1. Previous minutes action List

Date	Agenda Item #	Item Description	Responsible Person	Status	Status Comments - Completion Date
5.06.2014		LA recommends a Waste Management Strategy is drawn up for the Borroloola region, including recycling capability and planning for future	DITS	Ongoing	Action incorporated into RGRC Waste Management Strategy. A newly formed Waste Management Strategy Committee is driving this Action. 07.04.16 Funding application in for a Consultant- 09.06.2016 Grant App Unsuccessful. Working with EPA for Licence for Borroloola, Ngukurr and Numbulwar. Waste Management will be rolled out through other RGRC areas, however due to the extended distance to Borroloola it has been difficult getting a contractor involved.
06.08.2015		Seek quotes on trees for swimming pool and to look into a pool shade cloth with a vent through the middle for the wade pool, present quotes at upcoming meeting Arrange quotes for purchasing park benches for Tamarind Park, Rocky Park and Show Grounds, looking at around \$20,000-30,000	CSM	Commenced	Landscaping & Planning with DCSI 07.04.16 LA prefers using Local where possible 09.06.16 Shade is up at the pool, new benches arrived.
06.08.2015		Write & distribute letters to cattle & horse owners in town to allow owners time collect and make sure stock is in fenced area	CSM	Commenced	09.02.16 Letter sent to owners. DPIF in Tennant Ck Contacted. 07.04.16 LA Recommends using Legal options for removal. 09.06.16 some horses are still around. Owners will be given notice.

8.10.2015		Provide LA members with more Information about the engineered stand for the Score Board.	CSM	Ongoing	09.06.16 Need to finalise location for scoreboard and whether or not it can be hard wired in electrically in that location
5.11.2015		Strategic Plan for the Swimming Pool	CSM	Ongoing	09.06.16 still needs extra funding if pool is to stay open. Advise council if the community want the pool to stay in operation. Pool is closed for maintenance from 1 <sup>st</sup> June through to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2016
11.02.2016	8.4 Cemetery Fencing	CSM to get quotes on Cemetery fencing	CSM	Ongoing	09.06.2016 Quotes to be presented at the next LA meeting.
07.04.2016	6.2 Incoming Correspondence	Sharon to follow up with Power and Water re: moving the Dump Point immediately-see Map	DCSI	Ongoing	At the initial contact stage. Sharon to contact P&W. 09.06.16 P&W are not responding. Engineers are creating drawings. Plans will be tabled when complete. New signage will also be required.
07.04.2016		Sharon to contact Tonkin re: New Dump Point	DCSI	Ongoing	
07.04.2016		Update the Information Points in Town re: New Dump Point	DCSI	Ongoing	
07.04.2016	8.3 Tamarind Park	Mike Longton to send Story Board information to Sharon Hillen who will have them designed then bring back to Borroloola Local Authority for approval	DCSI	Ongoing	Mike working on this item/to update. Photos sent to Sharon. This project is moving forward. 09.06.16 information has been sent to a designer to be drafted up. Will come back to LA to review
07.04.2016	8.4 Sport & Recreation Master Plan:	Resend Sport & Recreation Master Plan to Local Authority members for Comment		Completed	09.06.2016 Resent a number of times. Going back to next Council meeting for sign off.
07.04.2016	8.4 Cemetery	CSM to investigate road	CSM	Completed	9.06.2016 Road repairs completed, any further grading without proper formation of the road will cause more damage.

## 6. Correspondence

### 6.1. Outgoing Correspondence:

### 6.2. Incoming Correspondence:

- Licence-01042016-Occupation Licence No.3799-Borroloola

**ACTION:** Request an application for a special lease so this licence is not required every 12 months.

**Motion:** The Borroloola Local Authority advises Council to apply for an application for a Special Lease.

**Moved:** Mike Longton  
**Carried**

**Seconded:** Stan Allen

- 09.06.2016 - Letter from Maria Pyro re: Night Patrol Operations not attending Wandangula Outstation.

**Response from the Regional Night Patrol Coordinator:**

There has been some confusion due to miscommunication, staff turn over and previous versions of the Night Patrol Program over the years and going to Wandangula and other outstations.

Officially the Wandangula Outstation has never been a part of the currently funded Borroloola Night Patrol area of service.

The access road to the outstation is considered a 4x4 track, none of the Night Patrol employees have 4x4 training, which is Council Policy when driving on dirt roads.

Each round trip to the outstation takes around 1 hour, this leaves vulnerable people within the Borroloola community without access to the Night Patrol service.

**ACTION:** A formal response back to Maria Pyro's letter through the Chair for the next LA meeting.

**ACTION:** Flyers and posters to be created to inform the community the function of Night Patrol in the Borroloola community. These to be used by Night Patrol staff to make residents aware of Night Patrol's role and boundaries.

**ACTION:** Night Patrol to conduct Information Sessions, with the Mabunji Board, and a Community meeting to inform residents of the functions of Night Patrol in our community.

**ACTION:** 4x4 training for current Night Patrol employees

**Motion:** That Borroloola Local Authority accept all the above **ACTIONS** in response to the letter re: Night Patrol Services not attending Wandangula Outstation.

**Moved:** John Sauer  
**Carried**

**Seconded:** Mike Longton

## 7. General Business

### 7.1 \*Elected Member Report:

The OCM is next week to review and pass the Draft Budget for 2016-2017.

A major consideration to the budget is the inclusion of funding depreciation. As a result \$4.6 Million annually needs to be found. Some of the ways to cover this is by; Restructuring, currently being undertaken.

Looking into how the two swimming pools in our region will be funded.

Handing back any Section 19 leases not currently being used.

The new garbage compactor is due in Borroloola in July.

**Motion:** That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the Elected Members report.

**Moved:** Mike Longton  
**Carried**

**Seconded:** Bernie Redfern

## 7.2 \*Council Services Managers Report:

- Council Services Update
- \*Work Health and Safety Update

**Motion:** That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the Council Services Managers report.

**Moved:** Mike Longton  
**Carried**

**Seconded:** Bernie Redfern

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

**Motion:** That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the Third Quarter Council Financial report for Borroloola.

**Moved:** Bernie Redfern  
**Carried**

**Seconded:** Stan Allen

## 7.4 \*Governance Updates:

- \*Town Priorities –

2016/2017 Budget Report

Draft Town Priorities for the Roper Gulf Regional Plan Borroloola

Draft Town Priorities for the Roper Gulf Regional Plan Robinson River

Local Authority Project Funding update

- \*Complaints Register-

11/04/16	Dog bite	Closed	
3/05/2016	Dog not fenced, terrorising in street		

- \*Policy Updates-*Nil*

- \*Roper Gulf Regional Council Restructure

A presentation was given outlining why Council is restructuring including; to save money, better work efficiencies, to create a Strategic position within the Community to oversee Projects etc, a Director and Manager have been retrenched and the Community Services Directorate has been absorbed into the Directorate of Council and Community Services.

The changes to Borroloola include; a Senior Coordinator replacing the previous CSM role who will report to an Area Manager located in Ngukurr ( responsible for Ngukurr, Numbulwar & Borroloola) who will report to Director of Council Services.

The previous Customer Service Officer role in Borroloola has been replaced by a Senior Administration Support Officer.

**Motion:** That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the updates from Governance.

**Moved:** Mike Longton  
**Carried**

**Seconded:** John Sauer

**ACTION:** Send Draft Plan to all LA Members as soon as the 21 consultation period starts.

## 7.5 \*Alcohol Management Plan: No Updates

## 7.6 Community Services Update:

- **Night Patrol**

Night Patrol work from 6pm to 2:36am 5 nights per week.

Staffing has gone from 2 Night Patrol Officers to 4.

The service operates 5 nights a week with a minimum of 2 people, even if others are attending training or are sick.

- **Borrooloola Swimming Pool**

Will be closed for the Dry season from June 1<sup>st</sup> through to the 31<sup>st</sup> August.

- **Sport and Recreation**

Sport and Rec staff have been advised that due to new structure and budgeting, weekend work and night time work will cease.

**ACTION:** Sharon Hillen to get more details regarding Sport and Recreation and report back to the Local Authority at next LA meeting.

**Motion:** That the Borrooloola Local Authority receive and note update on Community Services.

**Moved:** Stan Allen  
**Carried**

**Seconded:** Bernie Redfern

## 7.8 19.13 BORROLOOLA AMATEUR RACE CLUB RODEO SPONSORSHIP - Mayor Tony Jack 128/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi) Carried

a) That the Council support the request for sponsorship of \$3000 for the Borrooloola Rodeo to be held in August 2016 from the Borrooloola Amateur Race Club through the Council Community Grants Program with full acquittal after the event.

## 8. Other Business

### 8.1. Sports Ground

Multiple issues

- *Water to sports ground:* Town water is unaffordable, currently only have access to the bores which are not reliable. If new buildings go ahead at the sports ground, also need to consider the Fire risk and will most likely need a holding tank as there is no fire water at the sports ground.

**ACTION:** Sharon Hillen to ensure Fire hazard is part of any future proposals at the Sports Grounds

- *Softball Diamond:* there is a tree near 3<sup>rd</sup> base that will need to be removed. Parking will be required near the softball diamond once it is being used. The Grounds need to be levelled in places before Show weekend

**ACTION:** Sharon Hillen to contact Cairns Industries to see if levelling can be done before Show Weekend.

- *Football Oval fence:* There is a gap in the fence where the softball field is
- Parking areas

Borroloola is part of the NT Government Development review of Sports and Showgrounds which will help address some of our issues. Power, Water and WHS for the sports field is currently under review

## 8.2. Cemetery

After ground survey has been carried out at the cemetery a drawing has been tabled A103 Proposed Grave Drawing shows historical grave sites, possible and probable grave sites, other visible grave sites and proposed areas for new graves.

Council asks for feedback from the Local Authority on the Cemetery regarding proposed areas for the new graves, location of the proposed road to access new graves and how to allocate new graves.

Two options tabled for the 5 new grouped areas for graves are;  
4 different clan groups and the 5<sup>th</sup> for those who do not fall within these groups  
Grave sites numbered sequentially, starting at the beginning and continuing on from there, filling up an area before moving onto the next.

There is still a lot of work to be done around who is responsible for the Cemetery. This process has been an ongoing for years. The council in the meantime will continue, until details have been sorted out. NT Cemetery legislation is currently under review and will not be finalised until after the Act has been updated.

**ACTION:** Sharon Hillen to send out Cemetery proposal to all LA members

**Motion:** That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the proposed Cemetery grave site document for new graves, new road and agree with the option of each area being assigned to a different Clan group.

**Moved:** Mike Longton  
**Carried**

**Seconded:** John Sauer

## 8.3. Housing

Bernie Redfern expressed concerns over SIHIP funding still being there when things progress in Borroloola.

- The money is still there.
- Still a couple of ongoing issues, i.e. Concern over what land falls' within flood zones.
- Talk still ongoing with the Commonwealth government about the tenure / time of leases over the land.



#### **8.4. Local Internet Speed**

Kirk Whelan has asked if anyone else in town has issues with the internet speed in general, but particular that it seems to slow down after lunch time. Yes others have noticed this process has been ongoing for years.

- RGRC has passed information onto Telstra and Government regarding black spots. There has been no response apart from confirmation the information has been received.

**ACTION:** Kirk Whelan to ask for a response from the Commonwealth Government about how the Borroloola black spot issues are progressing.

#### **8.5. Termites and Borers in trees on public land**

Bernie Redfern has noticed that one of the trees on the vacant land beside his block and the museum has been infested with termites and borers. He is concerned not only about this tree but all other trees on public land.

**ACTION:** Greg Crofts to see if he can get feedback from a Fauna Review that was done in May 2016.

**ACTION:** Council Services needs to check all trees on public land.

#### **8.6. Borroloola Show Weekend**

Trish Elmy has requested with the Borroloola show coming up, the municipal crew may be needed to assist with mowing the lawns, cleaning up and dropping off more rubbish bins prior to the show.

**ACTION:** Greg Crofts to email Council the request for additional bins and lawn maintenance.

#### **8.7. Road Safety NT**

Rebecca Gentle gave some feedback regarding a visit to Borroloola last week by Road Safety. Finalised report / recommendations from their visit will be passed back to the LA . Other businesses would also like to be included to put forward any ideas also.

As an immediate action 3 road crossing signs have been secured to be erected at the school area, while waiting for the CBD town upgrades to go ahead.

#### **8.8. Borroloola Swimming Pool**

The Council are asking for feedback on the Borroloola swimming pool, it is currently being run by RGRC from core budget. Two communities; Borroloola and Ngukurr have swimming pools within the RGRC area. This is a cost to Council of over \$700,000 per year, as outlined in the Council Services and Infrastructure report, Item 16.3, 30/9/2015, Operational Costs of Borroloola and Ngukurr pools. The Council can not continue to fund these two pools without assistance.

There are still land tenure issues with the Department of Education outstanding, in 2011 an application was made but there has been no response to date.

If LA members advise keeping the pool open, there needs to be a commitment to source other funding to subsidise the costs.

- Need to charge pool users for the use of the pool as this is not happening.



- Currently looking at delivering a learn to swim program which would incorporate learn to swim vouchers, supported by Life Saving Australia.
- Possible funding options through the MRM Community Benefits Trust.

**ACTION:** Greg Shanahan, Community Champion, NTG will follow up on Borroloola Pool land tenure application and report back at next LA Meeting.

**ACTION:** Investigate putting in a funding application to the MRM Community Benefits Trust for Borroloola Pool funding.

**Motion:** The Borroloola Local Authority advises the Roper Gulf Regional Council that the Borroloola Swimming Pool needs to remain open and operational.

**Moved:** Stan Allen

**Seconded:** Marlene Karkadoo

**Carried**

**9. Meeting Closed 1:50pm    Next meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016**