

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GULUMAN CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE,
NGUKURR ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY 2016 AT 8:30 AM

1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

Mayor Tony Jack
Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane
Councillor Anne Marie Lee
Councillor Don Garner
Councillor Daniel Mulholland
Councillor Eric Roberts
Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi
Councillor Timothy Baker Jnr.
Councillor Selina Ashley
Councillor Daphne Daniels

1.2 Staff

Michael Berto, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Greg Arnott, Director Corporate Governance (DCG)
Marc Gardner, Director Contracts and Technical Services (DCTS)
Sharon Hillen, Director Council Services and Infrastructure
Catherine Proctor, Director Community Services (DCS)
Lokesh Anand, Manager Finance
Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Compliance
Jo Nicol, Local Authority Coordination Officer
Rashmi Sharma, Governance Officer (Minute Taker)
Joanne Morrison, Senior Admin Support Officer, RGRC Ngukurr

1.3 Guests

Nic Sarah, Department of Local Government and Community Services
Rose Peckham, Department of Local Government and Community Services

2. MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 8:40 am

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Cr Daphne Daniels welcomed all members, staff and guest at the meeting.

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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97/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Council accept the apologies from Cr John Dalywater and Cr Annabelle Daylight for Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 25 May 2016.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

98/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley) Carried

- a) That Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 30 March 2016 with the amendment to the Apologies and leave of absence to include Mayor for his absence at the 30 March Ordinary Meeting of Council.

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

99/2016 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 Thursday 28 April 2016.

7. CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Late Correspondence In – Ngukurr Health Centre Official Opening on 13th July 2016.
2. Election for the LGANT Executive Committee
3. Employment and Training of aboriginal people - *Cr Eric Roberts*
4. Rocks and bollards on the roadsides – *Cr Kathy Anne Numamurdirdi*
5. Community Champions Ngukurr – *Cr Daphne Daniels*
6. Councillor Allowance change of pay date for Councillors attending the National General Assembly to be paid on the 16 June 2016 – *DM Judy MacFarlane*
7. Community BBQ at Council Meetings – *DM Judy MacFarlane*
8. Office space for Gulf Savannah NT – *Cr Daniel Mullholand*

Closed Session

1. Incoming Correspondence from Karen Keogh, TressCox LAWYERS
2. Property Management for budget consideration – *Marc Gardner*
3. Organisation Structure – *Greg Arnott*

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

9. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor declared disclosure of interest on agenda item 19.3 Sponsorship for Mataranka Rodeo at this Ordinary Meeting of Council.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

10.1 ACTION LIST

100/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner) Carried

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

11. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

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101/2016 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) Carried

- (a) That Council accept the Incoming correspondence.

12. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

102/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley) Carried

- (a) That Council accept the Outgoing correspondence.

13. WARD REPORTS

13.1 NYIRRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

103/2016 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Nyirranggulung Ward Report.
(b) That Council approve the removal of Cynthia Williri from the Manyallaluk Local Authority.
(c) That Council accept the recommendation to endorse the new members Sherese Dooley and Ben Kleing on the Manyallaluk Local Authority.

*Deputy Mayor Judy Macfarlane left the meeting, the time being 09:18 am
Cr Judy MacFarlane returned to the meeting, the time being 09:19 am*

13.2 YUGUL MANGI WARD

104/2016 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Donald Garner) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Yugul Mangi Ward Report.
- (b) That Council accept the resignation of Rev Andrew Robertson and Rev Carol Robertson from the Ngukurr Local Authority.
- (c) That Council approve the removal of Clifford Duncan from the Ngukurr Local Authority.

13.3 NEVER NEVER WARD

105/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Timothy Baker Jr.) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Never Never Ward Report.

13.4 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD

106/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Timothy Baker Jr.) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.
- (b) That Council approve the removal of Cheryl Nundhirribala and Christopher Spicer from Numbulwar Local Authority.
- (c) That Council endorse nomination of Timothy Wurramara to Numbulwar Local Authority.

13.5 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

107/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley) Carried

- (a) That the Council receive and note South West Gulf Ward report.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

14.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

108/2016 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Anne-Marie Lee) Carried

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

14.2 CEO REPORT

109/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley) Carried

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

15. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

15.1 REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE 2015-16

110/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Timothy Baker Jr.) Carried

- (a) That the Council receive and note the Draft Regional Plan 2016-2017.
- (b) That the Council receive and note that the Draft Regional Plan 2016-17 will be available for public comment from the 20 June 2016 to the 10 July 2016.
- (c) That the Council approve to change the Finance Committee Meeting on 27 July to an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

15.2 FINANCE - RGRC FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2016

111/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Anne-Marie Lee) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the financial reports as at 30th April 2016.

15.3 FINANCE - DRAFT BUDGET 2016-17

112/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Anne-Marie Lee) Carried

- (a) That the Council receive and note the Draft Budget 2016-17 including special rates.

*Mayor Tony Jack left the meeting, the time being 09:45 am
Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting, the time being 09:47 am*

15.4 GRANTS - 2015-16 ROUND THREE MUNICIPAL AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT - DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

113/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner) Carried

- (a) That Council accept the funding offer for the 2015-16 Round Three Municipal and Essential Services Special Purpose Grant from the Department of Local Government and Community Services by CEO and Councillor signatures, dating and affixing the Common Seal to both copies of the agreement.

16. COUNCIL SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT

16.1 ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL 2015 - 2025 SPORT AND RECREATION MASTERPLAN

114/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner) Carried

- (a) That the Council defer the Roper Gulf Regional Council 2015-25 Sport and Recreation Masterplan to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council on 16 June 2016.

16.2 REQUEST FROM ESSENTIAL ABORIGINAL FOOD SERVICES

115/2016 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Anne-Marie Lee) Carried

- (a) That the Council consult with the Barunga Local Authority and defer the report to the next Council Meeting.

17. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

17.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES 3RD QUARTER REPORT

116/2016 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Timothy Baker Jr.) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the third quarter report for Community Services.

Morning tea break : 10:06 am

Meeting resumed : 10:25 am

18. CONTRACTS & TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

19. GENERAL BUSINESS

19.1 2016-2020 ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN

117/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley) Carried

- (a) That Council defer the report to next OCM at 16 June 2016.

19.2 HIRE FEES - DEPUTY MAYOR JUDY MACFARLANE

118/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That the Council accept the recommendation to waiver hire fees to not-for-profit organisations for Australia Day, Anzac Day and Territory Day celebrations.

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane left the meeting, the time being 10:30 am

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane returned to the meeting, the time being 10:37 am

19.3 SPONSORSHIP FOR MATARANKA RODEO - DEPUTY MAYOR JUDY MACFARLANE

119/2016 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Daphne Daniels) Carried

- (a) That the Council support the request for sponsorship of \$3000 for the Mataranka Rodeo to be held in July 2016 from the Mataranka Sporting, Fishing and Recreation Club through the Council Community Grants Program with full acquittal after the event.

19.4 LATE INCOMING CORESPONDENCE - NGUKURR HEALTH CENTRE OFFICIAL OPENING

Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting is on the 13th July 2016, All the Local Authority members will attend the opening ceremony while attending the Meeting.

120/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the incoming correspondence for Ngukurr Health

Centre Official Opening on Wednesday 13th July 2016.

19.5 ELECTION FOR THE LGANT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elections for the LGANT Executive are to be held on 2 December 2016 at the LGANT Annual General Meeting (AGM) being held at the Alice Springs Town Council. Nominations are called for the eight LGANT Executive positions .

121/2016 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Daphne Daniels) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the election for the LGANT Executive Committee.**
- (b) That Council nominate Mayor Tony Jack for Vice President - Shires and Regionals.**
- (c) That Council approve the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Garner and Cr Roberts to attend the LGANT Annual General Meeting at Alice Springs.**

19.6 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE - Councillor Eric Roberts

Cr Roberts raised the concern of aboriginal employment and training in the community.

122/2016 RESOLVED (Daniel Mulholland/Donald Garner) Carried

- a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on the employment and training of aboriginal people.**

*Mayor Tony Jack left the meeting, the time being 11:09 am
Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting, the time being 11:12 am*

19.7 ROCKS AND BOLLARDS ON THE ROADSIDE - Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi

Cr raised the issue of rocks as barriers and bollards are being run into by cars. DCSI advised that the bollards are available in a plastic that shatters which are safe to cars if they hit the bollards. We are actively seeking funds for the bollards to replace the rocks. The installation of the new bollards will be a CDP project.

123/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Judy MacFarlane) Carried

- a) That Council receive and note verbal report on rocks and bollards on the roadside.**

*Cr Daniel Mulholland left the meeting, the time being 11:35 am
Cr Daniel Mulholland returned to the meeting, the time being 11:37 am*

19.8 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS NGUKURR - Councillor Daphne Daniels

The Northern Territory Government has an Aboriginal Affairs Strategy. The Community Champions are one part of the strategy. There are two champions who focus on economic development and Indigenous jobs primarily in Ngukurr, Numbulwar and Borroloola. Michael Tennant is the Community Champion for Ngukurr and Numbulwar and Greg Shanahan is the Community Champion for Borroloola.

124/2016 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Donald Garner)

Carried

- a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on the Community Champion.

19.9 COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCE CHANGE OF PAY DATE FOR COUNCILLORS ATTENDING THE NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE PAID ON THE 16 JUNE 2016 – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane

Deputy Mayor suggested to pay the Councillors Allowance on the 16th of June 2016 for those Councillors who are going to NGA Canberra.

125/2016 RESOLVED (Daniel Mulholland/Judy MacFarlane)

Carried

- a) That Council approve to change the pay date for Councillors attending the National General Assembly to be paid on the 16 June 2016 on signing of the authority form.

19.10 COMMUNITY BBQ AT COUNCIL MEETINGS - Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane

126/2016 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Lee/Selina Ashley)

Carried

- a) That Council support holding a Community lunch with stakeholders and a BBQ dinner with Councillors and Staff on the night of briefing day for Ordinary Meetings of Council held in the Communities.

19.11 OFFICE SPACE FOR GULF SAVANNAH NT - Councillor Daniel Mulholland

Cr Mulholland briefed that the Manager Gulf Savannah NT is looking for office space and inquired if any vacant office space can be rented in the Council office at Borroloola.

127/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Anne-Marie Lee)

Carried

- a) That Council receive and note the verbal update of office space for Gulf Savannah NT.

Lunch Break : 11:54 am

Meeting resumed : 12:33 pm

19.12 BORROLOOLA AMATEUR RACE CLUB RODEO SPONSORSHIP - Mayor Tony Jack

128/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)

Carried

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

20. DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

Nil

21. CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

129/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/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 Confirmation of Previous Finance Committee Meeting Closed Session Minutes -

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) 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 prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

21.3 Update of 2 Crawford Street -

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) (ciii) (e) 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 prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be keep confidential.

CLOSED SESSION GENERAL BUSINESS

21.4 Incoming Correspondence – Karen Keogh Tresscox lawyers-

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21.5 Property Management for Budget Consideration -

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) (ciii) (e) 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 prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be keep confidential.

21.6 Organisation Structure -

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) (ciii) (e) 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 prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of

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RESUMPTION OF MEETING

130/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Anne-Marie Lee)

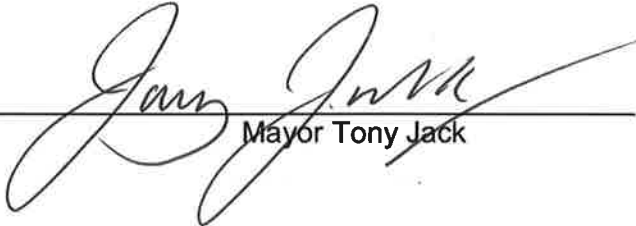
Carried

- a) That Council move out of closed session into open session of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council at 2:40 pm.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 3:03 pm.

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Mayor Tony Jack