

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE ON  
WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 8:30 AM

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**1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Elected Members**

Mayor Tony Jack  
Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane  
Councillor Timothy Baker  
Councillor Don Garner  
Councillor Daniel Mulholland  
Councillor Eric Roberts  
Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi  
Councillor Selina Ashley  
Councillor Daphne Daniels  
Councillor Annabelle Daylight

**1.2 Staff**

Michael Berto, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Greg Arnott, Director Corporate Governance (DCG)  
Marc Gardner, Director Commercial Services (DCS)  
Sharon Hillen, Director Council and Community Services (DCCS)  
Lokesh Anand, Manager Finance  
Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Corporate Planning  
Rashmi Sharma, Governance Officer (Minute Taker)

**1.3 Guests**

Rose Peckham, Department of Local Government and Community Services

**2. MEETING OPENED**

Meeting opened at 8:33 am.

**3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

Mayor Tony Jack welcomed all members, staff and guest to the meeting.

**4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

209/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the apologies from Councillor Anne Marie Lee and Councillor John Dalywater for the Ordinary Meeting Of Council held on 14 September 2016.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

210/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Timothy Baker Jr.) Carried

- (a) That Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 27 July 2016.

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

**7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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

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

1. Late Incoming Correspondence -Tropical Forestry Services Open Day at Mataranka
2. Late Incoming Correspondence - Public Service changes to deliver stable and efficient Government - Michael Gunner, Chief Minister Media Release
3. Late Incoming Correspondence - Labor Announces a Ministry for all Territorians- Michael Gunner, Chief Minister Media Release
4. New Policy – HR023 Criminal History Check Policy
5. Weemol – Sewerage Upgrade Project
6. 2 Crawford Street, Katherine Emergency Committee.
7. Late Incoming Correspondence – ALGA Local Roads and Transport Congress Letter
8. Call for Register of Interest for Elected Members

**Closed Session**

9. Late Incoming Correspondence - 2016 Territory Tidy Towns Awards
10. Container Deposit Partnership Collection

**9. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil

**10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

## 10.1 ACTION LIST

211/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Daniel Mulholland) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Action List.
- (b) That Council approve selling the Barrington Barge through Manheim Auction.

## 11. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

### 11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

212/2016 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Annabelle Daylight) Carried

- (a) That Council accept the Incoming correspondence.

## 12. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

### 12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

213/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Council accept the Outgoing correspondence.

## 13. WARD REPORTS

### 13.1 NEVER NEVER WARD

214/2016 RESOLVED (Timothy Baker Jr./Donald Garner) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Never Never Ward Report.
- (b) That Council accept the resignation of Maxie Miller from the Jilkminggan Local Authority.

**Action:** CEO to write a letter to the police about dog attack at Jilkminggan.

### 13.2 NYIRRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

215/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Nyirranggulung Ward Report.
- (b) That Council accept the resignation of Ruth Kelly from the Barunga Local Authority.
- (c) That Council rescind the membership of Jamie AhFat from the Barunga Local Authority.
- (d) That Council accept the nomination of Amanda Ngalmi to the Barunga Local Authority.
- (e) That Council accept the nomination of Rachael Kendino to the Manyallaluk Local Authority.

### 13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD

216/2016 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Daphne Daniels) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.

**Action:** CEO to write a letter to Numbulwar ex - Local Authority Member Selina Uiibo to congratulate on her appointment to Northern Territory Parliament.

### 13.4 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

217/2016 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Timothy Baker Jr.) Carried

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

### 13.5 YUGUL MANGI WARD

218/2016 RESOLVED (Timothy Baker Jr./Donald Garner) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Yugul Mangi Ward Report.  
(b) That Council accept the nomination of Renelle Rogers to the Ngukurr Local Authority.  
(c) That Council accept the resignation of Keith Rogers from the Ngukurr Local Authority.  
(d) That Council accept the resignation of Tanya Joshua from the Ngukurr Local Authority.  
(e) That Council accept the resignation of Olga Daniels from the Ngukurr Local Authority.  
(f) That Council accept nomination of Clifford Duncan to Ngukurr Local Authority.

## 14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### 14.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

219/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley) Carried

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

### 14.2 CEO REPORT

220/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner) Carried

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

## 15. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### 15.1 POILCY REVIEW - FIN002 DEBT COLLECTION POLICY

221/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Timothy Baker Jr.) Carried

- (a) That Council approve and adopt the reviewed FIN002 Debt Collection Policy.

#### 15.2 POLICY REVIEW - FIN005 CORPORATE CREDIT CARD POLICY

222/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Daniel Mulholland) Carried

- (a) That Council approve and adopt the reviewed FIN005 Corporate Credit Card Policy.

#### 15.3 POLICY REVIEW - FIN008 RATING POLICY

223/2016 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Daphne Daniels) Carried

- (a) That Council approve and adopt the reviewed FIN008 Rating Policy.

#### 15.4 POLICY REVIEW - CL002 MEMBER'S DISCIPLINARY POLICY

224/2016 RESOLVED (Timothy Baker Jr./Donald Garner) Carried

- (a) That Council endorse and adopt the changes to the CL002 Member's Disciplinary Policy.

#### 15.5 NEW POLICY - CL008 COUNCIL VACANCY POLICY

225/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Daphne Daniels) Carried

- (a) That Council approve and adopt the CL008 Council Vacancy Policy.

#### 15.6 NEW POLICY - CL009 ELECTED MEMBER SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY

226/2016 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Daniel Mulholland) Carried

- (a) That Council approve and adopt the CL009 Elected Member Development and Support Policy.

#### 15.7 ELECTED MEMBER SERVICE RECOGNITION

227/2016 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Annabelle Daylight) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on the LGANT Elected Member Service Awards.

**Action:** CEO to look into which Elected Members are eligible for nominations and bring back to next OCM.

*Mayor Tony Jack left the meeting, the time being 09:25 am  
Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting, the time being 09:27 am*

*Cr Timothy Baker Jr. left the meeting, the time being 09:29 am  
Cr Timothy Baker Jr. returned to the meeting, the time being 09:32 am*

*Cr Annabelle Daylight left the meeting, the time being 09:33 am  
Cr Annabelle Daylight returned to the meeting, the time being 09:40 am*

## **15.8 LGANT POLICY AND ACTION MOTIONS FOR THE GENERAL MEETING 1-2 DECEMBER 2016**

**228/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/ Annabelle Daylight) Carried**

- (a) **That Council receive and note the LGANT Call for Motions for the General Meeting.**
- (b) **That the Council submit the following motions to the LGANT 2016 General Meeting**
  - Roper Gulf Regional Council would like LGANT to call on the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory to acknowledge the importance of Local Government in the NT by raising the prominence of Local Government in its Ministerial structure and that Local Government should have a dedicated Minister with adequate resources.

## **15.9 BORROLOOLA SPORTS GROUND MASTER PLAN DRAFT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**229/2016 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) Carried**

- (a) **That Council receive and note the Draft Borroloola Sport Ground Master Plan for the Department of the Chief Minister.**

## **15.10 FINANCE - RGRC FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2016**

**230/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Daniel Mulholland) Carried**

- (a) **That Council receive and note financial reports as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016.**

## **15.11 GRANTS: RGRC COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2016-17 ROUND 1**

**231/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner) Carried**

- (a) **That Council endorse the recommendations as listed below of the Community Grants Committee for Round One 2016-17:**
  1. Borroloola Amateur Race Club – Upgrade spectator seating training activity, \$3,000
  2. Enterprise Learning Centre – Assistance with the provision of business workshops in Numbulwar, \$3,000
  3. Borroloola FERGS – Assistance with the fitout of change area facilities, \$3,000
  4. Mataranka Local Authority – Assistance with the purchase and install of playground equipment, \$3,000
  5. Numbulwar School – Building of garden at school, plants and materials, no wages, \$1,500

*Closed meeting of Elected members , meeting started at 9:55 am and meeting finished at 10:10 am*

*Morning Tea break :10:10 am  
Meeting Resumed :10:33 am*

**15.12 GRANTS: VARIATION TO REGIONAL ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (REIF) - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR NUMBULWAR WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY**

232/2016 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) Carried

- (a) That Council accept the variation to the Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund (REIF) Funding Agreement with the Northern Territory Department of Transport for the Numbulwar Waste Management Facility by signing, dating and affixing the Common Seal to two copies of the funding variation.

**16. COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT**

**16.1 BIG RIVERS REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

233/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Big Rivers Region Waste Management Working Group Coordinator's Report.

**16.2 ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL 2015 - 2025 SPORT AND RECREATION MASTERPLAN**

234/2016 RESOLVED (Daniel Mulholland/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Council endorse and adopt the Roper Gulf Regional Council 2015-25 Sport and Recreation Masterplan.

**17. COMMERCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

**17.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE**

235/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Daniel Mulholland) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the report on Community Development Programme Update.

**18. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**18.1 LATE INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE -TROPICAL FORESTRY SERVICES OPEN DAY AT MATARANKA**

Tropical Forestry Services (TFS) is holding an open day at their new Sandalwood plantation at Mataranka on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

TFS would like to invite interested staff from Roper Gulf Regional Council to come and see the company's newest development.

236/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Annabelle Daylight) Carried

- (a) **That Council receive and note the late incoming Correspondence – Tropical Forestry Services Open Day at Mataranka.**

## **18.2 LATE INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - PUBLIC SERVICE CHANGES TO DELIVER STABLE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT, MICHAEL GUNNER, NT CHIEF MINISTER**

Chief Minister Michael Gunner announced changes to the machinery of government which will create a stable, efficient and coordinated Government focused on delivering on Labor's agenda to create jobs, invest in children and restore trust in Government.

The changes will deliver \$15 million in savings from 2017-18 largely through a reduction in the number of Chief Executives, senior executives and duplication between agencies. These savings will be achieved while greater focus and coordination improves service delivery across the Territory.

"We were clear about our proposed public service changes prior to the election and we have moved quickly to implement our plans." Michael Gunner said.

Under the changes, the government will reduce the number of agencies.

Major agencies and Departments will reduce from 23 to 15. Smaller agencies, commissions and government owned corporations will remain in place.

Departments and agencies will be grouped into four clusters that reflect the priorities of the government. They are:

1. Chief Minister and Central Agencies
2. Children and Families
3. Development
4. Tourism, Environment & Culture

These clusters will bring together aligned agencies to better coordinate policy and service delivery. This is particularly important for economic development, Aboriginal affairs and youth and early childhood.

Other than some Chief Executives the changes will not result in any terminations of ongoing public sector employees.

The process of the restructure will begin early next week, following the naming and swearing in of the new Cabinet.

"These changes are necessary to meet the goals I campaigned and was elected on. It's essential that Territorians get what they voted for." Michael Gunner said.

"The public service and Territory businesses and families need certainty from their government, which is why we are making these changes as simple and as quickly as possible.

"We value the enormous contribution that hard working public servants make in securing a better future for all Territorians.

"We look forward to working with them to deliver strong, stable and certain Government that delivers on Labor's commitments.

"The new *Territory Families* agency will be headed by former Education Chief Executive,



Ken Davies, one of the most experienced and respected Chief Executives in the Territory.

"I'm also pleased that Len Notaras, at my request, will return to the front line of Territory healthcare at the National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre, where he has served with distinction."

"I thank Ron Kelly, Tony Mayell, Anne Bradford and Dave McHugh for their service and commitment to the Territory and wish them well into the future."

237/2016 **RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Daniel Mulholland)**

**Carried**

**(a) That Council receive and note the late Incoming Correspondence - Public Service Changes to deliver stable and efficient government.**

### **18.3 LATE INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - LABOR ANNOUNCES A MINISTRY FOR ALL TERRITORIANS- MICHAEL GUNNER, CHIEF MINISTER MEDIA RELEASE**

Michael Gunner  
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

#### **Labor Announces a Ministry for all Territorians**

11 September 2016

Today I announce a strong, stable and coordinated Cabinet team that will create jobs, invest in children and restore trust in Government.

This Labor Cabinet mirrors the diversity, aspirations and life experience of Territorians and is a watershed in Australian political history with over 60% of Cabinet positions now held by women.

The Labor team will immediately get down to business by implementing our election commitments and governing for all Territorians.

As Chief Minister I will drive the strategic co-ordination of our jobs, children and trust agenda with a particular focus on delivering for Territorians living remotely and in the bush.

I will also hold the portfolios of Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Aboriginal Affairs, Trade, Business and Innovation, and Northern Development.

Deputy Chief Minister Nicole Manison is the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, and has the crucial task of Minister for Children.

Natasha Fyles is the Attorney General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Health and the Leader of Government Business.

Gerry McCarthy has the responsibility of delivering our \$1.1 Billion remote housing strategy as the Minister for Housing and Community Development, has responsibility for Essential Services and is the Minister for Public Employment.

Ken Vowles has the important task of ensuring our resources and primary industry sectors continue to grow, thrive and create jobs as the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources.

Lauren Moss is the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources, Minister for Tourism and Culture and the Minister for Corporate Information Services.

Eva Lawler is the Minister for Education and will immediately begin the job of reversing the CLPs savage cuts to our education system.

Dale Wakefield is the Minister for Territory Families and will be in charge of ensuring this new Department delivers on Labor's commitment to place children at the centre of Government.

## **Strong, Stable and Coordinated Government**

Successful organisations have boards and sub-committees with a clear focus and defined responsibilities. My Cabinet will be structured and focused on delivering the agenda Territorians endorsed last month.

All decisions of cabinet subcommittees will need full Cabinet approval before being implemented.

### **Aboriginal Voice – Shared Future sub-committee of Cabinet**

I will co-chair the subcommittee with my Assistant Ministers for Aboriginal Affairs Selena Uibo and Chansey Peach.

The sub-committee will focus on:

- Delivering Labor's plans to guarantee local decision making, particularly in housing, local government, education, health, youth justice and community safety
- Ensuring land and sea ownership delivers on the economic and social aspirations of Indigenous Territorians
- Progressing public discussion about a treaty with indigenous Territorians

All bush and Indigenous MLAs will sit on the sub-committee, as will senior Indigenous leaders from across the Territory.

This will ensure Indigenous Territorians have a permanent voice in Labor's Cabinet.

### **Territory Children – Territory Future sub-committee of Cabinet**

This sub-committee will be chaired by the Minister for Children and will include the Ministers for Health, Education, Territory Families and Housing and Community Development.

Its role is to ensure the coordination of efforts across Government to make a generational improvement in the health, wellbeing and education of Territory children.

### **Creating Territory Jobs sub-committee of Cabinet**

This sub-committee will be chaired by the Chief Minister and includes the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, the Minister for Trade, Business and Innovation and the Minister for Tourism and Culture.

Its role is to ensure Labor's Jobs Plan is delivers a strong, growing economy for businesses and families right across the Territory.

## **Assistant Ministers**

Every member of the Labor Caucus will play an important role in delivering our election commitments.

Assistant Ministers will work closely with their ministerial colleagues to ensure the delivery of key services and projects right across the Territory.

These Assistant Minister positions do not attract additional remuneration.

### **Assistant Ministry (in alphabetical order)**

Ngaree Ah Kit is Assistant Minister for Suicide Prevention, Mental health and Disabilities, and the Assistant Minister for Seniors and Youth.

Jeff Collins is Assistant Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Assistant Minister for Primary Industry & Resources and will chair the Government's small business round tables.

Lawrence Costa is Assistant Minister for Remote Health Delivery and Homelands.

Paul Kirby is Assistant Minister for our Buy Local strategy, for The Museum Master Plan and

for A Vibrant Darwin CBD. Paul has also been elected Government Whip.

Scott McConnell is Assistant Minister for Remote Housing Delivery, Arts Trails and for Indigenous Tourism Participation.

Sandra Nelson is Assistant Minister for the Prevention of Family violence and Women's Policy. Tony Sievers is Assistant Minister for Veterans Affairs, Men's Policy and Sports and Community Events.

Chansey Paech is Assistant Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Iconic Indigenous Art Gallery.

Selena Uiibo is Assistant Minister for Remote Education and Families as First Teachers, Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Assisting the Chief Minister on Statehood.

Kate Worden is Assistant Minister for Bringing Back the Arafura Games and Multicultural Affairs.

### **Speaker of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly**

The Territory Labor caucus today determined that they will support the nomination of the Member for Goyder Kezia Purick to continue as the independent Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

### **Ministerial List:**

#### **TITLE**

#### **Chief Minister**

Assistant Minister for Statehood

#### **Minister for Aboriginal Affairs**

Assistant Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

Assistant Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

Assistant Minister for Homelands

#### **Minister for Northern Australia**

#### **Minister for Police, Fire & Emergency Services**

Assistant Minister for Police, Fire & Emergency Services

#### **Minister for Trade, Business & Innovation**

Chair of Small Business Round Tables

Assistant Minister for Bringing Back the Arafura Games

Assistant Minister for Buy Local

Assistant Minister for Veterans Affairs

#### **Deputy Chief Minister**

#### **Treasurer**

#### **Minister for Children**

#### **Minister for Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics**

Assistant Minister for A Vibrant Darwin CBD

#### **Attorney-General & Minister for Justice**

#### **Minister for Health**

Assistant Minister for Remote Health Delivery

Assistant Minister for Suicide Prevention, Mental Health & Disabilities

#### **Leader of Government Business**

Government Whip

#### **Minister for Housing & Community Development**

#### **MINISTER**

**Michael Gunner MLA**

Selena Uiibo MLA

**Michael Gunner MLA**

Chansey Paech MLA

Selena Uiibo MLA

Lawrence Costa MLA

**Michael Gunner MLA**

**Michael Gunner MLA**

Jeff Collins MLA

**Michael Gunner MLA**

Jeff Collins MLA

Kate Worden MLA

Paul Kirby MLA

Tony Sievers MLA

**Nicole Manison MLA**

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**Natasha Fyles MLA**

**Natasha Fyles MLA**

Lawrence Costa MLA

Ngaree Ah Kit MLA

**Natasha Fyles MLA**

Paul Kirby MLA

**Gerry McCarthy MLA**

Scott McConnell MLA

Assistant Minister for Remote Housing Delivery  
**Minister for Essential Services**  
**Minister for Public Employment**  
**Minister for Primary Industry & Resources**  
 Assistant Minister for Primary Industry & Resources  
**Minister for Environment & Natural Resources**  
**Minister for Tourism & Culture**  
 Assistant Minister for Arts Trails  
 Assistant Minister for the Iconic National Indigenous Art Gallery  
 Assistant Minister for Indigenous Tourism Participation  
 Assistant Minister for the Museum Masterplan  
 Assistant Minister for Sports & Community Events  
**Minister for Corporate Information Services**  
**Minister for Education**  
 Assistant Minister for Remote Education and Families as First Teachers  
**Minister for Territory Families**  
 Assistant Minister for Men's Policy  
 Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs  
 Assistant Minister for Prevention of Family Violence  
 Assistant Minister for Seniors & Youth  
 Assistant Minister for Women's Policy

**Gerry McCarthy MLA**  
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**Ken Vowles MLA**  
 Jeff Collins MLA

**Lauren Moss MLA**  
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**Lauren Moss MLA**

**Eva Lawler MLA**  
 Selena Uibo MLA

**Dale Wakefield MLA**  
 Tony Sievers MLA  
 Kate Worden MLA  
 Sandra Nelson MLA  
 Ngaree Ah Kit MLA  
 Sandra Nelson MLA

**MEDIA CONTACT: Cameron Angus 0404 021 192**

238/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Annabelle Daylight) **Carried**

(a) **That Council receive and note the late Incoming Correspondence – Labour announces a Ministry for all Territorians.**

#### **18.4 NEW POLICY - HR 023 CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK POLICY**

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure employees, volunteers, key personnel do not have any criminal convictions which would either preclude them under the Aged Care Act 1997 and/or as unsuitable for employment
- To put in place measures to make sure that Criminal History Checks are maintained for all positions in Roper Gulf Regional Council.
- To protect the information and rights of all employees, volunteers, and Elected Members.
- To make sure that residents of Roper Gulf Regional Council receive the best possible service delivery.

239/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Eric Roberts) **Carried**

**(a) That Council approve and adopt the HR023 Criminal History check Policy.**

## **18.5 WEEMOL- SEWERAGE UPGRADE PROJECT**

Moira Skinner from Department of Local Government has presented the Weemol Sewerage Upgrade Project via telephone.

Weemol (pop. 87) is located approx. 300km ENE of Katherine and four kilometres from Bulman community. The existing sewerage system has been failing in the wet season posing a significant health risk to the Weemol community.

Weemol's sewerage system consists of septic tanks with absorption trenches (in 14 house lots) for effluent disposal. Although the soil is suitable for absorption trenches, the site is unsuitable because of the water table rising to ground level during the wet season. A high water table means sewage effluent is not able to be readily absorbed into the soil.

Previous studies on Weemol's sewerage problems identified that the most cost effective long term solution would be to pipe the septic tank effluent away from the community to an absorption area (location still to be determined). This type of system is commonly referred to as a "Common effluent disposal system" or "CED system". Drainage improvements were recommended to help reduce water table levels and stormwater ponding in the wet season.

The Territory Government has offered \$2M in funding to improve the current septic/absorption trench system in order to reduce health risks at Weemol.

### **Project aim**

Reduce health risks at Weemol associated with sewage effluent from septic tanks and stormwater ponding in the wet season.

### **Project Scope**

- Identify and prioritise absorption bed location with stakeholders plus improvements in stormwater drainage. Options to be presented on a community map (A3 size).
- Identify remote economic development and indigenous employment opportunities.
- Collect survey and geotechnical information to complete design.
- Acquire approvals for construction ie. land council, community council and AAPA.
- Construct new CED sewerage system and new stormwater drains.

### **Stakeholders**

NT Department of; Housing, Health, Local Government and Community Services (DLGCS).  
Roper Gulf Shire.

### **Resources**

Funding - NT Government.

Design project manager - DLGCS

Delivery project manager - tba

### **Time and Information**

Construction of CED system proposed for 2017 dry season.

For further information contact Moira Skinner ph 8999 6265

**240/2016 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Daniel Mulholland) Carried**

**(a) That Council receive and note the telephone presentation on Weemol Sewerage Upgrade Project.**

**Action:** CEO to coordinate a community meeting for Remote Program Office to consult with Community the plans for the Weemol Sewerage Upgrade.

*Cr Daniel Mulholland left the meeting, the time being 11:30 am  
Cr Daniel Mulholland returned to the meeting, the time being 11:33 am*

#### **18.6 2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE.**

Katherine Emergency Committee is seeking approval from Roper Gulf Regional Council to use Council Properties 2 Crawford Street or Chardon Street for an Emergency Distribution Centre during the time of Flood Emergency in Katherine.

**241/2016 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner) Carried**

- a) **That Council support and endorse the use of Crawford Street or Chardon Street properties in the time of Flood Emergency in Katherine.**

#### **18.7 LATE INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - ALGA LOCAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS LETTER**

ALGA has invited Roper Gulf Regional Council to attend the 2016 Roads Congress which will take place in Toowoomba, Queensland from 9 to 11 November.

**242/2016 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts) Carried**

- a) **That Council receive and note the late Incoming Correspondence on ALGA Local Roads and Transport Congress Letter.**  
b) **That Council endorse Cr Roberts, CEO and DCCS to attend the Conference.**

#### **18.8 REGISTER OF INTEREST OF ELECTED MEMBERS**

Council is to develop a new policy on Interest of Elected Members. Council aim to maintain the register for the Interest of Elected Members to create a policy. The register states the position and employment status of the members in those committees, Private Business and Organisations to assist with acknowledging any Conflict of Interests.

**243/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner) Carried**

- a) **That the Council direct the CEO to develop a Policy for Register of Interest and present at the October Ordinary Meeting of the Council.**

#### **19. DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS**

**Nil**

*Lunch break: 11: 45 am*

*Meeting Resumed :12:39 pm*

## **20. CLOSED SESSION**

### **DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

**244/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley)**

**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:-

- 20.1 Confirmation of Previous Closed Session Ordinary Meeting of Council 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.*
- 20.2 Jilkminggan Community Aboriginal Corporation Leasing Update -** *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) (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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; 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.*
- 20.3 Ngukurr - Upgrade of various roads projects Tender -** *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) (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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be keep confidential.*
- 20.4 Incoming Correspondence - Expression of Interest re Borroloola Rubbish Dump** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) (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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be keep confidential.*
- 20.5 Prime Minister and Cabinet Request for lot in Borroloola -** *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.*
- 20.6 Rates Concession Request -** *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*
- 20.7 CouncilBiz Constitution -** *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.*

**RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

245/2016 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner)

Carried

That Council moved out of closed session into open session of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council at 13:51 pm.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 13:52 pm.

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Mayor Tony Jack

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