



AGENDA HODGSON DOWNS (MINYERRI) LOCAL AUTHORITY

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

Notice is given that the next Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority of the Roper Gulf Regional Council will be held on:

Tuesday 1 September 2026 at 11:00 am
Alawa Aboriginal Corporation-Hodgson Downs/Minyerri
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Cindy HADDOW
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

HODGSON DOWNS (MINYERRI) CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
Appointed Members

1. Councillor Patricia FARRELL;
2. Councillor Des BARRITT;
3. Beth JOHN (Chairperson);
4. Jonathon WALLA;
5. Naomi WILFRED;
6. Jones BILLY;
7. Caroline VINCENT; and
8. Vacant

MEMBERS: 8

QUORUM: 5 (minimum requirement)

PROVISIONAL: 3 (minimum requirement)

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

Meetings must meet a quorum of 50% + 1 of all Members.

If no quorum is achieved, a provisional meeting can be held in one third of the total members (elected members and appointed members) are present.

During a provisional meeting, all agenda items may be discussed, and minutes must be kept.

Members at a provisional meeting may by majority vote make recommendations to Council. However, the recommendations shall be considered as those of a provisional meeting rather than a quorum meeting of the Local Authority.

A provisional meeting does not have the power or functions delegated to a Local Authority and cannot approve minutes of a Local Authority meeting.

PLEDGE

“We pledge to work as one towards a better future through effective use of all resources.

We have identified these key values and principles of Honesty, Equality, Accountability, Respect and Trust as being integral in the achievement of our vision, that the Roper Gulf Regional Council is Sustainable, Viable and Vibrant.”

PRAMIS BLA WI

“Mela pramis bla wek gudbalawei bla meigim futja bla wi wanwei, en bla yusim ola gudwan ting bla helpum wi luk lida.

Mela bin luk ol dijlod rul, ebrobodi gada tok trubalawei, wi gada meik so wi gibit firgo en lisin misalp, abum rispek en trastim misalp bla jinggabat bla luk lida, Roper Galf Rijinul Kaunsul deya maindim en kipbum bla wi pramis, dum wek brabli gudbalawei, en im laibliwan.”

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7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 01 June 2026 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Governance: Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation, including in engagement with staff members, residents and external stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

The Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority held a meeting with **QUORUM** on Monday, 01 June 2026 at 11:00am. Attached are the recorded minutes from that meeting for the Local Authority to confirm.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The next Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 01 December 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. HOD MIN 01062026 [7.1.1 - 3 pages]



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, HODGSON DOWNS
(MINYERRI) LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ALAWA ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION CONFERENCE ROOM
ON MONDAY 1 JUNE 2026 AT 11:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Patricia FARRELL;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Beth JOHN (Chairperson);
- Jonathon WALLA (*joined at 12:01 pm*);
- Jones BILLY; and
- Caroline VINCENT.

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer (via teleconference);
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability (via teleconference);
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary); and

1.3 Guests

Nil.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting opened at 11:49 am with **QUORUM** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Chairperson Beth JOHN welcomes all persons to the Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Re-Election of a Chairperson

HOD Q/2026-1 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson Report; and
- (b) elects Beth JOHN as Chairperson for a term of twelve (12) months.

4.2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

HOD Q/2026-2 RESOLVED (LA Member Jones Billy/LA Member Beth Johns) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority does not accept the no tendered apology from Sonia ROBERTS, Naomi WILFRED and noting, it was never tendered.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes**

HOD Q/2026-3 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 01 December 2025 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**8.1 Action List**

HOD Q/2026-4 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/LA Member Jones Billy) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List Report; and
- (a) approves the removal of completed items.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**12.1 Local Authority Member Attendance Report**

HOD Q/2026-5 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/LA Member Caroline Vincent) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report;
- (b) requests Council to rescind the membership of Sonia ROBERTS from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority.

Jonathon WALLA joined the meeting at 12:01 pm.

12.2 Elected Members Report

HOD Q/2026-6 RESOLVED (LA Member Jonathon Walla/LA Member Jones Billy) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members Report.

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13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

Councillor Des Barritt left the meeting at 12:16 pm.

Councillor Des Barritt returned to the meeting at 12:18 pm.

13.1 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) APRIL YTD Finance Report

HOD Q/2026-7 RESOLVED (LA Member Caroline Vincent/LA Member Jones Billy) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 30 April 2026.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**14.1 Council Services Manager Report**

HOD Q/2026-8 RESOLVED (LA Member Caroline Vincent/LA Member Jonathon Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report;
- (b) requests Council assistance with delivery of Council Services in Minyerri;
- (c) requests Council to maintain its relationship with ALAWA Aboriginal Corporation; and
- (d) requests to receive most up to date Financial Statement from ALAWA Aboriginal Corporation.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**15.1 Hodgson Downs Local Authority Projects Update**

HOD Q/2026-9 RESOLVED (LA Member Beth Johns/LA Member Jonathon Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
- (b) allocates \$117,229.74 Local Authority Project Funding towards a roadworks project within Minyerri for roads repairs and maintenance.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:45 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting, held on Monday, 01 June 2026 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 01 September 2026.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Action List
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List Report; and
- (a) approves the removal of completed items.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Governance: Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation, including in engagement with staff members, residents and external stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

The Action List is a summary of tasks that the Local Authority has requested be undertaken by Council staff.

The Action List is a **non-authoritative** reference document for Business Arising out of Previous Minutes. The highlighted points are the actionable item of each **resolved** matter.

ACTION LIST

**Meeting
Date**

Report Included?

14.1 Council Services Manager Report

HOD Q/2026-8 (LA Member Caroline Vincent/LA Member Jonathon Walla) **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report;
- (b) requests Council assistance with delivery of Council Services in Minyerri;
- (c) requests Council to maintain its relationship with ALAWA Aboriginal Corporation; and
- (d) requests to receive most up to date Financial Statement from ALAWA Aboriginal Corporation.

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Council Services Manager
Report

15.1 Hodgson Downs Local Authority Projects Update

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
- (b) allocates \$117,229.74 Local Authority Project Funding towards a roadworks project within Minyerri for

01 June 2026

Local Authority Projects
Report

roads repairs and maintenance.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.1

TITLE Local Authority Member Attendance Report

AUTHOR Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Governance: Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation, including in engagement with staff members, residents and external stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 2019*, deals with Local Authority Administration Members may be removed from a Local Authority if they are absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without authorisation.

Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Member Meetings Attendance

Local Authority Meeting Members	01 September 2025	01 December 2025	02 March 2026	01 June 2026
			Cancelled	
Councillor Patricia FARRELL	P	P	-	P
Councillor Des BARRITT	Appointed at September 2025 OMC	P	-	P
Beth JOHN	AP	No AP	-	P
Jonathan WALLA	P	P	-	P
Jones BILLY	P	No AP	-	P
Naomi WILFRED	AP	P	-	No AP
Caroline VINCENT		Appointed at February 2026 OMC	-	P
Vacant	-	-	-	-

Key

P Present at LA

AP Apology given and accepted by LA

NO AP Did not attend LA and did not tender any apologies

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.2
TITLE	Elected Members Report
AUTHOR	Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members Report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Governance: Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation, including in engagement with staff members, residents and external stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

The Elected Member Report provides Local Authorities with a summary of the decisions made at Ordinary Meetings of Council and Committee meetings since the previous Local Authority Meeting. The aim of this report is to convey the information from those meetings to the Local Authority members, and then from the Local Authority to the wider community.

Complete details of all Council, Committee and Local Authority agendas and minutes, are publicly available at www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au and can be provided upon request at all the Roper Gulf Regional Council offices.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 11 June 2026

At this meeting approved the recommendations from the following L.A Meeting:

- Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 May 2026;
- Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 May 2026; and
- Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 01 June 2026.

At this meeting Council considered the Jilkminggan Local Authority's request for Council's assistance to convey its concerns pertaining to inadequate and inappropriate funeral services within Jilkminggan and invited Jilkminggan Community Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC) to Meet with the Mayor and the Ward Councillor to address common issues including cemeteries, service delivery, Community Roads and cooperation for community benefit, at a time nominated by the JCAC's board. Council also approved Councillor BARRITT's motion of future fees waiver and sponsorship, community grants requests to require public acknowledgment of Council as a condition of them being granted. Council scoped community barbeque for Meeting of Electors if practical

Council requested for urgent road repairs to be carried out at Jilkminggan noting safety hazards, subject to tenure restrictions.

Council adopted the 2026-27 Regional Plan and all contents therein in accordance with Section 35 (1) of the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act) and its statutory instruments, including:

- (a) Elected Member Allowances in accordance with Section 106 of the Act;
- (b) Declared Rates in accordance with Sections 237 and 238 of the Act, having been certified by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Regulation 29 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021;
- (c) Fees and Charges in accordance with Section 288 of the Act;
- (d) Budget for Financial Year 2026-27 in accordance with Section 203 of the Act; and
- (e) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit the finalised, adopted version of the Regional Plan 2026-27 to the Minister for Local Government.

Following Major Projects were discussed at this meeting:

Projects in Progress:**Mataranka Airstrip Upgrade Scoping – PR148**

Initial scoping to determine requirements to upgrade the Mataranka Aerodrome. Scope to include fencing, dedicated helipad, lights, additional windsock, parking area for aircraft, extension (length and width) to gravel airstrip with the option to provide sealing in the future. Grant submission to fund project to be submitted when the next round commences. Detailed scoping and costings underway.

Mataranka Septic – Showgrounds PR10

Additional solutions being investigated to provide a suitable long term, functional system. Consultant engaged to do site visit and proposal with costings to develop sustainable solution.

Mataranka Carew Heights Development PR00151

Review of previous design for cost and suitability being undertaken.

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 22 July 2026

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee consists of the following members:

- David BLAIR (Independent Member);
- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Ash GARNER; and
- Councillor Michelle FARRELL.

There was no topics of discussion in relation to the Never Never Ward at the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING – 19 August 2026

The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting consists of the following members:

- Ian SWAN (Independent Member);
- Carolyn EAGLE (Independent Member);
- Claudia GOLDSMITH (Independent Member);
- Councillor Preston LEE; and
- Councillor Samuel EVANS.

There was no topics of discussion in relation to the Never Never Ward at the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

23 September 2026	Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
21 October 2026	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	RGRC Support Centre Katherine
28 October 2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council	RGRC Service Delivery Centre Numbulwar

Unless indicated otherwise, all Council meetings are open to the public.

LOCAL AUTHORITY	NUMBER OF VACANCIES
Mataranka Local Authority	1
Jilkmिंगgan Local Authority	1
Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority	1

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. OMC MIN 11062026 [**12.2.1** - 8 pages]

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MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT
CENTRE

2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Michelle FARRELL, *(joined at 10:18 am)*;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL, *(joined at 10:18 am)*;
- Councillor Preston LEE;
- Councillor Des BARRITT; and
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS.

Staff Members

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Kellie JOHNSTON, Assets Manager;
- Chathurangi DIAS, Acting Finance Manager;
- Cristie GEER, Programs Manager; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator.

Guests

- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 8:58 am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

2026/64 **RESOLVED** (Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr/ Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) **CARRIED**

That Council accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Michelle FARRELL, Patricia FARRELL, Councillor John DALYWATER and Councillor Ash GARNER.

n.b. Councillors Michelle FARRELL and Patricia FARRELL attended the Ordinary Meeting of Council at 1018hrs.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

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5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**6.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes**2026/65 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Des Barritt)****CARRIED**

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 22 April 2026.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 Action List**2026/66 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor Kathy-Anne****CARRIED****Numamurdirdi)**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List; and
- (b) approves the removal of completed items.

8 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**8.1 Previous Committee Meeting Minutes**2026/67 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/ Councillor Kathy-Anne****CARRIED****Numamurdirdi)**

That Council receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Des BARRITT declared a Conflict of Interest at Item number 11.1.

Councillor Sue EDWARDS declared a Conflict of Interest at Item number 13.2.

Mayor Tony JACK declared a Conflict of Interest at Item number at item 13.5

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**11.1 Incoming Correspondence**2026/68 **RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr/ Councillor Samuel****CARRIED****Evans)**

That Council:

- (a) accepts the Incoming Correspondence including the Certification of the Assessment Record as supplied by the Chief Executive Officer;
- (b) waives the fees request for Mataranka Better Half Club, in the event of annual Mataranka Campdraft; and
- (c) waives the fees request for Nathan "Whippy" Griggs' show.

Councilor Des BARRITT recused himself from the Meeting at 9:17 am, as he declared interest at item 11.1 and returned at 9:18 am, after the deliberations at which he had a conflict were resolved.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**12.1 Outgoing Correspondence**2026/69 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Kathy-Anne****CARRIED****Numamurdirdi)**

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That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

13 WARD REPORTS**13.1 Nyirranggulung Ward Report****2026/70 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report; and
- (b) appoints Councillor Preston LEE to the Bulman Local Authority.

13.2 Never Never Ward Report**2026/71 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) does not accept the nomination of David John EAST for appointment as a Member of the Mataranka Local Authority;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 May 2026;
- (d) approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 May 2026;
- (e) approves the recommendations from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 01 June 2026;
- (f) considers the Jilkminggan Local Authority's request for Council's assistance to convey its concerns pertaining to inadequate and inappropriate funeral services within Jilkminggan; and rescinds the membership of Sonia ROBERTS from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority;
- (h) invites Jilkminggan Community Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC) to Meet with the Mayor and the Ward Councillor to address common issues including cemeteries, service delivery, Community Roads and cooperation for community benefit, at a time nominated by the JCAC's board;
- (i) approves Councillor BARRITT's motion of future fees waiver and sponsorship, community grants requests to require public acknowledgment of Council as a condition of them being granted;
- (j) scopes community barbeque for Meetings of Electors if practical; and
- (k) requests for urgent road repairs to be carried out at Jilkminggan noting safety hazards, subject to tenure restrictions.

Councillor Sue EDWARDS declared interest at item 13.2 and left the Meeting at 9:27 am and returned at 9:49 am.

Councillor Preston Lee left the meeting at 10:11 am and returned at 10:14 am.

Councillor Samuel Evans left the meeting at 10:17 am and returned at 10:18 am.

Councillor Michelle FARRELL and Councillor Patricia FARRELL joined the meeting at 10:18 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 am and reconvened at 11:22 am

13.3 Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report**2026/72 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Sue Edwards)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report;
- (b) approves the Provisional Recommendations of the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held

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- on Wednesday, 03 June 2026;
- (c) rescinds the membership of Douglas WUNUNGMURRA from the Numbulwar Local Authority; and
 - (d) directs the Chief Executive Officer to commence the nomination process.

13.4 Yugul Mangi Ward Report**2026/73 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Preston Lee)****CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
- (b) appoints Clayton JOHN as a member of the Urapunga Local Authority;
- (c) notes the Danny DUNCAN's resignation from the Urapunga Local Authority;
- (d) approves the recommendations from the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 02 June 2026;
- (e) approves the recommendations from the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 02 June 2026;
- (f) considers the Ngukurr Local Authority's request for Council to advocate for Outstations and Homelands support and maintenance, noting the Community frustration arising out of the inadequacy of current arrangements.

13.5 South West Gulf Ward Report**2026/74 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/ Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) appoints Dean JACK as a member of Robinson River Local Authority;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 07 May 2026;
- (d) authorises the Borroloola Local Authority's request for Council to advocate for slashing of Highway (Borroloola to Stuart Highway) and maintenance and grading with the Northern Territory Government; and
- (e) authorises the Borroloola Local Authority's request for Council to raise its concerns with the Northern Territory Government pertaining to insufficient road lighting creating dangerous potentially fatal conditions.

Mayor Tony JACK left the Meeting at 11:46 am as declared interest at item 13.5 and returned at 11:49 am.

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**14.1 Mayor's Report****2026/75 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr)****CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

14.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report**2026/76 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/ Councillor Samuel Evans)****CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report, including the approved Community Grants (Round 2) that are as follows:

- (1) Borroloola Gulf show society;
- (2) Jilkminggan School - FAFT;
- (3) Numbulwar School;
- (4) Borroloola Amateur Race Club;
- (5) Urapunga op shop;
- (6) Ngukur Arts;
- (7) Numburindi Corporation

14.3 Council Meeting Attendance Report

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

11 JUNE 2026

2026/77 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Council and Committee Meeting Attendance Report.

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 Regional Plan 2026-27

2026/78 RESOLVED (Councillor Helen Lee/Councillor Sue Edwards)

CARRIED

That Council adopts the 2026-27 Regional Plan and all contents therein in accordance with Section 35 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) and its statutory instruments, including:

- (a) Elected Member Allowances in accordance with Section 106 of the Act;
- (b) Declared Rates in accordance with Sections 237 and 238 of the Act, having been certified by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*;
- (c) Fees and Charges in accordance with Section 288 of the Act;
- (d) Budget for Financial Year 2026-27 in accordance with Section 203 of the Act; and
- (e) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit the finalised, adopted version of the Regional Plan 2026-27 to the Minister for Local Government.

15.2 May 2026 Financial Report

2026/79 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Des Barritt)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 22 May 2026, and
- (b) acknowledges the career progression and accreditation of Chathurangi DIAS, Acting Finance Manager, expressing its gratitude and appreciation for the same.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm and reconvened at 1:26 pm.

15.3 Policy Revision

2026/80 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr/Councillor Preston Lee) **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) Adopts the revised OCEO002 Financial Delegations Manual;
- (b) Adopts the revised FIN011 Investment Policy; and
- (c) Adopts the revised AS001 Fleet Procurement and Allocation Policy.

15.4 Cultural Safety Framework

2026/81 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the draft Cultural Safety Framework.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

16.1 Programs Update

2026/82 RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/ Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Programs Update report.

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE left the meeting at 2:23 pm and returned at 2:24 pm.

Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi left the meeting at 2:25 pm and returned at 2:29 pm.

16.2 Aged Care and Disability Services Report

2026/83 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Aged Care and Disability Report, and
- (b) acknowledges and thanks Ashab HASSANAR, Aged Care Coordinator in Mataranka for his efforts,

Councillor Des Barritt left the meeting at 2:32 pm and returned at 2:34 pm.

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Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 2:33 pm and returned at 2:36 pm.

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**17.1 Major Projects Report**

2026/84 **RESOLVED** (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Michelle Farrell) **CARRIED**
That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Report

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm and reconvened at 3:18 pm.

17.2 LA Projects Report

2026/85 **RESOLVED** (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/ Councillor Des Barritt) **CARRIED**
That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Project report

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

20 CLOSED SESSION**DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

2026/86 **RESOLVED** (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) **CARRIED**
That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda :-

20.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.2 Action List

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.3 Previous Committee Minutes Confidential Session

Regulation 51(1)(d) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

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20.4 Finance and Infrastructure Committee

Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2

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Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interests.

20.5 Contracts

Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). 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 Regional and Remote Land Releases

Regulation 51(1)(d) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

20.7 Asset Disposal

Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person

20.8 Elected Member Administration

Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.9 Chief Executive Officer Leave

Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

2026/97 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/ Councillor Des Barritt)

CARRIED

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re-opened to the public.

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 4:21 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 11 June 2026 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

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Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 26 August 2026

UNCONFIRMED

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) July YTD Finance Report
AUTHOR	Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 July 2026.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Economic Development: Foster strengthening and growing jobs, industries, and investment attraction.

BACKGROUND

As per the *Local Government Act 2019* and its statutory instruments, the council is to submit a current financial report of actual expenditure against the latest approved budget for the Local Authority area.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

There are variances in a few activities as outlined in the attached expenditure report. The brief explanation for these differences in budget and actual cost for each division is as follows:

Operating Income:

Operating Income of \$5,000 was received YTD for Minyerri against a budget of \$10,502 resulting in a variance of \$5,502. The variance largely as a result of timing of contract revenue.

Operating Expenditure:

Total Operating Expenditure YTD of \$5,000 against a budget of \$10,502 the resulting total variance in operating expenditure of \$5,502. The variance is largely due to timing of expenses.

Capital Expenditure:

Due to the finalisation of the 2025/26 Financial accounts nil capital expenditure has been recorded or budgeted.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

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Roper Gulf Regional Council Financial Report as at 31-July-2026 Minyerri 					
				23GLACT	
	Year to Date Actual (\$)	Year to Date Budget (\$)	Variance (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Explanation
Income					
RGRC Contribution	0	0	0	0	
User Charges and Fees	0	0	0	0	
Grant Income	0	0	0	228,360	Nil grants received or budgeted in July
Contract Fee Income	5,000	10,502	-5,502	10,552	Timing of contract fee income
Income Other	0	0	0	0	
Total Operating Income	5,000	10,502	-5,502	238,912	
Operating Expenditure					
Employment	0	0	0	0	
Contract & Materials	47,248	20,396	26,853	619,441	Timing of contract and materials costs
Other Expenses	79	4,089	-4,010	32,457	Travel expenses less than budget
Banking & Finance	0	0	0	0	
Internal Charges	-44,158	-20,025	-24,133	-458,773	Timing of contract and materials costs
Councillor Allowance Exp	1,830	6,042	-4,212	44,057	Timing issue
Local Authority Meeting Allowance			0	1,731	
Total Expenditure	5,000	10,502	-5,502	238,912	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	0	0	0	0	
Total Capital Income	0	0	0	30,000	
RGRC Contribution					
Capital Grant Income	0	0	0	30,000	
Total Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	30,000	Minor Projects
Net Operating Position	0	0	0	0	

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 14.1

TITLE Council Services Manager Report

AUTHOR Bhumika Adhikari, Governance Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report.

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Governance: Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation, including in engagement with staff members, residents and external stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

Council is required to report on service delivery within the Local Authority's area.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Municipal services within the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) area are delivered by the Alawa Aboriginal Corporation. Council is not in receipt of information pertaining to the delivery of these services.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 15.1

TITLE Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Projects Report

AUTHOR Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report

KEY OUTCOME AREA

Environment: Protect and care for the physical environment, including developing and maintenance of clean and environmentally focused communities.

Infrastructure: Support building and maintaining community infrastructure which positively contributes to resident needs and aspirations.

BACKGROUND

Since 2014, the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority has received \$722,340 from the Northern Territory Government for the Local Authority Project Fund. Annual allocations provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Community Development are based on a formula related to population. To date the Minyerri Local Authority has allocated \$670,140.00 accounting for surplus funds from the completed projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Please refer to the attached LA funding report as at 27 August 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Unallocated Funds

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

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Hodgson Downs Local Authority Project Funding						27 August 2026		
Funds received from Department				\$	722,340.00			
Funds allocated to projects by Local Authority Members				\$	787,369.74			
Surplus/(Deficit) from completed projects				\$	65,029.74			
Remaining unallocated funds				\$	-			
Date	Project ID	Projects	Project Descriptiton	Project Budget	Actual Expenditure	Project Expenditure Breakdown	Project Variance	Project Status
6/03/2024	PR118	Steel Bin Holders	Supply 60 Steel Bin Holders, and Alawa Aboriginal Corporation to install the same	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	-		03/06/2024: LA allocated \$4,000 towards steel for bin holders 09/12/2024: allocated another \$4,000. Council to supply 60 bin holders and AAC to install. 18/02/2025: Cost of commercial bin holders only allows about 30 units. Looking at alternative design and manufacture using internal labour 20/08/2025: Cost per unit is approx. \$300.00 a unit which are all locking which is not practical for Muns 17/09/2025: Alternative design found manufacturing option to be determined. 25/05/2026: Material Ordered
3/06/2024	PR124	Sports Equipments	Sports equipment	\$ 5,000.00	-		\$ -	03/06/2024: LA allocated \$5,000 towards sports equipment for Alawa Corporation. 18/02/2025: Procurement underway by the Programs team. 03/06/2025: Dale Campbell advised that Alawa have brought some equipment and are awaiting reimbursement. Dale will liaise with community members to identify needs. 17/09/2025: nothing received from Alwa regarding outcomes or invoices for this project. 23/02/2026: Council will purchase equipment to be stored at the school
3/06/2024	PR136	Speed Bumps and signage	2 X slow down for children signs 5 X speed Bumps (collaborate with CDP to install and paint speed bumps)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 8,227.64	Speed Humps: \$8,227.64		03/06/2024: LA allocated \$5,000 towards two slow down for children signs and allocated \$15,000 towards speed bumps. 02/09/2024: LA allocated additional \$10,000 towards purchasing of five additional speedbumps and signage. 18/02/2025: Signs will be ordered by end of Feb, currently finalising sign replacements across the region. 04/04/2025: Signs have arrived. 28/10/2025: Pallet of speed bumps to be sent to Hodgson Downs.
3/06/2024		Scoping of Playground	Cost Scoping	\$ -	-		\$ -	03/06/2024: LA requests for council to scope of a playground. 28/05/2025: LA asked to provide a location to allow scoping of playground on 26/05/2025 LA Meeting 17/09/2025: Still waiting for another site to be proposed by the LA 14/01/2026: Site has been selected, scoping to be done to determine costs to construct playground

9/12/2024	PR131	Massacre site scoping	Cost Scoping	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,815.30	Site investigation: \$20815.30	\$ -	09/12/2024: LA has requested for cost scoping of the Massacre site. 21/02/2025: A proposal has been developed by Bennett Architects for the survey of the site and community visits to ensure any work is done in a culturally appropriate way. The cost estimate is \$18,923 + Travel and disbursements. 26/05/2025: The Local Authority allocates \$25,000 of Local Authority Project Funding for the scoping and planning surveying of the Massacre Site Project to be undertaken in a culturally appropriate way. 20/08/2025: Consultant date to be confirmed potentially going to be on the week beginning the 15 September 2025 17/09/2025: on hold.
9/06/2026	PR 161	Road Repairs	Road Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 117,229.74				
Total allocation for current projects				\$ 197,229.74	\$ 33,732.33			
Total for Completed projects				\$ 590,140.00	\$ 525,420.91			
Grand Total				\$ 787,369.74	\$ 559,153.24			