

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BORROLOOLA LOCAL  
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE  
DELIVERY CENTRE, BORROLOOLA  
ON THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2020 AT 9:00AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Members**

- Councillor Donald GARNER (Chairperson);
- Mayor Judy MACFARLANE (via teleconference)
- Michael LONGTON
- Stan ALLEN
- Jon SAUER
- Trish ELMY

**1.2 Staff**

- Marc GARDNER, Acting CEO
- Virginia BOON, Manager Community Projects and Engagement; Community Safety Manager;
- Janette HAMILTON, CDP Regional Manager; and
- Cindy MORGAN, Senior Administration Support Officer

**1.3 Guests**

Nil

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Borroloola Local Authority Meeting opened at 9am as a **PROVISIONAL** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

**3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

Nil

**4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Borroloola Local Authority accepted and noted apologies from Councillor Samuel EVANS, Councillor Marlene KARKADOO, Maria PYRO, Raymond ANDERSON, and Rebecca GENTLE.

## **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

## **6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this Borroloola Local Authority Meeting.

## **7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **7.1 BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING - 8 OCTOBER 2020**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Borroloola Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 8 October 2020 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

## **8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **8.1 ACTION LIST**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

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

## **9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Status of the Road Works on the Carpentaria Hwy
- Housing in the Subdivision
- Borroloola Vet Services

## **10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **10.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Borroloola Local Authority accepts the Incoming Correspondence.

## **11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

## **13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **13.1 BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUND REPORT**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Project Funding Update report.

*Information on the report regarding unallocated funds is incorrect. As per previous meeting minutes:*  
*(b) That the balance of LAPF to go towards the completion of the Airport Toilet Project;*  
*(c) Recommend to Council that any additional funds required to upgrade connections for the Airport Toilet Project be funded by Council; and*  
*(d) That a project schedule for the Airport Toilet Project be submitted to next LA meeting.*

### **13.2 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2020 - 31.10.2020**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period of July 2020 to the end of October 2020.**

### **13.3 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.**

### **13.4 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Report**

### **13.5 MARA CAMP EMERGENCY ROAD**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Borroloola Local Authority notes the report in relation to the Mara Camp Emergency Road.**

*It was noted that the Borroloola Local Authority requests RGRC to go ahead with EOI and to continue its advocacy for upgrades to be completed on Searcy Street dips with culverts.*

*It was noted that the map with access track marked provided in the agenda is incorrect.*

### **13.6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Community Development Program (CDP) report.**

## **14 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **14.1 STATUS OF THE ROAD WORKS ON THE CARPENTARIA HWY**

**A 5-7km section of roads works on the Carpentaria Hwy has been ongoing since April. The detour is getting worse and residents are concerned that increasing storms and rain will have an impact on freight and travel for everyone. No contractors have been seen onsite for a while now.**

**During the meeting Marc Gardner received a response from DIPL, there was an issue with the standard of materials, this has been resolved and works are expected to be completed by Christmas.**

### **14.2 HOUSING IN THE SUBDIVISION**

**The Borroloola Local Authority discussed the issue of Borroloola not being able to expand / develop due to no land being available. New housing are going into the town camps, but none for the subdivision. Currently, houses are in disrepair for various reasons; Local people, Government and or businesses cannot access land to develop for housing.**

Local authority would like Council to follow up again regarding Land Tenure for Borroloola.

### 14.3 BORROLOOLA VET SERVICE

**Information Only:**

The Vet Service Program funded by the CBT has been completed and November was the last visit as a part of this funding.

Borroloola residents will need to access Vets in Katherine and Darwin etc should they require Vet assistance like animal de-sexing, vaccinations and worming.

*Mayor Judy MacFarlane wished everyone a Merry and Safe Christmas*

### 15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10:45am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 3 December 2020 and confirmed .

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Chairperson