

MINUTES OF THE MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY HALL, MATARANKA ON TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 2020 AT 5:30PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE (Chairperson);
- Sue EDWARDS;
- Margaret MINNETT;
- Jill EMERSON-SMITH;
- Michael SOMERS; and
- Alan CHAPMAN

1.2 Staff

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer;
- Paul WILSON, Area Manager (Acting);
- Janette HAMILTON, Community Development Program Regional Manager;
- Renee CROTON, Council Services Coordinator;
- Ashleigh ANDERSON, Local Authority Coordinator; and
- Sujan LAMICHHANE, Community Safety Coordinator.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Mataranka Local Authority Meeting opened at 5:36pm with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting 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

28/2020 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Jillian EMERSON-SMITH)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority accepts the apologies from Local Authority Members Rachael WALTERS and Diane ANGEL from the meeting of 2 June 2020, noting that Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT and Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT were absent and did not tender an apology.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Mataranka Local Authority

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING - 7 APRIL 2020

29/2020 **RESOLVED** (Alan CHAPMAN/Margaret MINNETT)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 7 April 2020 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

30/2020 **RESOLVED** (Michael SOMERS/Alan CHAPMAN)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) Receives and notes the Action List updates;**
- (b) Approves the removal of all completed Action List items; and,**

31/2020 **RESOLVED** (Jillian EMERSON-SMITH/Michael SOMERS)

CARRIED

- (c) Requests that Council contribute \$100,000 towards the replacement of the statues at Stan Martin Park, matching the Mataranka Local Authorities existing contribution of \$100,000 of allocated Local Authority Project Funding towards the project.**

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- 12.2 Mataranka Better Half Club
- 14.1 Rodeo Grounds Fees and Charges
- 14.2 Dogs in Mulggan Camp

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 DALY WATERS CAMPDRAFT

32/2020 **RESOLVED** (Sue EDWARDS/Margaret MINNETT)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the incoming correspondence.

10.2 TELSTRA MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE

A Local Authority member has raised the issue (via correspondence, tabled at the meeting) of Telstra mobile phone coverage in Mataranka being inadequate and reports issues residents are having in regards to making and receiving phone calls due to low service signals. The Chief Executive Officer of Roper Gulf Regional Council has followed up with Telstra about this problem and has been advised that Telstra is aware of the problems regarding coverage in Mataranka and reported that the demand on the system from stations in the area has been removed. However, the tower and equipment is at its peak and for improvements to happen, Telstra would need to upgrade the tower at significant investment. Residents can make submissions to the Telecommunications Ombudsman about this issue by phoning 1800 062 058 Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 5:30pm (AEST) or visit the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman website at www.tio.com.au. RGRC has no influence over the service providers of telecommunications, but can lobby for improvements on behalf of voters. No formal resolution was made.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

12.1 MATARANKA CEMETERY CARPARK UPDATE

33/2020 RESOLVED (Margaret MINNETT/Sue EDWARDS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Cemetery Carpark Update report.

12.2 MATARANKA BETTER HALF CLUB DONATION

34/2020 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Michael SOMERS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority, on behalf of the Community thank the Mataranka Better Half Club immensely for their generous donation of \$50,000 towards the Columbarium Project for the Mataranka Cemetery.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

35/2020 RESOLVED (Jillian EMERSON-SMITH/Margaret MINNETT) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members Report.

13.2 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

36/2020 RESOLVED (Michael SOMERS/Jillian EMERSON-SMITH) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Report for April/May 2020.

13.3 REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW

37/2020 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Michael SOMERS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the draft Regional Plan 2020/2021.

13.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER UPDATE

38/2020 RESOLVED (Margaret MINNETT/Alan CHAPMAN) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) Receives and notes the Local Authority Project Fund Report; and,
- (b) Allocates \$15,000 of Local Authority Project Funding for the design and construction of an entrance fascade at the Mataranka Cemetery.

13.5 CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENT

39/2020 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Margaret MINNETT) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority appoint Mayor Judy MacFARLANE as Chairperson of the Mataranka Local Authority for a period of 12 Months.

13.6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

40/2020 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Margaret MINNETT) CARRIED

That Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Community Development

Programme (CDP) report.

13.7 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2019 - 30 APRIL 2020

41/2020 RESOLVED (Jillian EMERSON-SMITH/Michael SOMERS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2019 to April 2020.

13.8 COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

42/2020 RESOLVED (Michael SOMERS/Alan CHAPMAN) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Community Safety Update.

13.9 BUSHFIRES NT

43/2020 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Jillian EMERSON-SMITH) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the information provided by Bushfires NT.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 RODEO GROUNDS FEES AND CHARGES

Currently the Roper Gulf Regional Council fees for agisting animals at the Rodeo Grounds at Mataranka, as per the 2019/2020 Regional Plan are \$20.00 per night, per horse. The members of the Mataranka Local Authority feel that this charge is excessive and deterring visitors from using the grounds.

44/2020 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Michael SOMERS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority recommends to Council that the fee for agistment at the Mataranka Rodeo Grounds be reduced and suggests that the fee should be \$2.00 per day, per animal for residents within the Roper Gulf Regional Council area and \$5.00 per day, per animal for visitors.

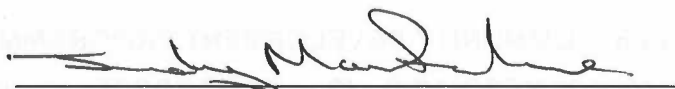
14.2 DOGS IN MULGGAN CAMP

There has been an increasing number of dogs being housed in Mulggan Camp and causing issues within the community. Mataranka Local Authority are concerned about the health and hygiene of the animals and the amount of dogs that are not desexed and causing problems within the area. The Mataranka Local Authority suggests that the Animal Management Program include Mulggan camp in its schedule whilst noting that the Mataranka Township does not want to be included in the program. The Chief Executive Officer has agreed to investigate options surrounding this issue. No formal resolution was made.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 7:20pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 2 June 2020 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



Mayor Judy MacFARLANE
Confirmed on 4 August 2020