

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MATARANKA LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, MATARANKA
ON TUESDAY, 9 AUGUST 2022 AT 5:30PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Deputy Mayor Judy MACFARLANE (Chairperson);
- Sue EDWARDS;
- Margaret MINNETT;
- Michael SOMERS;
- Anthony HEASLIP; and
- Desmond BARRITT.

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Claire CUPITT, Community Safety Manager;
- Michael ROE, Acting Manager Community Services and Projects Mataranka;
- Debbie BRANSON, Executive Assistant;
- Rodney HOFFMAN, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer;
- Joseph Smith, Resource Recovery Coordinator; and
- Tracey WALLACE, Community Development Program Employment Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Amanda Haigh, Department of Chief Minister.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Mataranka Local Authority Meeting opened at 5:38pm as a 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

MAT Q-17/2022 (Margaret MINNETT/Michael SOMERS) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Alan CHAPMAN, Rachael WALTER and Mayor Tony JACK.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES

MAT Q-18/2022 (Sue EDWARDS/Michael SOMERS) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 10 May 2022 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

MAT Q-19/2022 (Desmond BARRITT/Anthony HEASLIP) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Action List.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

- Land Release in Mataranka – Deputy Mayor MACFARLANE
- Tourism Information Signs – Deputy Mayor MACFARLANE
- Dump – Sue EDWARDS
- Radio Signal – Anthony HEASLIP
- Removal of Community Signs on Roper Highway – Anthony HEASLIP
- Homestead Road Turnoff – increase lane – Anthony HEASLIP
- Septic Tanks at Rodeo Grounds – Anthony HEASLIP
- Mobile and Internet Service – Michael SOMERS

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

MAT Q-20/2022 (Anthony HEASLIP/Sue EDWARDS) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority notes the incoming correspondence.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

MAT Q-21/2022 (Michael SOMERS/Margaret MINNETT) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority notes the outgoing correspondence.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

The order of business was changed to bring item 14.1 forward so the representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet could present the report.

14.1 BIG RIVERS REGION LIVEABILITY SURVEY REPORT 2022

MAT Q-22/2022 (Michael SOMERS/Sue EDWARDS) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority Mataranka Local Authority receive and note the Big Rivers Liveability Survey Report 2022 presented by a representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE

MAT Q-23/2022 (Margaret MINNETT/Anthony HEASLIP) **CARRIED**

MARG & ANTHONY

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance report.

13.2 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

MAT Q-24/2022 (Sue EDWARDS/Desmond BARRITT) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member report.

13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER UPDATE

MAT Q-25/2022 (Michael SOMERS/Desmond BARRITT) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Project Funding Report;
- (b) requests that the amount of \$53,858.80 be withheld from Local Authority funding for the oval irrigation project; and
- (c) requests that a report be prepared to Council to fund the oval irrigation project.

Sue EDWARDS left the meeting, the time being 06:33pm.

13.4 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2021 - 30.6.2022

MAT Q-26/2022 (Jillian EMERSON-SMITH/Margaret MINNETT) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2021 to June 2022.

Sue EDWARDS returned to the meeting, the time being 06:35pm.

13.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

MAT Q-27/2022 (Michael SOMERS/Sue EDWARDS) **CARRIED**

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

13.6 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

MAT Q-28/2022 (Michael SOMERS/Desmond BARRITT) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services report.

13.7 NEW ABLUTION BLOCK - MATARANKA

MAT Q-29/2022 (Margaret MINNETT/Anthony HEASLIP) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receive and note the New Ablution Block – Mataranka report.

13.8 AGED CARE FACILITY - PROGRESS UPDATE

MAT Q-30/2022 (Sue EDWARDS/Anthony HEASLIP) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Aged Care Facility – Progress Update report.

13.9 MATARANKA TOURISM SIGNAGE - LOCATION DECISION

MAT Q-31/2022 (Margaret MINNETT/Anthony HEASLIP) CARRIED
Desmond BARRITT and Sue EDWARDS voted against the motion

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receive and note the Mataranka Tourism Signage – Location Decision report; and
- (b) approves the location identified on the map in the attachment to the report.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.2 LAND RELEASE IN MATARANKA - Councillor Judy MacFARLANE

MAT Q-32/2022 (Michael SOMERS/Sue EDWARDS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority requests that the regional office of the Chief Minister and Cabinet's to follow up on the land release in Mataranka.

14.3 TOURISM INFORMATION SIGNS - Councillor Judy MacFARLANE

33/2022 RESOLVED (Desmond BARRITT/Michael SOMERS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receive and note the draft graphics tabled for Tourism Information Signs.

14.4 REMOVING COMMUNITY SIGNS ON ROPER HIGHWAY AND HOMESTEAD SLIPWAY – Anthony HEASLIP

34/2022 RESOLVED (Anthony HEASLIP/Sue EDWARDS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) requests the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Department of Lands Planning and Logistics in regards to removing the irrelevant community area signs;
- (b) requests the Department of Lands Planning and Logistics to extend the slip lane off the Stuart Highway to the Mataranka Homestead Road.

14.5 EXTENDING RADIO SIGNAL – Anthony HEASLIP

35/2022 RESOLVED (Michael SOMERS/Desmond BARRITT)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority requests the Chief Executive Officer to investigate expanding the radio service to access extra channels and report to next Local Authority meeting.

14.6 SEPTIC TANKS AT RODEO GROUNDS – Anthony HEASLIP

36/2022 RESOLVED (Anthony HEASLIP/Sue EDWARDS)

CARRIED

THAT the Mataranka Local Authority requested that the installation of septic tanks at the rodeo grounds be investigated and that a report be prepared for the next Local Authority meeting.

14.6 MOBILE AND INTERNET SERVICE – Michael SOMERS

37/2022 RESOLVED (Michael SOMERS/Desmond BARRITT)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) requests that Council advocate to the Northern Territory Government and in regards to improving telecommunications and internet connectivity; and
- (b) requests information be made available to the community on how to lodge a complaint.

14.4 DUMP - Sue EDWARDS

It was suggested that information in relation to the opening hours of the dump be circulated to the community.

15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

38/2022 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Margaret MINNETT)

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:-

15.1 Local Government Representation (Electoral) Reviews 2022 - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(iii), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.*

The meeting moved to the Confidential Items at 07:52pm.

RETURN TO OPEN

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 was re-opened to the public.

The meeting re-opened to the public at 8:02pm.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:02pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 09 August 2022 and confirmed Monday, 07 November 2022.

Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Judy MACFARLANE
Confirmed on Monday, 07 November 2022.

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