

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MATARANKA LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, MATARANKA
ON TUESDAY, 10 MAY 2022 AT 5:30PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE (Chairperson);
- Rachael WALTERS;
- Sue EDWARDS;
- Michael SOMERS;
- Margaret MINNETT (teleconference); and
- Alan CHAPMAN (teleconference)

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute taker);
- Bethany O’SULLIVAN, Communications Coordinator;
- Rebecca LINN, Information Integrity Officer;
- Debbie BRANSON, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer;
- Gary KWAI, Council Services Coordinator – Mataranka;
- Sarka HIEKOVA, Senior Administrative Support Officer – Mataranka;
- Tracey WALLACE, Community Development Programme Employment Coordinator;
- Michael McFARLANE, Council Services Coordinator – Jilkminggan; and
- Sam WRIGHT, Senior Administration Support Officer - Jilkminggan.

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Amanda HAIGH, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (teleconference); and
- Mick VALLADARES, Northern Territory Police Force (Mataranka).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Mataranka Local Authority Meeting opened at 5:37pm 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 AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1/2022 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Rachael WALTERS)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority accepted the tendered apologies from Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT and Local Authority Member Anthony HEASLIP.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sergeant VALLADARES spoke to the Local Authority regarding Safety Committee Meetings. With assistance from the Northern Territory Police Force, the participants of the Safety Committee Meetings can raise issues within the community along with any priorities community members may raise.

The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 09 June 2022 (time To Be Advised).

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

2/2022 RESOLVED (Michael SOMERS/Rachael WALTERS)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held 03 August 2021 and 01 June 2021 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decision and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

3/2022 RESOLVED (Margaret MINNETT/Rachael WALTERS)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

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

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Disposal of Tyres
- Aged Care Building
- Public Toilets at Roper Gulf Regional Council Office
- Air Strip
- Roper Gulf Regional Council Carpark
- Light Poles at Basketball Court

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

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4/2022 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Rachael WALTERS)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority;

- (a) Receives the incoming correspondence tabled at the meeting from the Mataranka Better Half Club in relation to the Mataranka Cemetery, Storeroom**

- and the 2022 Never Never Festival Event; and
(b) Requests the Chief Executive Officer respond to the Better Half Club.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

5/2022 RESOLVED (Rachael WALTERS/Margaret MINNETT) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority notes the outgoing correspondence.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

12.1 ELECTING A CHAIRPERSON

6/2022 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Rachael WALTERS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority appoints Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE as Chairperson for the period of four (4) years.

12.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

7/2022 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Michael SOMERS) CARRIED

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

Local Authority Member Allan CHAPMAN arrived to the meeting, the time being 6:20pm.

12.3 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

8/2022 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Michael SOMERS) CARRIED

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

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

9/2022 RESOLVED (Margaret MINNETT/Rachael WALTERS) CARRIED

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

13.2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

10/2022 RESOLVED (Alan CHAPMAN/Michael SOMERS) CARRIED

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

13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER UPDATE

11/2022 RESOLVED (Michael SOMERS/Alan CHAPMAN) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Project Funding Report.

13.4 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2021 - 31.12.2021

12/2022 RESOLVED (Rachael WALTERS/Margaret MINNETT) CARRIED

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

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 DISPOSAL OF TYRES

13/2022 RESOLVED (Sue EDWARDS/Michael SOMERS)

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor expressed concern in relation to the large collection of tyres at the dump and the health risk to residents if they accidentally caught fire.

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) Requests Council remove the tyres as a priority project; and
- (b) Support the installation and use of surveillance camera to monitor unauthorised access and use of the Mataranka dump.

14.2 AGED CARE BUILDING

14/2022 RESOLVED (Rachael WALTERS/Margaret MINNETT)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority;

- (a) Noted the lack of railing around the veranda of the building;
- (b) Requests the Chief Executive Officer report to the next Mataranka Local Authority regarding a timeline of when the building will be outfitted and completed; and
- (c) Request for railing to be followed as a matter of urgency.

14.3 PUBLIC TOILETS AT ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICE

15/2022 RESOLVED (Michael SOMERS/Sue EDWARDS)

CARRIED

The Mataranka Local Authority;

- (a) Requests that Council investigate a project to relocate the public toilets from the Council office to Brunos park; and
- (b) Requests the Chief Executive Officer work with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to construct new public toilets at Bruno's Park.

14.4 AIR STRIP

16/2022 RESOLVED (Margaret MINNETT/Alan CHAPMAN)

CARRIED

The Mataranka Local Authority discussed the fallen fence at the Air Strip and that the still upright fencing is unfit for purpose and needs replacing.

The Local Authority were informed that external funding will be required for this project.

That the Mataranka Local Authority request that Council consider and investigate the need for Airport upgrades for emergency purposes (including fencing and apron upgrades for helicopter landings).

14.5 ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL CAR PARK

NO RESOLUTION PASSED

The Mataranka Local Authority discussed the car park in front of the Roper Gulf Regional Council office and the risk involved with incoming traffic when exiting the car park. The Mataranka Local Authority requests the car park be upgraded with new gravel and to engage CDP for the project.

14.6 LIGHT POLES AT BASKETBALL COURT

NO RESOLUTION PASSED

The Mataranka Local Authority requests that a maintenance is undertaken and redirect the two lights at the bowling green at the Mataranka Sports grounds.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7:50 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 10 May 2022 and confirmed Tuesday, 9 August 2022.

Chairperson Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE
Confirmed on Tuesday, 9 August 2022.

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