

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SUPPORT CENTRE, BULMAN  
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT  
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST 2022 AT 8:30AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Elected Members**

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Helen LEE; (audio teleconferencing)
- Councillor Patricia FARREL;
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN; and
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI.

**1.2 Staff**

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Debbie BRANSON, Executive Assistant to the CEO;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator;
- Sewwandi Lakshika ABEYRATNE, Grants Coordinator; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer.

**1.3 Guests**

- Amanda HAIGH; Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet; and
- Teachers and Students, Bulman Primary School.

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:34am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

**3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Order of Business was changed to bring Item 15.1 Formal Swearing in and Oath of Office forward.

### **15.1 FORMAL SWEARING IN AND OATH OF OFFICE**

112/2022 **RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/DAYLIGHT)**

**CARRIED**

That newly Elected Member is formally sworn-in by reciting the Affirmation of Office.

#### **Affirmation:**

I, Kathy-Anne-NUMAMURDIRDI, promise that I will well and truly serve the people of the Roper Gulf region as a Councillor on the Roper Gulf Regional Council without fear or favour, affection or ill-will, and that while I continue to be a Councillor I will to the best of my skill and knowledge perform the functions of the Office of Councillor lawfully, impartially and in good faith.

*Cr. LEE joined the meeting time being 8:41am.*

## **4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

113/2022 **RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Patricia FARRELL)**

**CARRIED**

That Council accepts the tendered apologies from Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE, Councillor Owen TURNER, Councillor Jana DANIELS, Councillor John DALYWATER and Councillor Selina ASHLEY.

Mayor Tony JACK advised members on the importance of a Quorum and their commitment to attending meetings.

## **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil.

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

114/2022 **RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)**

**CARRIED**

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on 16 June 2022 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

## **7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **7.1 ACTION LIST**

115/2022 **RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)**

**CARRIED**

That Council:

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

*The Bulman Primary School students joined the meeting time being 8:59am.*

*The VET team joined the meeting time being 9:11am and provided a presentation to Council on Japanese Encephalitis Virus and left the meeting at 9:37am.*

## **8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS**

- McArthur River Mine Community Benefit Trust - Letter of Support Request

## **9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Mayor Tony JACK declared an interest in item 20.5 Outstanding Rates, and advised he will leave the meeting whilst the item is being considered.

## **10 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

### **10.1 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

116/2022 **RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Patricia FARREL) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes report.

## **11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

117/2022 **RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED**

That Council accepts the incoming correspondence.

## **12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

118/2022 **RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That Council notes the outgoing correspondence.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:07 and reconvened at 10:37am.*

## **13 WARD REPORTS**

### **13.1 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT**

119/2022 **RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED**

That Council;

- receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
- appoints the following applicants to the Beswick Local Authority;
  - Brett CAMERON; and
  - Anne-Marie RYAN.
- approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 July 2022;
- notes the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 04 July 2022;
- notes the recommendations from the Beswick Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 July 2022;
- notes the resignation of Local Authority member Anthony KENNEDY, Aaron RICKSON and Loretta LINDSAY from the Bulman Local Authority; and
- requests the Chief Executive Officer opens a twenty-one (21) day 'Nomination Period' to fill the three (3) vacancies on the Bulman Local Authority.

### **13.2 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT**

**120/2022 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)**

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on 09 August 2022;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting held on 06 June 2022; and
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer to call for a twenty-one (21) day 'Nominations Period' to fill the one (1) vacancy on the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority.

### **13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD REPORT**

**121/2022 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI)**

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numbirindi Ward Report; and
- (b) notes the recommendations from the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held on 08 June 2022.

### **13.4 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT**

**122/2022 RESOLVED (Gadrian HOOSAN/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)**

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on 11 August 2022;
- (c) declines the request from the Borroloola Local Authority to meet six times (6) per annum;
- (d) declines to reduce the number of Local Authority Appointed members to six (6) from eight (8) plus the three (3) Elected Members;
- (e) approves the rescinding of Rebecca GENTLE as a member from the Borroloola Local Authority;
- (f) creates a standing item for McArthur River Mine on the Borroloola Local Authority agenda; and
- (g) requests the Chief Executive Officer to call for a twenty-one (21) day 'Nominations Period' to fill the two (2) vacancies on the Borroloola Local Authority.

### **13.5 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT**

**123/2022 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Samuel EVANS)**

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
- b) approves the recommendations from the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on 28 June 2022; and
- c) approves the recommendations from the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on 28 June 2022

## **14 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

## **15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **15.2 MAYOR'S REPORT**

**124/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRI) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Mayoral Report.

*The Bulman School students left the meeting time being 11:37am.*

### **15.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY CONSTITUTION - OPPORTUNITY FOR FEEDBACK FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**125/2022 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRI/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Constitution – Opportunity for Feedback from Council Members report be received and noted; and
- (b) Council has no feedback to provide to Local Government Association of the Northern Territory's November 2022 General Meeting in relation to the Constitution.

### **15.4 GUIDELINE 7: PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS IN DECIDING CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS**

**126/2022 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRI) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Guideline 7: Procedural Fairness in Deciding Code of Conduct Complaints report.

### **15.5 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS**

**127/2022 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Australia Awards report; and
- (b) registers the Roper Gulf Regional Council for the Australia Day Citizen of Year Award, Young Citizen of the Year Award and the Community Event of the Year Award in its entirety as a region as opposed to registering the individual communities; and
- (c) requests a report to be presented to each Local Authority Meeting gauging their interest in participating in the Australia Day Awards.

## **16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

The Elected Members undertook Mandatory Training as developed and delivered by the Department of The Chief Minister and Cabinet.

## **17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**

### **17.1 COUNCIL SERVICES UPDATE**

**128/2022 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council Services update report.

## **18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**

### **18.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE**

129/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) **CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report.

### **18.2 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31.7.2022**

130/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) **CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the financial reports as at 31 July 2022.

## **19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**

### **19.1 FLEET PROCUREMENT AND ALLOCATION POLICY**

131/2022 RESOLVED (Gadrian HOOSAN/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) **CARRIED**

That Council approves the revised Fleet Procurement and Allocation Policy subject to the following addition:-

**Vehicle Model Options – Contract staff with Personal Use**

*The Mayor and Chief Executive Office – Toyota Landcruiser Wagon 300 Series (GXL or similar).*

## **14 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **14.1 MCARTHUR RIVER MINE COMMUNITY BENEFITS TRUST- LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST**

132/2022 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) **CARRIED**

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to send the Letter of Support to McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust.

*Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm and reconvened at 1:00pm*

## **20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

### **DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

133/2022 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Patricia FARRELL) **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** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), 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 - Confidential Items** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), 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** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), 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.*

**20.4 Never Never Ward Report** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or*

*confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

- 20.5 Outstanding Rates** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(b), information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*
- 20.6 Budget Amendment - Workplace Health and Safety Officer** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(a), information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*
- 20.7 Container Deposit Scheme** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 20.8 Infrastructure Services and Planning - Organisational Structure Modification** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(a) (c)(iii) (c)(iv), information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*
- 20.9 Chief Executive Officer's Report** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), 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.*
- 20.10 Tender for Purchase of Backhoes** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 20.11 Major Projects Update** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i) (c)(ii) (c)(iii), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.*
- 20.12 Write-Offs for the Financial Year 2021-2022** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(d), information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*
- 20.13 Bulman Community Ablution Block - Request for Funding** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(b) (c)(i) (c)(ii), information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.*
- 20.14 Organisational Changes** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(a), information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

*The meeting moved to the Confidential Items at 1:01pm.*

*Cr. Gadrian HOOSAN joined the meeting time being 1:02pm.*

## **20.12 WRITE-OFFS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-2022**

**134/2022 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRI/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)**

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Write-Offs for the Financial Year 2021-2022 report;
- (b) approves a write-off of \$6,480.81 for doubtful and unrecoverable debts relating to the 2021/2022 financial year; and
- (c) makes this resolution public once resolved.

## **RETURN TO OPEN**

**149/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Patricia FARRELL)**

**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.

*The meeting re-opened to the public at 2:42pm.*

## **21 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 2:42pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 24 August 2022 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

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Mayor Tony JACK

Confirmed on Wednesday, 28 September 2022.