

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MATARANKA LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, MATARANKA
ON TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 5:30PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

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

1.2 Staff

- Dave HERON, Acting Finance Manager;
- Clare CUPITT, Community Safety Manager;
- Michael ROE, Council Services Coordinator;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Tracey WALLACE, Community Development Program (CDP) Senior Employment Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Sam PHELAN, Protect Big Rivers.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Mataranka Local Authority Meeting opened at 5:38pm 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

MAT Q-38/2022

(Rachael WALTERS/Michael SOMERS)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Local Authority Member Alan CHAPMAN 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-39/2022 (Sue EDWARDS/Rachael WALTERS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 09 August 2022, including the confidential minutes and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings, subject to the additional amendment to item 13.2 of the previous minutes to reflect that Jill-Emerson SMITH was not in attendance at the meeting and the mover of this item was Local Authority Member Anthony HEASLIP.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

MAT Q-40/2022 (Rachael WALTERS/Anthony HEASLIP) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority

- (a) receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) requests that the Community Safety Manager investigates the cost of purchasing a forty kilometer (40km) radius radio signal with four (4) channels to be presented as a report to the next scheduled Mataranka Local Authority Meeting.

Chairperson Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE noted that contact has been made with DIPL regarding the slip lane off the Stuart Highway.

Desmond BARRITT left the meeting, the time being 06:13 PM and returned to the meeting at 06:19PM

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

- Infrastructure on Council Block – *Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE*
- Ramp Project – *Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE*
- Council Budget – *Mataranka Local Authority*
- Australia Day – *Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE*
- Foot Paths – *Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE*
- Information Boards – *Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE*
- Naming of Parks – *Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE*
- Airstrip – *Local Authority Member Margaret MINNETT*

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 WATER TRENDS AND CONSERVATION

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mataranka Local Authority defers the presentation made by the Power and Water in regards to Water Trends and Conservation.

13.2 UPDATE ON FRACKING THE BEETALOO

MAT Q-41/2022 (Desmond BARRITT/Anthony HEASLIP) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Protect Big Rivers presentation on the Update on Fracking the Beetaloo.

13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY REVIEW REPORT

MAT Q-42/2022 (Michael SOMERS/Rachael WALTERS) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Review report; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer invite a representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet to a community meeting to provide assistance with the Local Authority Review Report.

13.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE

MAT Q-43/2022 (Margaret MINNETT/Sue EDWARDS) **CARRIED**

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

13.5 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

MAT Q-44/2022 (Desmond BARRITT/Michael SOMERS) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Elected Member report;
- (b) expressed their concern and frustration regarding the time frame of having each Local Authority meeting three (3) months apart and the turnover of information being delayed; and
- (c) requests Council consider the need for six (6) Local Authority Meetings per financial year.

13.6 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

MAT Q-45/2022 (Sue EDWARDS/Rachael WALTERS) **CARRIED**

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

13.7 LA PROJECT FUNDING CERTIFICATION

MAT Q-46/2022 (Margaret MINNETT/Anthony HEASLIP) **CARRIED**

That Local Authority approves the Certification of Local Authority Project Funding Report for 2021-22.

13.8 MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE.

MAT Q-47/2022 (Rachael WALTERS/Desmond BARRITT) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report; and
- (b) approves the allocation of \$5,000 of Local Authority Funding towards the purchasing of a shelter over top of the railway quad.

13.9 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2022 - 30.09.2022

MAT Q-48/2022 (Desmond BARRITT/Anthony HEASLIP) CARRIED

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

13.10 FEDERAL DIRECT ENROLMENT UPDATE - TRIAL FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES

MAT Q-49/2022 (Rachael WALTERS/Desmond BARRITT) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Federal Direct Enrolment Update - Trial for People Living in Remote Communities report.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 INFRASTRUCTURE ON COUNCIL BLOCK – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

MAT Q-50/2022 (Rachael WALTERS/Margaret MINNETT) CARRIED

The Mataranka Local Authority raised their concern regarding the transformer not fit to service the amount of infrastructure currently connected on the Council Office block of land and that there is a risk of an electrical fire starting.

The Mataranka Local Authority request the Acting Finance Manager to follow up and confirm the transformer is safe and fit for purpose in its current location.

14.2 RAMP PROJECT – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

MAT Q-51/2022 (Margaret MINNETT/Michael SOMERS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority;

- (a) approves in principle the purchasing of cement and steel required to complete the Ramp Project;
- (b) requests Council to make contact with the Mataranka Community Development Program (CDP) team to request their assistance in completing the Ramp Project; and
- (c) approves the allocation of \$10,000 towards the installation of ramp access into the museum buildings.

13.3 COUNCIL BUDGET

MAT Q-52/2022 (Sue EDWARDS/Rachael WALTERS) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority expressed their concern of the purchasing of two (2) three hundred (300) series GXL Land Cruisers as an unnecessary expensive to Council's budget.

14.4 AUSTRALIA DAY – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

MAT Q-53/2022

(Michael SOMERS/Desmond BARRITT)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority;

- (a) requests that the Mataranka Community continue to host their own Australia Day Awards Ceremony; and
- (b) make the suggestion that the winning participants from each category of award be put into the running to win that category award on a region wide basis.

14.5 FOOTPATHS – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

MAT Q-54/2022

(Rachael WALTERS/Sue EDWARDS)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority requests the Chief Executive Officer investigate the provision of footpaths on Sterling, Gunn, and Warloch Street in Mataranka.

14.6 INFORMATION BOARDS – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

The Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE provided the Mataranka Local Authority with a verbal update regarding the new graphic designs for the information boards. The Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE will provide the Local Authority Members with a hard copy of the graphic designs for comment and consultation once received and that the project will be completed in two (2) weeks from this Local Authority Meeting.

14.7 NAMING OF PARKS – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

MAT Q-55/2022

(Rachael WALTERS/Michael SOMERS)

CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority requests clarification in regards to the official name of “Bruno’s Park”.

14.8 AIRSTRIP – Local Authority Member Margaret MINNETT

MAT Q-56/2022

(Rachael WALTERS/Sue EDWARDS)

CARRIED

The Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE provided a verbal update in regards to the ongoing investigation into costings to upgrade the airstrip. The Local Authority was advised that the grant funding received for the airstrip was returned due to inability to complete project with the small grant. The next available and applicable grant will be applied for.

That the Mataranka Local Authority requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report back to the Local Authority regarding the state of the airstrip and the upgrades required and requests the airstrip be a priority project.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:23 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 08 November 2022 and confirmed Tuesday, 07 February 2023.

Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE
Confirmed on Tuesday, 07 February 2023.