

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY MEETING  
OF COUNCIL HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT  
CENTRE  
BESWICK  
ON THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 2023 AT 08:30AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Elected Members**

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Judy MACFARLANE (via Video Conference);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Patricia FARREL;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor John DALYWATER; and
- Councillor Selina ASHLEY.

**1.2 Staff**

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Maricar RHODES, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer;
- Chloe IRLAM; Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer.

**1.3 Guests**

- Ella DOONAN, Numburindi Corporation;
- Karen HOCKING, Project Manager, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet; and
- Venica RYAN and Lynnelle JACKSON, Beswick School.

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 9:03am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests 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**

**47/2023 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT; Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN; Councillor Owen TURNER; and
- (b) does not accept the leave of absence with no tendered apology from Councillor Jana Daniels.

## **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

**48/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on 22 February 2023 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

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

### **7.1 ACTION LIST**

**49/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED**

That Council:

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

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

- LGANT Meeting Update – CEO;
- Mataranka Sport Ground 2023 – Fee Waiver from Mataranka and Jilkmिंगgan School – CEO;
- Strategic Planning and Councillors Engagement – CEO;
- Numburindi Corporation Development – Letter of Support – Cr. Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Weemol Basketball Court – Cr. John DALYWATER;
- Better Half Club – Request for fee waiving – Mataranka Sports Ground ; and
- Community Fire Breaks – Deputy Mayor

*Cr. Selina ASHLEY joined the meeting at 9:15am*

## **9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

### **9.1 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

**50/2023 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED**

That Council receives and acknowledges the declared conflict of Interest from Deputy Mayor at item 19.1 - and requests to leave the meeting at this item.

## **10 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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

**51/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Owen TURNER) CARRIED**

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

*Cr Samuel EVANS left the meeting, the time being 09:21 am.*

*Cr Samuel EVANS returned to the meeting, the time being 09:24 am.*

## **11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

**52/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) accepts the incoming correspondence;
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer for Councillors attendance to Beetaloo SREBA Webinar; and
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report and organise the Northern Territory Government to present to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday, 21 June 2023 in relation to the new Sub-divisional Guidelines.

## **12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

**53/2023 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED**

That Council notes the outgoing correspondence.

## **13 WARD REPORTS**

### **13.1 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT**

**54/2023 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Judy MacFARLANE) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
- (b) approves the *provisional* recommendations from the Ngukurr Local Authority meeting held on 28 March 2023;
- (c) notes the resignation tendered by Michelle FARRELL from the Ngukurr Local Authority;
- (d) revokes the membership of Marcia ROBERTS from the Ngukurr Local Authority; and
- (e) requests the Chief Executive Officer calls for a 21 day nomination period to fill the two (2) vacancies on the Ngukurr Local Authority.

*Cr Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 09:39 am.*

*Cr Judy MacFARLANE returned to the meeting, the time being 09:42 am.*

### **13.2 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT**

**55/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to change the Borroloola Local Authority meeting and Robinson River LA Meeting date and to reconvene the meeting on Thursday 18 May 2023.

### **13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT**

**56/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Patricia FARRELL) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report; and
- (b) approves the recommendation from the Numbulwar Local Authority meeting held on 08 March 2023; and
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to invite Ella DOONAN to attend next Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday, 21 June 2023.

### **13.4 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT**

**57/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 04 April 2023;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 03 April 2023;
- (d) approves the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 03 April 2023;
- (e) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21-day Nominations Period' to fill the two (2) vacancies on the Manyallaluk Local Authority;
- (f) requests to amend the minutes for Barunga LA in regards BAR Q-16/2023 item (e) to specify the Section 19 lease in relation to the Barunga Night Patrol Office; and
- (g) requests to amend the minutes for Barunga Local Authority the attendance of Vita BRINJEN to being present at the meeting.

### **13.5 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT**

**58/2023 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Judy MacFARLANE) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority meeting held on 27 March 2023;
- (c) does not accept the application for membership of Edna ILLES to the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority;
- (d) revoke the membership of Narrell ARNOLD from the Hodgson Downs (Minyeeri) Local Authority;
- (e) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21-day Nominations Period' to fill two (2) vacancies on the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority; and
- (f) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21-day Nominations Period' to fill one (1) vacancy on the Jilkminggan Local Authority.

## **14 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **14.1 LGANT MEETING UPDATE - CEO**

**59/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That Council accepts the verbal report from the Chief Executive Officer in relation to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory.

### **14.2 MATARANKA SPORT GROUND 2023 – FEE WAIVER – FROM MATARANKA AND JILKMINGGAN SCHOOL - CEO**

**60/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Judy MacFARLANE) CARRIED**

That Council waives hire fees for Jilkminggan and Mataranka School for various sport

activities from 27 April 2023 to 15 June 2023.

#### **14.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COUNCILLORS ENGAGEMENT - CEO**

**61/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED**

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer provides a report to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday, 21 June 2023 on Strategic Planning, Councillors Community Engagement and Training.

#### **14.4 NUMBURINDI CORPORATION DEVELOPMENT - Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR**

**62/2023 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Judy MacFARLANE) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives verbal update in regards to Childcare program and importance of working closely with Numburindi Corporation to support Safety , cultural and sporting activities for children; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to write a letter of support in relation to the Numburindi Development Corporation Initiatives.

#### **14.5 WEEMOL BASKETBALL COURT - Councillor John DALYWATER**

**63/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) requests a new project is created for a cover/roof for the Weemol Basketball Court; and
- (b) requests a report prepared for a future Council meeting to include a business case for its development.

#### **14.6 BETTER HALF CLUB – REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVING – MATARANKA SPORTS GROUND - CEO**

**64/2023 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED**

That Council approves the request from the Mataranka Better Half Club to waive fees for the Never Never Festival Campdraft.

#### **14.7 COMMUNITY FIRE BREAKS – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE**

**65/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Helen LEE) CARRIED**

That Council requests for Council management to consider the risk associated with bush fire in each Community and ensure the appropriate fire breaks.

### **15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

#### **15.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

**66/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Mayoral Report.

#### **15.2 COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**67/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council Meeting Attendance Report.

### **15.3 DETERMINATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES - NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

**68/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Authorities – Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal report

### **15.4 SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION SHEET AND GUIDE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**69/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Patricia FARRELL) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Social Media Information Sheet and Guide for Council Members report;
- (b) consider adopting the attached information sheet into a Policy and / or guideline; and
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide Social Media Training to Council members.

### **15.5 FIN011 INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW**

**70/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the FIN011 Investment Policy Review report;
- (b) accepts the changes recommended by the Independent Member of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting;
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to present the updated Policy at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday, 21 June 2023; and
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer to review Investment Policy each year.

*Joe MILAZZO, Project Manager – Australian Government, Department of Social Services presented to Council in regards to Digital Connectivity Program at 12:03pm on Briefing Day, Wednesday, 26 April 2023.*

*Dan BARR, Director – Better Cities Group, presented to Council in regards to Sports and Recreation Master Plan at 2:00pm on Briefing Day, Wednesday, 26 April 2023.*

### **15.6 COUNCIL MEMBER ALLOWANCE FROM 01 JULY 2023 - REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION- FAQs**

**71/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council Member Allowance from 01 July 2023 - Remuneration Tribunal Determination.

### **15.7 COUNCILLOR TELEPHONE ALLOWANCES**

*No resolution required*

That Council removes the Councillor Telephone Allowances report from the Agenda.

This report is covered at item number 15.6.

## **16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

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

### **17.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS UPDATE**

**72/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Programs update report.

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

### **18.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

**73/2023 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED**

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

### **18.2 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

**74/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 31 March 2023.

*Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR left the meeting, the time being 11:33 am.*

*Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR returned to the meeting, the time being 11:34 am.*

### **18.3 CURRENT GRANTS SITUATION UPDATE**

**75/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Current Grants Situation Update report;
- (b) approves a budget amendment \$250,000 to support the Immediate Priority Grant funded project for Bulman Staff Accommodation; and
- (c) approves a budget amendment to support the additional \$3,500,000 for the Borroloola Cyclone Shelter.

*Cr Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 11:36 am.*

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

### **19.1 REQUEST TO WAIVE FACILITY HIRE FEES - MATARANKA SPORT AND RECREATION GROUNDS AND MATARANKA VARIETY BASH TEAMS**

**76/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That Council waives facility hire fees for the Mataranka Sports and Recreation Grounds to the Mataranka Variety Bash Teams for a fundraiser event on the 6 May 2023.

*Cr Judy MacFARLANE returned to the meeting, the time being 11:38 am.*

### **19.2 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT**

**77/2023 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Patricia FARRELL) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Major Projects Report; and
- (b) are notified of the awarding of contract to Hoar Co Pty Ltd for \$ 484,788 for the ABA Homelands Water Upgrade Project.

Meeting adjourned at 12:34pm and reconvened at 1:20pm

*Simon FLAVEL, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics presented to Council in regards to Tennant Creek to Darwin Infrastructure Corridor at 1:20pm.*

*Doona Cross and Carole presented to Council in regards to Aged Care – Strategic Planning at 1:50pm.*

The below resolution was resolved to be made public following discussions had in the Confidential Session of the Ordinary Meeting.

#### **20.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (CDP) UPDATE**

78/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/John DALYWATER)

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Community Development Programme (CDP) Update report; and
- (b) makes public the resolution from this report in the open minutes of this Council meeting.

#### **20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

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

79/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/John DALYWATER)

**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 Community Development Programme (CDP) Update** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (e) (f), 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 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; AND 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; AND information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.*

**20.5 MYOBA Rollout** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(iv), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

**20.6 Confidential Council Complaint** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(a) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (d) (e) (f), 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 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; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; AND 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; AND information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.*



*The meeting moved to the Confidential Session at 3:06pm.*

**RETURN TO OPEN**

**80/2023 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Judy MacFARLANE)**

**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 3:38pm.*

**21 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 3:39pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 27 April 2023 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

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Mayor Tony JACK

Confirmed on Wednesday, 21 June 2023.