

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BORROLOOLA LOCAL  
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE  
DELIVERY CENTRE, BORROLOOLA  
ON THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2023 AT 9:00AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Members**

- Mayor Tony JACK (via videoconference);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Don GARNER (Chairperson);
- Maria PYRO;
- Mike LONGTON;
- Casey HUCKS;
- Andrew FIRLEY (arrived at 9:52am).

**1.2 Staff**

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- David HURST, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Paul AVERY, Community Services Manager;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute taker); and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer.

**1.3 Guests**

- Maryanne WALLEY, Australian Electoral Commission (AEC); and
- Michelle CONNOLLY, Australian Electoral Commission (AEC).

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Borroloola Local Authority Meeting opened at 9:08am 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 AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

*BOR Q-20/2023*

**(Mike LONGTON/Samuel EVANS)**

**CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) accepts the tendered apologies from Local Authority members Trish ELMY, Andrew
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- FIRLEY, Jonathon SAUER, and Raymond ANDERSON; and  
(b) notes the absence with no apologies from Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN.

## 5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The two (2) representatives from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) presented to the Borroloola Local Authority, the time being 9:10am.

## 6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mayor Tony JACK declared an interest of being a member on the Mawurli and Wirriwangkuma Aboriginal Corporation (MAWA) board.

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 7.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES

*BOR Q-21/2023* (Mike LONGTON/Casey HUCKS) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held 09 February 2023, 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

*BOR Q-22/2023* (Mike LONGTON/Samuel EVANS) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) requests that Council facilitates a Town Camp Roads forum in Borroloola involving all relevant stakeholders; and
- (c) requests that Council implement Zebra Crossings at Anyula St, two (2) at Robinson Rd, Malandari store, and one at the pool.

*Local Authority Member Andrew FIRLEY joined the meeting, the time being 9:52am.*

## 9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

- Financial Report
- Borroloola ComSafe Report
- MRMCBT Coordinator (employment opportunity)
- Rest areas with toilets along Carpintaria Highway – *Samuel EVANS*
- Illegal Camping – *Mike Longton*
- Community trailer

## 10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

## **12.1 MAJOR PROJECTS**

*BOR Q-23/2023* (Mike LONGTON/Maria PYRO) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) receive and note the report; and
- (b) endorse the location of the proposed footpath on Anyula Street.

## **12.2 BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

*BOR Q-24/2023* (Mike LONGTON/Maria PYRO) **CARRIED**

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

## **13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **13.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

*BOR Q-25/2023* (Samuel EVANS/Mike LONGTON) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Report.

### **13.2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

*BOR Q-26/2023* (Samuel EVANS/Mike LONGTON) **CARRIED**

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

### **13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE**

*BOR Q-27/2023* (Mike LONGTON/Andrew FIRLEY) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance report; and
- (b) requests Council communicate with Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN in regards to his attendance at the Borroloola Local Authority.

### **13.4 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT**

*BOR Q-28/2023* (Mike LONGTON/Maria PYRO) **CARRIED**

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

## **14 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **14.1 FINANCIAL REPORT**

*BOR Q-29/2023* (Mike LONGTON/Samuel EVANS) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the Financial Report.

### **14.2 BORROLOOLA COMSAFE REPORT**

*BOR Q-30/2023* (Maria PYRO/Mike LONGTON) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) receive and note the Borroloola ComSafe Report;
- (b) requests more detail is provided regarding the exact drop off locations (eg which camp);
- (c) requests a report back to the 03 August 2023 Borroloola Local Authority Meeting regarding the maximum radius that Night Patrol can drop Community Members off to; and

- (d) requests Council undertake a review of the Borroloola Night Patrol peak hours, working hours, operation, staffing and employment opportunities and report back to the 03 August 2023 Borroloola Local Authority Meeting.

**14.3 MRMCBT COORDINATOR (EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY) – Local Authority**  
*Member Andrew FIRLEY*

**BOR Q-31/2023 (Andrew FIRLEY/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the employment opportunity at McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust (MRMCBT) presented by Local Authority Member Andrew FIRLEY.

**14.4 REST AREAS WITH TOILETS ALONG THE CARPENTARIA HIGHWAY - Councillor**  
*Samuel EVANS*

**BOR Q-32/2023 (Samuel EVANS /Casey HUCKS) CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the update provided.

*That the Borroloola Local Authority raised the issue of a lack of rest stop areas with toilets located along the Carpentaria Highway.*

*The Chief Executive Officer provided an update that this issue is being investigated through relevant stakeholders and government entities such as the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.*

**14.5 ILLEGAL CAMPING - Local Authority Member Mike LONGTON**

**BOR Q-33/2023 (Samuel EVANS/Mike LONGTON) CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority request that Council request the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) to install 'No Camping' signage for two (2) locations that tourists are camping at:

- Camp Creek : Boat ramp behind Council Depo
- Rocky Creek : Boat ramp

**14.6 TRAILER**

**BOR Q-34/2023 (Mike LONGTON/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority;

- (a) requests a report back to the 03 August 2023 Borroloola Local Authority Meeting regarding an investigation into the purchasing of two (2) 7 X 4 box trailers with a cage through Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) for Community use to hire and clean up their own homes/yards in preparation for the Cyclone season; and
- (b) requests a report back to the 03 August 2023 Borroloola Local Authority Meeting regarding an investigation into the purchasing of trailer with a permanently attached toilet for ease of transportation for events within Borroloola through Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF).

**15 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 11:47 am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 18 May 2023 and confirmed Thursday, 3 August 2023.

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Chairperson Don GARNER  
Confirmed on Thursday, 3 August 2023.

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