

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, WUGULARR (BESWICK)  
LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL  
SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, BESWICK  
ON MONDAY, 3 JULY 2023 AT 10:00AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Members**

- Brett CAMERON;
- Trepkina BUSH; and
- Raelene BULUMBARA.

**1.2 Staff**

- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services & Sustainability;
- David HURST, General Manager Community Services & Engagement;
- Leigh WARE, Council Services Manager; and
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary).

**1.3 Guests**

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Hon. Selena UIBO, MLA;
- Melena DAVIDSON, Selena UIBO's office;
- William BRIDGEMAN, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (teleconference);
- Heather STUART, CSIRO;
- Mandy PEARCE, Victims of Crime NT (teleconference); and
- Trude BLIZZARD, Power and Water Co.

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:45am as a **PROVISIONAL** meeting. 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**

*WUG-P 25/2023*

**(Raelene BULUMBARA/Trephina BUSH)**

**CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- (a) accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Selina ASHLEY, Local Authority Member Anne-Marie THOMPSON-KENNY and Anne-Marie RYAN; and
- (b) notes the absence with no tendered apology from Local Authority Member Eddie KENNEDY.

## **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Hon. Selena UIBO (MLA) presented to Local Authority and provided a verbal update in regards to item 13.8 of the Action List at 10:48am and left the meeting at 10:58am.

Trude BLIZZARD from Power and Water Co. presented at 10:58am and informed the Local Authority to install Prepaid meters later this month. Also advised that Power and Water will revisit Wugularr (Beswick) on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and left the meeting at 11:10am.

Mandy PEARCE from Victims of Crime NT enlightened on distributing free food and organising Community BBQ later this month and to hold a youth/school kids music project and music video at 11:10am and left the meeting at 11:18am

Heather STUART from CSIRO presented to the Local Authority in regards to Information Sharing Event Project at 11:18am and left the meeting at 11:28am.

## **6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting.

## **7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **7.1 WUGULARR (BESWICK) LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES**

*WUG-P 26/2023*

**(Brett CAMERON/Trephina BUSH)**

**CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the minutes from the meetings held on 03 April 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**

*WUG-P 27/2023*

**(Trephina BUSH/Raelene BULUMBARA)**

**CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) requests Council write to the Northern Land Council (NLC) in regards to who owns the land that the Church is currently on;
- (c) Selena UIBO provided a verbal update in regards to item 13.8 of the action list.

## **9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS**

- Street Sweeper
- The Voice

## **10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **11.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

**WUG-P 28/2023 (Trepina BUSH/Brett CAMERON) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the outgoing correspondence.

## **12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

### **12.1 WUGULARR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

**WUG-P 29/2023 (Raelene BULUMBARA/Brett CAMERON) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report.

### **12.2 RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

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That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson report; and
- (b) elects ... as Chairperson for a term of ...

### **12.3 COMSAFE UPDATE**

**WUG-P 30/2023 (Trepina BUSH/Raelene BULUMBARA) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receive and note the ComSafe Update report.

## **13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **13.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

**WUG-P 31/2023 (Brett CAMERON/Raelene BULUMBARA) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Report.

*The Wugularr Local Authority Meeting broke for Morning Tea, the time being 12:09pm.  
The Wugularr Local Authority Meeting re-convened the meeting, the time being 12:20pm.*

### **13.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**WUG-P 32/2023 (Brett CAMERON/Trepina BUSH) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance.

### **13.3 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT**

**WUG-P 33/2023 (Raelene BULUMBARA/Trepina BUSH) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member report.

### 13.4 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT PLACEHOLDER

WUG-P 34/2023 (Raelene BULUMBARA/Brett CAMERON) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority receive and note the tabled Finance Report.

## 14 OTHER BUSINESS

### 14.1 STREET SWEEPER - Mayor Tony JACK

WUG-P 35/2023 (Trepina BUSH/Raelene BULUMBARA) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority:

- a) raise a concern regarding sandy and dusty streets that can make for dangerous driving conditions; and
- b) requests a report is submitted back to the 02 October 2023 Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting outlining options to keep the streets clean.

### 14.2 THE VOICE - Mayor Tony JACK

WUG-P 36/2023 (Raelene BULUMBARA/Trepina BUSH) **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Wugularr (Beswick) receives a verbal update from the Mayor in regards to the Council's stance on the referendum to the Local Authority.

### 15.4 SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL REFERENDUM FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF AN INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

37/2023 **RESOLVED** (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Helen LEE) **CARRIED**

*That Council:*

- (a) *recognises the history and significance of the Barunga Statement and a call for the National Treaty with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the Constitutional Recognition of First Nations people; and*
- (b) *furthermore, supports a 'Yes' vote for the National Referendum for the Voice to Parliament.*

## 15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:45 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 3 July 2023 and confirmed on Monday, 2 October 2023.

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Chairperson Mayor Tony JACK  
Confirmed on Monday, 2 October 2023.