

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BARUNGA LOCAL  
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE  
DELIVERY CENTRE, BARUNGA  
ON WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2024 AT 10:00AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Members**

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Anne-Marie LEE (Chairperson);
- Charlane BULUMBARA;
- Ambrose BULUMBARA; and
- Danielle BUSH (via videoconference).

**1.2 Staff**

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- David HURST, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Samantha WRIGHT, Relief Council Services Manager;
- Cameron INGHAM, Council Services Manager;
- Michael McFARLANE, Senior Projects Coordinator;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Daniele PIGA, Acting Governance Officer.

**1.3 Guests**

- Karen HOCKING; Project Manager, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (via videoconference);
- Melina DAVIDSON; Electorate Officer, Office Of Selena UIBO MLA, Member for Arnhem (via videoconference);
- Patrick HEENAN, Office of the Chief Minister, Engagement Officer;
- Dr Andrew TAYLOR, Senior Hydrogeologist in the Groundwater Systems team and Groundwater Management group of CSIRO Environment Business Unit (via videoconference);
- Dr Heather STEWART, Project Leader, Beetaloo Information and Communication Project, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) (via videoconference); and
- Jodie HAYWARD, Research Technician Beetaloo Communication and Information Program (via videoconference).

## **2 MEETING OPENED**

The Barunga Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:19 am 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**

*BAR Q-11/2024* (Charlane BULUMBARA/Ambrose BULUMBARA) **CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Nell BROWN and Mayor Tony JACK.

## **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

## **6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this Barunga Local Authority Meeting.

## **7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **7.1 BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES**

*BAR Q-12/2024* (Helen LEE/Danielle BUSH) **CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, 09 January 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

## **8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **8.1 ACTION LIST**

*BAR Q-13/2024* (Anne-Marie LEE/Charlane BULUMBARA) **CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) approves the removal of completed items;
- (c) amends item 8.1 Action List point (d) to specify that the regular cleaning of the basketball court is the responsibility of Sports and Recreation staff rather than Night Patrol;
- (d) amends item 8.1 Action List (e) to change the status to "follow up" and locate Night Patrol Building between Lot 218 and Lot 215 and also submits section 19 ALRA Application;
- (e) amends item 12.2 Major Projects report point (c) to include installation of a shelter over the footpath between the Council Office, Hall and Library as part of the Barunga Statement Memorial; and
- (f) removes item 14.3 Basketball Fencing Project from the list.

Jodi HAYWARD and Heather STEWART from CSIRO joined the meeting at 11:03 am.

Local Authority provides consent to record this meeting.

*Anne-Marie LEE left the meeting, the time being 11:18 am.*

*Anne-Marie LEE returned to the meeting, the time being 11: 20 am.*

Dr Andrew TAYLOR Senior Hydrogeologist joined the meeting at 11:19 am and shared insights on Groundwater Research in Aboriginal Land specifically focusing on Tindall Limestone, Waterhole Elsey Creek, and Weemol spring and left the meeting at 11: 36 am.

*Note: Discussion on water colour shifting towards orange at Maranboy Station. This poses potential implications for residents of Barunga who engage in fishing, sports and cultural and recreational activities - Andrew is assigned to investigate thoroughly, focusing on all aspects of the groundwater in the specified location to understand the cause and impact of this colour change.*

*Charlane BULUMBARA left the meeting, the time being 11:52 am*

*Charlane BULUMBARA returned to the meeting, the time being 11:56 am.*

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

Nil.

## **10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

### **12.1 RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

**BAR Q-14/2024 (Ambrose BULUMBARA/Helen LEE) CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority;

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson report; and
- (b) elects Anne-Marie LEE as Chairperson for a term until 30 August 2025.

### **12.2 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

**BAR Q-15/2024 (Charlane BULUMBARA/Danielle BUSH) CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and note the Community Safety Update report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm and reconvened at 12:22 pm.

### **12.3 BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

**BAR Q-16/2024 (Charlane BULUMBARA/Danielle BUSH) CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report; and
- (b) allocates \$21,793.67 for a new project for the purchase of a portable toilet and a trailer.

## **13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **13.1 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT**

**BAR Q-17/2024 (Ambrose BULUMBARA/Anne-Marie LEE) CARRIED**

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

