

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, LARRIMAH  
COMMUNITY MEETING HELD AT THE PINK PANTHER PUB  
MAHONY ST, LARRIMAH NT, 0852  
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2024 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Members**

- Steve BALDWIN (Chairperson);
- Karl ROTH;
- Dylon CLARK; and
- Marika KERNKE.

**1.2 Staff**

- David HURST, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer.

**1.3 Guests**

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Phillipa HUNTER, Director Water Management, Water Resources Division Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security Northern Territory Government; and
- Nicole JOY, Senior Manager Water Management, Water Resources Division Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security Northern Territory Government.

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Larrimah Community Meeting opened at 10:49 am. 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**

1/2024 **RESOLVED** (Stephen BALDWIN/Karl ROTH)

**CARRIED**

That the Larrimah Community:

- (a) accepts the tendered apology from Bobby ROTH; and
- (b) does not accept the no tendered apology from Melissa KERZ.

## **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil.

## **6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this Larrimah Community Meeting.

## **7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES OF THE LARRIMAH COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING**

**2/2024 RESOLVED (Karl ROTH/ Mayor Tony JACK)**

**CARRIED**

That the Larrimah Community confirm the minutes of the meeting held 23 November 2023 are a true and accurate record of that meeting's decision and proceedings.

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

### **8.1 ACTION LIST**

**3/2024 RESOLVED (Karl ROTH/Stephen BALDWIN)**

**CARRIED**

That the Larrimah Community:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) approves the removal of completed items;
- (c) notes that Action List item 8.1 c) and d) at page number 8 are not yet completed; and
- (d) requests to circulate decisions made on Strategic Planning to the Community Members.

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

- Mataranka Water Allocation Plan;
- Northern Territory Electoral Commission; and
- Rubbish Tips.

*Note: requests a new pit be developed.*

## **10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

Nil.

## **13 OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil.

## **14 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **14.1 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD 01.07.2023 TO 31.03.2024**

**4/2024 RESOLVED (Stephen BALDWIN/Karl ROTH)**

**CARRIED**

That the Larrimah Community receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2023 to 31 March 2024

#### **14.1 MATARANKA WATER ALLOCATION PLAN**

**5/2024 RESOLVED (Karl ROTH/Stephen BALDWIN)**

**CARRIED**

That the Larrimah Community:

- (a) receives and notes the Water Allocation Plan presentation; and
- (b) requests to write a letter to Power and water expressing concerns on Water Quality specifically focusing on hardness, particularly calcium levels.

*Note: The draft plan currently open for feedback. It emphasises on the protection of 90% of water in the Roper River while still allowing water extraction in Mataranka. The plan allocates water for Aboriginal economic development based on land percentages. Amount of water available for whole plan 62500 mega litre.*

*In dry years, maintaining flow in the Roper River may require licensing decisions by the controller of water resources.*

*Public consultation on the plan is ongoing, with a summary of comments going back to the water advisory committee for review. Additionally, separate water licences for Jilkminggan and Mataranka are proposed.*

*The plan accounts for various water usage, from agriculture to urban development, with an emphasis on sustainability and scientific basis.*

#### **14.2 NORTHERN TERRITORY ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

**6/2024 RESOLVED (Karl ROTH/Stephen BALDWIN)**

**CARRIED**

That the Larrimah Community receives and notes the Northern Territory Electoral Commission presentation.

Anna EGERTON, Project Officer, Northern Territory Electoral Commission joined the meeting at 11:37 am and presented on the upcoming 2024 Election. Larrimah, situated in the Barkly region, will have its nearest voting centre in Mataranka. The Commission plan to distribute pamphlets and information regarding the election, including voting timings set for 12 August 2024. Specific Locations for voting within the Larrimah Community will be announced soon.

#### **14.3 TELSTRA HOUSE**

**7/2024 RESOLVED (Karl ROTH/Stephen BALDWIN)**

**CARRIED**

That the Larrimah Community requests to provide an update on the future Plans for the Old Post Master Building, noting this is a Council decision.

#### **15 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 11:57 am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Larrimah Community Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 May 2024 and confirmed .

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Chairperson  
Confirmed on 06 November 2024.

Unconfirmed