

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MATARANKA LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, MATARANKA
ON TUESDAY, 7 MAY 2024 AT 1:00 PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT;
- Shaunette MARTIN;
- Rachael WALTERS;
- Margaret MINNET;
- Johnny BILLY;
- Sue EDWARDS; and
- Desmond BARRITT.

1.2 Staff

- David HURST; Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Maricar RHODES, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer;
- Tracey WALLACE, Council Services Coordinator (Jilkmिंगgan)
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer (minute secretary); and
- Sarka HIEKOVA, Senior Administration Support Officer.

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Ian WATSON, Group Leader, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) (via videoconference);
- Dr Heather STEWART, Project Leader, Beetaloo Information and Communication Project, CSIRO;
- Dr Andrew TAYLOR, Senior Hydrogeologist in the Groundwater Systems team and Groundwater Management group of CSIRO Environment Business Unit;
- Dr Cameron HUDDLESTONE HOLMES, Geologist, Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO;
- Dr Chris PAVEY, Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO;
- Dr Neil HUTH, Research Scientist (Farming Systems), CSIRO (via videoconference);
- Dr Cuan PETHARM, Senior Principal Research Scientist (hydrology), CSIRO (via videoconference);
- Jodie HAYWARD, Research Technician, Beetaloo Communication and Information Program, CSIRO (via videoconference);

- Anna EGERTON, Project Officer, Northern Territory Electoral Commission;
- Nicole JOY, Senior Manager Water Management, Water Resources Division Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security Northern Territory Government;
- Phillipa Hunter, Director Water Management, Water Resources Division Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security Northern Territory Government;
- Sean HARTLEY, Project Manager, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (via videoconference);
- Troy WILLIAMS, Community Member; and
- Glenys SOMERS, Community Member.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Mataranka Local Authority Meeting opened at 1:25 pm 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

MAT Q-1/2024 (Sue EDWARDS/Desmond BARRITT) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority accepts tendered apology from Michael SOMERS.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Telstra and network issues; and
- Commercial to residential charges.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES

MAT Q-2/2024 (Sue EDWARDS/Desmond BARRITT) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 01 August 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

MAT Q-3/2024 (Sue EDWARDS/Johnny BILLY) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Action List.

Dr Heather STEWART, CSIRO's Project Leader for the Beetaloo Information and Communication Project, joined the Meeting at 1:52pm and presented on the CSIRO Beetaloo Communication and Information Project and left the meeting at 2:26pm.

Nicole JOY, Senior Manager Water Projects, Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security, joined the Meeting at 2:27pm and presented on the Mataranka Water Allocation Plan Report and left the meeting at 2:57pm.

Sue EDWARDS and Desmond BARRITT left the meeting at 2:30pm.

Anna EGERTON, Project Officer, Northern Territory Electoral Commission, joined the Meeting at 2:59pm and presented on the August 2024 Northern Territory Election Plan Report and left the meeting at 3:10pm.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

12.1 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

MAT Q-4/2024 (Johnny BILLY /Rachael WALTERS) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receive and note this Community Safety Update Report.

12.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE

MAT Q-5/2024 (Rachael WALTERS/ Johnny BILLY) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

12.3 RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

MAT Q-6/2024 (Johnny BILLY /Margaret MINNETT) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson Report; and
- (b) elects Rachael WALTERS as Chairperson for a term of 12 Months

12.4 MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

MAT Q-7/2024 (Rachael WALTERS/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report.

13 OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 MULGGAN CAMP

MAT Q-8/2024 (Rachael WALTERS/Shاونette MARTIN) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the proposal to relocate the entire community to the Camp, while reserving the bottom ground for safety considerations.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 COUNCIL SERVICE MANAGER (CSM) REPORT

MAT Q-9/2024 (Rachael WALTERS/Shaunette MARTIN) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report.

14.2 DRAFT MATARANKA TINDALL LIMESTONE WATER ALLOCATION PLAN

NO RESOLUTION PASSED

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Draft Mataranka Tindall Limestone Water Allocation Plan Report.

14.3 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

MAT Q-10/2024 (Rachael WALTERS/Margaret MINNETT) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.

14.4 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2023 - 31.03.2024

MAT Q-11/2024 (Rachael WALTERS/Shaunette MARTIN) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024.

14.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

MAT Q-12/2024 (Rachael WALTERS/Shaunette MARTIN) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Community Development Program (CDP) Report.

S.1 LA PROJECT FUNDING CERTIFICATION

MAT Q-13/2024 (Rachael WALTERS/ Johnny BILLY) **CARRIED**

That the Mataranka Local Authority approves the Certification of Local Authority Reports for the 2022-23 financial year.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 3:51 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 7 May 2024 and confirmed .

Chairperson
Confirmed on 01 August 2024.