



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

Elected Members

Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT;
Councillor John DALYWATER;
Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN;
Councillor Edna ILES; and
Councillor Patricia FARRELL (via audio/visual conference).

Staff Members

David HURST, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
Tony HOPP, Acting General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
Luke HADDOW, Acting General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
Sarah PEACHMENT; Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer;
Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer (minute secretary).

Guests

Karen HOCKING; Project Manager, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet;
Lord Mayor, the Honourable Kon VATSKALIS, Board President, Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), City of Darwin Council; and
Mary WATSON, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 8:38 am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests 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

2024/142 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Owen TURNER, Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR, Councillor Samuel EVANS and Councillor Selina ASHLEY; and
- (b) does not accept the tendered apology from Councillor Jana DANIELS.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2024/143 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor Edna Iles) CARRIED

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 28 August 2024, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 ACTION LIST

2024/144 RESOLVED (Councillor Annabelle Daylight/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List; and
- (b) approves the removal of completed items.

8 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

8.1 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

2024/145 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the previous Committee Meeting Minutes Report; and
- (b) ratifies the decisions made by the Committee as tabled in the same.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

2024/146 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Edna Iles) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) accepts the Incoming Correspondence;
- (b) receives and notes the request from Barunga School Council for the supply of four (4) flag poles and the concrete to stabilise them; and
- (c) agrees to supply the Barunga School Council with the items as listed at point (b).

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

2024/147 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED

That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

2024/148 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 07 October 2024;

- (c) approves the Provisional recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on Monday, 07 October 2024;
- (d) approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 08 October 2024;
- (e) approves the recommendations from the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 10 October 2024;
- (f) rescinds the membership of Lloyd BROWN from the Manyallaluk Local Authority; and
- (g) accepts the nominations received from Alison ANDREWS and Richard MILLER for the Manyallaluk Local Authority and appoints them as members on the same.

13.2 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

2024/149 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/Councillor Annabelle Daylight) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report; and
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 02 September 2024.

13.3 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

2024/150 RESOLVED (Councillor Gadrian Hoosan/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21 days nomination period' to fill the one (1) vacancy on the Borroloola Local Authority.

13.4 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT

2024/151 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendation from the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 04 September 2024;
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21 days nomination period' to fill the two (2) vacancies in the Numbulwar Local Authority;
- (d) receives Councillor NUNGGUMAJBARR's request of updates on the dump reassessment; and
- (e) requests for fuel pricing breakdown information to be supplied to the Numbulwar Local Authority, and to the Numbulwar Community in general.

13.5 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT

2024/152 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/Councillor John Dalywater) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Report.

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

14.1 COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

2024/153 RESOLVED (Councillor Gadrian Hoosan/Councillor Edna Iles) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Meeting Attendance Report;
- (b) resolves that Councillor Jana DANIELS is absent without the permission of Council in accordance with Section 47(1) (o) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and thus is disqualified from office as Member of Roper Gulf Regional Council noting that this was Cr. DANIELS' second consecutive absence from the Ordinary Meetings of Council without its permission, thus Ms Jana DANIELS is not longer a Councillor of the Roper Gulf Regional Council;

- (c) resolves in accordance with Section 54(2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 2019* to call for Nominations from the Constituents of Yugul Mangi Ward to fill the vacant position of Councillor for the Yugul Mangi Ward;
- (d) rescinds the membership of Councillor Samuel EVANS from the Finance and Infrastructure Committee;
- (e) appoints Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI as a Member of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee;
- (f) removes Cr. Samuel EVANS from Council's delegation attending the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) November Conference (including Annual General Meeting and General Meeting) in Alice Springs in November 2024; and
- (g) resolves for its delegation to attend the LGANT November Conference (including Annual General Meeting and General Meeting) in Alice Springs in November 2024 to consist of Mayor Tony JACK, Deputy Mayor Helen LEE, Councillor Patricia FARRELL, Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT and Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN.

14.2 MAYOR'S REPORT

2024/154 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Annabelle Daylight) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

14.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

2024/155 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Annabelle Daylight) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Acting Chief Executive Officer's Report; and
- (b) supports the proposed name change of Edith Falls to Leliyn as requested by the Jawoyn Aboriginal Association, and authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer to compile a Letter of Support to that affect, and supply it to the Jawoyn Aboriginal Association and to the Northern Territory Government.

14.4 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE - COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

2024/156 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) approves the 2025 Meeting Schedule – Council, Committee and Local Authority Meetings;
- (b) reschedules the April 2025 Briefing Day and Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Numbulwar on 15, 16 April 2025 respectively;
- (c) reschedules the December 2025 Briefing Day and Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Katherine on 9, 10 December 2025 respectively;
- (d) reschedules the April 2025 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting to be held in Katherine on 23 April 2025;
- (e) reschedules the October 2025 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting to be held in Katherine on 20 October 2025;
- (f) reschedules the December 2024 Briefing Day and Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Katherine on 03 and 04 December 2024 respectively;
- (g) reschedules the Minyerri Local Authority Meeting to 9 December 2024;
- (h) reschedules the Ngukurr and Urupanga Local Authority Meetings to 10 December 2024; and
- (i) reschedules the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting to 11 December 2024.

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

2024/157 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) resolves to hold a Special Meeting of Council on 13 November 2024 at 11:00 am to deliberate and adopt its Annual Report (including Audited Financial Statements);
- (b) defers this matter to be dealt with at the Special Meeting of Council on 13 November 2024; and
- (c) directs the Audit and Risk Committee to meet on 13 November 2024 at 08:30 am.

15.2 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP) SUMMARY REPORT

2024/158 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

That the Council receives and notes the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Summary Report.

15.3 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30.09.2024

2024/159 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 30 September 2024.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

16.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

2024/160 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED

That the Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
- (b) allocates \$100,000 of Mataranka Local Authority Projects Funding towards Mulggan Camp Community Beautification and Amenity in accordance to Section 79 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, noting the persistent lack of Quorum at the Mataranka Local Authority Meetings.

Councillor John Dalywater left the meeting at 10:15 am.

Councillor John Dalywater returned to the meeting at 10:17 am.

16.2 PROGRAMS UPDATE

2024/161 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED

That the Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Programs Update Report; and
- (b) requests feasibility scoping for the provision of the Childcare Services in Numbulwar.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 am and reconvened at 11:04 am.

16.3 AGED CARE AND DISABILITY SERVICES REPORT

2024/162 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Edna Iles) CARRIED

That the Council receives and notes the Aged Care & Disability Services Report.

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 Major Projects Report

2024/163 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Major Projects Report; and
- (b) approves a budget amendment of \$15,000 to increase the total budget for the Mataranka Aged Care Kitchen upgrades.

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Council received deputations from:

- 1) the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) (in person); and
- 2) MyCDP Ngukurr (in writing).

N.B. these deputations were received whilst in Confidential Session.

20 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

2024/164 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor John Dalywater) **CARRIED**

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda :-

20.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.2 Previous Committee Minutes Confidential session

Regulation 51(1)(d) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

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20.3 Action List

Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

Regulation 51(1)(d) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

20.4 Chief Executive Officer Recruitment

Regulation 51(1)(a) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(a). It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

20.5 Chief Executive Officer Leave

Regulation 51(1)(a) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(a). It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

20.6 Community Development Program Report

Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

Regulation 51(1)(f) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(f). It contains information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

20.7 Compliance Review Action Report

Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.8 Workshop Budget Amendment

Regulation 51(1)(a) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(a). It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

Regulation 51(1)(e) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.9 Annual Return of Interests – Senior Council Staff

Regulation 51(1)(a) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(a). It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

Regulation 51(1)(d) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

2024/174 RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED
That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re opened to the public.

The meeting reopened to the public at 1:59 pm.

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 1:59 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 October 2024 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 3 December 2024.