MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE

2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST 2025 AT 10:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Appointed Members

- Independent Member Ian SWAN (Chairperson) (via audio/video conference);
- Independent Member Claudia GOLDSMITH (via audio/video conference);
- Independent Member Carolyn EAGLE (via audio/video conference); and
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL (via audio/video conference).

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer (via audio/video conference);
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability (via audio/video conference);
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator (minutes secretary).

1.3 Guests

- Greg EVANS, Managing Director, Greg Evans Consulting (via audio/video conference); and
- Matthew WARD, KPMG Enterprise, Audit and Assurance (via audio/video conference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting opened at 10:01 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

2025/27 **RESOLVED (Claudia Goldsmith/Councillor Patricia Farrell)** ***CARRIED***

That the Audit and Risk Committee accepts the apology of Councillor John DALYWATER.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Audit and Risk Committee Previous Minutes

2025/28 **RESOLVED (Claudia Goldsmith/Councillor Patricia Farrell)** ***CARRIED***

That the Audit and Risk Committee confirms the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 June 2025, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of those meetings, decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

2025/29 **RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Claudia Goldsmith)** ***CARRIED***

That the Audit and Risk Committee receives and notes the Action List.

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

9 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST
Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE
Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE
Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS
12.1 Audit and Risk Committee Member Attendence Report
2025/30 **RESOLVED (Carolyn Eagle/Claudia Goldsmith)** ***CARRIED***

That the Audit and Risk Committee receives and notes the Audit and Risk Committee Member Attendance Report.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT
13.1 July Finance Report
2025/31 **RESOLVED (Claudia Goldsmith/Carolyn Eagle)** ***CARRIED***

That the Audit and Risk Committee receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 31 July 2025.

Matthew WARD, KPMG Enterprise, Audit and Assurance joined the Meeting at 10:15 am.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT
Nil.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT
Nil.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS
Nil.

17 CLOSED SESSION
DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION
2025/32 **RESOLVED (Claudia Goldsmith/Carolyn Eagle)** ***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 :-

17.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session
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.

17.2 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.

17.3 Finance Consultant Update
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.

Matthew WARD, KPMG Enterprise, Audit and Assurance, left the Meeting at 10:40 am.

Greg EVANS, Managing Director, Greg Evans Consulting, left the Meeting at 11:25 am.

17.4 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.

17.5 Aged Care Report
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.

17.1.1 Return to Open Meeting
2025/38 **RESOLVED (Carolyn Eagle/Claudia Goldsmith)** ***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.

18 CLOSE OF MEETING
The Meeting closed at 11:40 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 August 2025 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Chairperson Ian SWAN
Confirmed on 20 October 2025.