

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 22 OCTOBER 2025 AT 8:30 AM

## **1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

### **1.1 Elected Members**

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor John DALYWATER;
- Councillor Preston LEE;
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Ash GARNER;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Melissa ANDREWS WURRAMARRBA; and
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL.

### **1.2 Staff Members**

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Cristie GEER, Programs Manager (via audio/video conference);
- Nikole GILES-DICKINSON, Aged Care Manager; and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator (minute secretary).

### **1.3 Guests**

- Sahardi GARLING, A/Senior Regional Project Officer, Big Rivers Region Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development;
- Bridgitte ATKINSON, Director Big Rivers, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development; and
- Allan GIRDLER, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

## **2 MEETING OPENED**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 8:40 am. Mayor Tony JACK welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

## **3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

Mayor Tony JACK welcomed all persons to Country.

## **4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

## **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil.

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**6.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

2025/180 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

**CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday, 25 September 2025.

**7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES****7.1 Action List**

2025/181 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Melissa Andrews-Wurramarrba)**

**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**

2025/182 **RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/Councillor Sue Edwards)**

**CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes Report.

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

Nil.

**10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Councillor Melissa ANDREWS-WURRAMARRBA declared conflict of interest at Item 11.1.

Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI declared conflict of interest at Item 11.1.

Councillor Melissa ANDREWS-WURRAMARRBA declared conflict of interest at Items 20.6.

Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI declared conflict of interest at Item 20.6.

**11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE****11.1 Incoming Correspondence**

2025/183 **RESOLVED (Councillor Melissa Andrews-Wurramarrba/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)**

**CARRIED**

That Council accepts the Incoming Correspondence Report.

2025/191 **RESOLVED (Councillor Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr)**

**CARRIED**

That Council receives, notes and accepts the Late Incoming Correspondence.

**12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE****12.1 Outgoing Correspondence**

2025/184 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Samuel Evans)**

**CARRIED**

That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

**13 WARD REPORTS****13.1 Nyirranggulung Ward Report**

2025/185 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Preston Lee)**

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendation from the Wugularr Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 13 October 2025;
- (c) approves the recommendation from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 13 October 2025; and

- (d) approves the recommendation from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 14 October 2025;
- (e) approves the recommendation from the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 16 October 2025; and
- (f) increases the size of the Barunga Local Authority by one (1) Member to comprise of a total of nine (9) Members.

### **13.2 Never Never Ward Report**

**2025/186 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) directs the Chief Executive Officer to contact Power Water Corporation pertaining to insufficient water allocation for Mataranka and the lack of separate water licenses for Mataranka and Jilkminggan;
- (c) requests for Mataranka helipad upgrade and maintenance scoping to be supplied to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council;
- (d) directs the Chief Executive Officer to contact the Executive Director of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet to raise potential options for increase in Aboriginal Community Police Officers in Mataranka and throughout Council's Region;
- (e) requests (and authorises) Councillors Des BARRITT and Sue EDWARDS to attend the Larrimah and Daly Waters Meetings of Electors (Community Consultations) as its Representatives on Wednesday 05 November 2025; and
- (f) increases the size of the Mataranka Local Authority by two (2) Members to comprise of a total of ten (10) Members.

### **13.3 Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report**

**2025/187 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report;
- (b) directs the Chief Executive Officer to ascertain quarantine requirements and dispositions pertaining to ferry (SeaLink) services in Numbulwar, and potential to support Community requirements with the same;
- (c) receives and notes Cr. NUNGUMAJBARR's concerns pertaining to persistent unrest in Numbulwar arising out of outside persons entering community, at times bearing arms; and
- (d) invites Police to attend the next Numbulwar Local Authority Meetings.

### **13.4 South West Gulf Ward Report**

**2025/188 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdiridi/Councillor Samuel Evans) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report.

### **13.5 Yugul Mangi Ward Report**

**2025/189 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Report; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to invite the Community Police to attend the next Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting.

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 am and reconvened at 10:40 am.

Bridgitte Bridgitte Atkinson, Director Big Rivers, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development and Allan GIRDLER, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development, joined the Meeting at 10:40 am and left the Meeting at 11:32 am.

### **13.6 Reconsider Item 11.1**

**2025/190 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Ash Garner) CARRIED**

That Council reconsiders Item 11.1 (out of Agenda sequence).

## **14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **14.1 Mayor's Report**

**2025/192 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Ash Garner) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

### **14.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report**

**2025/193 RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr/Councillor Ash Garner) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

### **14.3 Council Meeting Attendance Report**

**2025/194 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council and Committee Meeting Attendance Report.

## **15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT**

### **15.1 Council Financial Report as at 30.09.2025**

**2025/195 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 30 September 2025.

Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi left the meeting at 11:40 am.

Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi returned to the meeting at 11:42 am.

Councillor Patricia Farrell left the meeting at 11:45 am.

### **15.2 Adoption of Annual Report including Audited Financial Statements**

**2025/196 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Edwin Nungumajbarr) CARRIED**

That Council, in accordance with Chapter 14 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), formally adopts the Annual Report and all content therein, with edits, as a true and accurate record of:

- (a) Its independently audited Annual Financial Statement (in accordance with ss 207, 208, 291 (1) of the Act);
- (b) Its assessed performance against its stated goals as outlined in its Regional Plan; and
- (c) All other reportable obligations according to applicable law;

for the 2024-2025 Financial Year; and

Directs the Chief Executive Officer to supply the Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government.

Councillor Samuel Evans left the meeting at 12:05 pm.

Councillor Samuel Evans returned to the meeting at 12:08 pm.

The Meeting Adjourned at 12:12 pm and reconvened at 13:11 pm.

## **16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT**

### **16.1 Youth Reconnect and Alcohol and other Drugs Report**

**2025/197 RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED**

That the Council receive and note the Youth Reconnect and Alcohol and other Drugs report.

**16.2 Aged Care and Disability Services Report**

2025/198 **RESOLVED (Councillor Melissa Andrews-Wurramarrba/Councillor Samuel Evans)** **CARRIED**

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

**17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT****17.1 Local Authority Projects Update**

2025/199 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Preston Lee)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
- (b) receives and notes the Certification of 2024-25 Local Authority Project Funding.

**17.2 Major Projects Report**

2025/200 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)** **CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Report

**18 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

**19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Brigitte ATKINSON, Director Big Rivers, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development and Allan GIRDLER, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development, presented a deputation pertaining to Water Issues, Pest Control Program, Housing Implementation updates and Roads Upgrades in the Region.

**20 CLOSED SESSION****DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

2025/201 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Sue Edwards)** **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 Action List**

*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.*

**20.3 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.*

*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.*

## 20.4 Rates Concession

*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.*

## 20.5 Finance Consultant Update and Independently Audited Financial Statements

*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.*

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## 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.*

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*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.*

### 20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

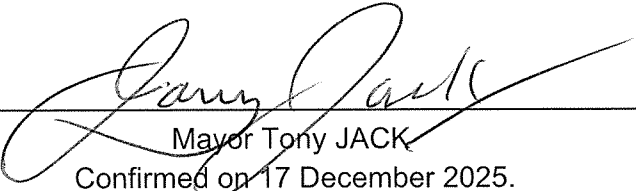
2025/208 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Samuel Evans) CARRIED**

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 reopened to the public.

## 21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2:25 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 October 2025 and will be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.



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Mayor Tony JACK  
Confirmed on 17 December 2025.