

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, HELD  
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE  
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2024 AT 8:30 AM

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## 1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

### 1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Councillor John DALYWATER;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN;
- Councillor Selina ASHLEY;
- Councillor Edna ILES; and
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL.

### 1.2 Staff Members

- David HURST, 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;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer (minute secretary).

### Guests

- The Honourable Jo HERSEY, Minister for Education and Training, Early Education, Public Services.
- Karen HOCKING, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development;
- Ursula CHUBB, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development;
- Matthew WARD, KPMG Enterprise, Audit and Assurance (via audio/video conference); and
- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant, LG Services Group Pty Ltd (via audio/video conference).

## 2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 8:37 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

2024/175 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Selina Ashley)

**CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) accepts the tendered apologies from Councillors Annabelle DAYLIGHT, Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR; and

- (b) does not accept the tendered apology from Councillor Samuel EVANS.

## 5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2024/176 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Selina Ashley) CARRIED**

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 October 2024, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

Councillor Owen TURNER joined the Meeting at 8:50 am.

*Councillor John DALYWATER left the Meeting at 9:57 am.*

*Councillor John DALYWATER returned to the Meeting at 9:58 am.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 am and reconvened at 10:26 am.

## 7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 7.1 APPOINTMENT OF AN ELECTED MEMBER

2024/177 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED**

That Council appoints Melissa ANDREWS-WURRAMARRBA as an Elected Member (Councillor), representing the Yugul Mangi Ward, on the Roper Gulf Regional Council.

### 7.2 ACTION LIST

2024/178 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Edna Iles) 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

2024/179 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Owen Turner) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes Report;
- (b) ratifies the decisions made by the Committee as tabled in the same; and
- (c) reschedules the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting for April 2025 to Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 08:30 am.

## 9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

## 10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Owen TURNER declared a Conflict of Interest at Item 11 and recused himself from the Meeting whilst the matter was deliberated and Resolved.

## **11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

**2024/180 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Selina Ashley) CARRIED**

That Council accepts the Incoming Correspondence Report.

Councillor Owen TURNER declared a conflict of interest and left the Meeting at 10:38 am and rejoined the Meeting at 10:46 am.

## **12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

**2024/181 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan) CARRIED**

That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

## **13 WARD REPORTS**

### **13.1 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT**

**2024/182 RESOLVED (Councillor Selina Ashley/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report.

*Councillor Owen Turner left the meeting at 10:54 am.*

### **13.2 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT**

**2024/183 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) ratifies the resolved decisions of the Jilkmिंगgan Local Authority from its Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 November 2024;
- (c) ratifies the resolved decisions of the Mataranka Local Authority from its Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 November 2024, with the exception of Resolution MAT Q/2024-18 (Meetings to be held outside of Business Hours);
- (d) rescinds the Membership of Michael SOMERS from the Mataranka Local Authority; and
- (e) resolves for the Mataranka Local Authority to comprise of seven (7) Members in total.

### **13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT**

**2024/184 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Selina Ashley) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report;
- (b) reschedules the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting from Wednesday, 11 December 2024 to Tuesday, 10 December 2024 due to cultural reasons; and
- (c) resolves for the Numbulwar Local Authority to comprise of eight (8) Members in total.

### **13.4 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT**

**2024/185 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Report;

- (b) reschedules the Ngukurr and Urapunga Local Authority Meetings from Tuesday, 10 December 2024 to Wednesday, 11 December 2024 due to cultural reasons;
- (c) rescinds the Membership of Jana DANIELS from the Ngukurr Local Authority and Urapunga Local Authority;
- (d) resolves for the Ngukurr Local Authority to comprise of eight (8) Members in total; and
- (e) resolves for the Urapunga Local Authority to comprise of seven (7) Members in total.

### 13.5 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

2024/186 **RESOLVED (Councillor Gadrian Hoosan/Councillor Selina Ashley)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) rescinds the Memberships of Maria PYRO, Jack GREEN, Andrew FIRLEY and Jonathon SAUER from the Borroloola Local Authority; and
- (c) resolves for the Borroloola Local Authority to comprise of six (6) Members in total.

## 14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

### 14.1 COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

2024/187 **RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Meeting Attendance Report; and
- (b) resolves that Councillor Samuel EVANS is absent without the permission of Council in accordance with Section 47(1) (o) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

### 14.2 MAYOR'S REPORT

2024/188 **RESOLVED (Councillor Selina Ashley/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Mayor's Report; and
- (b) recognises and congratulates Nathaniel MILLER for his ARIA Award win, and ongoing contribution to the Bulman/Weemol Community.

### 14.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

2024/189 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to invite the Executive Director of Housing Local Government and Community Development to attend the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 February 2025 to discuss Housing Reference Groups in remote Communities.

*Councillor Selina Ashley returned to the Meeting at 11:39 am.*

## 15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

### 15.1 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2024/190 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Selina Ashley)** **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 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 2023-2024 Financial Year; and

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

### **15.2 POLICY REVIEW**

**2024/191 RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee) CARRIED**

That Council adopts the revised GOV004 Cultural Business Policy.

### **15.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

**2024/192 RESOLVED (Councillor Selina Ashley/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

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

### **15.4 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 26.11.2024**

**2024/193 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 26 November 2024.

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

### **16.1 PROGRAMS UPDATE**

**2024/194 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Selina Ashley) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the Programs Update Report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm and reconvened at 12:59 pm.

*Councillor Owen TURNER returned to the Meeting at 12:54 pm.*

*Councillor John DALYWATER returned to the Meeting at 1:08 pm.*

### **16.2 AGED AND DISABILITY CARE - INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT 2024 - 2026**

**2024/195 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the new funding agreement for Aged and Disability Care's- Indigenous Employment Initiative Program – 4-K4CGN52;
- (b) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the 2024-2026 Indigenous Employment Initiative Funding Agreement with a total grant amount of \$1,081,988.96 excluding GST; and
- (c) approves the use of the Common Seal on the funding agreement documents.

### **16.3 AGED CARE AND DISABILITY SERVICES REPORT**

**2024/196 RESOLVED (Councillor Owen Turner/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan) CARRIED**

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

### **16.4 IAGED HEALTH - SIX-MONTH REVIEW**

**2024/197 RESOLVED (Councillor Selina Ashley/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) CARRIED**

That Council receives and notes the iAged Health six-month Review.

*Mayor Tony Jack left the meeting at 1:21 pm.*

**16.5 NUMBULWAR CRECHE FEASIBILITY UPDATE**

2024/198 **RESOLVED (Councillor Owen Turner/Councillor John Dalywater)** **CARRIED**  
That Council receives and notes the Numbulwar Creche Feasibility Update.

*Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting at 1:25 pm.*

**16.6 JILKMINGGAN AND WUGULARR OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS - PROJECT SCHEDULE 2025-26**

2024/199 **RESOLVED (Councillor Owen Turner/Councillor John Dalywater)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the 2025-26 Project Schedule for Jilkmिंगgan and Wugularr communities Outside School Hours Care Program - 4-K9NEHPH;
- (b) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the 2025-2026 Outside School Hours Program Project Schedule to the amount of \$270,637.74 excluding GST; and
- (c) approves the use of the Common Seal on the funding agreement documents.

**17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT****17.1 DISPOSAL OF LEGACY TYRES FROM BORROLOOLA WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY**

2024/200 **RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Gadrian Hoosan)** **CARRIED**

That Council approves the sum of \$180,000.00 for the disposal of legacy tyres at the Borroloola Waste Management Facility.

*Councillor Owen TURNER left the Meeting at 1:35 pm.*

*Councillor Owen TURNER returned to the Meeting at 1:46 pm.*

*Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI left the Meeting at 1:57 pm.*

*Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI returned to the Meeting at 1:59 pm.*

*Deputy Mayor Helen LEE left the Meeting at 2:00 pm.*

*Deputy Mayor Helen LEE returned to the Meeting at 2:02 pm.*

*Councillor John DALYWATER left the Meeting at 2:02 pm.*

*Councillor John DALYWATER returned to the Meeting at 2:04 pm.*

*Councillor Patricia FARRELL left the Meeting at 2:11 pm.*

*Councillor Selina ASHLEY left the Meeting at 2:12 pm.*

*Councillor Patricia FARRELL returned to the Meeting at 2:13 pm.*

*Councillor Selina ASHLEY returned to the Meeting at 2:14 pm.*

**17.2 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT**

2024/201 **RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Edna Iles)** **CARRIED**

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Major Project Report;
- (b) evicts the Department of Education from its site at Lot 644 in Borroloola at first opportunity according to law; and
- (c) directs the Chief Executive Officer to issue the Department of Education with a formal eviction notice as pertaining to Item (b).

## 18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

## 19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

The Hon Jo HERSEY, Minister for Education and Training, Early Education, Public Services, joined the Meeting at 8:40 am and made deputation to Council.

Council discussed several matters with Minister Jo HERSEY, as set out below. No resolution made.

1. New CLP Government key policy positions;
2. Borroloola Cyclone Shelter, including difficulties arising out of Department of Education hindering progress and opening;
3. Lack of communications with Northern Territory Government (NTG) pertaining to cyclone shelter prioritisation across Region; and
4. Community need for Creche and Early Childhood services in Numbulwar.

Matthew WARD, KPMG Enterprise, Audit and Assurance, joined the Meeting at 9:30 am and made deputation to Council pertaining to its Audited Financial Statement.

## 20 CLOSED SESSION

### DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

2024/202 RESOLVED (Councillor Owen Turner/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 closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda:

### 21.1 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.*

### 21.2 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.*

*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*

### 21.3 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.*

### 21.4 Superannuation for Elected Members

*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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#### **21.5 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.*

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#### **21.6 Local Decision Making Agreements**

*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)(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.*

#### **21.7 Tender Variation - Bulman Dump Road**

*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.*

#### **21.8 Tender Variation - Mataranka Community Office – Wastewater Management System**

*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.*

#### **21.9 Contract Variation-LG Services Group Pty Ltd for Financial Consulting**

*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)(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**


2024/212 **RESOLVED (Councillor Selina Ashley/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee)** **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.

**21 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 3:17 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 04 December 2024 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



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Mayor Tony JACK  
Confirmed on 26 February 2025.