



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

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2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2025 AT 10:00 AM

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## 1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

### 1.1 Appointed Members

- Independent Member Ian SWAN (Chairperson);
- Independent Member Carolyn EAGLE; and
- Councillor Samuel EVANS; and
- Councillor Preston LEE.

### 1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance; and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator (minutes secretary).

### 1.3 Guests

- Greg EVANS, Managing Director, Greg Evans Consulting.

## 2 MEETING OPENED

The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting opened at 10:05 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

2025/39 **RESOLVED (Ian Swan/Councillor Preston Lee)**

**CARRIED**

That the Audit and Risk Committee accepts the apology of Independent Member Claudia GOLDSMITH.

## 5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

## 6 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 7.1 Confirmation of Audit and Risk Committee Previous Minutes

2025/40 **RESOLVED (Carolyn Eagle/Ian Swan)**

**CARRIED**

That the Audit and Risk Committee confirms the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 August 2025, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of those meetings, decisions and proceedings.

## 8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 8.1 Action List

**2025/41 RESOLVED (Ian Swan/Carolyn Eagle)****CARRIED**

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

**9 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS****12.1 Audit and Risk Committee Member Attendance Report****2025/42 RESOLVED (Ian Swan/Councillor Samuel Evans)****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 Council Financial Report as at 30.09.2025****2025/43 RESOLVED (Carolyn Eagle/Ian Swan)****CARRIED**

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

**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****2025/44 RESOLVED (Carolyn Eagle/Ian Swan)****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 :-

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

**17.3 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.*

*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 11:15 am.

#### **17.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session**

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#### **17.2 Action List**

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*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.*

#### **17.4 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.*

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#### **17.5 Corporate Compliance**

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#### **17.6 Aged Care Report**

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#### **17.7 Remote Australia Employment Services**

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### **18 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Meeting closed at 1:54 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on Monday, 20 October 2025 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

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Chairperson Ian SWAN  
Confirmed on 18 February 2026.