



MINUTES OF THE BARUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL  
COUNCIL, MEETING HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE  
DELIVERY CENTRE BARUNGA  
ON TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2026 AT 10:00 AM

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

### **1.1 Members**

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Anne-Marie LEE (Chairperson);
- Nell BROWN;
- Charlane BULUMBARA;
- Ambrose BULUMBARA (arrived at 10:14 am at Item 8.1);
- Lana BROOME (via audio conference); and
- Eventhia FRIDAY.

### **1.2 Staff**

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Samantha WRIGHT, Relief Council Services Manager;
- Lisa BISHOP, Acting Human Resource Manager;
- Tony KERR, Acting Council Services Manager; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary).

### **1.3 Guests**

- Mayor Tony JACK

## **2 MEETING OPENED**

The Barunga Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:03 am with **QUORUM** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

## **3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

Anne-Marie LEE welcomes all persons to the Country.

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

### **4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence**

*BAR Q/2026-10 (LA Member Anne-Marie Lee/LA Member Charlane Bulumbara) CARRIED*

That the Barunga Local Authority provisionally accepts apologies from Ambrose BULUIMBARA and Damien BULUMBARA noting the communications difficulties arising out of the recent severe weather and flooding events throughout the Region.

## **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil.

## 6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Barunga Local Authority Meeting

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 7.1 Barunga Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

*BAR Q/2026-11 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee)* **CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, 13 January 2026 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that Meeting's decisions and proceedings.

## 8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 8.1 Action List

*BAR Q/2026-12 (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/LA Member Charlane Bulumbara)* **CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

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

Ambrose joined the Meeting at 10:14 am.

## 9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

## 10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

## 11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

### 12.1 Local Authority Member's Attendance Report

*BAR Q/2026-13 (LA Member Eventhia Friday/LA Member Nell Brown)* **CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Member's Attendance Report; and
- (b) requests Council to reduce the size of Local Authority by one (1) for a total of eight (8) members.

### 12.2 Elected Member Report

*BAR Q/2026-14 (LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara/LA Member Nell Brown)* **CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Elected Member Report; and
- (b) Deputy Mayor concern pertaining to lack of an Evacuation Centre in the Region, especially evident during recent flooding events.

## 13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

### 13.1 Barunga LA February YTD Finance Report

*BAR Q/2026-15 (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee)* **CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 28 February 2026.

## 14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

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**14.1 Council Services Manager Report**

**BAR Q/2026-16 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Anne-Marie Lee) CARRIED**

That the Barunga Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report;
- (b) notes that the prevalence of derelict motor vehicles is an ongoing issue and requests increased advertising of disposal process to be made within the Community;
- (c) requests an increase of the frequency of the mail pick-up.
- (d) notes with concern, that the condition of the Basketball Court and football oval amenities as being inadequate for the upcoming Barunga Festival;
- (e) notes with concern the potentially inadequate planning for the upcoming Barunga Festival and requests Council to provide assistance with waste management and amenity; and
- (f) requests for a safety assessment to be undertaken at the playground.

Charlane BULUMBARA left the meeting at 11:01 am and returned at 11:02 am.

**15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**

**15.1 Barunga Local Authority Projects Update**

**BAR Q/2026-17 (LA Member Charlane Bulumbara/LA Member Ambrose Bulumbara) CARRIED**

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

**16 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 11:12 am.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Barunga Local Authority Meeting, held on Tuesday, 31 March 2026 and confirmed.

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Chairperson  
Confirmed on 02 July 2026.