



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BORROLOOLA LOCAL  
AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY  
CENTRE BORROLOOLA  
ON THURSDAY 7 MAY 2026 AT 3:30 PM

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## 1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

### 1.1 Members

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Councillor Ash GARNER
- Donald GARNER (Chairperson);
- Mike LONGTON;

### 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;
- Casey HUCKS, Council Services Manager; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary).

### 1.3 Guests

- Katrina COOPER, Remote Sargent Borroloola Police;
- Ella VANZINO, Menzies School;
- Larissa HALL, Menzies School;
- Tessa MAYBERY, Victoria Legal Aid;
- Zoe PRINCE, Victoria Legal Aid;
- Dr Brendan CORRIGAN; and
- Pawan KAURO.

## 2 MEETING OPENED

The Borroloola Local Authority Meeting opened at 3:32 pm 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

Mayor Tony JACK welcomed all people to Country.

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

**BOR Q-1/2026 RESOLVED (Mayor Tony Jack/LA Member Mike Longton)**

**CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority accepts the tendered apology from Councillor Samuel EVANS and Taryn ANDERSON.

## 5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 6.1 Borroloola Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

*BOR Q-2/2026* **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/LA Member Mike Longton)** **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, 06 November 2025, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

## 7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 7.1 Action List

*BOR Q-3/2026* **RESOLVED (Mayor Tony Jack/LA Member Mike Longton)** **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

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

## 8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

## 9 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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

## 10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

### 12.1 Local Authority Member Attendance Report

*BOR Q-4/2026* **RESOLVED (LA Member Mike Longton/Councillor Ash Garner)** **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

### 12.2 Elected Member Report

*BOR Q-5/2026* **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/LA Member Mike Longton)** **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.

### 12.3 Town Priorities

*BOR Q-6/2026* **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Mayor Tony Jack)** **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority nominates the following priorities for Council's consideration for the 2026-27 Financial year.

- (a) Internal roads maintenance and safety upgrades;
- (b) Scopes footpaths; and
- (c) Town Beautification.

## 13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

### 13.1 Borroloola LA YTD March Finance Report

**BOR Q-7/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Mike Longton/Councillor Ash Garner) CARRIED**  
That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

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

##### **14.1 Council Services Manager Report**

**BOR Q-8/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/LA Member Mike Longton) CARRIED**  
That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report;
- (b) requests Council to advocate for slashing of Highway (Borroloola to Stuart Highway) and maintenance and grading with the Northern Territory Government; and
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to correspond with same for that purpose.

#### **15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**

##### **15.1 Borroloola Local Authority Projects Update**

**BOR Q-9/2026 RESOLVED (Mayor Tony Jack/Councillor Ash Garner) CARRIED**  
That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) requests Council to raise its concerns pertaining to insufficient road lighting creating dangerous potentially fatal conditions;
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to correspond with the Northern Territory Government in relation to the same, and invites the Local Member, Minister and (Agency) CEO to next Borroloola Local Authority Meeting in relation to above;
- (d) creates a Softball Infrastructure and Equipment project, including the development maintenance and purchase of items, and allocates \$10,000 of LAPF for that purpose; and
- (e) creates a Walkway and Irrigation as a Project and allocates \$2,840 of LAPF for that purpose.

#### **DEPUTATIONS**

Tessa MAYBERRY, Zoe PRINCE and Pawan presented to the Local Authority at 4:46 pm regarding the Immigration detention matter

Katrina COOPER, presented to the Local Authority at 5:03 pm.

David HEWITT from Australian Bureau of Statistics presented to the Local Authority at 5:07 pm regarding Census Employment opportunities.

Ella VANZINO and Larissa HALL from Menzies school presented at 5:12 pm regarding Rota virus and Thrive study.

#### **16 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 5:18 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting, held on Thursday, 07 May 2026 and confirmed.

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Chairperson  
Confirmed on 06 August 2026.