

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, HODGSON DOWNS
(MINYERRI) LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ALAWA ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION CONFERENCE ROOM
ON MONDAY 1 JUNE 2026 AT 11:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Patricia FARRELL;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Beth JOHN (Chairperson);
- Jonathon WALLA (*joined at 12:01 pm*);
- Jones BILLY; and
- Caroline VINCENT.

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer (via teleconference);
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability (via teleconference);
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary); and

1.3 Guests

Nil.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting opened at 11:49 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

Chairperson Beth JOHN welcomes all persons to the Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Re-Election of a Chairperson

HOD Q/2026-1 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Patricia Farrell)** **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson Report; and
- elects Beth JOHN as Chairperson for a term of twelve (12) months.

4.2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

HOD Q/2026-2 **RESOLVED (LA Member Jones Billy/LA Member Beth Johns)** **CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority does not accept the no tendered apology from Sonia ROBERTS, Naomi WILFRED and noting, it was never tendered.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**7.1 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes**

HOD Q/2026-3 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 01 December 2025 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**

HOD Q/2026-4 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/LA Member Jones Billy) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

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

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 Attendance Report**

HOD Q/2026-5 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/LA Member Caroline Vincent) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report;
- (b) requests Council to rescind the membership of Sonia ROBERTS from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority.

Jonathon WALLA joined the meeting at 12:01 pm.

12.2 Elected Members Report

HOD Q/2026-6 RESOLVED (LA Member Jonathon Walla/LA Member Jones Billy) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members Report.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

Councillor Des Barritt left the meeting at 12:16 pm.

Councillor Des Barritt returned to the meeting at 12:18 pm.

13.1 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) APRIL YTD Finance Report

HOD Q/2026-7 RESOLVED (LA Member Caroline Vincent/LA Member Jones Billy) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 30 April 2026.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

14.1 Council Services Manager Report

HOD Q/2026-8 RESOLVED (LA Member Caroline Vincent/LA Member Jonathon Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report;
- (b) requests Council assistance with delivery of Council Services in Minyerri;
- (c) requests Council to maintain its relationship with ALAWA Aboriginal Corporation; and
- (d) requests to receive most up to date Financial Statement from ALAWA Aboriginal Corporation.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 Hodgson Downs Local Authority Projects Update

HOD Q/2026-9 RESOLVED (LA Member Beth Johns/LA Member Jonathon Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
- (b) allocates \$117,229.74 Local Authority Project Funding towards a roadworks project within Minyerri for roads repairs and maintenance.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:45 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting, held on Monday, 01 June 2026 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 01 September 2026.