



MINUTES OF THE MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ROPER
GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE
ON TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2026 AT 1:00 PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Des BARRITT (Chairperson);
- Maria GIBBS;
- Helen HAWKINS; and
- Lorretta GIBSON (*Joined at 1:32 pm via audio conference*).

Staff Members

- Cindy HADDOW, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Cristie GEER, Programs Manager;
- Karyn KALAMARUS, Council Services Manager;
- Shane SMITH, Community Safety Coordinator;
- Ashab HASSANAR, Aged Care Coordinator; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary).

Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Mataranka Local Authority Meeting opened at 1:03 am as a **PROVISIONAL** meeting. 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 Re-Election of a Chairperson

MAT P-21/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Maria Gibbs/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED
Elected Councillor Des BARRITT for this Meeting and deferred the matter to the next Local Authority Meeting.

4.2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

MAT P-22/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/LA Member Maria Gibbs) CARRIED
That the Provisional Mataranka Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Sue EDWARDS, Rachael WALTERS, Margaret MINNETT, Lorretta GIBSON, Shaunette MARTIN and Johnny BILLY.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Mataranka Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

MAT P-23/2026 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/LA Member Helen HAWKINS) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the minutes from the Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 May 2026.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

MAT P-24/2026 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/LA Member Maria Gibbs) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Mataranka 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 Mataranka Local Authority Meeting.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

12.1 Local Authority Member Attendance Report

MAT P-25/2026 **RESOLVED (LA Member Helen HAWKINS/LA Member Maria Gibbs) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

12.2 Elected Members Report

MAT P-26/2026 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/LA Member Maria Gibbs) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members Report.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 Mataranka LA June YTD Finance Report

MAT P-27/2026 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/LA Member Helen HAWKINS) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

14.1 Council Services Manager Report

MAT P-28/2026 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/LA Member Maria Gibbs) CARRIED**

That the Provisional Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report.

Lorretta GIBSON joined the Meeting at 01:32 pm.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 LA Projects Report

MAT P-29/2026 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/LA Member Helen HAWKINS) CARRIED**
That the Provisional Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report.

Clair SANTOS joined the Meeting at 2:00 pm and presented on Mulggan Camp Environmental Health Assessment.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2:11 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting, held on 04 August 2026 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 09 November 2026