

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE-MATARANKA 36 ROPER TERRACE, MATARANKA NT 0852 ON TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 1:00 PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Appointed Members

- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
- Rachael WALTERS (Chairperson); and
- Maria GIBBS.

1.2 Staff Members

- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Karyn KALAMARAS, Council Services Manager;
- Liam FARRELL, Operations Manager;
- Alicia MIRANDA, Wugularr Council Services Manager;
- Shane SMITH, Community Safety Coordinator;
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Ashab HASSANAR, Mataranka Aged Care and Disability Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Brandon CHARMAN, Northern Territory Police Force; and
- Michael McFARLANE, Member of the Public.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Mataranka Local Authority Meeting opened at 1:09 pm 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 Apologies and Leave of Absence

MAT P-29/2025 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Mataranka Local Authority:

- accepts the tendered apologies from Shaunette MARTIN and Margaret MINNETT;
- does not authorise the absence of Annabelle DAYLIGHT and Johnny BILLY noting that no apologies were received; and
- notes the tendered apology from the Chief Executive Officer.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Mataranka Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

MAT P-30/2025 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Mataranka Local Authority receives and notes the minutes from the Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 August 2025 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the Meeting's decisions and proceedings.

With amendments:

The Mataranka Local Authority noted remarks by Sgt. Brandon CHARMAN, Northern Territory Police Force, Footpaths in Mataranka raised, missed in the Previous Minutes.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

MAT P-31/2025 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** **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

Sgt. Brandon CHARMAN, Northern Territory Police Force, provided the Mataranka Local Authority with an overview of the land tenure issues.

8.1 General Business

MAT P-37/2025 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** **CARRIED**

That the Provisional Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) notes the amendment of the previous minutes pertaining the request of scoping Footpaths in Mataranka;
- (b) requests for scoping of laneway as alternative noting land tenure issues;
- (c) notes the land tenure concerns pertaining the safety issues in Mulgga Camp, with temporary structures not authorised by Council and hazards arising from the same in upcoming Wet Season storms;
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer to contact the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development as urgent matter pertaining the inadequate infrastructure and to continue advocacy for Homelands Funding; and
- (e) requests the Chief Executive Officer to invite Mia CHRISTOFFERSEN to the next Mataranka Local Authority Meeting and to visit Mulgga Camp.

9 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declaration 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-32/2025 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/LA Member Rachael Walters)** **CARRIED**

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

12.2 Elected Members Report

MAT P-33/2025 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/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 September YTD Finance Report

MAT P-34/2025 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** **CARRIED**

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

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

14.1 Council Services Manger Report

MAT P-35/2025 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/LA Member Maria Gibbs)** **CARRIED**

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

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 Mataranka Local Authority Projects Update

MAT P-36/2025 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)** **CARRIED**


That the Provisional Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report; and
- (b) receives and notes the Certification of 2024-25 Local Authority Project Funding.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2:59 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting, held on Tuesday, 04 November 2025 and confirmed.



Chairperson

Confirmed on 03 February 2026