

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MATARANKA LOCAL
AUTHORITY HELD AT MATARANKA TOWN HALL
ON TUESDAY 5 MAY 2026 AT 1:00 PM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Des BARRITT
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
- Margaret MINNETT;
- Rachael WALTERS (Chairperson); and
- Lorretta GIBSON.

1.2 Staff

- 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;
- Karyn KALAMARUS, Council Services Manager;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary); and
- Ashab HASSANAR, Aged Care Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

- Brandon CHARMAN, Member of Public;
- Shania CASSADY, Member of Public; and
- Linda NIEHUS, Member of Public.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Mataranka Local Authority Meeting opened at 1:09 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

Nil.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

MAT Q-13/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Lorretta GIBSON/LA Member Margaret Minnett) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority:

- (a) accepts the tendered apology from Helen HAWKINS.
- (b) does not accept the apologies of Johnny BILLY, Shaunette MARTIN and Maria GIBBS noting that none were offered.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Mataranka Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

MAT Q-14/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That the Mataranka Local Authority confirms the minutes from the Meeting held on Tuesday, 03 February 2026 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the Meeting's decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

MAT Q-15/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Lorretta GIBSON/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

That the 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 Meeting.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

12.1 Local Authority Member Attendance Report

MAT Q-16/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED

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

12.2 Elected Members Report

MAT Q-17/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Margaret Minnett/Councillor Sue Edwards) CARRIED

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

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 Mataranka LA YTD December Finance Report

MAT Q-18/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/LA Member Lorretta GIBSON) CARRIED

That the Mataranka 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

MAT Q-19/2026 RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

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

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 LA Projects Report

MAT Q-20/2026 RESOLVED (LA Member Lorretta GIBSON/Councillor Des Barritt) CARRIED

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

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 1:54 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting, held on Tuesday, 05 May 2026 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 04 August 2026