

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BULMAN LOCAL
AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE- BULMAN AND WEEMOL LOT 6, BULMAN NT 0852 ON
THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026 AT 10:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Preston LEE;
- Charmain BRINJEN (Chairperson);
- Francis MURRAY;
- Margaret LINDSAY;

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;
- Samantha WRIGHT, Relief Council Services Manager;
- Upeksha UDUWALAGE, Executive Support Coordinator;
- Annika Berendes, Programs Communications Coordinator; and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator (Minute Secretary).

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- The Hon. Selena UIBO MLA, Leader of the Opposition, Member for Arnhem; and
- Kathy GLASS, Office of the Hon. Marion Scrymgour MP (via audio/video conference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Bulman Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:02 am 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

The Local Authority Member Margaret LINDSAY welcomed all persons to Country.

4 RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

4.1 Re-Election of Chairperson

BUL Q/2026-21 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/LA Member Francis Murry) CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson Report; and
- (b) elects Charmain BRINJEN as Chairperson for a term of Twelve (12) Months.

5 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

BUL Q/2026-22 RESOLVED (LA Member Francis Murry/LA Member Aiden Lindsay)

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor John DALYWATER, Spencer MARTINS, Shantal MUNDAL and Aiden LINDSAY.

6 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

7 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

8 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**8.1 Bulman Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes**

BUL Q/2026-23 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/LA Member Francis Murry) CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority confirms the minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday, 03 July 2026 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of those meetings decisions and proceedings.

9 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**9.1 Action List**

BUL Q/2026-24 RESOLVED (LA Member Margaret Lindsay/LA Member Francis Murry) CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority:

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

10 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

13 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**13.1 Local Authority Member Attendance Report**

BUL Q/2026-25 RESOLVED (LA Member Francis Murry/LA Member Margaret Lindsay)

CARRIED

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

13.2 Elected Member Report

BUL Q/2026-26 RESOLVED (LA Member Francis Murry/LA Member Margaret Lindsay)

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Elected Member Report; and
- (b) receives and notes Mayor's update on advocacy and upcoming Ministerial visits.

14 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

14.1 Bulman LA AUG YTD Finance Report

BUL Q/2026-27 RESOLVED (LA Member Francis Murry/LA Member Margaret Lindsay) CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 01 July 2026 to 31 August 2026; however, it further notes the cover report as incorrect.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am and reconvened at 11:06 am.

15 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 Council Services Manager Report

BUL Q/2026-28 RESOLVED (LA Member Francis Murry/LA Member Margaret Lindsay) CARRIED

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

15.2 Animal Management Update Report

BUL Q/2026-29 RESOLVED (LA Member Francis Murry/LA Member Margaret Lindsay) CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority receives and notes the Animal Management Update Report.

Selena UIBO MLA, Member for Arnhem, joined the Meeting at 11:11 am.

16 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

16.1 Bulman Local Authority Projects Update

BUL Q/2026-30 RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Preston Lee) CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
- (b) allocates \$5,000 of its Local Authority Projects Funding (LAPF) for Christmas Festivities; and
- (c) requests Council to consider creating a Council Major Project for the Bulman office expansion.

17 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Mayor welcomed The Hon. Selena UIBO MLA, Leader of the Opposition, Member for Arnhem.

Mayor raised concerns with Local Member pertaining to lengthy Ochre Card processing, creating serious barriers to local people obtaining and maintaining employment with Council, as well as significant distress and embarrassment to these affected by the delays, and subsequent suspension whilst renewal is processed by SafeNT.

The lack of extension renewal for processing by SafeNT is causing significant distress.

Local Member addressed the Local Authority providing updates on activities and advocacy, including 'Room to Breathe', and infrastructure upgrades, 'Learning on Country' programme, and collaboration with Commonwealth, also advocates for increased Police presence throughout Region.

18 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 11:57 am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 08 October 2026 and confirmed.

Chairperson
Confirmed on 07 January 2027

