MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE

2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT ON THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Michelle FARRELL, (*joined at 10:18 am)*;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL, (*joined at 10:18 am)*;
- Councillor Preston LEE;
- Councillor Des BARRITT; and
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS.

Staff Members

- 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;
- Kellie JOHNSTON, Assets Manager;
- Chathurangi DIAS, Acting Finance Manager;
- Cristie GEER, Programs Manager; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator.

Guests

- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 8:58 am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests 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

2026/64 **RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr/ Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Michelle FARRELL, Patricia FARRELL, Councillor John DALYWATER and Councillor Ash GARNER.

n.b. Councillors Michelle FARRELL and Patricia FARRELL attended the Ordinary Meeting of Council at 1018hrs.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2026/65 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 22 April 2026.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

2026/66 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

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

8 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

8.1 Previous Committee Meeting Minutes

2026/67 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/ Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Des BARRITT declared a Conflict of Interest at Item number 11.1.
Councillor Sue EDWARDS declared a Conflict of Interest at Item number 13.2.
Mayor Tony JACK declared a Conflict of Interest at Item number at item 13.5

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Incoming Correspondence

2026/68 **RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr/ Councillor Samuel Evans)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) accepts the Incoming Correspondence including the Certification of the Assessment Record as supplied by the Chief Executive Officer;
(b) waives the fees request for Mataranka Better Half Club, in the event of annual Mataranka Campdraft; and
(c) waives the fees request for Nathan "Whippy" Griggs' show.

Councilor Des BARRITT recused himself from the Meeting at 9:17 am, as he declared interest at item 11.1 and returned at 9:18 am, after the deliberations at which he had a conflict were resolved.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Outgoing Correspondence

2026/69 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 Nyirranggulung Ward Report

2026/70 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report; and

(b) appoints Councillor Preston LEE to the Bulman Local Authority.

13.2 Never Never Ward Report

2026/71 **RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;

(b) does not accept the nomination of David John EAST for appointment as a Member of the Mataranka Local Authority;

(c) approves the recommendations from the Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 May 2026;

(d) approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 May 2026;

(e) approves the recommendations from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 01 June 2026;

(f) considers the Jilkminggan Local Authority's request for Council's assistance to convey its concerns pertaining to inadequate and inappropriate funeral services within Jilkminggan; and

(g) rescinds the membership of Sonia ROBERTS from the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority;

(h) invites Jilkminggan Community Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC) to Meet with the Mayor and the Ward Councillor to address common issues including cemeteries, service delivery, Community Roads and cooperation for community benefit, at a time nominated by the JCAC's board;

(i) approves Councillor BARRITT's motion of future fees waiver and sponsorship, community grants requests to require public acknowledgment of Council as a condition of them being granted;

(j) scopes community barbeque for Meetings of Electors if practical; and

(k) requests for urgent road repairs to be carried out at Jilkminggan noting safety hazards, subject to tenure restrictions.

Councillor Sue EDWARDS declared interest at item 13.2 and left the Meeting at 9:27 am and returned at 9:49 am.

Councillor Preston Lee left the meeting at 10:11 am and returned at 10:14 am.

Councillor Samuel Evans left the meeting at 10:17 am and returned at 10:18 am.

Councillor Michelle FARRELL and Councillor Patricia FARRELL joined the meeting at 10:18 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 am and reconvened at 11:22 am

13.3 Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report

2026/72 **RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report;

(b) approves the Provisional Recommendations of the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held

on Wednesday, 03 June 2026;
(c) rescinds the membership of Douglas WUNUNGMURRA from the Numbulwar Local Authority; and
(d) directs the Chief Executive Officer to commence the nomination process.

13.4 Yugul Mangi Ward Report

2026/73 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Preston Lee)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:
(a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
(b) appoints Clayton JOHN as a member of the Urapunga Local Authority;
(c) notes the Danny DUNCAN's resignation from the Urapunga Local Authority;
(d) approves the recommendations from the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 02 June 2026;
(e) approves the recommendations from the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 02 June 2026;
(f) considers the Ngukurr Local Authority's request for Council to advocate for Outstations and Homelands support and maintenance, noting the Community frustration arising out of the inadequacy of current arrangements.

13.5 South West Gulf Ward Report

2026/74 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/ Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:
(a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
(b) appoints Dean JACK as a member of Robinson River Local Authority;
(c) approves the recommendations from the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 07 May 2026;
(d) authorises the Borroloola Local Authority's request for Council to advocate for slashing of Highway (Borroloola to Stuart Highway) and maintenance and grading with the Northern Territory Government; and
(e) authorises the Borroloola Local Authority's request for Council to raise its concerns with the Northern Territory Government pertaining to insufficient road lighting creating dangerous potentially fatal conditions.

Mayor Tony JACK left the Meeting at 11:46 am as declared interest at item 13.5 and returned at 11:49 am.

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

14.1 Mayor's Report

2026/75 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

14.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

2026/76 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/ Councillor Samuel Evans)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report, including the approved Community Grants (Round 2) that are as follows:
(1) Borroloola Gulf show society;
(2) Jilkminggan School - FAFT;
(3) Numbulwar School;
(4) Borroloola Amateur Race Club;
(5) Urapunga op shop;
(6) Ngukur Arts;
(7) Numburindi Corporation

14.3 Council Meeting Attendance Report

2026/77 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Council and Committee Meeting Attendance Report.

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 Regional Plan 2026-27

2026/78 **RESOLVED (Councillor Helen Lee/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council adopts the 2026-27 Regional Plan and all contents therein in accordance with Section 35 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) and its statutory instruments, including:

(a) Elected Member Allowances in accordance with Section 106 of the Act;
(b) Declared Rates in accordance with Sections 237 and 238 of the Act, having been certified by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*;
(c) Fees and Charges in accordance with Section 288 of the Act;
(d) Budget for Financial Year 2026-27 in accordance with Section 203 of the Act; and
(e) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit the finalised, adopted version of the Regional Plan 2026-27 to the Minister for Local Government.

15.2 May 2026 Financial Report

2026/79 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 22 May 2026, and
(b) acknowledges the career progression and accreditation of Chathurangi DIAS, Acting Finance Manager, expressing its gratitude and appreciation for the same.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm and reconvened at 1:26 pm.

15.3 Policy Revision

2026/80 **RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr/Councillor Preston Lee)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) Adopts the revised OCEO002 Financial Delegations Manual;
(b) Adopts the revised FIN011 Investment Policy; and
(c) Adopts the revised AS001 Fleet Procurement and Allocation Policy.

15.4 Cultural Safety Framework

2026/81 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the draft Cultural Safety Framework.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

16.1 Programs Update

2026/82 **RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/ Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Programs Update report.

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE left the meeting at 2:23 pm and returned at 2:24 pm.
Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi left the meeting at 2:25 pm and returned at 2:29 pm.

16.2 Aged Care and Disability Services Report

2026/83 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Aged Care and Disability Report, and
(b) acknowledges and thanks Ashab HASSANAR, Aged Care Coordinator in Mataranka for his efforts,

Councillor Des Barritt left the meeting at 2:32 pm and returned at 2:34 pm.

Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 2:33 pm and returned at 2:36 pm.

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 Major Projects Report

2026/84 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Michelle Farrell)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Report

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm and reconvened at 3:18 pm.

17.2 LA Projects Report

2026/85 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/ Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Project report

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

20 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

2026/86 **RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Deputy Mayor Helen Lee)** ***CARRIED***

That pursuant to *section 99(2) and 293(1)* of the *Local Government Act 2019* and *section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda :-

20.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session

Regulation 51(1)(e) *- The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*

20.2 Action List

Regulation 51(1)(e) *- The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*

20.3 Previous Committee Minutes Confidential Session

Regulation 51(1)(d) *- The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*

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20.4 Finance and Infrastructure Committee

Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) *- The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2*

Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

***Regulation 51(1)(e)** - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interests.*

20.5 Contracts
***Regulation 51(1)(c)(i)** - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

20.6 Regional and Remote Land Releases
***Regulation 51(1)(d)** - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*

20.7 Asset Disposal
***Regulation 51(1)(c)(i)** - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person*

20.8 Elected Member Administration
***Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii)** - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members o staff.*

***Regulation 51(1)(e)** - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*

20.9 Chief Executive Officer Leave
***Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii)** - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.*

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting
2026/97 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/ Councillor Des Barritt)**
CARRIED
That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re-opened to the public.

21 CLOSE OF MEETING
The meeting closed at 4:21 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 11 June 2026 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 26 August 2026