MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE RGRC SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE BULMAN

ON WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2026 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE (Chairperson, via audio/video conference);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Des BARRITT;
- Councillor John DALYWATER;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR (via audio/video conference);
- Councillor Patricia FARREL attended at 9:57 am(via audio conference);
- Councillor Ash GARNER (via audio/video conference);
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS, (via audio/video conference); and
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI.

Staff

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer (via audio/video conference);
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability (via audio/video conference);
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning (via audio/video conference);
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Kellie JOHNSTON, Assets Manager (via audio/video conference);
- Cristie GEER; Programs Manager (via audio/video conference); and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary).

Guests

- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant (via audio/video conference)

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 9:00 am. The Deputy Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Deputy Mayor welcomed all persons to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

2026/31 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor John Dalywater)** ***CARRIED***

That Council accepts the tendered apologies from Mayor Tony JACK, Councillor Preston LEE Michelle FARRELL and Councillor Patricia FARRELL.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2026/32 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 February 2026.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

2026/33 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Samuel Evans)** ***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

2026/34 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***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 11.1 regarding his own correspondence (that was withdrawn at his request) and the Mataranka fishing club fee waiver request.
Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI declared a Conflict of Interest at Item 13.2.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Incoming Correspondence

2026/35 **RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr/Councillor Samuel Evans)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) accepts the Incoming Correspondence;
(b) authorises the waiver of fees for Mataranka Fishing Club, Mikey's Cricket Challenge,
(c) supports the Community Impact and Innovations Grant application of the Wuyagiba Bush Hub Aboriginal Corporation and directs the Chief Executive Officer to supply a Letter of Support to that effect;
(d) supports the request for a Letter of 'No Objection' from Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation(YMDAC) for s19 *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (Cth) variation Lot 445 authorises the Chief Executive Officer to supply the same;
(e) agrees to participate in Australian Council for Local Government and appoints the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as to representatives to attend the official function on 22 June 2026.
(f) supports Sunrise Health Aboriginal Corporation's request for a Letter of Support and directs the Chief Executive Officer to supply the same;
(g) invites NT Health to Mulggan Camp to carry out Environmental Health Assessments;
(h) notes Councillor Des BARRITT's withdrawal of his Correspondence to Council; and
(i) formally invites NDIS Commission to attend Council's Ordinary Meeting in June 2026.

Councillor Des BARRITT left the meeting at 9:36 am citing Conflict of Interest for fee waiver request for Mataranka Fishing Club.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Outgoing Correspondence

2026/36 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report; and
(b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to follow up with the Chairperson of Werenbun Aboriginal Corporation in relation to renaming of Edith Bridge.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 Nyirranggulung Ward Report

2026/37 **RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Samuel Evans)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
(b) approves the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 30 March 2026;
(c) approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 31 March 2026;
(d) approves the recommendations from the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 01 April 2026;
(e) appoints Scott LEE as a Member of the Barunga Local Authority;
(f) appoints Danielle BUSH as a Member of the Wugularr Local Authority;
(g) requests advocacy for urgent repairs to the Manyallalulk Access Road;
(h) appoints the Deputy Mayor as a Member of the Bulman Local Authority;
(i) rescinds the membership of Selina ASHLEY from Bulman Local Authority;
(j) postpones the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting scheduled to be held on 01 July 2026 to 02 July 2026;
(k) advocates and supports for building of multipurpose Evacuation Center in Wugularr noting impact of recent Disaster events for Department of Logistics and Infrastructure Pipeline;
(l) advocates Northern Territory Government (NTG) to utilise for Disaster Resilience Funding for the multiple purpose Evacuation Center and associated resilience infrastructure; and
(m) directs the Chief Executive Officer to raise concerns pertaining to sewage leaks to the Power and Water Corporation.

Cr. Patricia FARRELL attended the Meeting at 9:57 am.

13.2 Never Never Ward Report

2026/38 **RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council

(a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
(b) notes Councillor Des BARRITT's concern pertaining to the inadequacies of the response and evacuations during the recent disaster, including lack of planning, infrastructure and Communications, and inadequacy of recovery provisions;
(c) requests Council to advocate for road Infrastructure to mitigate the flooding emergency; and
(d) notes Councillor Patricia FARRELL's concern pertaining to RAES participants being cut-off from the Programme due to lack of provider presence and directs the CEO to formally raise complaint to the Commonwealth and requests for In-site council staff to support community members to complain directly.

Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI raised a Conflict of Interest and left the meeting at 10:00 am and returned at 10:01 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am and resumed at 10:39 am.

13.3 Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report

2026/39 **RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report; and
(b) appoints Elizabeth JOSHUA as a Member of the Numbulwar Local Authority.
(c) notes Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI's overview of the Emergency Response to the recent Disaster response;
(d) notes Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR'S concerns pertaining to communication issues pertaining to recent Disaster Response;
(e) continues advocacy for Numbulwar Evacuation Centre noting recent Disaster Events; and
(f) invites new Executive Director of the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Community Development to attend next Ordinary Meeting of Council in June 2026 to discuss housing needs of elderly people in Numbulwar.

13.4 Yugul Mangi Ward Report

2026/40 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report; and
(b) notes the Owen TURNER's resignation from the Ngukurr and Urapunga Local Authorites.
(c) appoints Sarah-LEE SILVER as a member of Ngukurr Local Authority.

13.5 South West Gulf Ward Report

2026/41 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Samuel Evans)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
(b) appoints Taryn ANDERSON as a Member of the Borroloola Local Authority; and
(c) appoints Cr. Ash GARNER and Cr. Samuel EVANS as Council's representatives on the Community Benefits Trust Steering Committee.

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

14.1 Mayor's Report

2026/42 **RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

14.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

2026/43 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Ash Garner)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

14.3 Council Meeting Attendance Report

2026/44 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Council and Committee Meeting Attendance Report.
(b) requests AICD training to be arranged for Councillors in Katherine.

Cr. Samuel EVANS left the Meeting at 11:05 am and returned at 11:07 am.

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 Draft Regional Plan 2026-2027

2026/45 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council in accordance with Section 35 (3) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

(a) approves the Draft 2026-2027 Regional Plan; and

(b) resolves to formally put the Draft 2026-2027 Regional Plan out to public consultation in accordance with Section 35(3)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

15.2 Remuneration Tribunal Determination on Allowances for Elected and Appointed Members

2026/46 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Remuneration Tribunal's Determination for Allowances for Councillors and Local Authority Members; and

(b) requests Tribunal to review its Determination pertaining to travel noting significant increase in fuel costs impacting Elected Member travel and engagement.

15.3 Grant Funding Acquittal

2026/47 **RESOLVED (Councillor Edwin Nunggumajbarr/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant Funding 2023-24 Acquittal.

15.4 March 2026 Financial Report

2026/48 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 31 March 2026.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

16.1 Programs Update

2026/49 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Programs Update; and

(b) requests scoping and procurement of multipurpose vehicles for Community Night Patrol noting cultural sensitivity requirements.

16.2 Aged Care and Disability Services Report

2026/50 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Des Barritt)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Aged Care and Disability Report;

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 Major Projects Report

2026/51 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Report.

17.2 Local Authority Projects Update

2026/52 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;
(b) allocates an additional $8,000 of unallocated Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) of the Bulman Local Authority towards the Goal Post project PR121;
(c) allocates the remaining unallocated of the Robinson River Local Authority towards storage and funeral equipment noting the imminent expiry of LAPF by end of FY25-26.

meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm and resumed at 1:17 pm.

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

20 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

2026/53 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***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. 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.

20.4 Expression of Interest – Independent Member, Finance and Infrastructure Committee

Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) - 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)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

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.

20.5 Malandarri Festival - Grants support
Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) - 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)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.
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.

20.6 Rates Concessions – PID 503230,501718,501719 & 501456
Regulation 51(1)(b) - 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)(b). It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) - 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)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

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 Logistical Dispositions
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.

Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) - 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)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

20.8 By-Election
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 interest.

20.9 Budget Review
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. Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) - 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)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

2026/63 **RESOLVED (Councillor Ash Garner/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***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 3:18 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 February 2026 and will be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 11 June 2026.