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

ON WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2026 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Michelle FARRELL;
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL;
- Councillor Ash GARNER (via audio/video Conference);
- Councillor John DALYWATER;
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
- Councillor Des BARRITT (*left at 9:56 am*);
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI; and
- Councillor Olga DANIELS.

1.1 Staff Members

- Cindy HADDOW, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Annika BERENDES, Programs Communications Coordinator.

Guests

- Donna McMASTERS, Traditional Owner; and
- Greg EVANS, Financial Consultant (via audio/video conference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 8:32 am The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

Councillor Olga DANIELS formally sworn-in by Mayor and Acting Chief Executive Officer by reciting the Affirmation of Office. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors and Staff formally congratulated Councillor Olga DANIELS and welcomed her to Council.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Traditional Owner, Donna McMASTERS welcomes all persons to the Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

2026/98 **RESOLVED (Councillor Des Barritt/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR and Councillor Preston LEE.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2026/99 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday, 11 June 2026.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Action List

2026/100 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Olga Daniels)** ***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

2026/101 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor John Dalywater)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor declares conflict of Interest at item 11.1.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Incoming Correspondence

2026/102 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Michelle Farrell)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the incoming correspondence;
(b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to write to Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment for matter (Remaining of Edith River Bridge) to be referred to Traditional Owners, as Council does not have a position on this matter
(c) authorises the payment of up to $80,000 for outstanding liabilities for the winding up of CouncilBiz to adjust the budget accordingly;
(d) requests formal investigation into CouncilBiz operations leading up to their wind-up; and
(e) responds to the Tribunal Chair to request for notice periods for matters requiring Council Resolution to be at a minimum of two (2) months, to reflect meeting frequency of Regional Councils.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Outgoing Correspondence

2026/103 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council notes the Outgoing Correspondence Report.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 Nyirranggulung Ward Report

2026/104 **RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/Councillor John Dalywater)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
(b) approves the recommendations from the Wugularr Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 01 July 2026;
(c) approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 02 July 2026;
(d) approves the recommendations from the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Friday, 03 July 2026;
(e) approves the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 08 July 2026;
(f) considers the Wugularr Local Authority requests to review the membership of Wugularr Local Authority; and
(g) approves the Manyallaluk Local Authority requests to create Bollards Installation Local Authority Project on its behalf, and to allocate $13,128 of its Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) for that purpose. For the avoidance of doubt, Council makes this allocation on the Local Authority's behalf.

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE left the Meeting at 9:33 am, declaring conflict of Interest at item number 13.1 and return at 9:48 am.

Councillor Des Barritt left the meeting at 9:50 am and returned at 9:51 am.

Councillor Des Barritt left the meeting at 9:56 am.

13.2 Never Never Ward Report

2026/105 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Olga Daniels)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
(b) approves the recommendations from the Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 04 August 2026;
(c) approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 04 August 2026; and
(d) notes the Anne-Marie WOODS's resignation from the Jilkminggan Local Authority.

13.3 Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report

2026/106 **RESOLVED (Councillor Olga Daniels /Councillor John Dalywater)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report; and
(b) authorises Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Patricia FARRELL and Councillor Samuel EVANS to attend a Funeral in Numbulwar on 04 September 2026 as Council representatives.

13.4 Yugul Mangi Ward Report

2026/107 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/ Councillor Olga Daniels)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report;
(b) appoints Councillor Olga DANIELS to the Urapunga Local Authority;
(c) raises concerns pertaining to poor condition of Roads including shoulder, runs and causeways of Roper Highway with Northern Territory Government (NTG); and
(d) raises concerns pertaining to electrical grid capacity being at its limit in Ngukurr and directs the Chief Executive Officer to put its concerns to the Northern Territory

Government, and respective Northern Territory and Commonwealth Ministers.

Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 10:30 am and retuned at 10:32 am.

13.5 South West Gulf Ward Report

2026/108 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report; and

(b) approves the recommendations from the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 13 August 2026.

(c) raises its concerns pertaining to the non-functional street lights causing significant safety issues with the Minister

(d) notes Councillor Samuel EVANS' concerns pertaining to racist and sexist remarks made by Borroloola Local Authority Member – Mike LONGTON, at the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting as held on 13 August 2026.

(e) considers the matter (d) to be a Code of Conduct complaint against Mike LONGTON, and puts the allegations to him for response, to be considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting in October 2026.

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

14.1 Mayor's Report

2026/109 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

14.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

2026/110 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor John Dalywater)** ***CARRIED***

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

14.3 Council Meeting Attendance Report

2026/111 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor Olga Daniels)** ***CARRIED***

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

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 LGANT Annual and General meetings Call for Motions

2026/112 **RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Michelle Farrell)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:

(a) calls for motions for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Annual and General Meetings;

- Elected Member Allowance;
- Power and Water Infrastructure;
- Transport Infrastructure - poor roads - danger - vehicle damage
- Emergency Management - Local Government to be embedded into processes;
- Regulated Child Care Services; and
- LGANT notice periods for matters requiring Council Resolutions: Regional Councils meet every two (2) months.

(b) resolves for its delegation to the November 2026 Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Annual and General Meeting to comprise of

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Ash GARNER;

- Councillor Preston LEE;
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI;
- Councillor Sue EDWARDS;
- Councillor Olga DANIELS; and
- Councillor John DALYWATER.

(c) approves the attendance of its delegation at the LGANT Meeting in Alice Springs on 11 November 2026 (plus associated travel days); and
(d) nominates Councillors Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI, Samuel EVANS, John DALYWATER for LGANT Long Services Awards; and
(e) nominates following Local Government Officers for LGANT Long Services Awards:

- DEVEREUX, Mandy;
- MOORE, Richard;
- DANIELS, Johnny;
- GILLETT, Terrence Snr;
- WESAN, Ezariah;
- MULHALL, Joshua;
- HUDDLESTON, Gary;
- GEORGE, Margaret;
- WALDEN, Rodwell;
- DALYWATER, Verona;
- BISHOP, Lisa;
- BROWN, Martina; and
- COMAN, Cristian.

15.2 LGANT Board - Call for Nominations

2026/113 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:
(a) receives and notes the LGANT Board - Call for Nominations Report; and
(b) nominates Councillor Ash GARNER as a LGANT Board Member.

Mayor Tony JACK left the Meeting at 11:18 am and returned at 11:27 am.

Cr. Patricia FARRELL left the Meeting at 11:21 am and returned at 11:23 am.

15.3 Policy Matters

2026/114 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor Olga Daniels)** ***CARRIED***

That Council adopts the revised:
(1) Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk Committee;
(2) Terms of Reference for the Finance and Infrastructure Committee;
(3) CL006 Elected Members' Administration Policy; and
(4) OCEO003 Breach of Code of Conduct (Members) Policy.

And rescinds the:
(5) CL010 Register of Interest Policy; and
(6) CL011 Conflict of Interest (Elected Member) Policy.

15.4 CPP Grant Program 2023-2024

2026/115 **RESOLVED (Deputy Mayor Helen Lee/ Councillor Olga Daniels)** ***CARRIED***

That Council:
(a) receives and notes the CPP2400011 (Barunga Sport Hall) grant acquittal for the year end 2024/25 - 2025/26; and
(b) receives and notes the CPP2400013 (Ngukurr Toilet Block) grant acquittal for the year end 2024/25 2025/26.

15.5 Numbulwar Airport Ablution Block Grant Acquittal

2026/116 **RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Numbulwar Airport Ablution Block Grant Acquittal Report.

15.6 Council Finance Report as at 31.07.2026

2026/117 **RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)** ***CARRIED***

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

Councillor Michelle FARRELL left the Meeting at 11:56 am and returned at 12:00
Councillor Olga DANIELS left the Meeting at 11:56 am and returned at 12:00 pm.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 12:05 pm and returned at 12:07 pm.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

16.1 Programs Update

2026/118 **RESOLVED (Councillor John Dalywater/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receive and note the Programs Update Report.

16.2 Aged Care and Disability Services Report

2026/119 **RESOLVED (Councillor Michelle Farrell/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Aged Care and Disability Services Report.

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

Councillor Patricia Farrell left the meeting at 1:53 pm and returned at 1:57 pm.
Deputy Mayor Helen Lee left the meeting at 2:09 pm and returned at 2:10 pm.
Councillor Michelle Farrell left the meeting at 2:05 pm returned to the meeting at 2:15 pm.

17.1 Major Projects Report

2026/120 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Report.

17.2 LA Projects Report

2026/121 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Projects update Report.

Councillor Michelle Farrell left the meeting at 2:34 pm and returned at 2:38 pm.
Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi left the meeting at 2:16 pm and returned at 2:24 pm.
Councillor Sue Edwards left the meeting at 2:24 pm and returned at 2:26 pm.

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

18.1 Mechanics Workshops in Community

2026/122 **RESOLVED (Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Councillor Sue Edwards)** ***CARRIED***

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's General Business item Report to put apprentices, training mechanics workshops in Community.

19 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

20 CLOSED SESSION
DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

2026/123 **RESOLVED (Councillor Samuel Evans/Councillor John Dalywater)** ***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 Review of Funding Allocation Methodology

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.*

20.5 Review of Unmetered Street Lighting Tariffs

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.*

20.6 Local Government Representation Review

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.*

20.7 Remuneration Tribunal - Call for Submissions

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 Property Matters

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)(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)(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.*

20.9 2026_27 August 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.*

20.10 Remote Jobs and Economic Development Round 3

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.*

20.11 Contracts Reporting

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.*

20.12 Numbulwar Workshop Update

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.*

20.13 Urgent Remediation Workshop Update

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)(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.*

20.14 Rates Concession

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)(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.

20.15 Chief Executive Officer Leave

Regulation 51(1)(a) *- 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)(a). It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

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)(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.*

20.1.1 Return to Open Meeting

2026/139 ***RESOLVED (Councillor Sue Edwards/ Councillor John Dalywater) 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 4:48 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 26 August 2026 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 28 October 2026.