

Minutes of the FNQROC Annual General Meeting

Meeting No	32
Meeting Name	FNQROC Annual General Meeting
Date	3 October 2024
Time	10.30am – 11.00am
Venue	Pullmans International Cairns

REPRESENTATIVES

CHAIR	Cr Angela Toppin, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Rod Marti, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Lisa Scomazzon, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Teresa Millwood, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Cr Matthew Tickner, Cr	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Robyn Holmes, Mayor (online)	Cook Shire Council

CEO'S

Mr Paul Hoye, A/CEO	Douglas Shire Council
Mr Brian Joiner, CEO (online)	Cook Shire Council
Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
Mr Richard Wright, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

OBSERVERS

Cr Johnathan Evans, Deputy Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
Cr Laurell Royes, Deputy Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council

FNQROC STAFF

Ms Darlene Irvine	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Travis Sydes	Natural Asset Management & Sustainability Coordinator
Ms Amanda Hancock	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
Ms Kelly Dean	Executive Support Officer
Ms Maria Anselmo	Regional Climate Resilience Coordinator
Ms Ieva Pradal	Regional Procurement Coordinator
Ms Bhakti Devi	Regional Waste Management Plan Coordinator

1039 CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

The meeting commenced at 10.34 am.

Cr Angela Toppin Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands on which we met and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

1040 APOLOGIES

Cr Ramon Jayo, Mayor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Cr Amy Eden, Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
Cr Daryl Sexton, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Cr Alister Gibson, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Cr Bruce Gibson, Mayor	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr John Andrejic, A/CEO	Cairns Regional Council
Ms Jacqui Cresswell, CEO	Croydon Shire Council
Ms Mary-Ann Uren, CEO	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Mr Gary Rinehart, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
Ms Kiley Hanslow, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Andrew Graffen, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Mr Lawrence Booth, CEO	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Ken Timms, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council

1041 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: Cr Rod Marti

SECOND: Cr Lisa Scomazzon

That the minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting held on 5 October 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1042 FNQROC ANNUAL REPORT

Mayor Toppin spoke briefly to the FNQROC Annual Report. She sincerely thanked Mr Michael Kerr, outgoing Chair for the effort and time he put into FNQROC. She also thanked Ms Kelly Reaston and Ms Nikki Huddy and Mr Anthony Archie (acting CEO) for their support while Ms Darlene Irvine took leave for a year. She also thanked the FNQROC team for all their hard work during the year.

MOVED: Cr Trevor Pickering

SECOND: Cr Barry Hughes

That the FNQROC Annual Report 2023-24 be adopted as tabled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1043 FNQROC AUDITED FINANCIALS

MOVED: Cr Rod Marti

SECOND: Cr Matthew Tickner

That the Board notes the unaudited financial statements for the period 01 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 with the audited statements to go to the December 2024 Ordinary Board Meeting for adoption.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1044 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Ms Darlene Irvine, CEO declared all positions vacant and called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Nominee: Cr Angela Toppin, Mayor - Mareeba Shire Council

Nominated by: Cr Trevor Pickering

Second: Cr Teresa Millwood

Cr Angela Toppin accepted the nomination for Chair.

There being no further nominations Cr Angela Toppin was declared elected as Chair of FNQROC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1045 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Ms Darlene Irvine, CEO called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair.

Nominee: Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor - Etheridge Shire Council

Nominated by: Cr Trevor Pickering

Second: Cr Lisa Scomazzon

Cr Barry Hughes accepted the nomination for Deputy Chair.

There being no further nominations Cr Barry Hughes was declared elected as Deputy Chair of FNQROC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1046 APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARIAT AND TREASURER

MOVED: Cr Trevor Pickering

SECOND: Cr Lisa Scomazzon

That the Board appoints the Chief Executive Officer of FNQROC as the Secretariat and Treasurer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1047 ELECTION OF AUDITOR

MOVED: Cr Matthew Tickner

SECOND: Cr Rod Marti

That the Board appoints Darren Thamm from Jessups Accountants as auditor for the 2024/25 financial year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1048 PAYMENT OF HONOURARIUM TO CHAIR

Cr Barry Hughes called for the motion.

MOVED: Cr Barry Hughes

SECOND: Cr Trevor Pickering

That a payment of \$10,000 be made to the Chair for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (2024/25 Budget).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1049 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

1050 CONCLUSION

Cr Angela Toppin, Chair thanked the FNQROC Team for their efforts over the year.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 10.47am.

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Cr Angela Toppin, FNQROC Chair