

Minutes of the FNQROC Annual General Meeting

Meeting No	33
Meeting Name	FNQROC Annual General Meeting
Date	2 October 2025
Time	12.00pm-12.30pm
Venue	Tablelands Regional Council, Coordination Centre, 15 Vernon Street, Atherton

REPRESENTATIVES

CHAIR

Cr Angela Toppin AM, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
Cr Rod Marti, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
Cr Teresa Millwood, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Cr Lisa Scomazzon, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
Cr Amy Eden, Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
Cr Robyn Holmes, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
Cr Ramon Jayo, Mayor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Cr Claudia Doughboy, Deputy Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Cr Amy Neal, Deputy Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

CEO'S

Mr Brian Joiner, CEO	Cook Shire Council
Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
Mr Lew Rojahn, A/CEO	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Dr Nikola Stepanov, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
Mr Scott Osman, CEO	Douglas Shire Council
Mr Ken Gouldthorp, CEO	Cairns Regional Council

OBSERVERS

Cr Mary Brown, Deputy Mayor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Cr Brian Underwood, Councillor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Senator Susan MacDonald	Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the Senate
Ms Shannon Fentiman MP	Shadow Treasurer, Shadow Minister for Women
Retired MG Jake Ellwood	QRA
Mr Dean Pratchett	QRA
Ms Lucy Greene	Manager, Intergovernmental Relations LGAQ
Mr Benton Wecker	Lead Intergovernmental Relations LGAQ

FNQROC STAFF

Ms Darlene Irvine	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Amanda Hancock	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
Ms Liz Wakelin	Executive Support Officer
Ms Bhakti Devi	Regional Waste Management Plan Coordinator

1051 CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Toppin thanked the Board for its collegiality and noted that she is very proud of the work which it does. She thanked Mayor Rod Marti for hosting the day's meetings and the events immediately leading up to them.

Mayor Toppin recapped the year with her foreword in the Annual Report 2024/25.

1052 APOLOGIES

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
Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
Ms Jacqui Cresswell, CEO	Croydon Shire Council

1053 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: Cr Barry Hughes

SECONDED: Cr Lisa Scomazzon

That the minutes of the 32nd Annual General Meeting held on 3 October 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1054 FNQROC ANNUAL REPORT

Mayor Toppin spoke briefly to the FNQROC Annual Report, acknowledging the issues faced. She acknowledged the dedication of FNQROC Board and thanked them for their work.

MOVED: Cr Rod Marti

SECONDED: Cr Lisa Scomazzon

That the FNQROC Annual Report 2024-2025 be adopted as tabled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1055 FNQROC AUDITED FINANCIALS

MOVED: Cr Raymon Jayo

SECONDED: Cr Rod Marti

That the Board Adopts the audited financial statements for the period 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1056 FNQROC RESERVE BALANCE

MOVED: Cr Barry Hughes

SECONDED: Cr Rod Marti

That in line with FNQROC Policy Number 13, the retained earnings of \$1,289,841 is below the combined Minimum Operating Reserve and Project Reserve, therefore it is considered that there are no excess reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1057 ELECTION OF CHAIR

NOMINEE: Cr Angela Toppin AM, Mayor – Mareeba Shire Council

NOMINATED BY: Cr Barry Hughes

SECONDED: Cr Lisa Scomazzon

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

1058 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

NOMINEE: Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor – Etheridge Shire Council

NOMINATED BY: Cr Angela Toppin AM

SECONDED: Cr Roman Jayo

Cr Barry Hughes accepted the nomination for Chair.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1059 APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARIAT AND TREASURER

MOVED: Cr Rod Marti

SECONDED: Cr Amy Eden

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1060 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

MOVED: Cr Teresa Millwood

SECONDED: Cr Amy Eden

That the Board notes the exemption from further Audit until 30 June 2028 and appoints Jessups Accountants as auditor for the 2025/26 financial year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1061 PAYMENT OF HONORARIUM TO CHAIR

Cr Barry Hughes called for the motion.

MOVED: Cr Rod Marti

SECONDED: Cr Ramon Jayo


That a payment of \$10,000 be made to the Chair for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 (2025/26 Budget).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1062 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 12.28pm.

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Cr Angela Toppin AM
FNQROC Chair