



# SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 2022 AT 2:00 PM AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE - KATHERINE 29 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE EAST NT 0850

## COUNCILLORS

Mayor Brian Pedwell - Walangeri Ward Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart – Milngin Ward Councillor Yvette Williams - Pine Creek Ward Councillor Georgina Macleod - Daguragu Ward Councillor Shirley Garlett - Timber Creek Ward Chief Executive Officer

**Russell Anderson** 





## **Our Vision**

Council's vision for the Victoria Daly region is **"Moving Forward Together**", becoming a well respected and recognised leader within Australia's Local Government. Council aims to work towards developing a broad range of strategies that will help shape its vision for the region through excellent service delivery and community engagement; assisting to build one of the most sustainable, vibrant and diverse regions in Australia. The Council strives to form partnerships that ensure strategic goals are met.

## **Our Values**

The key core values and principles that are integral in achieving our vision are Respect, Integrity, Honesty, Openness and Equality

# **Our Goals**

The Council aims toward ensuring all communities are strong, safe and healthy; abundant with respect for culture and heritage. The Council aspires to provide good governance, leadership and advocacy and work towards building a strong regional economy by promoting local employment and high quality services within financial resources. The Council is also striving towards maintaining and developing Council assets, natural resources and country.



The Council strives to foster partnerships that will deliver our strategic goals.

## • Quality Leadership

Provide proactive leadership with transparent and accountable governance

## • Financial Sustainability

Enhance the Council's financial sustainability to enable quality services and assets across the region

## • Invest in our people

Grow our people through investment in training, skills recognition and developing regional opportunities for employment

### • Infrastructure

Continually improve Council's assets and infrastructure through good forward planning

### • Systems

Improve the operating systems, policies and procedures

## • Liveability

Enhance the liveability of our communities and our regional lifestyle



## Schedule 1 - Code of conduct Local Government Act 2019 section 119

- **1 Honesty and integrity** A member must act honestly and with integrity in performing official functions.
- **2 Care and diligence** A member must act with reasonable care and diligence in performing official functions.
- **3 Courtesy** A member must act with courtesy towards other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.
- **4 Prohibition on bullying** A member must not bully another person in the course of performing official functions.
- **5 Conduct towards council staff** A member must not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of, council staff.

### 6 Respect for cultural diversity and culture

6.1 A member must respect cultural diversity and must not therefore discriminate against others, or the opinions of others, on the ground of their cultural background. 6.2 A member must act with respect for cultural beliefs and practices in relation to other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.

### 7 Conflict of interest

- 7.1 A member must avoid any conflict of interest, whether actual or perceived, when undertaking official functions and responsibilities.
- 7.2 If a conflict of interest exists, the member must comply with any statutory obligations of disclosure.

#### 8 Respect for confidences

- 8.1 A member must respect the confidentiality of information obtained in confidence in the member's official capacity.
- 8.2 A member must not make improper use of confidential information obtained in an official capacity to gain a private benefit or to cause harm to another.

#### 9 Gifts

- 9.1 A member must not solicit, encourage or accept gifts or private benefits from any person who might have an interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.
- 9.2 A member must not accept a gift from a person that is given in relation to the person's interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.
- **10 Accountability** A member must be prepared at all times to account for the member's performance as a member and the member's use of council resources.

#### 11 Interests of municipality, region or shire to be paramount

- 11.1 A member must act in what the member genuinely believes to be the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.
- 11.2 In particular, a member must seek to ensure that the member's decisions and actions are based on an honest, reasonable and properly informed judgment about what best advances the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.
- **12 Training** A member must undertake relevant training in good faith.



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- 1. Present
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Disclosure of Interest Councillors and Staff



## 4. Confidential

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.

## 4.1. CEO Recruitment and Appointment

**Status 51(1)(a) -** This item is considered 'Confidential' 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, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, 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.