



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

**PINE CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2022
AT 12:30 PM**

**AT THE PINE CREEK MULTI RESOURCE CENTRE
56 Main Tce, Pine Creek, NT 0847**



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russell Anderson', written over a large, light grey 'DRAFT' watermark.

Russell Anderson
Chief Executive Officer



1. Meeting Opening

The Pine Creek Local Authority Meeting commenced, the time being 12:34pm.

2. Welcome

Chairperson thanked members and visitors for attending.

3. Attendance and Apologies

<i>PCLA Members (Name)</i>	<i>Position</i>
<i>Sam Forwood</i>	Chair
<i>Tom Pfennig</i>	Deputy Chair
<i>Yvette Williams</i>	Councillor
<i>Edward Ah Toy</i>	Member
<i>John Roberts</i>	Member
<i>Juliet Mills</i>	Member
<i>David Paddy</i>	Member
<i>Alain Denouel</i>	Member

Apologies: Alan Fountain, Gaye Lawrence

Absent: Nil

<i>Guests & Staff</i>	
<i>Tanya Brown</i>	VDRC COM Pine Creek
<i>Karen Isaac</i>	VDRC A/COAM Pine Creek (minute taker)
<i>Janelle Iszlaub</i>	VDRC Governance Manager
<i>Matthew Cheminant</i>	VDRC Director of Operations
<i>Chellah Clancy</i>	VDRC Executive Services Officer
<i>Michelle Will</i>	VDRC Manager of Executive Services
<i>Peter Waggitt</i>	Chair of Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy
<i>Megan Holzfeind</i>	Treeti Business Consulting
<i>Amanda Haigh</i>	Department of the CM&C
<i>Mark Hosking</i>	Community member
<i>Clare Merritt</i>	Community member
<i>Rosemary Aikin</i>	Community member
<i>Lance Lawrence</i>	Community member

4. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

5. Resignations, Terminations and Nominations

5.1. Resignations

5.1.1. Resignation of Karen Giumelli from the Pine Creek Local Authority



Recommendation

That the Resignation of Karen Giumelli from the Pine Creek Local Authority is noted.

Moved: Yvette Williams

Seconded: Alain Denouel

Resolution:PCLA-2022/16: Carried 8 / 0

5.1.2. Resignation of Patricia Cummins from the Pine Creek Local Authority

Recommendation

That the Resignation of Patricia Cummins from the Pine Creek Local Authority is noted.

Moved: John Roberts

Seconded: Yvette Williams

Resolution:PCLA-2022/17: Carried 8 / 0

5.2. Nominations

5.2.1. Nomination of Clare Merritt to the Pine Creek Local Authority

Recommendation

That the Nomination of Clare Merritt to the Pine Creek Local Authority is received and accepted.

Moved: Edward Ah Toy

Seconded: Juliet Mills

Resolution:PCLA-2022/18: Carried 8 / 0

5.2.2. Nomination of John Lee to the Pine Creek Local Authority

Recommendation

That the Nomination of John Lee to the Pine Creek Local Authority is received and accepted.

Moved: John Roberts

Seconded: Alain Denouel

Resolution:PCLA-2022/19: Carried 8 / 0

6. Invitation for Deputations to Present/Speak

6.1. Guests

1. Representative from the office of Marian Scrymgour MP
Not in attendance.
2. The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet – LA Training
 - Michelle Will advised that the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet has been preparing training modules for members of the Local Authority and would like to organise a day for all members to access this training.
 - Michelle handed over to Amanda Haigh.



- Amanda Haigh announced there are three training modules and each would be from 30 to 45 minutes each.
- A discussion about a date to complete these training modules followed.

Recommendation

That the training sessions occur directly before the next Local Authority Meeting.

Moved: Sam Forwood

Seconded: John Roberts

Resolution:PCLA-2022/20: Carried 8 / 0

7. Confirmation of Minutes

7.1. Pine Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 2 August 2022

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Pine Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 2 August 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Juliet Mills

Seconded: John Roberts

Resolution:PCLA-2022/21: Carried 8 / 0

8. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

8.1 Electric Vehicle charging station

- PCA member Mr. John Roberts noted that at the last meeting he had brought up a discussion regarding an Electric Vehicle charging station and that he has done more research and chased pricing.
- Mr. Roberts has advised that pricing starts at \$5,000 plus installation for an AC charger and can go up to \$25,000 for a 30-kilowatt DC charger which would give an Electric Vehicle 200 kilometres range from an hour of charging which he states to be the best option.
- Mr. Roberts advised that to install this it would require 3 Phase Power supply and he will keep looking for an ideal location

8.2 Street Art

- Mr. Roberts has found some ideal locations around town and has spoken to some of the owners to get permission.
- Katherine Regional Arts has advised to seek funding first.
- Mr. Roberts has spoken to Tanya Brown (Council Operations Manager) regarding chasing grants that they could be eligible for and has also spoken to the Heritage and Tourism Committee.
- He advised that street art usually costs between \$9,000 to \$15,000.

8.3 Cemetery

- Mr. Roberts raised a question regarding water at the cemetery.
- Tanya informed that the land is owned by the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Lands and indicated that there are changes happening to the Cemetery Act with the Northern Territory Government and that the Local Authority should wait to see how these changes will impact the community.

9. Councillor Update



9.1. Councillor Update from Cr Yvette Williams For October 2022

Recommendation

That the Councillor Update from Cr Yvette Williams for October 2022 is received and noted.

Moved: John Roberts

Seconded: Edward Ah Toy

Resolution:PCLA-2022/22: Carried 8 / 0

10. Reports

10.1. Pine Creek Financial Report July to September 2022

Recommendation

That the report Pine Creek Financial Report July to September 2022 is received and noted

Moved: Sam Forwood

Seconded: John Roberts

Resolution:PCLA-2022/23: Carried 8 / 0

10.2. Local Authority Review Report (12-OCT-22 DRAFT)

Recommendation

A. That the report Local Authority Review Report (12-OCT-22 DRAFT) is received and noted

Moved: David Paddy

Seconded: Sam Forwood

Resolution:PCLA-2022/24: Carried 8 / 0

10.3. Pine Creek Community Report

Recommendation

A. That the Pine Creek Community Report is received and noted

Moved: Edward Ah Toy

Seconded: John Roberts

Resolution:PCLA-2022/25: Carried 8 / 0

11. General Business

1. John Roberts General Business [11.1.1 - 1 page]

2. **Troppo Bird Hide Signs.**

- Megan Holzfeind from Treeti Business Consulting joined via Teams Video Call to give an update on costing for two Troppo Bird Hide Signs.
- Megan stated that costings has increased since last time a quote was given and now for two Troppo Bird Hide Signs will cost \$137,480.50
- Funding has been allocated for \$105,875 already.



- Megan is seeking from the Local Authority to pay the variance of \$31,605.50. A motion was put forward.

Motion: That the Local Authority pay the variance of \$31,605.50 to build and install two Troppo Bird Hides.

Moved: Edward Ah Toy

Seconded: Yvette Williams

Resolution: PCLA-2022/26: Carried 8 / 0

3. **Presentation** – Peter Waggitt, Chair of Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy

- Peter delivered a presentation showcasing the work he and Mark Asendorf (Managing Director, Marmel Enterprise) have completed at Miners Park, which was replacing all deteriorated signage with original photos.
- There are three locations at Miners Park without signage: the Bridge, Gold Panning Troughs, and the rock at the top entrance to Miners Park.
- Peter has asked around about the rocks “story” and has had it tested by geologists to try trace its’ origins to create historically correct signage for it.
- Peter would also like to erect another gazebo at Miners Park and create a Geo Trail around town to create an ‘enhanced reality’.
- Funding has been obtained to cover majority of both projects. It is estimated that the projects should be completed before the dry season.

4. **Tanya Brown, Council Operations Manager Update**

- Tanya stated that the COVID-19 vaccination mandate has lifted and that non-vaccinated members of the public can now nominate to be on the Local Authority.
- Tanya was presented a quote for 70k for imitation Pine Log to use for replacing broken fencing at the Water Gardens.
- A discussion about preferring to not use plastic entailed so Tanya will get quote of real Pine Log replacement.
- A booklet was tabled regarding park barbeques, including costs.
- Tanya also brought up previous discussion at last meeting regarding water bubblers in parks.
- Tanya advised that the PCLA would have to consider the risks associated with installing water bubblers and that the project would require costly power installation and ongoing costs would likely come from the Enterprise Pit.

12. Questions from the Public

12.1 John Roberts asked if the Local Authority could allocate some funds to the maintenance of replacement of some of the footpaths around town.

- Juliet Mills stated that there used to be set amount of money put aside each year for the maintenance on foot paths and that it has not happened, and no one can explain to her why in the past 16 years there’s been no maintenance on footpaths except for under the Old Bakery.
- Edward Ah Toy suggested that the next lot of footpaths to be repaired be from Ward Street to Jensen Street.



12.2 John Roberts said it has been brought to his attention that Local Authority is to be responsible for maintenance costs. John asked if it is Local Authorities responsibility to help fix the foot paths?

- Matthew Cheminant answered that it is not a responsibility, but it is something Local Authority can put money into.
- A discussion was had about other alternatives cheaper than concrete footpaths.
- Chairperson asked COM to investigate costs of having bitumen footpaths.

12.3 Chairperson notified that Australia Day nominations are open, and forms will be in the Council Office.

- Juliet Mills stated that she has previously nominated and that they have not been accepted and gets made to feel that her thoughts do not matter.

12.4 Tom Pfennig questioned if his query at the last LA meeting regarding the expenditure of Council taking their vehicles to Katherine instead of using a local business will be answered.

- Chairperson informed Tom that there is a Confidential section coming up that will include a report regarding his query.

13. 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* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

13.1. Reports on Repairs and Maintenance (plant and vehicles) Pine Creek

Reason for Confidentiality

Status 51(1)(c)(iv) - *This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person*

The meeting was closed by Chair Sam Forwood, the time being 2:45pm.

14. Next Meeting

The next Meeting of Pine Creek Local Authority will be held to be advised.

This page and the preceding seven (7) pages are the minutes of the Pine Creek Local Authority meeting held on 7 November 2022.