



**Victoria Daly**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# **MINUTES**

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2024  
AT 9:00 AM  
AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE - KATHERINE  
18 Pearce Street, Katherine NT 0850**



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brian Hylands', written over a faint 'DRAFT' watermark.

Brian Hylands  
Chief Executive Officer



*The meeting opened at 9.01am.*

## **1. Present**

### **Elected Members Present**

Mayor (Chair) - Walangeri Ward	Brian Pedwell
Deputy Mayor- Daguragu Ward	Georgina Macleod
Councillor - Pine Creek Ward	Yvette Williams
Councillor - Milngin Ward	Andrew McTaggart
Councillor - Timber Creek Ward	Deborah Jones (via Teams)

### **Staff Present**

Chief Executive Officer	Brian Hylands
Director of Corporate and Community Services	Trudy Braun
Director of Council Operations	Matthew Cheminant
Manager of Governance and Executive Services	Keira Townsend (Minutes Secretary)
Executive Services Officer	Chellah Clancy

### **Guests**

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet	Karen Hocking
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## **2. Apologies**

Nil

## **3. Presentations - Deputations - Petitions**

Nil

## **4. Public Question Time**

Nil

## **5. Disclosure of Interest - Councillors and Staff**

Nil



## 6. Confirmation of Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 February 2024

ITEM NUMBER 6.1.

**OCM-2024/25 Resolution: Carried** (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 February 2024 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

## 7. Call for Items of General Business

- I. Pine Creek roads maintenance
- II. Snap Send Solve
- III. Neem tree and invasive weeds management
- IV. NT News article
- V. Pest control pilot
- VI. In-kind support for the Pine Creek Gold Rush Festival
- VII. Side by sides

## 8. Mayoral Report

Mayoral Report

ITEM NUMBER 8.1.

**OCM-2024/26 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

- A. That the Mayoral Report is received and noted; and
- B. That Council endorses all travel and accommodation costs pertaining to the Mayor's duties.

Note: Rubbish bins for visitors leaving national park could be located at the pull off area on the Kakadu Highway, heading toward Pine Creek on the left hand side of the road, approximately 150 metres after the railway crossing

Action: Add item to the next Pine Creek Local Authority agenda.



## 9. CEO Update

### CEO Update

#### ITEM NUMBER 9.1.

**OCM-2024/27 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

That the CEO Update be received and noted.

## 10. Reports to Council

### 10.1. Reports for Council Decision

Nil

### 10.2. Reports for Information

#### Financial Report year to date 29 February 2024

#### ITEM NUMBER 10.2.1.

**OCM-2024/28 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

That the Financial Report year to date 29 February 2024 is received and noted.

## 11. Action Items

### Action Item Report

#### ITEM NUMBER 11.1.

**OCM-2024/29 Resolution: Carried** (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the Action Item Report is received and noted; and
- B. That completed items be removed from the action items list.



## 12. Correspondence

### Correspondence Report

#### ITEM NUMBER 12.1.

**OCM-2024/30 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the Correspondence Report is received and noted.

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.28am

Meeting resumed at 11.00am

## 13. General Business

### 13.1 Pine Creek Roads Maintenance

Action: Shoulders of Cemetery Rd, Green Valley Rd and Umbrawarra Rd (11kms from Kybrook turnoff) require grading.

Cr Andrew McTaggart left the meeting at 11:06 am.

Cr Andrew McTaggart returned to the meeting at 11:08 am.

**OCM-2024/31 Resolution: Carried** (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

That Council approves the action items for Pine Creek Roads Maintenance.

### 13.2 Snap Send Solve

Action: Develop policy and procedures for collecting and responding to local suggestions and complaints.

Action: Pricing for Snap Send Solve to be sought and tabled.



### 13.3 Neem trees and invasive weed management

**OCM-2024/32 Resolution: Carried** (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

That Council endorses writing to the appropriate Minister/s, NLC, CLC, Parks and Wildlife and NTG Minister for the Environment regarding need for Neem Tree and invasive weed management in the Victoria Daly region.

### 13.4 NT News article

Note: Deputy Mayor Macleod noted her concern that the NT News article dated 22 February 2024, was inflammatory.

**OCM-2024/33 Resolution: Carried** (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

That Council notes Deputy Mayor Macleod's concern.

### 13.5 Pest Control

Note: Pest control for Kalkarindji scheduled for May 2024, Yarralin to follow.

### 13.6 In-kind support for the 2024 Pine Creek Gold Rush Festival

**OCM-2024/34 Resolution: Carried** (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Yvette Williams)

That Council endorses providing in-kind support to assist with set-up and promotional activities for the 2024 Pine Creek Gold Rush Festival

### 13.7 Side by Sides

**OCM-2024/35 Resolution: Carried** (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

That Council agrees to amend resolution OCM-2023/231 with regard to item B to resolve that Council agrees to replace quad bikes and provide side by sides for 3 wards.

Meeting Adjourned for lunch at 11.58pm

Meeting resumed at 1.20pm



## 14. Confidential

**Resolution:** Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

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.

*The meeting moved into confidential session at 1.21pm.*

### 14.1. ITEC Aged Care Upgrade Timber Creek

**Status 51(1)(c)(i)** - *This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(i) 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: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person*

### 14.2. Affixing Common Seal to Education Engagement and Attainment Initiatives (EEAI) Project Schedule 4-J50U4SF

**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*

### 14.3. Progress Report on Grant Applications

**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*





#### 14.4. Corporate Services Report

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**OCM-2024/36 Resolution:** Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

That the Corporate Services Report is moved to open.

#### 14.5. Lot 55 Yarralin Staff Housing

**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 returned to open session at 2.59pm*

**Resolution: Carried** (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)  
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.



## 15. Local Authority

### 15.1. Local Authority Minutes

#### Kalkarindji / Dagaragu Local Authority meeting held on 5 March 2024

##### ITEM NUMBER 15.1.1.

**OCM-2024/37 Resolution: Carried** (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

- A. That the minutes of the Kalkarindji / Dagaragu Local Authority meeting held on 5 March 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council; and
- B. That the Council endorses KDLA-2024/7 Resolution:
  - a. That the Kalkarindji Dagaragu Local Authority receive and note the action items update,
  - b. that tabled quotes 0477 and 0013461 for the '*Bus Shelter Project*' are approved,
  - c. that tabled quote 4078 for the '*Arts Centre Project*' is approved,
  - d. that the KDLA commits up to \$10,000 for the purchase of security camera/s for key location/s in Kalkarindji,
  - e. that tabled quotes 15385 and 86972 are approved for the procurement and installation of a drinking water fountain to be located at the VDRC office and a trough style drinking water fountain in colour coast to be located at Central Park, and;
  - f. that the completed action items be removed from the list.

#### Timber Creek Provisional Local Authority meeting held on 7 March 2024

##### ITEM NUMBER 15.1.2.

**OCM-2024/38 Resolution: Carried** (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

That the minutes of the Timber Creek Provisional Local Authority meeting held on 7 March 2024 be noted by Council.

#### Daly River Provisional Local Authority meeting held on 13 March 2024

##### ITEM NUMBER 15.1.3.

**OCM-2024/39 Resolution: Carried** (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

That the minutes of the Daly River Provisional Local Authority meeting held on 13 March 2024 be noted by Council.



## Yarralin Local Authority meeting held on 14 March 2024

### ITEM NUMBER 15.1.4.

**OCM-2024/40 Resolution: Carried** (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

- A) That the minutes of the Yarralin Local Authority meeting held on 14 March 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council,
- B) That Council endorses YLA-2024/6 Resolution:
  - a. That the Project Funding Update as at 31 December 2023 report is received and noted; and
  - b. That the YNLA approves committing \$5,000 from Yarralin LA funds and \$5,000 from Nitjpurru LA funds to vet visits for Yarralin, Lingara and Nitjpurru; and
- C) That Council endorses YLA-2024/9 Resolution:
  - a. That the Healthy Lifestyle Grant - Surplus Funds report is received and noted; and
  - b. That the YNLA accept the offer of the surplus grant funds totalling \$10,000 to purchase a new drinking water fountain to be installed at Yarralin.

## 16. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 30 April 2024

*The meeting closed at 3.19pm*

This page and the preceding 11 pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on 26 March 2024.

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Mayor Brian Pedwell