



**Victoria Daly**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2022**

**AT 9:00 AM**

**AT THE TEAMS ON-LINE MEETINGS  
OR KATHERINE REGIONAL OFFICE**

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Russell Anderson  
**Chief Executive Officer**



*The meeting opened the time being 09:02am*

## 1. Present

### Elected Members Present

Mayor (Chair)	Brian Pedwell
Councillor	Yvette Williams
Councillor	Andrew McTaggart (via Teams)

### Staff Present

Chief Executive Officer	Russell Anderson
Director of Corporate Services	Trudy Braun
Director of Operations	Matthew Cheminant
Manager of Executive Services	Michelle Will (minute taker)

### Guests

Nil

## 2. Apologies

Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett, Councillor Georgina Macleod

## 3. Presentations - Deputations - Petitions

### 3.1. Land Release Petition - Timber Creek

#### Motion

- A. That the Land Release Petition - Timber Creek be noted.
- B. That a letter be sent to Hon Minister Lawler on behalf of the Timber Creek community highlighting the desperate need for housing and land availability in Timber Creek (include attachments - letter and petition)

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconder:** Cr Yvette Williams

**Resolution:OCM-2022/25:** Carried 3 / 0

**ACTION ITEM: Send copies of letter regarding Timber Creek sewerage / infrastructure to support their submissions.**

## 4. Disclosure of Interest - Councillors and Staff

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

## 5. Confirmation of Minutes



### 5.1. Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 March 2022

**Motion**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 March 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconded:** Cr Yvette Williams **Resolution:OCM-2022/26:** Carried 3 / 0

### 5.2. Special Council Meeting held on 14 April 2022

**Motion**

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 14 April 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconded:** Cr Yvette Williams **Resolution:OCM-2022/27:** Carried 3 / 0

## 6. Call for Items of General Business

School Bus Stop - Pine Creek  
Gold Rush Festival - Pine Creek  
River Water Pump - Nauiyu  
CouncilBIZ

## 7. Mayoral Report

Mayor Brian Pedwell gave a verbal update at the meeting to support his report.

Meetings attended by the Mayor since the last Ordinary Council Meeting:

- RDANT - Remote Wireless Presentation, along with CEO Russell Anderson and Keria Townsend Grants Manager/Contracts Manager in DWN.
- Meeting with CEO Greg Troughton – Councilbiz.
- LGANT Mayor's and Presidents Forum, Regional and Shires also the Combined Forum.
- LGANT General Meeting - along with Deputy Mayor S.Garlett, Cr G.Macloed and CEO R.Anderson.
- Met with Maree De Lacey, Executive Director Local Government and Regional, DCM&C, along with CEO R.Anderson.
- Teleconference CouncilBIZ board meeting.
- Special Council meeting.

**Motion:** That the Mayoral report be received and noted.

**Mover:** Cr Yvette Williams

**Seconded:** Cr Andrew McTaggart **Resolution:OCM-2022/28:** Carried 3 / 0



## 8. CEO Update

### 8.1. CEO Update

The CEO provided a verbal update to support his report.

**Motion**

A. That the CEO Update be received and noted.

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconder:** Cr Yvette Williams

**Resolution:OCM-2022/30:** Carried 3 / 0

**Motion:** That Council endorses the attendance of the CEO and any elected member who wishes to attend the Australian Local Government association (ALGA) Conference in June 2022 in Canberra.

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconder:** Cr Yvette Williams

**Resolution:OCM-2022/29:** Carried 3 / 0

*The meeting adjourned at 09:27am to join another meeting with Shadow Minister Linda Burney, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy, and Marion Scrymgour regarding a Homelands briefing announcement.*

*The meeting resumed, the time being 10:03am*

## 9. Reports to Council

### 9.1. Reports for Council Decision

#### 9.1.1. Finance Report for month ended March 2022

**Motion:** That the Finance Report for month ended March 2022 is received and noted

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconder:** Cr Yvette Williams

**Resolution:OCM-2022/31:** Carried 3 / 0

#### 9.1.2. Budget Review

**Motion**

A. That the Budget Review report is received and noted

B. That Council note that the budget has been reviewed in accordance with Regulation 9(1)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

C. That Council adopt the amended budget as a result of the review



<b>Mover:</b> Cr Andrew McTaggart	<b>Resolution:OCM-2022/32:</b> Carried 3 / 0
<b>Seconders:</b> Cr Yvette Williams	

### 9.1.3. Policy for adoption - LGP012 Investment Policy, LGP018 Borrowing Policy & LGP021 Procurement Policy

<b>Motion</b>	
A. That the report Policy for adoption - LGP012 Investment Policy, LGP018 Borrowing Policy & LGP021 Procurement Policy is received and noted	
B. That Council adopts policy LGP012 Investment Policy	
C. The Council adopts policy LGP018 Borrowing Policy	
D. The Council adopts policy LGP021 Procurement Policy	
<b>Mover:</b> Cr Andrew McTaggart	<b>Resolution:OCM-2022/33:</b> Carried 3 / 0
<b>Seconders:</b> Mayor Brian Pedwell	

## 9.2. Reports for Information

### 9.2.1. Grants Report

Discussion took place regarding the Aboriginal Benefit Account and the receipt of unsuccessful grant application for the supply and installation of Telstra 4G.

<b>Motion</b>	
A. That the Grants Report is received and noted.	
<b>Mover:</b> Cr Andrew McTaggart	<b>Resolution:OCM-2022/34:</b> Carried 3 / 0
<b>Seconders:</b> Cr Yvette Williams	

**ACTION:** Council write a letter of support for NWA and Walangeri to apply for the ABA grant.

*The meeting adjourned for morning tea, the time being 10:27am.*

*The meeting resumed, the time being 10:57am.*

### 9.2.2. Operations Update

<b>Motion</b>	
A. That the Operations Update is received and noted	
<b>Mover:</b> Cr Andrew McTaggart	<b>Resolution:OCM-2022/35:</b> Carried 3 / 0
<b>Seconders:</b> Cr Yvette Williams	



### 9.2.3. CDP Update

**Motion**

A. That the CDP Update is received and noted

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconded:** Cr Yvette  
Williams

**Resolution:OCM-2022/36:** Carried 3 / 0

## 10. Local Authority

### 10.1. Local Authority Minutes

#### 10.1.1. Pine Creek Local Authority meeting held on 8 March 2022

**Motion**

That the minutes of the Pine Creek Local Authority meeting held on 8 March 2022 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

**Mover:** Cr Yvette Williams

**Seconded:** Mayor Brian Pedwell

**Resolution:OCM-2022/37:** Carried 3 / 0

#### 10.1.2. Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 9 March 2022

**Motion**

That the minutes of the Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 9 March 2022 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconded:** Cr Yvette Williams

**Resolution:OCM-2022/38:** Carried 3 / 0

#### 10.1.3. Kalkarindji - Daguragu Local Authority meeting held on 15 March 2022

**Motion**

That the minutes of the Kalkarindji - Daguragu Local Authority meeting held on 15 March 2022 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

**Mover:** Mayor Brian Pedwell

**Seconded:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Resolution:OCM-2022/39:** Carried 3 / 0



#### 10.1.4. Bulla Local Authority meeting held on 22 March 2022

**Motion**

That the minutes of the Bulla Local Authority meeting held on 22 March 2022 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

**Mover:** Mayor Brian Pedwell

**Seconded:** Cr Andrew McTaggart **Resolution:OCM-2022/40:** Carried 3 / 0

#### 10.1.5. Timber Creek Local Authority meeting held on 22 March 2022

**Motion**

That the minutes of the Timber Creek Local Authority meeting held on 22 March 2022 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconded:** Cr Yvette Williams **Resolution:OCM-2022/41:** Carried 3 / 0

#### 10.1.6. Kalkarindji - Daguragu Regional Plan Workshop held on 11 April 2022

**Motion**

That the minutes of the Kalkarindji - Daguragu Regional Plan Workshop held on 11 April 2022 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

**Mover:**

**Seconded:** **Resolution:** lost

This recommendation was left, and will be revisited at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

#### 10.1.7. Yarralin - Pigeon Hole Local Authority meeting and Regional Plan workshop held on 12 April 2022

**Motion**

That the minutes of the Yarralin - Pigeon Hole Local Authority meeting and Regional Plan workshop held on 12 April 2022 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

**Mover:** Mayor Brian Pedwell

**Seconded:** Cr Andrew McTaggart **Resolution:OCM-2022/42:** Carried 3 / 0

#### 10.1.8. Daly River Regional Plan workshop held on 13 April 2022

**Motion**





That the minutes of the Daly River Regional Plan workshop held on 13 April 2022 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconded:** Mayor Brian Pedwell

**Resolution:OCM-2022/43:** Carried 3 / 0

**ACTION:**

- Land for future council development (Lot 2 Wooliana Road) be moved to short term instead of advocacy.
- Move Cemetery extension works to advocacy.
- Upgrade to airstrip (East and West) move to medium term
- Levi Bank (eastern end) to prevent road access to the community move short term.

## 10.2. Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

### 10.2.1. Nomination of Simon Campbell to the Yarralin - Pigeon Hole Local Authority

**Motion**

That the Nomination of Simon Campbell to the Yarralin - Pigeon Hole Local Authority is received and accepted.

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconded:** Cr Yvette Williams

**Resolution:OCM-2022/44:** Carried 3 / 0

### 10.2.2. Nomination of Michael George to the Kalkarindji - Daguragu Local Authority

**Motion**

A. That the Nomination of Michael George to the Kalkarindji - Daguragu Local Authority is received and accepted.

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconded:** Cr Yvette Williams

**Resolution:OCM-2022/45:** Carried 3 / 0

## 11. Action Sheet

### 11.1. Action Items as at 22 April 2022

**Motion**

A. That the Action Items as at 22 April 2022 report is received and noted

**Mover:** Cr Yvette Williams



**Seconder:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Resolution:OCM-2022/46:** Carried 3 / 0

## 12. Correspondence In & Out

### 12.1. Incoming Correspondence

**Motion**

A. That the Incoming Correspondence is received and noted

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconder:** Cr Yvette  
Williams

**Resolution:OCM-2022/47:** Carried 3 / 0

### 12.2. Outgoing Correspondence

**Motion**

A. That the Outgoing Correspondence is received and noted

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconder:** Cr Yvette  
Williams

**Resolution:OCM-2022/48:** Carried 3 / 0

## 13. General Business

### 13.1 Pine Creek Gold Rush Festival

Councillor Williams is seeking in-kind support from Council for the running of the Pine Creek Gold Rush Festival.

Council suggested that the Pine Creek Heritage and Tourism Association submit a letter to VDRC requesting that the fund for the Gold Rush Festival be transferred to them.

***Ms Braun left the meeting, the time being 11:51am.***

### 13.2 School Bus Stop (Pine Creek)

**ACTION ITEM:** Council Operations Manager and Pine Creek Councillor to investigate possibility of zebra crossing (to ensure safety of children crossing)

### 13.3 River Pump at Nauiyu



Action: Letter to GRAC stating that as of 1 July 2022 maintenance of pump and irrigation system (including pipes) at Nauiyu be the responsibility GRAC. (CEO to action)

### 13.4 NWA 4G Cell

ACTION ITEM: Letter of support to for NWA and Walangeri to apply for the ABA Grant Funding for installation of 4G small cell in the VDRC region.

### 13.5 Regional Plan

#### **Motion**

That Council seeks the Ministers approval as per the previous resolution of council 002/2021 (Confidential resolution) to cease membership from CouncilBIZ on 1 July 2022. Letter to include an invitation to Minister Paech and Maree De Lacey to observe the programs council has implemented.

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconded:** Mayor Brian Pedwell **Resolution:OCM-2022/49:** Carried 3 / 0

#### **Motion**

That staff include in the Regional Plan a budget and seek Ministers approval to progress the building of council office in Katherine.

**Mover:** Mayor Brian Pedwell

**Seconded:** Cr Andrew McTaggart **Resolution:OCM-2022/50:** Carried 3 / 0

ACTION ITEM: Timber Creek sewerage system to be added to the Regional Plan Timber Creek priorities.

*The meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 12:02pm.*

### 14. Confidential

#### **Motion**

Members of the press and public to be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act, 2019.

**Mover:** Cr Andrew McTaggart

**Seconded:** Cr Yvette Williams **Resolution:OCM-2022/51:** Carried 3 / 0

### 15. Next Meeting



The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 31 May 2022.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on Wednesday, 27 April 2022.

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Mayor Brian Pedwell  
Minutes confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 31 May 2022