



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 31 MAY 2022
AT 9:00 AM**

**AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE - KATHERINE
29 Crawford Street, Katherine East NT 0850**



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russell Anderson', written over a large, faint, diagonal watermark that says 'DRAFT'.

Russell Anderson
Chief Executive Officer



The meeting opened the time being 9:01 am.

1. Present

Elected Members Present

Mayor (Chair)	Brian Pedwell
Councillor	Yvette Williams
Councillor	Georgina Macleod
Councillor	Andrew McTaggart

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)
Council Operations Manager (Timber Creek)	Paul Buckley
Council Operations Manager (Pine Creek)	Jocelyn Moir
Council Operations Manager (Yarralin)	Alicia King

Guests

NIAA	Patrick Flemming
Green River Aboriginal Corporation	Wayne Buckley
The Department of the Chief Minister & Cabinet	Amanda Haigh

2. Apologies

Apologies: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett, Pat Hollowood

3. Presentations - Deputations - Petitions

Nil

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 27 April 2022

Amendments required: Add Councillor Georgina Macleod and Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett as apologies.

Motion

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 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-2022/53: Carried 5 / 0

5.2. Special Meeting of Council held on 9 May 2022

Motion

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 9 May 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-2022/54: Carried 4 / 0

6. Call for Items of General Business

Pine Creek Auto Repairs
Timber Creek Minutes - Special Meeting

7. Mayoral Report

Mayor Brian Pedwell provided a verbal update at the meeting.

- Met with John Horgan (NWA) regarding 4G small cell satellite
 - Walangeri agreed to proceed with applications
 - NWA will proceed with groundworks if successful
 - Kneebone community has been included in proposal
 - John De Koning investigated and advised Mayor that Councils can apply for ABA grants
- Mayor has been working with VDRC Media Officer to develop stories, which included:
 - Buchanan Highway
 - Get Active Program
 - Yarralin Bicycle story
 - Sandy Creek road surface



- Mayor and CEO met with Jake Quinlivan and Amanda Haigh at 18 Pearce Street
 - Building Better Regions grants could be explored

Amanda Haigh joined the meeting, the time being 9:21am

Motion

The Mayor will circulate a Mayoral report at the meeting and provide a verbal update.

Mover: Cr Georgina Macleod

Seconded: Cr Andrew
McTaggart

Resolution:OCM-2022/55: Carried 4 / 0

8. CEO Update

8.1. CEO Report to Victoria Daly Regional Council

CEO, Russell Anderson, addressed council to provide an update since the last council meeting.

- CEO discussed the local authority projects as identified by the local authorities at the regional plan workshops
 - Councillor Macleod commented: Even though council may not be able to afford certain projects, VDRC can still provide advocacy on behalf of the local authorities and community. Members appeared to be in agreeance.
- Independent Commissioner against Corruption visited VDRC last month
 - A visit can be arranged for the ICAC Commissioner to present to Council
 - Manager of Executive Services to arrange a visit from ICAC commissioner
- Waste Management Workshop
 - Director of Operations addressed council regarding the waste management workshop
 - the platform discussed was based on engaging communities for waste management
 - presentation can be distributed to council for their information
- Mount Todd

Motion



A. That the CEO Report to Victoria Daly Regional Council be received and noted.

Mover: Cr Georgina Macleod

Seconded: Cr Andrew
McTaggart

Resolution:OCM-2022/56: Carried 4 / 0

9. Reports to Council

9.1. Reports for Council Decision

9.1.1. Finance Report for month ended April 2022

Senior Accountant joined the meeting, the time being 9:39am

A detailed verbal update was provided to council.

Motion

A. That the Finance Report for month ended April 2022 is received and noted

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/57: Carried 4 / 0

The meeting adjourned for a short break, the time being 9:55am

The meeting resumed, the time being 10:01am

The Finance Department and other staff joined the meeting, the time being 10:00am to present a brief PowerPoint on progress made in regard to ICT projects.

Discussion:

CEO provided a verbal update to council, staff and guests.

- Council has implemented Microsoft 365 E5, which provides the highest standard of security
- IT team has installed Meraki, which has improved access to internet and monitoring of data usage
- Additionally, Meraki provides firewall
- Upgrades to cloud based systems allow for two step sign in to improve security further

Finance Project Coordinator presented to the room on the following topics:

- current systems and services
- system replacements
- expectations of cloud system



- enterprise resourcing planning (ERP)
- How new ERP works

Finance Project Coordinator handed over to the Senior Accountant to present costings, and savings.

Finance Project Coordinator presented a timeline of assessing, mapping, training and implementation of all new programs.

***The meeting adjourned for morning tea, the time being 10:45am
The meeting resumed, the time being 11:08am***

9.1.2. Draft Regional Plan 2022-23

Feedback:

Local Authority

Sections for Local Authority project tables to include three sections

- projects possible with LAPF money
- projects possible with additional sources of funding
- advocacy

Homelands

- Add a section for Wooliana Homelands
- Add line to Lingarra - 1.6million additional funding required for project (check with CEO).
- Update heading for Homeland page 54
 - add Wooliana to the Homelands page
 - add housing and same points as Lingarra

Fees and Charges

- Fees and charges to be reviewed and updated.
 - aged care meals fees and charges (are they sufficient to cover the cost of fuel and travel)
- Fax domestic charge - \$1.00
- Remove - Fax International charge
- Receiving faxes - \$1.00
- Scanning - \$1.00

Publish in Katherine Times Paper online and print

Motion

- A. That the report Draft Regional Plan 2022-23 is received and noted
- B. That Council approves the commencement of a 21 day public consultation for the draft 2022-23 Regional Plan in accordance with Section 35(3)(a)(b),



& (c) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, commencing Wednesday, 1 June 2022.

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/58: Carried 4 / 0

9.1.3. Approval to Affix Common Seal to Form 32's - Kalkarindji Subleases

Motion

- A. That the report Approval to Affix Common Seal to Form 32's - Kalkarindji Subleases is received and noted
- B. That Council approve the affixing of the Common Seal to the form 32's which are required to be submitted to the Land Titles Office for the subleases for lots 90 and 97, Kalkarindji

Mover: Cr Georgina Macleod

Seconded: Cr Andrew
McTaggart

Resolution:OCM-2022/59: Carried 4 / 0

9.1.4. Affixing of Common Seal to Libraries NT Library Systems User Deed

Motion

- A. That the report Affixing of Common Seal to Libraries NT Library Systems User Deed is received and noted
- B. That Council approves affixing of Common Seal to the LibrariesNT Library Systems User Deed

Mover: Cr Yvette Williams

Seconded: Cr Andrew
McTaggart

Resolution:OCM-2022/60: Carried 4 / 0

9.2. Reports for Information

9.2.1. NDIS Program Report May2022

Motion

- A. That the report NDIS Program Report May2022 is received and noted

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart



Seconder: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/61: Carried 4 / 0

9.2.2. CDP Council Report

Motion

A. That the report CDP Council report is received and noted

Mover: Cr Georgina Macleod

Seconder: Cr Andrew
McTaggart

Resolution:OCM-2022/62: Carried 4 / 0

*The meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 12:01pm
The meeting resumed, the time being 1:00pm*

9.2.3. Progress Report on Grant Applications

Motion

A. That the report Progress Report on Grant Applications is received and noted

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconder: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/63: Carried 4 / 0

9.2.4. Update on Outstanding Rates

Motion

A. That the report Update on Outstanding Rates is received and noted

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconder: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/64: Carried 4 / 0

10. Community Reports

10.1. Pine Creek Community Report

Discussion took place regarding the COM reports and the Local Authority projects.



Motion

- A. That the report Pine Creek Community Report is received and noted
- B. That Council accept this report

Mover: Cr Yvette Williams

Second: Cr Andrew
McTaggart

Resolution:OCM-2022/65: Carried 4 / 0

10.2. Timber Creek Community Report

Motion

- A. That the Timber Creek Report is received and noted
- B. That Council accept this report

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Second: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/66: Carried 4 / 0

10.3. Yarralin Community Report

Motion

- A. That the Yarralin Community Report report is received and noted

Mover: Mayor Brian Pedwell

Second: Cr Andrew
McTaggart

Resolution:OCM-2022/67: Carried 4 / 0

10.4. Kalkarindji Community Report

Motion

- A. That the report Kalkarindji Community Report is received and noted

Mover: Cr Georgina Macleod

Second: Mayor Brian
Pedwell

Resolution:OCM-2022/68: Carried 4 / 0

10.5. Nauiyu Community Report



Motion

- A. That the Nauiyu Community report is received and noted
- B. That Council accept this report

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconder: Mayor Brian
Pedwell

Resolution:OCM-2022/69: Carried 4 / 0

11. Local Authority

11.1. Local Authority Minutes

11.1.1. 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: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconder: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/70: Carried 4 / 0

11.2. Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

Nil

12. Action Sheet

12.1. Action Sheet

Motion

- A. That the Action Sheet report is received and noted

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconder: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/71: Carried 4 / 0

Action Item: Research to be conducted on what has gone before parliament regarding the draft burial and cremation bill (CEO to action)



13. Correspondence In & Out

13.1. Incoming Correspondence

Motion

A. That the Incoming Correspondence is received and noted

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/72: Carried 4 / 0

13.2. Outgoing Correspondence

Motion

A. That the Outgoing Correspondence is received and noted

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Yvette
Williams

Resolution:OCM-2022/73: Carried 4 / 0

14. Notices of Motion

Nil

15. General Business

13.1 Pine Creek Auto Repairs

Councillor Williams provided an update to Council regarding the letter sent to Maree De Lacey.

Councillor Williams will respond to Maree De Lacey when Council decides whether VDRC will continue to utilise the services.

13.2 Timber Creek Special Meeting minutes

Motion

That the minutes from the Special Meeting of the Timber Creek Local Authority be read and accepted.

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/74: Carried 4 / 0



16. 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 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2019

Mover: Cr Georgina Macleod

Seconded: Cr Andrew
McTaggart

17. Next Meeting

The meeting was closed by the Mayor, the time being 3:12pm

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 28 June 2022.

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