



**Victoria Daly**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# MINUTES

**PINE CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 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, faint watermark that says 'UNOFFICIAL'.

Russell Anderson  
Chief Executive Officer



## 1. Meeting Opening

The Pine Creek Local Authority Meeting 2nd August 2022 opened the time being 12.30pm.

## 2. Welcome

Chairperson welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

## 3. Attendance and Apologies

### 3.1. Community Attendees

#### Appointed Members Present

Sam Forwood	Chairperson
Tom Pfennig	Deputy Chairperson
Yvette Williams	Councillor, Pine Creek Ward
Karen Giumelli	
Alan Fountain	
Edward Ah Toy	
Pat Cummins	
John Roberts	
Juliet Mills	
Gaye Lawrence	
David Paddy	

#### Staff Present

Tanya Brown	Council Operations Manager (COM)
Christy Colling	Council Operation Assistant Manager (COAM)

#### Guests

Amanda Haigh	Project Manager, Big Rivers, Dept. of Chief Minister and Cabinet
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#### Members of the Public

Clare Merritt

### 3.2. Apologies and Absentees

Apologies: Alain Denouel, Matthew Cheminant

Leave of Absence: Nil

## 4. Disclosure of Interest



There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

## **5. Resignations, Terminations and Nominations**

### **5.1. Resignations**

Nil

### **5.2. Terminations**

Nil

### **5.3. Nominations**

Nil

## **6. Invitation for Deputations to Present/Speak**

Nil

Unconfirmed



## 7. Confirmation of Minutes

### 7.1. Confirmation of Minutes - 03.05.2022

#### Motion

That the minutes of the Confirmation of Minutes - 03.05.2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**Mover:** Edward Ah Toy

**Seconder:** Gaye Lawrence

**Resolution:** PCLA-2022/10: Carried 11 / 0

## 8. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Gaye Lawrence queried the upgrades to the dump point.

- COM informed the members that it was completed and open.

## 9. Correspondence

### 9.1. Incoming Correspondence

That the following in-coming Correspondence be noted.

1. Fwd\_ Problem dogs [9.1.1 - 1 page]
2. Letter of appreciation [9.1.2 - 1 page]
3. Letter of appreciation Vic Daly2022 (1) [9.1.3 - 1 page]
4. Re\_ Pine Creek Local Authority Meeting 02 08 2022 [9.1.4 - 2 pages]

### 9.2. Outgoing Correspondence - Nil

Nil

## 10. Reports

### 10.1. Council Operations Manager - Pine Creek Water Gardens

That the report Council Operations Manager - Pine Creek Water Gardens is received and noted

Discussion followed about

- Water Weeds
- Water Gardens
- Possible weed management solutions.

### 10.2. Pine Creek Community report

That the Pine Creek Community Report is received and noted



## 11. Questions from the Public

Nil

## 12. General Business

### 12.1. Street Art Murals\_ John Roberts

Discussion: Street Art.

- John Roberts will get more information to present at the next Local Authority Meeting.
- COM will contact KRA for information.

### 12.2. Water Gardens\_ John Roberts

#### Motion

That Local Authority commit \$500 to purchase Orange Oil to be trialed in one pond of the Water Gardens to combat Salvinia Weed .

**Mover:** Edward Ah Toy

**Seconder:** Patricia  
Cummins

**Resolution: PCLA-2022/12: Carried 11 / 0**

### 12.3. Road Train Parking Main Terrace\_ John Roberts

Discussion: Road trains parking on Main Terrace and installing charging stations for electric vehicles in the Water Gardens car parks.

- John Roberts will present more information about installing charging stations at the next meeting.

### 12.4. For Discussion\_ Bird Interpretive Signs\_ Colour Choice.

Discussion: COM opened a discussion about the colour choice of the Bird Interpretive signs being installed in the Water Gardens.

- The general consensus is the colour should be pale turquoise.



## 12.5. Discussion\_ Pine Creek Expenditure

### Motion

- A.** That the report Finance Report is received and noted
- B.** That the PCLA request more detailed finance reports moving forward, and that the finance reports include a breakdown of Plant and Fleet expenses. (Mr. Phennig put forward the motion B which was supported by the Local Authority.)

**Mover:** Alan Fountain

**Seconder:** Patricia  
Cummins

**Resolution:** PCLA-2022/13: Carried 11 / 0

Due to IT issues the VDRC Pine Creek Expenditure Report was not received until the morning of the meeting.

This report was tabled at the meeting.

## 12.6. Discussion\_ Waste Management

Discussion: Tom Pfennig opened a discussion about the Waste Management Facility

- Upgrades to the Waste Management Facility.
- The new fence surrounding the waste facility.
- Opening hours.
- Types of waste that can be put at the waste facility.
- Illegal dumping



### **12.7. Discussion\_ Regional Plan**

Discussion: Edward Ah Toy opened a discussion about the Regional Plan Project Priority's.

- Develop Pine Creek Community Garden - Not started yet
- Recycle water from the bottom to top ponds - Not started yet
- Develop a Community Mini Golf activity - Not started yet
- International woman's day - VDRC will support IWD events, provided the funding is available and VDRC have community involvement.
- Dedicated space for Arts and Craft - Discussion by some of the local senior citizens artists to take place and will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Liaise with Kybrook to investigate job opportunities - VDRC does not manage Kybrook. PCAA and Aus-projects manage Kybrook and "Town camp"

### **12.8. Discussion\_ Pine Creek Goldrush Funding**

Discussion: Edward Ah Toy opened a discussion concerning Goldrush Funding

- Can VDRC assure funding for the Goldrush?
- COM - The Pine Creek Heritage and Tourism association (PCH&T) can submit a letter to Council.
- PCH&T Assoc. Secretary / Treasurer Gaye Lawrence responded, "That the in kind support that Vicdaly gave us to run our Goldrush is invaluable" Gaye stated that if Vicdaly continues to give in kind support, the PCH&T Assoc. can seek and apply for our own grant's or alternatively the PCH&T Assoc. can submit a budget to PCLA to ask for assistance with funding.
- PCH&T Assoc. member John Roberts confirmed the date for next years Goldrush Festival - Friday 30th June and Saturday 1st July.

### **12.9. Discussion\_ Pine Creek Men's Shed**

Discussion: John Roberts opened a discussion about the Men's Shed.

- Query about the Advocate for the Pine Creek Men's Shed.
- Alan Fountain to contact Jeff Newton at the Katherine Men's Shed to find out some information about how to form a Men's Shed.





### **12.10. Discussion\_ Regional Plan - Tree Planting**

Discussion: John Roberts opened a discussion about the Regional Plan - planting native trees.

- The discussion centered on the different types of trees that could be planted and their growth rate.

### **12.11. Discussion\_ Dogs**

Discussion: Pat Cummins opened a discussion about the dogs in Pine Creek.

- General discussion about the dogs barking, wandering the streets and no dog bylaws in Pine Creek.

### **12.12. Discussion\_ Water to the Cemetery**

Discussion: Gaye Lawrence opened a discussion about page 10 in the previous minutes, water to the cemetery.

- Gaye requests that at the next meeting of council can they write a letter to the mining company to request permission to run a pipeline from the ponds to the cemetery.
- Inquires need to be made to which company has the mining lease over the land.
- Possible bore being installed?
- Can the water be pumped from the sewer ponds?

### **12.13. Discussion\_ Up the Creek**

Discussion: Gaye Lawrence opened a discussion about the "Up The Creek" Newsletter

- Gaye queried if there was going to be any more "Up the Creek" Newsletters.
- Gaye's concern was they stopped with no consultation and no notification.
- PCLA was informed of the difficulty and time associated with making the Newsletter that they will only be done every three months.



### **12.14. Discussion\_ Trains - Railway Precedent**

Discussion: Gaye Lawrence opened a discussion about tourist access to the trains.

- Gaye queried about the safety of the steps of the trains at the railway precedent?
- PCLA was informed that this is a work health issue.
- COM will access the situation and forward the information to Regional Office.

Unconfirmed



### **12.15. Discussion\_ VDRRC Covid 19 Vaccination Policy**

Discussion: Clare Merritt opened a discussion about Kybrook Staffing and the VDRRC Vaccination Policy

- Referring to the Regional plan, Clare informed PCLA that if Vicdaly wanted to offer jobs to people at Kybrook that Rise will assist with that.
- Discussion followed that Alan Fountain has funding to train people from Kybrook and has been in contact with Rise.
- VDRRC has had the Sports and Rec job advertised for a while and no one has applied.
- The question was asked about whether VDRRC still has the vaccination policy in place for employed Staff.
- Cr Williams responded that VDRRC is in line with the CHO. People do not have to be vaccinated to be employed at VDRRC or to be a member of Local Authority.
- This is be confirmed.

### **13. Confidential**

Nil

### **14. Next Meeting Tuesday 1st November 2022 12.30pm MRC**

Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st November 2022 12.30pm at the MRC.  
Meeting Closed 1.44pm.