



**Victoria Daly**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2023  
AT 9:00 AM  
AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE - KATHERINE  
18 Pearce Street, Katherine NT 0850**



## VICTORIA DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL DISCLAIMER

No responsibility is implied or accepted by the Victoria Daly Regional Council for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during Council or committee meetings.

The Victoria Daly Regional Council disclaims any liability for any loss whatsoever and howsoever caused arising out of reliance by any person or legal entity on any such act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during Council or committee meetings.

Any person or legal entity who acts or fails to act in reliance upon any statement, act or omission made in a Council or committee meeting does so at that person's or legal entity's own risk.

In particular and without detracting in any way from the broad disclaimer above, in any discussion regarding any planning application or application for a licence, any statement or intimation of approval made by any member or officer of the Victoria Daly Regional Council during the Course of any meeting is not intended to be and is not taken as notice of approval from the Victoria Daly Regional Council.

The Victoria Daly Regional Council advises that anyone who has any application lodged with the Victoria Daly Regional Council shall obtain and should only rely on **WRITTEN CONFIRMATION** of the outcome of the application, and any conditions attaching to the decision made by the Victoria Daly Regional Council in respect of the application.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Hylands', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Hylands  
Chief Executive Officer



**The meeting opened the time being 9:14AM.**

## **1. PRESENT**

### **Elected Members Present**

Mayor (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor  
Councillor  
Councillor

Brian Pedwell  
Andrew McTaggart (*via Microsoft Teams*)  
Yvette Williams  
Georgina Macleod (*via Teams*)

### **Staff Present**

Chief Executive Officer  
Director of Corporate and Community Services  
Director of Council Operations  
Manager of Executive Services  
Manager of Governance  
Executive Services Officer

Brian Hylands  
Trudy Braun  
Matthew Cheminant  
Michelle Griffin (minute taker)  
Janelle Iszlaub  
Chellah Clancy

### **Guests**

NIL

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies: Cr Shirley Garlett

Absent: Nil

## **3. PRESENTATIONS - DEPUTATIONS - PETITIONS**

Nil

## **4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

## **5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - COUNCILLORS AND STAFF**

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

## **6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **6.1. Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 January 2023**



**OCM-2023/21 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 January 2023 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

## 7. CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

*Cr Macleod joined the meeting at 9:19am via Microsoft Teams.*

1. Roadside rest stops on the Buntine Highway and Dorat Daly intersection.
2. National Parks rubbish
3. Australia Post
4. River height gauges
5. Grants Commission - Mayor B. Pedwell nomination
6. Youth Justice intervention
7. LGANT Board meeting update from Cr Macleod

## 8. MAYORAL REPORT

Meetings attended:

- Pine Creek Local Authority - 7 February
- Daly River Local Authority - 8 February
- Kalkarindji Local Authority - 14 February
- Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation CEO Des Green
- Yarralin / Nitjpurru Local Authority - 16 February
- AFLNT Local Government Forum - 24 February
- Northern Land Council regarding Timber Creek land - 24 February

**OCM-2023/22 Resolution: Carried/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

That Council receive and note the Mayoral report.

## 9. CEO UPDATE

**OCM-2023/23 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)**

That the CEO report be received and noted.

## 10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### **10.1. Reports for Council Decision**



### 10.1.1. Operations Auction List Report

**OCM-2023/24 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)**

- A. That the report Operations Auction List Report is received and noted; and
- B. That Council approves the disposal of the following assets through an auction:
- 2001, 6110SE John Deere Rego 632337
  - 2007, F3680 Kubota Rego CB95XA
  - 2002, Delta Daihatsu Rego 632726
  - 2014, M7040SU Kubota Rego CB28GR
  - 2006, 450LONG Isuzu Rego 771755
  - 2004, M7040SU Kubota Rego CD91NJ
  - 2001, F3560 Kubota Rego 618783
  - 2012, LC78 Toyota Rego CC42NN
  - DINGO (Trailer – I. 2497)
  - John Deere 5205
  - Massey Ferguson GC2400
  - Rover mini rider – 6 speed transmission
  - Various other smaller items
  - The A Trailer; and
- C. That the Chief Executive Officer's certificate for auction list presented at this meeting for items beyond economical repair and/or no longer required by council be received and noted

### 10.2. Reports for Information

#### 10.2.1. Financial Report Month ended 31st January 2023

**OCM-2023/25 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Mayor Brian Pedwell)**

That the financial report for month ended 31st January 2023 is received and noted.

#### 10.2.2. Operations Community Report

**OCM-2023/26 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

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



### 10.2.3. CDP Report

**OCM-2023/27 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Yvette Williams)**

- A. That the CDP report is received and noted

## 11. LOCAL AUTHORITY

### 11.1. Local Authority Minutes

#### 11.1.1. Pine Creek Local Authority meeting held on 7 February 2023

**OCM-2023/28 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

- A. That the minutes of the Pine Creek Local Authority meeting held on 7 February 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council; and
- B. That Council endorses resolution **PCLA-2023/4** The Pine Creek Local Authority extends an invitation to PowerWater to attend the next Pine Creek Local Authority meeting to discuss water issues.
- C. That Council endorses resolution **PCLA-2023/7** that the Pine Creek Local Authority have accepted the Election Commitment funding offer and commit a matching co-contribution as per the funding guidelines.
- D. That Council endorses resolution **PCLA-2023/8** for the council to obtain quotes for lighting options for the Pine Creek oval (to include fixed and mobile options).
- E. That Council notes resolution **PCLA-2023/10** and will continue to support the Pine Creek Goldrush with in-kind assistance.

#### 11.1.2. Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 8 February 2023

**OCM-2023/29 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

- A. That the minutes of the Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 8 February 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. That Council endorses DRLA resolution **DRLA-2023/8** to commit \$10,000 of Local Authority Project Funding to a bi-annual veterinary program.
- C. That council receives the feedback from the Daly River Local Authority **DRLA-2023/6** that a library service would benefit the community



and will take this feedback into account when developing the 2023/24 regional plan.

### 11.1.3. Kalkarindji/Daguragu Local Authority meeting held on 14 February 2023

**OCM-2023/30 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

- A. That the minutes of the Kalkarindji/Daguragu Local Authority meeting held on 14 February 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. That Council endorses resolution **KDLA-2023/6** to proceed with the bus shelter project, estimated to cost up to \$20,000.
- C. That Council endorses resolution **KDLA-2023/7** for the design of the waste management sign '*for health and safety reasons please do not light up the dump*'. (attached)
- D. That Council endorses resolution **KDLA-2023/8** to proceed with the *Arts Centre Park shade trees and outdoor table project*, estimated to cost up to \$20,000.
- E. That Council receive and note resolution **KDLA-2023/9** that the Local Authority support the council to advocate for rest stops on the Buntine Highway and support that council write to the relevant Ministers on the matter.

### 11.1.4. Yarralin/Nitjpurru Local Authority meeting held on 16 February 2023

**OCM-2023/31 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

- A. That the minutes of the Yarralin/Nitjpurru Local Authority meeting held on 16 February 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. That council endorses resolution **YLA-2023/4** to commit \$30,000 of Local Authority Project Funding to a bi-annual vet program in 2023.
- C. That council endorses resolution **YLA-2023/5** to commit \$150,000 of Local Authority Project Funding to the development of a playground, including outdoor fitness equipment in Yarralin.
- D. That council notes resolution **YLA-2023/6** and will investigate options for developing a council premises including office and staff accommodation at Nitjpurru.



- E. That council notes resolution **YLA-2023/7** and will investigate the process and support a place name change from 'Pigeon Hole' to 'Nitjpurru'.

### 11.1.5. Bulla Local Authority meeting held on 21 February 2023

**OCM-2023/32 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

- A. That the minutes of the Bulla Local Authority meeting held on 21 February 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. That Council endorses resolution **BLA-2023/2** to commit \$6,500 of Local Authority Project Funding to the purchase of event equipment including marquee, tables, and chairs.

## 12. ACTION SHEET

**OCM-2023/33 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

- A. That the Action Items report is received and noted
- B. That council approve completed actions be removed from the action item list.

**OCM-2023/34 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

- A. That council request that the ABA grant to develop land at 4 Fitzer Street Timber Creek (Lot 101) be varied due to no available land, and the variation to be focused on staff accommodation on council land to support the aged care and NDIS programs.

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE

**OCM-2023/35 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)**

- A. That the Correspondence is received and noted; and
- B. Council invites the Green River Aboriginal Corporation CEO and Board to the March Council briefing.





## 14. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

## 15. GENERAL BUSINESS

### ***15.1 Roadside rest stops on the Buntine Highway and Dorat Daly intersection.***

**OCM-2023/36 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Yvette Williams)**

LGANT to advocate on behalf of regional councils for more rest stops, including toilet facilities, on major roads to remote communities throughout the Northern Territory.

### ***15.2 National Parks rubbish***

**OCM-2023/37 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Mayor Brian Pedwell)**

LGANT to advocate on behalf of regional councils for increased number of stops with bins for the collection of rubbish coming out of National Parks ('take your rubbish with you')

### ***15.3 Australia Post***

**OCM-2023/38 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Mayor Brian Pedwell)**

LGANT advocate to Australia Post on behalf of all Councils to increase contract funding in line with the cost of the service being provided by Councils; and this may include regional and rural/remote Councils nationally, and could be tabled at ALGA conference in June.

### ***15.4 River height gauges***

**OCM-2023/39 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Yvette Williams)**

LGANT to advocate to the Northern Territory Government for more river height stations in order to provide a safeguard for remote communities.

### ***15.5 Grants Commission - Mayor B. Pedwell nomination***

**OCM-2023/40 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**



That Council support the nomination of Mayor Brian Pedwell to the Northern Territory Grants Commission.

### **15.6 LGANT Board meeting update from Cr Macleod**

**OCM-2023/41 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

That Council receive and note the report from Councillor Macleod following the LGANT Board meeting held in February.

## **16. CONFIDENTIAL**

**OCM-2023/42 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)**

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.

### **16.1. Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 January 2023**

**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*

### **16.2. Final Acquittal of One Off Grant 2021-2022 Timber Creek WTS**

**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*

### **16.3. Amended Special Condition - Management of the temporary enhanced Income Management card**



**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

#### **16.4. 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

**OCM-2023/43 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)**

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.

#### **17. NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held Tuesday, 28 March 2023.

**The meeting closed at 11:22am.**

This page and the preceding ten (10) pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on Tuesday, 28 February 2023.