



**Victoria Daly**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2023  
AT 9:00 AM**

**AT THE PINE CREEK MULTI RESOURCE CENTRE  
56 Main Tce, Pine Creek, NT 0847**



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Brian Hylands  
**Chief Executive Officer**



*The meeting opened at 09:01am.*

## 1. Present

### **Elected Members Present**

Mayor (Chair)

Deputy Mayor - Milngin Ward

Councillor - Pine Creek Ward

Councillor - Daguragu Ward

Brian Pedwell

Andrew McTaggart

Yvette Williams

Georgina Macleod

### **Staff Present**

Chief Executive Officer

Manager of Executive Services

Director of Corporate and Community Services

Brian Hylands

Michelle Griffin (minute secretary)

Trudy Braun

### **Guests**

Fire and Emergency response Group (FERGs)

Project Manager – CM&C

Alan Fountain and FERGS volunteers

Karen Hocking

## 2. Apologies

**OCM-2023/64 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod)**

Council notes that Cr. Shirley Garlett is absent without apology.

Apologies: Nil

Absent: Shirley Garlett

*Guests from the Fire and emergency Response Group (Pine Creek branch) joined the meeting at 09:01am to discuss a local matter.*

## 3. Disclosure of Interest - Councillors and Staff

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

## 4. Presentations - Deputations – Petitions

Nil

## 5. Confirmation of Minutes

### 5.1. Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 March 2023

**OCM-2023/65 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)**



That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 March 2023 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

## 6. Call for Items of General Business

1. Combined letter: Costing of evacuation and recovery
2. IOR Fuel Kalkarindji
3. Kalkarindji ACAP sewerage program
4. Telstra Nauiyu
5. Nitjpurru relocation of office - request for assistance CM&C
6. Remuneration Tribunal letter regarding travel allowances
7. Daguragu Road - mangoes mapping
8. Australia Post
9. letter of support for program Cattleman's association

## 7. Mayoral Report

### 7.1. Mayoral Report Update

*ACTION ITEM: report to Council regarding the Cattleman's Association program*

**OCM-2023/66 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

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

## 8. CEO Update

### 8.1. CEO Report April 2023

*ACTION ITEM: Snap Send Solve report to Council, including demo.*

**OCM-2023/67 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)**

- A. That the CEO Report April 2023 be received and noted.

## 9. Reports to Council

### 9.1. Reports for Information

#### 9.1.1. Financial Report for period ending 31st March 2023

**OCM-2023/68 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod)**

That the report Financial Report for period ending 31st March 2023 is received and noted



**OCM-2023/69 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod)**

- 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.

**9.1.2. NDIS Elected Members Induction**

*ACTION ITEM: NDIS Board training to be conducted at May briefing.*

**OCM-2023/70 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)**

- A. That the report NDIS Elected Members Induction report is received and noted.

**10. Local Authority**

**10.1. Local Authority Minutes**

**10.1.1 Provisional Timber Creek Local Authority meeting held on 21 February 2023**

**OCM-2023/71 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

That the minutes of the Provisional Timber Creek Local Authority meeting held on 21 February 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

**10.1.2. Special Timber Creek Local Authority meeting held on 14 April 2023**

**OCM-2023/72 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

That the minutes of the Special Timber Creek Local Authority meeting held on 14 April 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

**10.2. Local Authority Membership**

**10.2.1. Nomination of Tristram Holcombe to the Timber Creek Local Authority**

**OCM-2023/73 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

That the Nomination of Tristram Holcombe to the Timber Creek Local Authority is received and accepted.



### 10.2.2. Nomination of Beatty Retchford to the Timber Creek Local Authority

**OCM-2023/74 Resolution:** Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

That the Nomination of Beatty Retchford to the Timber Creek local Authority is received and accepted.

### 10.2.3. Nomination of Marilla Appleby to the Timber Creek Local Authority

**OCM-2023/75 Resolution:** Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

That the Nomination of Marilla Appleby to the Timber Creek Local Authority is received and accepted.

### 10.2.4. Termination of Darryl Darby from the Timber Creek Local Authority

**OCM-2023/76 Resolution:** Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the Council terminate the membership of Darryl Darby in accordance with provision 2.3.2 of the Local Authority policy due to non-attendance without apology.

### 10.2.5. Termination of Larry McLaughlin from the Timber Creek Local Authority

**OCM-2023/77 Resolution:** Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

That Council terminate the membership of Larry McLaughlin in accordance with provision 2.3.2 of the Local Authority policy due to non-attendance without apology.

## 11. Action Sheet

### 11.1. Action Items

*The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:20am.  
The meeting resumed at 10:49am.*

**OCM-2023/78 Resolution:** Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

A. That the Action Items report is received and noted

**OCM-2023/79 Resolution:** Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)



- A. That Council write to the Minister Moss (cc Minister Paech) requesting that the EPA attend local authority meetings to explain their policies that impact council's waste management.

## 12. Correspondence

### 12.1. Correspondence

**OCM-2023/80 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Georgina Macleod)**

- A. That the Correspondence is received and noted

**OCM-2023/81 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Georgina Macleod)**

- A. That Council write a letter of support to Allan McGill regarding historic aircraft wrecks being declared as a 'protected class of place'.

## 13. Notices of Motion

Nil

## 14. General Business

### 14.1 Report on flood recovery

**OCM-2023/82 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod)**

A. Council seeks a report from the Northern Territory Government on the recovery activities and outcomes, of the floods in Timber Creek in December 2022, and the floods in Nitjpurru, Daguragu and Kalkarindji in March 2023; and

B. Council seeks the opportunity to be engaged in a review of emergency plans for all wards within the Victoria Daly Regional Council footprint.

### 14.2 IOR Fuel Kalkarindji

**OCM-2023/83 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)**

Council request that operations management seek a new supplier for fuel in Kalkarindji as IOR have indicated that they will be removing their services.

### 14.3 Kalkarindji & Timber Creek ACAP Sewerage

**OCM-2023/84 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Georgina Macleod)**

Council write to Department of Defence requesting that the Army Aboriginal



Community Assistance Program (AACAP) program be engaged for Timber Creek and Kalkarindji.

#### 14.4 Telstra Nauiyu

**OCM-2023/85 Resolution:** Carried (**Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Mayor Brian Pedwell**)

A. Council write to Telstra regarding lack of mobile phone services at Nauiyu. (cc Dheran Young and Minister Ah Kit).

#### 14.5 Relocation of Nitjpurru office

**OCM-2023/86 Resolution:** Carried (**Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart**)

A. Council request a letter to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet for funding assistance to assist with the relocation of Council's office to the evacuation centre with connections to essential services.

#### 14.6 Remuneration Tribunal - travel and mileage

*ACTION: Contact LGANT CEO regarding clarification of travel and accommodation for board members to attend LGANT exec meetings*

**OCM-2023/87 Resolution:** Carried (**Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod**)

A. That Council provide feedback to the remuneration tribunal, regarding the cap of \$5,000 per year for mileage as this does not cover the cost requirements for Councillors travelling long distances to attend council meeting (an example of one VDRC Councillors travel requirements: for 12 x round trips at 920km equals 11,040km @78c/km = \$8611.20)

B. That an electoral allowance should be included in the guideline for council member allowances as it previously was.

*The meeting adjourned for lunch the time being 12:25pm  
The meeting resumed at 1:06pm*

#### 14.7 Daguragu Road

**OCM-2023/88 Resolution:** Carried (**Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Georgina Macleod**)

A. Council write to Minister Lawler requesting clarification on the ownership of the crossing at Wattie Creek crossing at Daguragu.





## 14.8 Australia Post

**OCM-2023/89 Resolution:** Carried (**Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart**)

A. Council request management to negotiate for reasonable remuneration with Australia Post, and if unsuccessful, cancel the contract.

## 14.9 Letter of support - Cattleman's Association

**OCM-2023/90 Resolution:** Carried (**Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod**)

A. Council write a letter of support for the continuous funding of the Pastoral Real Jobs Program, of which the funding has been cut.

## 15. Confidential

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.

### 15.1. Confidential Ordinary Council meeting held on 28 March 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*

### 15.2. 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*

### 15.3. Action Items

**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*



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## **16. Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 30 May 2023.

*The Ordinary meeting of Council was closed by the Mayor at 2:39pm.*

This page and the preceding nine (9) pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on Friday, 28 April 2023.

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Mayor Brian Pedwell