



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2023
AT 9:00 AM
AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE - KATHERINE
18 Pearce Street, Katherine NT 0850**



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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 at 09:02am.

1. Present

Elected Members Present

Mayor (Chair) - Walangeri Ward	Brian Pedwell
Deputy Mayor- Milngin Ward	Andrew McTaggart
Councillor - Pine Creek Ward	Yvette Williams (via Teams)
Councillor - Daguragu Ward	Georgina Macleod
Councillor - Timber Creek Ward	Deborah Jones

Staff Present

Chief Executive Officer	Brian Hylands
Director of Corporate and Community Services	Trudy Braun
Director of Council Operations	Matthew Cheminant
Manager of Executive Services	Michelle Griffin (minutes secretary)
Governance and Compliance Manager	Janelle Iszlaub

Guests

Karen Hocking	The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
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2. Apologies

Nil

3. Presentations - Deputations - Petitions

Nil

4. Public Question Time

5. Disclosure of Interest - Councillors and Staff

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

6. Confirmation of Minutes



Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 August 2023

ITEM NUMBER 6.1.

OCM-2023/177 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)
That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 August 2023 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

7. Call for Items of General Business

8. Mayoral Report

Mayoral Report

ITEM NUMBER 8.1.

OCM-2023/178 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod)

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

9. CEO Update

CEO Report

ITEM NUMBER 9.1.

OCM-2023/179 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod)

That the CEO Report be received and noted.

10. Reports to Council

10.1. Reports for Council Decision

LGANT Motion regarding 'Board Member Allowances'

ITEM NUMBER 10.1.1.

OCM-2023/180 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deborah Jones)

That the LGANT Motion regarding 'Board Member Allowances' report is received and noted

- A. Council put forward a motion calling for LGANT to review it's policy on 'board allowances, travel, and remuneration' to be the financial responsibility of LGANT and not the member councils.



- B. Council understands that this will require amendment of the LGANT constitution and that the CEO of LGANT requires at least six weeks to provide notice to all member councils with any proposed changes to the constitution

Appointment of Deputy Principle Member

ITEM NUMBER 10.1.2.

OCM-2023/181 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deborah Jones)

That the nominee for the position of Deputy Mayor is Georgina Macleod nominated by Yvette Williams

OCM-2023/182 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deborah Jones)

That Council appoints Georgina Macleod as the Deputy Mayor of Victoria Daly Regional Council for a period of 12 months.

Delegation Manual 2021 - 2025 Update

ITEM NUMBER 10.1.3.

OCM-2023/183 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the Delegation Manual 2021 - 2025 Update report is received and noted
- B. That Council approve the Delegation Manual 2021 – 2025 version 5 (1) with the following amendments:
- Page 5-6: PERSONAL DELEGATIONS - 'unless specifically delegated **'in writing'** it should be assumed that no delegation exists'.
 - Page 34-35: 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 to include the Deputy Mayor and the CEO in absence of the Mayor.

10.2. Reports for Information

Financial Report for the period ended 31st August 2023

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.1.

OCM-2023/184 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

That the Financial Report for the period ended 31st August 2023 is received and noted



Corporate Services Report

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.2.

OCM-2023/185 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Georgina Macleod)

That the Corporate Services Report report is received and noted

Cr Deborah Jones left the meeting at 10:42 am.

Cr Deborah Jones returned to the meeting at 10:47am.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:47am.

The meeting resumed at 11:08am.

Certification of 2022-2023 Local Authority Project Funding

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.3.

OCM-2023/186 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deborah Jones)

That the Certification of 2022-2023 Local Authority Project Funding report is received and noted

NTG Grants Acquittals

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.4.

OCM-2023/187 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the NTG Grants Acquittals report is received and noted
- B. That Council notes the acquittal of the Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) Grant 2021-2022
- C. That Council notes the acquittal of the Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) Grant 2022-2023
- D. That Council notes the acquittal of the Local Government Priority Infrastructure (LPIF) Grant 2020-2021
- E. That Council notes the acquittal of the One-Off Grant 2021-2022

11. Action Items

Action Item Report

ITEM NUMBER 11.1.

OCM-2023/188 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Deborah Jones)

- A. That the Action Item Report report is received and noted



B. That completed items be removed from the action items list.

OCM-2023/189 Resolution: Carried (Deborah Jones/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

That Council provides feedback to the Timber Creek Local Authority following discussions with LGANT regarding telecommunications in the Timber Creek region.

12. Local Authority

12.1. Local Authority Minutes

Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 13 September 2023

ITEM NUMBER 12.1.1.

OCM-2023/190 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Deborah Jones)

- A. That the minutes of the Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 13 September 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. The Council approves resolution **DRLA-2023/25**: to commit an additional \$2000 towards the allocated money for the 'wet season skip bin' allocation for the 2023-24 season (remaining funds = \$2,768, therefore total updated allocation = \$7,000 with \$4,768 available)
- C. The council agrees to write to the Minister for Education, and any other relevant Ministers (copy Dheran Young and LDM team CM&C), requesting financial contribution towards water tanks and additional guttering for the Wooliana Primary School, which will support their efforts to provide water throughout the year at a low ongoing cost (**DRLA-2023/26**)

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:20pm

The meeting resumed at 1:19pm

12.2. Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

Nil

13. Correspondence



Correspondence Report

ITEM NUMBER 13.1.

OCM-2023/191 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod)

That the Correspondence Report is received and noted

14. General Business

14.1 Pest Control

Some of VDRC's local authorities have been attempting to commit LAPF funds towards pest control in remote communities. Council has been advised that LAPF cannot be spent on pest control as it is not considered a local government service and the housing legislation specifies that pest control is the tenants responsibility.

Council will continue to advocate for the expenditure of LAPF for pest control in community.

14.2 Motion to support Roper Gulf Regional Council

OCM-2023/192 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

The Council supports the following motions to be put forward by Roper Gulf Regional Council to the LGANT general meeting in November 2023 regarding:

- A. land availability
- B. alcohol management
- C. Social Planning
- D. Role and sustainability of Local Government and mechanism for reviewing financial assistance grant methodology
- E. Town camp roads
- F. Northern Territory Government protocols with council
- G. Numbulwar safe house
- H. Remuneration Tribunal
- I. Cotton industry issues

Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart left the meeting at 1:33 pm.

Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart returned to the meeting at 1:36 pm.

14.3: LGANT Motion - Staff housing for Federal Government funded programs

OCM-2023/193 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)



Victoria Daly Regional Council would like LGANT to endorse a motion regarding the lack of consideration of Federal Government programs delivered by regional councils in remote Indigenous communities that require staff housing. These include, but are not limited to Night Patrol, Aged Care, Child Care, Centrelink, Remote School Attendance Strategy, Sport and Recreation and Australia Post. Furthermore, VDRC would like Federal Government departments to fund the required housing for the provision of these services in remote communities and acknowledge the role regional councils playing the delivery of Federal Government services. It is widely recognised that there is a housing crisis in remote Indigenous communities that failed to be addressed.

Cr Jones left the meeting at 2:10pm.

Cr Jones returned to the meeting at 2:20pm

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 2:17pm

The meeting resumed at 2:35pm

15. Confidential

Resolution: Carried (**Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod**) 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.

The meeting moved into confidential session at 2:35pm.

15.1. Confidential Ordinary Meeting held on 29 August 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. Construction of Staff Housing Duplex - Lot 55 Yarralin

Status 51(1)(c)(i) - *This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(i) 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:*



cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person

15.3. Lot 157 Pine Creek - Miners Camp

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15.4. Affixing Common Seal - Deed of Variation - RIBS Activity 4-G4HARKG 2021-2025

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15.5. Progress Report on Grant Applications

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15.6. Kalkarindji Flexible Aged Care Services Audit 2023

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15.7. Copperfield Dam history

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15.8. Confidential Action Items Report

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16. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 31 October 2023.

The meeting closed at 3:03pm.

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Mayor Brian Pedwell