



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 30 MAY 2023
AT 9:00 AM
AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE - KATHERINE
18 Pearce Street, Katherine NT 0850**



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Brian Hylands
Chief Executive Officer



The meeting opened at 9:06am.

1. Present

Elected Members Present

Mayor (Chair) - Walangeri Ward
Deputy Mayor- Milngin Ward
Councillor - Pine Creek Ward
Councillor - Daguragu Ward
Councillor - Timber Creek Ward

Brian Pedwell
Andrew McTaggart
Yvette Williams
Georgina Macleod
Vacant

Staff Present

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

Brian Hylands
Trudy Braun
Matthew Cheminant
Michelle Griffin
Chellah Clancy (minutes secretary)
Janelle Iszlaub

Guests

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Karen Hocking

2. Apologies

Apologies: Nil

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 28 April 2023

OCM-2023/92 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

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

6.2. Special Meeting of Council held on 19 May 2023

OCM-2023/93 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 19 May 2023 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

7. Call for Items of General Business

15.1 - LGANT Meeting Allowances for Board Members

8. Mayoral Report

OCM-2023/94 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod)

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

9. CEO Update

9.1. CEO Report May 2023

OCM-2023/95 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

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

10. Reports to Council

10.1. Reports for Council Decision

10.1.1. Approve Change to Local Authority Policy

OCM-2023/96 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the Approve Change to Local Authority Policy report is received and noted
- B. Council rescind Council decision 190/2021 that VDRC staff members at the



level of Team Leader and above are not permitted to hold a position on a Local Authority.

- C. The Council approves the change to the Local Authority Policy that VDRC staff members at the level of Manager and above are not permitted on a Local Authority.

10.1.2. Contracts and Projects Officer Position

OCM-2023/97 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod)

- A. That the Contracts and Projects Officer Position report is received and noted
B. That the updated position description is accepted

10.2. Reports for Information

10.2.1. Financial Report for the period ending 30 April 2023

OCM-2023/98 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod)

That the Financial Report for the period ending 30 April 2023 is received and noted

10.2.2. CDP Report

OCM-2023/99 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the CDP Report is received and noted

10.2.3. Council Operations Community Report

OCM-2023/100 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

That the Operations Community report is received and noted

10.2.4. By-election Timber Creek Ward

OCM-2023/101 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

- A. That the By-election Timber Creek Ward report is received and noted
B. That the Council do not appoint a reporting officer allowing the NT Electoral Commission to hold the by-election.
C. That Council request the NT Electoral Commission to hold the election on the week beginning 14 August 2023.



10.2.5. Council Infrastructure Project Update

OCM-2023/102 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

That the Council Infrastructure Project Update report is received and noted

10.2.6. NDIS Elected Members Induction

OCM-2023/103 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Georgina Macleod)

- A. That the NDIS Elected Members Induction report is received and noted
- B. That all Elected Members have received and participated in the NDIS Board Member Induction for Victoria Daly Regional Council.

11. Local Authority

11.1. Local Authority Minutes

11.1.1 Pine Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 2 May 2023

OCM-2023/104 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

- A. That the minutes of the Pine Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 2 May 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. That Council endorses **PCLA-2023/20 Resolution:** That Pine Creek local authority request to council the allocation of \$500 towards a Pine Creek sign competition
- C. That Council endorses **PCLA-2023/22 Resolution:** The Pine Creek Local Authority request to council that \$2,000 of LAPF be committed to management of feral cats in Pine Creek.
- D. That Council endorses **PCLA-2023/25 Resolution:** That the Pine Creek local authority request that council write to members who no longer reside in the area, in the letter noting their absence from Pine Creek and would they like to resign.

11.1.2. Daly River Local Authority Meeting held on 3 May 2023

OCM-2023/105 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the minutes of the Daly River Local Authority Meeting held on 3 May 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.



- B. That the Council endorses resolution **DRLA-2023/9 Resolution:** The Daly River Local Authority Request Council write a letter of support to Telstra for their application for funding to upgrade infrastructure in Nauiyu.
- C. That the Council endorses resolution **DRLA-2023/15 Resolution:** The Daly River Local Authority request that Council write to Green River Aboriginal Corporation requesting an update on the half shade pool cover which was funded by the DRLA Local Authority Project Funding.

11.1.3. Bulla Local Authority Meeting held on 16 May 2023

OCM-2023/106 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

- A. That the minutes of the Bulla Local Authority Meeting held on 16 May 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. That Council endorses resolution **BLA-2023/4 Resolution:** The Bulla Local Authority request that Council investigate options for the storage of the mower and outdoor furniture.
- C. That Council endorses resolution **BLA-2023/7 Resolution:** That the Bulla Local Authority request that Paul research quotes for play equipment - swings, larger slide and seesaw.
- D. That Council endorses resolution **BLA-2023/8 Resolution:** The Bulla Local Authority request Council approval to commit \$3,500 of Local Authority Project Funding for signs around community (School, rubbish tip, air strip, Goorbidgim (x2), Janyima)
- E. That Council endorses resolution **BLA-2023/10 Resolution:** The Bulla Local Authority request Council approval to commit \$30,000 of Local Authority Project Funding towards playground for the Bulla community.

11.1.4. Timber Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 16 May 2023

OCM-2023/107 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

- A. That the minutes of the Timber Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 16 May 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. That Council endorses resolution **TCLA-2023/24 Resolution:** The Timber Creek Local Authority request council look into alternative illuminating school zone signs which will capture the attention of drivers; and
- C. That Council endorses resolution **TCLA-2023/24 Resolution:** The Timber Creek Local Authority request council obtain quotes and/or research grant opportunities (such as Community Safety Grants) for security lights (flood



lights) on the street outside the school and creche (from both directions)

11.1.5. Amanbidji Local Authority Meeting held on 17 May 2023

OCM-2023/108 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

- A. That the minutes of the Amanbidji Local Authority Meeting held on 17 May 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. That Council endorses resolution **ALA-2023/9**
Resolution: The Amanbidji Local Authority request council approval to commit \$38,000 of Local Authority Project Funding to solar lights around community (playground, basketball court and other dark areas identified as appropriate locations by the LA).
- C. That Council endorses resolution **ALA-2023/10**
Resolution: The Amanbidji Local Authority request that Council seek funding opportunities for a hard cover shade structure over the Amanbidji basketball court (similar to Bulla basketball court shade cover).

11.2. Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

11.2.1. Nomination of Jacob Barney to the Amanbidji Local Authority

OCM-2023/109 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

That Council endorses the Nomination of Jacob Barney to the Amanbidji Local Authority (**Resolution: ALA-2023/1**)

11.2.2. Nomination of Marjorie Ahwon to the Amanbidji Local Authority

OCM-2023/110 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

That Council endorses the Nomination of Marjorie Ahwon to the Amanbidji Local Authority (**Resolution: ALA-2023/6**)

11.2.3. Nomination of Maria Leering to the Amanbidji Local Authority

OCM-2023/111 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

That Council endorses the Nomination of Maria Leering to the Amanbidji Local Authority (**Resolution: ALA-2023/6**)

12. Action Sheet



12.1. Action Items

OCM-2023/112 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the Action Items report is received and noted

*Cr Georgina Macleod left the meeting at 10:22 am.
Cr Georgina Macleod returned to the meeting at 10:24 am.*

13. Correspondence

13.1. Correspondence

OCM-2023/113 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the Correspondence report is received and noted

14. Notices of Motion

Nil

15. General Business

*The meeting suspended at 11:10am.
The meeting resumed at 11:34am.*

15.1 LGANT Meeting Allowances for Board Members

OCM-2023/114 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Yvette Williams)

That Council seek LGANT policy on all allowances for board members elected to represent Regional/ Shire Councils

16. Confidential

Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)
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 11:55am.

16.1. Minutes of the Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 April 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. Minutes of the Special Confidential Meeting held on 19 May 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*

16.3. Affixing of Common Seal CHSP – P4147 – Funding Agreement Extension – Deed of Variation 2023-2024

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16.4. Community Services Regional Manager

Status 51(1)(a) - *This item is considered 'Confidential' 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, 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 about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

16.5. Community Benefit Fund Major - project nomination for grant application

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:*



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16.6. Progress Report on Grant Applications

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The meeting returned to open session at 12:35pm.

17. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held Tuesday, 27 June 2023.

The meeting closed at 12:35pm.

This page and the preceding ten (10) pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on Tuesday, 30 May 2023.

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Mayor Brian Pedwell