



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 27 JUNE 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 be 'Brian Hylands', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brian Hylands
Chief Executive Officer



The meeting opened at 09:04am.

1. Present

Elected Members Present

Mayor (Chair) - Walangeri Ward	Brian Pedwell
Deputy Mayor- Milngin Ward	Andrew McTaggart
Councillor - Pine Creek Ward	Yvette Williams
Councillor - Daguragu Ward	Georgina Macleod
Councillor - Timber Creek Ward	<i>Vacant</i>

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)
Council Operations Manager - Nauiyu	Pat Hollowood
Council Operations Manager - Timber Creek	Paul Buckley
Council Operations Manager - Pine Creek	Tanya Brown
Council Operations Manager - Yarralin	Renee Croton
Council Operations Manager - Kalkarindji	Allen Hawke
Regional Operations Manager	Jocelyn Moir
Governance and Compliance Manager	Janelle Iszlaub

Guests

Northern Territory Cattleman's Association	Annabelle Keith
Active Feet Gymnastics - Katherine	Niew and Asana Wright
Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet	Karen Hocking

2. Apologies

Apologies: Nil

3. Presentations - Deputations – Petitions

Northern Territory Cattleman's Association

Northern Territory Cattleman's Association (NTCA) guest, Annabelle Keith, arrived at 10:03am.

Discussion:



- NTCA runs a successful Indigenous mentoring program.
- Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC) have recently cut funding to the program.
- NTCA members have provided feedback that the program has beneficial outcomes for participants.
- NTCA is requesting financial contributions and backing through members, including CDP collaborative approaches.
- NTCA are seeking feedback on the program and are gathering evidence in way of supporting letters from NTCA members.

Action: Annabelle, Patricia and the CEO will meet to discuss the future of the program.

Annabelle left the meeting at 10:36am.

Active Feet Gymnastics Sponsorship

Niew and Asana Wright joined the meeting at 10:20am.

Asana Wright presented to the Council seeking support.

Discussion:

- 17 Active Feet gymnasts will be travelling to Queensland later this year to compete.
- Each child will be accompanied by a parent.
- The entire trip will cost approximately 45k.
- The event is taking place during the school holidays and this driving the price up significantly.
- The group is proactively fundraising to assist with significant expenses.
- The competition is taking place from 20-26 September.

Niew and Asana Wright left the meeting at 10:40am.

*This item will be discussed in general business.

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 30 May 2023

OCM-2023/116 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)
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That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 May 2023 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

6.2. Special Meeting of Council held on 5 June 2023

OCM-2023/117 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 5 June 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

8.1. Mayoral Report

OCM-2023/118 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- 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 June 2023

Action: Report to Council in July regarding Kalkarindji workshop

Action: Report to Council regarding proposed CDP initiatives.

OCM-2023/119 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

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

10. Reports to Council

10.1. Reports for Council Decision

10.1.1. Policies to be renewed LGP006, LGP009, LGP011, LGP019

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:40am.

The meeting readjourned at 11:03am.

OCM-2023/120 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

- A. That the report Policies to be renewed LGP006, LGP009, LGP011, LGP019 is received and noted
- B. Council approves the following policies;
* LGP006 Gifts and Benefits Policy (Council Members)



- * LGP009 Human Resource Management Policy
- * LGP011 CEO Code of Conduct
- * LGP019 Credit Card policy – Council Members and CEO

10.1.2. Certification of Assessment Records

OCM-2023/121 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That Council acknowledges the Chief Executive Officer's certification of the assessment record for rateable property in the Victoria Daly Regional Council.

10.1.3. Declaration of Rates and Charges 2023-24

OCM-2023/122 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. Pursuant to section 227 of *Local Government Act 2019* ('the Act'), the Council declare the following rates for the 2023/2024 financial year:
- Class 1 Allotments (Residential rate 1)** - A fixed charge of \$1,231.65 per annum.
 - Class 2 Allotments (Commercial rate 1)** - A fixed charge of \$1,445.85.
 - Class 3 Allotments (Conditional rate 1)** - The rate that applies is 0.000566 of the assessed value, and the minimum charge is \$696.28 for the year.
 - Class 4 Allotments (Conditional rate 2)** - The rate that applies is 0.006427 of the assessed value, and the minimum charge is \$1,647.93 for the year.
 - Class 5 Other Allotments** - A fixed of \$1,231.65 per annum.

OCM-2023/123 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

Councillor Georgina Macleod voted against OCM-2023/123

- B. Pursuant to section 239 of the Act, the Council declare the following charges for the 2023/2024 financial year:

The garbage collection charge for residential allotments:

- **Once-a-week collection service (Pine Creek and Timber Creek)** - A fixed charge of \$910.35 per annum multiplied by the number of bins assigned to the allotment.
- **Twice-a-week collection services (Kalkarindji, Daguragu, Yarralin, Pigeon Hole and Nauiyu)** - A fixed charge of \$1,365.53 per annum multiplied by the number of bins assigned to the allotment

Garbage collection charge for commercial allotments:

- **Once-a-week collection service (Pine Creek and Timber Creek)** - A fixed charge of \$1,660.05 per annum multiplied by the number of bins assigned to the allotment.
- **Twice-a-week collection services (Kalkarindji, Daguragu, Yarralin, Pigeon Hole and Nauiyu)** - A fixed charge of \$2,490.08 per annum multiplied by the number of bins assigned to the allotment
- **The waste management fee for residential allotments** - A Fixed charge of \$591.73 per annum. **The waste management fee for commercial allotments** - A Fixed charge of \$1,079.03 per annum.



OCM-2023/124 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

- C. The amount expected to be raised in the 2023/24 Financial Year:
General Rates **\$1,190,562.55**
Waste Management Charge **\$947,059**

OCM-2023/125 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

- D. Rates and charges may be paid in four approximately equal instalments on the following dates, namely:
1st instalment - 30 September 2023
2nd instalment - 30 November 2023
3rd instalment - 31 January 2024
4th instalment - 31 March 2024

OCM-2023/126 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

- E. That an interest charge of 17% per annum is applied to rates and Charges that are not paid by the due date.

10.1.4. Elected Member Allowances

OCM-2023/127 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That Council resolves to fix the allowances for elected members for 2023-24FY in accordance with the Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Government Councils.

10.1.5. Budget 2023-24

OCM-2023/128 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That Council adopts the 2023-24 budget including all prescribed content pursuant to section 201 of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations (2021)*.
B. That Council adopts long term financial plan (LTFP) including all prescribed content pursuant to section 200 of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations (2021)*.

10.1.6. Regional Plan 2023-24

OCM-2023/129 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Georgina Macleod)



- A. That Council adopts the 2023-24 Regional Plan pursuant to Section 35(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
- B. That Council approves the submission of the Victoria Daly Regional Council 2023-24 Regional Plan to the Agency pursuant to Section 35(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
- C. That an amendment be made on page 58 of the plan to include reference to any changes that the Remuneration Tribunal may make.

10.1.7. Voice to Parliament

OCM-2023/130 Resolution: Carried (**Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart**)

- A. That the Voice to Parliament report is received and noted
- B. That Council publicly supports the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution.

10.2. Reports for Information

10.2.1. Financial Report for Period ending 31 May 2023

OCM-2023/131 Resolution: Carried (**Cr Georgina Macleod/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart**)

- A. That the Financial Report for Period ending 31 May 2023 is received and noted

10.2.2. Corporate Services

OCM-2023/132 Resolution: Carried (**Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams**)

- A. That the report Corporate Services is received and noted

11. Local Authority

11.1. Local Authority Minutes

11.1.1. Kalkarindji Local Authority Meeting held on 06 June 2023

OCM-2023/133 Resolution: Carried (**Cr Georgina Macleod/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart**)

- A. That the minutes of the Kalkarindji Local Authority Meeting held on 06 June 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. That Council informs the Kalkarindji Daguragu Local Authority that the commitment of LAPF funds towards pest control does not comply with the guidelines and that Council will liaise with NTG for a solution.



11.1.2 Provisional Yarralin - Nitjpurru Local Authority Meeting held on 10 May 2023

OCM-2023/134 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the minutes of the Provisional Yarralin - Nitjpurru Local Authority Meeting held on 10 May 2023 be adopted are received and noted.

11.2. Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

Nil

12. Action Sheet

12.1. Action Items

OCM-2023/135 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart)

A. That the Action Items report is received and noted

13. Correspondence

13.1. Correspondence

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 2:40pm

The meeting readjourned at 3:00pm.

OCM-2023/136 Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

A. That the Correspondence is received and noted

14. Notices of Motion

Nil

15. General Business

GB-1 Active Feet Sponsorship

Action: Research to take place on council's sponsorship policy and information to be provided to Council in July; and Council writes to Asana Wright thanking her for the presentation.

GB-2 Security cameras

Action - Report to local authorities in August regarding solar lights/security cameras.

GB-3 Northern Territory Cattleman's Association - Real Jobs Program



OCM-2023/137 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Yvette Williams)

That Council writes a supporting letter for the 'Real Jobs Program' run by the Northern Territory Cattleman's Association.

GB-4 Bulla mower

OCM-2023/138 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That Council gift the mower (purchased by the Bulla Local Authority) to Ngaliwurru-Wuli Aboriginal Corporation (NWA) pending consultations with NWA and the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet; and
- B. That as part of the agreement, NWA will be asked to cover all ongoing costs of the asset.

GB-5 National Parks Rubbish

OCM-2023/139 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Yvette Williams)

That Council write another letter to all relevant Ministers regarding rubbish in Pine Creek as a result of tourists 'taking their rubbish' from the surrounding National Park areas.

16. Confidential

Resolution: Carried (Cr Georgina Macleod/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.

The meeting moved into confidential session at 3:48pm.

16.1. Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 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*

16.2. Affixing of Common Seal - Indigenous Employment Initiative Deed of Variation 2023-2024



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16.3. Affixing of Common Seal - 2023-2024 Services Australia (Centrelink) Host Contract

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16.4. Progress Report on Grant Applications

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The meeting returned to open session at 4:38pm.

17. Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 4:39pm.

This page and the preceding ten (10) pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on Tuesday, 27 June 2023.

Mayor Brian Pedwell