



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

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

**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*

#### **15.5. 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.*

This page and the preceding ten pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on 26 September 2023.

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Mayor Brian Pedwell