



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 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 9:21am.

1. Present

Elected Members Present

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

Staff Present

Chief Executive Officer	Brian Hylands
Director of Corporate and Community Services	Trudy Braun
Governance and Compliance Manager	Janelle Iszlaub
Media and Communications Officer	Kim Maskell (minutes secretary)
Executive Services Officer	Chellah Clancy

Guests

Karen Hocking	Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
Linda Weatherhead	Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (via Teams)

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Presentations - Deputations – Petitions

Linda Weatherhead - Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet gave a presentation on the Local Authorities Review.

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

Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 November 2023

ITEM NUMBER 6.1.

OCM-2023/224 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

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

7. Call for Items of General Business

Nil

8. Mayoral Report

Mayoral Report

ITEM NUMBER 8.1.

OCM-2023/225 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor 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

The Mayor has been in discussion with Maree De Lacey (Deputy CEO, Territory Regional Growth - Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet) regarding the emergency roadworks for the crossing at Wattie Creek.

The Mayor and CEO Brian Hylands will be attending the State Memorial for the former Chairman of the NLC.

9. CEO Update

CEO Report

ITEM NUMBER 9.1.

OCM-2023/226 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

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

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:00am

The meeting resumed at 10:04am



10. Reports to Council

10.1. Reports for Council Decision

Amended New Audit & Risk Policy / Terms of Reference

ITEM NUMBER 10.1.1.

OCM-2023/227 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the Amended New Audit & Risk Policy / Terms of Reference report is received and noted
- B. Council approves implementing non-attendance clause into LGP028
- C. Council approves LGP028 Audit & Risk Policy/Terms of Reference
- D. That the Council approves membership being revoked for non-attendance of two consecutive meetings without apology

Policy review - LGP013 Privacy and Confidentiality and LGP005 Other reasonable expenses and non-monetary benefits policy (Council Members)

ITEM NUMBER 10.1.2.

OCM-2023/228 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the Policy review - LGP013 Privacy and Confidentiality and LGP005 Other reasonable expenses and non-monetary benefits policy (Council Members) report is received and noted
- B. Council Approves LGP013 Privacy and Confidentiality Policy
- C. Council Approves LGP005 Other reasonable expenses and non-monetary benefits policy (Council Members)

Auction of Council's Mobile Assets

ITEM NUMBER 10.1.3.

OCM-2023/229 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Deborah Jones)

- A. That the Auction of Council's Mobile Assets report is received and noted
- B. That council approves the disposal of the following assets through an auction:
 - 2000, Kubota M5700 Tractor Rego CC56BV
 - 2004, Kubota ME8200 Tractor Rego 718583
 - 2017, Kubota ZD1011-54-AU Mower Rego CD05FO
 - 2010, Can Am 5ABC Quad Bike Rego CC29MJ
 - 2016, Polaris Litre 570 Quad Bike Rego CC56MU
 - Various IT equipment and CCTV system



- Steel railway sleepers – Pine Creek

10.2. Reports for Information

Financial Report for the month ended 30th November 2023

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.1.

OCM-2023/230 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Cr Deborah Jones)

- A. That the Financial Report for the month ended 30th November 2023 is received and noted

OCM-2023/231 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

- A. That the Financial Report for the month ended 30th November 2023 is received and noted
- B. That the Council accepts the budget review, with the following addition - allocating \$200,000 to replace the quad bikes and provide side by sides for the five wards
- C. That the Council allocates up to \$350,000 towards the Wattie Creek emergency roadworks

Asset Management - Waste Collection Garbage Compactor

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.2.

OCM-2023/232 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Cr Deborah Jones)

- A. That the Asset Management - Waste Collection Garbage Compactor report is received and noted; and
- B. That Council approves commencement of plans to procure a new Waste Collection Garbage Compactor

Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod left the meeting at 9:57am.

Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod returned to the meeting at 9:58am.



11. Action Items

Action Item Report

ITEM NUMBER 11.1.

OCM-2023/233 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

Council resolved to defer the Action Items Report to the next Ordinary Council Meeting on January 30 2024.

12. Correspondence

Correspondence Report

ITEM NUMBER 12.1.

OCM-2023/234 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the Correspondence Report is received and noted

13. Local Authority

13.1. Local Authority Minutes

Pine Creek Local Authority meeting held on 6 November 2023

ITEM NUMBER 13.1.1.

OCM-2023/235 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

- A. That Council endorses **PCLA-2023/41 Resolution:** That PCLA donate \$1000 towards Christmas Party.
- B. That Council acknowledges **PCLA-2023/42 Resolution:** PCLA have agreed for member John Roberts to use blower to push the dead salvinia weed off the sides and down into the ponds to see if it can be burnt and cleared out before the wet season approaches.
- C. That Council endorses **PCLA-2023/43 Resolution:** PCLA has agreed to allocate \$1000 to have 67 Territory native trees planted around Pine Creek.
- D. That Council acknowledges **PCLA-2023/31 Resolution:** the Resignation of Clare Merritt from the Pine Creek Local Authority is noted.
- E. That Council endorses **PCLA-2023/32 Resolution:**



- i. That the Nomination of Dianne Benson to the Pine Creek Local Authority is received; and
- ii. The Pine Creek Local Authority recommend that Council endorses the nomination.

Kalkarindji - Dagaragu Local Authority meeting held on 14 November 2023

ITEM NUMBER 13.1.2.

OCM-2023/236 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

- A. That Council endorses **KDLA-2023/21 Resolution:** The KDLA requests that Council writes to the Central Land Council requesting a crocodile management plan. If no plan is available, request that a plan be developed.
- B. That Council endorses **KDLA-2023/25 Resolution:**
 - i. The KDLA requests three quotes for the supply and installation of cold drinking water fountains at the Kalkarindji basketball court, the arts centre, and the Daguragu recreation hall (all to have multiple outlets); and
 - ii. That the existing drinking water fountain at the Kalkarindji basketball court be repaired and re-installed at the Kalkarindji council office; and
 - iii. That the KDLA request council approval to commit up to \$80,000 towards the project.
- C. That Council endorses **KDLA-2023/26 Resolution:**
 - i. That the KDLA request quotes for the supply and installation of a bus shelter at Daguragu; and
 - ii. That KDLA requests council approval to commit up to \$40,000 towards the project.
- D. That Council endorses **KDLA-2023/27 Resolution:** That the KDLA requests council approval to increase the committed funds for the Kalkarindji bus shelter (KDLA-2023/6) from \$20,000 to \$40,000.
- E. That Council endorses **KDLA-2023/28 Resolution:**
 - i. That the KDLA request council to check compliance of the playground at central park; and
 - ii. To liaise with the Kalkaringi School regarding compliance requirements; and
 - iii. Prepare an estimate of funds required for the project.



Yarralin Local Authority meeting held on 15 November 2023

ITEM NUMBER 13.1.3.

OCM-2023/237 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

- A. That Council endorses **YLA-2023/34 Resolution:**
 - i. The Yarralin - Nitjpurru Local Authority requests approval from Council that \$30,000 be committed towards a half basketball court at Lingara, and
 - ii. Will be seeking a matching contribution from Local Member Chansey Paech.

- B. That Council endorses **YLA-2023/35 Resolution:** The Yarralin - Nitjpurru Local Authority requests approval from Council that \$20,000 be committed towards the Yarralin beautification project.

- C. That Council acknowledge **YLA-2023/28 Resolution:** The Yarralin - Nitjpurru Local Authority received and noted that Simon Campbell has resigned.

Timber Creek Local Authority meeting held on 21 November 2023

ITEM NUMBER 13.1.4.

OCM-2023/238 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

- A. That the Council endorses **TCLA-2023/43 Resolution:** That the Timber Creek Local Authority accept the final quote from NT Sports and Playground for the outdoor gym.

- B. That the Council acknowledges **TCLA-2023/44 Resolution:** TCLA requests that a community plan be put forward by the Local Authority members at the next Local Authority meeting.

Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 29 November 2023

ITEM NUMBER 13.1.5.

OCM-2023/239 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Cr Deborah Jones)

- A. That Council endorses **DRLA-2023/36 Resolution:** That DRLA allocate \$1000 to the youth Christmas fund.

- B. That Council endorses **DRLA-2023/37 Resolution:** That DRLA request Council Approval to donate \$500 each to the St Francis and Wooliana schools for their Christmas events from the Community and wellbeing fund of \$20,000.



- C. That Council endorses **DRLA-2023/33 Resolution:** That the DRLA have agreed to close the donation of \$500 to the St Francis school.
- D. That Council endorses **DRLA-2023/34 Resolution:** That Council approve funding for new solar sensor lighting in Nauiyu of up to \$18,000.

13.2. Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

Nil

14. General Business

OCM-2023/240 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

That the Council approves the meeting dates for 2024 Ordinary Council Meetings

OCM-2023/241 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

That the Council approves the meeting dates for 2024 Local Authority Meetings (Amanbidji dates to be confirmed - Council will strategise with Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet)

16. Confidential

Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr 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 11:08am.

16.1. Pine Creek Mining Lease Conditions

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*



16.2. Removal of Policy 3.1.03 CEO & Responsible Officers Duties

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*

16.3. Affixing Common Seal to Indigenous Employment Initiative (IEI) Deed of Variation 4-ENIZWY9

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*

16.4. Australia Day 2024 Award Nominations

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16.5. Progress Report on Grant Applications

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16.6. Wattie Creek Crossing Inspection and Repair

Status 51(1)(b) - *This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(b) 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 personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*

16.7. Tender to Purchase New Vehicles

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*

The meeting returned to open session at 12:23pm.

17. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 30 January 2024.

The meeting closed at 12:27pm.

This page and the preceding 11 pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on 12 December 2023.

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Mayor Brian Pedwell