



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 28 MAY 2024
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 large, faint 'DRAFT' watermark.

Brian Hylands
Chief Executive Officer



The meeting opened at 9:04am.

1. Present

Elected Members Present

Mayor (Chair) - Walangeri Ward	Brian Pedwell
Deputy Mayor- Daguragu Ward	Georgina Macleod
Councillor - Pine Creek Ward	Yvette Williams
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 Governance & Executive Services	Keira Townsend (Minutes Secretary)

Guests

Dept of The Chief Minister & Cabinet	Karen Hocking
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2. Apologies

Apologies: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Absent: Nil

OCM-2024/61 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Deborah Jones)

Council have received and accept the apology of Cr Andrew McTaggart.

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

Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2024

ITEM NUMBER 6.1.

OCM-2024/62 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2024 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

7. Call for Items of General Business

GB 1. - Potholes

GB 2. - Tipper Trucks

GB 3. - Official opening for new Victoria Daly Regional Council Support Centre

GB 4. - Katherine Show - VDRC Stall

GB 5. - Water supply to the Pine Creek Cemetery

8. Mayoral Report

Mayoral Report

ITEM NUMBER 8.1.

OCM-2024/63 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

A. That the Mayoral Report is received and noted; and,

B. That Council endorses all travel and accommodation costs pertaining to the Mayor's duties.

Note:

- Mayor Pedwell, accompanied by the CEO, attended the Jawoyn Local Decision Making ceremony held at Nitmuluk on 10 May 2024.
- Mayor Pedwell will be taking annual leave from 03-24 June 2024. During this period, the Mayor will continue to attend any scheduled Local Authority meetings.



9. CEO Update

CEO Report

ITEM NUMBER 9.1.

OCM-2024/64 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

- A. That the CEO Report be received and noted; and,
- B. That an invite is extended to SurePact representative, Adrian Warren to demonstrate the SurePact grants management system at the Council Briefing Day scheduled for 24 June 2024.

Note: CEO and CFO have been looking into accounting reporting software from LG solutions to assess suitability for Council's financial reporting needs.

10. Reports to Council

10.1. Reports for Council Decision

10.1.1. Draft Regional Plan 2024-25

OCM-2024/65 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the Draft Regional Plan 2024-25 is received and noted,
- B. That a special Meeting is called for Friday 31 May 2024 to endorse the 2024-25 Regional Plan and Budget; and,
- C. That the fees and charges for removal of car bodies be reduced from \$200 to \$100.

Note:

- **Pg 25 of 61** - date requires amending from 2024 to 2025
- **Projects and Priorities** - reword 'water bubblers' to 'water drinking' fountains (Pine Creek)
- **Projects and Priorities Advocacy** - add slip lanes and lighting at turnoffs (all wards)
- **Projects and Priorities Advocacy** - add 'with facilities' to rest stops for Buntine Highway (Walangeri and Daguragu wards)
- **Projects and Priorities Advocacy** - add item - heightening of Wattie Crossing bridge (Daguragu ward)



- **Projects and Priorities** Identified Potential Future Projects - add item - resealing of internal roads (Daguragu)
- **Projects and Priorities Advocacy** - add item - footpath from Timber Creek to Myatt required to increase safety of pedestrians currently walking on the highway.
- **Contacts page** - change ' Katherine Headquarters' to 'Victoria Daly Regional Council Support Centre'.
- **Projects and Priorities Identified Potential Future Projects** - Courthouse toilets require total replacement or significant upgrade (Kalkarindji)

10.2. Reports for Information

Financial Report for the period ended 30 April 2024

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.1.

OCM-2024/66 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the Financial Report for the period ended 30 April 2024 is received and noted.

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:35am

Meeting resumed at 11:01 am

Project, Infrastructure and Asset Report

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.2.

OCM-2024/67 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Deborah Jones)

That the Project, Infrastructure and Asset report is received and noted.

11. Action Items

Action Item Report

ITEM NUMBER 11.1.



OCM-2024/68 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the Action Item Report is received and noted,
- B. That completed items be removed from the action items list,
- C. That the OCM-2023/210 action item be amended to 'Mayor to write to Minister Paech cc'ing Minister Bowden to highlight the need for 2022-2024 disaster recovery funding and the processes already undertaken by Council,
- D. That the OCM/2023/212 action item is removed from the action items list; and,
- E. That the status of the action item 'investigate possible locations for recycling points throughout the community' be amended to *in progress*,

12. Correspondence

Correspondence Report

ITEM NUMBER 12.1.

OCM-2024/69 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Deborah Jones)

That the Correspondence Report is received and noted.

13. General Business

13.1 Potholes

Internal roads in Yarralin require pothole repairs.

Action: Assess and repair potholes throughout Yarralin.

13.2 Tipper Trucks

Small to medium size tipper trucks required for each ward.

Action: Report to be prepared for Council outlining options and pricing.



13.3 Official opening for new Katherine Regional Support Centre

Note:

- To be scheduled for 9am on 26 June 2024
- Invitation to be extended to: KTC (Mayor, CEO), RGRC (Mayor, CEO), Jawoyn Association (Chair, CEO), Katherine Times, NLC (Chair, CEO), CMC - Big Rivers (Jake Quinlivan and Karen Hocking), KWHB, Minister Paech, Minister Selena Uibo, Marion Scrymgour MLA, Maree DeLacey, Chief Minister Eva Lawler, Jo Hersey MLA, Jessica Powter DIPL, Maxine Bright, John De Koning, NIAA (Patrick Flemming and Dianna Ross) NTG Sport and Recreation (William Kossack and Natasha Bennett), business partners (JW Auto, Kubota etc) Council Operations Managers, NTPFES, LA Chairpersons.
- Signage for new regional office to refer to 'Victoria Daly Regional Council Support Centre'

Action: Elected Members and Executive leadership team to plan event and arrange invitations.

13.4 VDRC Stall - Katherine Show

Action: Report to be prepared for Council detailing options for a VDRC stall at the Katherine Show.

13.5 Water supply to the Pine Creek Cemetery

Request for water to be connected and tap installed at the Pine Creek Cemetery.

Note: Existing bore and water meter are located in close proximity to the cemetery.

Action: Pine Creek COM / Operations to investigate options and approval processes and prepare a report for the June 2024 OCM.

OCM-2024/70 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Deborah Jones)

That Council approves expenditure of up to \$10,000 to host an official opening ceremony for the new Victoria Daly Regional Council Support Centre at 18 Pearce Street Katherine.



14. Local Authority

14.1. Local Authority Minutes

Pine Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 7 May 2024

ITEM NUMBER 14.1.1.

OCM-2024/71 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

- A. That the minutes of the Pine Creek Local Authority meeting held on 7 May 2024 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting (with 12.3 amended regarding the water gardens - to look into and proceed with recirculation of the water)
- B. That Council look at the irrigation system and whether a bluetooth system might be a better option.
- C. That Council spend the \$50,000 grant on resurfacing the tennis court and oval.
- D. That Council undertake an internal audit regarding the resurfacing of roads.
- E. That the funds allocated for the management of feral cats in Pine Creek be reallocated.
- F. That the Regional Plan Priorities report is received and noted; and
- G. That the Pine Creek Local Authority provide feedback on service delivery for the area.
- H. That the minutes of the PCLA meeting held on 27 May 2024 are amended to include record of Mayor Pedwell's attendance.

Kalkarindji / Daguragu Local Authority held on 14 May 2024

ITEM NUMBER 14.1.2.

OCM-2024/72 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Deborah Jones)

- A. That the minutes of the Kalkarindji / Daguragu Local Authority held on 14 May 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. That the minutes of the KDLA meeting held on 14 May 2024 are amended to remove Trudy Braun from the record of attendees.

Cr Yvette Williams left the meeting at 12:24 pm.

Cr Yvette Williams returned to the meeting at 12:27 pm.



Bulla Local Authority Meeting (Provisional) held on 16 May 2024

ITEM NUMBER 14.1.3.

OCM-2024/73 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the provisional minutes of the Bulla Local Authority Meeting (Provisional) held on 16 May 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. That the Regional Plan Priorities report is received and noted; and,
- C. That the Bulla Local Authority provide feedback on service delivery for the area.

Note: Council is unable to donate as per the KHS fundraising request.

Timber Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 16 May 2024

ITEM NUMBER 14.1.4.

OCM-2024/74 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

That the minutes of the Timber Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 16 May 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

14.2. Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

Timber Creek Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

ITEM NUMBER 14.2.1.

OCM-2024/75 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

- A. That the Resignations of Cecelia McKenzie and Marilla Appleby from the Timber Creek Local Authority be accepted and approved as a resolution of Ordinary Council,
- B. That Council revokes the membership of Graham Watts and John Horgan from the Pine Creek Local Authority due to non-attendance; and,
- C. That the Nomination of Jess Moffatt to the Timber Creek Local Authority be accepted and approved as a resolution of Ordinary Council.



Pine Creek Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

ITEM NUMBER 14.2.4.

OCM-2024/76 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

- A. That the Resignation of Alain Denouel from the Pine Creek Local Authority be accepted and approved as a resolution of Ordinary Council,
- B. That Council revokes the membership of John Lee from the Pine Creek Local Authority due to non-attendance; and
- C. That the Nomination of Rosemary Aiken to the Pine Creek Local Authority be accepted and approved as a resolution of Ordinary Council

Kalkarindji / Daguragu Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

ITEM NUMBER 14.2.7.

OCM-2024/77 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

- A. That the Nomination of Maythan Long to the Kalkarindji / Daguragu Local Authority be accepted and approved as a resolution of Ordinary Council,
- B. That the Nomination of Quitaysha Thompson to the Kalkarindji / Daguragu Local Authority be accepted and approved as a resolution of Ordinary Council; and,
- C. That Council revokes the membership of Michael George from the Kalkarindji / Daguragu Local Authority due to non-attendance.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:35pm

Meeting resumed at 1:52pm

15. Confidential

Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor 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 2:33pm.



15.1. Progress Report on Grant Applications

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

The meeting returned to open session at 3.20pm

Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor 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 re-opened to the public.

17. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 25 June 2024

The meeting closed at 3:24pm.

This page and the preceding 11 pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on 28 May 2024.

Mayor Brian Pedwell