



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 30 JULY 2024
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 9:04am.

1. Present

Elected Members Present

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

Staff Present

Chief Executive Officer	Brian Hylands
Director of Corporate and Community Services	Trudy Braun
Chief Financial Officer	Jackson Bernard
Manager of Executive Services	Keira Townsend (Minutes Secretary)
Manager of Community Services	Vivian Bailey
Executive Services Administration Officer	Isabella Hall

Guests

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet	Karen Hocking
NT Fire and Emergency Services	Daniel Kenna

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Presentations - Deputations - Petitions

Fire management in remote VDRC communities

ITEM NUMBER 3.1.

Presented by Daniel Kenna – OIC Katherine Fire Station

The presenter spoke about the importance of effective fire breaks, maintenance of fire hydrants and the type of equipment that can be procured for firefighting in remote areas.



4. Public Question Time

Nil

5. Disclosure of Interest - Councillors and Staff

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of this meeting.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2024

ITEM NUMBER 6.1.

OCM-2024/96 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2024 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Action: Council requests correspondence is drafted in respect to Item 11.1.2 - OCM-2024/93 (C) - "*That Council requests the pest control program performed by Territory Housing continues and is conducted twice yearly*".

Action: Council notes and requests correction to placement of morning tea and lunch adjournment times recorded in the unconfirmed minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2024.

7. Call for Items of General Business

- GB 1. In-kind support for the 2025 Pine Creek Goldrush Festival
- GB 2. Smoke Free Workplace and Environment Policy
- GB 3. Aged care program employment for local people
- GB 4. Asset register
- GB.5. Mistake Creek - CDP request
- GB.6. Thanking Maree De Lacey



8. Mayoral Report

Mayoral Report

ITEM NUMBER 8.1.

OCM-2024/97 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

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

Note:

- On 22 July 2024 Mayor Pedwell and Cr Jones met with conservator, Lisa Nolan to provide advice regarding the Timber Creek Police Museum collection.
- On 23 July, 2024, Mayor Pedwell and Councillor Jones held a meeting with the new CEO of NWA to explore opportunities for building a collaborative relationship between the Council and NWA. The discussion included the potential development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning community patrol initiatives at Timber Creek.

Mayor Pedwell left the meeting at 10:18am

Mayor Pedwell returned to the meeting at 10:21am

9. CEO Update

CEO Report

ITEM NUMBER 9.1.

OCM-2024/98 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Deborah Jones)

That the CEO Report be received and noted.

Meeting adjourned for morning Tea at 10:28am

Meeting resumed at 10:57am



10. Reports to Council

10.1. Reports for Council Decision

Procurement of Kubota Tractor

ITEM NUMBER 10.1.1.

OCM-2024/99 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

- A. That the Council endorses the purchase of a Kubota M110GX, 110 hp Air-Conditioned Cab Tractor with Kubota QVX46 Front End Loader totaling \$140,800 (inc GST) to support council operations at Yarralin; and,
- B. That the Massey Ferguson tractor located at Yarralin is transferred to Nitjupurru.

LGP010 Allowances And Other Benefits Policy - CEO

ITEM NUMBER 10.1.2.

11:03am - CEO, Brian Hylands declared a conflict of interest regarding item 10.1.2 *LGP010 Allowances and Other Benefits Policy - CEO*.

11:05am - CEO, Brian Hylands left the meeting.

11:12am - Mayor Pedwell requested that the meeting move into a confidential session and asked all attendees, except for elected members, to leave the room.

11:21am - Meeting moved back into open session and all attendees invited to return to the room.

OCM-2024/100 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

- A. That the LGP010 Allowances And Other Benefits Policy - CEO report is received and noted; and,
- B. That the item is deferred for discussion at the next ordinary Council Meeting.



**LGP004 Reasonable Expenses for Travel and Accommodation Policy -
Council Members (V1.4)**

ITEM NUMBER 10.1.3.

OCM-2024/101 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

- A. That the LGP004 Reasonable Expenses for Travel and Accommodation Policy - Council Members (V1.4) report is received and noted; and,
- B. That the Council endorses the updated LGP004 Reasonable Expenses for Travel and Accommodation Policy – Council Members (V1.4)

10.2. Reports for Information

Financial Report for the period ended 30 June 2024

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.1.

OCM-2024/102 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Deborah Jones)

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

CDP Report

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.2.

OCM-2024/103 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Cr Deborah Jones)

That the CDP Report is received and noted.

Community Services Report

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.3.

OCM-2024/104 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

That the Community Services Report is received and noted



Community Safety and Wellbeing

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.4.

OCM-2024/105 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

That the Community Safety and Wellbeing report is received and noted.

11. Local Authority

11.1. Local Authority Minutes

Nil

11.2. Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

Nil

12. Action Items

Action Item Report

ITEM NUMBER 13.1.

OCM-2024/106 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

- A. That the Action Item Report is received and noted,
- B. That the Action Item titled 'In Kind Support from Sitzler', dated 27/09/2022 is removed from the Action Items list,
- C. That the Action Item dated 31/10/23 regarding consultation with ALPA about emergency supplies to Daguragu is removed from the Action Item list; and,
- D. That completed and no further action items be removed from the action items list.



13. Correspondence

Correspondence Report

ITEM NUMBER 13.1.

OCM-2024/107 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

That the Correspondence Report is received and noted.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:36pm

Meeting resumed at 1:32pm

14. General Business

14.1 In-kind support for the 2025 Goldrush festival

OCM-2024/108 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Deborah Jones)

That the Council endorses providing in-kind support for the 2025 Pine Creek Goldrush festival.

14.2 Smoke Free Workplace and Environment Policy

Updated policy presented. Item to be deferred to the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

14.3 Aged Care program employment for local people.

Councillor McTaggart asked the Manager of Community Services about recruitment processes for the Aged Care program at Nauiyu.

14.4 Asset register

CEO to table a report regarding asset registers at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

14.5 Mistake Creek – Request for CDP services

Council has received correspondence from a community member requesting delivery of CDP/RJED activities at Mistake Creek.



14.6 Thanking Maree De Lacey

OCM-2024/109 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

That the Council endorses thanking Maree De Lacey on behalf of Victoria Daly Regional Council and the five wards it represents for her support of Regional Local Government Councils, and in particular, the Victoria Daly Regional Council.

Meeting adjourned for short break at 1:55pm

Meeting resumed at 2:08pm

15. Confidential

Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor 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 2:08pm

15.1. NTG Sport and Recreation Funding Agreement

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. NIAA Funding - Sport and Recreation

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15.3. Passing resolutions on several ratepayers' request

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.*

15.4. Progress Report on Grant Applications

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The meeting returned to open session at 3.42pm.



16. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 27 August 2024.

The meeting closed at 3:44pm.

This page and the preceding 11 pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on Tuesday 30 July 2024.

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Mayor Brian Pedwell