



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2024
AT 9:00 AM
AT THE KALKARINDJI COUNCIL OFFICE
VDRC Office**



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Hylands', written over a large, faint watermark that says 'DRAFT'.

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 (via Teams)
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
Manager of Governance & Executive Services	Keira Townsend (Minutes Secretary)
Governance & Executive Services Administration Officer	Isabella Hall

Guests

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet	Karen Hocking
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2. Apologies

Nil

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 July 2024

ITEM NUMBER 6.1.

OCM-2024/110 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

- A. That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 July 2024 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.
- B. That item 14.3 of the minutes is amended to say that "Cr McTaggart asked the Manager of Community Services about recruitment processes for Aged Care program at Nauiyu"; and,
- C. That the response is noted.

7. Call for Items of General Business

- GB 1. - Council support for local events
- GB 2. - Correspondence to incoming Chief Minister
- GB 3. - Recruitment Policy
- GB 4. - Correspondence to Gurindji regarding the 2024 Freedom Day Festival
- GB 5. - Australia Day Awards

8. Mayoral Report

Mayoral Report

ITEM NUMBER 8.1.

OCM-2024/111 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Deborah Jones)

- 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.

9. CEO Update

CEO Report

ITEM NUMBER 9.1.

OCM-2024/112 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the CEO Report be received and noted.



10. Reports to Council

10.1. Reports for Council Decision

Audit and Risk Management Committee Membership

ITEM NUMBER 10.1.1.

OCM-2024/113 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

- A. That the Audit and Risk Management Committee (ARMC) Membership report is received and noted; and,
- B. That the Council approves the reappointment of external ARMC members, John De Koning and Maxine Bright for a further two years,
- C. That the Council approves the reappointment of Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod and Cr Yvette Williams to the ARMC for a further two years; and,
- D. That Cr Deborah Jones is appointed to the ARMC for a term of two years.

10.2. Reports for Information

Financial Report for the period ended 31 July 2024

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.1.

OCM-2024/114 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the Financial Report for the period ended 31 July 2024 is received and noted.

Project, Infrastructure and Asset Report

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.2.

{resolution-number} Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

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

Note:



- Proposed variation to Daguragu Sport and Recreation Hall project scope has been approved by the LRCI grant program. Engagement with Traditional Owners continues.
- Council notes that the lease for the Daguragu Sports and Recreation Hall expired on 30 June 2024 and Council will not enter into a renewal until the building is renovated to meet Australian Safety Standards.

Funding Acquittals

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.3.

OCM-2024/116 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

- A. That the Funding Acquittals report is received and noted,
- B. That Council notes the acquittal of the Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) 2022-23,
- C. That Council notes the acquittal of the Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) 2023-24,
- D. That Council notes the acquittal of the Community Place for People Grant 2022-23; and
- E. That Council notes the acquittal of the One-Off Grant 2022-23

Community Services Update Nauiyu

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.4.

OCM-2024/117 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

That the Community Services Update Nauiyu report is received and noted.

Asset Register Update

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.5.

OCM-2024/118 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

That the Asset Register Update report is received and noted.



HR035 Smoke Free Workplace and Environment Policy

ITEM NUMBER 10.2.6.

OCM-2024/119 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

That the HR035 Smoke Free Workplace and Environment Policy report is received and noted.

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:18am

Meeting resumed at 10:47am

11. Local Authority

11.1. Local Authority Meetings

Pine Creek Local Authority meeting held on 6 August 2024

ITEM NUMBER 11.1.1.

OCM-2024/120 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

- A. That the minutes of the Pine Creek be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council,
- B. That the address recorded on the front page of the minutes is corrected; and,
- C. That the Council approves the NT Shade quote for \$54,571 to repair the Pine Creek tennis court.

Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 7 August 2024

ITEM NUMBER 11.1.2.

OCM-2024/121 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

- A. That the minutes of the Daly River Local Authority meeting held on 7 August 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council,
- B. That the DRLA approves allocation of up to \$6,000 funding to the School Holiday Program from existing funds (allocated to youth programs),
- C. That the Council approves allocation of \$14,000 to the next veterinary visit.
- D. That the Council approve the increase to \$4,000 funding for the Aged Care client activities,



- E. That the DRLA requests Council to sell the log splitter; and,
- F. That the minutes are amended to replace the wording of rest areas to rest stops.

Note: The Council noted that excess plant equipment at Nauiyu should be auctioned.

ITEM NUMBER 11.1.3.

OCM-2024/122 Resolution: Carried (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Deborah Jones)

- A. That the minutes of the Yarralin-Nitjpurru Local Authority meeting held on 14 August 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council,
- B. That the correspondence to Mayor Pedwell advising of ministerial approval of the change of name from Pigeon Hole to Nitjpurru dated 16 July 2024 is received and noted,
- C. That the YNLA agrees to rescind the funding commitment for power card operated lights for the Yarralin Oval; and,
- D. That the YLNA agrees to seek feedback from the Nitjpurru community regarding the design of a 'Welcome to Nitjpurru' sign.

Timber Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 15 August 2024

ITEM NUMBER 11.1.4.

OCM-2024/123 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

- A. That the minutes of the Timber Creek Local Authority Meeting held on 15 August 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council,
- B. That the Nomination of Giacomo Consalvo is approved by the Timber Creek Local Authority,
- C. That the TCLA requests Council to write to DIPL and NLC regarding the future of land development and sewerage systems,
- D. That the TCLA requests Council to look into installing a noticeboard at the local shop for displaying public notices,
- E. That the TCLA requests Council approval to contribute \$5,000 towards the Timber Creek Campdraft due to its historical value and tourist appeal,
- F. That the TCLA request Council approval to obtain quotes and proceed with the project of installing School Zone Light Signs up to the amount of \$15,000 from project funding; and,
- G. That the Timber Creek Local Authority request Council to look for a grant to build a shelter at the airstrip.



Amanbidji Local Authority meeting held on 16 August 2024

ITEM NUMBER 11.1.5.

OCM-2024/124 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

- A. That the minutes of the Amanbidji Local Authority meeting held on 16 August 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.
- B. That the ALA request Council fix the fence and install gates at each end of the basketball court,
- C. That the ALA request Council to provide a sign for the Amanbidji Cemetery displaying the name "Amanbidji Cemetery",
- D. That the ALA requests that Council fix the basketball back board and hoops and provides bench seats; and,
- E. That the ALA request that Council provide fencing around the children's playground.

Kalkarindji Local Authority meeting held on 13 August 2024

ITEM NUMBER 11.1.6.

OCM-2024/125 Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

- A. That the minutes of the provisional Kalkarindji Local Authority meeting held on 13 August 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council,
- B. That the KDLA requests that NTG relocate the sewerage ponds from low flood affected area to higher ground,
- C. That the KDLA requests Council to write to the Federal and Territory Government's as a matter of priority, asking them to build an evacuation centre as a matter of safety for Kalkarindji and Dagaragu.
- D. That the KDLA requests Council to commit \$50,000 towards two vet visits in 2024-25; and
- E. That the minutes of the KDLA meeting held on 13 August 2024 are amended to reflect that it was a provisional meeting.



11.2. Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

Nomination of Giacomo Consalvo to the Timber Creek Local Authority

ITEM NUMBER 11.2.1.

OCM-2024/126 Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

That the nomination of Giacomo Consalvo to the Timber Creek Local Authority be accepted and approved as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

12. Action Items

Action Item Report

ITEM NUMBER 12.1.

OCM-2024/127 Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Cr Deborah Jones)

- A. That the Action Item Report is received and noted
- B. That completed and no further action items be removed from the action items list.
- C. That Council writes to the relevant incoming minister in regard to national park waste at Pine Creek; and,
- D. That the Council writes to the Director of DIPL requesting more frequent collection of national park rubbish from bins during peak tourist season due to the volume of rubbish overflowing and contributing to excessive tourist rubbish at Pine Creek.

Mayor Brian Pedwell left the meeting at 11:50 am.

Mayor Brian Pedwell returned to the meeting at 11:51 am.



13. Correspondence

Correspondence Report

ITEM NUMBER 13.1.

OCM-2024/128 Resolution: Carried (Cr Yvette Williams/Cr Deborah Jones)

- A. That the Correspondence Report is received and noted; and,
- B. That the Council sends correspondence regarding the Buchanan Highway, Slip Lanes and Lighting and Roadside Rest Stops previously sent to Minister Bowden to the relevant incoming minister.

14. Confidential

Resolution: Carried (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/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 12:03pm.

14.1. Lot 77 Kalkarindji Art Centre Lease Agreement

Status 51(1)(e) - *This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(e) 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, subject to subregulation (3) - information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest*

14.2. 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

14.3. Wattie Creek Crossing

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

Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/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.

The meeting returned to open session at 2.37pm.

15. General Business

13.1 Council support for local events

Action: Governance and Executive Services team to review policy regarding event sponsorship and develop a list of events that are held throughout the region that Council could contribute to.

13.2 Council correspondence to incoming Chief Minister

Action: Council to send correspondence congratulating the incoming Chief Minister and requesting the incoming government's future plans for NT local government.

13.3 Recruitment Policy

Action: Director of Corporate and Community Services and Manager of Governance and Executive Services to review and possible update the Council's recruitment policy and procedures to ensure processes support applicants receiving prompt acknowledgement of their application.



13.4 Correspondence to Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation - 2024 Freedom Day Festival

Action: Governance and Executive Services team to congratulate Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation for another successful Freedom Day Festival via correspondence and social media.

13.5 Australia Day Awards

Action: Council to commence promotion of Australia Day Award nominations via social media and website.

13.6 2024-25 Regional Plan

The Council notes their thanks and appreciation for the efforts of all staff involved in the development of the 2024-25 VDRC Regional Plan.

16. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 24 September 2024.

The meeting closed at 3:11pm.

This page and the preceding 12 pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on Tuesday 27 August 2024.

Mayor Brian Pedwell