



**Victoria Daly**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 30 APRIL 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 9.14am*

## **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**

|   |                                    |
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| Chief Executive Officer                         | Brian Hylands                      |
| Director of Corporate and<br>Community Services | Trudy Braun                        |
| CDP Regional Manager                            | Patricia McGillivray               |
| Manager of Executive Services                   | Keira Townsend (Minutes Secretary) |

### **Guests**

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| Department of the Chief Minister<br>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 26 March 2024

ITEM NUMBER 6.1.

**OCM-2024/41 Resolution: Carried** (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Yvette Williams)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 March 2024 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

## 7. Call for Items of General Business

GB 1. Snap, Send, Solve

GB 2. Distant Curve

GB 3. Pine Creek Policing

GB 4. Street lighting for major roads turn-offs

GB 5. Grading of Pine Creek roads shoulders

GB 6. Policies

GB 7. VDRC Website

GB 8. Digital form for feedback, suggestions and general complaints

GB 9. Funding for roads maintenance and repairs

GB 10. Regional Museums Grant Program

GB 11. LGANT call for nominations to the Gamba Eradication and Biodiversity Project Steering Committee



## 8. Mayoral Report

### Mayoral Report

#### ITEM NUMBER 8.1.

**OCM-2024/42 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Andrew McTaggart/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.

#### Additional meetings / events:

- Visit to Kalkarindji and Daguragu with CEO
- Grants Commission meeting via Teams - 10 April 2024,
- Catch up and community barbeque with Senator McCarthy and Deputy Chief Minister Paech - Yarralin - 24 April 2024.
- ANZAC Day Dawn Service - Yarralin - 25 April 2024

## 9. CEO Update

### CEO Report

#### ITEM NUMBER 9.1.

**OCM-2024/43 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

Nil

### 10.2. Reports for Information



## Financial Report year to ended 31 March 2024

### ITEM NUMBER 10.2.1.

**OCM-2024/44 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

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

Action: Invoice for emergency food expenditure to be forwarded to MLA Young and Deputy Chief Minister Paech.

## Community Services Report

### ITEM NUMBER 10.2.2.

**OCM-2024/45 Resolution: Carried** (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Deborah Jones)

That the Community Services Report is received and noted.

## Community Safety and Wellbeing Report

### ITEM NUMBER 10.2.3.

**OCM-2024/46 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Cr Deborah Jones)

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

Meeting adjourned for morning tea 10:23am

Meeting resumed at 10:48am



## Second Budget Review financial year 2023-24

### ITEM NUMBER 10.2.4.

**OCM-2024/47 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

That the Second Budget Review report for financial year 2023-24 is approved.

Note: Three accommodation pods will be installed at Nitjpurru.

Action: Send correspondence to Deputy Chief Minister Paech regarding funding for a half basketball court at Lingara.

Patricia McGillivray joined meeting at 10:55am.

## Community Development Program

### ITEM NUMBER 10.2.5.

**OCM-2024/48 Resolution: Carried** (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Deborah Jones)

That the CDP report is received and noted.

Note:

- Meeting with NIAA scheduled for 15 May 2024 to discuss new RJED program.
- CDP conference will take place in Cairns, 18-19 June 2024.

Patricia McGillivray left the meeting at 11:26am



## 11. Local Authority

### 11.1. Local Authority Minutes

Nil

### 11.2. Local Authority Resignations/Nominations

**OCM-2024/60 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Deborah Jones/Cr Yvette Williams)

That Council endorses the resignations of Cecelia McKenzie and Marilla Appleby from the Timber Creek Local Authority and the resignation of Alain Denouel from the Pine Creek Local Authority.

## 12. Action Items

### Action Item Report

**ITEM NUMBER 12.1.**

**OCM-2024/49 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Deborah Jones/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

- A. That the Action Item Report is received and noted; and,
- B. That completed items be removed from the action items list.

Note: Karen Hocking advised that name change for Nitjpurru has been approved by the Place Names Committee. Final report to be sent to responsible Minister.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:07pm

Meeting resumed at 1:32pm





## 13. Correspondence

### Correspondence Report

**ITEM NUMBER 13.1.**

**OCM-2024/50 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

That the Correspondence Report is received and noted.

Cr Deborah Jones left the meeting at 2:19 pm.

Cr Deborah Jones rejoined the meeting at 2.25pm

## 14. General Business

### 13.1 Snap, Send, Solve

**OCM-2024/52 Resolution: Carried** (Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod/Cr Andrew McTaggart)

That Council agrees to subscribe to the Snap, Send, Solve Enterprise Solution including onboarding and unlimited reports as per quoted annual fees totalling \$5,990.

### 13.2 Distant Curve

**OCM-2024/53 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Cr Yvette Williams)

That Council agrees to write to Distant Curve advising that proposed solution is no longer required.



### **13.3 Pine Creek policing**

**OCM-2024/54 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Yvette Williams/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

That Council agrees to invite the relevant police Superintendent / Commander to the next Pine Creek Local Authority meeting to discuss policing at Pine Creek.

### **13.4 Street lighting for major roads turn-offs**

**OCM-2024/55 Resolution: Carried** (Mayor Brian Pedwell/Cr Yvette Williams)

That Council agrees to write to Minister Bowden requesting street lighting that meets Australian standards be installed at major road turn-offs to communities including Victoria Highway/Buchanan Highway, Victoria Highway/Buntine Highway, Kybrook Farm turn-off, Myatt turn-off, Gilwi turn-off, Gulardi turn-off, Murruning (One Mile) turn-off, Bulla turn-off, Amanbidji turn-off and Nitjpurru turn-off.

### **13.5 Grading of Pine Creek roads shoulders**

Note: Grading of shoulders at the road entrances in and out of Pine Creek has been identified as a maintenance requirement.

### **13.6 Policies**

Note: Updated smoking policy required.

### **13.7 VDRC Website**

Note: Cr McTaggart noted that there are sometimes technical issues with accessing policies via the VDRC website.

### **13.8 Digital form for feedback, suggestions, and general complaints**

**OCM-2024/56 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Cr Deborah Jones)

That Council agrees to develop a digital form which will be made accessible via the VDRC website for submission of general feedback, suggestions and complaints.



### **13.9 Funding for roads maintenance and repairs**

**OCM-2024/57 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Andrew McTaggart/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

That Council agrees to write to the Federal Minister for roads regarding the need for appropriate funding levels to fix approximately 700 kilometres of roads throughout Victoria Daly Region.

### **13.10 Regional Museums Grant Program**

**OCM-2024/58 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Deborah Jones/Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod)

That Council endorses application to the Regional Museums Grant Program to support urgent conservation surveys and assessments of the Timber Creek Police Museum collection.

### **13.11 LGANT call for nominations to the Gamba Eradication and Biodiversity Project Steering Committee (GEBC)**

**OCM-2024/59 Resolution: Carried** (Cr Deborah Jones/Mayor Brian Pedwell)

That Council endorses the nomination of Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod for membership to the Gamba Eradication and Diversity Project Steering Committee (GEBC).

Meeting adjourned for break at 3:23pm

Meeting resumed at 3:36pm



## 15. Confidential

**Resolution: Carried (Cr Deborah Jones/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 3.37pm.*

### 15.1. Confidential Ordinary Meeting held on 26 March 2024

**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. 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*

**Resolution: Carried (Cr Andrew McTaggart/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 re-opened to the public.

*The meeting returned to open session at 3.55pm.*



## 17. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 28 May 2024.

*The meeting closed at 4:00pm.*

This page and the preceding 12 pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on 30 April 2024.

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Mayor Brian Pedwell