



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2024 AT 10:00 AM

1 MEETING OPENED – 10.02am

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2 WELCOME

The President welcomed those present to the meeting.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance and Apologies

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Jason Minor, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Tommy Conway and Councillor Aloyiscois Hayes (arrived at 10.45am).

Staff:

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Ken Satour – A/Director Council Services, Sheree Sherry – A/Chief Financial and Information Officer, Barbara Newland – Manager Governance and Strategy, Jake Potter – Manager Transport Infrastructure and Fleet.

Guests:

Raima Baker and James Smith, Services Australia.

Apologies:

Nil.

OCM2024-128 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jason Minor)

That Council noted the attendance and that there were no apologies and no Elected Members absent.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Requests for Future Leave of Absence

OCM2024-129 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Abraham Poulson)

That Council noted that there were no Requests for Future Leave of Absence for Elected Members or notifications of any executive staff going on leave.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

OCM2024-130 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)

That Council noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

OCM2024-131 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Tommy Conway)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting held 6 September 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Notification of General Business Items and Non-Council Business Items

OCM2024-132 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jason Minor)

That Council:

- a) raised the question of the ability of Elected Members to attend Local Authority meetings outside their wards;
- b) approved the attendance of Elected Members at LA meetings outside their wards noting that this will not attract an Extra Meeting Allowance; and
- c) noted that no other matters were raised.

ITEM NUMBER:	7.2
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

OCM2024-133 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)

That the agenda papers for this Council meeting as presented be received for consideration at this meeting.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

OCM2024-134 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Tommy Conway)

That Council:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) noted that members did not declare any conflicts of interest.

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Deputations and Presentations – Services Australia
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Representatives from Services Australia wish to present to Council information regarding the operations of its Centrelink office in the Hermannsburg community.

OCM2024-135 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Marlene Abbott)

That Council notes the presentation by Services Australia.

Minute Note: Raima Baker, Service Centre Manager Hermannsburg and James Smith, Services Australia, delivered the presentation.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	Draft Minutes of Local Authority Meetings
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council considers the minutes of each Local Authority Ordinary Meeting or Provisional Meeting at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

Attached are the draft (unconfirmed) minutes of the Local Authority meetings that have occurred since or could not be prepared prior to the last Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Local Authority meetings covered in this report include:

- Titjikala – 1 August 2024
- Docker River – 7 August 2024
- Finke – 9 September 2024
- Areyonga – 12 September 2024
- Hermannsburg – 17 September 2024
- Amoonguna – 18 September 2024
- Mt Liebig – 19 September 2024

OCM2024-136 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Abraham Poulson)

That Council:

- a) approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority meetings held in Titjikala, Areyonga, Hermannsburg, Amoonguna and Mt Liebig.**
- b) approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Provisional Local Authority meeting held in Finke and Docker River.**
- c) notes the new projects established by the Authorities as follows:**
 - **Docker River Local Authority:**
 - **Movie equipment for Youth Board, allocating \$1,000.00**
 - **New Park location and infrastructure, allocating \$58,041.82**
 - **Finke Local Authority:**
 - **Four Stealth Solar lights, allocating \$16,000.00**
 - **Washdown bay for work vehicles, allocating \$10,000.00**
 - **Areyonga Local Authority:**
 - **Water Bubbler near the bus stop, allocating \$10,000.00**
 - **Water trailer with an IBC and tap, allocating \$6,000.00**
 - **Hermannsburg Local Authority:**
 - **Two (2) Bin Trailers, allocating \$35,000.00**
 - **Amoonguna Local Authority:**
 - **Water Trailer for Sorry camp, allocation \$7,000.00**
 - **Two (2) Bin Trailers, allocating \$35,000.00**
 - **Mt Liebig Local Authority:**
 - **A new Sorry camp, allocating \$9,500.00**
 - **Music equipment for the Youth, allocating \$5,000.00**

ITEM NUMBER:	12.2
TITLE:	Nominations of Local Authority Memberships
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As recorded in the minutes of the Authority meetings, the recommendation put forth to Council is to accept and endorse the nominations submitted for membership on the Local Authorities.

OCM2024-137 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Dalton McDonald)

That Council:

- a) approves the nominations received from:
 - Selinda Lily De Rose to the Docker River Local Authority and
 - Dyson Wheeler to the Mt Liebig Local Authority.

- b) endorses the recommendation of the Finke Local Authority to accept the resignation received from Geoffrey Stuart.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.3
TITLE:	Terminations of Local Authority Memberships
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is being asked to endorse the recommendations of the Local Authorities and revoke the membership of members who were absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

OCM2024-138 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council accepts and endorses to revoke the membership of:

- a) Henry Oliver and Audrey Miller from the Amoonguna Local Authority.
- b) Conrad Ratara and Evance Pareroutja from the Hermannsburg Local Authority.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.4
TITLE:	Council Meeting Planner
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2025 Council Meeting Planner proposes suitable meeting dates for all meetings of Ordinary Council, Special Council, Finance and Risk and Audit committee meetings as well as the Local Authority meetings.

OCM2024-139 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That Council:

- a) considers the proposed dates contained in the 2025 Meeting Planner;
- b) notes the outdoor Local Authority meetings scheduled between April – June 2025;
- c) notes that the CEO has set the date for NAIDOC Day to be observed on the 7 July 2025; and
- d) discusses locations to hold the Special Council Meeting and the Ordinary Council Meetings.

Minute Note: The communities of Finke and Docker River were suggested as suitable locations to hold the Special and Ordinary Council meetings. This is to be finalised at the December Council meeting.

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	Council Action Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council reviews the action/s that have been raised at previous Ordinary Council Meetings and provides the status and/or updates of each action.

OCM2024-140 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the update to the action and approves the closure of the action.

ITEM NUMBER:	13.2
TITLE:	Correspondence Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Council with an update on correspondence received and sent by the Council President and CEO in the period since the September 2024 Council meeting

OCM2024-141 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jason Minor)

That Council notes the correspondence received and sent.

14 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER:	14.1
TITLE:	Council President's Report
AUTHOR:	Anya Riley, Executive Assistant to CEO & President

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the meetings attended by President Roxanne Kenny since 26/08/2024.

OCM2024-142 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Tommy Conway)

That Council receives the President's report for the period 26th August to 14th October 2024.

ITEM NUMBER:	14.2
TITLE:	CEO Report
AUTHOR:	Belinda Urquhart, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the events and meetings attended by CEO Belinda Urquhart during the reporting period.

OCM2024-143 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)

That Council receives the CEO report for the months of September and October 2024.

Minute Note: Council was informed by the CEO that the vote by staff regarding the Enterprise Agreement was a resounding “Yes”.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	15.1
TITLE:	Governance Team Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to update Council on the activities of the Governance and Strategy Team.

OCM2024-144 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the Governance Team Report for October 2024.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.2
TITLE:	Governance Team Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to seek Council’s approval to provide support for the activities of one of its young community members.

OCM2024-145 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Dalton McDonald)

That Council provides support of \$1,000.00 to Mr Keanu Nelson to assist with his attendance at the Meredith Festival in Victoria.

Minute Note: This motion was unanimously supported by Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.3
TITLE:	Community Services Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of Community Services programs throughout the MRC region.

OCM2024-146 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the Community Services Report.

Minute Note: The CEO applauded the Children’s Services Team Leader for having been nominated for the NT Indigenous Educator of the Year.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.4
TITLE:	Council Services Report
AUTHOR:	Ken Satour, A/Director Council Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report outlines the activities of the Council Services Directorate in the areas of Local Government service delivery as well as the performance of contractual Commercial Services.

OCM2024-147 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes and accepts the Council Services Report.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.5
TITLE:	MRC EOY Swimming Pools Report 2023-24
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This paper has been prepared to present Council with the YMCA NT Report – Remote Pools Project for 2023-24 in relation to the activities of the Areyonga and Santa Teresa Pools.

OCM2024-148 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Patrick Allen)

That Council receives and notes the YMCA Swimming Pool Report for 2023-24.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.6
TITLE:	2023-24 Grant Acquittals
AUTHOR:	Osman Kassem, Acting Manager Finance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached grant acquittal reports for NT Grants are required to be presented before Council for acceptance.

OCM2024-149 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Patrick Allen)

That Council and approves the following grant acquittals for the 2023/24 financial year:

- a) **Local Authority Project Funding**
- b) **WaRM Grant (Rounds 1, 2, 3 & 4)**
- c) **IPG – Areyonga Access Road Upgrade**

ITEM NUMBER:	15.7
TITLE:	Fleet, Roads and Infrastructure
AUTHOR:	Jake Potter, Manager Fleet and Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the recent activities of the Fleet, Roads & Infrastructure Department.

OCM2024-150 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council notes and accepts the Fleet, Roads and Infrastructure Report.

Minute Note: There was a break at 11.45am with the meeting resuming at 11.58am.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.8
TITLE:	ICT Transition
AUTHOR:	Praful Gautam, A/Manager IT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MRC has the capacity to run and manage its ICT services in-house. In the past Councilbiz have managed the software licenses, setting up and managing staff profiles. MRC staff manage computer hardware and several other proprietary software services.

OCM2024-151 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Marlene Abbott)

That Council notes, approves and acts upon the recommendation:

- a) MRC acknowledges its previous intent to migrate away from Councilbiz; and**
- b) MRC issues the required notice to Councilbiz of its intention to discontinue its alignment with any usage of Councilbiz services.**

ITEM NUMBER:	15.9
TITLE:	Finance and Risk Committee Minutes
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, A/Chief Financial and Information Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 Section 19 if a Council does not schedule an ordinary meeting at least once in each month, the Council must delegate to a Council Committee the necessary powers to carry out, on behalf of the Council, financial functions of the council in the months the council does not schedule an ordinary meeting.

OCM2024-152 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes and accepts the minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee meeting of 27 September 2024.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.10
TITLE:	Audit Committee Minutes
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, A/Chief Financial and Information Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council's Audit Committee met on 23rd October 2024 at Bagot Street. The minutes of this meeting are attached for the Council's attention, these are still unconfirmed being due to be confirmed by the Committee at its next meeting in 2025.

OCM2024-153 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Aloyischois Hayes)

That Council:

- (a) notes and receives the minutes of the Audit Committee of 23rd October 2024; and**
- (b) notes the review of the General Purpose Financial Report by the Committee.**

Minute Note: There was a break for lunch at 12.41pm and the meeting resumed at 1.19pm.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.11
TITLE:	Annual Report 2023-24
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy and Sheree Sherry, A/Chief Financial and Information Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the MacDonnell Regional Council Annual Report for 2023-24 for its approval.

OCM2024-154 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

1. approves the MRC Annual Report 2023-24;
2. approves the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024;
3. approves the forwarding of the 2023-24 Annual Report, including the Audited Financial Statements, to the Minister for Local Government.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.12
TITLE:	People and Capabilities Report
AUTHOR:	Katie Fuller, HR Operations Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report highlights current and completed HR initiatives or activities affecting Council and our number one resource – the people!

OCM2024-155 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes and accepts the People & Capabilities Report.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.13
TITLE:	Policy Report – Youth Boards Policy and Manual
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to present Council with a policy for MRC's Youth Boards and a Youth Board Manual to assist the youth of MRC to be responsible members of their Youth Boards.

OCM2024-156 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Marlene Abbott)

That Council:

- a) adopts the policy MCxx-CP Youth Boards Policy; and
- b) approves the Youth Board Manual.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.14
TITLE:	Finance Report
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, A/Chief Financial and Information Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 30 September 2024.

OCM2024-157 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noes and accepts the Finance Report as at 30 September 2024.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

ITEM NUMBER:	16.1
TITLE:	General Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under Item 7.1 Members had the opportunity to table items to be discussed as General and Non-Council Business.

OCM2024-158 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- a) notes that the only matter raised had been dealt with; and
- b) in response to a request from the CEO the following were approved to attend the November meeting of LGANT:
 - President Roxanne Kenny
 - Deputy President Dalton McDonald
 - Cr Lisa Sharman
 - Cr Aloyiscois Hayes

17 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	17.1
TITLE:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and clauses 51 and 52 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, the meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential matters.

OCM2024-159 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items are about to be discussed. The meeting is closed in accordance with clause 51(1)©(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matters to be discussed include information that, if publicly disclosed, would be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

Minute Note: The open section of the meeting was closed at 1.42pm.

18 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

19 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

ITEM NUMBER:	19.1
TITLE:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-Admittance of the Public
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and regulations 51 and 2 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, the is to be opened to the public following the consideration of confidential matters. Resolutions will be transferred to the open meeting upon the determination of Council.

CM2024-160 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

That Council discloses motions from the confidential section of this meeting in the open section of the meeting and opens the meeting to the public. Motions to be disclosed are:

OCM2024-160 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Abraham Poulson)

That Council confirms the Minutes of the previous Confidential Meeting held on the 6th September 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

OCM2024-162 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) accepts and notes the report;
- b) approves the acceptance of the tender provided by Harvey Developments to the value of \$855,931.79 inc GST;
- c) moves the resolution into Open Council; and
- d) adds the confidential report on the tender submission onto the confidential matters register with a review date set as 30 years.

OCM2024-163 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council:

- a) accepts and notes the report;
- b) approves the acceptance of the tender provided by Central Industries to the value of \$180,000 (GST exclusive);
- c) moves the resolution into Open Council; and
- d) adds the confidential report on the tender submission onto the confidential matters register with a review date set as 30 years.

OCM2024-164 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jason Minor)

That Council considers and accepts the application received from Maryanne Malbunka for the position of Councillor, MacDonnell Regional Council.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13th December 2024.

20 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2.09pm.

This page and the preceding 12 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 25 October 2024 and are unconfirmed.

President

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