



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2024 AT 10:00 AM

1 MEETING OPENED – at 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 and Councillor Aloyiscois Hayes.

Staff

Belinda Urquhart - Chief Executive Officer, Keith Hassett - Director Service Delivery, Aaron Blacker - Director Technical Services, Gina Lacey - Director Community Services, Sheree Sherry - Acting Executive Manager Finance and Governance and Barbara Newland - Manager Governance.

Visitors

Ms Clare Pries and Mr Michael Tuckwell – Remote Power System Strategy.
Mr Sam Gibson, Ms Katrina Kawaljenko and Mr Paul Bruce (AFLNT) and Luke Ingames and Merida Walters (GHD) – via teleconference for AFLNT presentation.

Ms Alison Anderson, Greg Drew and Cameron Miller – Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarr Aboriginal Corporation.

OCM2024-63 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies received from Councillors Lisa Sharman and Tommy Conway;
- c) noted the absence without notice of Councillor Bobby Abbott;
- d) recognises that Cr Bobby Abbott has been absent without the permission of Council from 2 consecutive Ordinary Council meetings and that his appointment as an elected member of MRC is consequently terminated in accordance with s47(1)(o) of the *Local Government Act 2019*; and
- e) will consider the appointment of a person to fill the vacancy at the September meeting of Council.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

OCM2024-64 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Aloyischois Hayes)

That Council:

- a) noted that President Roxanne Kenny and Deputy President Dalton McDonald intend to take a period of leave in July and August respectively with the dates to be confirmed with the CEO; and
- b) noted that no Executive Staff will be on leave.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

OCM2024-65 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)

That Council noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

OCM2024-66 RESOLVED (Aloyischois Hayes/Patrick Allen)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting held 16 April 2024 and the Special Council meeting held 31 May 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

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

OCM2024-67 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Dalton McDonald)

That there were no matters raised to be discussed in General Council Business.

That members raised matters to be discussed in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- Centrelink Service in Hermannsburg - this matter was discussed with the CEO to take the issue up with Services Australia.
- Provision of sand in community members' front yards - again this matter was discussed and members were advised that this is a Housing matter. However, should community members require sand it can be purchased through Council as per MRC's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

ITEM NUMBER:	7.2
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

OCM2024-68 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Aloyiscois Hayes)

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

8 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

OCM2024-69 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- noted that members did not declare any Conflicts of Interest.

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Deputations and Presentations - Remote Power System Strategy
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Representatives from Ekistica have asked to deliver a presentation to Council regarding the Territory Renewable Energy "Remote Power Systems Strategy".

OCM2024-70 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Dalton McDonald)

That Council:

- a) notes the Remote Power Systems Strategy presentation; and
- b) thanks the representatives for their attendance.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.2
TITLE:	Deputations and Presentations – AFLNT
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The AFLNT wishes to provide an update on its Central Australia Infrastructure Project and discuss how the AFLNT and MRC can work together to progress the project. The presentation will be via Teams at the Council workshop to be held Thursday, 27 June 2024.

OCM2024-71 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)

That Council thanks the AFLNT for its presentation.

Minute Note: The CEO undertook to collate the suggestions of the Elected Members and provide feedback to AFLNT.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.3
TITLE:	Presentation - Ms Alison Anderson
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is to receive a presentation by Ms Alison Anderson, Executive Director, Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation, regarding the recently signed Local Decision Making Agreement with the Northern Territory Government and the Federal Government.

OCM2024-72 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)

That Council thanks Ms Anderson for her presentation.

12 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:

- Hermannsburg – 1 April 2024
- Imanpa – 2 May 2024
- Docker River – 9 May 2024
- Santa Teresa – 15 May 2024
- Titjikala – 16 May 2024
- Wallace Rockhole – 23 May 2024
- Areyonga – 12 June 2024

OCM2024-73 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Aloyischois Hayes)

That Council:

- a) approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority Meetings held in Hermannsburg, Imanpa, Docker River, Santa Teresa, Titjikala and Areyonga;
- b) approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Provisional Local Authority Meeting held in Wallace Rockhole;
- c) endorses the allocations to the new projects established by the Local Authorities as follows:
 - Allocated \$35,000.00 towards Water refill stations for Hermannsburg;
 - Allocated \$12,379.75 towards a Water trailer for Imanpa;
 - Allocated \$9,981.20 towards a Water trailer for Docker River;
 - Outdoor seating area outside the Store for Titjikala noting that members chose not to allocate funds until quotes are submitted;
- d) approves the re-allocations of the Areyonga Local Authority Project funds as follows:
 - \$7,014.39 from Project 2115 (Separate Spaces for males and females to Project 2112 – Upgrade 4 x new LED lights and repair 4 x broken LED lights; and
 - \$8,000.00 from Project 2113 (Shade Shelter and water tank at oval) towards a new project - Drainage around the Basketball Court.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is being asked to endorse the recommendations of the Local Authority to revoke the memberships of the Authority as members were absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

OCM2024-74 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That Council accepts and endorses the revocation of the memberships of Emma Hayes and Graham Hayes due to their absence without permission from two consecutive Santa Teresa Local Authority meetings.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.3
TITLE:	Nominations to Local Authorities
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2024-75 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and agrees to endorse the nomination of Priscilla Abbott, submitted for membership to the Docker River Local Authority.

Minute Note: The meeting adjourned for a break at 10.35am and resumed at 11.07am.

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council considers the attached actions that have been raised at previous Council meetings and provides the status and/or updates of each action.

OCM2024-76 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jason Minor)

That Council:

- a) **notes the progress on the actions in the register; and**
- b) **approves the removal of completed action OCM2024-050 in its entirety.**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Councillors with an update on correspondence received by the Council President in the period following the past Council meeting. It should be noted that no correspondence was sent during the reporting period.

OCM2024-77 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes the correspondence received.

14 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the meeting attended by President Roxanne Kenny from 22nd March 2024 to 14th June 2024.

OCM2024-78 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Mark Inkamala)

That Council receives the President's report for the months of March to June 2024.

ITEM NUMBER:	14.2
TITLE:	CEO Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2024-79 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Abraham Poulson)

That Council receives the CEO Report for the months of April, May and June 2024.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	15.1
TITLE:	Technical Services Report
AUTHOR:	Aaron Blacker, Director Technical Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the management of Technical Services for MacDonnell Regional Council.

OCM2024-80 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

That the Council notes and accepts the Technical Services Report.

Minute Note: The Director Technical Services is to look into erecting border signage between MRC and CDRC.

Minute Note: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.15pm and resumed at 12.57pm.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.2
TITLE:	Community Services Report
AUTHOR:	Gina Lacey, Director Community Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

OCM2024-81 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the Community Services Report.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.3
TITLE:	Council Services Report
AUTHOR:	Keith Hassett, 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.

OCM2024-82 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council notes and accepts the Council Services Report.

Minute Note: Deputy President Dalton McDonald raised the issue of people cutting through parts of their communities and taking shortcuts instead of sticking to the roads. The Director Council Services will consider options to deter this from happening.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.4
TITLE:	People and Capabilities Report
AUTHOR:	Brian Robinson, Executive Manager People Organisational Culture

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2024-83 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Aloyischois Hayes)

That Council notes and accepts the People & Capabilities Report.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.5
TITLE:	Finance Report
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, Acting Executive Manager Finance and Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 31 May 2024.

OCM2024-84 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 31 May 2024.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.6
TITLE:	Finance and Risk Committee Minutes
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

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.

OCM2024-85 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council notes and accepts the minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee meetings of 2 February 2024, 5 April 2024 and 31 May 2024.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.7
TITLE:	Governance Team Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2024-86 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes the Governance Team Report for June 2024.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.8
TITLE:	Policy Reviews
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) is an independent statutory body that determines the allowances for members of Council. The Tribunal has recently released the determination for Councillor Allowances for the 2024-25 financial year. These changes require amendments to policy MC03-CP ‘Allowances – Elected Members Policy’ and MC08-CP ‘Travel and Accommodation Policy – Members’.

OCM2024-87 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) **approves the revised version of policy MC03-CP ‘Allowances – Elected Members Policy’; and**
- b) **approves the revised version of policy MC08-CP ‘Travel and Accommodation – Members’.**

Minute Note: The Governance Manager provide a detailed explanation and demonstrations of the operation of the effect of the policy changes.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.9
TITLE:	Review of 2023-24 Key Performance Indicators
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the progress on the 2023-24 Regional Plan to ensure that Council is aware of the organisation’s progress in relation to the Objectives, Strategies and Key Performance Indicators established by Council.

OCM2024-88 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the report on progress against the 2023-24 Regional Plan.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.10
TITLE:	Use of the Common Seal
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, Acting Executive Manager Finance and Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 38(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (LGA) states that “the affixing of the Common Seal to a document must be authorised or ratified [endorsed] by resolution of the Council”. This report requests Council to ratify [endorse] the use of the Common Seal on the listed documents.

OCM2024-89 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)

That Council ratifies the use of the Common Seal on the following documents:

- Letter of Variation PCIP Mt Liebig Multi Sports Complex
- Letter of Variation PCIP Recreational Precinct Shade Structures
- Letter of Variation PCIP Papunya Sports Precinct Women’s Change Rooms

ITEM NUMBER:	15.11
TITLE:	Certification of the Assessment Record
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, Acting Executive Manager Finance and Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to accept and acknowledge the certification provided by the Chief Executive in relation to the Assessment Record for properties within the MacDonnell Regional Council region.

OCM2024-90 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Abraham Poulson)

That Council acknowledges the certification of the Assessment Record for rateable property in the MacDonnell Regional Council region provided by the Chief Executive Officer.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.12
TITLE:	Rates Declaration 2024-2025
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, Acting Executive Manager Finance and Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to declare the General Rates, Special Rates and Charges for the 2024-2025 financial year.

OCM2024-91 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Jason Minor)

That Council:

1. notes that a submission was received from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet on rates, special rates and charges with suggested corrections having been incorporated;
2. declares its Rates and Charges for the 2024-2025 financial year as per the attached document “MacDonnell Regional Council - Rates and Charges Declaration 2024-2025” in accordance with sections 237(1) and 237(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. publishes a notice of the Rates and Charges Declaration 2024-2025 on the MRC website and in a newspaper circulating generally in the MRC area in accordance with section 241 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.13
TITLE:	Adoption of MRC Budget 2024-2025
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, Acting Executive Manager Finance and Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the final draft of the MacDonnell Regional Council Budget 2024-2025 as contained within its Financial Plan 2024-2025, following the consultation period, for adoption.

OCM2024-92 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Aloyischois Hayes)

That Council:

1. sets the Elected Member’s Allowances for the 2024-2025 financial year as per Maximum Council Member Allowances as per the Determination of the NT Remuneration Tribunal;
2. notes that one submission was received from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet with the recommended changes incorporated into the relevant pages of the Financial Plan; and
3. adopts the MacDonnell Regional Council Budget for 2024-2025 in accordance with Section 203(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.14
TITLE:	Adoption of the Draft Regional Plan 2024-2025
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, Acting Executive Manager Finance and Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the final draft of the MacDonnell Regional Council Regional Plan 2024-2025, following the consultation period, for adoption.

OCM2024-93 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

1. notes that one submission was received from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet;
2. notes that the changes recommended in their submission have been incorporated into the document; and
3. adopts the MacDonnell Regional Council Regional Plan for 2024-25 (including the Financial Plan 2024-2025) in accordance with Section 35(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.1

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 Council Business. The matters raised were fully discussed at that time and required no further discussion.

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.

OCM2024-94 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Jason Minor)

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)(c)(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 2.10pm.

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	18.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Confidential Minutes

The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. i.e. 51(1)(51(1)(c)(i)), it contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

ITEM NUMBER:	18.2
TITLE:	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee

The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. i.e. 51(1)(51(1)(a)), it contains 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.

ITEM NUMBER:	18.3
TITLE:	MRC23.24 420-002 Supply and Install 21 steel shade shelters with epoxy painted steel, colorbond roof sheeting in Various MRC communities

The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

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, 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 opened to the public following the consideration of confidential matters. Resolutions will be transferred to the open meeting upon the determination of Council.

OCM2024-98 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That Council discloses the following motions from the confidential section of this meeting into the open section and reopens to the public:

OCM2024-95 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the Confidential Special Council meeting held on 31 May 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

OCM2024-96 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the Confidential Finance and Risk Committee meeting held on 2 February 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

OCM2024-97 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Aloyischois Hayes)

That Council:

- a) accepts and notes the report;
- b) approves the acceptance of the tender provided by Harvey Developments to the value of \$900,268 (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.

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 6 September 2024

21 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 2.59pm.

This page and the proceeding 14 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday, 28th June 2024 and are unconfirmed.

President