



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES,
SANTA TERESA ON FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10:00 AM

1 MEETING OPENED – at 10.17am

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Please note that, for operational reasons, this meeting was closed at 10.18am for the consideration of Confidential matters.

17 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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| 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.

OCM2024-99 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Dalton McDonald)

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.

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

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| 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.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 18.2 |
| TITLE: | Correspondence |

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)(b). It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 18.3 |
| TITLE: | MRC Organisational Development Plan |

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)(iv). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

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

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| 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.

OCM2024-103 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

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

OCM2024-100 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)

That Council confirms the Minutes of the previous Confidential Meeting held on 28 June 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

OCM2024-101 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Aloyiscois Hayes)

That Council notes the correspondence sent.

OCM2024-102 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)

That Council adopts the “MRC Organisational Development Plan” as a strategic framework with actionable steps aimed at enhancing Council’s capacity to ensure it can meet challenges in alignment with the needs of its communities.

The Open section of this meeting commenced at 10.23am.

2 WELCOME

The President welcomed those present to the meeting.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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| 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 Aloyiscois Hayes, Councillor Lisa Sharman and Councillor Tommy Conway.

Staff

Belinda Urquhart - Chief Executive Officer, Keith Hassett – Director Council Services, Sheree Sherry – Executive Manager Finance Governance & ICT (Acting), Barbara Newland - Manager Governance, June Crabb – Governance Coordinator and Anya Riley, EA to the President and CEO.

OCM2024-104 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Aloyiscois Hayes)

That Council:

- a) **noted the attendance at this meeting; and**
- b) **noted that there were no apologies.**

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

OCM2024-105 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) noted that Deputy President Dalton McDonald shall be on leave for 3 weeks commencing 9 September 2024; and
- b) noted that the Director Council Services will be on leave for 5 weeks commencing 14 October 2024. In his absence Mr Ken Satour will be acting in this position.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 5.1 |
| TITLE: | MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct |

OCM2024-106 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Tommy Conway)

That Council noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 6.1 |
| TITLE: | Confirmation of Previous Minutes |

OCM2024-107 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Patrick Allen)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting held 28 June 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

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

OCM2024-108 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jason Minor)

That members raised matters relating to General Council Business as follows:

- The garaging of Council vehicles – Council was advised that all vehicles are to be locked up – the Director Council Services is to follow up and remind staff about the need to either secure vehicles where home-garaging is permitted or lock the vehicles in the Council compound.
- The CEO is to consider the potential implementation of drug and alcohol testing.

That members raised the following matter relating to General Non-Council Business:

- Council queried the removal of the allocation of funding for the Santa Teresa/Titjikala Road – the CEO is to take this matter on board.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 7.2 |
| TITLE: | Acceptance of Agenda |

OCM2024-109 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davies)

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

8 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 8.1 |
| TITLE: | Conflict of Interest |

OCM2024-110 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Marlene Abbott)

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

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 9.1 |
| TITLE: | Deputations and Presentations – Tin Truck and Associates |
| AUTHOR: | Barbara Newland, Governance Manager |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tin Truck and Associates wish to present to Council information regarding the project “Communities wanting to transition Health Clinics to Aboriginal Community Control” and to request Council’s approval to visit the communities engaged in this project.

OCM2024-111 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

- a) notes the Tin Truck and Associates presentation;
- b) thanks the representatives for their attendance; and
- c) provides its approval for Tin Truck and Associates to visit the communities engaged in this project.

Minute Note: The CEO undertook to provide feedback to Tin Truck and Associates.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 9.2 |
| TITLE: | Deputations and Presentations – APO NT |
| AUTHOR: | Barbara Newland, Governance Manager |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Aboriginal Peak Organisation Northern Territory (APO NT) is seeking Council’s help in identifying Aboriginal educators with history or experience of education within MRC’s communities who may be interested in and/or associated with the Independent Aboriginal Education Peak Body which is being established. APO NT is also seeking Council’s approval to present this matter at Local Authority meetings.

OCM2024-112 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Aloyiscois Hayes)

That Council:

- a) thanks APO NT for the information provided; and
- b) provides its approval for this matter to be presented at future Local Authority meetings.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 9.3 |
| TITLE: | Presentation – Power and Water Corporation |
| AUTHOR: | Barbara Newland, Governance Manager |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Representatives of the Power and Water Corporation (PWC) wish to address Council to provide information about the upcoming changes to prepayment meters, specifically the replacement of paper token meters with smart prepayment meters. PWC will provide an overview of this project, its engagement approach and discuss Council’s preferences for community information sessions and door-to-door visits.

OCM2024-113 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council receives and notes the presentation by the Power and Water Corporation.

12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

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| 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:

- Amoonguna – 19 June 2024
- Mt Liebig – 9 July 2024
- Papunya – 10 July 2024
- Wallace Rockhole – 11 July 2024
- Imanpa – 18 July 2024
- Santa Teresa – 31 July 2024

OCM2024-114 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Tommy Conway)

That Council:

- a) approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority Meetings held in Amoonguna, Mt Liebig, Wallace Rockhole and Santa Teresa.
- b) approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Provisional Local Authority Meetings held in Papunya and Imanpa
- c) notes the new projects established by the Authorities as follows:
 - **Mt Liebig Local Authority:**
 - 4WD Caged trailer with spare tyres, allocating \$12,000.00
 - Commemorative Plaque for Kumanjay Jackson, allocating \$1,000.00
 - Plaque for Night Patrol, allocating \$1,000.00
 - **Papunya Local Authority:**
 - Established trees, allocating \$3,000.00
 - Band equipment and instruments for the Youth Board, allocating \$10,000.00
 - Softball lighting, allocating \$40,000.00
 - **Imanpa Local Authority:**
 - Youth Board, allocating \$750.00 towards water bottles, a Dodgeball set and a pack of Foosballs
 - **Santa Teresa Local Authority:**
 - Cemetery extension and fencing, allocating \$70,000.00
- d) discusses the recommendation of the Docker River Local Authority to return \$1,181.81 of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds as they ask to not be penalised for the Purchase orders that were not raised towards a community event.

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| 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.

OCM2024-115 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/ Aloyiscois Hayes)

That Council accepts and endorses the revocation of the memberships of the following members due to their absence without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings:

- a) Nora Hayes-Wheeler from the Santa Teresa Local Authority; and
- b) Amanda Abbott from the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

Minute Note: The meeting adjourned for a break at 10.54am and resumed at 11.13am.

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| 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.

OCM2024-116 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That Council:

- a) notes the appointment of Audrey Turner as Chairperson of the Mt Liebig Local Authority; and
- b) agrees to endorse the following nominations:
 - Leonie Young to the Santa Teresa Local Authority; and
 - Rhekita Stuart to the Amoonguna Local Authority.

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 13.1 |
| 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.

OCM2024-117 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes the correspondence received and sent.

14 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the meetings attended by President Roxanne Kenny from 1 June 2024.

OCM2024-118 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Lisa Sharman)

That Council receives the President's report for the period 1 June to 23 August 2024.

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| 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.

OCM2024-119 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Patrick Allen)

That Council receives the CEO Report for the months of July and August 2024.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details recent activities of the Technical Services Directorate.

OCM2024-120 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Aloyiscois Hayes)

That Council notes and accepts the Technical Services Report.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 15.2 |
| TITLE: | Community Services Report |
| AUTHOR: | Barbara Newland, Manager Governance |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2024-121 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes and accepts the Community Services Report.

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| 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.

OCM2024-122 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the Council Services Report.

Minute Note: The Director Council Services advised that the Winner of the Artwork Competition, as selected by Council, was the Areyonga School with the second prize-winner being the Finke School.

Minute Note: Councillor Mark Inkamala commented on the situation regarding the Hermannsburg cemeteries noting that No.2 needs to be cleared and No.3 is nearly full. The Director Council Services will liaise with the Council Services Coordinator regarding maintenance of the cemeteries.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 15.4 |
| TITLE: | People and Capabilities Report |
| AUTHOR: | Rhiannon Pomery, Coordinator Employee Relations |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2024-123 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Aloyischois Hayes)

That Council notes and accepts the People & Capabilities Report.

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| 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 July 2024.

OCM2024-124 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Mark Inkamala)

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

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 15.6 |
| TITLE: | Finance and Risk Committee Minutes |
| AUTHOR: | Sheree Sherry, Acting Executive Manager Finance and Governance |

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.

OCM2024-125 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- a) notes and accepts the minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee meetings of 9 August 2024; and**
- b) appoints Councillor Andrew Davis as a member of the Finance and Risk Committee and the Audit Committee to fill the vacancy created due to the departure of Mr Bobby Abbott.**

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| 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.

OCM2024-126 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes the Governance Team Report for September 2024.

Minute Note: The meeting was advised that funerals are held in the Hermannsburg community every Tuesday.

Minute Note: There was discussion about the attendance of Councillors to Local Authority meetings in communities outside of their wards. To be considered further.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 15.8 |
| TITLE: | Filling of Casual Council Vacancy |
| AUTHOR: | Barbara Newland, Governance Manager |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to advise Council of the action taken to fill the casual vacancy created as a result of the termination of the appointment of Mr Bobby Abbott.

OCM2024-127 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jason Minor)

That Council notes the action taken to fill the existing Council casual vacancy.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.1

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

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 25 October 2024

21 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 2.13pm.

This page and the proceeding 11 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday, 6th September 2024 and are unconfirmed.

President