



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ALICE SPRINGS ON TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00 AM

1 MEETING OPENED at 10.00am

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2 WELCOME

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 Jason Minor, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Lisa Sharman and Councillor Tommy Conway and Councillor Maryanne Malbunka.

Staff:

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Keith Hassett – Director Community Services, Ken Satour – Acting Director Council Services, Sheree Sherry – Chief Financial and Information Officer and Barbara Newland – Manager Governance and Strategy.

Guests:

Nil.

Apologies:

Councillor Patrick Allen and Councillor Abraham Poulson.

OCM2025-035 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Maryanne Malbunka)

That Council:

- a) notes the attendance at this meeting; and
- b) accepts the apologies received from Councillor Allen and Councillor Poulson.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

OCM2025-036 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes there were no Requests for Future Leave of Absence.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

OCM2025-037 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Jason Minor)

That Council notes the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

OCM2025-038 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Maryanne Malbunka)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed Minutes of the previous Council meeting held 28 February 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

OCM2025-039 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Dalton McDonald)

That the 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

OCM2025-040 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

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

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Requests to present at Local Authority Meetings
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council's permission is being sought for representatives of the Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation to attend Local Authority meetings.

OCM2025-041 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jason Minor)

That Council approves the request by representatives from the Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation to attend the Local Authority meetings to be held in Papunya, Mt Liebig and Haasts Bluff.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.2
TITLE:	Presentation by National Indigenous Australian Agency
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Representatives from the National Indigenous Australian Agency are in attendance to introduce themselves to the members and other key attendees, with the purpose being to further build and maintain our ongoing positive strong working connection with key people in the Community.

OCM2025-042 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Dalton McDonald)

That Council:

- a) notes the presentation provided by representatives of the National Indigenous Australian Agency; and**
- b) approves NIAA representatives attending one meeting per year in each community with discussion to be included in the standing Non-Council Business item in the LA agendas.**

10 NOTICES OF MOTION – Nil

11 RESCISSION MOTIONS – Nil

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.

The Local Authority meetings covered in this report for the period between February and March 2025 include:

- ☐ Papunya – 5 February
- ☐ Areyonga – 6 February
- ☐ Mt Liebig – 12 February
- ☐ Amoonguna – 13 February
- ☐ Imanpa – 19 February
- ☐ Haasts Bluff – 6 March
- ☐ Finke – 12 March
- ☐ Docker River – 13 March
- ☐ Kintore – 19 March
- ☐ Wallace Rockhole – 20 March
- ☐ Santa Teresa – 26 March
- ☐ Titjikala – 27 March

OCM2025-043 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) approves the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority meetings held in Papunya, Areyonga, Mt Liebig, Haasts Bluff, Finke, Docker River, Kintore, Wallace Rockhole, Santa Teresa and Titjikala.
- b) approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Provisional meetings held in Imanpa; and Amoonguna;
- c) supports the allocation of its Discretionary funds by the Amoonguna Local Authority towards a Memorial Service.
- d) endorses the allocations to projects established by the Local Authorities as follows:
 - ☐ Areyonga – allocates \$19,502.65 towards a Healthy Community event.
 - ☐ Imanpa – allocates an additional \$5,000.00 to the Water Trailer project.
 - ☐ Haasts Bluff – allocates \$32,557.51 to a Healthy Community event.
 - ☐ Wallace Rockhole – allocates \$300.00 to an Easter event.
 - ☐ Titjikala – Cemetery upgrades, anticipating that future funding will be allocated to this project.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Resignations and Nominations
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As recorded in the minutes of the Authority meetings, the recommendations put forth to Council are to accept and endorse the nominations submitted for membership on the Local Authorities and accept any resignations received.

OCM2025-044 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council approves:

- a) the nominations received for membership on the Local Authorities as follows:
 - ☐ Paul Williams to the Amoonguna Local Authority;
 - ☐ Liza Mulda and Jessica Moora to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority;
 - ☐ Brett Stockman to the Docker River Local Authority;
 - ☐ Camilla Hayes to the Santa Teresa Local Authority; and
- b) the resignations received from:
 - ☐ Chair Greg Sharman of the Titjikala Local Authority; and
 - ☐ Member Henry Oliver of the Amoonguna Local Authority.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In accordance with para.4.15.1 of Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedures (MC02-P2) which reads:

"It is important that Local Authority members attend meetings wherever possible. Appointment of a local authority member may be revoked or otherwise cease if the person:

- c. Is absent for 2 consecutive meetings without the permission of the Local Authority."*

Council is being asked to endorse the recommendations of the Local Authority and revoke the membership of members who were absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings and members who no longer live in community.

OCM2025-045 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That Council accepts the recommendations of the Authorities to revoke the membership of members:

- a) absent from two consecutive Local Authority meetings without notice provided:**
 - ☐ **Naphtali Scobie from the Areyonga Local Authority;**
 - ☐ **Randall Butler and Martin Jugadai from the Haasts Bluff Local Authority;**
 - ☐ **Billy Porter from the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority; and**
- b) no longer living in community:**
 - ☐ **Jennicka Inkamala from the Haasts Bluff Local Authority.**

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2025-046 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)

That Council closes all current actions in the register.

Minute note: Deputy President McDonald left the meeting at 10.36am.

Minute note: The CEO will continue discussions with the CEO of CLC regarding his attendance at a future Council meeting. The discussion will also include the scheduling of CLC meetings. The CEO advised that advocacy has been conducted on behalf of Council in advance of the upcoming Federal Election. A significant "Federal Election Advocacy Statement" has been placed on Council's website.

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 February 2025 Council meeting.

OCM2025-047 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Tommy Conway)

That Council:

- a) notes the correspondence received and sent; and
- b) ratifies the motions sent by the CEO to LGANT for presentation at the LGANT General Meeting.

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 the February 2025 meeting of Council.

OCM2025-048 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Tommy Conway)

That Council receives the President's report for the period 26th February to 2nd April 2025.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the events and meetings attended by Keith Hasset as Acting CEO whilst the CEO was on leave and Belinda Urquhart CEO upon her return from leave during the reporting period.

OCM2025-049 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Tommy Conway)

That Council receives the CEO report for the months of February and March 2025.

Minute note: There was a break for morning tea at 10.44am. The meeting resumed at 11.01am.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	15.1
TITLE:	Council Services Report
AUTHOR:	Ken Satour, Acting 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

OCM2025-050 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lisa Sharman)

That Council notes and accepts the attached Council Services report.

Minute note: The Acting Director Council Services expressed his thanks to Gemma Rule for her great work as the CSC at Mt Liebig. Gemma has been promoted to a position in People and Capabilities.

Minute note: Deputy President McDonald returned to the meeting at 11.43am.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.2
TITLE:	Roads, Fleet and Waste Management
AUTHOR:	Jake Potter, Manager Fleet and Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an executive summary of Roads, Fleet and Waste Management

OCM2025-051 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes and accepts the Roads, Fleet and Waste Management Report.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.3
TITLE:	Community Services Report
AUTHOR:	Keith Hassett, Director Community Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of Community Services programs from February 2025 – March 2025, throughout the MRC region.

OCM2025-052 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes and accepts the attached Community Services Reports.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.4
TITLE:	Finance and Risk Committee Minutes
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, 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.

OCM2025-053 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council notes and accepts the minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee meeting of 28 March 2025.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.5
TITLE:	2024-25 Budget Review
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, Chief Financial and Information Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

After review by Managers, Directors and the CEO, changes are recommended to Council's budget contained within the Regional Plan. In general terms the amendments reflect finalisation of unexpended grants, confirmation of grant funding and acceptance of new grants and revisions to anticipated income and expenditure for the remainder of the year.

OCM2025-054 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)

That Council adopts the amendments to the Budget 2024-2025 pursuant to Section 203(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Minute note: Due to their size the detailed notes and estimates regarding the budget review were presented at the meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.6
TITLE:	Presentation of Grant Acquittals
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, Chief Financial and Information Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2025-055 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes and approves the following grant acquittals:

- **One-off Infrastructure Grant 2021-22 – Supply and installation of hard cover shade structure for the playgrounds in Hermannsburg, Titjikala and Santa Teresa.**
- **Immediate Priority Grant Program – Areyonga access road upgrade.**

Minute note: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.49pm and resumed at 1.20pm.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.7
TITLE:	People and Capabilities Report
AUTHOR:	Katie Fuller, People and Capabilities Operations Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2025-056 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Maryanne Malbunka)

That Council notes and accepts the People & Capabilities Report.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.8
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.

OCM2025-057 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes the Governance Team Report for April 2025.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.9
TITLE:	Youth Board Meetings – Council Feedback
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to provide feedback to Council from the meetings of MacDonnell Regional Council's Youth Boards, including matters discussed and recommendations made.

OCM2025-058 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes the Youth Board Meetings – Council Feedback report.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.10
TITLE:	Consideration of Council Vacancy
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding the vacancy which currently exists on Council.

OCM2025-059 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Dalton McDonald)

That Council leaves the position of Councillor in the Rodinga Ward vacant.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.11
TITLE:	2025 Amendments to the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> - Discussion Paper
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development has commenced consultation on the Tranche 2 Local Government Legislation Amendments 2025. The purpose of this Paper is to inform Council of amendments currently being considered.

OCM2025-060 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes the 2025 Amendments to the *Local Government Act 2019* Discussion Paper.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER:	16.1
TITLE:	General Business and Non-Council Business
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members are asked to table items they wish to discuss as General and Non-Council Business.

OCM2025-061 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lisa Sharman)

That Council notes and discusses the following General Business matters:

- Council noted Mr Sharman's contributions to Council over a lengthy period and will issue a media release to acknowledge his service.
- Due to a recent violent incident a fence will be erected around the perimeter of the Alice Springs Office.
- Travel arrangements to the Special Council meeting to be held in Docker River were confirmed.

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, Manager Governance and Strategy

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.

OCM2025-062 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items are about to be discussed.

Minute note: The open section of the meeting was closed at 2.09pm.

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**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 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.

OCM2025-064 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Tommy Conway)

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. The motion to be disclosed is:

OCM2025-063 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Jason Minor)

That Council confirms the Minutes of the previous Confidential Meeting held on the 28th February 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 28 May 2025

21 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 2.11pm.

This page and the preceding 11 pages are the unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 April 2025.

President

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