MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026 AT 10:00 AM

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1 MEETING OPENED AT 9.32 AM

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2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors
President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Maryanne Malbunka, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Dalton McDonald, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Matthew Palmer, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Veronica Lynch, Councillor Lynn Ward and Councillor Tommy Conway.

Staff
Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Newland – Manager Governance and Strategy, Keith Hassett – Deputy CEO/Director Council Services, Katie Fuller – Executive Manager People & Capabilities, Ainsley Roscrow - Executive Manager Aged and Childcare Services and Libby Taylor – Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety.

ITEM NUMBER:	**3.1**
TITLE:	**Attendance and Apologies**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report is to acknowledge the attendance and to table, for Council's record, any apologies received from Elected Members for this Ordinary Council meeting.

***OCM2026-87* RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Mark Inkamala)**

That Council:

a) **notes the Elected Members attendance at this meeting;**
b) **tables and accepts the apology received from Cr Abrahan Poulson for this meeting; and**
c) **records that there were no Elected Members absences, without notice, for this meeting.**

Minute note: Cr Poulson attended the workshop on Thursday, 18 June 2026 and advised that he would be absent from the Council meeting due to his attendance at a funeral. He was given a letter of condolence on behalf of Council regarding the funeral he was attending.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report is to table, for Council's record, requests for leave of absence received from Elected Members for this Ordinary Council meeting.

OCM2026-88 **RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Patrick Allen)**

That Council:

a) **receives and notes requests for future leave of absence received for this Council meeting from Cr Patrick Allen who will be on leave until 31 July 2026; and**

b) **receives notification of executive staff going on leave and staff acting in their absence as follows:**
   - **Katie Fuller – 19 June to 14 July 2026 – duties to be undertaken by the CEO.**
   - **Ainsley Roscrow – 29 June to 17 July 2026 – relief will be provided by Ashton Rogers, Senior Coordinator Aged Care Operations.**
   - **Keith Hassett – 2 July to 12 August 2026 – relief will be provided by Stuart Millar, Area Manager first 3 weeks, Jake Potter, Manager Housing, Facilities & Project Management Office second 3 weeks.**
   - **Osman Kassem – 22 June 2026 for an indeterminate period – relief will be provided by Praful Gautam, ICT Manager.**

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report contains all of the details about the MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct Policy.

OCM2026-89 **RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)**

That Council notes the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	**6.2**
TITLE:	**Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report provides the minutes of the previous the Special Council Meeting held 29 May 2026 to be approved by Council.

***OCM2026-90* RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lynn Ward)**

That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous the Special Council Meeting held 29 May 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	**7.1**
TITLE:	**Acceptance of Agenda**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Agenda papers are submitted for acceptance by Council for this Council Meeting.

***OCM2026-91* RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Patrick Allen)**

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**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report outlines the minimum standard of behaviour expected of the Local Authority in relation to declaring personal or family financial interests that may impact on the performance of their roles and ability to make objective decisions.

***OCM2026-92* RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Matthew Palmer)**

That Council:
- **a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- **b) notes that there were no elected Member declarations of conflicts of interest with the meeting agenda.**

12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	Draft Minutes of the Local Authorities
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Council reviews the minutes of each Local Authority Meeting or Provisional Meeting at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The draft (unconfirmed) minutes attached to this report relate to 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 are for the period since the 10 May and include:

- Titjikala – 14 May
- Santa Teresa – 27 May
- Areyonga – 2 June
- Kintore – 3 June

***OCM2026-93* RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Patrick Allen)**

That Council:

a) confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority meetings held in Titjikala, Santa Teresa, Areyonga and Kintore

b) accepts the Authorities allocations towards new and existing project as follows:

- **Santa Teresa:**
  - **$75,000.00 towards a 3 on 3 half Basketball Court; and**
  - **$15,000.00 to purchasing Cracker dust.**
- **Areyonga:**
  - **An additional $5,000.00 towards the purchase of a Diesel ride-on mower.**
- **Kintore:**
  - **An additional $30,000.00 to project 2171 - Demolish the Building at the Basketball Court;**
  - **$80,000.00 towards the purchase of 2 x Grandstands for the Football Oval;**
  - **$10,000.00 to Music Equipment for Youth;**
  - **$5,000.00 towards the purchase of 2 x Pool Tables;**
  - **$5,000.00 towards the Sports Weekend; and**
  - **The remaining funds currently being $16,897.03 to restoring the football lights to operational status.**

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER:	**13.1**
TITLE:	**Correspondence Report**
AUTHOR:	**Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & 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 May 2026 Special Council meeting.

***OCM2026-94* RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lynn Ward)**

That Council notes the correspondence received and sent.

ITEM NUMBER:	**13.2**
TITLE:	**Ordinary Council Action Register**
AUTHOR:	**June Crabb, Coordinator Governance**

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

***OCM2026-95* RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)**

That Council:
- **a) notes the responses to the actions raised; and**
- **b) accepts the recommendation to close all items.**

14 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER:	**14.1**
TITLE:	**Council President's Report**
AUTHOR:	**Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report details the meetings attended by President Roxanne Kenny since the report presented at the April 2026 meeting of Council.

***OCM2026-96* RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Tommy Conway)**

That Council receives the President's report for the period 1st April 2026 to 31st May 2026.

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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.

OCM2026-97 **RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)**

That Council receives the CEO report for the period March to 8 June 2026.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	15.1
TITLE:	Council Services OCM 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, Housing and Facilities management, Contractual Commercial Services, and Projects.

OCM2026-98 **RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Tommy Conway)**

That Council:
- **a) notes and accepts the Council Services Report; and**
- **b) writes to the CAFL with questions regarding youth football and invites representatives from CAFL to the next meeting of Council.**

Minute note: There was a break for morning tea at 10.32am and the meeting resumed at 11.00am.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.2
TITLE:	Aged Care and Children's Services Report
AUTHOR:	Ainsley Roscrow, Executive Manager Aged and Childcare Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report provides an update on the delivery of Aged Care and Children's services throughout the MRC region.

OCM2026-99 **RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Matthew Palmer)**

That Council notes and accepts the attached Aged Care and Children's services report.

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ITEM NUMBER:	**15.3**
TITLE:	**Youth Services, Youth Boards and Community Safety Report**
AUTHOR:	**Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report provides an update on the delivery of Youth Services, Youth Boards and Community Safety services across the MRC region for April and May 2026

OCM2026-100 **RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Patrick Allen)**

That the Council notes and accepts the attached Youth Services, Youth Boards and Community Safety Services report.

ITEM NUMBER:	**15.4**
TITLE:	**People & Capabilities Report**
AUTHOR:	**Katie Fuller, Executive Manager People and Capabilities**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report highlights current and completed P&C initiatives or activities affecting Council and our number one resource – the people!

OCM2026-101 **RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Veronica Lynch)**

That Council notes and accepts the People & Capabilities Report.

ITEM NUMBER:	**15.5**
TITLE:	**Finance Report period ending 31 May 2026**
AUTHOR:	**Osman Kassem, Finance Manager**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 31 May 2026.

OCM2026-102 **RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Dalton McDonald)**

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 31 May 2026.

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ITEM NUMBER:	15.6
TITLE:	Certification of the Assessment Record
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

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 MacDonald Regional Council region.

OCM2026-103 **RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Tommy Conway)**

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

ITEM NUMBER:	15.7
TITLE:	Rates Declaration 2026-2027
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The purpose of this paper is to declare the General Rates, Special Rates and Charges for the 2026-2027 financial year.

OCM2026-104 **RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That Council

1. **notes that at the time of preparation of this report no submissions relating to this matter had been received;**
2. **declares its Rates and Charges for the 2026-2027 financial year as per the attached document "MacDonnell Regional Council - Rates and Charges Declaration 2026-2027" in accordance with sections 237(1) and 237(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*; and**
3. **publishes a notice of the Rates and Charges Declaration 2026-2027 on the MRC website in accordance with section 241 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.**

ITEM NUMBER:	15.8
TITLE:	Adoption of MRC Budget 2026-2027
AUTHOR:	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the final draft of the MacDonnell Regional Council Budget 2026-2027 as contained within its Financial Plan 2026-2027, following the consultation period, for adoption.

OCM2026-105 **RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)**

That Council:

1. **sets the Elected Member's Allowances for the 2026-2027 financial year as per Maximum Council Member Allowances as per the Determination of the NT Remuneration Tribunal;**
2. **notes the advice provided by PowerWater during the consultation period regarding the increase in electricity charges applicable to MRC from 1 July 2026;**
3. **notes that at the time this report was prepared no other submissions relating to this matter had been received;**
4. **adopts the MacDonnell Regional Council Budget for 2026-2027 in accordance with Section 203(1) of the Local Government Act 2019; and**
5. **notifies the Department in writing of the adoption of the budget in accordance with Section 203(4)(b).**

ITEM NUMBER:	15.9
TITLE:	Use of the Common Seal
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

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 endorse the use of the Common Seal on the listed documents.

OCM2026-106 **RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Lynn Ward)**

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

- **Safety and Wellbeing Programme Deed of Variation No.1 – 27.5.2026**
- **Lease Lot 143 Docker River Night Patrol**
- **Lease Lot 246 Docker River Waste Management Facility**
- **Lease Lots 106, 110, 117, 178, 187, 189, 227 Docker River**
- **Lease Lots 14, 18, 57, 109 Titjikala**
- **Licence Lot 250 Docker River Cemetery**
- **Licence Lots 240, 247, 253, 254 Docker River**

ITEM NUMBER:	**15.10**
TITLE:	**Governance Team Report**
AUTHOR:	**Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy**

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

OCM2026-107 **RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Dalton McDonald)**

That Council notes the Governance Team Report for April and May 2026.

ITEM NUMBER:	**15.11**
TITLE:	**Declaration by Cr Conway**
AUTHOR:	**Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The purpose of this report is to present Cr Conway as the new member for the Luritja Pintubi Ward so that he may sign his Declaration Certificate.

OCM2026-108 **RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Dalton McDonald)**

That Council asks Cr Conway to cite, accept and sign his Declaration Certificate.

ITEM NUMBER:	**15.12**
TITLE:	**Resignation of Elected Member**
AUTHOR:	**Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The purpose of this paper is to inform Council of the resignation of Councillor Peter Wilson.

OCM2026-109 **RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)**

That Council:
- **a) notes the resignation of Mr Peter Wilson as a Councillor of MacDonnell Regional Council;**
- **b) notes that the NTEC has been advised;**
- **c) notes that a by-election will be required to fill the vacancy in the Iyarrka Ward; and**
- **d) appoints the CEO, Belinda Urquhart, as the Returning Officer for the by-election.**

ITEM NUMBER:	15.13
TITLE:	Adoption of the Draft Regional Plan 2026-2027
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The purpose of this report is to present to Council the final draft of the MacDonnell Regional Council Regional Plan 2026-2027, following the consultation period, for adoption.

***OCM2026-110* RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Mark Inkamala)**

That Council

1. **notes that no submissions were received from the public regarding the Regional Plan; and**
2. **adopts the MacDonnell Regional Council Regional Plan for 2026-27 (including the Financial Plan 2026-2027) in accordance with Section 35(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.**

16 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	16.1
TITLE:	Notification of General Business Items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The purpose of this report is to give Elected Members the opportunity to table items they wish to be debated by Council.

***OCM2026-111* RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

Council notes that Elected Members did not raise any further items of concern they wished to discussed in this meeting.

Minute note: At this time the CEO took this opportunity to mention the following matters:

- Council has previously requested that an Honour Board be mounted to honour the service of past Councils. An Honour Board has been developed and Members were shown a representation of what it will look like.
- The CEO advised that Paul Fly and Toby Fly have been appointed as the MRC Grading team. This means that they will travel around to each community and grade fire breaks and internal roads. Both have completed formal training and assessment and have obtained qualifications (tickets) as operators. Both are indigenous local men who are excited to be part of this new initiative.
- The CEO asked members to make every effort to attend all Local Authority meetings within their respective wards in person.
- Members were advised that Mr Keith Hassett has been nominated as the LGANT representative on the NT Liveability Framework Working Group.
- The CEO invited all members who may be attending the Alice Springs Show to visit the MRC stand to show their support.

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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 & 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 closed to the public to consider confidential matters.

OCM2026-112 **RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)**

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 11.44am.

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 & 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.

OCM2026-114 **RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Dalton McDonald)**

That Council notes that there were no motions from the confidential section of this meeting to be disclosed in the open section of the meeting and opens the meeting to the public.

Minute note: In relation to the Honour Board several Members asked about photos of deceased members being placed in the foyer of the Alice Springs office – several had already been mounted and hung but some were missing. The CEO undertook to look into this matter.

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting - 28 August 2026 - 10:00 AM

21 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11.55am.

This page and the preceding 12 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 19 June 2026 and are unconfirmed.

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President

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