



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS -  
BAGOT STREET, ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY 25 JUNE 2021 AT 10:00AM

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**1 MEETING OPENED**

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**2 WELCOME**

Minutes silence was observed for passing of community members.

**3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**Councillors:**

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Greg Sharman, Councillor Marlene Abbott, Cr Selina Kulitja, Cr Mark Inkamala, Cr Sarah Stockman, Cr Tommy Conway, Cr Lynette Ellis (13:00pm), Cr Braydon Williams (12:50pm), Cr Dalton McDonald and Cr Annie Young

**Staff:**

Jeff MacLeod – Chief Executive Officer, Ken Newman – Director Service Delivery, Simon Murphy – Director Technical Services, Cherie Forbes – Acting Director Community Services, Bhan Pratap – Director Corporate Services, Darren Pfitzner – Manger Governance and Planning

**Guests:**

Nil

**Apologies:**

Cr Susan Doolan

Cr Braydon Williams and Cr Lynette Ellis (absent morning only)

**3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**OCM2021-083 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Annie Young) UNAM**

**That the Ordinary Council noted the attendance and apologies of the meeting.**

#### 4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

##### 4.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**OCM2021-084 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala) UNAM**

That the Ordinary Council noted the leave of absence for President Roxanne Kenny from 23 July 2021 – to 1 August 2021.

#### 5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

##### 5.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

**OCM2021-085 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Tommy Conway) UNAM**

That the Ordinary Council noted the Council Code of Conduct.

#### 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

##### 6.1 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2021

**OCM2021-086 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Selina Kulitja) UNAM**

That the minutes were taken as read and accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

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

##### 7.1 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

**OCM2021-087 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala) UNAM**

That the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

##### 7.2 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

**OCM2021-088 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Dalton McDonald) UNAM**

That members provided notification that one matter was raised and be raised in general business.

- a. Discuss absence of Cr Williams from the last 2 Wallace Rockhole LA meetings

#### 8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

##### 8.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

**OCM2021-089 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Marlene Abbott) UNAM**

- a) That the Ordinary Council noted the Conflict of Interest Policy.

**OCM2021-090 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Tommy Conway) UNAM**

- b) That members did not declare any conflict of interest.

- c) Jeff MacLeod (CEO) declared Conflict of Interest at item # 17.4 (Confidential Agenda)

Break for morning tea time being 10:40am  
Return to meeting time being 11:00am

## **9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

*Nil*

## **10 NOTICES OF MOTION**

*Nil*

## **11 RESCISSION MOTIONS**

*Nil*

## **12 LOCAL AUTHORITY**

### **12.1 DRAFT MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council considers the minutes of each Local Authority meeting or provisional meeting at the next available Ordinary Council meeting. Attached are the draft (unconfirmed) minutes of Local Authority meetings that have occurred since, or could not be prepared before, the last Ordinary Council meeting.

The Local Authority meetings covered on this report include:

Finke – 14 April 2021  
Imanpa – 15 April 2021  
Titjikala – 21 April 2021  
Amoonguna – 5 May 2021  
Santa Teresa – 13 May 2021  
Hermannsburg – 19 May 2021  
Wallace Rockhole – 20 May 2021  
Haasts Bluff – 9 June 2021

#### **OCM2021-091 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Selina Kulitja) UNAM**

**That Council:**

- a) **Noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Finke, Imanpa, Titjikala, Amoonguna, Santa Teresa, Hermannsburg and Wallace Rockhole Local Authority meetings;**
- b) **Endorsed the commitment of \$1,687.36 from the 2020/2021 project fund of the Finke Local Authority and the creation of a new project named 'Wood fire BBQ';**
- c) **Endorsed the commitment of \$7,491.58 of the 2019/2020 project fund and \$2,508.42 of the 2020/2021 project fund of the Imanpa Local Authority and the creation of a new project named 'Solar Lights at Church';**
- d) **Endorsed the commitment of \$5,000.00 of the 2020/2021 project fund of the Imanpa Local Authority and the creation of a new project named 'Sewage issues at the Imanpa Ablutions Block';**
- e) **Endorsed the commitment of \$401.78 from the 2019/20 project fund of the Titjikala Local Authority to Project 2352 'BBQ Trailer' for BBQ Trailer Accessories;**
- f) **Endorsed the commitment of the remaining \$21,216.15 from the 2020/21 project funds of the Amoonguna Local Authority to project 2136 'Scope of Works to refurbish Change Rooms';**
- g) **Endorsed the commitment of \$9,484.04 from the 2019/20 project fund and \$35,000.00 from the 2020/21 project fund of the Hermannsburg Local Authority for one (1) bus stop at Sand Hill, North Side, New Suburb and two (2) bus stops at East Side and the creation of a new project named 'School Bus Stop';**
- h) **Endorsed the commitment of \$30,000.00 from the 2020/21 project fund of the Hermannsburg Local Authority to the project 2245 'Rehabilitation of the**

- existing Tip’;
- i) Endorsed to credit \$15,000.00 back to the 2020/21 project fund of the Hermannsburg Local Authority and close project 2248 ‘Toilet at Cemetery 3’;
  - j) Endorsed the commitment of \$15,000.00 from the 2020/21 project fund of the Hermannsburg Local Authority and the creation of a new project named ‘Fence at Women’s Area’;
  - k) Endorsed to recommit from four (4) Stealth Solar Lights to two (2) Stealth Solar lights of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Project 2129 ‘Stealth type Solar Lights/Upgrade to BBQ’;
  - l) Endorsed the commitment of \$1,000.00 from the 2019/2020 project fund and \$11,000.00 of the 2020/2021 project fund of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority towards a trailer mounted 500 litre water tank to the project 2046 ‘Sorry Camp facilities’; and
  - m) Endorsed the commitment of \$11,000.00 from the 2020/2021 project fund of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority and the creation of a new project named ‘Solar lights for Sorry Camp’.

## **12.2 NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council is asked to consider the members nominated to fill the vacancies in Haasts Bluff.

The provisional meeting of Haasts Bluff Local Authority held on 9 June, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to revoke the membership of Suparkra Jugadai, Francis Marshall, Billy Pareroultja, Sonia Jugadai and Jeffrey Zimran for being absent from two consecutive Local Authority Meetings.

The provisional Local Authority meeting at Haasts Bluff, by majority vote, then made recommendation to Council to approve the nominations of Roseranna Larry, Kieran Multa and Douglas Multa to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority.

### **OCM2021-092 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Marlene Abbott) UNAM**

**That Council:**

- a) **Noted and accepted this report; and**
- b) **Remove nominations item until a response from the current Haasts Bluff Local Authority members has been received.**
- c) **Council to write to Haasts Bluff Local Authority members who are no longer resident in the community requesting whether they intend to attend future Haasts Bluffs Local Authority meetings or do they wish to tender their resignations**

## **13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT**

### **13.1 ACTION REGISTER**

#### **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.

### **OCM2021-093 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Tommy Conway) UNAM**

**That Council noted the progress on the actions in the register.**

## **13.2 CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides Councilors with an update on correspondence received and sent by the Council/President in the period following the past Council meeting.

Correspondence received:

- Appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer of CouncilBIZ
- Local Decision NTG

Correspondence sent:

- Nil

**OCM2021-094 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Dalton McDonald) UNAM**  
**That Council noted the correspondence received.**

## **13.3 USE OF COMMON SEAL**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Section 26(2) of the Local Government Act (LGA) states that “the affixing of the Common Seal to a document must be authorised or ratified [endorsed] by resolution of Council”. This report requests Council to ratify [endorse] the use of the Common Seal on the listed documents.

**OCM2021-095 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala) UNAM**  
**That Council ratify the use of the Common Seal on the following documents:**

- Deed of Variation in relation to Home Support
- Letter of Variation National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care (NATSIFAC) Program

## **14 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

### **14.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The report provides details of the meetings and activities attended by President Roxanne Kenny for the months of May and June 2021.

**OCM2021-096 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Sarah Stockman) CARRIED 8-1**  
**That Council received the President's report for the months of May and June 2021.**

## **15 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **15.10 BRIEFING ON MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL (WALLACE ROCKHOLE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT (LITTER) BY-LAWS) REPEAL BY-LAWS 2021**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

A briefing on repealing a 1988 Wallace Rockhole Community Government By-law

**OCM2021-097 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala) UNAM**

**That Council noted and accepted the attached briefing and made the following resolution:**

- a) Make the MacDonnell Regional Council (Wallace Rockhole Community Government (Litter) By-laws) Repeal By-laws 2021 (the Repeal By-laws);**
- b) Authorised the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Repeal By-laws;**
- c) Agreed to affix the Common Seal of MacDonnell Regional Council to the Repeal By-laws; and**
- d) Noted that the Chief Executive Officer will write to the Minister for Local Government requesting the Minister to gazette the Repeal By-laws.**

### **15.2 POLICY REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report recommends the endorsement of the following policy documents:

- a) IR05-CP Records Management Policy
- b) Rescind IR05-P4 Use of Shred Bins Procedure
- c) RS02-CP Fraud and Corruption Control Protection Plan
- d) FA12-CP Shared Services Policy

**OCM2021-098 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Marlene Abbott) UNAM**

**That Council:**

- a) Approved the amended IR05-CP Records Management Policy;**
- b) Rescinded IR05-P4 Use of Shred Bins Procedure;**
- c) Approved the new RS02-CP Fraud and Corruption Control Protection Policy;**  
**and**
- d) Approved the new FA12-CP Shared Services Policy.**

### **15.3 RESCHEDULING OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 2021**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The MacDonnell Regional Council CEO has requested that Council approve the rescheduling of the Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) to be held on 27 August 2021 to 24 September 2021. There are two reasons for this request:

1. The current meeting date is a day before the Northern Territory Local Government Elections on 28 August 2021 and during the one week early voting period, where MRC Council Offices will be voting centres. It is recommended that these two processes are kept separate. Also there is a large CLC meeting that week, which may involve members of Council attending as delegates.
2. After the election has been held and the results have been declared, in accordance with Section 90 (3) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), the first ordinary meeting of a council is to be held within 21 days after the conclusion of the general election.

A Finance and Risk meeting had been scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> September will now be cancelled, as the monthly Finance Report will now be presented at the OCM.

To remain compliant with the monthly Finance Report presentation prior to the election, the CEO has requested that a Finance and Risk meeting is held on the 20 August 2021.

All Council meetings for the remainder of the year will be held at the Bagot St MRC office in Alice Springs.

The proposed updated meeting timetable is attached and printed versions will be tabled at the meeting.

**OCM2021-099 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Marlene Abbott) UNAM**

**That Council**

- a) **Approved the rescheduling of the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 27 August 2021 to 24 September 2021;**
- b) **Approved the cancellation of the Finance and Risk meeting to be held on 24 September; and**
- c) **Approved the scheduling of a Finance and Risk meeting to be held on 20 August 2021**

**15.4 SUBMISSION TO NTG INQUIRY INTO LOCAL DECISION MAKING (LDM)**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Local Decision Making (LDM) is a Northern Territory Government commitment to provide opportunities to transfer government service delivery to Aboriginal Territorians and organisations, based on their community aspirations. The Northern Territory Government Public Accounts Committee is conducting an Inquiry into LDM.

The Committee invites the MacDonnell Regional Council to make a submission to the inquiry to share their views on and experience with Local Decision Making by close of business Friday 13 August 2021.

**OCM2021-100 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Sarah Stockman) UNAM**

**That Council**

- a) **Noted and accepted the report**
- b) **Provided comment for the MRC CEO to write a submission to the NTG Public Accounts Committee**

**15.5 MRC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

At the OCM on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Council raised Action OCM2021-010 and requested the CEO look into creating a scholarship sub-committee with one (1) member of each ward on the board and report back to the OCM in April or June.

Research has revealed that scholarships can be varied in nature, from simple subsidies for secondary education to fully funded tertiary level support. The application process can also be varied. For relatively low dollar value support, applications can be a simple one page written submission, whilst for higher levels of support, competitive application processes are in place. Amounts involved range from hundreds to tens of thousands of dollars. Council will need to decide what type of scholarship they wish to support, the application process and the dollar value. A sample of scholarships currently available are attached to this report.

It is recommended that Council consider these three areas during the workshop day prior to the June OCM and make direction as to how it wishes to proceed.

**OCM2021-101 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala) UNAM**

**That Council:**

- a) Noted and accepted the report; and
- b) Directed the CEO on the structure and value of the scholarship.

## **15.1 REVIEW COMMENTS, ADOPT REGIONAL PLAN AND DECLARE RATES**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council approved the Draft 2021-22 Regional Plan at the Special Council meeting of 28 May 2021 which was then made available for public comment for 21 days as per section 24(2) of the *Local Government Act 2008*.

Council must consider and make revisions (if it deems appropriate in light of submissions made in response) to the draft, or not, and once adopted declare its Rates and Charges for the financial year 2021/22.

The 2021-22 Regional Plan will be tabled at the meeting.

**OCM2021-102 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Marlene Abbott)**

**That Council adopt the tabled 2021-22 Regional Plan for the MacDonnell Regional Council and:**

- a) Noted and accepted the Rates Assessment Record Certification made by the CEO on 26 May 2021 as presented within the 2021-22 Regional Plan;

**OCM2021-103 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Greg Sharman) UNAM**

- b) Adopted the Budget for the 2021/22 financial year and the Fees and Charges as presented within the 2021-22 Regional Plan;

**OCM2021-104 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Sarah Stockman) UNAM**

- d) The Rates and Charges Declaration for the 2021/22 financial year as presented in the 2021-22 Regional Plan;
- e)

**OCM2021-105 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Marlene Abbott) UNAM**

- d) Noted the MacDonnell Regional Council Member Allowances as within policy MC03-CP Elected Members Allowances as approved at the 28 May 2021 Special Council meeting and presented in the 2021-22 Regional Plan;

**OCM2021-106 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala) UNAM**

- e) Noted the receipt and early release of the 2021/22 Australian Government Financial Assistance Grants for the following:

- i. General Purpose \$996,211.00
- ii. Roads \$531,073.00

Australian Government Financial Assistance Grants are classified as unified funds according to AASB 1058 recognised as income on receipt; and

**OCM2021-107 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Dalton McDonald) UNAM**

- f) Noted the comments received and the content amendments to the draft plan as described in the attached documents;
  - i. Local Government and Regional Development Division, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet comments on the draft plan
  - ii. MacDonnell Regional Council notes to designer on typos and amendments
  - iii. Minor amendments to pages 38, 39, 44 and 45 of the 2021-22 Regional Plan



## **15.6 FINANCE REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations (LGA Regs), states that a finance report must be laid before Council or a Committee tasked with reviewing the finance report each month. The report set out:

- financial year-to-date income and expenditure to the end of the previous month;
- forecast income and expenditure for the whole of the financial year;
- details of all cash and investments held (including money held in trust);
- statement of debts owed to council including aggregated amount by category and general age of debt; and
- other information required by council.

The attached report is the finance report as at 31 May 2021.

**OCM2021-108 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway) UNAM  
That Council noted and accepted the Finance Report as at 31 May 2021.**

Break for lunch time being 12:25pm  
Cr Braydon Williams joined meeting at 12:50pm  
Cr Lynette Ellis joined meeting 1:00pm  
Return to meeting time being 1:10pm

## **15.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT APRIL - MAY 2021**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the activities and the services of the Director of Corporate Services for the months of April – May 2021.

**OCM2021-109 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Braydon Williams) UNAM  
That Council received and noted the Corporate Services Report for the months of April – May 2021**

## **15.8 COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provided an update on Community Services program delivery.

**OCM2021-110 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Mark Inkamala) UNAM  
That Council noted and accepted the Community Services report.**

## **15.9 DIRECTOR SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provided an update of Council delivered services provided across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

**OCM2021-111 RESOLVED (Braydon Williams/Dalton McDonald) UNAM  
That Council noted and accepted the attached report.**

## **15.11 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report details recent activities of the Technical Services directorate.

**OCM2021-112 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis) UNAM**  
**That Council noted and accepted this report**

## **16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2**

### **16.1 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 7.2, the Elected Members of the MacDonnell Regional Council have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

**OCM2021-113 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Annie Young) UNAM**  
**That Council note and discuss the items raised at Item 7.2.**

- a. **Cr Braydon Williams absence from 2 Wallace Rockhole LA meetings – Cr Braydon Williams has responded. Cr Braydon Williams response to be entered into minutes for the next LA meeting**

- 17 CONFIDENTIAL MEETING**  
**17 MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL MEETING**

**OCM2021-114 RESOLVED (Braydon Williams/Greg Sharman) UNAM**

- 17 OPEN MEETING**  
**17 MOVE INTO OPEN MEETING**

**OCM2021-119 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Dalton McDonald)**

Jeff MacLeod CEO returned to meeting time being 2:41pm.

**18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 24 September 2021**

**19 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 2:47pm.

This page and the preceding 9 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 25 June 2021 and confirmed on 24 September 2021.

  
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President