



MINUTES
CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL COUNCIL
MEETING
6th JUNE 2026
10:00am

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1. NOTICE OF MEETING

I hereby give notice that a Special Meeting of Council was held on:

Date: 6th June 2026
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Council Chambers
22 Cameron Road, Batchelor NT 0845

Any member of Council and staff who may have a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest regarding any item of business to be discussed at a Council meeting should declare that conflict of interest to enable Council to manage the conflict and resolve it in accordance with its obligations under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

The Special Meeting of Council was closed to the public.

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes only.



Natasha Chapman

Acting Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/005

That the Public Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 6th June 2026 be confirmed they are a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr. Strettles

Carried

MINUTES

CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ELECTRONICALLY BY TEAMS

ON 6TH JUNE 2026

The Deputy President of the Council, Mr. Chris Whatley declared the meeting open at 10:04 am and welcomed all in attendance.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land commonly referred to as Coomalie. I pay my respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

3. PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Deputy President	Chris Whatley (via electronic means)
Councillor	Sharon Beswick (via electronic means)
Councillor	Alan Roe (via electronic means)
Councillor	Greg Strettles (via electronic means)

STAFF PRESENT

Acting Chief Executive Officer	Natasha Chapman
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VISITORS PRESENT

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Date: 6th June 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil.

PURPOSE

This report is to table for Council's record any apologies and requests for leave of absence received for the Special Meeting held on 6th June 2026.

RESOLUTION SCM2026/06/06/001

That Council receives and notes the apologies of President McGorman and Clr. Morrison for the Special Meeting held 6th June 2026.

Moved: Clr. Roe
Seconded: Clr. Strettles **Carried**

5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Date: 6th June 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil.

PURPOSE

This report is to table, for Council's record, any requests, and permissions for Electronic Attendance.

RESOLUTION SCM2026/06/06/002

That Council acknowledges and accepts Deputy President Whatley, Clr. Beswick, Clr. Roe and Clr. Strettles' attendance to the Special Meeting of 6th June 2026 via electronic means.

Moved: Clr. Beswick
Seconded: DP Whatley **Carried**

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Date: 6th June 2026

Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil.

PURPOSE

Members and Staff are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by the Council at a meeting of the Council by:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised. Under disclosure, the member or staff member must abide by the decision of Council on whether he/ she shall remain in the meeting and/ or take part in the issue. The Council may elect to allow the member or staff member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

NIL

7. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS.

RESOLUTION SCM2026/06/06/003

That Council close the meeting to the general public in accordance with Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

Moved: Clr. Strettles

Seconded: Clr. Roe

Carried

Procedural Note:

The meeting was closed to the public at 10:07 am.

The confidential meeting opened at 10:07 am.

7.1 DRAFT DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2026/2027

Confidential: 51 (1) (e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest;

7.2 DRAFT FEES AND CHARGES 2026/2027

Confidential: 51 (1) (e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest;

7.3 DRAFT BUDGET 2026/2027

Confidential: 51 (1) (e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest;

7.4 DRAFT SHIRE PLAN 2026/2027

Confidential: 51 (1) (e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest;

8. DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL SECTION OF THE COUNCIL.

RESOLUTION SCMCONF2026/06/06/008

That Council move the following items into Open:

7.1 Draft Declaration of Rates and Charges 2026/2027

7.2 Draft Fees and Charges 2026/2027

7.3 Draft Budget 2026/2027

7.4 Draft Shire Plan 2026/2027

Moved: Clr. Strettles

Seconded: DP Whatley

Carried

9. RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

RESOLUTION SCM2026/06/06/009

That Council re-opens the meeting to the general public in accordance with Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

Moved: Clr. Roe

Seconded: Clr. Strettles

Carried

Procedural Note:

The meeting was reopened to the public at 10:48 am.

RESOLUTION SCM2026/06/06/010

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Draft Declaration of Rates and Charges 2026/2027; and

b) endorses the Draft Declaration of Rates and Charges 2026/2027 (as amended to include special meeting date of 30 June 2026) for inclusion in the Draft 2026/2027 Shire Plan for public consultation.

Moved: Clr. Strettles

Seconded: DP Whatley

Carried

RESOLUTION SCM2026/06/06/011

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report titled Draft Fees and Charges 2026/2027; and
- b) endorses the Draft Fees and Charges 2026/2027 (as amended to include the below tables) for inclusion in the Draft Shire Plan 2026/2027 for public consultation.

Moved: Clr Roe

Seconded: Clr Strettles

Carried

RESOLUTION SCM2026/06/06/012

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report titled Draft Budget 2026/2027; and
- b) endorses the Draft Budget 2026/2027 for inclusion in the Draft Shire Plan 2026/2027 for public consultation.

Moved: Clr. Strettles

Seconded: DP Whatley

Carried

RESOLUTION SCM2026/06/06/013

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report titled Draft Shire Plan 2026/2027; and
- b) endorses the Draft Shire Plan 2026/2027 (as amended) inclusive of the above endorsed documents to be opened for public consultation.
- c) determines to hold community consultation stalls at the Batchelor Markets (14th June), Adelaide River Markets (13th June) and an open session prior to the June OGM (20th June).

Moved: Clr. Strettles

Seconded: Clr. Beswick

Carried

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting closed at 10:49am.