



## **AGENDA**

### **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**10:00am**

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## 1. NOTICE OF MEETING

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> August 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 Ordinary Meeting of Council will be open to the public and will adhere to COVID Safety Plan requirements, including optional wearing a mask, appropriate physical distancing, and health, and hygiene requirements.

The meeting will be recorded for minuting purposes only.



Natasha Chapman

Acting Chief Executive Officer.

# AGENDA

## ORDINARY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2026

The President of the Council, Mr. Ross McGorman will declare the meeting open at 10:00 am and welcome 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

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| President        | Ross McGorman    |
| Deputy President | Chris Whatley    |
| Councillor       | Sharon Beswick   |
| Councillor       | Mae Mae Morrison |
| Councillor       | Alan Roe         |
| Councillor       | Greg Strettles   |

#### STAFF PRESENT

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Acting Chief Executive Officer | Natasha Chapman |
| Executive Services Coordinator | Terrill Forrest |

#### VISITORS PRESENT

#### 4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 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 Ordinary General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the apologies of..... for the Ordinary General Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### COMMENT

The council can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absence without notice.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*.

1.07 Meetings of Council.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

## 5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 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.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council acknowledges and accepts ..... attendance to the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026 via electronic means.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### COMMENT

The *Local Government Act 2019* provides for a member who is not physically present at a meeting is taken to be present at the meeting if:

- (a) the member's attendance at the meeting by means of an audio or audio-visual conferencing system is authorised in accordance with a council resolution establishing a policy for attendance in such a manner.

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.



## 6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 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.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the declarations of interest as listed for the Ordinary General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Sections 175 *Local Government Act 2019*.

CEO and Staff Code of Conduct.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

**7. MOVING AGENDA ITEMS FROM PUBLIC TO CONFIDENTIAL**

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**8. MOVING AGENDA ITEMS FROM CONFIDENTIAL TO PUBLIC**

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**9. PETITIONS**

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## **10. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **10.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** [DRAFT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026](#)

#### **PURPOSE**

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Public Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Section 101 *Local Government Act 2019*.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.



## **MINUTES**

### **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

**10:00am**

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## 1. NOTICE OF MEETING

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council was held on:

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Time: 10.00 am  
Location: Council Chambers  
22 Cameron Road, Batchelor NT 0845

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The Ordinary Meeting of Council was open to the public and adhered to COVID Safety Plan requirements, including optional wearing a mask, appropriate physical distancing, and health, and hygiene requirements.

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Natasha Chapman

Acting Chief Executive Officer.

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR ON 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

The President of the Council, Mr. Ross McGorman declared the meeting open at 10:06 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

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| President        | Ross McGorman           |
| Deputy President | Chris Whatley           |
| Councillor       | Sharon Beswick          |
| Councillor       | Mae <u>Mae</u> Morrison |
| Councillor       | Alan Roe                |
| Councillor       | Greg Strettles          |

#### STAFF PRESENT

|                                        |                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Acting Chief Executive Officer         | Natasha Chapman |
| Acting Corporate Service Manager       | Luke Ackland    |
| Council and Community Services Manager | Emma Dunne      |

#### VISITORS PRESENT



#### **4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Ordinary General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

##### **RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/001**

That Council notes the leave of absence of President McGorman from the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026 to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**Moved:** Clr. Strettles

**Seconded:** DP Whatley

**Carried**

#### **5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** Nil.

##### **PURPOSE**

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**NIL**

## **6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/002**

That Council receives the declarations of interest as listed for the Ordinary General Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026:

**21.7 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT PROGRESS REPORT – President McGorman**

**21.7 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT PROGRESS REPORT – Clr. Beswick**

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Strettles

**Carried**

## **7. MOVING AGENDA ITEMS FROM PUBLIC TO CONFIDENTIAL**

NIL

## **8. MOVING AGENDA ITEMS FROM CONFIDENTIAL TO PUBLIC**

NIL

## **9. PETITIONS**

NIL

## 10. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 10.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** [DRAFT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026](#)

#### PURPOSE

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/003

That the Public Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Clr. Roe

**Seconded:** DP Whatley

**Carried 5/1**

### 10.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE PUBLIC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** [DRAFT PUBLIC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026](#)

#### PURPOSE

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/004

That the Public Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 be confirmed they are a true and correct record of the meeting.

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Strettles

**Carried**

### 10.3 CONFIRMATION OF THE PUBLIC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** **DRAFT PUBLIC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

#### PURPOSE

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/005

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

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Strettles

**Carried**

### 11. PRESIDENT REPORT

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Author:** Ross McGorman, President

**Attachment:** **NIL**

#### PURPOSE

To update Council on the activities of the President since the last Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) for the period of May 2026 to June 2026.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/006

That Council receives and notes the President's Report for the period of May 2026 to June 2026.

**Moved:** Clr. Strettles

**Seconded:** DP Whatley

**Carried**

## 12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

**Attachment:** Nil

### PURPOSE

To update Council on the activities of the Chief Executive Officer since the last Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) for the period of May to June 2026.

### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/007

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officers Report for the period of May to June 2026.

**Moved:** Clr. Strettles

**Seconded:** DP Whatley

**Carried**

### Discussion Points:

- Weeds working group meetings - Grader grass to be raised
- Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) works to be included in project table
- Adelaide River Oval driveway and solar light works to be completed by end of June.

### 13. FINANCE REPORTS

#### 13.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

|                    |                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Date:</b>       | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                                                                         |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager<br>Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | Nil                                                                                                |

#### PURPOSE

To provide a summary of the financial position of Council for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026. In accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 – Part 2 Division 7*, the preceding month's financial report must be presented to Council. Regulation 17(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* requires a monthly report from the Chief Executive Officer to provide council with the actual income and expenditure for the year to date; the most recently adopted annual budget; and details of any material variances between the most recent actuals and the most recently adopted annual budget.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/008

That Council;

- a) notes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) certifies to the best of her knowledge, information, and the belief that the internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate, and that Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council; and
- b) receives and notes the monthly financial report for May 2026.
- c) requests that there be a 'description' column in the payment register table in future finance reports for expenditure over \$5,000 where expenditure item is not clear.

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Morrison

**Carried**

#### Discussion Points:

- Term Deposit interest rates and income generated.
- Investment maturity and processes for re-investing or drawing down funds.
- Rates arrears from previous FY and historical levels of arrears
- Request for confirmation of the contractor works completed for the dry season so far.

## 14. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

### 14.1 POLICY DEVELOPMENT: 2.13 DEBT RECOVERY POLICY

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                      |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <b>DRAFT 2.13 DEBT RECOVERY POLICY</b>          |

#### PURPOSE

To present the Draft Debt Recovery Policy to Council for endorsement. The policy establishes a consistent, transparent, and legislatively compliant framework for managing and recovering debts owed to Council.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/009

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Policy Development: 2.13 Debt Recovery Policy; and
- b) adopts Policy 2.13 Debt Recovery Policy.

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Strettles

**Carried**

#### Discussion Points:

- Adoption of policy will prompt update of reminder and overdue letters to detail clear next steps of recovery that Council will follow.
- Queries regarding the number of outstanding property accounts that have been uncontactable in previous years.

#### 14.2 GRANT PROJECT PROPOSAL – DISASTER READY FUND GRANT

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                      |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | Nil                                             |

#### PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of the proposed project for submission to the Disaster Ready Fund grant round.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/010

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Grant Project Proposal – Disaster Ready Fund Grant;
- b) endorses the project proposal option 1 below for submission to the Disaster Ready Fund Grant Round 4 2026-27; and
- c) approves a co-contribution of \$160,000.00 to the project should the grant funding application be successful.

**Moved:** Clr. Strettles

**Seconded:** DP Whatley

**Carried 4/2**

**Against:** DP Whatley, Clr. Strettles

#### Discussion Points:

- Coomalie Creek Crater Lake Road monitoring is less of a priority.
- Multi-purpose building could be used as a sports/youth building but also set up for emergency events.
- Timing of funding available – is Council at design and construction stage or should the project be to determine feasibility and suitability of proposed infrastructure investment.
- Co-contribution requirements within the context of Council's long-term financial sustainability.

#### Procedural Note:

Deputy President Whatley left the meeting at 11:07am.

Deputy President Whatley returned to the meeting at 11:09am.



### 14.3 2026/27 FAIR WORK COMMISSION WAGE INCREASE

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                      |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | NIL                                             |

#### PURPOSE

To provide Council with an update on the Fair Work Commission's (FWC) minimum wage increase applicable from the first full pay period on or after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 for employees covered by the *Local Government Industry Award 2020* and the financial implications for Council.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/011

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled 2026/27 Fair Work Commission Wage Increase; and
- b) approves a wage increase of 3.5 % to all employees covered by the Local Government Industry Award 2020, applicable from the first full pay period of the 2026/27 financial year

**Moved:** Clr. Beswick

**Seconded:** DP Whatley

**Carried**

#### Discussion Points:

- A 3.5% increase already included in draft budget for expected changes to the Award
- All staff (excluding the CEO) are covered under the Local Government Industry Award 2020.

#### 14.4 ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION – OUT OF SESSION REQUESTS

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                      |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <a href="#">Assessment Panel Report</a>         |

#### PURPOSE

To seek Council's consideration of two applications for support under the Annual Community Grants Program 2025-26.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/012

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Annual Community Grants 2025-26 – Out of Session Requests;
- b) approves the request to provide representation support to Ricky Ryan as a donation of \$250 under the 2025-26 Community Grant Program; and
- c) approves the request to provide sponsorship of \$1,400 to the Adelaide River Community Craft Markets for the 2026 Rosella Festival through the Community Grant Program 2025-26.

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Morrison

**Carried**

#### Procedural Note:

Clr. Roe left the meeting at 11:48am.

Clr. Roe returned to the meeting at 11:49am.

#### 14.5 REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION: NT LIVEABILITY FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP

|                    |                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                                                                                           |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer                                                                      |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <a href="#">Liveability Framework Working Group FINAL V1</a><br><a href="#">LGANT Representative Nomination Form</a> |

#### PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of a nomination to represent LGANT on the NT Liveability Framework Working Group.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/013

That Council receives and notes the report entitled Representative Nomination: NT Liveability Framework Working Group.

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** ~~Mr.~~ Clr. Strettles

**Carried**

#### 14.6 LONG TERM FINANCIAL AND SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

**Attachment:** Nil

#### PURPOSE

To provide Council with the opportunity to discuss the long term financial and sustainability planning requirements of the organisation moving into the 2026/2027 financial year.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/014

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Long Term Financial and Sustainability Planning; and
- b) requests the Risk Management and Audit Committee review the Long-Term Financial Plan and provide a recommendation back to Council.

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Strettles

**Carried**

#### Discussion Points:

- Consideration of an independent financial review and review of service delivery models to ensure best practice and independent advice regarding long-term planning.
- Important for Council to start to consider alternative revenue streams.

#### Procedural Notes:

Clr. Morrison left the meeting at 12:08pm.

Clr. Morrison returned to the meeting at 12:10pm.

The meeting was paused for a break at 12:12pm.

The meeting resumed at 12:32pm.

#### 14.7 ADELAIDE RIVER COMMUNITY MEETING

|                    |                                                          |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                               |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer          |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <a href="#">Adelaide River Community Meeting Summary</a> |

#### PURPOSE

To provide Council the opportunity to discuss the topics raised at the Adelaide River Community Meeting held by two elected members in April 2026.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/015

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Adelaide River Community Meeting;
- b) approves the Myrtle Fawcett Park sign be relocated to the front of Myrtle Fawcett Park (Service [Road side](#)); and
- c) requests communications through the Stop Press regarding actions taken or planned [as a result of](#) the Adelaide River Community Meeting.

**Moved:** [Clr. Roe](#)

**Seconded:** [Clr. Beswick](#)

**Carried**

#### 14.8 REHOMING DONATION TO SAVE A PAW NT

|                    |                                                     |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                          |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Chloe James, Ranger and Land Management Coordinator |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | NIL                                                 |

#### PURPOSE

To seek Council's consideration to provide a donation to Save A Paw NT, the organisation that provides free support to Council for the rehoming and care of animals from our community when required through Council's regulatory services function.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/016

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Animal Rehoming Donation to Save A Paw NT;
- b) approves a donation to Save a Paw NT to the value of \$1,000.00 in recognition of the ongoing contribution and partnership with Council;
- c) notes the funds will be re-allocated from the vet clinic budget allocation to cover the donation cost at no additional expense to Council; and
- d) request the A/CEO to write a letter recognising Save A Paw NT's fantastic work and Council's appreciation for their relationship and support.

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Roe

**Carried**

## 15. REPORTS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING

### 15.1 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FOR THE JUNE OGM 2026

|                     |                                                  |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>        | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                       |
| <b>Author:</b>      | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer. |
| <b>Attachments:</b> | <a href="#">Actions for the June OGM 2026.</a>   |

|                                                              |                      |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/017</b>                             |                      |                |
| That Council;                                                |                      |                |
| a) receives and notes the Actions for the June 2026 OGM; and |                      |                |
| b) remove items: 10, 13,14, 18                               |                      |                |
| <b>Moved:</b>                                                | <b>DP Whatley</b>    |                |
| <b>Seconded:</b>                                             | <b>Clr. Morrison</b> | <b>Carried</b> |

#### Discussion Points:

- Item 15 – Christmas event planning has commenced, initial communications sent to stakeholders to seek interest in collaborating.
- Item 6 - Paper roads update – report to be tabled in July's OGM.
- Item 17 - Road weight limits lifted. Status of Munz Road repairs.
- Horse management investigations and feedback from public through recent market stall. Update in July OGM.

## 15.2 COMPLAINTS, COMPLIMENTS AND SERVICE REQUEST REGISTER.

|                     |                                                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>        | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                          |
| <b>Author:</b>      | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer     |
| <b>Attachments:</b> | Complaints, Compliments and Service Request tables. |

### PURPOSE

To update Council on complaints, compliments and service requests received during May 2026.

### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/018

That Council receives and notes the Complaints, Compliments and Service Request Register during May 2026.

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Strettles

**Carried**

### Discussion Points:

- Sign Maintenance update – still investigating the sign in question and whether it is Council's sign for replacement.
- Verbal compliment received by Deputy President Whatley – Myrtle Fawcett Park toilet block looks great.



## 16. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION.

### 16.1 INCOMING AND OUTGOING MAIL.

|                    |                                                              |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                                   |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer.             |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <a href="#">Incoming and outgoing correspondence tables.</a> |

#### PURPOSE

Council is provided with items of correspondence both received and sent during the months of May 2026 to June 2026

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/019

That Council receives and notes the items of incoming and outgoing correspondence as tabled for May 2026 to June 2026 period.

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Roe **Carried**

### 16.2 JLT CORRESPONDANCE – PROPERTY VALUATIONS

|                    |                                                          |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                               |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer          |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <a href="#">JLT Correspondence – Property Valuations</a> |

#### PURPOSE

To notify Council of the correspondence received from JLT regarding Trust fund disbursements to assist with Council property valuations within the next two years.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/020

That Council

a) receives and notes the report entitled JLT Correspondence – Property Valuations.

**Moved:** Clr. Beswick

**Seconded:** Clr. Morrison **Carried**

#### Discussion Points:

- Timing of valuations and waiting to commence this process once an asset workshop is undertaken.
- Asset Register and Asset Management Plans to be reviewed

## 17. COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

### Motion:

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/021

That Council investigates and actions securing the Batchelor Oval fence to deter horse access to the oval.

Moved: Clr. Beswick

Seconded: DP Whatley

Carried

### Discussion Points:

- Batchelor Markets on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 experienced a near miss incident of horses running from the Batchelor Oval, over the chained portion of fencing and through the market area.
- Securing the fence in this space may deter horses from entering the oval and limit running through the market space.

## 18. USE OF THE COMMON SEAL.

### 18.1 USE OF THE COMMON SEAL: FORM 48 – DISCHARGE OF STATUTORY CHARGE

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Nil

### PURPOSE

To seek Council's ratification for the use of its Common Seal on a Discharge of Statutory Charge form.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/022

That Council, pursuant to Section 38(2)(a)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, ratifies the use of the Common Seal affixed to Section 83 Form 48 – Discharge of Statutory Charge for property AN867.

Moved: Clr. Beswick

Seconded: Clr Roe

Carried

## 19. LATE ITEMS AND URGENT BUSINESS.

### 19.1 SUBDIVISION PROPOSAL: PA2025/0382

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                      |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | NIL                                             |

#### PURPOSE

To provide Council with information regarding a subdivision proposal and to seek Council's comments for submission.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/023

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Subdivision Proposal: PA2025/0382; and
- b) respond in writing to Development Assessment Services (DSA) to confirm:
  - i) that a cross over is not required, noting that property access is the landowner's responsibility and Council maintains the right for future development; and
  - ii) that if a cross over is required in future development, that it will be the landowner's responsibility to meet Council development requirements at their own cost.

**Moved:** Clr. Morrison

**Seconded:** **DP Whatley**

**Carried**

#### Procedural Note:

Clr. Morrison left the meeting at 1:32pm.

Clr. Morrison returned to the meeting at 1:33pm.

## 20. GENERAL BUSINESS.

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| NIL |
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## 21. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS.

### RESOLUTION CONF2026/06/20/024

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

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr. Beswick

Carried

#### Procedural Notes:

The meeting was closed to the public at: 1:36pm

The confidential meeting opened at: 1:36pm

Clr. Strettles left the meeting at 1:36pm.

Clr. Strettles returned to the meeting at 1:38pm.

#### 21.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51(1) For section 293(1) of the Act, the following information is prescribed as confidential:

(c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

(iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

#### 21.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51(1) For section 293(1) of the Act, the following information is prescribed as confidential:

(c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

(iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

#### 21.3 CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51(1) For section 293(1) of the Act, the following information is prescribed as confidential:

(c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

(iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

#### 21.4 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL ACTIONS FOR THE JUNE 2026 OGM

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51(1)(e) 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.

## 21.5 AMANGAL INDIGENOUS VILLAGE ADELAIDE RIVER PROGRESS REPORT

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulation 51(1) For section 293(1) of the Act, the following information is prescribed as confidential:

(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

### **Procedural Note:**

Council Staff left the meeting at 2:03pm.

## 21.6 INSURANCE CLAIM PROGRESS UPDATE

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51 (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; and (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity

### **Procedural Note:**

President McGorman and Clr. Beswick left the room at 2:07pm.

Deputy President Whatley became the Chair at 2:07pm.

## 21.7 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT PROGRESS REPORT

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51 (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; and (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity

### **Procedural Note:**

President McGorman and Clr. Beswick returned to the meeting at 2:27pm.

President McGorman resumed the Chair at 2:27pm.

Council Staff returned to the meeting at 2:28pm.

## 22. CONFIDENTIAL GENERAL BUSINESS

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| NIL |
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## 23. CONFIDENTIAL LATE ITEMS

### 23.1 AWARDING OF TENDER RFT2026-001

**CONFIDENTIAL:** 51 (1) (c) (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

### 23.2 AWARDING OF TENDER RFT2026-002

**CONFIDENTIAL:** 51 (1) (c) (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person

#### **Procedural Note:**

Council staff left the meeting at 3:03pm.

Clr. Beswick left the meeting at 3:04pm.

### 23.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51

(a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; and

(d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity

#### **Procedural Note:**

Clr. Beswick returned to the meeting at 3:26pm.

### 24. DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL SECTION OF THE COUNCIL.

NIL

### 25. RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

**RESOLUTION: 2026/06/20/036**

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

**Moved:** Clr. Morrison

**Seconded:** Clr. Beswick

**Carried**

#### **Procedural Note:**

The meeting was reopened to the public at 3:33pm.

**26. NEXT MEETING.**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 10:00am.**

**27. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting closed at 3:33pm.

DRAFT

## 10.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** DRAFT PUBLIC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

### PURPOSE

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Public Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 101 *Local Government Act 2019*.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.





## **MINUTES**

### **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

**10:00 am**

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1. NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> 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 open to the public.

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes only.



Natasha Chapman

Acting Chief Executive Officer.

# MINUTES

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

The President of the Council, Mr. Ross McGorman declared the meeting open at 10:00 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

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

#### STAFF PRESENT

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Acting Chief Executive Officer    | Natasha Chapman |
| Acting Corporate Services Manager | Luke Ackland    |

#### VISITORS PRESENT

#### 4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30th June 2026.

##### **RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/001**

That Council receives and notes the apologies of Clr. Morrison for the Special Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

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

#### 5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> 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 SPEC2026/06/30/002**

That Council acknowledges and accepts Deputy President Whatley, Clr. Roe and Clr. Strettles' attendance to the special meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 via electronic means.

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

## 6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/003

That Council notes there were no declarations of interest for the Special Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**Moved:** Clr. Strettles

**Seconded:** DP Whatley

**Carried**

## 7. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

### 7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CERTIFICATION OF THE ASSESSMENT RECORD

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                      |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | Nil                                             |

#### PURPOSE

To accept the Certification of the Assessment Record before declaring the Rates and Charges for the 2026/2027 financial year.

#### RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/004

That Council;

a) notes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, certifies that, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief, the Assessment Record is a comprehensive record of all rateable land within the Coomalie Community Government Council area; and

b) accepts the signed Certification of the Assessment Record as included in this report and tabled at the Special Meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Beswick

**Carried**

## 7.2 DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2026/2027

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                      |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <a href="#">2026-2027 Rates Declaration</a>     |

### PURPOSE

To seek Council's declaration of Rates and Charges for the 2026/2027 financial year.

### RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/005

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges 2026/2027;
- b) declares to raise \$1,779,889.00 in General Rates and Charges for the 2026/2027 financial year to be paid in four (4) instalments due:
  - 1. 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026
  - 2. 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026
  - 3. 29<sup>th</sup> January 2027
  - 4. 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027, and
- c) declares to publish the notice as per section 241(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

**Moved:** Clr. Beswick

**Seconded:** DP Whatley

**Carried**



### 7.3 FEES AND CHARGES 2026/2027

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                      |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <a href="#">2026/2027 Fees and Charges</a>      |

#### PURPOSE

To adopt the Fees and Charges for the 2026/2027 financial year.

|                                                             |                       |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/006</b>                        |                       |                |
| That Council;                                               |                       |                |
| a) adopts the Fees and Charges 2026/2027 (as amended); and  |                       |                |
| b) publishes the Fees and Charges 2026/2027 on its website. |                       |                |
| <b>Moved:</b>                                               | <u>Clr. Beswick</u>   |                |
| <b>Seconded:</b>                                            | <u>Clr. Strettles</u> | <b>Carried</b> |

#### Discussion Point:

- Bus hire fee to state operator not included. Agreed to amend.
- No community comments received regarding the fees and charges.

#### 7.4 COUNCIL MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2026/2027

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachment:** Nil

##### PURPOSE

To confirm the Elected Member Allowances for the 2026/2027 financial year.

##### RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/007

That Council confirms the budgeted total of \$181,516 for Elected Member Allowances for the 2026/2027 financial year in accordance with the NT Remuneration Tribunal Determination for Local Councils 2026.

**Moved:** Clr. Beswick

**Seconded:** DP Whatley

**Carried**

##### Discussion Point:

- Allowances are mandatory and set by the NT Remuneration Tribunal.

#### 7.5 BUDGET 2026/2027

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachment:** 2026/2027 Budget  
Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2030

##### PURPOSE

For Council to adopt the 2026/2027 Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2030.

##### RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/008

That Council;

- a) adopts the 2026/2027 Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2030; and
- b) publishes the Budget on Councils website and notify the agency in writing in accordance with section 203(4) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Strettles

**Carried**

## 7.6 SHIRE PLAN 2026/2027

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachment:** [2026/2027 Shire Plan](#)

### PURPOSE

For Council to adopt the Shire Plan 2026/2027.

### RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/009

That Council;

- a) adopts the Shire Plan 2026/2027 in accordance with section 35 of the *Local Government Act 2019*; and
- b) provides the Agency with a copy of the Shire Plan 2026/2027 by the deadline of 30 June 2026.

**Moved:** Clr. Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Strettles

**Carried**

### Discussion Points:

- Queries regarding community consultation feedback and whether any amendments were made to the document.
- Only edits made were to correct a typo and to reflect the updated budget presented in the Special Meeting agenda.

## 8. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting closed at 10:22am.

### **10.3 CONFIRMATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 20th JULY 2026**

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** **DRAFT PUBLIC FINANCE MEETING MINUTES FOR 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2026**

#### **PURPOSE**

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Public Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Section 101 *Local Government Act 2019*.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.



## MINUTES

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

9:00am

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## 1. NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
Time: 9.00 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 Finance Committee Meeting of Council will be open to the public and will adhere to COVID Safety Plan requirements, including optional wearing a mask, appropriate physical distancing, and health, and hygiene requirements.

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes only.



Natasha Chapman

Acting Chief Executive Officer.

# MINUTES

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2026

The President of the Council, Mr. Ross McGorman declared the meeting open at 9:17 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

|                  |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| President        | Ross McGorman                   |
| Deputy President | Chris Whatley                   |
| Councillor       | Sharon Beswick                  |
| Councillor       | Mae <del>Mae</del> Morrison     |
| Councillor       | Alan Roe (via electronic means) |

#### STAFF PRESENT

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Acting Chief Executive Officer | Natasha Chapman |
| Executive Services Coordinator | Terrill Forrest |

#### VISITORS PRESENT



#### **4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> July 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 Finance Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

##### **RESOLUTION: 2026/07/20/001**

That Council

- a) receives and notes the apology of Cllr Strettles; and
- b) notes the late arrival of Cllr Morrison for the Finance Committee Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

**Moved:** DP Whatley  
**Seconded:** President McGorman **Carried**

#### **5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> July 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: 2026/07/20/002**

That Council acknowledges and accepts Cllr Roe's attendance to the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 via electronic means.

**Moved:** Cllr Beswick  
**Seconded:** DP Whatley **Carried**

## 6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> July 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.

### RESOLUTION: 2026/07/20/003

That Council receives the declarations of interest as listed for the Finance Committee Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

**Moved:** Clr. Beswick

**Seconded:** DP Whatley

**Carried**

## 7. MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                      |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | Nil                                             |

### PURPOSE

To provide a summary of the financial position of Council for the period ending 30 June 2026. In accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 – Part 2 Division 7*, the preceding month's financial report must be presented to Council. Regulation 17(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* requires a monthly report from the Chief Executive Officer to provide council with the actual income and expenditure for the year to date; the most recently adopted annual budget; and details of any material variances between the most recent actuals and the most recently adopted annual budget.

### RESOLUTION: 2026/07/20/004

That Council;

- a) notes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) certifies to the best of their knowledge, information, and the belief that the internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate, and that Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council;
- b) receives and notes the monthly financial report for June 2026; and
- c) requests the answers to the items taken on notice to be communicated to members via email before the next OGM.

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Beswick

**Carried**

### Procedural Note:

Clr. Morrison arrived at 9:22am.

### Discussion Points:

- Rates and Charges 25/26 – changes to rateability or changed waste charges Table 1.1 – difference in income
- Consultant fee unspent is related to WaRM grant 2025/26 project for Rehabilitation of Adelaide River site – A/CEO to provide resolution to members
- Investment funds – clarification of movement from investment accounts and what is grant money component.

- Tied funds and untied funds variance from previous month – A/CEO took on notice to provide further information.
- Road maintenance works undertaken with breakdown of period contract, grant funded works and wet season repairs – A/CEO took on notice to provide full details to members.
- General queries relating to suppliers Council has engaged and made payments to throughout the month.
- Status of NTG reimbursement or repairs for damages from emergency management works undertaken across the shire to accommodate evacuees. A/CEO to provide additional information out of session.

**Procedural Note:**

*Clr Morrison left the meeting at 9:31am and returned to the meeting at 9:31am.*

**8. NEXT MEETING.**

The next Finance Committee Meeting of Council is TBC.

The next Ordinary General Meeting is scheduled to be held on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at 10:00am.**

**9. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting closed at 9:52am.

#### 10.4 CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** **DRAFT PUBLIC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 7 AUGUST 2026**

#### PURPOSE

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Public Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 101 *Local Government Act 2019*.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.



## MINUTES

### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026

9:00am

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Special Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026

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## 1. NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026  
Time: 9:00 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 open to the public.

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes only.



Natasha Chapman

Acting Chief Executive Officer.

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Special Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026



# MINUTES

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026

The President of the Council, Mr. Ross McGorman declared the meeting open at 9:00 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

|                  |                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| President        | Ross McGorman (via electronic means)    |
| Deputy President | Chris Whatley                           |
| Councillor       | Sharon Beswick (via electronic means)   |
| Councillor       | Mae Mae Morrison (via electronic means) |
| Councillor       | Greg Strettles (via electronic means)   |

#### STAFF PRESENT

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Acting Chief Executive Officer    | Natasha Chapman |
| Acting Corporate Services Manager | Luke Ackland    |

#### VISITORS PRESENT

4  
Special Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026

#### 4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 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 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

##### RESOLUTION: SPEC2026/08/07/001

That Council receives and notes the apology of Councillor Alan Roe for the Special Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

Moved: Clr. Beswick

Seconded: DP Whatley Carried

#### 5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 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: SPEC2026/08/07/002

That Council acknowledges and accepts President McGorman, Councillor Beswick, Councillor Morrison and Councillor Strettles attendance to the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026 via electronic means.

Moved: Clr. Beswick

Seconded: Clr. Morrison Carried

## 6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026  
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Attachments: Nil.

## 7. REPORTS REQUIRING THE DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

### 7.1 LGANT REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION: NT GRANTS COMMISSION

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026  
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Attachment: LGANT Representative Nomination Form

#### PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of a nomination to represent LGANT on the NT Grants Commission.

#### RESOLUTION: SPEC2026/08/07/003

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled LGANT Representative Nomination: NT Grants Commission; and
- b) approves the nomination of Deputy President Chris Whatley to be submitted to LGANT as a representative on the NT Grants Commission.

Moved: Clr. Morrison

Seconded: President McGorman Carried

#### Motion:

#### RESOLUTION: SPEC2026/08/07/004

That Council defer the two confidential items in this agenda until the August 2026 OGM:

##### 8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S EMPLOYMENT UPDATE

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51(a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; and (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity

##### 8.2 AWARDED OF TENDER RFT2026-002 – GRADING AND ROAD MAINTENANCE

**CONFIDENTIAL:** 51 (1) (c) (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

|         |              |         |
|---------|--------------|---------|
| Moved:  | DP Whatley   |         |
| Second: | Clr. Beswick | Carried |

**8. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting closed at 9:10am.

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## 11. PRESIDENT REPORT

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026  
**Author:** Ross McGorman, President  
**Attachment:** NIL

### PURPOSE

To update Council on the activities of the President since the last Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) for the period of June 2026 to August 2026.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the President's Report for the period of June 2026 to August 2026.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### COMMENT

President McGorman was absent on leave from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026 to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026.  
Meetings and events attended by the President.

| Date       | Meeting/Attendees                             | Purpose                                               |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 20/06/2026 | Council OGM                                   | Monthly OGM                                           |
| 24/06/2026 | City of Palmerston Councillors                | Investigation of Public movies in Shire               |
|            | Batchelor Police                              | Discussion re horses                                  |
| 25/06/2026 | Meeting with A/CEO                            | Catch up                                              |
| 26/06/2026 | Insurers                                      | Council Briefing                                      |
| 30/06/2026 | Special Council Meeting                       | Council Meeting                                       |
|            | Contractor                                    | Contract queries                                      |
| 01/07/2026 | Resident                                      | Emergency evacuation centres                          |
| 12/07/2026 | Batchelor Markets                             | Discussions with multiple residents                   |
| 14/07/2026 | Shadow Federal Minister                       | LGANT Briefing                                        |
| 15/07/2026 | LGANT CEO                                     | Standard Local Government services                    |
| 20/07/2026 | Council Finance Committee Meeting             | Council Meeting                                       |
| 22/07/2026 | Meeting with A/CEO                            | Batchelor demountables, horses, dog policy.           |
| 24/07/2026 | Rosella Festival                              | Community event. Discussions with community members.  |
| 27/07/2026 | Meeting with A/CEO                            | Monthly catch up                                      |
|            | Coomalie Community Groups Stakeholder Meeting | Coomalie Christmas Event Planning Initial discussions |
| 28/07/2026 | Batchelor Police                              | Discussion re horses                                  |
| 07/08/2026 | Special Council Meeting                       | Council Meeting                                       |

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

*Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

## 12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT.

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                    |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | Nil                                             |

### PURPOSE

To update Council on the activities of the Chief Executive Officer since the last Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) for the period of June to August 2026.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officers Report for the period of June to August 2026.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### BACKGROUND

The CEO report outlines the highlights leading up to the Ordinary General Meeting and activities of the operation that may be of interest to Council in the month ahead.

### COMMENTS

Natasha Chapman took unexpected leave from 6<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026. During this period, Luke Ackland and Emma Dunne undertook the A/CEO duties as follows:

- Luke Ackland – 8<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- Emma Dunne – 15<sup>th</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026

|          |                                                                                     |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Meetings | - LEMC – Council and Community Services Manager attended as proxy.<br>- Council OGM |
| Other    | - Internal SLT meeting                                                              |

### Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

|          |                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Meetings | - CEO Batchelor Institute – Emergency management<br>- Council Insurance Provider update<br>- Crown Land Estate Lease team<br>- Council Insurer Briefing (organiser only). |
| Other    | NIL                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

|          |                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special Council Meeting</li> <li>- Contractor Meeting</li> <li>- Special Council Meeting</li> </ul>        |
| Other    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Internal SLT Meeting</li> <li>- Special Meeting agenda preparation</li> <li>- July OGM Planning</li> </ul> |

**Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

|          |                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finance Meeting agenda preparation</li> <li>- LGANT HR Network Meeting</li> <li>- Internal SLT Meeting</li> </ul> |
| Other    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Natasha Chapman on leave. Luke Ackland was A/CEO</li> </ul>                                                       |

**Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phone call with President</li> </ul>                                                                                                              |
| Other    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Natasha Chapman on leave. Luke Ackland and Emma Dunne shared A/CEO role.</li> <li>- Correspondence sent to DLI regarding demountables.</li> </ul> |

**Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

|          |                                                                                               |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council Finance Committee Meeting</li> </ul>         |
| Other    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Auditors on-site for interim audit visit.</li> </ul> |

**Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

|          |                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coomalie Community Group Stakeholder Meeting – Christmas Event</li> <li>- Australia Post post-service de-brief</li> </ul> |
| Other    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Internal Executive Leadership Team Meeting</li> </ul>                                                                     |

**Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2026**

|          |                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Department of Logistics and Infrastructure – Quarterly Meeting</li> <li>- Special Council Meeting</li> </ul> |
| Other    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- August OGM Planning</li> </ul>                                                                               |

**Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting</li> <li>- Rum Jungle Lake Fish Stocking</li> <li>- LGANT CEO Forum</li> <li>- Executive Director of Local Government – Quarterly Meeting</li> <li>- NT Cyber Security Review Post-Project presentation</li> <li>- Council OGM</li> </ul> |
| Other    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- August OGM Preparation</li> <li>- Internal SLT Weekly</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

### Grants:

- Disaster Ready Fund grant application submitted as per June 2026 OGM endorsement.

### Corporate Services

- Development of multiple Meeting Agendas.
- Correspondence to complaints and public enquiries.
- Staff and resource planning.
- Annual audit process is under way. Annual Financial Statements on track for completion by end of August. Annual Report writing to commence and be ready for presentation to Council in October 2026.
- Rates Notices to be sent out by end of August in line with requirements under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

### Community Services

- Stop Press Articles.
- Christmas event planning
- Age Moves weekly sessions in Batchelor
- School Holiday Program completed and reported in quarterly report.

### Council Services

- Regulatory Services
  - o Dogs, abandoned vehicles, education and awareness for Adelaide River and Batchelor Pet owners.
  - o Overgrown vegetation and untidy allotment inspections.

| Grant Source                                 | Project Name                                           | Project Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Expected Completion                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Community Places for People Grant 2023-24    | Adelaide River Cemetery Precinct                       | 1. Survey and Quantifies<br><b>COMPLETED</b><br>2. Electrical works commenced with SD Electrical engaged<br><b>COMPLETED</b><br>3. Arborist Engaged<br><b>COMPLETED</b><br>4. concrete pathways <b>COMPLETED</b><br>5. Carpark –Public Tender awarded<br><b>ROAD WORKS COMMENCED, ESTIMATED COMPLETION BY MID SEPTEMBER 2026</b> | 30/06/2026<br>Extension request submitted – awaiting formal approval. |
| Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) 2024-25 | Bulk Hook Bins                                         | Bulk Hook Bins<br><b>COMPLETED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 30/06/2026<br>Acquittal in Aug OGM                                    |
| Roads to Recovery 24-25                      | Haynes and Strickland Roads Stabilising and Resheeting | Stabiliser Product Purchased<br><b>COMPLETED</b><br>Haynes Road<br><b>COMPLETED</b><br>Strickland Road<br><b>COMPLETED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 31/10/2025 for stabiliser<br><br>Roadworks<br>30/06/2026              |



|                                                |                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                    |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Black Spot 23-24                               | Haynes Road & White Horse Track                     | Formalise intersection and signage for road safety – Aligned with into R2R Project<br><b>COMMENCED</b>                                                                                           | 31/10/2025                         |
| Black Spot 24-25                               | Solomon and Miles Road Intersection                 | Clear Sight Lines and improve road safety by installing turning lanes<br><b>NOT COMMENCED</b>                                                                                                    | 30/06/2025                         |
| Black Spot 24-25                               | Niks Crossing                                       | Clear sight lines and install road furniture to improve safety<br><b>NOT COMMENCED</b>                                                                                                           | 30/06/2025                         |
| Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant 2024-25 | Cemetery and Burial Ground Fences and service gates | 1. Fence Bush Cemetery – Undeveloped zones and install firebreaks and service gates<br><b>COMPLETED</b><br>2. Install Vehicle barriers and Services Gates at Rum Jungle Lake<br><b>COMPLETED</b> | 30/06/2027<br>Acquittal in Aug OGM |
| Waste and Resource Management Grant 2025-26    | Rehabilitation of Adelaide River Waste Facility     | Rehabilitation of landfill site including consultant design of staged works to be completed. Commencement of works with funds available.<br><b>Not yet commenced</b>                             | 30/06/2028                         |
| Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant 2025-26 | Extension of Columbarium at Coomalie Bush Cemetery  | Design and installation of extended columbarium plots at the Coomalie Bush Cemetery.<br><b>Not yet commenced</b>                                                                                 | 30/06/2028                         |

## CONSULTATION

- President
- As per meeting list
- Executive Leadership Team

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

*Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

### 13. FINANCE REPORTS

#### 13.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

|                    |                                                                                                    |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                                                                       |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager<br>Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | Nil                                                                                                |

#### PURPOSE

To provide a summary of the financial position of Council for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026. In accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 – Part 2 Division 7*, the preceding month's financial report must be presented to Council. Regulation 17(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* requires a monthly report from the Chief Executive Officer to provide council with the actual income and expenditure for the year to date; the most recently adopted annual budget; and details of any material variances between the most recent actuals and the most recently adopted annual budget.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

a) notes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) certifies to the best of her knowledge, information, and the belief that the internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate, and that Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council; and

b) receives and notes the monthly financial report for July 2026.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The monthly financial report Income and Expenditure Statement compares the actual income and expenditure to budget at two levels, firstly for the year to date (YTD), and secondly for the full year budget. Comparatives to full year are relevant if the income and expenditure is linear, otherwise the YTD budget comparison provides a clearer position. Ideally, the budget is accurately phased so that the amount allocated each month will match the pattern of income and expenditure.

#### COMMENT

This monthly finance report is the first report for the 2026/27 financial year. The 2026/27 budget adopted on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 has commenced.

## **Operating Income and Expenditure**

Council's operating income is higher than YTD, resulting from:

- An insurance reimbursement payment processed within July 2026 for expenses from 2025/2026 financial year. This may require an adjustment to the end of 2025/26 FY accounts during audit processes.
- Financial Assistance Grant pre-payment and carry forward into 2026/27 was higher than anticipated based on previous year's received.

Other revenue streams are slightly less than YTD, specifically investment and interest income is lower than YTD because of term deposit maturity dates.

Operating expenditure is less than YTD with the main variances resulting from:

- Some employee costs are recognised as payable from the beginning of the financial year however not yet expended. For example, training and uniforms costs are recognised from the beginning of the year as an employee could access training from 1 July 2026, even if it isn't spent immediately. Additionally, several positions within the organisation remain unfilled and therefore full salary budget is not being utilised currently.
- A portion of Elected Member Professional Development allowances are recognised as payable from 1 July 2026, even if not spent immediately, resulting in lower YTD expenditure.
- Depreciation expenses are lower than YTD budget, resulting from the changes in total assets held at the end of the last financial year.

Other expenses are higher than YTD budget as a result of the engagement of an external accountant to assist with the completion of the annual audit and preparation of the annual audited financial statements. It is intended to cover this expenditure by the underspent wages for the period with an adjustment at the first budget review.

## **Capital Works**

- Adelaide River Cemetery and Rum Jungle Cemetery fencing works completed. Final acquittal in this agenda.
- Adelaide River Oval- Solar light footing and light installed, works now completed.
- Adelaide River Oval - Driveway work 95% completed with remainder of work schedule to be completed September 2026.
- Adelaide River Cemetery Precinct works – Car parking/road upgrades, works 85% completed, with an estimated completion date of September 2026.
- Hook Bins have been delivered to the Waste Facilities with the remaining two bins in transit.

## **Investments**

- At 31 July 2026, Council held \$2.7M in term deposits.
- At 31 July 2026, Council's cash at bank contained \$1.16 Million of tied funding.

## **Grants**

Council received the following grant funding in July 2026:

- Seniors Month = \$2,200.

#### **Rates**

- 2026/27 Rates and Charges will be issued in August 2026 with the first instalment due 25 September 2026.
- 2025/26 Rates and Charges were levied in August 2025. The fourth instalment for 2025/26 rates was due by 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Any ratepayer who has not met their instalments is now considered in arrears in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*.
- At 31 July 2026, Council's overdue rates are worth \$502k. The overdue rates balances relate to rates and charges from previous financial years and continue to accrue interest until payment is received.
- At 31 July 2026, \$207k is arrears from 2025-26 rates and charges, and \$295k is arrears from previous financial years.
- At 31 July 2026, there are 120 properties that have a rates credit due to direct debit or payment plans being in place. The total of these applied credits is \$97k.

#### **Tax**

Council is compliant with payment and reporting all tax liabilities as outlined below:

- Pay As You Go (PAYG Withholdings) have been lodged with the Business Activity Statements (BAS) each month. The July PAYG Withholdings will be submitted with the Business Activity Statement in August 2026.
- Business Activity Statements have been lodged by the due dates. The July BAS will be lodged by the due date of 21<sup>st</sup> August 2026.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Regulation 17 *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## Certification by the CEO to the Council

|                          |                                       |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Council Name:</b>     | COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL |
| <b>Reporting Period:</b> | 31-July-26                            |

That, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief:  
 (1) The internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and  
 (2) The council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council.

A/CEO Signed



Date Signed

12/08/2026

**Table 1.1 Monthly Income and Expenditure Statement**

|                                           | YTD Actuals<br>\$ | YTD Budget<br>\$ | YTD<br>Variance<br>\$ | Annual Budget<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b>                   |                   |                  |                       |                     |
| Rates                                     | 0                 | 0                | 0                     | 1,310,717           |
| Charges                                   | 0                 | 0                | 0                     | 469,172             |
| Fees and Charges                          | 8,633             | 11,919           | (3,286)               | 255,015             |
| Operating Grants and Subsidies            | 659,533           | 632,573          | 26,960                | 1,676,452           |
| Interest / Investment Income              | 11,524            | 18,167           | (6,643)               | 218,000             |
| Commercial and Other Income               | 28,060            | 7,589            | 20,471                | 91,059              |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>             | <b>707,750</b>    | <b>670,248</b>   | <b>37,502</b>         | <b>4,020,415</b>    |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>              |                   |                  |                       |                     |
| Employee Expenses                         | 77,161            | 172,836          | (95,675)              | 1,581,118           |
| Materials and Contracts                   | 180,084           | 220,462          | (40,378)              | 2,323,983           |
| Elected Member Allowances                 | 6,560             | 14,676           | (8,116)               | 176,116             |
| Elected Member Expenses                   | 0                 | 450              | (450)                 | 5,400               |
| Council Committee & LA Allowances         | 0                 | 0                | 0                     | 5,000               |
| Council Committee & LA Expenses           | 0                 | 0                | 0                     | 0                   |
| Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment | 119,158           | 133,214          | (14,056)              | 1,598,564           |
| Interest Expenses                         | 0                 | 0                | 0                     | 0                   |
| Other Expenses                            | 18,800            | 4,528            | 14,272                | 142,424             |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>        | <b>401,762</b>    | <b>546,166</b>   | <b>(144,404)</b>      | <b>5,832,605</b>    |
| <b>OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>        | <b>305,988</b>    | <b>124,082</b>   | <b>181,906</b>        | <b>(1,812,190)</b>  |

**Table 1.2 Monthly Operating Position**

|                                                 | YTD Actuals<br>\$ | YTD Budget<br>\$ | YTD<br>Variance<br>\$ | Annual Budget<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>     | 305,988           | 124,082          | 181,906               | (1,812,190)         |
| <b>Remove NON-CASH ITEMS</b>                    |                   |                  |                       |                     |
| Less Non-Cash Income                            | 0                 | 0                | 0                     | 0                   |
| Add Back Non-Cash Expenses                      | 119,158           | 133,214          | (14,056)              | 1,598,564           |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS</b>                     | <b>119,158</b>    | <b>133,214</b>   | <b>(14,056)</b>       | <b>1,598,564</b>    |
|                                                 |                   |                  |                       |                     |
| <b>Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS</b>                 |                   |                  |                       |                     |
| Capital Expenditure                             | 236,522           | 48,833           | 187,689               | 644,790             |
| Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)           | 0                 | 0                | 0                     | 0                   |
| Transfer to Reserves                            | 0                 | 0                | 0                     | 0                   |
| Other Outflows                                  | 0                 | 0                | 0                     | 0                   |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS</b>                | <b>(236,522)</b>  | <b>(48,833)</b>  | <b>(187,689)</b>      | <b>(644,790)</b>    |
|                                                 |                   |                  |                       |                     |
| <b>Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS</b>                   |                   |                  |                       |                     |
| Capital Grants Income                           | 0                 | 0                | 0                     | 585,990             |
| Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding           | 467,500           | 104,500          | 363,000               | 104,500             |
| Other Inflow of Funds                           | 0                 | 0                | 0                     | 0                   |
| Transfers from Reserves                         | 0                 | 0                | 0                     | 167,926             |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS</b>                 | <b>467,500</b>    | <b>104,500</b>   | <b>363,000</b>        | <b>858,416</b>      |
| <b>NET BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b> | <b>656,123</b>    | <b>312,963</b>   | <b>343,160</b>        | <b>0</b>            |

**Table 2.1 Capital Expenditure and Funding**  
**By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment**

| <b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>                  | <b>YTD<br/>Actuals<br/>\$</b> | <b>YTD<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> | <b>YTD<br/>Variance<br/>\$</b> | <b>Annual<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Buildings                                   | 0                             | 0                            | 0                              | 0                               |
| Community Assets and Other Structures       | 0                             | 0                            | 0                              | 104,500                         |
| Motor Vehicles                              | 0                             | 0                            | 0                              | 58,800                          |
| Plant and Equipment                         | 0                             | 0                            | 0                              | 0                               |
| Roads Infrastructure                        | 236,522                       | 48,833                       | 187,689                        | 481,490                         |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>            | <b>236,522</b>                | <b>48,833</b>                | <b>187,689</b>                 | <b>644,790</b>                  |
|                                             |                               |                              |                                |                                 |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY:</b> |                               |                              |                                |                                 |
| Capital Grants Income                       | 0                             | 0                            | 0                              | 481,490                         |
| Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding       | 467,500                       | 104,500                      | 363,000                        | 104,500                         |
| Operating Income and Subsidies              | 0                             | 2,000                        | (2,000)                        | 0                               |
| Reserves                                    | 0                             | 0                            | 0                              | 58,800                          |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING</b>    | <b>467,500</b>                | <b>106,500</b>               | <b>361,000</b>                 | <b>644,790</b>                  |

**Table 3. Monthly Balance Sheet Report**

| BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 July 2026     | YTD Actuals<br>\$ | Note<br>Reference* |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                        |                   |                    |
| Cash at Bank                         |                   | (1)                |
| Tied Funds                           | 1,158,324         |                    |
| Untied Funds                         | 2,411,605         |                    |
| Accounts Receivable                  |                   |                    |
| Trade Debtors                        | 44,545            | (2)                |
| Rates & Charges Debtors              | 418,451           |                    |
| Other Current Assets                 | 14,340            |                    |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>          | <b>4,047,264</b>  |                    |
| Non-Current Financial Assets         | 0                 |                    |
| Property, Plant and Equipment        | 16,739,482        |                    |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>      | <b>16,739,482</b> |                    |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                  | <b>20,786,747</b> |                    |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                   |                   |                    |
| Accounts Payable                     | 71,563            | (3)                |
| ATO & Payroll Liabilities            | (46,706)          | (4)                |
| Current Provisions                   | 109,537           |                    |
| Accruals                             | 0                 |                    |
| Other Current Liabilities            | 5,191             |                    |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>     | <b>139,585</b>    | (5)                |
| Non-Current Provisions               | 0                 |                    |
| Other Non-Current Liabilities        | 0                 |                    |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> | <b>0</b>          |                    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>             | <b>139,585</b>    |                    |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                    | <b>20,647,161</b> |                    |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                        |                   |                    |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve            | 15,424,509        |                    |
| Reserves                             | 290,222           | (6)                |
| Accumulated Surplus                  | 4,932,430         |                    |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                  | <b>20,647,161</b> |                    |

**Note 1. Details of Cash and Investments Held**

\$2,700,000 held in investments as at 31 July 2026 (details in table below).  
Tied funds include grant/project obligations, current provisions and tied reserve accounts.



## Investments Summary

As at 31 July 2026

| Category           | Balance            | Rate  | Interest Frequency | Maturity Date |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|---------------|
| Fixed Term Deposit | \$300,000          | 4.90% | At Maturity        | 19/08/2026    |
| Fixed Term Deposit | \$250,000          | 4.82% | At Maturity        | 7/09/2026     |
| Fixed Term Deposit | \$300,000          | 4.44% | At Maturity        | 14/09/2026    |
| Fixed Term Deposit | \$400,000          | 5.10% | At Maturity        | 27/10/2026    |
| Fixed Term Deposit | \$300,000          | 4.50% | At Maturity        | 12/11/2026    |
| Fixed Term Deposit | \$350,000          | 4.52% | At Maturity        | 17/12/2026    |
| Fixed Term Deposit | \$400,000          | 5.19% | At Maturity        | 5/01/2027     |
| Fixed Term Deposit | \$400,000          | 5.09% | At Maturity        | 1/02/2027     |
| Fixed Term Deposit | \$300,000          | 4.90% | At Maturity        | 19/08/2026    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>\$2,700,000</b> |       |                    |               |

### Note 2. Statement of Trade Debtors

|                                  | Current         | Past Due 1–30 Days | Past Due 31–60 Days | Past Due 61-90 Days | Past Due 90+ Days | Total           |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Commercial Waste                 | \$6,337         | \$748              | \$1,480             |                     | \$4,038           | <b>\$12,603</b> |
| Facility and Equipment Hire Fees |                 |                    |                     |                     | \$266             | <b>\$266</b>    |
| Regulatory Services              |                 |                    |                     |                     |                   |                 |
| Road permits                     | \$318           |                    |                     | \$307               | \$295             | <b>\$920</b>    |
| Sundry Debtors                   | \$26,340        |                    |                     |                     | \$4,416           | <b>\$30,756</b> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>\$32,995</b> | <b>\$748</b>       | <b>\$1,480</b>      | <b>\$307</b>        | <b>\$9,015</b>    | <b>\$44,545</b> |

### Note 3. Statement on Trade Creditors

|                               | Current            | Past Due 1 – 30 Days | Past Due 31 – 60 Days | Past Due 61-90 Days | Past Due 90+ Days | Total              |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| AC Hall Services              | 400.00             |                      |                       |                     |                   | 400.00             |
| Agentur Pty Ltd               | 484.00             |                      |                       |                     |                   | 484.00             |
| Area9                         | 10,822.68          |                      |                       |                     |                   | 10,822.68          |
| Jacana Energy                 | 1,296.04           |                      |                       |                     |                   | 1,296.04           |
| Local Govt Assoc of NT        | 5,778.61           |                      |                       |                     |                   | 5,778.61           |
| Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd    | 23,553.04          |                      |                       |                     |                   | 23,553.04          |
| P&K Plumbing                  | 788.01             |                      |                       |                     |                   | 788.01             |
| PowerWater - Bills            | 2,278.55           |                      |                       |                     |                   | 2,278.55           |
| Prestons Mowing & Gardening   | 20,020.00          |                      |                       |                     |                   | 20,020.00          |
| VTG Waste & Recycling P/L     | 6,142.06           |                      |                       |                     |                   | 6,142.06           |
| <b>Total Accounts Payable</b> | <b>\$71,562.99</b> | <b>\$-</b>           | <b>\$-</b>            | <b>\$-</b>          | <b>\$-</b>        | <b>\$71,562.99</b> |

**Note 4. Statement on Australian Tax Office (ATO) and Payroll Obligations**

""Council is compliant with all payment, reporting and tax liabilities:

- PAYG Withholdings have been lodged by the due dates. The July 2026 PAYG Withholdings will be submitted with the Business Activity Statement prior to 21 August 2026.
- Business Activity Statements have been lodged by the due dates. The July 2026 BAS will be lodged prior to the due date of 21 August 2026."

**Note 5. Current Ratio**

The Current Ratio measures Council's ability to pay short-term obligations or those due within one year. A Current Ratio that is higher than 1.00 is considered acceptable in contemporary financial management terms. Council's Current Ratio as at 31 July 2026 is 3.1.

**Note 6. Reserve Accounts**

| <b>Internally Restricted</b>  | <b>Total (\$)</b> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Asset Renewal Reserve         | 123,722           |
| Batchelor Playground Reserve  | 2,500             |
| Disaster Recovery Reserve     | 25,000            |
| Election Expenses Reserve     | 14,000            |
| Waste Management Reserve      | 100,000           |
|                               |                   |
| <b>Externally Restricted</b>  |                   |
| Disaster Recovery Reserve     | 25,000            |
| <b>TOTAL RESERVES BALANCE</b> | <b>290,222</b>    |

**Table 4. Member and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions for the Month**

Cardholder

Name: N CHAPMAN (A/CEO)

| <b>Transaction Date</b> | <b>Amount \$</b> | <b>Supplier's Name</b> | <b>Reason for the Transaction</b> |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3/07/2026               | \$130.00         | ROYAL LIFE SAVING      | Safe Pool Guidelines Subscription |
| 10/07/2026              | \$244.50         | Microsoft              | Monthly Software Subscription     |
| 30/07/2026              | \$38.26          | Mail Chimp             | Monthly Software Subscription     |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>\$412.76</b>  |                        |                                   |

### Staff Credit Card Transactions

| Date                                  | Description    | Credit (AUD)    |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1/07/2026                             | SAFE NT        | \$87.00         |
| 13/07/2026                            | CHILL ICE RINK | \$318.00        |
| 17/07/2026                            | KENNARDS HIRE  | \$49.35         |
| <b>Total Other Staff Credit Cards</b> |                | <b>\$454.35</b> |

### CCGC CBA Cheque

| Date        | Description                                            | Reference                                                          | Debit (AUD) |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 02 Jul 2026 | Commonwealth Bank of Australia                         |                                                                    | 91.27       |
| 02 Jul 2026 | CCGC CBA Cheque to CBA Credit Card                     |                                                                    | 638.80      |
| 02 Jul 2026 | Commonwealth Bank of Australia                         |                                                                    | 45.21       |
| 03 Jul 2026 | Payment: WEX Australia Pty Ltd                         |                                                                    | 3,143.01    |
| 03 Jul 2026 | Payment: Nutrien AG Solutions                          |                                                                    | 47.08       |
| 03 Jul 2026 | Payment: P&K Plumbing                                  |                                                                    | 2,018.31    |
| 03 Jul 2026 | Payment: Air Liquide Australia Ltd                     |                                                                    | 31.63       |
| 09 Jul 2026 | SALARIES AND WAGES Coomalie Communi                    |                                                                    | 38,028.07   |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: PowerWater - Bills                            |                                                                    | 57.45       |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: Telstra                                       |                                                                    | 275.00      |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: PowerWater - Bills                            |                                                                    | 137.90      |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: PowerWater - Bills                            |                                                                    | 49.51       |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: Basketball Northern Territory Inc             | Program Delivery                                                   | 8,803.48    |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: VTG Waste & Recycling P/L                     |                                                                    | 5,893.93    |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: CONSTRUCTION 101 PTY. LTD                     | Weed survey – grant funded project                                 | 9,130.00    |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: RS Gardening Care                             |                                                                    | 3,350.09    |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: Captovate                                     |                                                                    | 165.00      |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: Pandanus NT Pty Ltd t/a Damn Straight Fencing | Fence works Bush cemetery & Rum Jungle Lake - grant funded project | 18,755.00   |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: Nexia Edwards Marshall NT                     |                                                                    | 2,200.00    |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: RS Gardening Care                             |                                                                    | 5,406.45    |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: Kerr Trust                                    | Accounting                                                         | 10,340.00   |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: Top End Grub                                  |                                                                    | 1,582.19    |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: PowerWater - Bills                            |                                                                    | 72.12       |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: PowerWater - Bills                            |                                                                    | 142.23      |
| 10 Jul 2026 | Payment: PowerWater - Bills                            |                                                                    | 557.39      |
| 13 Jul 2026 | EQUIPMENT RENTS                                        |                                                                    | 187.00      |
| 15 Jul 2026 | Commonwealth Bank of Australia                         |                                                                    | 7.48        |
| 15 Jul 2026 | Commonwealth Bank of Australia                         |                                                                    | 32.51       |
| 15 Jul 2026 | NBN Biz                                                |                                                                    | 322.52      |
| 15 Jul 2026 | Commonwealth Bank of Australia                         |                                                                    | 58.96       |
| 20 Jul 2026 | Payment: VTG Waste & Recycling P/L                     |                                                                    | 5,893.93    |
| 20 Jul 2026 | Payment: Local Govt Assoc of NT                        |                                                                    | 480.00      |
| 20 Jul 2026 | Payment: Adelaide River Show Society                   |                                                                    | 200.00      |
| 20 Jul 2026 | Payment: Gaz NT Pty Ltd                                |                                                                    | 3,531.00    |
| 20 Jul 2026 | Payment: Top End Grub                                  |                                                                    | 1,582.19    |
| 20 Jul 2026 | Payment: Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd                    | Strickland Rd re-sheet - grant funded project                      | 50,000.01   |
| 20 Jul 2026 | Payment: PowerWater - Bills                            |                                                                    | 426.85      |
| 20 Jul 2026 | Payment: Telstra                                       |                                                                    | 34.95       |
| 20 Jul 2026 | PC200726-161106267 SuperChoice P-L                     |                                                                    | 4,907.41    |
| 20 Jul 2026 | Xero                                                   |                                                                    | 250.00      |
| 22 Jul 2026 | Vocus                                                  |                                                                    | 2,511.30    |
| 23 Jul 2026 | Payment: NT Water Filters aka Viva Water               |                                                                    | 330.00      |
| 23 Jul 2026 | Payment: Arafura Sweeping Pty Ltd                      |                                                                    | 726.00      |

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| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Area9                              |                                                             | 148.50            |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd         |                                                             | 729.92            |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: VTG Waste & Recycling P/L          |                                                             | 6,142.06          |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Kerr Trust                         | Accounting                                                  | 10,340.00         |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: St John Ambulance Australia        |                                                             | 1,972.11          |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Gaz NT Pty Ltd                     |                                                             | 649.00            |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: St John Ambulance Australia        |                                                             | 194.25            |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Top End Grub                       |                                                             | 1,582.19          |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Jacana Energy                      |                                                             | 46.75             |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Jacana Energy                      |                                                             | 690.52            |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: PowerWater - Bills                 |                                                             | 173.68            |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: PowerWater - Bills                 |                                                             | 253.18            |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: PowerWater - Bills                 |                                                             | 114.43            |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Telstra                            |                                                             | 1,235.05          |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Jacana Energy                      |                                                             | 120.60            |
| 23 Jul 2026                  | SALARIES AND WAGES Coomalie Communi         |                                                             | 33,899.88         |
| 27 Jul 2026                  | PC270726-166413920 SuperChoice P-L          |                                                             | 4,774.34          |
| 27 Jul 2026                  | Direct Deposit rates returned               |                                                             | 50.00             |
| 30 Jul 2026                  | Commonwealth Bank of Australia              |                                                             | 90.00             |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Batchelor Service Centre           |                                                             | 805.58            |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: DTA Contractors Pty Ltd            | Cemetery Precinct Carpark Upgrade<br>- grant funded project | 19,924.76         |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd         |                                                             | 563.25            |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Gleeming Cleaning Services         |                                                             | 3,850.00          |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: DTA Contractors Pty Ltd            |                                                             | 3,850.00          |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: DTA Contractors Pty Ltd            |                                                             | 2,200.00          |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Officeworks Ltd                    |                                                             | 482.79            |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Arjay's Sales and Services Pty Ltd |                                                             | 3,080.00          |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Officeworks Ltd                    |                                                             | 1,421.00          |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Area9                              |                                                             | 524.04            |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Palmerston Paint Group Pty Ltd     |                                                             | 266.55            |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Sharon Beswick                     |                                                             | 840.50            |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Alan Roe                           |                                                             | 840.50            |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Greg Strettles                     |                                                             | 840.50            |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Chris Whatley                      |                                                             | 840.50            |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: VTG Waste & Recycling P/L          |                                                             | 6,142.06          |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: VTG Waste & Recycling P/L          |                                                             | 6,142.06          |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Top End Grub                       |                                                             | 1,582.19          |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Practical Safety Australia Pty Ltd |                                                             | 77.70             |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: AC Hall Services                   |                                                             | 400.00            |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Valmae Morrison                    |                                                             | 640.50            |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Ross McGorman                      |                                                             | 2,557.17          |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: Figleaf Pool Products              |                                                             | 850.00            |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: P&K Plumbing                       |                                                             | 883.00            |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: DTA Contractors Pty Ltd            | Cemetery Precinct Carpark Upgrade<br>- grant funded project | 202,663.29        |
| 31 Jul 2026                  | Payment: ONEMUSIC Australia                 |                                                             | 402.37            |
| <b>Total CCGC CBA Cheque</b> |                                             |                                                             | <b>508,320.00</b> |

## 14. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

### 14.1 ROAD TO RECOVERY 2026/27 PROJECT ENDORSEMENT

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                    |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | NIL                                             |

#### PURPOSE

To provide Council with options for projects to utilise the Roads to Recovery 2026/27 grant funding allocation.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes report entitled Roads to Recovery 2026/27 Project Endorsement;
- b) endorses the following projects, acknowledging that funds may not be sufficient to cover all works and priorities will be worked through until funds are exhausted:

1. Chinner Road Floodway
2. Crater Lake Road Spring
3. Adelaide River Storm Water network assessment
4. Resealing of Batchelor town roads
5. Heavy patching along Miles Road
6. Solomon Road floodway crossing

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

##### **RESOLUTION 2024/06/18/010**

*That Council:*

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Roads to Recovery – Sargent Road Project; and*
- b) approves the sealing of Sargent Road and the reseal of the public apron of the Batchelor Waste Management Facility.*

**Moved:** **Clr. Freeman**

**Seconded:** **Clr. Noble**

**Carried**

#### COMMENT

The Roads to Recovery grant program is a non-competitive Federal government program that provides LGAs across Australia with a five-year allocation of funds to be utilised on roads, either capital or maintenance projects as required. The most recent five-year program commenced on 1

July 2024, with Coomalie Council receiving a total allocation of \$1,899,803 across the five-year period. To date, Council has only nominated projects up to the value of \$455,333, leaving an allocation of \$1,444,470 remaining to be utilised by 30 June 2029.

Recommended projects for Council's consideration to be undertaken in the 2026/27 FY include:

- Chinner Road Floodway upgrades, inclusive of engineering and construction.
- Crater Lake Road Spring engineering and corrective works.
- Adelaide River Storm Water drainage network assessment and repairs as identified.
- Resealing of Batchelor town roads
- Heavy patching along Miles Road
- Solomon Road floodway crossing

## **CONSULTATION**

Acting CEO

Acting Corporate Services Manager

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

*Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Of the five-year program allocation, Council has a remaining allocation of \$1,444,470. This can be requested to be used for a significant major project in one financial year or used across the remaining years for as many projects as Council requires. With three (3) years remaining in the program, this equates to \$481,490 per year. The annual allocation has been included in the 2026/27 budget for works, however this can be amended at the first budget review as needed.

## 14.2 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT PROGRESS REPORT

|                    |                                                |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                   |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Andrew Roberts, Community Services Coordinator |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | NIL                                            |

### PURPOSE

To provide an update on the progress of the Community Christmas Event planning after the initial meeting with local Community Groups.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Community Christmas Event Progress Report; and
- b) re-confirms its decision to provide a family-oriented Christmas event in Batchelor for 2026 and requests the Chief Executive Officer to continue community engagement and planning processes with a further report back to the September 2026 OGM.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

#### Background

Since Council's OGM decision from May 2026 (below), staff have commenced engagement with key stakeholders within the Shire regarding its plans for a whole of community event(s) for 2026.

#### Previous Decisions

##### **RESOLUTION 2026/05/19/009**

*That Council;*

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Coomalie Christmas Celebrations;*
- b) requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to proceed with planning for 2026 Christmas Celebrations by coordinating a family-oriented afternoon/evening event in Batchelor incorporating Carols and Santa Run; and*
- c) approves a \$200 donation to Adelaide River Show Society for the 2026 Children's Christmas Tree event.*

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Morrison

**Carried 5/5**

*Clr. Morrison not present for vote.*

##### **RESOLUTION 2025/11/27/17**

*That Council;*

- a) reach out to the Adelaide River School, Batchelor School and the Adelaide River Show Society to offer a contribution of \$200.00 each for Christmas related events; and*

*b) Seeks a further report in the new year for future events.*

**Moved:** Deputy President Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Morrison

**Carried**

## COMMENT

Council officers have approached key stakeholders within the Shire regarding its plans for a whole of community event(s) for 2026. This approach was made via email based on contact details that Council had. Subsequent email correspondence was sent seeking attendance at a project kick off meeting with representatives from community groups invited to attend. This meeting was held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July at Council Chambers.

Communication was received from Batchelor Area School stating that the school would be willing to engage in a Community Event, and provide participants to sing carols, and/or perform a small play.

The community group stakeholder meeting was attended by three community group representatives, and the remaining attendees chose to represent the 'community' rather than a specific community group that may have coordinated efforts with Council. The attendees of the meeting were predominantly senior citizens with apologies received from some other stakeholders (i.e. the schools and emergency services).

The feedback received by attendees was that separate events have always worked well and should be maintained to enable all demographics to attend the events that are of interest to them rather than one combined event. The attendees also recommended that Council be the coordinator of a 'Community Event Calendar' as the overall keeper of event plans for community groups.

Individual attendees at the meeting expressed dismay and concern about Council's decision to cancel the Seniors Christmas Lunch for 2026. Attendees indicated a preference that Council would provide sponsorship to existing events rather than hosting or co-hosting/coordinating a different event. It is also preferred by the attendees that the Senior's Christmas lunch be either reinstated or sponsored by Council but coordinated by another community group (e.g. COTA Coomalie).

As this first meeting was targeted at community groups, rather than individual members of the community, it did not successfully achieve the desired stakeholder engagement. It is therefore suggested that Council officers proceed with the following actions:

1. Seek to re-engage community group representatives to confirm the 2026 Christmas events being organised and interest of each group to coordinate an alternative event.
2. Seek inclusive community feedback regarding what type of event/s the community would like to see in the Shire for Christmas 2026. This is proposed to be done by having 'Suggestion Boxes' at multiple locations across the two townships.
3. Report back to Council at the September OGM to confirm the event direction for the 2026 Christmas Event.

Council decided to not host a Senior's Christmas lunch for 2026 to trial the implementation of a new event that could be open to the wider community. Since this decision, it has also come to Council officer's attention that a petition has been circulated by persons from the community as well as via



Facebook on the Change.org platform. To date, this petition has not been received by Council administration.

To ensure Council officers remain on track to deliver a Christmas event supported by Councillors, it is sought to re-confirm the direction and plans for Christmas events in 2026.

## **CONSULTATION**

Community Groups

A/CEO

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

*Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council currently has an allocation of \$4,000 in the 2026-27 budget for a Community Christmas Event.

### 14.3 RUM JUNGLE BOWLS CLUB – USER AGREEMENT AND APPROVALS

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                    |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | NIL                                             |

#### PURPOSE

To seek Council's approval for several associated matters with the Rum Jungle Bowls Club User Agreement.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Rum Jungle Bowls Club and Associated approvals;
- b) approves/does not approve the waiver of hire fees totalling \$2,704 inclusive of GST, for the term of the agreement with Rum Jungle Bowls Club;
- c) authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to finalise and execute the agreement, subject to any minor administrative amendments that do not materially alter the terms approved by Council; and
- d) notes that any consumption of alcohol at the facility must comply with all applicable statutory requirements and Council approvals.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

##### **RESOLUTION 2024/09/17/011**

*That Council:*

- a) receives and notes the report regarding the Bowls NT for Rum Jungle Bowls Club and Associated approvals relating to their Facility Hire Agreement; and*
- b) approves to support the application of the Rum Jungle Bowls Club to register as a BYO Registered Facility; and*
- c) approves the waiver of hire fees totalling \$2230 for Bowls NT facility hire agreement; and*
- d) approves the provision of the recurrent Annual Grant as per the Annual Community Grant Policy of \$1500; and*
- e) that the annual community grants policy be reviewed and referred to the October 2024 Council Meeting.*

**Moved:** **Official Manager**

**Seconded:** **Official Manager**

**Carried**

## **COMMENT**

Bowls NT has supported the reactivation of the Rum Jungle Bowls Club and the return of regular bowling activities at the Batchelor Bowling Green and Clubhouse.

The Club is a not-for-profit, volunteer-operated organisation that intends to provide regular social bowls, pennant competitions, tournaments, school activities and other recreation opportunities for residents, visitors and community groups.

The Club has been holding weekly Thursday evening barefoot bowls while the facility hire arrangements have been developed. The proposed agreement will establish a more formalised one-year partnership between Council, Bowls NT and the Rum Jungle Bowls Club.

The arrangement will also enable Council to collect information about participation, competitions and events. This information may assist Council in developing future sport and recreation initiatives and in pursuing opportunities under relevant Territory Government programs.

## **COMMENT**

Councils' key priority is to activate the sporting facilities in Coomalie and enhance the social and physical activity of its residents.

In the past the Rum Jungle Bowling Club has had exclusive use of the Grounds and operated independently of Council. This one-year agreement will trial a more formalised partnership and with data being collected to inform Councils Sport and Recreation, such as the number of participants, competitions and events in a further partnership with the Territory Government Active Regional and Remote Communities Program.

Bowls NT will guide and support the new committee and provide administration support.

## **Fee Waiver**

The applicable facility hire fee is calculated at \$52 per half-day hire for 52 weeks, resulting in a total annual hire fee of \$2,704 inclusive of GST.

The Club has requested that the hire fee be waived on the basis that:

- it is a not-for-profit, volunteer-operated organisation;
- funds raised through Club activities will be reinvested into the facility, Club operations and the development of bowls;
- the Club has previously indicated that they have invested more than \$10,000 in facility improvements and intends to continue contributing to the facility. It is noted that this has not been substantiated at this time; and
- it will provide Council with an annual profit and loss statement and supporting financial information.

The refundable security bond of \$118 was paid in 2024 and will continue to be held in accordance with the agreement and Council's Community Use Guidelines.

## **CONSULTATION**

- Bowls NT
- Rum Jungle Bowling Club
- Acting CEO

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- Parks and Reserves Policy
- Annual Community Grants Policy
- NT Liquor Act

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- Waiver of Hire fees, Half Day Facility Hire x 52 weeks - \$2,704.

#### 14.4 BATCHELOR UNOWNED HORSE MANAGEMENT

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                    |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | Nil                                             |

#### PURPOSE

To provide Council with a current situation update and seek Council's position on the ongoing management of the unowned horses within the Batchelor township.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Batchelor Unowned Horse Management;
- b) confirms the intention is to remove the entire population of unowned horses from the Batchelor township when a feasible option is determined; and
- c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to correspond to the CEO of the Department of Lands Planning and Environment, NT Police, Department of Health, Careflight, and Coomalie's local member to seek their direct assistance in the removal of horses from Batchelor township.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

**Motion:**

**RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/021**

*That Council investigates and actions securing the Batchelor Oval fence to deter horse access to the oval.*

**Moved:** **Clr. Beswick**

**Seconded:** **DP Whatley**

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION: 2026/04/21/014**

*That Council;*

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Batchelor Unowned Horse Management;*
- b) determines to actively work in collaboration with willing stakeholders; and*
- c) determines the preferred option for further investigation into the removal of horses to a registered horse sanctuary located within the NT.*

**Moved:** **DP Whatley**

**Seconded:** **Clr Morrison**

**Carried**

## COMMENT

There are several herds of horses now residing in and around Batchelor township. There is mixed community opinion on the presence of the horses in the township. The population of the horses has grown rapidly over the previous couple of years.

While the horses are not owned by any individual or organisation and are not being managed in an appropriate way, they pose a significant public health and safety risk to the community. Additionally, the horses left in an unmanaged environment can negatively impact the natural environment by causing spreading of weeds, trampling of native vegetation and spread of infectious diseases to list a few impacts.

Council has previously indicated the preferred option for the safe removal of horses was to relocate the herds to the horse sanctuary at Pine Creek. Since this decision, this option has become unavailable for actioning this calendar year.

Council has been made aware of several near-miss incidents involving the horses and community members.

Several community members have corresponded to Council detailing their opinions of the horses and management options for the council to consider. Local police and the health clinic have also provided correspondence relating to the public safety and increasing risk of the unmanaged horse population.

A summary of the correspondence received is detailed below. All correspondence is included in the Correspondence Register for Council's information.

| Date       | Stakeholder                                                                           | Key Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14/06/2026 | Member of public                                                                      | Several horses cantered through from the oval, suggest steel gate either sliding or hinged the same height as the existing rail around the oval.                                                                                                                                    |
| 18/06/2026 | Member of public                                                                      | Stallions fighting in Batchelor, is it possible to isolate the stallions from the herd to assist control damage to local vegetation and numbers.                                                                                                                                    |
| 18/06/2026 | Member of public                                                                      | Strong objections for the brumby's removal, housing is one suggestion and gelding.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 23/06/2026 | Timor Pony Preservation Group Chair, and member of the Rare Breeds Trust of Australia | Request a deidentified copy of the incident report, also request the incident be investigated by an independent authority on horse matters and this be made available to the community prior to urgent action being taken. Can take 2 stallions and the small mare with young foal. |
| 23/06/2026 | Member of public                                                                      | Stallion management, horse management is achieved through targeted intervention and responsible stewardship.                                                                                                                                                                        |

|            |                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 25/06/2026 | Batchelor Clinic | Raise concerns regarding the increasing interaction between feral horses and members of our community, encourage a discussion about how the safety of both the community and the animals can be protected. Ask the Council to consider whether additional measures may be appropriate, such as fencing, monitoring of horse activity near populated locations, or consultation with relevant wildlife and land management authorities regarding longer-term strategies. |
| 13/07/2026 | Member of public | The horses be herded on foot out of town to a new location, such as Rum Jungle Lake or another area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

The Risk Management and Audit Committee met on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2026 and the matter of the risk of public safety was raised in General Business at the meeting. The Risk Management and Audit Committee has provided the following recommendation to Council for consideration:

**RESOLUTION: RMAC2026/08/10/010**

*That the Risk Management and Audit Committee;*

- a) *acknowledges that there is a potential risk for the Council, community and stakeholders and recommends that Council remove all the horses; and*
- b) *recommends that Council formally writes to the CEO of the Department of Lands Planning and Environment, NT Police, Department of Health, Careflight, and the local member to seek their direct assistance in the removal of horses from Batchelor township.*

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr Beswick

**Carried**

Another avenue of action for Council's consideration is the authority to action under the *Pounds Act 1930*. This legislation provides authority to a local government to impound and sell cattle that is found trespassing upon any land. This Act defines cattle as 'any entire horse, mare, gelding, colt, fill or foal, a bull, cow, ox, steer, heifer or calf, and a sheep, camel, ass, mule, goat, pig or buffalo.

The Act is specific for impoundment of animals that are straying or at large in any street or public place in any town or township. It is not intended to extend to areas outside of town/township boundaries.

If Council determines this is the most appropriate course of action, there will be additional requirements to enable the operations to establish a 'pound' suitable for cattle with adequate shelter, water and feed, the hiring of appropriate equipment and/or services for relocation of the animals, and to establish required authorities under the *Pound Act 1930*.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

*Local Government Act 2019 and Regulations*

*Animal Welfare legislation*

*Pounds Act 1930*

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council has no budget allocation for the management of horses. If Council determines to proceed using its authority under the *Pound Act 1930*, consideration of costs to establish the operation to undertake required actions will be needed.



#### 14.5 PROMOTE BATCHELOR AS A TOURIST DESTINATION

|                    |                                                |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                   |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Andrew Roberts, Community Services Coordinator |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | Nil                                            |

#### PURPOSE

To provide Council with results of Community survey regarding tourism within Batchelor.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report Promote Batchelor as a Tourist Destination; and
- b) requests that the Chief Executive Officer form a Tourism Working Group and calls for Expressions of Interest for memberships from varied stakeholder groups; AND/OR
- c) requests that the Chief Executive Officer investigate the following short-to-medium term initiatives and report back to Council by the November 2026 OGM:

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**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

##### **RESOLUTION 2026/01/20/016**

*That Council seeks initial community engagement and suggestions on how Council can promote and establish Batchelor township as a day trip destination.*

**Moved:** **President McGorman**

**Seconded:** **Clr. Beswick**

**Carried**

At Council's OGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026, Council requested that the Coomalie Community be consulted regarding how Batchelor township should be promoted as a day trip destination.

#### COMMENT

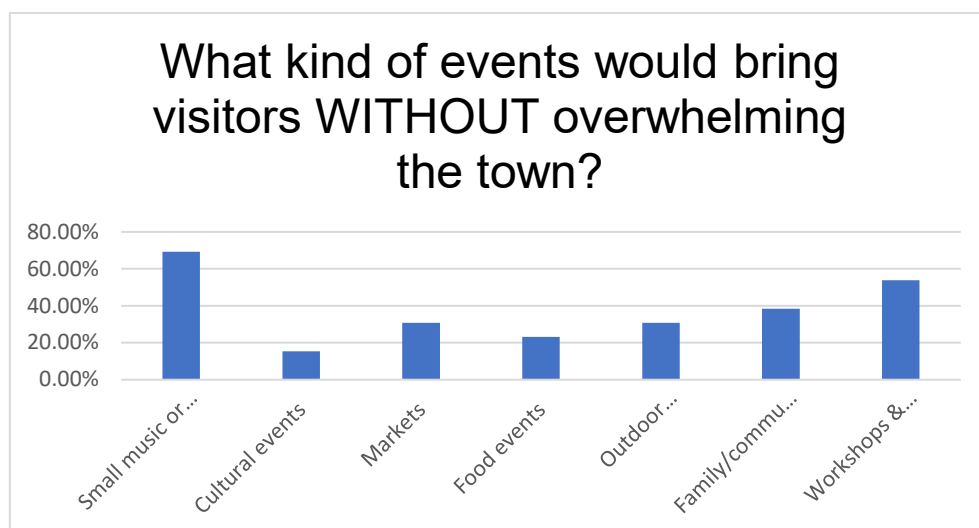
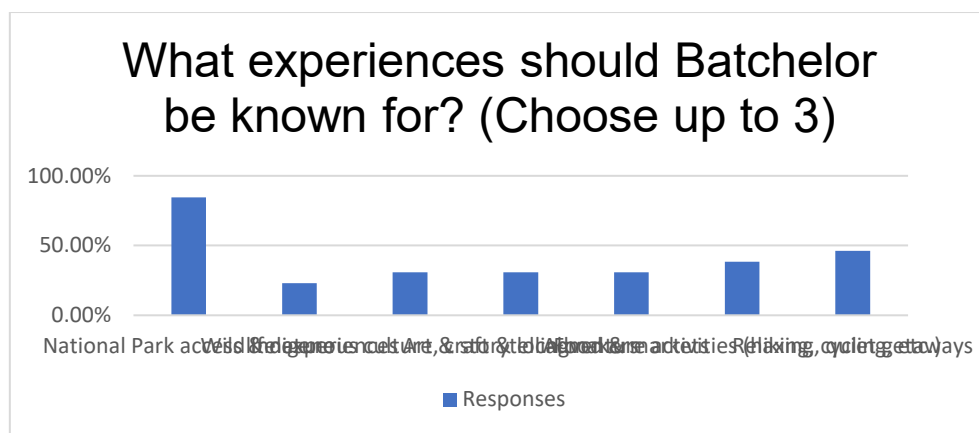
A survey was designed and issued via the Survey Monkey platform for all residents of Coomalie to undertake. The survey was shared via Council's website, Facebook page and within the monthly Stop Press Newsletter. Additionally, the survey was available in paper form at the Community libraries and Council office.

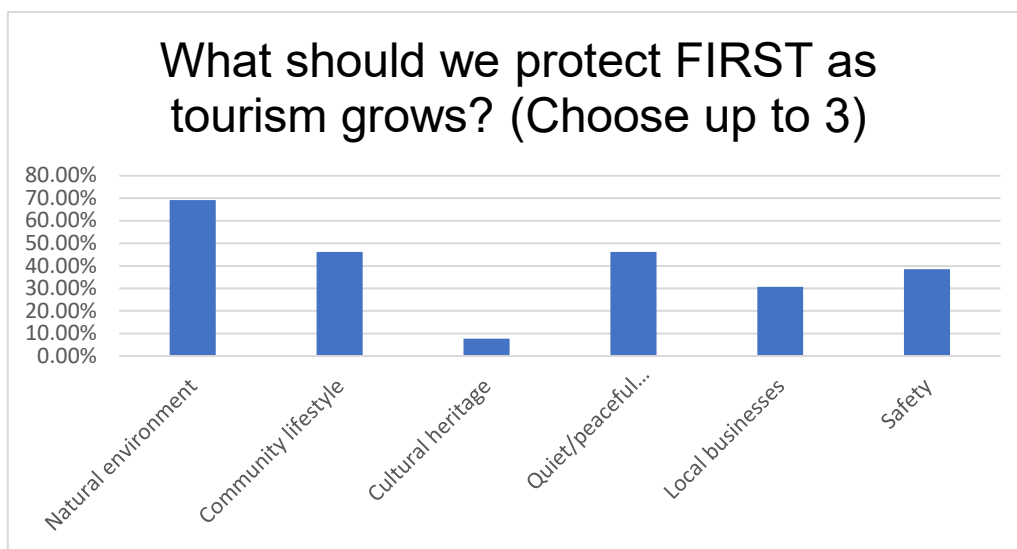
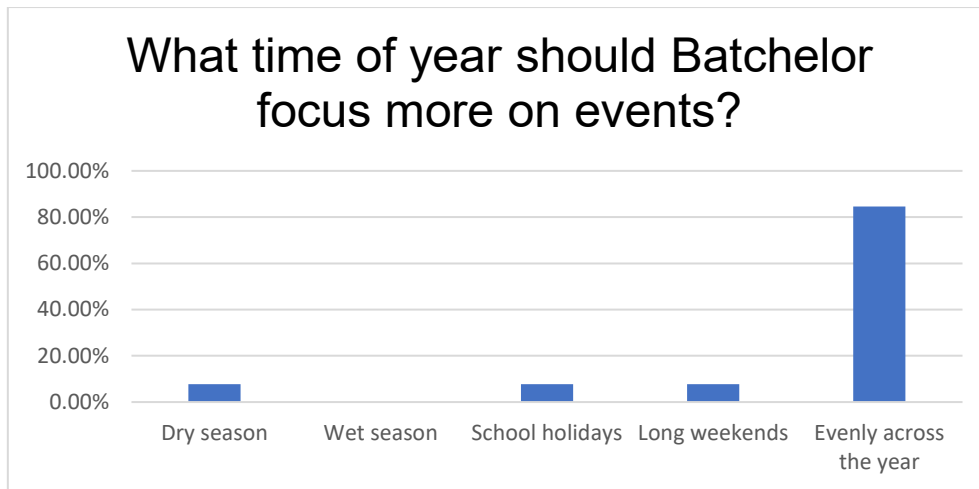
The survey focused on gathering feedback on the current perception of tourism in Batchelor and to identify desired future directions. The survey received 13 responses, predominantly from Coomalie residents (85%), ensuring the feedback is strongly resident driven.

The survey results indicate that while Batchelor is valued for its clean, tidy appearance and its role as a gateway to Litchfield National Park, it currently functions more as a transit town than a destination.

Key insights from the community include:

- **Desired Positioning:** Strong support for a low-impact, nature-based tourism model rather than mass tourism.
- **Key Gaps:** A lack of cafés, shops, diverse accommodation, and clear signage.
- **Opportunities:** Development of a central tourism hub, walking and cycling trails (increased outdoor recreation activities), and the revival of small-scale community events.
- **Constraints:** The community wishes to protect the natural environment and the quiet, small-town atmosphere, avoiding loud or high-risk activities.





A central theme across answers was the establishment of a central tourism hub that incorporated tourism information, cafes, and event capabilities.

Council officers have undertaken the initial assessment of the community's preferences for the future promotion of Batchelor and are now seeking Council's further direction regarding the outcomes of the initial survey.

Council may wish to consider the establishment of a Tourism Working Group or similar to drive development of future promotional initiatives. Alternatively, Council may seek officers to investigate specific options for short-to-medium term promotional activities.

## CONSULTATION

Community and stakeholders

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

*Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial implications until Council provides further direction.

#### 14.6 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – HISTORY TAKING PROJECT

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                    |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | 14.6 Letter to Council re History Sharing       |

##### PURPOSE

To seek Council's consideration of a request from a resident for Council support of a proposed community history sharing initiative to be conducted by interested local citizens within the Coomalie Shire region.

##### RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Request for Council support- Community history sharing; and
- b) receives and notes the correspondence from a resident regarding the proposed community history sharing activities; and
- c) provides/does not provide in-principle support for the proposal, subject to operational requirements and availability of Council resources; and
- d) approves/does not approve the CEO seeking approval from Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) for the use of the Community Library for agreed history-sharing activities during normal Council operating hours, subject to standard booking procedures and staff supervision; and
- e) approves/does not approve in principle, the occasional use of the Council bus for program-related excursions, subject to existing Council policies, driver availability, licensing, and cost recovery arrangements; and
- f) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to liaise jointly with Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) to explore partnership opportunities and report back to Council on any formal collaboration agreements.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

##### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Council has received correspondence from a local resident, seeking Council's support to enable a series of community-led history sharing activities within the Coomalie Shire. The proposal is intended to draw on the knowledge and experiences of local citizens, and to provide an opportunity for community members to share stories and historical information relevant to the region.

The letter outlines a number of areas where Council support is requested, including access to the Community Library during normal operating hours, in-principle endorsement of the initiative, occasional access to the Council bus, a joint approach to Batchelor Institute authorities, and other

specific support as the project develops. The correspondence indicates that the Chief Institute Librarian has agreed to make the Institute Library available for this purpose during their operating times.

## **COMMENT**

The proposal aligns with Council's community development and cultural heritage objectives by:

- supporting intergenerational sharing of local history and stories
- encouraging community participation and social connection
- strengthening local identity and awareness of the Shire's heritage.

The requested support is largely in-kind and can be managed within existing operational frameworks, provided clear conditions are applied around bookings, supervision, risk management and use of Council assets. Any use of the Council bus would be subject to existing policies, including driver qualifications, insurance, and cost recovery where applicable.

A joint approach by Council and the Chief Executive Officer to the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) may assist in securing institutional support, access to facilities and expertise, and in ensuring that culturally sensitive content is managed appropriately in partnership with relevant stakeholders.

Given the early stage of the proposal, if Council provide in-principle support and authorise the CEO to work with the proponent and BIITE to refine program details, clarify responsibilities, and identify any future resourcing implications for Council. Any significant ongoing costs, formal agreements or governance arrangements would be reported back to Council for decision.

## **CONSULTATION**

Acting CEO

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

*Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

At this stage the proposal primarily involves in-kind support using existing Council facilities and resources, and can be managed within current operational budgets. Any future proposal with significant financial implications will be brought back to Council for consideration.

## 14.6 ATTACHMENT: PROPOSAL AND LETTER TO COUNCIL

### HISTORY SHARING PROPOSAL COOMALIE SHIRE AREA

#### SYNOPSIS

Coomalie Shire Council encompasses 3 communities and rural areas in a region approximately 100km South of Darwin and consists of three communities, Batchelor, Adelaide River and Lake Bennett and is believed to be the oldest demographic per capita in the NT.

As a result there is perceived to be much knowledge of history through the living experience many residents have had in the region and there are books and other manuscripts kept by the BIITE Library and local Museum, both based in Batchelor.

#### HOW THE IDEA DEVELOPED

The concept of history sharing is not new as there occasionally have been visitors living in the past returning to the region and sharing experiences when certain commemorations have taken place.

During 2025 Dementia Australia visited and took a session at the Batchelor library with Memory Boxes as its theme, relating to items being kept in different parts of houses and sheds on local properties.

Out of this came the suggestion that opportunities for residents sharing histories perhaps at the local library be given as the then Ceo of Coomalie Shire Council spoke about a mandate this person had for getting this work done.

Circumstances changed whereby this person was unable to pursue this matter and so it was taken up by other personnel who then approached different people involved in different organizations who would be deemed to give support to such a course being followed.

#### ORGANIZATIONS APPROACHED

Local Organizations approached for support and hoped for involvement included:

COTA

AGED CARE AGENT in BATCHELOR

DEMENTIA AUSTRALIA OFFERED BACK UP SUPPORT

LOCAL MUSEUM

LOCAL DANCING GROUP

TY CHI GROUP

COOMALIE SHIRE COUNCIL

DEMENTIA ALLIANCE ADELAIDE RIVER-BATCHELOR GROUP

BIITE (TO BE APPROACHED FORMALLY)

#### STRUCTURE OF ACTIVITY

Interested persons would be encouraged to share their living in NT referring to both local and further afield living experiences as seen fit by the individual.

This would be accompanied by a morning or afternoon tea depending on the timing of the day at the local Institute/Community library.

It would be the hope that talks with BIITE may include permitting media students to attend and conduct interviews for record keeping.

Such talks can be accompanied by technical aids such as recordings, photos, publications as deemed necessary for inclusion.

#### OWNERSHIP OF KNOWLEDGE

Once sharing is complete and where recorded the question of ownership of knowledge would need processes which would be transparent and acceptable for all involved.

Perhaps MOUs (Memoranda of Understanding) could be implemented and signed between individuals and relevant organizations as agreed to by the different organizations at a meeting(s) between all parties prior to any commencement of activities.



**President**

**Coomalie Council**

**NT**

**8/6/2026**

**Dear Sir,**

**I am asking Council for their support in approving and the sanctioning of proposed history sharing as conducted by interested local citizens in the Coomalie Shire region.**

**Synopsis and developments towards this proposal are enclosed in the accompanying document.**

**I am asking for support in the following areas:**

- 1) Availability of the Community Library should activities be held in the times operated by Council staff.**

**(The Chief Institute Librarian has agreed to make the Institute Library available for this purpose in their times of operation.)**

- 2) Endorsement by the Council in principle for this proposal to proceed.**
- 3) Loan of Council bus for this purpose when considered needed but this is anticipated to be a very rare occurrence if at all.**
- 4) Support in making a joint approach to the Institute (BIITE) authorities as this would give the request more import as to what this activity is trying to achieve.**
- 5) Other types of specific purpose support as they arise.**

**Thanking you for any support Council can give in this matter,**

**Yours,**

**[REDACTED]**

#### 14.7 ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSED PLACE NAME – SILKWOOD RECREATION AREA

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                    |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | Letter from Department of Tourism               |

##### PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of the Northern Territory Government's proposal to formally name the property comprising NT Portions NTP8578, NTP7358 and NTP7523 as Silkwood Recreation Area.

##### RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes report entitled Proposed name change for Silkwood Recreation Area
- b) endorses/does not endorse in principle the proposed place name Silkwood Recreation Area for NT Portions NTP8578, NTP7358 and NTP7523, located adjacent to Litchfield National Park and including Robin Falls; and
- c) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to advise the Department of Tourism and Hospitality of Council's decision for the proposed name.
- d) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to provide any further information or confirmation required by the Department of Tourism and Hospitality or the Northern Territory Place Names Committee during the formal place-naming process.

**Moved:**

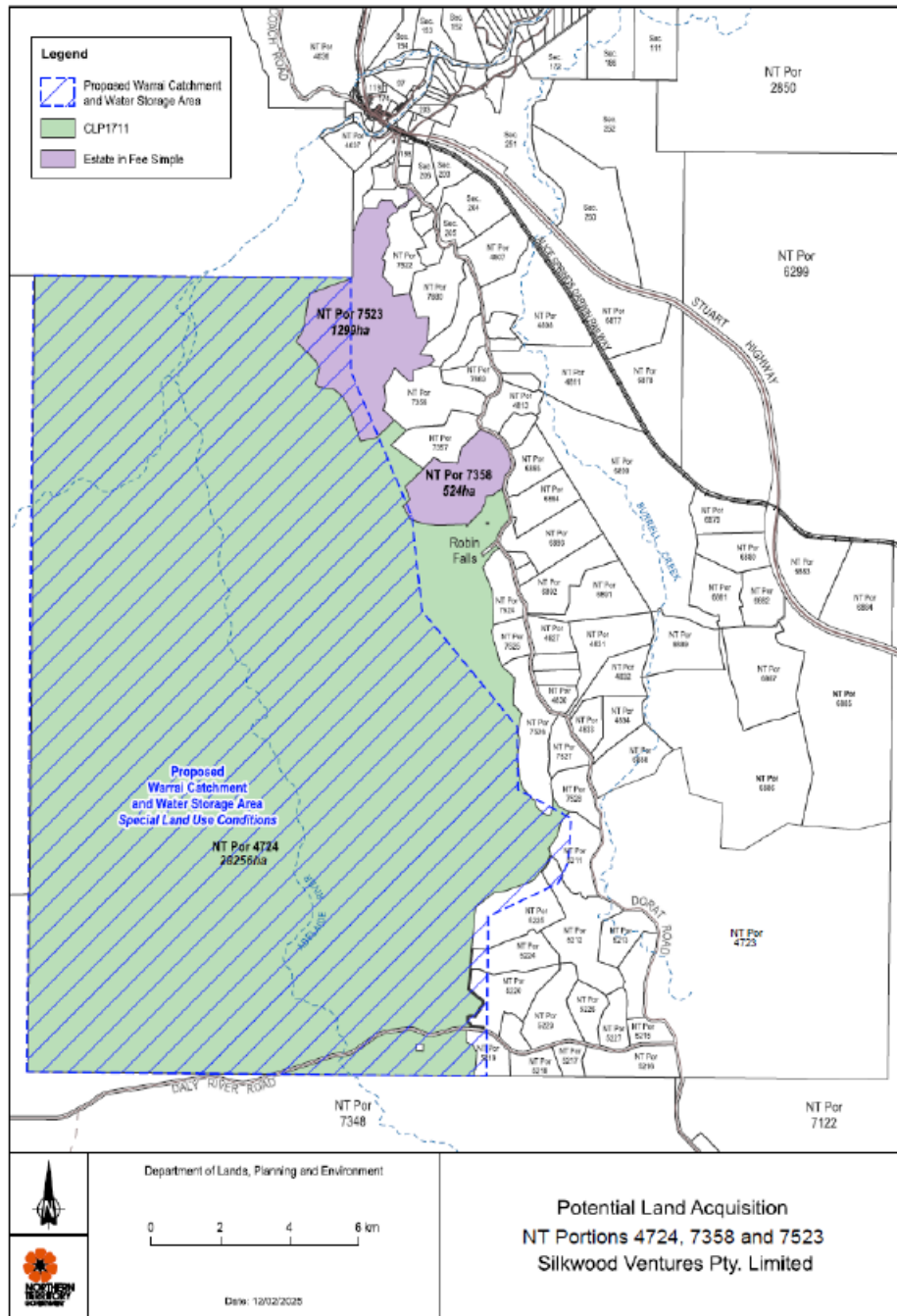
**Seconded:**

##### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

NT Portions 8578, 7358 and 7523 were purchased by NT Government in 2024/25 (map below for reference). Since before the purchase, the property has been widely known as 'Silkwood' and this naming has continued through government communications, media reporting, stakeholder engagement, recreational use and public reference.

NT Government's Department of Tourism and Hospitality is seeking to formally register the name 'Silkwood Recreation Area' through the NT Place Names Committee. To support the application to register the place name, the Department of Tourism and Hospitality is seeking Council's formal endorsement of the proposed name.

Appendix A – Locality Map NTP 8578,7358 and 7523



## COMMENT

Under the *Place Names Act 1967*, registered place names are intended to be enduring and changes are generally discouraged unless there is a compelling reason, such as duplication, safety concerns or a name that is discriminatory, derogatory or no longer appropriate.

The proposed formal name would establish a clear and consistent identity for the area, distinguish it from Litchfield National Park, and support future signage, mapping, visitor information, infrastructure planning, recreation management and tourism promotion.

The suffix “Recreation Area” reflects the intended use of the property for camping, four-wheel driving, day visits, hiking, nature-based tourism and other outdoor recreation activities.

Silkwood is not currently recorded on the Northern Territory Place Names Register and does not duplicate an existing registered place name. The proposal is therefore a new naming application, rather than a request to change an existing registered place name.

The proposed name is consistent with relevant place-naming considerations because:

- The property is already commonly known as Silkwood.
- The name has a recognised connection with the land and its history.
- Formal recognition would reduce potential confusion for visitors, stakeholders and government agencies.
- The proposal supports the future recreation and tourism use of the property.

The formal naming request must be submitted through the Northern Territory place-naming process and supported by evidence of consultation. The Department has advised that consultation has occurred with four-wheel-drive clubs, mountain bike groups, hiking clubs, registered hunting organisations and relevant Northern Territory Government agencies. No objections were raised to retaining the name Silkwood, and Silkwood Recreation Area has been identified as the preferred name.

Council’s endorsement does not constitute formal registration of the name or commit Council to future service delivery obligations at the property. It will remain an NT Government controlled parcel of land.

## CONSULTATION

Acting CEO

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

*Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

*Place Names Act 1967 (NT)*

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

## 14.7 ATTACHMENT: SILKWOOD NAME CHANGE APPLICATION

**From:** Russell Smith <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 August 2026 3:50 PM  
**To:** Mail  
**Cc:** Luke Ackland; Natasha Chapman; Maria Estrada  
**Subject:** Coomalie endorsement of name - Silkwood Recreation Area  
**Attachments:** Silkwood Recreation Area\_Coomalie Community Government Council.pdf

**[External Email]** This email was sent from outside the organisation – be cautious, particularly with links and attachments.

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

The Department of Tourism and Hospitality is seeking the endorsement of the Coomalie Community Government Council for the proposed place name Silkwood Recreation Area.

The proposal relates to NT Portions NTP8578, NTP7358 and NTP7523, located adjacent to Litchfield National Park and including Robin Falls. The property is already widely known as "Silkwood" through government communications, media reporting, stakeholder engagement and public use. Formal recognition of the name will establish a clear and consistent identity for the area, distinguish it from Litchfield National Park, and support future visitor information, signage, infrastructure planning, recreation management and tourism promotion.

The Department considers retention of the established Silkwood name important in maintaining continuity and minimising confusion for visitors, stakeholders and the broader community. The proposed name supports the development of a distinct Northern Territory recreation and tourism destination while recognising the name that is already widely associated with the property.

We would greatly appreciate Council's support for this proposal and look forward to working with Council throughout the place naming process.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



**Russell Smith** / Acting Senior Manager Tourism  
Development – Top End

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**14.8 PA2026/0205 INFILL DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION – PROPOSED PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT**

|                    |                                                                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                                             |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer                          |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <a href="#">Explanatory Document: Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment</a> |

**PURPOSE**

To seek Council’s consideration of the Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment and provide any comments for submission during the consultation period for Application PA2026/0205 Infill Development and Subdivision.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled PA2026/0205 Infill Development and Subdivision – Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment;
- b) requests the Chief Executive Officer complete a submission with the following comments regarding Planning Application PA2026/0205 Infill Development and Subdivision:

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**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2025/12/16/014**

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Infill Development and Subdivision in Zone LR (Low Density Residential) Consultation; and
- b) supports the submission from LGANT regarding Infill Development.

**Moved:** Clr. Roe

**Seconded:** Deputy President Whatley

**Carried**

**COMMENT**

A proposed planning scheme amendment to the NT Planning Scheme 2020 has been submitted to facilitate infill development and subdivision in Zone LR by reducing the minimum lot size and allowing more types of homes in Zone LR (Low Density Residential) Territory-wide. This application is subject to a 28 day public exhibition period, commencing 24/07/2026 and closing on 21/08/2026.

The proposed amendments were consulted with local governments in 2025 and Council supported the submission from LGANT regarding the Infill Developments in December 2025.

The submission from LGANT included the following considerations:

- LGANT recommended that NT Planning Commission (NTPC) formally adopt a hierarchy of development priorities in planning policies, requiring infill and redevelopment opportunities are fully explored before new greenfield development is approved.
- LGANT sought strengthened collaboration with Councils, including the publishing of spatial plans and site information to provide clarity on proposed infill locations and opportunities.
- Councils should be resourced to support local consultation on infill development, including provision of access to technical planning information and timelines for proposed changes and NTG briefings for Elected Members and senior staff to ensure well informed members can communicate with communities accurately.

The current changes proposed to the NTPS 2020 are summarised at 4.1 of the Explanatory Document (attached) and included for ease of reference below.

## 4. Proposed Amendments to the NTPS

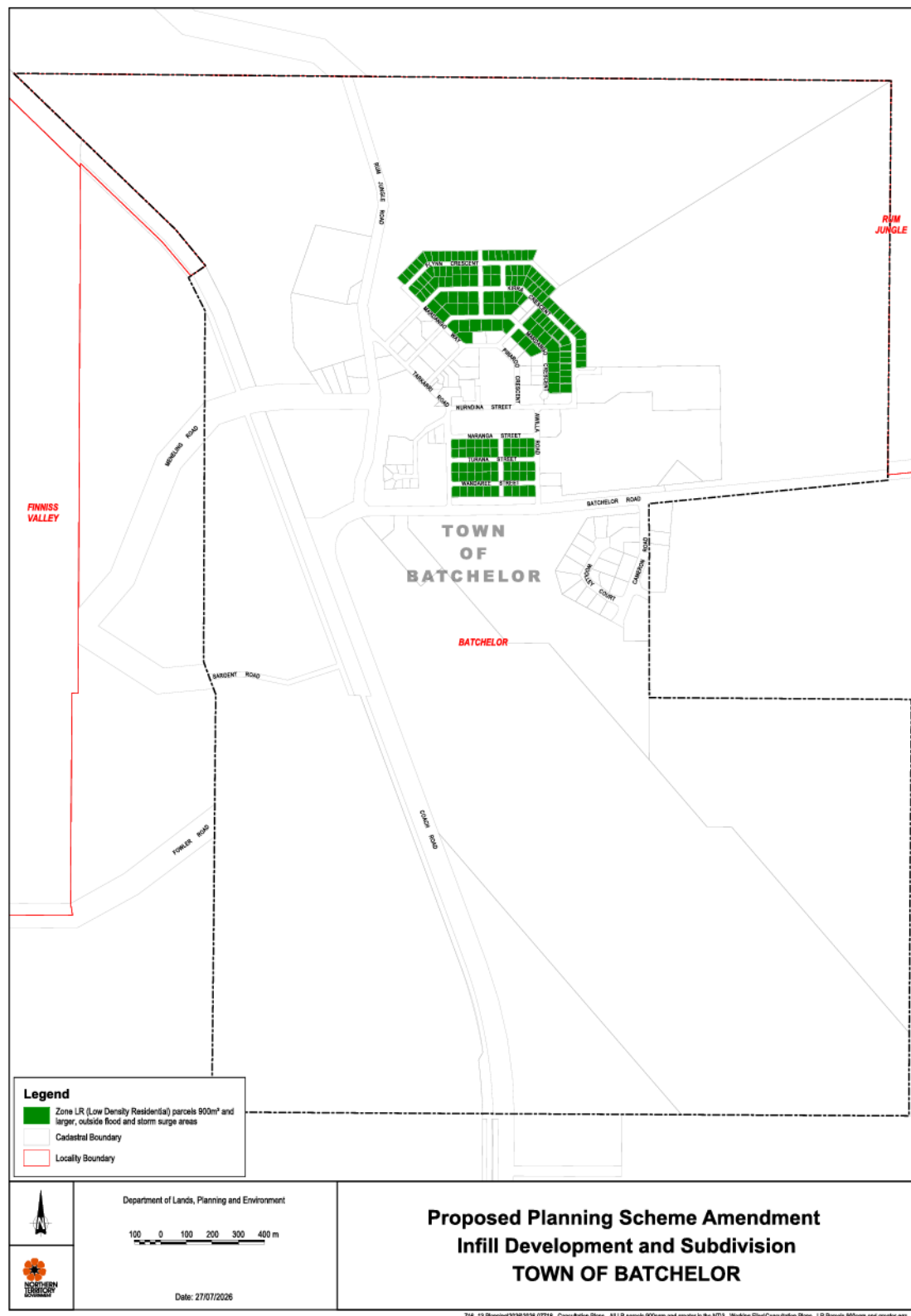
### 4.1. Summary of proposed amendments

It is proposed to change rules that apply to land in Zone LR by amending the NTPS. The new rules would allow smaller lots and a broader range of housing types in Zone LR, as long as a development permit is obtained.

A summary of the changes is provided in the table below along with an explanation of the amendments in Section 4.3 of this document. A schedule of the draft amendment to the NTPS is included at Appendix A.

|                                                                                            | Current Provision                                                | Proposed Amendment                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Minimum Lot Size                                                                           | 800m <sup>2</sup>                                                | 450m <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                 |
| Lot Size Variations                                                                        | Up to 5% reduction (minimum 760m <sup>2</sup> lot)               | Up to 10% reduction (minimum 405m <sup>2</sup> lot)                                                                               |
| Types of Homes                                                                             | 'Dwelling-group' & 'dwelling-multiple' <u>prohibited</u>         | 'Dwelling-group' & 'dwelling-multiple' – <u>development permit required</u>                                                       |
| Density                                                                                    | 1 dwelling-single plus a dwelling-independent (i.e. granny flat) | 1 dwelling per 450m <sup>2</sup> as part of a dwelling-group or dwelling-multiple (with a maximum of 10% variation in some cases) |
| Minimum lot frontage (450-600m <sup>2</sup> lots)                                          | 13 metres                                                        | 12 metres                                                                                                                         |
| Battle-axe lots                                                                            | To be avoided                                                    | Allowed in limited circumstances                                                                                                  |
| Subdivision on land affected by flooding and storm surge overlays                          | To be avoided                                                    | Prohibited on affected portion of lot                                                                                             |
| Dwelling-group and dwelling-multiple on land affected by flooding and storm surge overlays | Allowed above flood level                                        | Prohibited on affected portion of lot                                                                                             |

The changes will apply to all Zone LR land across the NT, including greenfield areas, except for land affected by flooding and storm surge. The map below details the land included in this zone relevant to Coomalie Council.





Properties in Zone LR within the Batchelor township vary in parcel size from 904 m<sup>2</sup> to 2,960 m<sup>2</sup>. Under the proposed changes, properties could be subdivided into lots of a minimum of 450 m<sup>2</sup> in size, with a further maximum potential variation of 10%, resulting in some potential lot sizes of only 405 m<sup>2</sup>.

Council may wish to consider factors such as:

- Batchelor township does not currently have any potential for land release or development opportunities to support any current or future demand for housing.
- Smaller land parcels may reduce urban sprawl.
- Reduced parcel size may alter the current township amenity and impact resident quality of life by changing neighbourhood dynamics.

Additionally, any future development opportunities, especially subdivisions for residential purposes, would impact the Council's total rateable land and depending on the number of developments and property values, Council would have small increases in rates revenue.

## **CONSULTATION**

Council and Community Services Manager

LGANT

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

*Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil to Council to provide a submission.

**14.8 ATTACHMENT: PA2026/0205 INFILL DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION  
EXPLANATORY PAPER**

**Explanatory Paper distributed to Elected Members separately due to size of the document.**

## 15. REPORTS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING

### 15.1 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FOR THE AUGUST OGM 2026

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer.

**Attachments:** [Actions for the August OGM 2026.](#)

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the Actions for the August 2026 OGM; and
- b) remove items: 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 15.1 ATTACHMENT: ACTIONS ARISING FOR THE AUGUST OGM 2026.

### ACTIONS ARISING

SHADED AREAS ARE FROM PREVIOUS OGM'S

| NO. | ITEM                                                                                | RESOLUTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | STATUS                                                                                                                               |
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| #1  | Preliminary Drafting Instructions – By-Laws                                         | CEO to re-engage with Parliamentary Secretary to re-commence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>IN PROGRESS</b><br>Email sent for status update                                                                                   |
| #2  | Item 8 - Chief Executive Officer Report 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2024                  | Investigate signage for Rum Jungle Lake with regards to reporting procedure when a tagged fish is caught.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>COMPLETED_-</b> seek to remove<br>Signs installed 11/8/26                                                                         |
| #3  | Item 14.12 December OGM<br>Smoke Free Workplace & Community Policy                  | <b>RESOLUTION 2024/12/17/019</b><br>Designated signs to be erected and users of Council facilities to be introduced to this policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>IN PROGRESS</b> – waiting for confirmation                                                                                        |
| #4  | Item 8.2 Cemetery June Cemetery Plan                                                | <b>RESOLUTION CEM2025/06/10/004</b><br>b) endorses the DRAFT <i>Coomalie Bush Cemetery, Cemetery Plan 2025, as amended.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>IN PROGRESS</b><br>Report to endorse Plan in September OGM                                                                        |
| #5  | Item 8.3 Cemetery June Policy                                                       | <b>RESOLUTION CEM2025/06/10/005</b><br>b) endorses the DRAFT Cemetery Policy as amended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>IN PROGRESS</b><br>Report to endorse Policy in September OGM                                                                      |
| #6  | Item 17. November OGM<br>Paper Roads                                                | <b>RESOLUTION 2025/11/27/16</b><br>That Council is to receive a progress report on paper roads in the Shire at the December OGM.<br><b>Moved:</b> Deputy President Whatley<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr. Beswick <b>Carried</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>COMPLETED – IN AUG OGM.</b><br><b>SEEK TO REMOVE</b>                                                                              |
| #7  | January 2026 OGM<br>Item 20.1 Motion: Community Feedback on Promoting Batchelor     | <b>RESOLUTION 2026/01/20/016</b><br>That Council seeks community engagement and suggestions on how Council can promote and establish Batchelor township as a day trip destination.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>COMPLETED – IN AUG OGM.</b><br><b>SEEK TO REMOVE</b>                                                                              |
| #8  | February 2026 OGM<br>Item 14.4 Request to Install Permanent Signage on Council Land | <b>RESOLUTION 2026/02/17/009</b><br>That Council;<br>a) receives and notes the report entitled Request to Install Permanent Signage – Information Centre;<br>b) approves the installation of a permanent sign to a maximum size of 1200mm x 600mm in the specified front garden hedge location on Council land adjacent to the Information Centre, subject to the applicant funding and arranging the installation of the additional post and compliance with any relevant Council design, placement, and maintenance requirements.<br>c) notes the community benefit of promoting local wellbeing services through this visible, low-cost signage initiative funded entirely by the applicant.<br>d) requests the Chief Executive Officer to investigate and develop a Signage Policy for Council to consider adopting at the June OGM.<br><b>Moved:</b> Clr. Beswick<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr. Strettles <b>Carried</b> | <b>IN PROGRESS</b><br>Moved to September OGM – draft to be reviewed by CEO                                                           |
| #9  | March 2026 OGM Item 14.4 LGANT General Meeting Call for Motions                     | <b>RESOLUTION: 2026/03/17/010</b><br>That Council;<br>a) receives and notes the report entitled LGANT April 2026 General Meeting Call for Motions;<br>b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to discuss with LGANT the below options to be submitted as Call for Motions, if not already on the LGANT Agenda<br>1. LGANT advocacy for increased Disaster Relief funding from NT and Federal Government, specifically relating to local government infrastructure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>IN PROGRESS</b><br>Discussed with LGANT and advised to collaborate and detail motions further for submission throughout the year. |

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|      |                                                                                                   | <p>2. LGANT to develop an independent support and advocacy network for elected members</p> <p>3. LGANT to coordinate Collective waste management service provision across the Top End Region of Councils</p> <p>4. LGANT to advocate to reinstate NT Government funding specifically for road maintenance support relating to local council roads being used for the benefit of NT Government initiatives</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Roe</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> DP Whatley <b>Carried</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                            |
| #10  | April OGM 2026<br>Item 14.8 Batchelor Unowned Horse Management                                    | <p><b>RESOLUTION: 2026/04/21/014</b></p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>a) receives and notes the report entitled Batchelor Unowned Horse Management;</p> <p>b) determines to actively work in collaboration with willing stakeholders; and</p> <p>c) determines the preferred option for further investigation into the removal of horses to a registered horse sanctuary located within the NT;</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> DP Whatley</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Morrison <b>Carried</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><b>COMPLETED – IN AUG OGM.</b></p> <p><b>SEEK TO REMOVE</b></p>                                                                                         |
| #11  | April OGM 2026<br>Item 19.1 Acquittal of Immediate Priority Grant 2023/24 – Social Infrastructure | <p><b>RESOLUTION: 2026/04/21/023</b></p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>a) receives and notes the report entitled Acquittal Immediate Priority Grant 2023-2024 – Coomalie Community Safety Through Social Infrastructure;</p> <p>b) forwards the acquittal report for the Immediate Priority Grant 2023-24 to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development before the reporting due date of 30 April 2026 and</p> <p>c) requests Acting Chief Executive Officer write to the Development of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to seek to retain the unspent funds; and obtain a final extension to complete the outstanding project works.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> DP Whatley</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Roe <b>Carried</b></p> | <p><b>COMPLETED – Seek to remove</b></p> <p><b>Extension received until September 2026</b></p>                                                             |
| #12. | May OGM 2026<br>Item 14.4 Coomalie Christmas Celebrations                                         | <p><b>RESOLUTION 2026/05/19/009</b></p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>a) receives and notes the report entitled Coomalie Christmas Celebrations; and</p> <p>b) requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to proceed with planning for 2026 Christmas Celebrations by implementing a coordinated family oriented afternoon/evening event in Batchelor incorporating Carols and Santa Run.</p> <p>c) approves a \$200 donation to Adelaide River Show Society Club for 2026 Children's Christmas Tree event</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> DP Whatley</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Morrison <b>Carried</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>IN PROGRESS – update required for August OGM.</b></p>                                                                                                |
| #13  | May OGM 2026<br>Item 14.6 LGANT November 2026 Conference Attendance                               | <p><b>RESOLUTION 2026/05/19/011</b></p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>a) receives and notes the report entitled LGANT November 2026 Conference Attendance;</p> <p>b) confirms the attendance of the President McGorman, Clr Beswick, Deputy President Whatley, Clr Morrison and the CEO at the LGANT November 2026 Conference, including the dinner, in Alice Springs on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2026; and</p> <p>c) request the Acting Chief Executive Officer make all required bookings and registrations as early as possible in the 2026/27 Financial year with available professional development allowances.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Morrison</p>                                                                                          | <p><b>IN PROGRESS – to action bookings in July 2026 waiting for email response for draft program to book flights/ accom. Confirm with Clr Morrison</b></p> |

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|     |                                                                                                  | <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Beswick <b>Carried 5/1 Clr Strettles</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                         |
| #14 | May OGM 2026<br>Item 14.7 Request for<br>Munz Road Upgrade                                       | <b>RESOLUTION 2026/05/19/012</b><br>That Council;<br>a) receives and notes the report entitled Request for Munz Road Upgrade;<br>b) does not approve the request to upgrade Munz Road to increase its tonnage weight limit, noting that works to bring the road back to a usable condition are already scheduled as part of routine road maintenance<br>c) organise signage identifying varied load limits in the wet season.<br>d) notes upgrading of Munz Road may be considered in the future in accordance with planned management of roads<br><b>Moved:</b> DP Whatley<br><b>Seconded:</b> President McGorman <b>Carried</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>IN PROGRESS</b>                                      |
| #15 | June OGM 2026<br>Item 13.1Monthly<br>Finance Report                                              | <b>RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/008</b><br>That Council;<br>a) notes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) certifies to the best of her knowledge, information, and the belief that the internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate, and that Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council; and<br>b) receives and notes the monthly financial report for May 2026.<br>c) requests that there be a 'description' column in the payment register table in future finance reports for expenditure over \$5,000 where expenditure item is not clear.<br><b>Moved:</b> DP Whatley<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr. Morrison <b>Carried</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term Deposit interest rates and income generated.</li> <li>• Investment maturity and processes for re-investing or drawing down funds.</li> <li>• Rates arrears from previous FY and historical levels of arrears</li> </ul> Request for confirmation of the contractor works completed for the dry season so far. | <b>COMPLETED – Seek to remove</b>                       |
| #16 | June OGM 2026<br>Item 14.1 Policy<br>Development                                                 | <b>RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/009</b><br>That Council;<br>a) receives and notes the report entitled Policy Development: 2.13 Debt Recovery Policy; and<br>b) adopts Policy 2.13 Debt Recovery Policy.<br><b>Moved:</b> DP Whatley<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr. Strettles <b>Carried</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>COMPLETED – seek to remove – uploaded to website</b> |
| #17 | June OGM 2026<br>Item 14.2 Grant Project<br>Proposal – Disaster<br>Ready Fund Grant              | <b>RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/010</b><br>That Council;<br>a) receives and notes the report entitled Grant Project Proposal – Disaster Ready Fund Grant;<br>b) endorses the project proposal option 1 below for submission to the Disaster Ready Fund Grant Round 4 2026-27; and<br>c) approves a co-contribution of \$160,000.00 to the project should the grant funding application be successful.<br><b>Moved:</b> Clr. Strettles<br><b>Seconded:</b> DP Whatley <b>Carried 4/2</b><br><b>Against:</b> DP Whatley, Clr. Strettles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>COMPLETED – seek to remove application submitted</b> |
| #18 | June OGM 2026<br>Item 14.4 Annual<br>Community Grant<br>Application – Out of<br>Session Requests | <b>RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/012</b><br>That Council;<br>a) receives and notes the report entitled Annual Community Grants 2025-26 – Out of Session Requests;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>COMPLETED – seek to remove</b>                       |

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|     |                                                                            | <p>b) approves the request to provide representation support to Ricky Ryan as a donation of \$250 under the 2025-26 Community Grant Program; and</p> <p>c) approves the request to provide sponsorship of \$1,400 to the Adelaide River Community Craft Markets for the 2026 Rosella Festival through the Community Grant Program 2025-26.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> DP Whatley</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Clr. Morrison <b>Carried</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                  |
| #19 | June OGM 2026<br>Item 14.6 Long Term Financial and Sustainability Planning | <p><b>RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/014</b></p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>a) receives and notes the report entitled Long Term Financial and Sustainability Planning; and</p> <p>b) requests the Risk Management and Audit Committee review the Long-Term Financial Plan and provide a recommendation back to Council.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> DP Whatley</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Clr. Strettles <b>Carried</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>COMPLETED– Seek to Remove taken to RMAC Meeting scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b> |
| #20 | June OGM 2026<br>Item 14.7 Adelaide River Community Meeting                | <p><b>RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/015</b></p> <p>That Council</p> <p>a) receives and notes the report entitled Adelaide River Community Meeting; and</p> <p>b) approves the Myrtle Fawcett Park sign be relocated to the front of Myrtle Fawcett Park (Service Lane side); and</p> <p>c) requests report back to Council with list of issues at Adelaide River Community Meeting and status update, also advertise issues and status in Stop Press</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr. Roe</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Clr. Beswick <b>Carried</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>IN PROGRESS</b>                                                                               |
| #21 | June OGM 2026<br>Item 14.8 Rehoming Donation to Save A Paw NT              | <p><b>RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/016</b></p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>a) receives and notes the report entitled Animal Rehoming Donation to Save A Paw NT;</p> <p>b) approves/does not approve a donation to Save a Paw NT to the value of \$1,00.00 in recognition of the ongoing contribution and partnership with Council; and</p> <p>c) notes the funds will be re-allocated from the vet clinic budget allocation to cover the donation cost at no additional expense to Council; and</p> <p>d) request A/CEO to write a letter recognising Save A Paws fantastic work and appreciation for their relationship and support with Council</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> DP Whatley</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Clr. Roe <b>Carried</b></p> | <b>COMPLETED – seek to remove</b>                                                                |
| #22 | June OGM 2026<br>Item 17 - Motion                                          | <p><b>Motion</b></p> <p><b>RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/021</b></p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>a) investigate and action securing Batchelor Oval fence to restrict access to horses.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr. Beswick</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> DP Whatley <b>Carried</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>COMPLETED – seek to remove</b>                                                                |
| #23 | June OGM 2026<br>Item 19.1 Subdivision Proposal                            | <p><b>RESOLUTION 2026/06/20/023</b></p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>a) receives and notes report entitled Subdivision Proposal: PA2025/0382;</p> <p>b) respond in writing to Development Assessment Services (DSA) to confirm</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>COMPLETED – Seek to remove</b>                                                                |

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|     |                                                                                                   | <p>l) that a cross over is not required, noting that property access is the landholder's responsibility and Council maintains the right for future development; and</p> <p>c) that if cross over is required in future development, that it will be the landowners responsibility to meet Council development requirements and at their own cost</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr. Morrison<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> DP Whatley<br/> <b>Carried</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                  |
| #24 | <p>Special Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026</p> <p>Item 7.2 Declaration of Rates and Charges</p> | <p><b>RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/005</b></p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>a) receives and notes the report entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges 2026/2027;</p> <p>b) declares to raise \$1,779,889.00 in General Rates and Charges for the 2026/2027 financial year to be paid in four (4) instalments due:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026</li> <li>2. 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026</li> <li>3. 29<sup>th</sup> January 2027</li> <li>4. 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027, and</li> </ol> <p>c) declares to publish the notice as per section 241(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr. Beswick<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> DP Whatley<br/> <b>Carried</b></p> | <p><b>COMPLETED – Seek to remove, uploaded to website</b></p>                    |
| #25 | <p>Special Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026</p> <p>Item 7.3 Fees and Charges</p>                 | <p><b>RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/006</b></p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>a) adopts the Fees and Charges 2026/2027 (as amended); and</p> <p>b) publishes the Fees and Charges 2026/2027 on its website.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr. Beswick<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Clr. Strettles<br/> <b>Carried</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>COMPLETED – Seek to remove, uploaded to website</b></p>                    |
| #26 | <p>Special Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026</p> <p>Item 7.5 Budget 2026/2027</p>                 | <p><b>RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/008</b></p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>a) adopts the 2026/2027 Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2030; and</p> <p>b) publishes the Budget on Councils website and notify the agency in writing in accordance with section 203(4) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> DP Whatley<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Clr. Strettles<br/> <b>Carried</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>COMPLETED – Seek to remove, uploaded to website and sent to agency</b></p> |
| #27 | <p>Special Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026</p> <p>Item 7.6 Shire Plan 2026/2027</p>             | <p><b>RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/009</b></p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>a) adopts the Shire Plan 2026/2027 in accordance with section 35 of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>; and</p> <p>b) provides the Agency with a copy of the Shire Plan 2026/2027 by the deadline of 30 June 2026.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr. Whatley<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Clr. Strettles<br/> <b>Carried</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p><b>COMPLETED – Seek to remove, uploaded to website and sent to agency</b></p> |



## 15.2 COMPLAINTS, COMPLIMENTS AND SERVICE REQUEST REGISTER.

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**Author:** Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** Complaints, Compliments and Service Request tables.

### PURPOSE

To update Council on complaints, compliments and service requests received during June 2026.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Complaints, Compliments and Service Request Register during June and July 2026.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### BACKGROUND

As per Councils *1.08 Customer Complaints* Policy the Council will receive a monthly report on numbers and nature of the complaints.

In the reporting period, Council had various complaints and investigations are completed.

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

1.08 Customer Complaints Policy.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

NIL.

## 15.2 ATTACHMENT – COMPLAINTS, COMPLIMENTS AND SERVICE REQUEST REGISTER

| SERVICE REQUEST FOR AUGUST OGM 2026                                                                          |                                                                  |                                                               |                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DATE                                                                                                         | SERVICE REQUEST DESCRIPTION                                      | ACTION                                                        | SOURCE                                                                                                                                               |
| 21.02.2026<br>21.02.2026<br>21.02.2026                                                                       | Road maintenance – Chinner Road, Lake Bennett                    | Long term – in progress                                       | Snap Send Solve<br>Snap Send Solve<br>Snap Send Solve                                                                                                |
| 22.02.2026                                                                                                   | Road maintenance – Chinner Road, Lake Bennett                    | Long term- in progress                                        | Snap Send Solve                                                                                                                                      |
| 25.02.2026                                                                                                   | Road maintenance – Chinner Road, Lake Bennett                    | Long term- in progress                                        | Snap Send Solve                                                                                                                                      |
| 06.03.2026                                                                                                   | Road maintenance – Crater Lake Road, Batchelor                   | Long term – in progress                                       | Service request                                                                                                                                      |
| 22.03.2026                                                                                                   | Road maintenance – Chinner Road and Stuart Highway, Lake Bennett | Long term – in progress and referred onto relevant department | Service request                                                                                                                                      |
| 07.04.2026                                                                                                   | Road maintenance – Chinner Road                                  | Long term – in progress                                       | Service request                                                                                                                                      |
| 26.04.2026<br>26.04.2026<br>26.04.2026<br>26.04.2026<br>26.04.2026<br>26.04.2026<br>26.04.2026<br>26.04.2026 | Road maintenance - Chinner Road, Lake Bennett                    | Long term – in progress                                       | Snap Send Solve<br>Snap Send Solve<br>Snap Send Solve<br>Snap Send Solve<br>Snap Send Solve<br>Snap Send Solve<br>Snap Send Solve<br>Snap Send Solve |
| 26.04.2026                                                                                                   | Sign maintenance – Lake Bennett                                  | In progress                                                   | Snap Send Solve                                                                                                                                      |
| 28.04.2026                                                                                                   | Sign maintenance – Lake Bennett                                  | Under investigation                                           | Snap Send Solve                                                                                                                                      |
| 28.04.2026                                                                                                   | Sign maintenance – Lake Bennett                                  | In progress                                                   | Snap Send Solve                                                                                                                                      |
| 28.04.2026<br>28.04.2026                                                                                     | Road maintenance and signage – Chinner Road                      | In progress                                                   | Snap Send Solve<br>Snap Send Solve                                                                                                                   |
| 03.05.2026                                                                                                   | Vegetation maintenance – Adelaide River                          | CLOSED                                                        | Snap Send Solve                                                                                                                                      |
| 07.05.2026                                                                                                   | Road reserve maintenance – Batchelor                             | Scheduled in                                                  | Snap Send Solve                                                                                                                                      |
| 10.05.2026                                                                                                   | Road maintenance – Heather Lagoon Road, Lake Bennett             | CLOSED                                                        | Service request                                                                                                                                      |
| 18.05.2026                                                                                                   | Road reserve maintenance – Batchelor                             | Scheduled in                                                  | Snap Send Solve                                                                                                                                      |
| 01.06.2026                                                                                                   | Road Maintenance – Stapleton                                     | Under investigation                                           | Phone                                                                                                                                                |
| 05.06.2026                                                                                                   | Vegetation maintenance – Eva Valley                              | CLOSED                                                        | Email                                                                                                                                                |
| 08.06.2026                                                                                                   | Damaged Bin                                                      | Under investigation                                           | Snap Send Solve                                                                                                                                      |

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| 13.06.2026                                                         | Rates enquiry                                    | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | Service request                           |
| 13.06.2026                                                         | Flood Damage                                     | <b>Under investigation</b>                          | Email                                     |
| 15.06.2026                                                         | Property Access                                  | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | Email                                     |
| 15.06.2026                                                         | Water Leak                                       | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | Email                                     |
| 16.06.2026                                                         | Unlawful camper                                  | <b>CLOSED and referred onto relevant department</b> | Service request                           |
| 18.06.2026<br>18.06.2026                                           | Wild animal management                           | <b>Under investigation</b>                          | Service request<br>Email                  |
| 20.06.2026                                                         | Waste Management                                 | <b>CLOSED and referred onto relevant department</b> | Send Snap Solve                           |
| 24.06.2026                                                         | Castle signage                                   | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | Email                                     |
| 02.07.2026                                                         | Wasps on play equipment                          | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | Service request                           |
| 02.07.2026                                                         | Litter – Rum Jungle Lake                         | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | Service request                           |
| 07.07.2026                                                         | Road maintenance – Cadogen Road, Lake Bennett    | <b>In progress</b>                                  | In person                                 |
| 12.07.2026                                                         | Abandoned Vehicles                               | <b>CLOSED and referred onto relevant department</b> | Service request                           |
| 13.07.2026                                                         | Road Signs                                       | <b>CLOSED and referred onto relevant department</b> | Service request                           |
| 18.07.2026                                                         | Road access                                      | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | Email                                     |
| 21.07.2026                                                         | Vegetation management                            | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | Phone                                     |
| 25.07.2026                                                         | Road dust – Strickland Road                      | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | Email                                     |
| 27.07.2026                                                         | Leaking toilet, open power box, damaged sign.    | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | Snap Send Solve                           |
| 29.07.2026<br>30.07.2026<br>31.07.2026<br>04.08.2026<br>05.08.2026 | Dusty Road – Strickland Road                     | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | Email<br>Email<br>Phone<br>Email<br>Email |
| 30.07.2026                                                         | Damaged Play Equipment at ARSS club              | <b>CLOSED and referred onto relevant department</b> | Snap Send Solve                           |
| 30.07.2026                                                         | Animal neglect                                   | <b>CLOSED and referred onto relevant department</b> | Phone                                     |
| 30.07.2026                                                         | Waste management                                 | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | Service request                           |
| 31.07.2026                                                         | Road maintenance – Otto Creek Road, Lake Bennett | <b>Under investigation</b>                          | Snap Send Solve                           |
| 04.08.2026                                                         | Road Signage - Batchelor                         | <b>In progress</b>                                  | Snap Send Solve                           |

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| 04.08.2026 | Vegetation management                                                  | <b>CLOSED and referred onto relevant department</b> | Email     |
| 04.08.2026 | Waste management                                                       | <b>CLOSED and referred onto relevant department</b> | In person |
| 05.08.2026 | Animal management                                                      | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | Email     |
| 05.08.2026 | Road maintenance – Heathers Lagoon Road and Chinner road, Lake Bennett | <b>Under investigation</b>                          | Email     |
| 16.08.2026 | Animal management                                                      | <b>CLOSED</b>                                       | In person |

#### COMPLAINTS FOR AUGUST OGM 2026

| DATE       | DESCRIPTION                  | SOURCE                          |
|------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 04.07.2026 | Pool closure – lack of staff | Community volunteer / caretaker |

#### COMPLIMENTS FOR J OGM 2026

| DATE       | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                       | SOURCE                             |
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| 13.07.2026 | Would like to thank Coomalie Council for their very prompt action in erecting gates on the gateways into the oval | Batchelor Town and Country Markets |

### 15.3 COUNCIL SERVICES 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTERLY REPORT 2025-26

|                    |                                                    |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                       |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Emma Dunne, Council and Community Services Manager |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | Nil                                                |

#### PURPOSE

To brief Council on the activities of the Council Services unit, including all municipal, compliance and regulatory actions, for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2025-26: April – June 2026.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Council Services 4th Quarterly Report of 2025-2026.

**Moved:** Clr.

**Seconded:** Clr.

#### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

As per the Coomalie Shire Plan 25/26, a quarterly report is provided to the Council on all functions in the Service Delivery Plan.

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- LEC meeting (Local Emergency Committee)
- Adelaide River School safety zone meeting
- Department of Housing meeting
- Numerous contract management and project management meetings
- Darwin Regional Weeds Working Group

#### BUILDING, FACILITIES AND ASSETS

- Cleaning efforts by staff and contractors where necessary from flooding.
- Contractor works performed from flooding.
- Quotes being obtained for upgrades at bowls club (delayed).
- Quotes for power repairs at Basketball court (delayed).
- Rubbish presence in Batchelor parks and gardens, had decreased with the departure of the visitors at the end of June 2026.
- Daily asset inspections to identify maintenance issues and to ensure public spaces remain safe, functional and well presented.

#### PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Project management obligations as per Projects table in Chief Executive Officer report.

## GRANTS

### Applications Submitted pending approval

| Grant Source                             | Project Name                           | Project Description   | Expected Completion |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Black Spot 25-26                         | Batchelor School Zone                  | Application submitted | TBC                 |
| Safer Local Roads Infrastructure Program | Industry Roads - Miles and Perreau Rds | Application submitted | TBC                 |
| Black Spot 26-27                         | Adelaide River School Zone             | Application submitted | TBC                 |

## PARKS AND GARDENS

- Regular maintenance is conducted in the parks and gardens in both Adelaide River and Batchelor. Works include staff conducting regular tidy ups, tree lifts, scheduled stump grinding and removal of mahogany and neem saplings. Council's period contractor undertakes mowing, whipper snipping and landscaping of the green spaces.
- Tree maintenance is undertaken throughout the year to provide a safe environment for the community.
- Footpaths are regularly blown off and pressure washed as required in the dry season.
- Irrigation systems are on and necessary repairs being undertaken as required.

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

- Council has two period contractors who clean the public toilets on a regular cleaning maintenance schedule.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Bulk Bins have been installed at Batchelor Waste Management Facility.
- Letters have been sent to commercial operators regarding the change in service delivery from 660L bins to 240L bins.
- NTEPA landfill site management and compliance work continues.
- Domestic and commercial kerbside waste collection.
- Both facilities are running well. Council continues to look for recycling options to reduce waste going into landfill. Increasing education and awareness in recycling, reusing and reducing waste.
- Council staff have commenced running loads of scrap steel to Darwin to reduce stock levels.
- Council aims to obtain a license to occupy with Crown Land Estate to be able to lift our service delivery to the community. In doing so being able to apply to the EPA for licencing for some waste streams.

- Council staff take recycling to town regularly.
- Waste statistics are captured by waste facility attendants.
- Regular tidying up at both sites.
- Mulching of green waste piles – completed.
- Shredding of materials – completed.

| Waste facility                    |     |
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|                                   |     |
| Drum muster drums taken into town | 181 |
| 10c recycling recycled            | Y   |

### Weighbridge update

*All commercial operators will now be charged commercial waste fees from 1 July 2026.*

- Staff training undertaken for the new data system to ensure all data is accurately captured and recorded.

### LOCAL ROAD NETWORK

- Engineering costs being obtained for Chinner Road floodway and Crater Lake Road Spring.
- Council is monitoring the AARNet project, civil works now completed.
- PowerWater have commenced work to install new powerline service along Crater Lake Road.
- Weight restrictions lifted.
- Regular pruning of roadsides by staff is ongoing.
- The following Roads to Recovery Projects are completed or underway in this quarter:

| Program | Project                                               | Progress report                                               | Contractor         |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| RTR     | Haynes Road Stabilisation and partial re-sheeting     | Complete                                                      | Oolloo Investments |
| RTR     | Strickland Road Stabilisation and partial re-sheeting | Product Sourced<br>Material being laid in new financial year. | Oolloo Investments |

### ROAD PERIOD CONTRACT

Councils Period Contractor for road grading and maintenance is at the end of the 1 + 1 + 1 and has been out to tender, pending awarding by Council.

1 Month extension for existing period contractor for the period of July 2026.

| Dry Season road work                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                     |
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| Road                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Description                         |
| Haynes Road                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Bog hole repairs                    |
| Memorial Tce                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Sinkhole flood repairs              |
| Strickland Road                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Flood repairs                       |
| Miles Road                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Floodway restoration                |
| Memorial Tce                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Shoulder and driveway flood repairs |
| Strickland and Haynes Road                                                                                                                                                                                               | Open Grade                          |
| Rum Jungle Lake                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Firebreaks                          |
| ARWMF                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Firebreaks                          |
| BWMF                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Firebreaks                          |
| Adelaide River oval                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Firebreaks back section of parcel   |
| Memorial Tce                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Fallen tree on road removal         |
| Rum Jungle Roads (White Road, Lithgow Road, Poett Road, Windmill Road and Scott Road                                                                                                                                     | Water, Grade and Roll               |
| Milton Road                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Driveway debris removal             |
| Miles Road                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Repairs to wall                     |
| Munz Road                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Emergency access repairs            |
| Chinner Road                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Road patching                       |
| Heathers Lagoon Road and Owen Lagoon Road                                                                                                                                                                                | Open Grade                          |
| Eva Valley (Banyan Road, Chin Road, Solomon West, Cheeney North, Little Road, Kerr Road, Nolan Road, Miles Road, Old Coach formed, Perreau Road, Milton West, Carr Road, Fernee Road, Fowler Road , Fowler Road resheet. | Water, Grade, Roll                  |
| Adelaide River (Fred Hardy Road, Haynes Road and Strickland Road)                                                                                                                                                        | Water, Grade, Roll                  |
| Crater Lake Road                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Spring surface repairs              |
| Chinner Road                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Road Patching                       |
| Strickland Road                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Resheet and stabilisation material  |

## STREETLIGHTING

- Council conducts quarterly inspections and bi-annual repairs of the streetlights due to the high cost of mobilising qualified trades and repairs.
- Streetlights can be sensitive with the storms and blow fuses. Staff continue to monitor the number of lights out throughout the year.

## CEMETERIES

Cemetery Board has approved the Draft Cemetery Plan with amendments as per the new *Burial and Cremations Act 2022*. Council is required to endorse the Plan and Policy documents at an upcoming OGM. The Bush Cemetery has a high standard of maintenance with regular attention to lawns, trees and garden beds. There were 1 burial, 1 ash internments and 0 requests for memorial plaque installation this quarter.



## REGULATORY SERVICE AND COMPLIANCE

The Ranger continues to undertake daily patrols across Council's townships, responding to animal management requests, investigating complaints, and working collaboratively with other Council departments to ensure compliance with Council by-laws.

Council remains committed to promoting responsible pet ownership and improving animal welfare through proactive education, enforcement, and partnerships with animal welfare providers. These initiatives help ensure the safety of both the community and its animals.

Council continues to work collaboratively with Northern Territory Housing to address overgrown residential properties and reduce antisocial behaviour within the community. The Ranger also works alongside Police to respond to incidents of vandalism, manage abandoned vehicles, and address other community safety concerns.

| Animal Management |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Impounded dogs    | 3 |
| Returned to owner |   |
| Rehomed           | 4 |
| Euthanised        |   |
| Surrendered       | 1 |
| Seized            |   |
| Animal Notices    | 3 |

| Regulatory services          |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Abandoned Vehicles Impounded | N/A |
| Abandoned vehicle notices    | 2   |
| Overgrown properties         | 3   |

## VET CLINIC

Council successfully delivered its first approved veterinary clinic for 2026 in Batchelor during May. These clinics provide affordable veterinary services to the community and play an important role in reducing unwanted litters, preventing the spread of disease and parasites, promoting responsible pet ownership, and improving overall animal welfare across the region.

A veterinary clinic was also scheduled for Adelaide River; however, it was cancelled due to insufficient community bookings.

Council also conducted its feral and unowned cat trapping program in conjunction with the veterinary clinic, helping to reduce the impact of unmanaged cat populations on the community and local environment.

The Batchelor Veterinary Clinic achieved the following outcomes:

| Batchelor Vet Clinic |
|----------------------|
|                      |

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Desexed Female – Canine              | 4  |
| Desexed Male – Canine                | 4  |
| Desexed Female – Feline              | 0  |
| Desexed Male – Feline                | 1  |
| Canine vaccinations                  | 7  |
| Feline Vaccinations                  | 0  |
| Health Checks both feline and canine | 12 |
| Nail clips                           | 4  |
| Parasite prevention                  | 8  |
| Registration                         | 2  |
| Feral cat trapping                   | 15 |

#### **WEED AND FIRE MANAGMENT**

- Roadside weeds spraying program completed.
- Roadside Slashing continuing.

The 2025/26 NTG Gamba Action Program has now concluded. All Northern Territory Government herbicide stock provided under the program has been utilised, with Council receiving an additional allocation during the program period due to strong uptake. The additional herbicide allocation resulted in a positive outcome, enabling the community to undertake further gamba grass treatment across priority areas. The program has continued to support Council's ongoing weed management objectives by assisting in the control of gamba grass and reducing associated fire risks throughout the municipality.

#### **WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- Daily toolbox meetings held to discuss workplans, reflection on previous days works and any safety issues.
- Daily vehicle and machinery checks undertaken.
- Ongoing hazard inspections of Council buildings and assets.
- Ongoing hazard reporting.

#### **CONSULTATION**

A/CEO

Ranger and Land Management Coordinator

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- Coomalie Community Council General By-Laws 1998
- Coomalie Community (Dog Management) By-Laws 1998
- Local Government Act 2019 and Regulations
- NT EPA

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### 15.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT

|                    |                                                |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                   |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Andrew Roberts, Community Services Coordinator |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | Nil                                            |

#### PURPOSE

To provide Council with a quarterly update of activities and programs provided to the community through the sport, recreation, and community development program for the fourth quarter from April to June 2026.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes the Community Services Report for the Fourth Quarter of the 2025/2026 Financial year.

**Moved:** Clr.

**Seconded:** Clr.

#### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

NIL

#### COMMENT

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

##### Completed Council Events

##### Youth Week 2026 – 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Council obtained grant funding to undertake Youth Week activities for youth across the shire. The activities and attendance for Youth Week is detailed below:

| Date                            | Activity                    | Bookings |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April | Ice Skating                 | 19       |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April   | Ten pin bowling & Laser tag | 15       |

##### ANZAC Day – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Another successful Dawn Service was held at the Adelaide River War Cemetery this year. Approx. head count for the event was 1,150 visitors.

Regrettably, the Adelaide River Show Society couldn't hold their usual Gunfire Breakfast due to the previous weather events. However, the Adelaide River Inn stepped up and served breakfast to guests. Approximately 300 meals were served that morning and provided two-up for guests, first by a RAN member and then by a local community member.

### Upcoming Community Events

Currently planned events for 2026 are listed below:

| Event                            | Date                                        | Council / Other |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Seniors Month</b>             | August                                      | Council         |
| <b>Adelaide River Festival</b>   | August                                      | ARPS            |
| <b>School Holidays</b>           | Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> – Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Council         |
| <b>Community Christmas Event</b> | December, date TBA                          | Council         |

### School Holiday Program

At the time of writing this report in July, the program was underway, with most days fully booked and the need to run a waitlist for oversubscribing.

Detailed below is the planned activities for the 3 weeks, with funding coming from NT Grants program. Full outcomes will be reported in the July – September 2026 quarterly report.

| Date   | Activity                                       | Attendees / Booked |
|--------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 22-Jun | Litchfield NP, Hike                            | 12 / 15            |
| 24-Jun | Batchelor, Movie Day & Lego                    | 14 / 17            |
| 26-Jun | Darwin Waterfront, Tunnels & Waterfront Lagoon | 15 / 15            |
| 29-Jun | East Point, Military Museum & CT Memorial      | 15 / 15            |
| 1-Jul  | Territory Day                                  |                    |
| 3-Jul  | Howards Springs, Nature Park                   | 12 / 15            |
| 6-Jul  | Litchfield NP, Hike                            | 14 / 17            |
| 8-Jul  | Casuarina, Painted Rocks & Beach               | 11 / 15            |
| 10-Jul | Darwin, Ice Skating                            | - / 15             |

Feedback received from the program includes:

*It's been nice to get out and about, I've really enjoyed it. The kids have had a ball too. Thank you for doing the holiday program, it's such a great thing for all the kids.*

*Thanks Andrew and thankyou for doing this for the kids, thankless job I'm sure, but thankyou again*



*You've made a great program! I hope you know the impact you have.*

*Ok perfect Thankyou she will love it. She won't be able to help on the Ice though, she's not that agile these days 😊 I think it's well worth the \$5 bucks! I'd be happy to pay that and more for all of the excursions you organise. The Kids love it!*

## **Forward Event Planning**

### **Territory Day**

Pyrotechnicians confirmed and NT WorkSafe approvals were received in June 2026. Additional entertainment including a jumping castle was confirmed. Council has secured Monsterball NT to provide a jumping castle for the kids as entertainment. Full outcome reporting will be completed in July – September 2026 quarterly report.

### **NAIDOC**

Council was approached by Wunun Consulting to hire the Batchelor oval for their NAIDOC activities.

### **Seniors Month**

Grant funding was obtained for \$2,000, with the planned activity given the green light by the funding body. Event has been advertised in the COTA NT Seniors month calendar and across Council's communications platforms during June/July.

Activity planned is a fully funded trip to the Territory Wildlife Park, with a lunch included.

Advertising and acceptance of bookings will occur from late July.

### **Community Christmas Event**

Planning has commenced with contact made to Batchelor Area School who are keen to assist with some musical activities. Emails also sent out to Community groups within the shire, to date have received minimal response. A stakeholder meeting is planned to kick off the program during early July.

## **SWIMMING POOL**

### **Pool Statistics**

Attendances for the quarter remain consistent with the prior year's statistics, with some good numbers evident during the hotter weeks between monsoon roughs.

| Week Start      | Lap Swim   | Adult        | Child        | Conc      | Schools    | Aqua Fitness | Swim Lessons | Total        | Last Year    |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 06/04/2026      | 7          | 25           | 115          |           |            |              |              | 147          | 116          |
| 13/04/2026      | 15         | 39           | 145          |           |            | 10           |              | 209          | 163          |
| 20/04/2026      | 17         | 46           | 123          |           | 10         | 28           |              | 224          | 98           |
| 27/04/2026      | 4          | 22           | 55           |           | 8          | 11           |              | 100          | 98           |
| 04/05/2026      | 5          | 14           | 41           |           | 9          | 8            |              | 77           | 87           |
| 11/05/2026      | 11         | 10           | 23           |           | 5          | 16           |              | 65           | 81           |
| 18/05/2026      | 13         | 42           | 53           |           | 9          | 9            |              | 126          | 94           |
| 25/05/2026      | 9          | 24           | 47           |           | 10         | 7            |              | 107          | 170          |
| 01/06/2026      | 3          | 24           | 20           |           | 8          | 7            |              | 62           | 240          |
| 08/06/2026      | 7          | 26           | 22           |           | 6          | 7            |              | 68           | 119          |
| 15/06/2026      | 3          |              |              |           | 40         |              |              | 43           | 157          |
| 22/06/2026      | 3          |              |              |           |            |              |              | 3            | 64           |
| <b>Totals</b>   | <b>97</b>  | <b>272</b>   | <b>644</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>105</b> | <b>103</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>1,231</b> | <b>1,487</b> |
| <b>FY Total</b> | <b>318</b> | <b>1,460</b> | <b>3,210</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>857</b> | <b>196</b>   | <b>700</b>   | <b>6,679</b> | <b>5,871</b> |

Pool attendance numbers have been consistent with the prior year since January 2026. The evacuees led to a periodic increase for approx. 6 – 8 weeks at the end of quarter 3 and the start of quarter 4 for this financial year.

Schools: 10 bookings were affected during the quarter also, with BOEC being utilised as an evacuation centre for a community.

Aqua Fitness numbers have been very pleasing for the quarter. Given the water temperature has reduced substantially to an uncomfortable level, we will be migrating that program to the grass to be a “Strong Movers” style program until term 4 when the water is warming again.

## COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

### Library Statistics

Numbers have been good over the past quarter, as can be seen in the table below.

| Week Start | Adult | Child | Total |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 05/04/2026 | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 12/04/2026 | 2     | 10    | 12    |
| 19/04/2026 | 2     | 35    | 37    |
| 26/04/2026 | 3     | 20    | 23    |
| 03/05/2026 | 8     | 26    | 34    |
| 10/05/2026 | 11    | 21    | 32    |
| 17/05/2026 | 6     | 30    | 36    |
| 24/05/2026 | 10    | 39    | 49    |
| 31/05/2026 | 4     | 8     | 12    |
| 07/06/2026 | 2     | 18    | 20    |
| 15/06/2026 | 3     | 21    | 24    |

|              |           |            |            |
|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 22/06/2026   | 2         | 26         | 28         |
| 29/06/2026   | 0         | 24         | 24         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>54</b> | <b>298</b> | <b>352</b> |

Following the relocation of Daly and Palumpa evacuees, the Education Department has repurposed Adelaide River Library as makeshift classrooms for a relocated school. Consequently, the Community Library has been closed for the whole of the reporting period. Re-opening of Adelaide River Community Library occurred in July.

## SPORT AND RECREATION

### Active Regional & Remote Sport Program

| Week Start    | School Sport   | ARRS After School |           | ARRS During School |              |                     |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
|               | Adelaide River | Adelaide River    | Batchelor | Adelaide River     | Batchelor ** | Batchelor Childcare |
| 13/04/2026    |                | 16                |           |                    | 110          |                     |
| 20/04/2026    | 19             | 14                |           |                    | 110          |                     |
| 27/04/2026    | 21             |                   |           | 59                 | 110          |                     |
| 04/05/2026    | 24             | 6 *               |           | 60                 | 110          |                     |
| 11/05/2026    | 23             | 12                |           | 63                 | 110          |                     |
| 18/05/2026    | 22             | 11                |           | 61                 | 110          |                     |
| 25/05/2026    | 25             | 4                 |           | 58                 | 110          |                     |
| 01/06/2026    | 15             |                   |           | 59                 | 110          |                     |
| 08/06/2026    | 12             |                   |           |                    | 110          |                     |
| 15/06/2026    | 18             |                   |           |                    | 110          |                     |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>179</b>     | <b>63</b>         | <b>0</b>  | <b>360</b>         | <b>1,100</b> | <b>0</b>            |

\* Mother's Day

\*\* Generic numbers provided by Batchelor Area School

| Term    | Adelaide River School     | Batchelor Area School | Batchelor Childcare | Community Adelaide River | Community Batchelor                     |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1, 2026 | Gymnastics                | Basketball            | Gymnastics          | Tennis                   | Nil – no capacity of staff to undertake |
| 2, 2026 | Netball                   | Softball              |                     | Tennis                   | Nil – no capacity of staff to undertake |
| 3, 2026 | NRL                       | NRL                   |                     | NRL                      | NRL                                     |
| 4, 2006 | Dance & Music<br>Swimming | Gymnastics            | Gymnastics          | TBA                      | TBA                                     |

|            |            |           |  |     |     |
|------------|------------|-----------|--|-----|-----|
| 1,<br>2027 | Volleyball | Boxing    |  | TBA | TBA |
| 2,<br>2027 | Athletics  | Athletics |  | TBA | TBA |

Due to staffing levels, we were unable to hold Batchelor Community sports program for term 1.

## **SENIORS SUPPORT SERVICES**

**Seniors Mystery Bus Tours** recommenced in February due to event and school holiday program commitments.

The tour for April travelled to East Point Military Museum. Lunch was had at the Trailer Boat Club.

The tour for May was cancelled, due to the community bus being unavailable.

The tour for June travelled to Casuarina Beach, with lunch following at the Cas Club. Original plan for this activity was Ten Pin Bowling however not enough attendees had the correct footwear.

| Date         | Numbers   |
|--------------|-----------|
| 16/04/2026   | 11        |
| 14/05/2026   | Cxld      |
| 18/06/2026   | 13        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>24</b> |

Council will be running the regular Mystery Tour for July.

## **ICT SUPPORT AND STATISTICS**

The Community Services Coordinator provides local ICT Support to all staff. Council has 15 Active Devices and 25 Active Licenses. All systems are backed up daily. All devices running Windows 10, have been removed from service and will be erased and have free software installed on them.

### **Information Centre Kiosk**

One support case was raised for April, due to a power issue with the kiosk. This was rectified mid-April.

### **Website Data**

| Month         | Visits        | Page Views    | Emails Sent | Call Clicks | Form Submissions |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Apr-26        | 6,851         | 7,927         | 14          | 52          | 15               |
| May-26        | 6,536         | 7,454         | 18          | 31          | 6                |
| Jun-26        | 6,779         | 8,196         | 9           | 37          | 10               |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>20,116</b> | <b>23,577</b> | <b>41</b>   | <b>120</b>  | <b>31</b>        |



**Stop Press/Mailchimp Interaction Data**

| Month                | Sent                          | Open Rate    | Click Rate   | Unsubscribe Rate |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| Apr-26 (2 campaigns) | 1,308                         | 26.34%       | 1.30%        | 0.00%            |
| May-26               | 508                           | 21.70%       | 2.20%        | 0.00%            |
| Jun-26               | Not issued at time of writing |              |              |                  |
| <b>Totals</b>        | <b>1,816</b>                  | <b>24.2%</b> | <b>1.75%</b> | <b>0.00%</b>     |

**CONSULTATION**

External: BIITE Library Manager, Adelaide River School, Batchelor Area School, Area9, Captovate, Engagis

Internal: Council and Community Services Manager; Library Staff; Outdoor Pool Supervisor, CEO

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- Council Policy 4.1 Batchelor Swimming Pool.
- Council Policy 4.4 Annual Community Recognition.
- Shire Plan 2023.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- Council is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year (2025-26) of a Five-Year Funding Agreement with the Northern Territory Government and receives an annual allocation of \$127,500 for the provision of sport and recreation activities to the Coomalie community.
- Council is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year (2025-26) of a 5-year funding agreement through the Northern Territory Library and Archives Service. Through this agreement Council receives annual funding of \$48,000.

Grant Applications submitted:

- Seniors Month Grant - \$2,000 – application successful

## 15.5 CORPORATE SERVICES 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTERLY REPORT 2025-26

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                    |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | Nil                                             |

### PURPOSE

To provide Council with a quarterly update on financial, governance, administration and people and culture matters from the Corporate Services Unit.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the report entitled Corporate Services 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Report 2025-26.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### PREVIOUS DECISIONS

NIL

### COMMENT

#### Financial Management

The 2026/27 budget, rates declaration and fees and charges were drafted, released for public comment and adopted by Council during the April to June 2026 quarter, ensuring compliance with the *Local Government Act 2019* was met.

End of financial year processes were commenced in June 2026 to ensure a seamless transition into the 2026/27 financial year. End of financial year processing continues into July to finalise all financial matters before all audit checks completed in August 2026.

#### Governance

##### Audit

- The 2025/26 audit commenced in June 2026, with the auditors completing their interim audit July 2026.
- The audit timeline anticipates having all audit checks completed by end of August 2026, with draft financial statements prepared and finalised by September 2026.

- The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements are required to be endorsed by Council no later than 15 November 2026.

#### Policy Reviews

- 2.13 Debt Recovery Policy was developed and presented at June 2026 RMAC meeting to seek the Risk Management and Audit Committee's recommendation. Council adopted this policy at the June OGM.
- Drafting of policies includes the Outdoor Advertising Sign Policy as per Council resolution.

#### **Administration**

#### Rates

- The corporate services team continued to process rates payments and ensure the assessment record is maintained correctly in preparation for raising the 2026/27 rates and charges in August 2026.
- No Overriding Statutory Charges applied during June 2026 quarter.
- 2 x Discharges of Overriding Statutory Charges were processed during June 2026 quarter.

#### **People and Culture**

#### Recruitment

**Figure 1. Vacancies as at 30 June 2026**

| POSITION TITLE             | EMPLOYMENT TYPE | LOCATION                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Community Services Officer | Part time       | Batchelor/Adelaide River |

**Figure 2. Roles filled in June Quarter 2026**

| POSITION TITLE    | EMPLOYMENT TYPE | LOCATION        |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Municipal Officer | Full-time       | Batchelor (all) |
| Library Assistant | Part-time       | Batchelor       |

There were 4 open vacancies in June 2026 Quarter, 2 of which were filled. 1 role (Human Resources and Administration Officer) was a temporary backfill position created to cover a short-term vacancy. Following the advertising process, no suitably qualified applicants were received, and the position was subsequently withdrawn/removed.

#### Staff Training/ Workforce

- New starter onboarding training x 2 staff members scheduled for July 2026
- Cross training of Library staff
- Ongoing weigh bridge training
- Staff CPR Annual training x 6
- Staff First Aid Triennial training x 5

## WHS

- 2 WHS Worksite Inspections completed
- 1 theft incident loaded
- 1 public member incident loaded
- 1 staff lost time injury

4/5 incidents have been investigated and resolved.

1 incident still under investigation.

## Employee Performance and Development Review

- 12-week interim probation assessments completed x 1
- 4-week interim probation assessments completed x 1
- Secondment into higher roles x 2

## **CONSULTATION**

- Acting CEO
- Council and Community Services Manager

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- *Local Government Act 2019*
- Human Resource Management Policy

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## 15.6 PAPER ROADS UPDATE REPORT

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                    |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | NIL                                             |

### PURPOSE

To provide Council with an update on paper roads in the Coomalie Shire.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the report entitled Paper Roads Update Report.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

**Motion:**

**RESOLUTION 2025/11/27/16**

*That Council is to receive a progress report on paper roads in the Shire at the December OGM.*

**Moved:** Deputy President Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Beswick

**Carried**

### COMMENT

At the November 2025 OGM, Council requested a paper roads progress report noting that the CEO had been attending regular meetings with NTG representatives and the Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure relating to several matters affecting the Coomalie region.

The November 2025 Correspondence Register included correspondence from the Federal Member for Lingiari, The Hon. Marion Scrymgour MP, seeking clarification of Council's intentions regarding some not gazetted paper roads in the north-western area of the Shire.

The Coomalie region has a significant number of paper roads that were established during developments that occurred prior to Council's existence. Additionally, several subdivisions that were undertaken in the early years of Council did not have clear access standards applied to developments, and this has also led to the formation of paper roads and incomplete or inadequate property access in some regions of the Shire.

The NT Government maintains the position that paper roads are not NT Government roads and are not responsible for the establishment or maintenance of such roads. Council has previously identified the survey and design of an appropriate road corridor to service the area north of Batchelor township to the Litchfield Council boundary as a long-term roads strategy that continues to be listed in the NT Infrastructure Plan and Pipeline document.

Council does not include paper roads in its Register of Public Roads and therefore is unable to seek external funding for any road maintenance of paper roads.

The full extent of paper roads in the Coomalie Shire is currently not clear as no formal register exists and no mapping exercise to identify all existing paper roads has been undertaken. As Council operates on a small workforce with an increasing workload to meet community expectations, there is very limited resources available to undertake this body of work.

## **CONSULTATION**

Acting Corporate Services Manager

Council and Community Services Manager

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

*Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil to Council to receive the report.

## 15.7 LGANT BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                    |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <a href="#">LGANT Board Meeting Communique</a>  |

### PURPOSE

To table the LGANT Board Meeting Communique following the board meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the report entitled LGANT Board Meeting Communique.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

NIL

### COMMENT

The LGANT board meeting was held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026. LGANT has issued a communique following this meeting and requested that each member council table the communique at the next Ordinary General Meeting of Council. The intention of the LGANT board communiques will be to ensure ongoing and effective communication with member councils regarding LGANT's activities.

### CONSULTATION

LGANT

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

## 15.7 ATTACHMENT: LGANT BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE



### 1 JULY 2026 LGANT BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE

The LGANT Board met for its third meeting of 2026 on Wednesday 1 July at the LGANT office and online.

The Board began their annual review of LGANT policies, approving the first tranche. The Board also endorsed the next steps for the CEO's annual performance and remuneration review and endorsed the LGANT nomination to Regional Development Australia NT (RDANT) Liveability Framework Working Group.

The LGANT President provided an update on his activities since the last Board Meeting including the 21 May 2026 ALGA Board meeting (Attachment 1) and fuel crisis meetings facilitated by ALGA with Minister McBain, attendance at ALGA's National General Assembly (NGA), meetings with a range of Federal Ministers and Shadow Ministers while in Canberra to discuss issues facing member councils, and meetings with the NT Minister for Local Government Steve Edgington and Shadow for Local Government Ed Smelt.

The Board noted the CEOs report including a summary of her meetings, and updates on local government legislative reform, key advocacy activities, LGANT's election and budget asks, the April 2026 Symposium, plans for the November 2026 Conference and the actions from the CEO, Mayors/Presidents, Regionals/Shires and Municipals Forums.

The Board also noted LGANT's current risk register and dashboard, WALGA IR/HR usage and Local Buy activity updates, the forward Board calendar, activity on General Meeting and Board motions, recent submissions lodged, and incoming and outgoing correspondence.

The Board will next meet on 2 September 2026.

Attachments:

1. 21 May 2026 ALGA Board Meeting Communique

If you have any questions or wish to discuss these matters further, please reach out to Mary Watson, LGANT CEO, at [mary.watson@lgant.asn.au](mailto:mary.watson@lgant.asn.au) or on 0417 864 183.

Alternatively, you can contact members of the LGANT Board:

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| Municipal Director:<br><br>Mayor Joanna<br>Holden                                           | Katherine Town<br>Council           | <a href="mailto:joanna.holden@krc.nt.gov.au">joanna.holden@krc.nt.gov.au</a>                               |  |
| Municipal Director:<br><br>Cr Mark Fraser                                                   | City of<br>Palmerston               | <a href="mailto:councillor.fraser@palmerston.nt.gov.au">councillor.fraser@palmerston.nt.gov.au</a>         |  |
| Regional and Shires<br>Director:<br><br>Cr Peter Clee                                       | Wagait Shire<br>Council             | <a href="mailto:peter.clee@wagait.nt.gov.au">peter.clee@wagait.nt.gov.au</a>                               |  |
| Regional and Shires<br>Director<br><br>Mayor Lynette De<br>Santis                           | Tiwi Islands<br>Regional<br>Council | <a href="mailto:lynettejane.desantis@tiwiislands.nt.gov.au">lynettejane.desantis@tiwiislands.nt.gov.au</a> |  |
| Regional and Shire<br>Director:<br><br>Mayor James<br>Woods                                 | West Arnhem<br>Regional<br>Council  | <a href="mailto:james.woods@westarnhem.nt.gov.au">james.woods@westarnhem.nt.gov.au</a>                     |  |

## 21 May 2026 ALGA Board Meeting Communique

The ALGA Board met for its second meeting of 2026 on Thursday 21 May 2026 at the Australian Local Government Association office in Deakin ACT.

Fuel supply issues were a key topic of Board discussion, with directors noting ALGA's ongoing advocacy and close engagement with member associations on this matter. The discussion highlighted ALGA's work to date, including representations to the Fair Work Commission, ministerial roundtables and consistent engagement with government on our concerns. The discussion noted the importance of ongoing advocacy on these issues. The Board noted the strong need for direct financial assistance to local government to recognise the cost pressures of service delivery across the nation.

A range of governance, risk, financial and policy matters were considered, including decision items and key updates to support ALGA's strategic priorities. The Board approved ALGA's Budget for 2026-27 as put to the general meeting of members.

The Board received an update on the outcomes of the Federal Budget from the President, noting the significance of the \$2 billion enabling infrastructure fund to support local government and state utility providers. The President reflected that ALGA had made a concerted push on housing and enabling infrastructure since the Board agreed to include it as a Tier 1 policy priority in 2024.

The Board expressed concern that the Financial Assistance Grant allocation had gone backwards (0.49% Commonwealth Taxation Revenue) given no significant increase in the 2026-27 Federal Budget. The Board resolved to continue to press for this important fiscal outcome.

The Board endorsed the scope of a research project on product stewardship which will strengthen local government's evidence base and support ALGA's advocacy efforts on waste management. Discussion also progressed work on a national communications campaign to secure increased, untied Commonwealth funding for local government.

The Board was briefed by IPWEA on development of the 2026 National State of the Assets Report, and by Public Skills Australia on the 2025 Local Government Jobs and Skills Survey. Both reports will be released at the 2026 National General Assembly.

A report on Closing the Gap implementation was also considered, noting current activities and priorities for continued action.

The ALGA President and State and Territory Presidents presented reports highlighting emerging national and jurisdictional issues. The ALGA Vice President, also presented a report on the 2026 DFAT Foreign Engagement Forum to highlight the emerging risks relating to foreign engagement and interference.

The Chief Executive's report was received, including updates on ALGA's advocacy and events. These included the 2026-27 Federal Budget update and ALGA's engagement with federal government and the Fair Work Commission on fuel supply responses.

The CEO report noted that work on the National General Assembly (June, Canberra) and 2026 National Roads and Infrastructure Congress (August, Cairns) are progressing well.

The ALGA Board will next meet on 22 June 2026 for a briefing ahead of the National General Assembly of Local Government.

## 15.8 FINAL ACQUITTAL OF WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRANT 2024-25

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                    |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <a href="#">Acquittal WaRM 2024-25</a>          |

### PURPOSE

An acquittal of the Waste and Resource Management Grant (WaRM Grant) 2024-25 funds expended by 30 June 2026 is required to be laid before Council prior to being submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development in accordance with the reporting requirements outlined in the Grant Agreement.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Final Acquittal of Waste and Resource Management Grant 2024-25; and
- b) forwards the acquittal report for the Waste and Resource Management Grant 2024-25 to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development before the reporting due date of 31st August 2026.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

#### **RESOLUTION CONF2026/01/20/022**

*That Council;*

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Awarding of RFT2025-009 Supply and Delivery of Bulk Hook Bins;*
- b) awards tender RFT2025-009 Supply and Delivery of Bulk Hook Bins to Skip Bin Suppliers Pty Ltd (T/A Skip Factory) for the price of \$112,500 (GST Excl.);*
- c) approves the CEO to enter contractual arrangements with Skip Bin Suppliers Pty Ltd; and*
- d) moves the confidential resolution into open minutes following completion of contractual arrangements.*

**Moved:** *Clr. Beswick*

**Seconded:** *DP Whatley*

**Carried**

#### **RESOLUTION SPEC2025/08/29/007**

*That Council;*

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Partial Acquittal of Waste and Resource Management Grant 2024-25; and*
- b) forwards the acquittal report for the Waste and Resource Management Grant 2024-25 to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet before the reporting due date of 31st August 2025.*

**Moved:** *Official Manager*

**Seconded:** *Official Manager*

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION 2024/12/17/021**

*That Council;*

*a) receives and notes the report entitled WaRM Grant Program 2024-2025 Phase 5 proposal; and*

*b) nominates the replacement of the Bulk Hook Bins requiring a total of \$120,000 and a co-contribution from Council for \$15,500 from its cash at bank.*

*c) requests the Chief Executive Officer correspond with the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet confirming Council's acceptance of the WaRM 2024-25 grant funding and its nominated projects.*

**Moved:** Official Manager

**Seconded:** Official Manager

**Carried**

**COMMENT**

The WaRM Grant 2024-25 (Phase 5) was offered to Council in November 2024 and accepted with Council's project nomination in January 2025. The grant agreement required full expenditure of the grant by 30 June 2026 with the final acquittal to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026. The acquittal must be laid before the council at a council meeting prior to submission.

The funds were received in March 2025. Council has completed the project, with successful procurement of replacement Bulk Hook Bins.

**CONSULTATION**

Council and Community Services Manager

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

NTG Grant Agreement

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council received \$104,500 through the WaRM 2024-25 grant for the replacement of bulk hook bins. At the time of nominating projects, Council resolved a co-contribution of \$15,500. The total project budget was \$120,000.

Council awarded the tender for the procurement of the hook bins for a total of \$112,500 (GST Excl.). The additional \$2,000 expended was the increase in freight cost recognised during the early 2026 period where road transport contractors were entitled to apply a fuel levy to services.

15.8 ATTACHMENT: ACQUITTAL OF WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRANT  
2024-25

Coomalie Community Government Council  
Acquittal of Waste and Resource Management (WaRM)  
2024-25

File Number:

Purpose of Grant: Replacement of Bulk Hook Bins at waste management facilities

Waste Management Strategy attached:

☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☒ No

Purchases were in accordance with the Northern Territory Buy Local Plan:

☒ Yes ☐ No

(If no please provide an explanation with this acquittal)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACQUITTAL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2025

|                                                                                                                               |                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Waste and Resource Management grant 2024-25                                                                                   | \$ 104,500<br>(ex GST) |
| Other income                                                                                                                  | \$ 10,000              |
| Total income                                                                                                                  | \$ 114,500             |
| Expenditure (Specify accounts and attach copies of ledger entries, invoices, photos, Waste Management Strategy if applicable) |                        |
| An 'administration fee' is not to be apportioned to the grant for acquittal purposes.                                         |                        |
| Total Expenditure                                                                                                             | \$ 114,500             |
| Surplus/(Deficit)                                                                                                             | \$ 0                   |

IS THE PROJECT COMPLETE: ☒ Yes ☐ No

We certify, in accordance with the conditions under which this grant was accepted, that the expenditure shown in this acquittal has been actually incurred and reports required to be submitted are in accordance with the stated purpose of this grant.

Acquittal prepared by: N. Chapman

11/08/2026

Laid before the Council at a meeting held on 15/08/2026 Copy of minutes attached.

CEO or CFO:

*N Chapman*

15/08/2026

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Grant amount correct:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Expenditure conforms to purpose:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Waste Management Strategy - copy supplied:

☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No

Goods/Services - Bought from Territory Enterprise:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Minutes checked:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Balance of funds to be acquitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Date next acquittal due: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

ACQUITTAL ACCEPTED:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Acquittal checked by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Manager Grants Management

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## 15.9 PARTIAL ACQUITTAL OF WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRANT 2025-26

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                    |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <a href="#">Acquittal WaRM 2025-26</a>          |

### PURPOSE

An acquittal of the Waste and Resource Management Grant (WaRM Grant) 2025-26 funds expended by 30 June 2026 is required to be laid before Council prior to being submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development in accordance with the reporting requirements outlined in the Grant Agreement.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Partial Acquittal of Waste and Resource Management Grant 2025-26; and
- b) forwards the acquittal report for the Waste and Resource Management Grant 2025-26 to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development before the reporting due date of 31st August 2026.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

#### **RESOLUTION 2025/12/16/010**

*That Council;*

*a) receives and notes the report entitled WaRM Grant 2025-2026 (Phase 6) Project Proposal; and*

*b) nominates the project listed below:*

*- Commence rehabilitation of the rear section of the Adelaide River Waste Management Facility; and*

*c) requests the Chief Executive Officer correspond with the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet confirming Council's acceptance of the WaRM 2025-26 grant funding and its nominated project.*

**Moved:** *Clr. Beswick*

**Seconded:** *Clr. Strettles*

**Carried**

### COMMENT

The WaRM Grant 2025-26 (Phase 6) was offered to Council in October 2025 and accepted with Council's project nomination in December 2025. The grant agreement requires full expenditure of the grant by 30 June 2027. A progress acquittal is required for expenditure to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026, with the acquittal due for submission by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026.

The funds were received in December 2025. Council has not yet commenced the engagement of a consultant to formulate the long-term rehabilitation plan for the previous landfill site. The project is scheduled to commence in the last quarter of 2026.

#### **CONSULTATION**

Council and Community Services Manager

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

NTG Grant Agreement

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council received \$104,500 through the WaRM 2024-25 grant for the commencement of the rehabilitation of the rear section of the Adelaide River Waste Facility. Council has not allocated a co-contribution. The total project budget is \$104,500.

Full funds are remaining for expenditure in the 2026/27 FY.

**15.9 ATTACHMENT: ACQUITTAL OF WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRANT 2025-26**

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FUNDING ACQUITTAL

### Waste and Resource Management Program

The purpose of the Waste and Resource Management Program (WaRM) is to provide regional and shire councils a one-off grant to assist with addressing issues specific to waste and resource management.

This grant must be fully expended within 2 years of receiving funds.

**Coomalie Community Government Council**

**2025-26**

Annual Allocation

**\$ 104 500 (ex GST)**

Funding Expiry

**30 June 2027**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                               |                   |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>Purpose of Grant</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Commence rehabilitation of the rear section of the Adelaide River Waste Management Facility                   |                   |              |
| Is the project complete? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                               |                   |              |
| <b>Acquittal Information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                               |                   |              |
| Income and Expenditure for the period 30 June 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                               |                   | WaRM2600004  |
| WaRM Grant Income                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$104,500                                                                                                     | Total Expenditure | \$0          |
| Other Income                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$0                                                                                                           |                   |              |
| Total Income                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$104,500                                                                                                     | Surplus/(Deficit) | \$104,500    |
| <b>Certification</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                               |                   |              |
| <p><b>Answering 'No' to any question requires a written explanation with this acquittal</b></p> <p>We certify, in accordance with all the conditions under which this grant was accepted, that the expenditure shown in this Waste and Resource Management acquittal has been actually incurred and expenditure reports submitted are in accordance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the Local Government Act 2019; <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></li> <li>– the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021; <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></li> <li>– the Northern Territory Buy Local Plan; <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></li> <li>– all previous funding relevant to this Department has been acquitted; <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></li> <li>– an administration fee is not apportioned to the grant; and <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></li> <li>– the Waste and Resource Management Program Guidelines. <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></li> </ul> |                                                                                                               |                   |              |
| Acquittal prepared by                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Natasha Chapman</b><br> |                   | 12/08/2026   |
| Laid before Council at a meeting (held/ to be held on)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 15/08/2026                                                                                                    |                   |              |
| Copy of minutes attached <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> TBA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                               |                   |              |
| Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <print name and signature>                                                                                    |                   | <dd/mm/yyyy> |



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FUNDING ACQUITTAL

### Further information

Acquit all, partial or nil expenditure of the WaRM Grant as at 30 June each year. Submit completed annual acquittal form and supporting invoices and expenditure report to GrantsNT: <http://grantsnt.gov.au>.

The Waste and Resource Management Program Guidelines can be found at:  
<https://dhlgcd.nt.gov.au/funding-and-support/waste-and-resource-management-program>

Contact Local Government Grants at [lg.grant@nt.gov.au](mailto:lg.grant@nt.gov.au) or by calling 08 8999 8576.

#### DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

|                                                                                   |                                                                                                        |                     |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Grant amount correct and expenditure conforms to purpose <input type="checkbox"/> | Expenditure detailed and supporting invoices and other documentation received <input type="checkbox"/> |                     |  |
| Minutes have been checked? <input type="checkbox"/>                               |                                                                                                        |                     |  |
| Balance of funds to be acquitted                                                  | \$                                                                                                     | Next acquittal date |  |
| Acquittal accepted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      |                                                                                                        |                     |  |
| Comments:                                                                         |                                                                                                        |                     |  |
| Assessment by:                                                                    | <print name and signature>                                                                             | <dd/mm/yyyy>        |  |
| Endorsement by:                                                                   | <print name and signature>                                                                             | <dd/mm/yyyy>        |  |

#### 15.10 ACQUITTAL: REGIONAL AND REMOTE BURIAL AREAS GRANT 2024/25

|                    |                                                                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                                                    |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer                                 |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <a href="#">Acquittal Form – Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant 2024/25</a> |

#### PURPOSE

An acquittal of the Regional and Remote Burial Areas (RRBA) Grant 2024/25 funds expended by 30 June 2026 is required to be laid before Council prior to being submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development (DHLGCD) in accordance with the reporting requirements outlined in the Grant Agreement.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Acquittal: Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant 2024/25; and

b) approves the acquittal for the Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant 2024/25 to be submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

##### **RESOLUTION 2026/02/17/008**

*That Council;*

*a) receives and notes the report entitled Progress Report: Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant 2024/25; and*

*b) approves the progress report for the Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant 2024/25 to be submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development before the reporting due date of 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026.*

**Moved:** DP Whatley

**Seconded:** Clr. Morrison

**Carried**

##### **RESOLUTION 2025/02/18/011**

*That Council:*

*a) receives and notes the report titled Remote Regional Burial Areas Grant; and*

*b) approves the application proposal for the Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant as amended to include the additional fencing at the Coomalie Bush Cemetery.*

**Moved:** Official Manager

**Seconded:** Official Manager

**Carried**

## **COMMENT**

The RRBA Grant 2024/25 was offered to Council in June 2025 and accepted. The grant agreement requires council to fully expend the grant by 30 June 2027. Six monthly progress reports are required to be laid before a council meeting before submitting to the DHLGCD. The final acquittal of funds is due no later than 31 July 2027.

The grant funds are for the installation of fences at both the Coomalie Bush Cemetery (unfenced portion of the parcel of land) and the Rum Jungle Lake burial site. Additional works will include installation of fire breaks around the fenced sites.

At 30 June 2026, the works have been completed with the fencing installed at both the Coomalie Bush Cemetery and the Rum Jungle Lake burial area. As the project is complete, this is the final acquittal for the grant project.

## **CONSULTATION**

Council and Community Services Manager

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

NTG Grant Agreement

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council received \$15,000 through the RRBA grant 2024/25 for the installation of fencing at the Coomalie Bush Cemetery and Rum Jungle Lake burial site. At the time of grant application submission, Council committed a co-contribution of \$5,000 through the operational budget to undertake the fire break works. The total project budget is \$20,000.

At 30 June 2026, total expenditure of the grant was \$17,050.

**15.10 ATTACHMENT: ACQUITTAL OF REGIONAL AND REMOTE BURIAL AREAS GRANT  
2024-25**

**Acquittal of Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant Funding 2024-25:  
Coomalie Community Government Council**

File number: 2024/1531-12

Purpose of grant: Upgrade Coomalie Bush Cemetery and Rum Jungle Lake Reserve Burial Ground

Grant application number: RRBA2400001

Purchases were in accordance with the Northern Territory [Buy Local Plan](#):

☒ Yes ☐ No

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACQUITTAL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2026 [click or tap to enter a date](#).

|                                                                                                        |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Regional and remote burial areas grant                                                                 | \$15,000 |
| Other income                                                                                           | \$5,000  |
| Total income                                                                                           | \$20,000 |
| Total expenditure (please attach copies of evidence of all expenditure associated with the RRBA grant) | \$17,050 |
| Surplus/Deficit                                                                                        | \$2,950  |

The project been completed as approved by the Minister: ☒ Yes ☐ No (If no, please attach a separate document explaining why)  
We certify, in accordance with all the conditions under which this grant was accepted, that the expenditure shown in this acquittal has been actually incurred and reports required to be submitted are in accordance with the stated purpose of this grant.

Acquittal prepared by: N. CHAPMAN

11/8/2026

\* Laid before the Council at a meeting held on 15/08/2026

\* Copy of minutes attached ☒ Yes ☐ No

CEO or CFO:

*N Chapman*

15/08/2026

**DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY**

File number: 2024/1531-12

Grant amount correct: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Expenditure conforms to approved purpose: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Procurement - bought from Northern Territory enterprise: ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Minutes checked: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Balance of funds to be acquitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Date next acquittal due: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**ACQUITTAL ACCEPTED:**

Acquittal checked by: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

MANAGER GRANTS PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

\* For local government councils, all acquittals must be laid before a council meeting for formal [ratification](#) and a copy of the minutes must be provided with the acquittal.

## 15.11 ANNUAL REPORT ON RATES ACTIONS 2025/2026

|                    |                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                    |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | Nil                                             |

### PURPOSE

To provide the Council with an update on the rates recovery actions undertaken in the last 12 months.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the report entitled Annual Report on Outstanding Rates 2025/2026.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

This report regards the Rates Recovery compliance requirement for the 2025-2026 financial year as required under Section 20 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, which states:

**20 *Report in relation to rates in arrears***

*The CEO must, at least once in a financial year, give the council a report setting out:*

- (a) the number of allotments with rates in arrears for more than 2 years and the total amount of those rates in arrears; and*
- (b) the number of conditionally rateable allotments with rates in arrears for more than 2 years and the total amount of those rates in arrears; and*
- (c) the actions taken to recover the rates in arrears.*

### COMMENT

Council regularly registers Overriding Statutory Charges on properties that have rates in arrears that are more than six (6) months overdue in accordance with Section 255 of the *Local Government Act 2019*. When a ratepayer meets the outstanding rates debt in full, Council discharges the Statutory Charge from the property in accordance with Section 256 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

The table below outlines the number of rateable and conditionally rateable properties that have rates in arrears for more than 2 years as required by the Regulations.

| Rateable Class                                                  | Number of Properties | Total amount of Rates in Arrears |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Rateable                                                        | 58                   | \$431,291.70                     |
| Conditionally Rateable (ie mining tenements or pastoral leases) | 0                    | \$0.00                           |

Of the 58 properties with rates in arrears for more than 2 years, 32 of the properties have had Overriding Statutory Charges registered.

Until the adoption of Policy 2.13 Debt Recovery in June 2026, Council's rates arrears recovery processes have been limited to sending reminder letters, overdue notices and registering OSCs on properties. However, historically, Council has been lenient if a ratepayer is forthcoming after receiving the notice of intention to register the OSC and has not applied the OSC if the ratepayer enters a Payment Plan and honours it.

A full review of current Payment Plans and outstanding balances is being undertaken to ensure all necessary charges are in place in accordance with the newly adopted policy.

Debt recovery processes that will commence in 2026/27 will follow the new policy for issuing notices and progressing through increasing levels of recovery methods.

## **CONSULTATION**

Acting CEO

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

*Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

Sections 254 – 261 of the *Local Government Act 2019*

*Council Policy 1.11 Rating Policy*

*Council Policy 2.13 Debt Recovery Policy*

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council's outstanding rates that are older than 2 years old is \$431,291. This is revenue that has been recognised in prior years but cannot be recognised as cash for Council's use until received.

## **16. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION.**

### **16.1 INCOMING AND OUTGOING MAIL.**

|                    |                                                              |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>       | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                                 |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer.             |
| <b>Attachment:</b> | <a href="#">Incoming and outgoing correspondence tables.</a> |

#### **PURPOSE**

Council is provided with items of correspondence both received and sent during the months of June 2026 to August 2026.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the items of incoming and outgoing correspondence as tabled for June 2026 to August 2026 period.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### **BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

Documents are available to be shown on the big screen on the day of each Ordinary Council meeting if requested, with additional copies available on request to individual Elected Members.

#### **COMMENT**

The correspondence tables, inwards and outwards will be included in the agenda as part of the correspondence and information item.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Regulation 54 *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

## 16.1 ATTACHMENT: INCOMING and OUTGOING MAIL

### INCOMING MAIL

| Date       | MI       | SENDER | From                                  | Subject                                                                     |
|------------|----------|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4/08/2026  | 2026-260 | ACEO   | LGANT                                 | Letter                                                                      |
| 4/08/2026  | 2026-261 | ACEO   | Rate Payer                            | Request for Use of Community Bus – Seniors Afternoon at Lake Bennett Resort |
| 4/08/2026  | 2026-262 | ACEO   | Department of Tourism and Hospitality | Coomalie endorsement of name - Silkwood Recreation Area                     |
| 30/07/2026 | 2026-259 | Mail   | LGANT                                 | LGANT Newsletter - July 2026                                                |
| 29/07/2026 | 2026-256 | Mail   | Tourism Development Coordinator       | Silkwood Recreation Area – Endorsement Timeline for Place Names Committee   |
| 29/07/2026 | 2026-257 | PCC    | Tourism Development Coordinator       | Silkwood Recreation Area – Endorsement Timeline for Place Names Committee   |
| 28/07/2026 | 2026-255 | ACEO   | Rate Payer                            | letter to CCGC A different approach to NT-Housing problems in Batchelor     |
| 28/07/2026 | 2026-258 | Mail   | Rate Payer                            | Suggestion                                                                  |
| 27/07/2026 | 2026-252 | ACEO   | Parliament House                      | Invitation to make a submission – Liquor Amendment Bill 2026                |
| 27/07/2026 | 2026-253 | ACEO   | ADCNT                                 | Register now: Australia Day Regional Conference - Darwin 2026               |
| 27/07/2026 | 2026-254 | ACEO   | Northern Territory Government         | PA2026/0205 Infill development and subdivision' - New Application Submitted |
| 23/07/2026 | 2026-248 | ACEO   | Rimfire Energy                        | Rimfire Update - NT Electricity Market Reforms                              |
| 23/07/2026 | 2026-251 | ACEO   | LGANT                                 | Local Government Representation Review - early advice                       |
| 23/07/2026 | 2026-263 | ACEO   | Parliament House, Darwin              | Letter from the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory                    |
| 22/07/2026 | 2026-250 | ACEO   | Rimfire Energy                        | Rimfire Update - NT Electricity Market Reforms                              |
| 21/07/2026 | 2026-249 | ACEO   | NT Fisheries                          | Fish Stocking Rum Jungle                                                    |
| 16/07/2026 | 2026-245 | ACEO   | LGANT                                 | Notice of LGANT Annual General Meeting and call for motions                 |
| 16/07/2026 | 2026-246 | ACEO   | LGANT                                 | LGANT Waste Management Needs Assessment - Draft for Review                  |
| 16/07/2026 | 2026-247 | ACEO   | Rate Payer                            | The NAIDOC Barbeque at Batchelor Oval 11th July 2026                        |
| 14/07/2026 | 2026-243 | ACEO   | LGANT                                 | Correspondence - 1 July 2026 LGANT Board meeting communique                 |
| 14/07/2026 | 2026-244 | ACEO   | LGANT                                 | Council Handbook - Council Operations Code of Conduct Framework             |
| 13/07/2026 | 2026-242 | ACEO   | LGANT                                 | Review: Guideline 3 - Borrowings                                            |



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| 10/07/2026 | 2026-249 | ACEO      | NT Fisheries          | Fish Stocking Rum Jungle                                                                                                        |
| 8/07/2026  | 2026-240 | ACEO      | LGANT                 | Mr Jamie Chaffey MP - Coming to Darwin                                                                                          |
| 8/07/2026  | 2026-241 | ESC       | Jacana Energy         | New local government electricity tariff effective 1 July 2026                                                                   |
| 7/07/2026  | 2026-239 | ACEO      | Rate Payer            | Letter to CCGC Plan                                                                                                             |
| 6/07/2026  | 2026-236 | ESC       | LGANT                 | Rates Network                                                                                                                   |
| 6/07/2026  | 2026-237 | ACEO      | Rate Payer            | Request for Equitable Curbside waste collection 240 Ltr general waste bin collection at Lake Bennett Properties                 |
| 6/07/2026  | 2026-238 | PCC       | Rate Payer            | Public Question Request for Equitable Curbside waste collection 240 Ltr general waste bin collection at Lake Bennett Properties |
| 3/07/2026  | 2026-235 | ACEO      | Department of Housing | CCGC - IPG 2023-24 - Second Variation Letter                                                                                    |
| 2/07/2026  | 2026-232 | Mail      | Rate Payer            | Repeated Unanswered Requests for Meeting – Matters of Significant Community Importance                                          |
| 2/07/2026  | 2026-233 | Mail      | Rate Payer            | Request for 240 Ltr general waste bin collection at Lake Bennett Properties                                                     |
| 2/07/2026  | 2026-234 | ACEO      | Minister              | Letter from Minister Boothby                                                                                                    |
| 2/07/2026  | 2026-235 | ACEO      | Department of Housing | Second Variation Letter                                                                                                         |
| 1/07/2026  | 2026-231 | PCC       | Rate Payer            | Lake Bennett Community Disaster Resilience Shelter grant Application                                                            |
| 30/06/2026 | 2026-228 | Mail      | LGRANT                | LGANT Newsletter - June 2026                                                                                                    |
| 30/06/2026 | 2026-229 | ACEO      | Rate Payer            | Rum Jungle Lake – Recreational Fishing and Public Safety Concerns Following the 2025–2026 Wet Season                            |
| 30/06/2026 | 2026-230 | ACEO      | Rate Payer            | Overpayment of Rates on a NON RATEABLE Property Section 1254                                                                    |
| 29/06/2026 | 2026-225 | Mail      | Rate Payer            | Lake Bennett Community Disaster Resilience Shelter grant Application                                                            |
| 29/06/2026 | 2026-226 | ACEO      | LGANT                 | DRFA - new framework                                                                                                            |
| 29/06/2026 | 2026-227 | ACEO      | LGANT                 | Register now – LGANT Circular Economy Symposium                                                                                 |
| 28/06/2026 | 2026-224 | Mail      | Rate Payer            | Feedback                                                                                                                        |
| 26/06/2026 | 2026-222 | Mail      | Rate Payer            | General Feed Back Form                                                                                                          |
| 26/06/2026 | 2026-223 | Mail      | Rate Payer            | General Feedback                                                                                                                |
| 26/06/2026 | 2026-227 | ACEO      | LGANT                 | Register now – LGANT Circular Economy Symposium                                                                                 |
| 25/06/2026 | 2026-217 | PCC       | Rate Payer            | Feedback                                                                                                                        |
| 25/06/2026 | 2026-218 | ESC       | Rate Payer            | Grant Application Approval                                                                                                      |
| 25/06/2026 | 2026-219 | Mail      | NT health             | Horses around town and safety                                                                                                   |
| 25/06/2026 | 2026-220 | ESC       | EAAA                  | Strengthening local responses to elder abuse: an opportunity for your council                                                   |
| 25/06/2026 | 2026-221 | President | Parliament House      | Letter from Minister Yan                                                                                                        |
| 23/06/2026 | 2026-213 | Mail      | Rate Payer            | Feedback on Community Communication facebook post on 23rd June                                                                  |

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| 23/06/2026 | 2026-214 | Facebook  | Rate Payer            | Message                                                                                                                                                  |
| 23/06/2026 | 2026-216 | ACEO      | LGANT                 | Action request: Review - Consultation Draft Forms - Code of Conduct Framework                                                                            |
| 22/06/2026 | 2026-215 | ACEO      | LGANT                 | Action request: Second Review - Consultation Draft Ministerial Guideline – Code of Conduct Framework                                                     |
| 21/06/2026 | 2026-206 | President | LGANT                 | RE: NTGC - Review of Funding Methodology                                                                                                                 |
| 20/06/2026 | 2026-210 | Mail      | Rate Payer            | Lake Bennett Local Area Plan                                                                                                                             |
| 20/06/2026 | 2026-211 | Mail      | Rate Payer            | Cover letter for Lake Bennett Local Plan                                                                                                                 |
| 18/06/2026 | 2026-209 | Mail      | Rate Payer            | Feedback on plan to remove Batchelor town brumbies                                                                                                       |
| 16/06/2026 | 2026-208 | ACEO      | Batchelor Institute   | Meeting Request - CEO BIITE & CEO Coomalie Community Government Council                                                                                  |
| 16/06/2026 | 2026-212 | ACEO      | Department of Housing | Letter from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development - Additional Northern Territory Operational Subsidy payment in 2025-26 |
| 15/06/2026 | 2026-207 | Mail      | Rate Payer            | Rum Jungle Lake – Recreational Fishing and Public Safety Concerns Following the 2025–2026 Wet Season                                                     |

#### OUTGOING MAIL

| Date       | MO       | SENDER | Recipient                       | Subject                                                                                                                               |
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| 4/08/2026  | 2026-075 | ACEO   | Rate Payer                      | Suggestion                                                                                                                            |
| 30/07/2026 | 2026-076 | PCC    | Tourism Development Coordinator | Silkwood Recreation Area – Endorsement Timeline for Place Names Committee                                                             |
| 29/07/2026 | 2026-074 | PCC    | Tourism Development Coordinator | Silkwood Recreation Area – Endorsement Timeline for Place Names Committee                                                             |
| 23/07/2026 | 2026-072 | PCC    | Rosella Festival                | Rosella Festival 24th July 2026                                                                                                       |
| 17/07/2026 | 2026-073 | CCSM   | Ms Lake                         | Correspondence re Batchelor Evacuation Infrastructure Removal                                                                         |
| 9/07/2026  | 2026-070 | PCC    | RS Gardening                    | Extension letter signed                                                                                                               |
| 9/07/2026  | 2026-071 | PCC    | Rate Payer                      | BATCHELOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2005 \$50,000 GRANT FROM NT GOV letter to council future of Batchelor horses' management plan info |
| 8/07/2026  | 2026-068 | CCSM   | Brigge Toyota                   | Bridge Toyota Palmerston - Workmate 4X4 Hilux Cab Chassis                                                                             |
| 8/07/2026  | 2026-069 | Mail   | Rate Payer                      | Repeated Unanswered Requests for Meeting – Matters of Significant Community Importance                                                |
| 3/07/2026  | 2026-065 | ACEO   | RS Gardening Care               | Meeting today 30.06.26 RFT 2026-001                                                                                                   |

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| 3/07/2026  | 2026-067 | PCC    | Rate payer         | Request for Equitable Curbside waste collection 240 Ltr general waste bin collection at Lake Bennett Properties |
| 2/07/2026  | 2026-064 | Mail   | Rate Payer         | Requests for Meeting                                                                                            |
| 2/07/2026  | 2026-062 | PCC    | Rate Payer         | Requests for Meeting                                                                                            |
| 2/07/2026  | 2026-063 | CCSM   | VTG                | RFT2025-001 correspondence                                                                                      |
| 2/07/2026  | 2026-066 | PCC    | Rate Payer         | Request for 240 Ltr general waste bin collection at Lake Bennett Properties                                     |
| 1/07/2026  | 2026-061 | PCC    | Rate Payer         | Lake Bennett Community Disaster Resilience Shelter grant Application                                            |
| 30/06/2026 | 2026-055 | CCSM   | Oolloo Investments | RFT36 extension offer                                                                                           |
| 30/06/2026 | 2026-056 | CCSM   | Oolloo Investments | RFT36 contract extension letter                                                                                 |
| 30/06/2026 | 2026-058 | CCSM   | Oolloo Investments | RFT36 contract extension letter                                                                                 |
| 30/06/2026 | 2026-059 | ACEO   | Rate payer         | Rum Jungle Lake – Recreational Fishing and Public Safety Concerns Following the 2025–2026 Wet Season            |
| 30/06/2026 | 2026-060 | ACEO   | Minister Yan       | Coomalie Council - Electricity Reforms                                                                          |
| 26/06/2026 | 2026-051 | ESC    | Save A Paw         | Coomalie Council Donation                                                                                       |
| 26/06/2026 | 2026-052 | CCSM   | RS Gardening       | RFT2026-001 correspondence                                                                                      |
| 26/06/2026 | 2026-053 | CCSM   | VTG                | RFT2025-001 correspondence                                                                                      |
| 26/06/2026 | 2026-054 | ACEO   | Rate Payer         | Feedback                                                                                                        |
| 25/06/2026 | 2026-049 | PCC    | Rate Payer         | Horse management                                                                                                |
| 25/06/2026 | 2026-050 | ESC    | Rate payer         | Grant Application Approval                                                                                      |
| 23/06/2026 | 2026-045 | ACEO   | Rate Payer         | Request for Help Slashing Adelaide River Heritage Precinct .                                                    |
| 23/06/2026 | 2026-046 | ACEO   | Chief minister     | Coomalie Council - Batchelor Evacuation Accommodation                                                           |
| 23/06/2026 | 2026-047 | PCC    | Rate Payer         | Cover letter for Lake Bennett Local Plan                                                                        |
| 23/06/2026 | 2026-048 | PCC    | Rate Payer         | Feedback                                                                                                        |
| 22/06/2026 | 2026-043 | Ranger | Save A Paw NT      | Coomalie Council donation.                                                                                      |
| 22/06/2026 | 2026-044 | PCC    | Rate Payer         | Usage of the bowls club area and bowling club equipment                                                         |
| 15/06/2026 | 2026-042 | ACEO   | Rate Payer         | Horses on oval                                                                                                  |

**17. COUNCILLOR REPORTS.**

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**18. USE OF THE COMMON SEAL.**

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**19. LATE ITEMS AND URGENT BUSINESS.**

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| <b>19.1</b> | <b>DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PA2026/0265 SECTION 00096 HUNDRED OF WATERHOUSE</b> |
| <b>19.2</b> | <b>ACQUITTAL – COMMUNITY PLACES FOR PEOPLE GRANT 2023-24</b>                   |
| <b>19.3</b> | <b>ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND GRANT PROJECT</b>                     |

**20. GENERAL BUSINESS.**

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**21. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Procedural Note:**

The meeting was closed to the public at:

The confidential meeting opened at:

### **21.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51(1) For section 293(1) of the Act, the following information is prescribed as confidential:

(c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

(iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

### **21.2 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL ACTIONS FOR THE AUGUST 2026 OGM**

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51(1)(e) 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.

### **21.3 REGISTRATION OF OVERRIDING STATUTORY CHARGES ON PROPERTIES WITH OVERDUE RATES BALANCES**

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51(1)(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

### **21.4 REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF RATEABILITY – SECTION 1254 HUNDRED OF HOWARD**

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51(1)(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

### **21.5 AWARDING OF TENDER RFT2026-002 – GRADING AND ROAD MAINTENANCE**

**CONFIDENTIAL:** 51 (1) (c) (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person

### **21.6 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT PROGRESS REPORT**

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51(1)(f) subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

### **21.7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S EMPLOYMENT UPDATE**

**CONFIDENTIAL:** Regulations 51(a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; and (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity

## **22. CONFIDENTIAL GENERAL BUSINESS**



## **23. CONFIDENTIAL LATE ITEMS**

**23.1 CHINNER ROAD RESERVE ALIGNMENT**

**23.2 REQUEST FOR VARIATION OF RFT2026-001 – MOWING AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**

**23.3 POOL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT**

## **24. DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL SECTION OF THE COUNCIL.**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council move the following items into Open:

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## **25. RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### **Procedural Note:**

The meeting was reopened to the public at

## **6. NEXT MEETING.**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at 10:00am.**

## **27. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The meeting closed at