

PUBLIC AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 21st May 2024

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

Date: 21st May 2024

Time: 3.00 pm

Location: Council Chambers

22 Cameron Road, Batchelor NT 0845

Any member of Council 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 wearing a mask, appropriate physical distancing, and health, and hygiene requirements.

The meeting will be recorded for minuting purposes only.

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PUBLIC AGENDA

ORDINARY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON 21ST MAY 2024

The President of the Shire, Clr Beswick, will declare the meeting open at 3:00 pm and welcome all in attendance.

1. PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor President Sharon Beswick

Councillor Colin Freeman

Councillor Angus McClymont

Councillor Stephen Noble

Councillor Richard Luxton

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer Sharon Hillen

Corporate Services Manager Natasha Chapman

Council Community Services Manager Emma Dunne

Executive Services Coordinator Stacey Shooter

VISITORS PRESENT

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

This report is to table for Council's record any apologies and requests for leave of absence received from Elected Members for the Ordinary General Meeting held on 21st May 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the apologies of....... absence for the Ordinary General Meeting held 21st May 2024.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

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

1.12 Meetings of Council

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, 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 Clr. attendance to the meeting of 21st May 2024 via electronic means.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

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

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

Members 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 must abide by the decision of Council on whether he/ she shall remain in the meeting and/ or take part in the vote on the issue. The Council may elect to allow the 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 21st May 2024.

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Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Sections 114 and 119 Local Government Act 2019

Conflict of Interest - Code of Conduct

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

5. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Unconfirmed Minutes 16th April 2024

PURPOSE

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 16th April 2024 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 16th April 2024 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 101 Local Government Act 2019

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL MAY MEETING

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Unconfirmed Minutes 7th May 2024

PURPOSE

Minutes of the Confidential Special Meeting held on 7th May 2024 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Confidential Special Meeting held on 7th May 2024 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 101 Local Government Act 2019

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Beswick, President

Attachment: NIL

PURPOSE

To update Council on the activities of the President since the last Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) for the months of April and May 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the President's Report for the period of April and May 2024

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

COMMENT:

I attended the following meetings:

Date	Meeting/Attendees	Purpose
16/04/2024	CCGC OGM	Agenda – Quorum; LGU present
18-19/04/2024	LGANT Conference	Conference and General Meeting with Clr.
		Noble
25/04/202	RMAC	Observer
23/04/2024	NTEC	Meeting
	ANZAC Day Dawn Service	Escorted the NT Administrator
30/04/2024	Casual Clr. Vacancy Info Session	President & Clr. Noble - observers
4/05/2024	CCGC Shire Plan 24/25 Community	Lake Bennett with Clr. Noble
	Consultation	
8/05/2024	Aus Industry Business Expo	President and 3 Clr. present
14/05/2024	Adelaide River Service Road Project	Preliminary Site visit with Town Plan from
		Byrne Consulting
Meetings and Events	Booked	
15/05/2024	Coomalie Stakeholder Meeting	Fire Season Preparation
17/05/2024	LGANT	CEO recruitment panel

CONSULTATION

- Chief Executive Officer
- LGANT

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2019 and Regulations

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Vet Day Flier

Feral Pig Community Benefit Grant Project - Report

PURPOSE

To brief Council on the monthly activities of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and key operational information from the April to May 2024 period.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer Report for the April to May 2024 period.

Moved: Clr. Seconded: Clr.

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

Week commencing 15th April 2024

Meetings	Internal – Senior Leadership Team Meeting
	April OGM
	LGANT Conference - CEO Forum
	LGANT Conference
	LGU Investigation – Interview with Regulator
Other	N/A

Week commencing 22nd April 2024

	 Risk Management and Audit Committee ANZAC DAY – Dawn Service
	 Darwin River Water Supply Infrastructure CRG – Emma Dunne attended as CEO Delegate
	Development Assessment Forum Deputin River Wester Supply Infrastructure CRC - Emma Ryana ettended as
	2024
Wiccings	NT Electoral Commission NT Legislative Assembly Preparation for Election
Meetings	Internal – Senior Leadership Team Meeting

Week commencing 29th April 2024

Meetings	Internal – Senior Leadership Team Meeting and Executive Leadership Team
	NTG Top End Regional Coordination Committee
	Casual Councillor Vacancy Information Session with LGU
	Executive Leadership Team
	• JLT
	CCGC Shire Plan 24/25 Community Consultation at Adelaide River and Lake
	Bennett
Other	• N/A

Week commencing 6th May 2024

Meetings	May Day Public Holiday
	Internal – Senior Leadership Team Meeting and Executive Leadership Team
	Development Assessment Forum
	CCGC Special Meeting
	Aus Industry Expo – CCGC Presentation
	Coomalie Rural Ward – Unmaintained Roads – Meeting with ratepayers
	CCGC Shire Plan 24/25 Community Consultation at Batchelor Markets
Other	• NA

Week commencing 13th May 2024

Meetings	Internal – Senior Leadership Team Meeting and Executive Leadership Team
	Adelaide River Service Road Preliminary On-Site Visit with Council and Byrne
	Constants
	 Stakeholder Meeting – Fire Preparation Fire Season 2024
	Rate Payer – Financial Hardship
	NTCAT Directions Hearing
Other	NA

Week Commencing 20th May 2024

Meetings • Internal – Senior Leadership Team Meeting and Executive Leaders					
	Development Assessment Forum				
	CCGC May OGM				
Other	CEO ANNUAL LEAVE				
	- 1 DAY 22 nd May 20023				
	- 10 Days 1 st - 15 th of July				

MATTERS PROGRESSING

1. Staffing

- Manager Council and Community Services finalised with Emma Dunne accepting the Employment Contract offered.

2. Rum Jungle Borrow Pit Community Consultation with ATRIA Group Update

- Communications Plan and schedule for Community Engagement completed.
- Media Release in Stop Press and distributed to other media networks.
- Link on CCGC Website and Social Media

3. Adelaide River Service Road Project - Byrne Consulting

- Preliminary Scope and Scheduling meeting held with CEO and Byrne Consulting
- Preliminary On-Site Meeting with Byrne Consulting Planner and Elected Members held on Tuesday 14th May 2024

4. Feral Pig Community Benefit Grant Project

- Final Stakeholder Meeting proposed TBC.
- Wild Science Report Attached

5. Crater Lake Temporary Road Closure

- Proposed temporary closure to be confirmed.

6. Roads

Program	Project	Progress report	Contractor
LRCIP	Miles and Perreau road drainage and road improvements	Early Stages – finalising scope to fit funding	AMROCK
RTR	Corner Memorial Terrace and Swannel Street	Initial investigation done, further investigation and repair required	Oolloo Investments
	Coach Road Adelaide River Restoration of two concurrent floodways	Early stages	Oolloo Investments
	Crater Lake Road Excavation of cause, repair damage, stabilise and reseal	Initial investigation done, further works to occur	Oolloo Investments
	Chinner Road reseal section of damaged road	In progress	Oolloo Investments
	Miles Road - Line marking	Quotes to be obtained/actioned	ТВА
	Coach Road - Line marking	Quotes to be obtained/actioned	ТВА
	Resheet Cadogan Road, Echidna Road	Quotes being obtained	ТВА
	Edgeworks Cameron Road	Quotes being obtained	TBA
	Maintenance Grading	Ongoing	Oolloo Investments
	Slashing	Final slashing of roads occurring	R S Gardening
	Fire breaks	Started, some areas to wet too access	Oolloo Investments
	Pothole repairs	Final pot holing occurring	Oolloo/Coomali e Council

7. Road Safety

Two requests from residents and stakeholders:

- Kirra and Flynn Cres introduce speed bumps to reduce speed.
- School Safety Zone install speed bumps, new signage and paint crossing to reduce speeding School Safety Zone to address near misses.

8. Rum Jungle Bowls Club

Working with Bowls NT to reactivate this space and waiting on a user agreement;
 committee governance; public liability; and service level agreement.

9. Feral Horses

Working with DIPL to discuss resident's request to install Caution Horses Signs on main arterial roads.

10. Gamba Grass Action

- The department has ceased the issue of FREE Glyphosate
- Aerial Spraying of Batchelor Waste Management Facility conducted; Crown Land Contractor undertook fuel reduction burns around the site.

CONSULTATION

- President and Councillors.
- Dept of Chief Minister and Cabinet
- Local Government Unit
- CEO Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- Local Government Act 2019 and Regulations
- Council Policies
- Coomalie Shire Plan 23/24

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

NIL

9. MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

9.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Natasha Chapman, Corporate Services Manager

Attachment: Nil

PURPOSE

To provide a summary of the financial position of Council for the period ending 30th April 2024. 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.

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 April 2024.

Moved: Clr. Seconded: Clr.

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

The second budget review was completed at the April 2024 OGM, and the amended budget has been implemented since. This financial report reflects the amended budget figures.

Operating Income and Expenditure

- Council's operating income is less than YTD budget due mostly to commercial waste fees not being commenced earlier in the year and expected contributions to project not yet received.
- Operating expenditure is less than YTD budget with the main variances resulting from:

- Employee costs have been 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 2023, even if it isn't spent immediately.
- Employee wages and salaries are underspent due to extended periods of position vacancies throughout the financial year.
- Depreciation has not been expensed for the July 2023 April 2024 period as the updating of council's asset register to match the completed revaluation of assets is in the process of being completed. It is anticipated that the accounting asset register will be updated completely by the end of May 2024.

Capital Works

- Waste and Resource Management 2022/23 (Phase 3) is on final stages of project completion, with only a few more items to procure and install at the two waste facilities to improve safety and directional information to users.
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 project works were awarded at the Special Meeting of Council held on 7th May 2024. The contractor has been engaged and will commence works immediately to be completed by 30 June 2024.
- Roads to Recovery projects have been approved on the work schedule and are being actioned as weather and road conditions permit.

Investments

- At 30 April 2024, Council held \$2.95 Million in term deposits.
- At 30 April 2024, Council's cash at bank contained \$1.06 Million of tied funding for projects.

Grants

Council received the following grant payments in April 2024:

- NT Operational Subsidy 2023-24 Correction of 2nd Payment \$29,000.
- Black Spot Program 2022/23 (paid on completion of acquittal process) \$38,176.

Rates

- 2023/24 Rates and Charges were levied in August 2023.
- At 30 April 2024, any ratepayer with an outstanding balance is in arrears. Approximately 11.5% of the 2023/24 rates and charges remains outstanding.
- At 30 April 2024, Council's overdue rates from 2023/24 and older are worth \$461k.
- At 30 April 2024, there are 96 properties that have a rates credit due to direct debit/payment plans being in place. The total of these applied credits is \$57k.

Tax

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

- \$213k has been paid to the ATO for Pay As You Go (PAYG Withholdings) since 1 July to 30
 April 2024. The April PAYG Withholdings will be submitted with the Business Activity
 Statement in May 2024.
- Business Activity Statements have been lodged by the due dates. The April BAS will be lodged by the due date of 21st May 2024.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Regulation 17 Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Certification by the CEO to the Council

Council Name:	COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL	
Reporting Period:		30-Apr-24

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.

CEO Signed

Date Signed

15th May 2024

Profit and Loss - Council OGM

For the 10 months ended 30 April 2024

Account	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Budget Var	Var %	2023/24 Budget
Trading Income					
Grant Commonwealth FAG	688,533.00	688,533.00	0.00	0.00%	695,007.00
Grant Commonwealth RTR - Capital	198,133.46	280,452.00	82,318.54	29.35%	280,452.00
Grant Commonwealth - Recurrent	396,577.00	502,685.00	106,108.00	21.11%	502,685.00
Grant NTG Community Sport Recreation	43,064.73	43,065.00	0.27	0.00%	43,065.00
Grant NTG Library	47,326.00	47,326.00	0.00	0.00%	47,326.00
Grant NTG Operational Subsidy	831,540.00	831,540.00	0.00	0.00%	831,540.00
Grant NTG Other	32,801.86	35,802.00	3,000.14	8.38%	35,802.00
Grant NTG Special Purpose	925,073.64	925,074.00	0.36	0.00%	925,074.00
Interest - Interest Received	81,818.77	68,325.00	(13,493.77)	-19.75%	85,000.00
Interest - Rates Penalties, Interest, Legals	44,006.59	41,670.00	(2,336.59)	-5.61%	50,000.00
Net Gain/Loss Assets - Gross sales revenue of asset	(4,575.96)	(4,500.00)	75.96	-1.69%	(4,500.00)
Other Revenue	73,650.96	87,710.00	14,059.04	16.03%	131,040.00
Rates Charged - Garbage	458,539.79	476,438.00	17,898.21	3.76%	476,438.00
Rates Charged - General Rates	1,151,596.90	1,154,251.00	2,654.10	0.23%	1,154,251.00
Statutory Charges	15,797.00	18,435.00	2,638.00	14.31%	20,100.00
User Charges	5,321.35	13,850.00	8,528.65	61.58%	27,650.00
Grant Commonwealth Other - Capital	38,176.32	0.00	(38,176.32)	0.00%	0.00
Grant Commonwealth - Non-Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
Total Trading Income	5,027,381.41	5,210,656.00	183,274.59	3.52%	5,300,930.00
Gross Profit	5,027,381.41	5,210,656.00	183,274.59	3.52%	5,300,930.00
Operating Expenses					
Depreciation - Depreciation Expenses	0.00	533,740.00	533,740.00	100.00%	640,488.00
Employee Costs	152,064.76	187,665.00	35,600.24	18.97%	211,389.00
Employee Costs Payroll	891,479.00	963,505.00	72,026.00	7.48%	1,156,260.00
Materials and Services - Other	369,463.88	402,604.00	33,140.12	8.23%	462,249.00
Materials and Services - Contractor Services	159,883.29	197,929.00	38,045.71	19.22%	234,630.00
Materials and Services - Insurance Costs	99,377.88	100,000.00	622.12	0.62%	100,675.00
Materials and Services - Legal Costs	3,266.00	3,500.00	234.00	6.69%	3,500.00
Materials and Services - Maintenance Buildings and Property	72,920.94	87,427.00	14,506.06	16.59%	92,262.00
Materials and Services - Maintenance Recreation Facilities	104,699.27	97,080.00	(7,619.27)	-7.85%	116,500.00
Materials and Services - Motor Vehicles	108,091.18	102,060.00	(6,031.18)	-5.91%	124,370.00
Materials and Services - Roadworks	325,978.25	1,037,010.00	711,031.75	68.57%	1,230,029.00
Materials and Services - Street Lighting Costs	7,840.44	6,800.00	(1,040.44)	-15.30%	6,800.00
Materials and Services - Water, Sewer Cost	41,799.13	52,500.00	10,700.87	20.38%	63,000.00
Other Expenses - Accounting, Audit, Consultant	25,576.60	28,900.00	3,323.40	11.50%	85,600.00
Other Expenses - Councillors	57,679.00	68,830.00	11,151.00	16.20%	80,500.00
Realised Currency Gains	(0.45)	0.00	0.45	0.00%	0.00
Work in Progress Capital Works - Other Costs	616,918.78	634,676.00	17,757.22	2.80%	1,448,166.00
Total Operating Expenses	3,037,037.95	4,504,226.00	1,467,188.05	32.57%	6,056,418.00

Table 1.1 Monthly Income and Expenditure Statement

	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Annual Budget \$
OPERATING INCOME		T	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Rates	1,151,597	1,154,251	(2,654)	1,154,251
Charges	458,540	476,438	(17,898)	476,438
Fees and Charges	21,118	32,285	(11,167)	47,750
Operating Grants and Subsidies	1,649,714	1,652,714	(3,000)	1,659,188
Interest / Investment Income	125,825	109,995	15,830	135,000
Commercial and Other Income	44,595	58,730	(14,135)	102,060
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	3,451,389	3,484,413	(33,024)	3,574,687
OPERATING EXPENDITURE				
Employee Expenses	1,043,544	1,151,170	(107,626)	1,367,649
Materials and Contracts	967,342	1,049,900	(82,558)	1,275,986
Elected Member Allowances	57,679	64,330	(6,651)	76,000
Elected Member Expenses	0	4,500	(4,500)	4,500
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,600	3,750	(2,150)	5,000
Council Committee & LA Expenses	0	0	0	0
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	533,740	(533,740)	640,488
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	23,976	25,150	(1,174)	80,600
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	2,094,141	2,832,540	(738,399)	3,450,223
OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	1,357,248	651,873	705,375	124,464

Table 1.2 Monthly Operating Position

	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Annual Budget \$
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	1,357,248	651,873	705,375	124,464
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS	1,337,240	031,673	703,373	124,404
Less Non-Cash Income	0	0	0	0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	0	533,740	(533,740)	640,488
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	0	533,740	(533,740)	640,488
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Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS				
Capital Expenditure	942,897	1,671,686	(728,789)	2,606,195
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0	0	0
Transfer to Reserves	0	0	0	0
Other Outflows	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	(942,897)	(1,671,686)	728,789	(2,606,195)
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS				
Capital Grants Income	480,605	630,856	(150,251)	630,856
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	1,095,387	1,095,387	0	1,095,387
Other Inflow of Funds	0	0	0	0
Transfers from Reserves	60,000	115,000	(55,000)	115,000
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	1,635,992	1,841,243	(205,251)	1,841,243
NET BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	2,050,343	1,355,170	695,173	0

Table 2.1 Capital Expenditure and Funding

By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Current Financial Year Budget \$
Buildings	0	0	0	415,000
Community Assets and Other Structures	195,390	205,404	(10,014)	364,542
Motor Vehicles	156,404	176,792	(20,388)	113,292
Plant and Equipment	265,125	269,000	(3,875)	307,980
Roads Infrastructure	325,978	1,020,490	(694,512)	1,405,381
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	942,897	1,671,686	(728,789)	2,606,195
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY:				
2023/24 Capital Grants	442,429	630,856	(188,427)	630,856
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Capital Grants	1,077,355	1,077,355	0	1,077,355
Operating Income	613,825	807,504	(193,679)	782,984
Reserves for Motor Vehicle, Plant and Equipment Replacement	60,000	115,000	(55,000)	115,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	2,193,609	2,630,715	(437,106)	2,606,195

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Table 3. Monthly Balance Sheet Report

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2024	YTD Actuals	Note Reference
ASSETS	\$	Reference
Cash at Bank		(1)
Tied Funds	1 062 046	(1)
Untied Funds	1,062,946	
Accounts Receivable	3,035,186	
	42.627	(2)
Trade Debtors	42,627	(2)
Rates & Charges Debtors	398,884	
Other Current Assets	1,000	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	4,540,643	
Non-Current Financial Assets	0	
Property, Plant and Equipment	19,938,524	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	19,938,524	
TOTAL ASSETS	24,479,167	
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	44,071	(3)
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	12,151	(4)
Current Provisions	81,873	
Accruals	0	
Other Current Liabilities	7,682	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	145,777	
Non-Current Provisions	0	
Other Non-Current Liabilities	0	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	0	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	145,777	
NET ASSETS	24,333,390	
EQUITY		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	15,134,287	
Reserves	7,208,760	
Accumulated Surplus	1,990,343	
TOTAL EQUITY	24,333,390	

Note 1. Details of Cash and Investments Held

\$2,950,014 held in investments as at 30 April 2024 (details in table below).

Investments Summary

As at 30 April 2024

Category	Balance	Rate	Interest Frequency	Maturity Date
Fixed Term Deposit	\$300,000	5.24%	At Maturity	15/05/2024
Fixed Term Deposit	\$300,000	5.26%	At Maturity	14/06/2024
Fixed Term Deposit	\$400,000	5.50%	At Maturity	5/07/2024
Fixed Term Deposit	\$250,000	4.99%	At Maturity	10/09/2024
Fixed Term Deposit	\$300,000	5.06%	At Maturity	22/10/2024
Fixed Term Deposit	\$300,000	5.20%	At Maturity	1/11/2024
Fixed Term Deposit	\$600,000	5.11%	At Maturity	29/11/2024
Fixed Term Deposit	\$200,000	5.03%	At Maturity	30/01/2025
Fixed Term Deposit	\$300,000	4.81%	At Maturity	25/03/2025
At Call Deposit	\$14	0.25%	Quarterly	
TOTAL	\$2,950,014			

Note 2. Statement of Trade Debtors

	Cı	urrent	 ast Due 30 Days	 ast Due -60 Days	 ast Due -90 Days	_	ast Due 0+ Days	Total
Batchelor Area School Council Inc.	\$	-	\$ 325.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	325.20
Cooper Conveyancing NT	\$	136.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	136.00
Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade	\$	-	\$ 42.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	42.50
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics	\$38	3,176.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	38,176.32
Lake De Lago Resort	\$	-	\$ 520.74	\$ 520.74	\$ 520.74	\$	1,978.88	3,541.10
RS Gardening Care	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 122.00	\$ -	\$	-	122.00
Trafficwerx N.T. Pty Ltd	\$	283.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	283.50
TOTAL	38	3,595.82	888.44	642.74	520.74		1,978.88	42,626.62

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
ASPRINT	-	78.00	-	-	-	78.00
Bing Winch 360 - Adelaide River Inn	-	355.00	-	-	-	355.00
Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	486.22	-	-	-	-	486.22
Darwin Office Technology	398.59	-	-	-	-	398.59
Dream Impact Inspire Pty Ltd	-	-	-	-	1,800.00	1,800.00
Engagis Pty Ltd	33.00	-	-	-	-	133.00
Flowers By Elise	-	-	-	750.00	-	750.00
Gleeming Cleaning Services	-	3,531.00	-	-	-	3,531.00
Jacana Energy	2,064.78	-	-	-	-	2,064.78
Nexia Edards Marshall NT	1,100.00	-	-	-	-	1,100.00
NT News (News Corp)	1,308.01	-	-	-	-	1,308.01
Power Water - Bills	1,087.74	-	-	-	-	1,087.74
Practical Safety Australia Pty Ltd	-	-	112.30	-	-	112.30
Prestons Mowing & Gardening	5,324.00	-	-	-	-	5,324.00
Batchelor General Store	-	-	-	-	- 69.60	- 69.60
RS Gardening Care	17,572.71	-	-	-	-	17,572.71
St John Ambulance Australia	230.00	-	-	-	-	230.00
Stickers & Stuff	868.00	-	-	-	-	868.00
Telstra	225.00	-	-	-	-	225.00
Top End Grub	1,493.62	-	-	-	-	1,493.62
VTG Waste & Recycling P/L	2,434.84	-	-	-	-	2,434.84
WEX Australia Pty Ltd	2,788.19	-	-	-	-	2,788.19
Total Accounts Payable	37,514.70	3,964.00	112.30	750.00	1,730.40	44,071.40

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

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

- \$213k has been paid to the ATO for Pay As You Go (PAYG Withholdings) since 1 July to 30 April 2024. The April PAYG Withholdings will be submitted with the Business Activity Statement in May 2024.
- Business Activity Statements have been lodged by the due dates. The April BAS will be lodged by the due date of 21st May 2024.

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

Cardholder

Name: S Hillen - CEO

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
3/04/2024	\$ 223.90	Zoom Video Communications Inc.	Annual Business Subscription
4/04/2024	\$ 19.80	Microsoft Azure	Monthly Software subscription
4/04/2024	\$ 66.00	Microsoft	Monthly Software subscription
4/04/2024	\$ 439.23	Microsoft	Monthly Software subscription
12/04/2024	\$ 32.70	Australia Post	Postage
22/04/2024	\$ 170.00	Xero Australia	Monthly Software subscription
29/04/2024	\$ 240.92	Microsoft Azure	Monthly Software subscription
			Monthly Newlsetter
30/04/2024	\$ 40.89	Mailchimp	subscription - StopPress
Total	\$ 1,233.44		

Payment Register

For the period 1 April 2024 to 30 April 2024

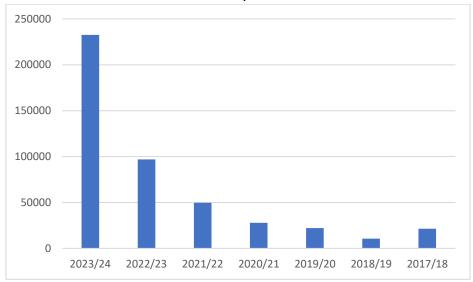
Date	Description	Reference	Credit (AUD)
	Credit Cards		
Opening Bala			40.00
03 Apr 2024	Safe NT NT Police		81.00
03 Apr 2024	Coles		97.47
10 Apr 2024	Event Cinemas		548.95
10 Apr 2024	Seek Limited		401.50
12 Apr 2024	Subway		84.00
19 Apr 2024	NT News	2429123408	243.00
19 Apr 2024	NT News	2429183450	507.00
23 Apr 2024	Safe NT NT Police		81.00
24 Apr 2024	Australia Post		8.25
26 Apr 2024	Woolworths		121.90
30 Apr 2024	Safe NT NT Police		81.00
Total Other S	taff Credit Cards		2,255.07
CCGC CBA	A Cheque		
Opening Bala			0.00
02 Apr 2024	Bank Transfer from CCGC CBA Cheque to CBA Cr	edit Card S Hillen	2,125.32
02 Apr 2024	Bank Transfer from CCGC CBA Cheque to CBA Cr		480.60
02 Apr 2024	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	МТ	66.83
02 Apr 2024	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	МТ	209.89
02 Apr 2024	Bank Transfer from CCGC CBA Cheque to CBA Cr	edit Card N Chapman	516.48
02 Apr 2024	PC020424-108965383 SuperChoice P-L	М Т	4,822.18
02 Apr 2024	Bank Transfer from CCGC CBA Cheque to CBA Cr	edit Card A Kim	40.00
02 Apr 2024	PC020424-108964645 SuperChoice P-L	МТ	4,880.36
03 Apr 2024	Payment: RS Gardening Care	Coomalie Council	770.00
03 Apr 2024	Payment: RS Gardening Care	Coomalie Council	2,970.00
03 Apr 2024	Payment: RS Gardening Care	Coomalie Council	5,685.23
03 Apr 2024	Payment: RS Gardening Care	Coomalie Council	2,176.00
03 Apr 2024	Payment: RS Gardening Care	Coomalie Council	7,015.18
04 Apr 2024	PC040424-122929305 SuperChoice P-L	МТ	5,061.01
04 Apr 2024	SALARIES AND WAGES Coomalie Communi	315	33,547.23
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Clr. Colin Freeman	Coomalie Council	583.00
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Area9 IT Solutions	Coomalie Council	802.12
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Adelaide River Primary School	Coomalie Council	105.00

05 Apr 2024	Payment: Mudpig Mechanical	Mechanical	4,583.46
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Clr. Stephen Noble	Coomalie Council	583.00
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Clr. Angus McClymont	Coomalie Council	583.00
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Clr. Richard Luxton	Coomalie Council	583.00
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Jacana Energy	Coomalie Council	147.87
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Telstra	Coomalie Council	225.00
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Jacana Energy	Coomalie Council	26.83
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Top End Grub	0005	1,039.04
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Adelaide River Primary School	Coomalie Council	2,200.00
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Arjay's Sales and Services Pty Ltd	Coomalie	5,170.00
05 Apr 2024	Payment: VTG Waste & Recycling P/L	Coomalie Council	2,434.84
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Chris Reynolds Transport	Coomalie Council	84.70
05 Apr 2024	Payment: President Sharon Beswick	Coomalie Council	2,500.00
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Jacana Energy	Coomalie Council	71.76 26.83
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Cantovato	Coomalie Council INV-21745	
05 Apr 2024 05 Apr 2024	Payment: Captovate Payment: Area9 IT Solutions	Coomalie Council	165.00 547.80
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Area9 IT Solutions	Coomalie Council	316.80
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Creative Spot NT	1518	120.00
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Clr. Sue Bulmer	Coomalie Council	583.00
05 Apr 2024	Payment: Winc	Coomalie Council	633.53
05 Apr 2024	Suppliers 5/4/24	Coomaiic Council	1,650.00
05 Apr 2024	Suppliers 5/4/24		547.00
08 Apr 2024	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	MIS	2.20
08 Apr 2024	NT Telco	M T	66.00
09 Apr 2024	Payment: Integrated Land Information System	Coomalie Council	547.00
09 Apr 2024	Payment: Trafficwerx N.T Pty Ltd	INV-7191	1,650.00
12 Apr 2024	Payment: Top End Grub	0006	1,103.98
12 Apr 2024	Payment: Batchelor Service Centre	Coomalie Council	778.97
12 Apr 2024	Payment: NT Water Filters aka Viva Water Pty Ltd	Coomalie Council	275.00
12 Apr 2024	Payment: VTG Waste & Recycling P/L	Coomalie Council	2,434.84
12 Apr 2024	Payment: Batchelor Institute accountsreceivable@batchelor.edu.au	409010822	454.43
12 Apr 2024	Payment: Rosejoy NT T/A Batchelor General Store	Coomalie Council	181.10
12 Apr 2024	Payment: P&K Plumbing	P&K Plumbing	1,949.00
12 Apr 2024	Payment: WEX Australia Pty Ltd	Coomalie Council	3,524.29
12 Apr 2024	Payment: Gleeming Cleaning Services	396	6,006.00
12 Apr 2024	Payment: Andrew Roberts	Coomalie Council	202.00
12 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills	Coomalie Council	35.08
12 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills	Coomalie Council	129.37
12 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills	Coomalie Council	23.86
12 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills	Coomalie Council	61.14
12 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills Payment: Jacana Energy	Coomalie Council Coomalie Council	36.45
12 Apr 2024 12 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills	Coomalie Council	79.62 29.71
12 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills	Coomalie Council	22.98
12 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills	Coomalie Council	152.33
12 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills	Coomalie Council	261.46
12 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills	Coomalie Council	94.81
12 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills	Coomalie Council	344.87
12 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills	Coomalie Council	580.57
12 Apr 2024	Payment: Telstra	Coomalie Council	37.15
15 Apr 2024	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	MIS	1.10
15 Apr 2024	Direct Deposit rates returned		100.00
15 Apr 2024	Telecom Billing	МТ	248.00
15 Apr 2024	BPay Payments		939.00
16 Apr 2024	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	342	4.62
16 Apr 2024	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	342	46.09
16 Apr 2024	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	342	96.80
16 Apr 2024	EQUIPMENT RENTS	MT	227.00
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Mudpig Mechanical	Mechanical	121.00
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Mudpig Mechanical	Mechanical	939.66
	Daymont: Dural Lira Protection	Coomalie Council	746.35
17 Apr 2024 17 Apr 2024	Payment: Rural Fire Protection Payment: P&K Plumbing	P&K Plumbing	6,522.00

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17 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills	Coomalie Council	83.95
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Jacana Energy	Coomalie Council	387.64
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Jacana Energy	Coomalie Council	89.24
17 Apr 2024	Payment: PowerWater - Bills	Coomalie Council	221.62
17 Apr 2024	Payment: The Big Mower	Coomalie Council	320.00
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Mudpig Mechanical	Mechanical	930.33
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Area9 IT Solutions	Coomalie Council	579.04
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Darwin Office Technology	Coomalie Council	512.80
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Z Furniture	00240327	1,188.00
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Air Liquide Australia Ltd	Coomalie Council	95.36
17 Apr 2024	Payment: ABS Scrofa (Aust) Pty Ltd T/As Wild Science	00012547	9,295.00
17 Apr 2024	Payment: The Big Mower	Coomalie Council	1,299.00
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	Coomalie Council	190.00
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Practical Safety Australia Pty Ltd	Coomalie Council	288.60
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Mudpig Mechanical	Mechanical	579.76
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Top End Grub	0009	1,233.86
17 Apr 2024	Payment: P&K Plumbing	P&K Plumbing	987.00
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Jacana Energy	Coomalie Council	30.02
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Jacana Energy	Coomalie Council	271.79
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Jacana Energy	Coomalie Council	137.65
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Jacana Energy	Coomalie Council	49.33
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Jacana Energy	Coomalie Council	114.76
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Australian Taxation Office	BAS March 2024	10,806.00
17 Apr 2024	Payment: Jacana Energy	Coomalie Council	51.61
18 Apr 2024	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	MIS	1.10
18 Apr 2024	Direct Deposit rates returned		80.00
18 Apr 2024	SALARIES AND WAGES Coomalie Communi	315	31,929.70
19 Apr 2024	Payment: Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	Coomalie Council	3,135.00
19 Apr 2024	Payment: Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	Coomalie Council	3,300.00
19 Apr 2024	Payment: Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	Coomalie Council	960.00
22 Apr 2024	Vocus	ΜΤ	2,668.60
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	Coomalie Council	4,849.20
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Mudpig Mechanical	Mechanical	1,901.95
24 Apr 2024	Payment: The Big Mower	Coomalie Council	40.90
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	Coomalie Council	4,087.20
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Scooters Roost N.T.	1	286.00
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Trafficwerx N.T Pty Ltd	INV-7191	3,718.00
24 Apr 2024	Payment: VTG Waste & Recycling P/L	Coomalie Council	2,434.84
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24 Apr 2024	Payment: Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	Coomalie Council	3,861.40
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Outback Helicopter Airwork NT Pty Ltd	Coomalie Council	4,670.93
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	Coomalie Council	5,370.00
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Bunnings Building Supplies P/L	Coomalie Council	782.10
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Top End Grub	00010	1,233.86
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Practical Safety Australia Pty Ltd	Coomalie Council	113.00
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Oolloo Investments Pty Ltd	Coomalie Council	660.00
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Area9 IT Solutions	Coomalie Council	88.00
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Jacana Energy	Coomalie Council	391.96
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Telstra	Coomalie Council	874.11
24 Apr 2024	Payment: Winc	Coomalie Council	236.79
29 Apr 2024	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	MIS	1.10
29 Apr 2024	Direct Deposit rates returned		100.00
Total CCGC (CBA Cheque		237,687.66

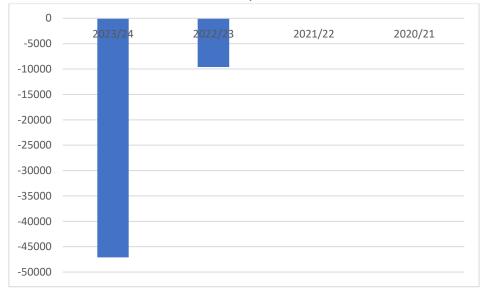
Rates Arrears

As at 30 April 2024



Rates in Credit

As at 30 April 2024



10. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

10.1 CERTIFICATION OF THE ASSESSMENT RECORD

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Nil

PURPOSE

To accept the Certification of the Assessment Record before declaring the Rates and Charges for the 2024-2025 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

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 Ordinary General Meeting of 21st May 2024.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Previous Decisions

RESOLUTION 2023/06/20/06

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 Ordinary General Meeting of 20^{th} June 2023.

Moved: Clr. Freeman

Seconded: Clr. Noble Carried

COMMENT

The Certification of the Assessment Record by the Chief Executive Officer must be received and accepted by Council prior to the 2024-2025 Rates Declaration and Budget being adopted.

The signed certification will be tabled at the meeting on 21st May 2024.

CONSULTATION

Corporate Services Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 29 Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

- 29 Assessment record and record of rates
- (1) Before a council adopts its budget for a financial year, the CEO must:
 - (a) check all available records to ensure that all rateable land is recorded in the assessment record; and
 - (b) certify, in writing, to the council 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 area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.2 DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2024-25

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: 2024-25 Declaration of Rates and Charges

Alternative Budget Comparison

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council approval to Declare the Rates and Charges for the 2024-25 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges 2024-25;
- b) declares to raise \$1,694,248 in General Rates and Charges for the 2024-25 financial year to be paid in four (4) instalments due on:
 - 27th September 2024;
 - 29th November 2024;
 - 31st January 2025; and
 - 28th March 2025

and

c) declares to publish the notice as per section 241(1) of the Local Government Act 2019.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Previous Decisions

RESOLUTION CONF2024/04/16/025

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Draft 2024-25 Rates Declaration; and
- b) endorses the Draft 2024-25 Rates Declaration for inclusion in the Draft 2024-25 Shire Plan for public consultation.
- c) request documentation regarding the Shire Plan and Budget documents of a 4.5% increase in the budget/rates declaration, and fees & charges for 2024-25.

Moved: Clr. McClymont Seconded: Clr. Freeman

Carried 3/2

RESOLUTION 2023/06/27/02

That Council;

a) receives and notes the amended report tabled entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges 2023-24; b) agrees to increase general rates by 7% and waste charges by 4% for the 2023-24 financial year; c) declares to raise \$1,630,689 in General Rates and Charges for the 2023-24 financial year as per the tabled Rates Declaration with the option of four (4) payment instalments due on:

- 29th September 2023;

- 30th November 2023;

- 31st January 2024; and

- 29th March 2024

and

d) declares to publish the notice as per section 241(1) of the Local Government Act 2019.

Moved: Clr. Freeman Seconded: Clr. Noble

Carried 4/1
Against Clr. Bulmer

COMMENT

Pursuant to Sections 237 – 241 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Council must declare the Rates and Charges intended to be raised for the year and be included in the 2024-25 Budget and Annual Shire Plan. Council must also publish a notice of its declaration on its website and in a newspaper circulating in the area within 21 days of the declaration being made.

During the budget and Shire Plan workshop on 4th April 2024, rating options for the 2024-25 financial year were considered and a draft rates declaration inclusive of a 4% increase in rates and charges was approved for public consultation at the April OGM.

At the same time as approving the draft rates declaration for public consultation, Council requested documentation regarding a rates declaration and budget reflecting a 4.5% increase in income and contract expenditure. Attachment 2 provides a comparison of the approved draft budget with the requested 4.5% option. It has been identified that a budget prepared on a 4.5% basis would result in a reduction of transfers from reserves of approximately \$36,000. It is strongly recommended that Council does not proceed to change the budget for the below reasons:

- Council has passed significant increases to rates and charges to ratepayers for the past 2 financial years, noting last year's increase was well above the CPI recorded and management's recommendations.
- The ongoing financial hardship of many ratepayers within the region is well discussed and often raised by council members wishing to provide additional support. By not further increasing the rates and charges, Council will not be passing on additional financial impacts to the aged population and others experiencing hardship.
- The March quarter 2024 CPI for Darwin was recorded at 3.3% annual change.
- A change to the rates declaration, budget, and fees and charges would require Council to go through a second round of public consultation for the draft Shire Plan as there will be significant changes to Council's annual plan.

The expected revenue raised from general rates is \$1,200,193.00. This does not include any revenue fluctuations associated from changes in the number of rateable properties prior to levying rates for the year. The expected revenue from mining tenements and pastoral leases reflects the Gazetted differential rates and minimums for 2024-25.

Waste charges have been increased by 4% for the 2024-25 financial year resulting in expected revenue of \$494,055.00.

The Risk Management and Audit Committee met on 23rd April 2024 to review the 2024-25 Shire Plan and Rates Declaration. The Risk Management and Audit Committee recommends to Council to adopt the rates declaration, budget, and Shire Plan 2024-25.

The attached 2024-25 Rates Declaration has four instalment dates included for Council's consideration.

CONSULTATION

- Chief Executive Officer
- 21-day Public Submission Period Community consultation sessions at Adelaide River, Batchelor, and Lake Bennett.
- Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Compliance Team received minimal technical advice.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2019

1.11 Rating Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has prepared a balanced budget for 2024-25 based on the rates revenue assumptions listed above. Expected total revenue raised from Rates and Charges is \$1,694,248.

10.3 2024-25 FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: 2024-25 Fees and Charges

PURPOSE

For Council to approve the 2024-25 Fees and Charges Schedule, an appendix to the Coomalie Community Government Council Shire Plan 2024-25.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

a) adopts the 2024-25 Fees and Charges; and

b) publishes the 2024-25 Fees and Charges on its website.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Previous Decisions

RESOLUTION 2023/06/20/08

That Council;

a) adopts the 2023-2024 Fees and Charges; and

b) publishes its 2023-2024 Fees and Charges on its website.

Moved: Clr. Freeman

Seconded: Clr. Noble Carried

Action: to include a disclaimer regarding acceptance of listed waste pending EPA licence.

COMMENT

Council is required to adopt the Fees and Charges to be included in the Shire Plan and Budget for the financial year and advertise for public comment for 21 days. Public consultation was open between 23rd April 2024 to 13th May 2024. No comments were received regarding the Fees and Charges.

CONSULTATION

- Council
- Corporate Services Manager
- Council and Community Services Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 201(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 2019

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

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10.4 2024-25 LOCAL MEMBER'S ALLOWANCES DECLARATION

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Natasha Chapman, Corporate Services Manager

Attachment: NT Remuneration Tribunal Determination of Allowances for Members of Local

Councils

PURPOSE

To declare the Elected Member Allowances for the 2024-25 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) declares a budgeted total amount of \$141,250 for Elected Member Allowances for the 2024-25 financial year; and
- b) approves allowances for Professional Development and Extra Meetings will be payable pursuant to Council Policy 1.7 Councillor Conference Attendance, Professional Development, and Extra Meeting Allowance to be amended at the June 2024 OGM.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Previous Decisions

RESOLUTION 2023/06/20/07

That Council;

- a) declares a budgeted total amount of \$80,500 for Elected Member Allowances for the 2023-24 financial year; and
- b) approves allowances for Professional Development and Extra Meetings will be payable pursuant to Council Policy 1.7 Councillor Conference Attendance, Professional Development, and Extra Meeting Allowance to be amended at the July 2023 OGM.

Moved: Cir. Noble

Seconded: President Beswick Carried

COMMENT

Council is required to declare the allowances for members of the Council for the 2024-25 financial year and the amount budgeted to cover payment of those allowances.

During the budgeting workshops, Council discussed the changes to the allowances available under the NT Remuneration Tribunal's Determination (as attached). including a Professional Development Allowance and an Extra Meeting Allowance in addition to the base allowance.

The below table outlines the allowances applicable to Council and the total amount budgeted to cover these Allowances for the 2023-24 financial year.

Allowance	President	Councillor
Annual Base	\$ 7,175	\$7,175 per Councillor
President Additional	\$23,000	
Professional Development	\$ 4,000	\$4,000 per Councillor
Extra Meeting		\$10,000 per Councillor
Travel/Accommodation	\$ 1,200	
Totals	\$35, 375	\$105,875

TOTAL 2024-25 \$141 250

It is noted that Councillors are not regularly eligible for the Vehicle Allowance or Travel Allowance. The budgeted amount for these allowances is \$1,200 total and this reflects the anticipated attendance of two Councillors at LGANT conferences based on the previous financial year.

Council will be required to amend the Council Policy 1.7 - Councillor Conference Attendance, Professional Development, and Extra Meeting Allowance Policy to reflect the determination and Council's declared allowances for the 2024-25 financial year.

CONSULTATION

- Chief Executive Officer
- Department of Local Government
- NT Remuneration Tribunal Determinations

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NT Remuneration Tribunal Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Councils

Local Government Act 2019

Council Policy 1.7 - Councillor Conference Attendance, Professional Development, and Extra Meeting Allowance Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Total Elected Member Allowances budgeted is \$141,250.

10.5 2024-25 BUDGET

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Nil

PURPOSE

To adopt the 2024-25 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

a) adopts the 2024-25 Budget; and

b) publishes the Budget on Council's website and in a newspaper circulating generally in the area and notify the Agency in writing in accordance with section 203(4) of the *Local Government Act* 2019.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Previous Decisions

RESOLUTION 2023/06/27/03

That Council;

a) adopts the tabled version of the 2023-24 Budget reflecting the rates declared; and

b) publishes the tabled Budget on Council's website and a notice in a newspaper circulating generally in the area and notify the Agency in writing in accordance with section 203(4) of the Local Government Act 2019.

Moved: Clr. Bulmer

Seconded: CIr. Noble Carried

COMMENT

Council is required to adopt a balanced budget for the financial year and advertise for public comment for 21 days. Public consultation was open from 23rd April 2024 to 13th May 2024.

No changes have been made to the budget since being released in draft form in the Shire Plan.

CONSULTATION

Corporate Services Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Part 10.5 of the Local Government Act 2019

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Budget balanced to zero.

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Table 1.1 Annual Budget Income and Expenditure

	Annual Budget \$
OPERATING INCOME	
Rates	1,200,193
Charges	494,055
Fees and Charges	140,400
Operating Grants and Subsidies	1,550,487
Interest / Investment Income	125,000
Commercial and Other Income	40,705
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	3,550,840
OPERATING EXPENDITURE	
Employee Expenses	1,498,126
Materials and Contracts	1,270,588
Elected Member Allowances	140,050
Elected Member Expenses	1,200
Council Committee & LA Allowances	5,000
Council Committee & LA Expenses	0
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	640,488
Interest Expenses	0
Other Expenses	23,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	3,578,452
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	(27,612)

Table 1.2 Annual Budget Operating Position

	Annual Budget \$
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	(27,612)
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS	
Less Non-Cash Income	0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	640,488
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	640,488
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	
Capital Expenditure	2,223,903
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	0
Transfer to Reserves	
Other Outflows	0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	(2,223,903)
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	
Capital Grants Income	216,000
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	1,305,913
Other Inflow of Funds	0
Transfers from Reserves	89,114
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	1,611,027
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION	0

Table 2.1 Capital Expenditure and Funding

By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	Current Financial Year Budget \$	Outer Financial Year 1 Budget \$	OFY 2 Budget \$	OFY 3 Budget \$	> OFY 3 Budget \$
Buildings	415,000				
Community Assets and Other					
Structures	522,000				
Motor Vehicles	0				
Plant and Equipment	230,000				
Roads Infrastructure	1,056,903	216,000	216,000	216,000	216,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	2,223,903	216,000	216,000	216,000	216,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY:					
Capital Grants Income	216,000	216,000	216,000	216,000	216,000
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied					
Funding	1,305,913				
Operating Income and Subsidies	661,990				
Reserves	40,000				
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
FUNDING	2,223,903	216,000	216,000	216,000	216,000

10.6 2024-25 SHIRE PLAN

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: 2024-25 Shire Plan

PURPOSE

For Council to approve and adopt the 2024-25 Shire Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) adopts the 2024-25 Shire Plan in accordance with section 35 of the *Local Government Act 2019*; and
- b) provides the Agency with a copy of the 2024-25 Shire Plan in accordance with section 35 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Previous Decisions

RESOLUTION 2023/06/27/04

That Council;

- a) adopts the 2023-24 Shire Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan as amended to reflect the decisions at the Special Meeting on 27^{th} June 2023 in accordance with section 35 of the Local Government Act 2019;
- b) adopts the Strategic Plan 2023-27 included within the Shire Plan 2023-24; and
- c) provides the Agency with a copy of the 2023-24 Shire Plan in accordance with section 35 of the Local Government Act 2019.

Moved: Cir. Noble

Seconded: CIr. Bulmer Carried

RESOLUTION 2021/11/16/07

That Council:

- a) endorses the Accessibility, Connectivity and Mobility Strategy;
- b) agrees to allocate an amount of \$40,000.00/year (for the next five years) from its Reserve Funds, to construct 1.5 metre wide concrete/asphalt paths within Adelaide River and Batchelor townships to be included in the Long-Term Financial Plan as part of the 2022-23 Budget process;
- c) directs the Chief Executive Officer to pursue relevant external grant funding opportunities to expedite the delivery of the Accessibility, Connectivity and Mobility Strategy;
- d) directs the Chief Executive Officer to investigate existing agreements regarding the closure of the pathway between 41 and 43 Kirra Crescent, Batchelor; and

e) directs the Chief Executive Officer to approach the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to discuss the construction of paths within Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics reserves to assist with the interconnection of paths.

Moved: Vice President. McClymont

Seconded: Clr. Noble Carried

COMMENT

Council is required to adopt an annual Shire Plan for each financial year and advertise for public comment for 21 days. Public consultation was open from 23rd April 2024 to 13th May 2024.

All appendices and financial tables/graphs will need to be finalised pending the adoption of each document, ie rates declaration, fees and charges and the budget.

SHIRE PLAN 2024-25

FEEDBACK RECEIVED

CATEGORY	FEEDBACK	RESPONSE
Township	No streetlights at the church end of Swannel Street. Need footpath from Post Office to Hotel end of Service Road.	Edit to Plan required - "Light Up the Dark Spots" – specific location to be included in Town Priority Projects
Township	Joining of footpath bitumen/concrete. Side entry pit damaged in Adelaide River	No Change to Plan - Operation /In Works Plan
Rubbish & Roads	The bus stop on Chinner Road during the dry becomes a rest spot for travellers. Would it be possible to have a rubbish bin installed there for the Rubbish rather than leave if all round the bus stop blowing everywhere. And, hopefully stop the numerous broken bottles. When the Council upgrades the floodway's on Chinner Road could you please Make sure that the grass, dirt etc. Is cleared away from the floodway leaving a long drain so that the water can flow away off the road and not lie on the road adding to the damage caused to the road	No Change to the plan required. Bus Stop - Raised and built into Councils interest in AROWS Project and Service Road Upgrades including Chinner. Ongoing Standing Items of Council Agenda - Local a bin at the bus stop - Grass at floodways – operational/in works plan
Rubbish	surface with numerous holes. I wish to express an interest in the rubbish collection service at Lake Bennett, as discussed at the Council meeting last Saturday, 4 th of May. The property is Lake Bennett. The rubbish was previously collected under an arrangement with RS Gardening Services, as the property is directly across the road from the Lake Bennett Residential Estate.	Recommend that Council consider when Period Contract is due in June 2025. Council to discuss an extension of the Roadside Pick up to properties adjoining Chinner Road. This will require further consultation with residents before the Council can decide. Residents can maintain a direct line of service to the Contractor; however, it will attract a commercial dumping service fee. Changes to the Rates Declaration will need to be made to enable this request to

		be actioned and can not be done this
		financial year.
Dogs & Township	Dog 'Off Leash" Area	If Approved requires a change to Town Priority Projects in Shire Plan Council to discuss and may inclusion in Town Priority Project lists
Roads	Unmaintained access to properties via the Australia Railway	Edit Town Priority Projects Council to discuss and put an Item in Town Priorities: - Investigate development of 'paper roads' in the Coomalie Rural Ward
Roads	Property owner requesting formal access to land to access services	Edit Town Priority Projects Council to discuss and put an Item in Town Priorities: - Investigate development of 'paper roads' in the Coomalie Rural Ward
Roads	Property owner requesting formal access to land to access services	Edit Town Priority Projects Council to discuss and put an Item in Town Priorities: Investigate development of 'paper roads' in the Coomalie Rural Ward
Sport, Rubbish & Roads	- Sport and recreation: coordinate community events. Please advise which events you are referring to for Lake Bennett? - Rubbish: as Lake Bennett now pays the same rate as Batchelor and Adelaide River for rubbish services, I assume we will be included in a scheduled cyclone rubbish pick up program Reporting of issues via the snap and send app: I have reported a few matters via this app. Unfortunately, many are addressed by placing a sign warning of the issue, but not resolving it. A good example of this is the drainage under Chinner road that was blocked and would flood the road between the resort and bungalows. The council signs have been in place for months, but the issue was never addressed. Can you please advise when this will be addressed?	No Changes to the plan required
Roads	Property owner requesting formal access to land to access services	Edit Town Priority Projects Council to discuss and put an Item in Town Priorities: Investigate development of 'paper roads' in the Coomalie Rural Ward
Budget, Weed & Fire, Emergency and Strategic Plan	Council committees (p.8): Environmental sustainability committee: I understand there was previously a committee looking at environmental management (e.g. waste recycling)? I would like to see a committee be established to develop strategies and actions to progress environmental sustainability for the Shire. There are a number of rural residents that are particularly interested in this issue (with related expertise) and I am sure there would be sufficient interest to support such a committee.	Council to discuss

Arts, Culture and Heritage committee: the Shire has significant cultural and heritage values and a committee to devise a related strategy and actions for the Shire would be valuable. Again, there are a number of rural residents that are particularly interested in this issue (with related expertise) and I am sure there would be sufficient interest to support such a committee.

Elected member allowances (p.8): What does 'Extra meetings' denote/include? Does the 'annual base' include meeting attendance and per diem expenses, or is this included in the 'extra meetings' category?

Budgeted revenue (p.13): Can we see a breakdown of the revenue from grants? What kind of grant programs does the Council apply to?

Weed and fire management (p.21): Can we have a report on related activities, including the strategies employed and an evaluation of their success?

Emergency management (p.23): What is Council's strategy to address the increase in fires and arson in the shire? Can Council develop some actions (including monitoring and education strategies) to reduce incidents over time?

Appendix 1: Coomalie Shire Strategic Plan 2023-2027:

- Where is progress reported against the KPI listed in the Strategic Plan? Can Council please publish/provide a regular progress report on actions and KPI in the Plan?
- 2. Why does Council not have a Strategic Goal or Strategy related to environmental sustainability? The region has significant environmental values. Will council develop a strategy (and establish partnerships) to address environmental objectives?
- 3. Why does Council not have a Strategic Goal or strategy related to Arts, Culture and Heritage? The region has significant cultural and heritage values, as well as arts and culture opportunities, which also impact on the well-being of residents. Will council develop a strategy (and establish partnerships) to address arts, culture, and heritage objectives?
- 4. Measure 4.5.1 seeks to develop a Culture and Diversity Plan in conjunction with the community. Can we see this plan?

5. Measure 4.5.2 seeks to develop a historic keeping place program for the community. Has this project started? Can we see the draft programme?

Waste, Budget and Shire Wards

Point One: What has happened to the waste committee? The council had committed itself to improve waste management and recycling, made a large investment into site supervisor facilities at Adelaide River (but not into waste receptacles) and yet is not building on this investment to improve waste management. Please reinstate the waste committee.

Point Two: Could the council please give further information on Councillor Professional Development? With the council members potentially spending up to \$16000 during a term, it would be good to know what is being developed and how the funds are spent.

Point Three: The Batchelor Swimming pool stands out of the budget as a major annual council expense. Could the council review the costbenefit of maintaining this facility against potential other options to provide similar recreational opportunities without such high operational costs?

Point Four: Could the council plan please clarify the boundaries of the Adelaide River Rural Ward? Your current map does not display it. Also could the plan identify who is the Adelaide River Rural Ward Councillor, resident within the Ward? Residents of the Rural Ward were incorporated against their will and without their knowledge a few years ago. The creation of the new Ward should at least allow for representation of the Rural Ward community as ratepayers.

- No Change in the plan Strategy Is still ongoing and a KPI in the Strategic Plan
- 2. No Change in the plan
- 3. Pool is included in the Super 7
 Projects
- 4. Another map can be considered as per the pull up banner map if the current one in the Plan is not clear enough.

Accessibility, Connectivity and Mobility Strategy

I could not see any reference to the ongoing stages of the Accessibility, Connectivity and Mobility Strategy.

Paul had done tremendous work in adding some of the paths, however there is more to be accomplished, which I have raised with him & his predecessor.

I am wheelchair bound and find both the verge and the roadway impossible to access the better pathways. I know the strategy is geared to include prams and children safety around the

Council to discuss and if supported can add to the Shire Plan

Council can consider Stage 2 and still has a relevant Resolution committing \$40,000 annually to this program. Support for Councils Strategy will require a change to the budget. There are grants available to accommodate a continuation of Council Strategy.

	town, but feel strongly about pertinent access for		
	those in wheelchairs & gophers		
Entire Shire	Feedback for consideration	1.	Noted and corrections
Plan	1. For consistency in the Annual Plan, it is		will be made to text
	recommended that the financial years	2.	Proposed putting 2-page
	throughout		Super 7 Flier into Priority
	the document be represented in the same		Projects Section
	format. For example, page 5 has "24-25" and	3.	
	page 15 has "2023/24" and "2024-2025".		will be made to text
	2. "Super 7 Projects" is mentioned on page 4	4.	Noted and corrections
	under "President Message" and again on page 5		will be made to text.
	under "CEO Message". However, the detail on	_	
	this initiative could not be clearly identified	5.	Noted and to be
	in the document. It is recommended that a brief		Actioned.
	description about the project be provided,		
	for clarification to the reader.	6.	Noted and to be actioned.
	3. On page 14 under "2024/25 Draft Budget by	7	Noted and connections
	Program Area" please amend the formatting	/.	Noted and corrections will be made in text to
	of deficit values to be represented with red font and brackets, for example: (1,760) for		2024-25
	consistency with the annual budget on pages 16-		2024-25
	17. A similar amendment is required for		
	the "Long-Term Financial Plan 2024/28" on pages		
	33-34, as well as adding "\$" in the table		
	headers.		
	4. On page 15 the abbreviation "CPI" is used. It is		
	recommended that Council include the term		
	in full, "Consumer Price Index", followed by the		
	abbreviation for the reader's understanding.		
	5. On page 26 under "Appendix 1", a link is		
	included to the "2023-2027 Strategic Plan" on		
	Council's website. However, the version		
	published on the website still has a "Draft"		
	watermark across the document. This document		
	was approved by Council at its Ordinary		
	Council meeting dated 18/04/2023. It is		
	recommended that Council replace the document		
	on the website with the final version.		
	6. The Sustainability and Compliance Team has		
	identified some inconsistencies between the		
	"2023-2027 Draft Strategic Plan" published on		
	the website and the information provided in "Appendix 1". It is recommended that the		
	Council ensure that the information updated		
	in "Appendix 1" aligns with the approved 2023-27		
	Strategic Plan.		
	7. It was noted on page 29 under "Goal 3		
	Sustainability", that one of the targets was		
	"Year 1 = 2023". It is recommended that this		
	target be revised to align with future Council		
	performance.		
	1.1		

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- Part 3.3 of the Local Government Act 2019
- Councils Strategic Plan 2023-27
- Accessibility, Connectivity and Mobility Strategy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

10.7 CASUAL COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Policy 1.18 Casual Councillor Vacancies

PURPOSE

Council will fill the current casual vacancy by appointing a person, by resolution of the council, to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of this council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receive and note the report entitled Casual Councillor Vacancy; and
- b) nominate by a secret ballot an eligible applicant to fill the position of the Casual Councillor Vacancy until the end of the general electoral term; and

c) nominates...... for the Casual Councillor Vacancy.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Previous Decisions

NIL

COMMENT

In accordance with section 54 of *the Act* and Council's Policy 1.18 Casual Councillor Vacancies Policy, Council will fill the current casual vacancy by appointing a person, by resolution of the council, to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of this council.

Council advertised the Casual Councillor Vacancy on its website, Facebook page, and in the NT News. A candidate pack was developed and accessed from Council's website and the Council Office Reception.

Council received six (6) nominations between the advertised nomination period of 19^{th} of April -3^{rd} of May 2024. Three (3) nominations were received after the closing date; however, all late applications were incomplete and deemed ineligible.

Not all nominations met the eligibility criteria with 50% of applicants who lodged their nominations in the prescribed timeframe, failing eligibility due to various criteria within Council's Policy and the Act.

CEO distributed all six (6) candidate statements to the Elected Members on the 8th May 2024 and identified those nominates who were eligible based on the Act and Councils Policy.

The three (3) candidates who met eligibility are:

- Donna Tinkler
- Doug Allsopp
- Cherrian Luxton

The recommended procedure for the selection of the Candidate is below.

- **Step 1** Appoint the CEO as the returning officer.
- **Step 2** Distribute ballot papers.
- **Step 3** CEO to collect the ballot papers and conducts the count. If there is a tie, remove the person with the least number of votes and re-distribute the ballot papers, and continue until a decision is returned.
- **Step 4** Council confirms the winning candidate by resolution.

CONSULTATION

- Chief Executive Officer
- Elected Members of Council
- NT Electoral Commission
- Local Government Unit

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Act 2019

Council Policy 1.18 Casual Councillor Vacancy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

10.8 COOMALIE SENIORS REQUEST FOR A COUNCIL RUN SHOPPING TRIP

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Andrew Roberts, Community Services Coordinator

Attachment: Seniors Shopping Trips.pdf

PURPOSE

To provide Council with the opportunity to assist the Seniors of the Coomalie Shire with obtaining groceries on a regular basis by providing an additional shopping trip service to the existing COTA NT support trip.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) receives and notes the report regarding a monthly Council run bus service from Adelaide River and Batchelor to Palmerston and Coolalinga for Seniors; and
- Approves/does not approve the free use of the Community Bus for a monthly service to
 Palmerston and Coolalinga to assist the Seniors of our Community with their shopping needs.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Council received correspondence from a resident requesting for Council to consider running a regular bus service for seniors to Palmerston and Coolalinga as attached.

Currently, Coomalie Seniors who do not drive to town themselves, are reliant upon either the monthly COTA Shopping Trip to Darwin or an Aged Care Service provider to be able to undertake grocery or other shopping at the larger supermarkets in Darwin or the Rural area.

In discussions with COTA NT and Coomalie COTA and Council Managers, the following information has been offered to assist Council to inform their decision-making process:

- Coomalie COTA Seniors Shopping Bus trip:
 - o Is a monthly service.
 - Has in the past 3 months, had no passengers in Batchelor and 3 in Adelaide River
 - The volunteer bus driver is considering stepping down and they are having difficulty sourcing a replacement driver.
 - The service is heavily subsidised even though passengers are asked for a donation for fuel, the Coomalie Branch seeks funding for Registration, Tyres, servicing, and maintenance.
 - Shopping days often don't align with pension days and the Shopping days are dependent on the volunteer bus driver's availability.
- Council operational impact:
 - o Currently no budget or staff resources for a monthly shopping service
 - Council already provides a monthly Magical Mystery Tour and 6 support bus services to assist Seniors in attending COTA events by picking up seniors to attend the various events throughout the year.

- Council may be able to enter the market as a service provider however it would only service those aged care Clients who have self-managed packages and there are only a few of these in the region.
- If Council were to charge a fee for the service it would impact on the licensing of the driver, and insurance and remove a staff member for one full day from an already overloaded operation. The fees which would subsidise the service would also be unaffordable to most Seniors.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2019 and Regulations

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council would be required to make an allocation within the 2024-25 budget for additional fuel use for the Community Bus, as well as the time for the Community Services Coordinator to coordinate and facilitate this activity, reducing the outputs in Community Services by one full day.

10.9 REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Natasha Chapman, Corporate Services Manager

Attachment: Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference with Tracked Changes

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of amendments to the Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) Terms of Reference as recommended by the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Review of Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference; and
- b) endorses the amended Terms of Reference for the Risk Management and Audit Committee.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

RESOLUTION 2022/09/20/012

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference Amendment; and
- b) endorses the amended Terms of Reference for the Risk Management and Audit Committee.

Moved: Cir. Noble

Seconded: Clr. Freeman Carried

RESOLUTION 2022/08/16/012

That Council

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Update.
- b) agrees to amend section 3.3 of the Terms of Reference.

Moved: Clr. Vice President McClymont

Seconded: Clr. Noble Carried

COMMENT

At the RMAC meeting held on 23rd April 2024, the Committee resolved to recommend to Council that the Terms of Reference be amended as detailed in the RMAC resolution below:

RESOLUTION RMAC2024/04/23/008

That the Risk Management and Audit Committee;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference Review; and
- b) recommends the following amendments to the Terms of Reference to be presented to Council at its next OGM for adoption:
- Clause 3.1 update position title from Manager, Finance Audit and Risk to Manager, Corporate Services
- Clause 3.14 update clause to be 'Emergency Management Directions' as discussed.

Moved: Clr McClymont

Seconded: Member Thornton Carried

It was discussed that Clause 3.14 of the current Terms of Reference is no longer valid/applicable, but that there should be a more general clause relating to Committee members being required to adhere to all Emergency Management Directions. The attached Terms of Reference with Tracked Changes shows the proposed wording of the change to clause 3.14.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 86 of the Local Government Act 2019

CCGC Policy 1.31 Terms of Reference Risk Management and Audit Committee

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

10.10 BATCHELOR PRECINCT, PROPOSED BIITE PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY-DESIGNED NATURE-BASED INTERGENERATIONAL PLAY SPACES

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Letter from BIITE

PURPOSE

To brief Council on the Batchelor Precinct, proposed Batchelor Indigenous Institute of Education (BIITE) proposed partnership in the development of a community-designed nature-based intergenerational play spaces on Lot 341, Bi-centennial Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Batchelor Precinct, Proposed Partnership; and
- b) supports in principle the partnership in the delivery of the 0-6-year-old outdoor play space proposed for Awilla Rd end lot 341, Bi-Centennial Park.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND

Last year Council was informed that the Lego Foundation had funded the Batchelor Institute Australian Research Council Project as part of the Build a World of Play Challenge. The project aims to improve child development and well-being in First Nations communities through the delivery of the Family Spirit Program. Among other home-based programs and support the project will also build community-designed nature-based intergenerational play spaces.

A preliminary project meeting was attended by the CEO and other education and children's services stakeholders and local traditional owners and native title holders to seek support for the project. A project group was proposed requesting Council be represented and several locations for the development of the playground were discussed.

Early this year the Lego Foundation and BIITE representatives travelled through Batchelor and took a town tour introducing project leads to the various open space locations in the township. The open spaces of Lot 341, Bi-Centennial Park was identified as a primary location for the development.

COMMENTS

BIITE is seeking partnership with the Council and preliminary support in principle for the site to build the community-designed nature-based intergenerational play spaces. BIITE also represents a strong partnership that would polarise Council's opportunity to attract Territory and Commonwealth Government funding in the Commonwealth's Regional Precinct and Partnership Program Application for the Batchelor Precinct Major Project.

This development will strengthen Council's application and provide an extraordinary opportunity delivering community benefit on many levels. Council would be involved in the community consultation and development of the project.

CONSULTATION

- BITTE
- Community Stakeholders

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- CCGC Strategic Plan – Goal 4 Community Wellbeing and Resilience

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

NIL

10.11 NOMINATIONS TO REPRESENT LGANT ON THE ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Procedures, TOR, handbook, and Nomination form

PURPOSE

To seek nominations from members to represent LGANT on the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDA	TION			
That Council;				
a) receives and Advisory Comm	notes the report entitled Nominations to Represent LGANT on the Animal Welfare ittee; and			
	b) nominated Clr to represent all Local Government Areas in the NT as the LGANT Representative on the NT Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.			
Moved:	Clr.			
Seconded:	Clr.			

BACKGROUND

Background

The Animal Welfare Advisory Committee is a function of the Animal Welfare Act (2) and has the following functions:

- providing advice to the Minister or the CEO on animal welfare issues or on any other matter that is relevant to the operation of the Act.
- investigating and reporting on matters relevant to animal welfare or the operation of the Act referred to the Advisory Committee by the Minister
- examining or developing codes of practice, and making recommendations to the Minister about:
 - o adopting or prescribing codes of practice under the Regulations
 - providing advice to bodies, organisations, or the general community on programs for the improvement of community awareness about animal welfare
 - performing any other function associated with the welfare of animals or the operation of the Act determined by the Minister.

Role of the Committee

To provide strategic advice to the Minister on matters related to animal welfare, such as:

- policy, legislation, and codes of practice
- education
- community attitudes and trends
- emerging animal welfare issues
- use of animals for scientific purposes

Term of Office

Unless otherwise determined by the Minister, the term of office of the Committee and each Member will be three years.

Meetings

- A sitting fee is paid after each meeting of \$228.00.
- The Committee will meet not less than twice a year.

Nominees

- The member chosen to represent LGANT will represent all Territory municipals, shires, and regional councils as one entity.
- Elected members and officers are eligible to apply.

COMMENT

If you would like your nomination to be considered by the LGANT Board, please return the attached nomination form to andrea.james@lgant.asn.au before COB 07 June 2024.

CONSULTATION

- Chief Executive Officer
- Manager, Council and Community Services

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Animal Welfare Act NT

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Committee member will receive a sitting fee of \$228 per meeting with a minimum of two (2) meetings per year.

10.12 DEVELOPMENT CONSENT APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR PA2024/0087 & PA2024/0089 AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Maps and Docs associated with PA2024/0087 & PA2024/0089

PURPOSE

To update Council on a new subdivision and housing development in Batchelor.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Development Assessment Application PA2024/0087 and PA2024/0089 for Housing Development and land Subdivision for Lot 337(31) Rum Jungle Road; and
- b) Approves the proposed contents for a late Council submission to the Development Consent Authority for Development Assessment Application PA2024/0087 and PA2024/0089 for Housing Development and Land Subdivision for Lot 337(31) Rum Jungle Road.

Moved: Clr. Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Nil

COMMENT

From time to time Council is called upon to provide comment on development application in the Coomalie Region and has member representatives on the Batchelor Division of the Development Consent Authority.

The CEO requested an extension of time for a late submission for the Development Assessment Application PA2024/0087 and PA2024/0089 for Housing Development and land Subdivision for Lot 337(31) Rum Jungle Road, Batchelor NT.

There are two (2) applications before the DCA:

- 1. Application PA2024/0087 for a Housing Development at Lot 337 (31) Rum Jungle Road Batchelor for the development of 4 x 3-bedroom, 1-storey dwellings
- 2. Application PA2024/0089 for land Subdivision for Lot 337(31) Rum Jungle Road, Batchelor NT into 4 lots with associated road works.

There are several issues with the development applications including:

- The lot is not zoned Residential. The current Zoning is Commercial
- The proposed road access to the subdivision is off a DIPL managed Road and it is unclear
 whether the extent of the new road/cul-de-sac would remain part of the DIPL Road network
 or whether the new road would be expected to be managed and maintained by Council in
 the Local Road Network.
- That the housing development application be stalled until the subdivision of land is approved for this purpose.

Council may consider the following comments to be included in a submission:

Council is keen to support land release in the Coomalie Region with the following formal response to your proposal if you address the following points of interest:

- O What will be the formal handover process of the road network? Council would need to understand who the road will be managed and maintained by and in this case would likely be NTG considering the intersection would take up approximately half of the proposed cul-de-sac. Council may be unlikely to enter into an agreement for the remainder of the cul-de-sac.
- Will the cul-de-sac accommodate the turning circle of the large domestic kerbside waste pickup trucks?
- What level of street lighting would be included considering the proximity to a major thoroughfare, crime prevention through environmental design, and road safety for vehicles and pedestrians?
- Council has commenced the development of footpaths throughout the urban centres of Coomalie and would look positively on the development of footpaths in the proposal as per the NT Subdivision Guidelines, improving accessibility, connectivity, and mobility in the town centre. (Council has an Accessibility, Connectivity and Mobility Strategy and has completed stage 1.)
- Council expects that all aspects of the subdivision must align with the DIPL Subdivisional Guidelines.
- Council may have concerns about the development of a residential area within the commercial zone.

CONSULTATION

- Chief Executive Officer
- Development Assessment Forum
- DCA Staff

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NT Subdivision Guidelines

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council would assume the properties would attract a Residential Rate and Urban Waste Management fee which would include the kerbside pickup service and free access to the Coomalie Waste Management Facilities for other domestic waste as per Council's Shire Plan and subsequent Rate Declaration and Fees and Charges Schedule.

11. REPORTS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING

11.1 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST TO APRIL 2024

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Action Items List to May 2024

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Action Items List to May 2024.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

11.2 COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS REGISTER

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

To update Council on complaints and compliments received during April and May period.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Complaints and Compliments Register during April and May 2024.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND

As per Councils 1.3 Customer Handling Complaints Policy the Council will receive a monthly report on number and nature of the complaints.

In the reporting period, Council has received **21** complaints from various sources. **16** complaints have been closed with **5** remaining allocated to an officer for actioning as per the policy. Council also received **0** compliments from residents.

COMPLAINTS TABLE

COMPLAINTS FOR MAY OGM 2024				
DATE	COMPLAINT TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	SOURCE
12/04/2024	Adelaide River-Road Condition Concerns	Wet season road condition is under water. Continuing road past heritage listed area can be repurposed as footpath. Property bounded both sides now a corridor for feral animals and termites. Insufficient street lighting concern for speeding vehicles. Street lighting turned off. Neighbouring property abandoned unmaintained.	CCSM passed concerns to DIPL. Council attempted to reach neighbouring property.	Letter to council
12/04/2024	Noise complaint	Noise disturbances.	CEO Acknowledged, provided further details for Dpt of Housing. Local Police advised of process.	Emailed to CEO
21/04/2024	Adeliade River- Dump Ezy	Adelaide River dump point very full.	Completed	Emailed to Mail
21/04/2024	Batchelor Community Feedback	Noice disturbances. Speeding in township. Consideration to Caution Horses signs.	CCSM acknowledged. Advised of process.	Website - Service Request submitted

22/04/2024	Robin Falls	Resident urged to clean Robin Falls during dry season.	Advised Crown Land Estate of concerning maintenance of Robin Falls.	Called to Council Office
22/04/2024	Vicious Dog attack	Attacked 4x residents of Batchelor	CCSM & Ranger investigated- Regular Dog patrols	Emailed to CCSM
22/04/2024	Neighbours Gamba	Neighbour disappointed that gamba has been left to seed without management.	CCSM contacted unmaintained property- Confirmed no gamba	Called to Council Office
22/04/2024	Lake Bennett Sewerage Treatment	Lake Bennett Estate committed to new sewerage treatment system	CEO Acknowledged - Closed	Emailed to CEO
24/04/2024	Leaning tree	Resident smashed windscreen passing leaning tree on Chinner Road.	Completed	Called to Council Office
24/04/2024	Batchelor Township- hooning and speeding	Repeated incidents of speeding and hooning.	To be discussed by Council in CEO Report	Emailed to Council
24/04/2024	Road Conditions- Cheeney Road	Massive potholes on Cheeney road 4k's from Solomon Road turn off.	Completed	Formal Complaint in Office
26/04/2024	Residential Water Leak	Water meter excessively leaking for months.	CCSM & SAO reported to Dpt Housing. Power Water repaired leak.	Formal Complaint in office
26/04/2024	Contractor Damaged fence	Contractor snagged fence, requiring repairs.	CCSM reported to contractors who repaired it on 29/04/24	Formal Complaint in office
29/04/2024	Gamba Grass	 5 acres owned by CCGC new laws require no gamba. Sprayed broadleaf at resident's expense. Shared fence line, potential of burning out due to unmaintained gamba. Ember attack from surrounding burn offs. Overgrown gamba seeds blown to residents property. Overgrown gamba reduces access to Drainage on property. Fire Protection Zone. Important council maintains their 5 acres. 	In progress	Emailed to CEO
30/04/2024	Road Conditions	Massive potholes on Coach and Miles road.	Completed	Emailed to Mail
1/05/2024	Abandoned Vehicle, Gutters	 Abandoned vehicle on road verge with overgrown vegetation. Street gutters filled with dirt. 	Under investigation	Called to Council Office
1/05/2024	Mealy bug Infestation	Mealy bugs in Darwin, requesting council to introduce ladybugs	Under investigation	Service request submitted to website
2/05/2024	Retic, Pedestrian Safety	Retic/Sprinklers going on and off. Tree dropping branches on footpath.	CEO Acknowledged	Emailed to CEO

8/05/2024	Road Sign Stolen	"Strickland Road" sign stolen.	In Progress	Service Request Submitted to website
9/05/2024	Adelaide River- Low Level access Bridge	Concerning appearance of picnic area.	Reported to DIPL who advised of scheduled works in 2 weeks.	Emailed to Mail
10/05/2024	Dog Barking	Caged dog constantly barking.	CCSM investigated	Service request submitted to website

COMMENT

NIL

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

1.3 Customer Complaints Handling Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

11.3 DRAFT MINUTES OF RMAC 23RD APRIL 2024

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: DRAFT Minutes of RMAC Meeting 23rd April 2024

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an update of the Risk Management and Audit Committee's meeting by presenting the DRAFT Minutes of the RMAC meeting held on 23rd April 2024 for Council's noting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled DRAFT Minutes of RMAC 23rd April 2024.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

COMMENT

The Risk Management and Audit Committee operates as an advisory committee to the Council in accordance with section 87 of the *Local Government Act 2019*. The Committee meets four times per year in line with the current Terms of Reference.

The Risk Management and Audit Committee held a meeting on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 and the DRAFT Minutes of the meeting are attached for Council's information.

CONSULTATION

Risk Management and Audit Committee

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Sections 86-89 of the Local Government Act 2019

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

11.4 WaRM GRANT 2023-24 PROJECT CORRECTION

Date: 21ST May 2024

Author: Natasha Chapman, Corporate Services Manager

Attachment: Nil

PURPOSE

To seek Council's ratification of an error in the previously endorsed project nomination resolution for the WaRM 2023-24 grant funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled WaRM Grant Program 2023-24 Project Correction;
- b) corrects resolution 2023/11/21/009(b) to:

nominates the following project to be funded by the WaRM Grant Program 2023-24:

- Acquisition of one **30-tonne** weighbridge to be located at the Batchelor Waste Management Facility and to co-contribute funds of \$15,500.
- c) requests the Chief Executive Officer correspond with the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet regarding the amendment to Council's project nomination.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Previous Decisions

RESOLUTION 2023/11/21/009

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled WaRM Grant Program 2023-24 Phase 4 proposal; and
- b) nominates the following project to be funded by the WaRM Grant Program 2023-24:
 - Acquisition of one <mark>10-tonne weighbridge</mark> to be located at the Batchelor Waste Management Facility and to co-contribute funds of \$15 500.00; and

c) requests the Chief Executive Officer correspond with the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet confirming Council's acceptance of the WaRM 2023-24 grant funding and its nominated projects.

Moved: Clr. McClymont

Seconded: President Beswick Carried

COMMENT

Council received \$104,500 in grant funding through the Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) Grant funding for 2023-2024. To be compliant with the funding guidelines, Council endorsed its project nomination in November 2023 and the project was nominated to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet before the deadline of 31 January 2024.

It has been noted there is an error in the resolution relating to the weight capacity of the weighbridge and it is sought to rectify the error for resubmission to the Department. The original resolution identifies the acquisition of a 10-tonne weighbridge, however on further review, it is necessary to amend the resolution to a 30-tonne weighbridge as there are no 10-tonne weighbridge options available.

The WaRM 2023-24 funds must be fully expended by 30 June 2025, so there is adequate time to correct this before proceeding to procurement of the weighbridge.

CONSULTATION

- Chief Executive Officer
- Council and Community Services Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2019

NTG Grant Agreement

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council received \$104,500 in grant funding through the Waste and Resource Management grant 2023-2024 and approved a co-contribution of \$15,500 for this project. The amendment to the resolution will not change the funding required.

11.5 ACQUITTAL IMMEDIATE PRIORITY GRANT 2022-23 - SAFER ANIMAL TRANSPORT

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Natasha Chapman, Corporate Services Manager

Attachment: Immediate Priority Grant 2022-23 Safer Animal Transport Acquittal Form

PURPOSE

The acquittal of the Immediate Priority Grant 2022-23 (IPG 2022-23) is required to be laid before Council prior to being submitted to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet in accordance with the reporting requirements outlined in the Grant Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Acquittal Immediate Priority Grant 2022-23 Safer Animal Transport; and
- b) forwards the acquittal for the Immediate Priority Grant 2022-23 to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet before the reporting due date of 31 May 2024.
- c) approves the operation to expend the balance of Councils co-contribution of safety and environmental health issues at Councils Dog Pound.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Previous Decisions

RESOLUTION 2023/04/18/18

That Council receives and notes the report entitled Immediate Priority Grant 2022-23 update.

Moved: Vice President McClymont

Seconded: Clr. Freeman Carried

RESOLUTION 2022/11/15/15

That Council;

- a) endorses the following project proposals for submission to the Immediate Priority Grants Program;
 - 1. Ranger Vehicle and safety equipment; and
 - 2. Roadside Parks and Equipment Upgrade;
- b) agrees to provide a co-contribution toward each proposal of the following amounts.
 - 1. \$ 13,000.00
 - 2. \$ 13,000.00; and

c) directs the Chief Executive Officer to submit two applications before the closing date of 2^{nd} December 2022.

Moved: Clr. Noble

Seconded: Clr. Freeman Carried

COMMENT

The IPG 2022-23 grant for safer animal transport had a project completion date of 30 April 2024 and a final acquittal due date of 31 May 2024.

The project application sought funding to replace one single cab utility and to fit it with a purpose-built hydraulic lift dog cage and storage for animal management equipment. The estimate project total submitted in the application was \$84,300, inclusive of a \$13,000 co-contribution from Council. Partial funding of \$40,000 was received through the grant program and Council's co-contribution remained available for use.

As the full funding was not received, Council approved the replacement of a utility through the 2023-24 budget, and the project proceeded to fit the vehicle with the required animal management equipment, including a specialised hydraulic lift dog cage, storage component, and safety equipment for the vehicle.

Council dog pound requires significant attention including:

- The installation of a ramp for entry into the pound
- Automatic waterers
- More catch and control devices such as spare poles; traps and muzzles
- Minor upgrade to the septic and drainage around the site

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer

Council and Community Services Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NTG Grant Agreement

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$40,000 was received through the IPG 2022-23 grant round and Council's co-contribution to the project was \$13,000. Final expenditure was \$43,112, resulting in a surplus of \$9,888. This surplus is a result of the reduced scope of works completed due to the partial funding received. The full allocation of Council's co-contribution was not required given the partial scope approved for funding.

Council may consider utilising the balance of the co-contribution to upgrade the Dog Pound Facility as commented above.

11.6 GAZETTAL OF CONDITIONAL RATES 2024-25

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Natasha Chapman, Corporate Services Manager

Attachment: Email Correspondence

NT Government Gazette

PURPOSE

To brief Council on the Notice of Rateability of Conditionally Rateable Land for the 2024-25 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the report entitled Gazettal of Conditional Rates 2024-25.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Pursuant to Section 219(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, "conditionally rateable land is only rateable in accordance with a *Gazette* notice made by the Minister at least 2 months before the commencement of the financial year for which the rates are declared."

Previous Decisions

RESOLUTION 2023/05/16/13

That Council receives and notes the report entitled Changes to Conditional Rates 2023-24.

Moved: Cir. Noble

Seconded: President Beswick Carried

COMMENT

The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet wrote to the Chief Executive Officer (attached) advising of the Minister for Local Government's recent Gazettal Notice regarding conditionally rateable land. A copy of the Gazette Notice is attached for Council's information.

In 2022, the Minister for Local Government decided to increase conditional rates by 36% for three (3) consecutive financial years: 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25. The differential rate and minimum charge have been increased for pastoral leases and mining tenements for the 2024/25 financial year in accordance with this decision. These changes have been included in the Draft 2024/25 Rates Declaration and forecasted rates revenue for the 2024/25 budget.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 219 of the Local Government Act 2019

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Draft 2024/25 Budget included the increase in conditional rates according to the Minister's previous commitment to increase the rates by 36% each financial year. The draft budget released for public consultation included these rates.

12. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

12.1 INCOMING AND OUTGOING MAIL

Date: 21st May 2024

Author: Sharon Hillen, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Nil

PURPOSE

Council is provided with items of correspondence both received and sent during the months of April and May 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the items of incoming and outgoing correspondence as tabled for the April and May 2024 period.

Moved: Clr. Seconded: Clr.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Hard copies are available to Council on the day of each Ordinary Council meeting for perusal, with additional copies available on request to individual Elected Members.

COMMENT

The correspondence inwards and outwards will be tabled at every meeting or included in agenda items as part of the background information for that issue.

The Items of Correspondence are as follows.

Correspondence In

Date	MI	SENDER	From	Subject
9/04/2024	2024-409	Mail	DIPL	Launch of New Infrastructure NT Website
10/04/2024	2024-410	Mail	ABC Heywire	ABC Heywire Opportunities in your region
10/04/2024	2024-411	Mail	LGANT	LGANT Conference Dinner 18th April
10/04/2024	2024-412	Mail	DIPL	Request for Comments- Crown Land Licence CLL24/79
10/04/2024	2024-413	CEO	Rum Jungle Project	March Newsletter 2024
11/04/2024	2024-414	Mail	Shire Resident	Community Bus Service
14/04/2024	2024-415	Mail	Shire Resident	Shire Plan Feedback- Dogs & Township
15/04/2024	2024-416	Mail	Shire Resident	Tidy Town
15/04/2024	2024-417	Mail	NWI	Seeking views on Future National Water Agreement
15/04/2024	2024-418	Mail	Shire Resident	Environmental Pollution Lake Bennett
15/04/2024	2024-419	CEO	LGANT	LGANT General Meeting Papers
15/04/2024	2024-420	CEO	LGANT	Australia Post- Submission
16/04/2024	2024-421	CEO	LGANT	CEO Forum (day before LGANT conference)
16/04/2024	2024-422	Mail	DITT	Coomalie Regional Business Event Invitation- 8th May

			Darwin	
16/04/2024	2024-423	Mail	Aquaculture	Barramundi Stocking into Rum Jungle Lake
10,0 1,2021	2021 120	T TOTAL	Centre	Barramanar otookking into Hami Janigko Lako
16/04/2024	2024-424	CEO	LGANT	LGANT Conference Program
16/04/2024	2024-425	CEO	LGANT	LGANT General Meeting Papers
			NT Electoral	<u> </u>
17/04/2024	2024-426	CEO	Commission	2025 Local Government Elections
47/04/0004	2024 427		Batchelor Area	
17/04/2024	2024-427	Mail	School	Swimming Pool Policy
17/04/2024	2024-428	Mail	Charles Darwin	Celebrate International Nurse's Day
17/04/2024	2024-428	Mail	University	Cetebrate international Nuise's Day
17/04/2024	2024-429	Mail	DITRDCA	Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program
18/04/2024	2024-430	Mail	DCEEW	Community Energy Upgrades Fund Reminder
40/04/0004	2024 424		Gas Energy	OFAL II
19/04/2024	2024-431	Mail	Australia	GEA Letter
22/04/2024	2024 422	Mail	DITDDCA	Vote now for 2024 National Awards for Local
22/04/2024	2024-432	Mail	DITRDCA	Government
22/04/2024	2024 422	Mail	Regional Australia	Current for All Local Covernment
22/04/2024	2024-433	Mail	Institute	Survey for All Local Government
23/04/2024	2024-434	Mail	Dheran Young MLA	April 2024 Newsletter
24/04/2024	2024-435	Mail	Dheran Young MLA	2024 Round 1 Core Lithium Community Grants
24/04/2024	2024 400	Tidit		Program
24/04/2024	2024-436	Mail	DITT	April Business Bulletin
24/04/2024	2024-437	CEO	Hon Chansey Paech MLA	Correspondence from Hon Chansey Paech MLA
24/04/2024	2024-438	Mail	DCEEW	Community Energy Upgrades Fund Round 1 Deadline
24/04/2024	2024-439	Mail	HVRA	Heavy Vehicle Rest Area Initiative Application Reminder
24/04/2024	2024-440	Mail	Families Australia	National Families Week Letter
24/04/2024	2024-441	Mail	Shire Resident	Dog Control
24/04/2024	2024-442	Mail	Shire Resident	Poor Driver Behaviour
24/04/2024	2024-443	Mail	Shire Resident	Safety Around Horses & Wildlife
05/04/0004	2024 444		P. L. 15	Exploring Potential Collaboration and Partnership
25/04/2024	2024-444	Mail	Jinkai Energy	Opportunities
26/04/2024	2024-445	CEO	Shire Resident	Anzac Day Suggestion
26/04/2024	2024-446	Mail	CEO	NT News Batchelor Dawn Service
29/04/2024	2024-447	Mail	Shire Resident	Anzac Day Feedback
29/04/2024	2024-448	CEO	LGANT	Traineeship & Apprenticeship Program
			Australian College	Local Government Networks Risk Assessment
30/04/2024	2024-449	Mail	of Road Safety	Frameworks Project
30/04/2024	2024-450	Mail	DITT	Special Event Application: Rumble in the Jungle Rodeo
1/05/2024	2024-451	Mail	LGANT	LGANT Newsletter
1/05/2024	2024-452	DITT	NTFRS	NTFRS Supporting Rumble in the Jungle Rodeo
1/05/2024	2024-453	Mail	NWI	Consultation on a future national water agreement- Deadline Extended
2/05/2024	2024-454	Mail	DEPWS	Advice Letter- Gamba Grass Identified within property
7/05/2024	2024-455	CSM	Ironbark	Signed Lease Renewal Agreement
7/05/2024	2024-456	CEO	DIPL	AROWS - Environmental Impact Assessment
			Litchfield Outback	·
7/05/2024	2024-457	Mail	Resort	Letter to Advise of Rumble in the Jungle Rodeo

7/05/2024	2024-458	Mail	Shire Resident	Shire Plan Feedback- Chinner Road	
8/05/2024	2024-459	Mail	Shire Resident	Shire Plan Feedback- Lake Bennett Rubbish	
8/05/2024	2024-460	Mail	Shire Resident	Exposed Asbestos	
9/05/2024	2024-461	Mail	DITT	Business Bulletin	
9/05/2024	2024-462	Mail	Batchelor Areas School	School Crossing and Signage	
9/05/2024	2024-463	CEO	Dpt Chief Minister and Cabinet	Batchelor Aged Care Project	
9/05/2024	2024-464	Mail	Scanlon Foundation	Webinar Invitation Strengthening Democracy Research Project & Launch of new Social Cohesion Compass	
10/05/2024	2024-465	CEO	Dpt Chief Minister & Cabinet	Superannuation for Council Members	
13/05/2024	2024-466	Mail	Shire Resident	Shire Plan Feedback- Sport, Rubbish & Roads	
13/05/2024	2024-467	Mail	Shire Resident	Shire Plan Feedback- Roads North of Shire	
13/05/2024	2024-468	Mail	Shire Resident	Shire Plan Feedback- Budget, Weed & Fire, Emergency &Strategic Plan	
13/05/2024	2024-469	Mail	Shire Resident	Shire Plan Feedback- Waste Budget & Shire Wards	
15/05/2024	2024-470	Mail	Local Government Compliance	Feedback on Draft Annual Plan 2024-25	

Correspondence Out Table

Date	мо	SENDER	Recipient	Subject
12/04/2024	2024-129	CEO	Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre	Batchelor Swimming Pool Requirements
17/04/2024	2024-130	ESC	Mt Bundy Station	Letter of Support- Visitor Experience Grant
17/04/2024	2024-131	CEO	Dpt Chief Minister & Cabinet	Purpose of LGU at Coomalie Council Meetings
26/04/2024	2024-132	CEO	Shire Resident	Receipt of Nomination for Casual Councillor Vacancy
7/05/2024	2024-133	CEO	DIPL	Slashing, weeds and rubbish on Batchelor & Rum Jungle Roads
9/05/2024	2024-134	CSM	Ironbark	Lease Renewal Agreement
10/05/2024	2024-135	CCSM	JPC Contracting, Chiplee, Northern Projects	RFQ2024-004
10/05/2024	2024-136	CEO	DITT Liquor Commissioner	Letter of Support for Special Event
9/05/2024	2024-137	CCSM	RS Gardening	RFQ Agreement Extension
9/05/2024	2024-138	CCSM	Rs Gardening	RFT Period Contract Extension
9/05/2024	2024-139	CSM	VTG	RFT22 Period Contract Extension
9/05/2024	2024-140	CSM	Oolloo	RFT36 Period Contract Extension
9/05/2024	2024-141	CCSm	Batchelor Area School	Rum Jungle Bowls Club
14/05/2024	2024-142	ESC	Shire Resident	Safety Around Horses & Wildlife

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Regulation 54 Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

13.	COUNCILLORS REPORTS
Nil	
14.	USE OF THE COMMON SEAL
Nil	
15.	LATE ITEMS AND URGENT BUSINESS
Nil	
16.	GENERAL BUSINESS

17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

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

- 51 (1) (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of staff or possible member of the staff of the Council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;
- 51 (1) (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;
- 51 (1) (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:
 - (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or
 - (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or
 - (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members, or staff; or
 - (iv) subject to subregulation (3) prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;
- 51 (1) (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity;
- 51 (1) (e) subject to subregulation (3) information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest;
- 51 (1) (f) subject to subregulation (2) information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

Procedural Note:

The meeting was closed to the public at

- 17.1 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL ACTION ITEMS LIST TO APRIL 2024
- 17.2 CONFIDENTIAL CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT
- 17.3 LEGAL MATTERS
- 17.4 AWARDING OF RFT2024-002 CLEANING OF PUBLIC TOILETS AND COUNCIL ASSETS

18. 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: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

Procedural Note:

The meeting was reopened to the public at

19. DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL SECTION OF THE COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move the following items into Open:

Moved: Clr.

Seconded: Clr.

20. NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday 18th June 2024 at 3:00pm**

21. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at