



MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
30th JUNE 2026
10:00 am

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1. NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Date: 30th June 2026
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Council Chambers
22 Cameron Road, Batchelor NT 0845

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

The Special Meeting of Council was open to the public.

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes only.



Natasha Chapman

Acting Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/003

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

Moved: Cllr Strettles

Seconded: Cllr Morrison

Carried

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON 30th JUNE 2026

The President of the Council, Mr. Ross McGorman declared the meeting open at 10:00 am, and welcomed all in attendance.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

3. PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

VISITORS PRESENT

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Date: 30th June 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil.

PURPOSE

This report is to table for Council's record any apologies and requests for leave of absence received for the Special Meeting held on 30th June 2026.

RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/001

That Council receives and notes the apologies of Cllr. Morrison for the Special Meeting held 30th June 2026.

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

5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Date: 30th June 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil.

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/002

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

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

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Date: 30th June 2026

Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil.

PURPOSE

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

1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.

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

RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/003

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

Moved: Clr. Strettles

Seconded: DP Whatley

Carried

7. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CERTIFICATION OF THE ASSESSMENT RECORD

Date:	30 th June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	Nil

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/004

That Council;

- a) notes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, certifies that, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief, the Assessment Record is a comprehensive record of all rateable land within the Coomalie Community Government Council area; and
- b) accepts the signed Certification of the Assessment Record as included in this report and tabled at the Special Meeting of 30th June 2026.

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr. Beswick

Carried

7.2 DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2026/2027

Date:	30 th June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	2026-2027 Rates Declaration

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/005

That Council;

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

Moved: Clr. Beswick

Seconded: DP Whatley

Carried

7.3 FEES AND CHARGES 2026/2027

Date:	30 th June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	2026/2027 Fees and Charges

PURPOSE

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

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

Discussion Point:

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

7.4 COUNCIL MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2026/2027

Date:	30 th June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	Nil

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/007		
That Council confirms the budgeted total of \$181,516 for Elected Member Allowances for the 2026/2027 financial year in accordance with the NT Remuneration Tribunal Determination for Local Councils 2026.		
Moved:	Clr. Beswick	
Seconded:	DP Whatley	Carried

Discussion Point:

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

7.5 BUDGET 2026/2027

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

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/008		
That Council;		
a) adopts the 2026/2027 Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2030; and		
b) publishes the Budget on Councils website and notify the agency in writing in accordance with section 203(4) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .		
Moved:	DP Whatley	
Seconded:	Clr. Strettles	Carried

7.6 SHIRE PLAN 2026/2027

Date:	30 th June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	2026/2027 Shire Plan

PURPOSE

For Council to adopt the Shire Plan 2026/2027.

RESOLUTION SPEC2026/06/30/009

That Council;

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

Moved: Clr. Whatley

Seconded: Clr. Strettles

Carried

Discussion Points:

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

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting closed at 10:22am.