



MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

19th SEPTEMBER 2026

10:00am

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1. NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Date: 19th September 2026
Time: 10.00 am
Location: Council Chambers
22 Cameron Road, Batchelor NT 0845

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

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

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes only.



Natasha Chapman
Acting Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLUTION: 2026/10/19/004

That the Public Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 19th September 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Clr Strettles

Seconded: Clr Roe

Carried

MINUTES

ORDINARY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON 19th SEPTEMBER 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
Councillor	Sharon Beswick
Councillor	Mae Mae Morrison
Councillor	Alan Roe
Councillor	Greg Strettles

STAFF PRESENT

Acting Corporate Services Manager	Luke Ackland
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VISITORS PRESENT

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil.

PURPOSE

This report is to table for Council's record any apologies and requests for leave of absence received for the Ordinary General Meeting held on 19th September 2026.

NIL

5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Date: 19th September 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.

NIL

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil.

PURPOSE

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

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/001

That Council receives the declarations of interest as listed for the Ordinary General Meeting held on 19th September 2026.

- 21.6 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT PROGRESS REPORT** - President McGorman
21.6 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT PROGRESS REPORT – Clr. Beswick
21.7 REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF OUTSTANDING RATES AND ACCRUED INTEREST – AN235 – DP Whatley
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Moved: Clr Beswick

Seconded: DP Whatley **Carried**

Meeting rules and maintaining order

Agenda's clear days before meeting

7. MOVING AGENDA ITEMS FROM PUBLIC TO CONFIDENTIAL

8. MOVING AGENDA ITEMS FROM CONFIDENTIAL TO PUBLIC

9. PETITIONS

NIL

10. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF 15th AUGUST 2026

Date: 19th September 2026

Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: [DRAFT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR 15th AUGUST 2026](#)

PURPOSE

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 15th August 2026 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/002

That the Public Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 15th August 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Cllr Strettles

Seconded: Cllr Beswick

Carried

Discussion points not fully noted?

10.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 26th AUGUST 2026

Date: 19th September 2026

Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: [DRAFT PUBLIC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 26th AUGUST 2026](#)

PURPOSE

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 26th August 2026 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/003

That the Public Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 26th August 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Cllr Morrison

Carried

11. PRESIDENT REPORT

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Ross McGorman, President
Attachment: NIL

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/004

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

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr Beswick **Carried**

Wrote letter to Chief Minister

Batchelor Museum- Looking for Council support

Demountable referencing reinstatement- prior to announcement

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT.

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment: Nil

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/005

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

Moved: Clr Roe

Seconded: Clr Strettles **Carried**

Previous CEO designed carpark at Coomalie Bush Cemetery

13. FINANCE REPORTS

13.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

Date:	19 th September 2026
Author:	Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager
Attachment:	Nil

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/006

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 August 2026.

Moved: Cllr Beswick

Seconded: DP Whatley

Carried

Additional Grants summary table added

Where is the procurement for Preston's mowing

Conflict of interest

Is contractor work being checked for completion – review quality control process before payment- to be reviewed by Council

Include works completed location in transactions table

14. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

14.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION REVIEW SUBMISSION

Date: 19th September 2026

Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: [Local Government Representation Review Discussion Paper](#)

PURPOSE

For Council to consider the current local government representation arrangements for Coomalie Shire and determine the matters for inclusion in a submission to the Local Government Representation Review Committee during the current consultation period.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/007

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Local Government Representation Review Submission;
- b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to draft a submission to the Local Government Representation Review Committee detailing the following items for consideration:
 - Council supports the status quo, of three wards and two Elected Members for each ward.
 - Rejects to any suggestion of amalgamations within Coomalie Council

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr Roe

Carried

14.2 2026 PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN UP

Date:	19 th September 2026
Author:	Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager
Attachment:	Nil

PURPOSE

To address inequity and support rural residents in undertaking their own pre-cyclone clean-up, it is proposed that Council approve a temporary fee waiver for white goods requiring degassing.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/008

That Council;

- a) receives and notes report entitled 2026 Pre-Cyclone Clean Up;
- b) approves a fee waiver of \$104 (inc. GST) per item for the disposal of white goods requiring degassing at the Batchelor and Adelaide River Waste Management Facilities for the month of October 2026, while the pre-cyclone clean-up is active;
- c) authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer (or delegated officer) to implement the waiver and communicate this to waste facility staff and the community; and
- d) notes that this is a time-limited measure for October 2026 only, consistent with previous Council decisions supporting white goods disposal during pre-cyclone clean-up periods.

Moved: Clr Strettles

Seconded: Clr Roe

Carried

Clearly communicated on Council website and Facebook
Investigate if there is such thing as a certification for degassing

14.3 CONSIDERATION OF CUSTOMER SERVICE SOFTWARE UPGRADE – SNAP SEND SOLVE APP

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Andrew Roberts, Community Services Coordinator
Attachment: NIL

PURPOSE

To seek Council's consideration of the option to obtain adequate software access to enable improved Community engagement and satisfaction with reporting and rectification of issues across the Shire.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/009

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Customer Service Software Upgrade – Snap Send Solve;
- b) does not approve the required funds of \$5,000 per annum for a 3-year period for full access to the Snap Send Solve app platform be referred to the First Budget Review 2026/27 and provisions to be included in the next two Financial Year budgets; and
- c) notes there will be a review of the ongoing service requirements prior to the renewal of any service agreement at the end of the three-year period.

Moved: Clr. Beswick

Seconded: DP Whatley **Carried 5/6 (Clr. Morrison not in room)**

Ensure members of public can still report incidents via alternative means- phone, paper, email

Procedural Note:

Clr Morrison left the meeting at 11:04am

Clr Morrison returned to the meeting at 11:05am

14.4 ENDORSEMENT OF DRAFT WEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2026-2031

Date: 19th September 2026

Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: DRAFT Coomalie Weed Management Strategy 2026-2031

PURPOSE

For Council to endorse the Draft Weed Management Strategy 2026-2031.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/010

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Endorsement of Draft Weed Management Strategy 2026-2031; and
- b) does not endorse the Weed Management Strategy 2026-2031 in current state; and
- b) defers until the next special meeting which includes a workshop.

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr. Roe

Carried

14.5 FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FOR SECTION 2830 HUNDRED OF GOYDER (RUM JUNGLE LAKE)

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment: CCGC Rum Jungle Lake Rehabilitation Project Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

PURPOSE

To seek Council's direction on the intended future land use for the portion of Section 2830 Hundred of Goyder (Rum Jungle Lake) that will be used as a Borrow Pit for the Rum Jungle Mine Rehabilitation Project by Department of Mining and Energy.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/011

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Future Land Use Plan for Section 2830 Hundred of Goyder – Rum Jungle Lake; and

b) confirms the preferred future land use after the rehabilitation of Council's Borrow Pit back to its natural biodiversity state:

1. For low impact public recreation use
2. Investigate the establishment of a wetlands area within borrow pit area
3. To ensure Meniling Creek will not be impacted by any works

c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide this information to the Department of Mining and Energy and work with the relevant project team to ensure the Borrow Pit rehabilitation takes the future land use into consideration.

Moved: Cllr Morrison

Seconded: Cllr Beswick

Carried

Request CEO to arrange briefing of borrow pit activity and what is to take place

Procedural Note:

DP Whatley left the meeting at 11:35am

DP Whatley returned to the meeting at 11:36am

14.6 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – LGANT BOARD DIRECTORS

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment: 2026 LGANT Board Director Nomination Information
LGANT Board Director Nomination form

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of a nomination for an elected member to be considered for a LGANT Board Director position.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/012

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Call for Nominations – LGAN Board Directors;

b) nominates the following Elected Members for positions on the LGANT Board:

1. LGANT President – Nil
2. LGANT Vice President – Regional/Shires – Nil
3. LGANT Board Director – Regional/Shires – Clr. Beswick and DP Whatley

c) directs the Chief Executive Officer to assist in the completion of the nomination forms and submit to LGANT by the closing date of 2 October 2026.

Moved: Clr Beswick

Seconded: Clr Roe

Carried

14.7 LGANT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - CALL FOR MOTIONS

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment: [LGANT Calls for Motions Form](#)

PURPOSE

To seek Council's nomination for motions to be submitted for consideration at the LGANT Annual General Meeting on 11 November 2026.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/013

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled LGANT Annual General Meeting - Call for Motions; and

b) approves the nomination of the below new motions:

1. Item 4- Advocacy for reinstatement of NT Government funding specifically for road maintenance support relating to council roads being used for the benefit of NT Gov initiatives

2. Item 5- 5. Advocacy for the amendment of the Bushfires Management Act 2016 to better support Councils across the NT in managing fire risk on Council managed lands including accidental ignitions.

3. Item 6- Advocacy for NT government to assist in addressing the ongoing 'Paper Road' issues prevalent across the Territory.

4. Item 3- Coordination of a collective waste management service provision across Top End Region of Councils.

5. Review of building code to allow occupation of single skin dwellings.

c) directs the Chief Executive Officer to discuss with LGANT the above new motions and submit the required Calls for Motions form for the six motions if appropriate and not already on LGANT's agenda by the closing date of 29 September 2026.

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr Beswick

Carried

14.8 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment: [Council Policy 2.2 Asset Management Policy](#)

PURPOSE

For Council to consider the disposal of Council assets as detailed in the report.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/014

That Council;

a) receives and notes report Disposal of Assets;

b) approves the disposal of the below items, by open auction and items to be delivered by Council staff;

- portable toilet block and trailer
- Hino 500 Tipper
- John Deere ride on mower
- old dog trailer

d) delegates the Acting CEO to enter relevant agreements to enable the open auction through an agent and dispose of the approved items as per Council Policy 2.2 Asset Management Policy and report back the financial outcome of the disposals.

Moved: Clr. Beswick

Seconded: Clr. Strettles

Carried

Asset management meeting required

14.9 POLICY DEVELOPMENT – OUTDOOR SIGNAGE POLICY

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager
Attachment: [DRAFT 4.06 Outdoor Advertising Sign Policy](#)

PURPOSE

To seek Council's adoption of the Outdoor Advertising Sign Policy. The policy provides guidance to staff when an advertiser seeks to exhibit advertising signs on or in a public area, or on or in premises visible from a public area within Coomalie Shire.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/015

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Policy Development: DRAFT 4.06 Outdoor Advertising Sign Policy; and

b) adopts Policy 4.06 Outdoor Advertising Sign Policy (as amended).

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr Morrison

Carried

14.10 POLICY DEVELOPMENT – 5.07 ROAD VERGE POLICY

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment: 5.7 Road Verge Policy

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of the newly developed Council Policy 5.07 Road Verge Policy.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/016

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Policy Development – 5.07 Road Verge Policy;
- b) adopts the new policy 5.07 Road Verges with the following amendments;
 - Add 2. Scope Term from 'Road Verge' to 'Nature Strip' and 'in townships of Adelaide River and Batchelor'
 - Policy Name change to '5.07 Nature Strip Policy'
- c) directs the Chief Executive Officer to communicate new policy requirements to the community and implement the required procedures to support the policy.

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr Beswick

Carried

14.11 CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager
Attachment: Nil

PURPOSE

To seek Council's approval to close the Council Administration Office during the Christmas and New Year period.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/017

That Council authorises the closure of the Council Administration Office from 12:00pm on Thursday 24 December 2026 and reopening on Monday 4 January 2027.

Moved: Clr Morrison

Seconded: Clr Beswick

Carried

Procedural Note:

Acting Corporate Services Manger left the meeting at 12:10pm
Acting Corporate Services Manger returned to the meeting at 12:30pm

Lunch Break: 12:11pm,
Meeting resumed at 12:41pm

15. REPORTS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING

15.1 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER OGM 2026

Date:	19 th September 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer.
Attachments:	Actions for the September OGM 2026.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/018

That Council;

a) receives and notes the Actions for the September 2026 OGM; and

b) remove items: 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 18, 19,21 ,23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

Moved: Cllr Morrison

Seconded: Cllr Beswick

Carried

15.2 COMPLAINTS, COMPLIMENTS AND SERVICE REQUEST REGISTER.

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Complaints, Compliments and Service Request tables.

PURPOSE

To update Council on complaints, compliments and service requests received during August - September 2026.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/019

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

Moved: Cllr Morrison
Seconded: Cllr Roe **Carried**

15.3 CHINNER ROAD STATUS REPORT

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment: Nil
Report Requested By: Councillor Strettles

PURPOSE

To inform Council on the status of Chinner Road maintenance.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/019/020

That Council receives and notes report entitled Chinner Road Status Report.

a) Council request that further reports of this nature, that awarded contractor and cost be in the agenda report

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

Cllr. Strettles emailed A/CEO 03/09/26 requesting agenda item for Chinner road that has not been addressed.

Elected Members should be able to complete their own Agenda items/reports

Elected Members want the agenda template emailed to them

15.4 CHRISTMAS EVENT UPDATE

Date: 19 September 2026
Author: Andrew Roberts, Community Services Coordinator
Attachment: Nil

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an update on planning for the new Community Christmas Event.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/021

That Council receives and notes the report entitled Community Christmas Event Update.

Moved: Clr. Strettles

Seconded: Clr. Roe

Carried

Procedural Note:

Clr Morrison left the meeting at 1:25pm,
Clr Morrison returned to the meeting at 1:27pm

15.5 COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY AND STRATEGY

Date: 19th September 2026
Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment: [Council Policy 1.06 Council Communications Policy](#)
[Council Policy 2.6 Delegations Policy](#)
REPORT REQUESTED BY: Councillor Strettles

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an explanation of the Council's Communications Policy and Strategy with a particular focus on Council's website and social media.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/022

That Council receives and notes the report entitled Council Communications Policy and Strategy;

3.5 add maintain 'current'

3.8 add 'Council should strive to update the Council Facebook with a social media post daily, likes can be received but no comments possible '

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr Morrison

Carried

Agenda item does not reflect Clr. Strettles request and request that his name be removed from agenda items 15.5 and 15.3.

Request Council staff to be more proactive with online presence (daily Facebook post with comments turned off) and updating Council website more frequently

16. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION.

16.1 INCOMING AND OUTGOING MAIL.

Date:	19 th September 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer.
Attachment:	Incoming and outgoing correspondence tables.

PURPOSE

Council is provided with items of correspondence both received and sent during the months of August 2026 to September 2026.

RESOLUTION: 26/09/19/023

That Council receives and notes the items of incoming and outgoing correspondence as tabled for August 2026 to September 2026 period; and

a) Letter 14/08/26 NT Emergency Services Symposium- Send email to Elected Members and inform of cost of attending.

b) If appropriate Council nominate DP Whatley to attend in person.

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr Beswick

Carried

Why was Clr. Roe email included in table

17. COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

17.1 DEPUTY PRESIDENT WHATLEY – TOPROC MEETING UPDATE

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/024

That Council receives and notes Deputy President Whatley's verbal update on the TOPROC meeting held on 4th September 2026.

Moved: DP Whatley

Second: President McGorman

Carried

18. USE OF THE COMMON SEAL.

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

Date:	19 th September 2026
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Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Nil

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/025

That Council, pursuant to Section 38(2)(a)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, ratifies the use of the Common Seal affixed to Section 83 Form 48 – Discharge of Statutory Charge for property AN681.

Moved: Clr. Roe

Seconded: Clr. Morrison

Carried

19. LATE ITEMS AND URGENT BUSINESS.

19.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION: PA2026/0289 – SECTION 85 HUNDRED OF HOWARD

Date: 19th September 2026

Author: Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: NIL

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/026

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Development Application: PA2026/0289 – Section 85 Hundred of Howard;

b) respond in writing to Development Assessment Services (DAS) to confirm

i) Council's support to the proposed subdivision;

ii) That the landholder is responsible for the development of the access to the proposed lots at no cost to

Council;

iii) that if the landholder is required to install additional electrical grid infrastructure within the Councils Road Reserve, further negotiations will be required;

iv) that if a cross over is required that it will be at the landowner's responsibility to meet Council's development requirements at their own cost.

c) notes that the subdivision represents an additional general rate and waste management charge when titles are finished.

Moved: Clr Beswick

Seconded: Clr Morrison

Carried

19.2 RESPITE AND RECOVERY FACILITY (BATCHELOR)

Date: 19TH September 2026

Author: Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager

PURPOSE

To provide Elected Members with a brief update on the Northern Territory Government's announcement of the NT Respite and Recovery Facility in Batchelor, and to record Council's initial engagement and response.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/027

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Respite and Recovery Facility (Batchelor); and
- b) does not support or approve the NT Government's decision to build a respite and recovery facility in entirety; and
- c) advise the NT Government that Council endorsement of the letter previously sent to the Minister and request that the Government stop the proposed facility
- d) lobby Federal and Territory Ministers to reverse decision.

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr Roe

Carried

Investigate injunction options effectiveness and cost

Engage with advocacy groups in Darwin

Who owns the land

Clr. Roe to draft letter with Clr. Morrison and President reiterating concerns for Health Clinic and Police (Prime Minister, Minister of Families and Senator Hon/Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Malarndirri McCarthy, Minister for Families Tanya Plibersek, Salena Uibo and Marion Scrimgeour)

Circulate Presidents letter to the Minister with the minutes

Include Facebook posts

Check legal rights/advise

Contact Danila Dilba Aboriginal Health Board CEO Rob McPhee

Procedural Note:

Clr Strettles left the meeting at 2:04pm,

Clr Strettles returned to the meeting at 2:06pm

MOTION: EXTENSION OF MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/019/028

Moved: Clr Beswick

Carried

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/029

Carried

21.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 15th AUGUST 2026

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

- (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:
- (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

21.2 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING 26th AUGUST 2026

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

- (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:
- (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

21.3 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL ACTIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2026 OGM

CONFIDENTIAL: Regulations 51(1)(e) information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

21.4 PROPOSED CROWN LEASE – LOT 321 BATCHELOR

CONFIDENTIAL: Regulations 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.

Procedural Note:

DP Whatley left the meeting at 3:55pm,
DP Whatley returned to the meeting at 3:56pm

21.5 ONSITE FUEL TANK PURCHASE

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

- (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:
- (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

Procedural Note:

President McGorman left the meeting at 4:09pm
Clr Beswick left the meeting at 4:09pm
DP Whatley became Chair at 4:09pm

21.6 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT PROGRESS REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL: Regulations 51(1)(f) subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

Procedural Note:

President McGorman returned to the meeting and resumed Chair at 4:10pm
DP Whatley left the meeting at 4:10pm

21.7 REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF OUTSTANDING RATES AND ACCRUED INTEREST – AN235

51 Confidential information

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

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

Procedural Note:

DP Whatley returned to the meeting at 4:31pm

Clr Beswick returned to the meeting at 4:31pm

21.8 CEO RECRUITMENT 2026

CONFIDENTIAL: Regulations 51(a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;

Procedural Note:

Clr Morrison left the meeting at 4:53pm,

Clr Morrison returned to the meeting at 4:54pm

MOTION: EXTENSION OF MEETING

RESOLUTION: CONF2026/09/019/039

That Council further extends the meeting by a further 1 hour (6:00pm)

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr Strettles

Carried

22. CONFIDENTIAL GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

23. CONFIDENTIAL LATE ITEMS

NIL

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

NIL

25. RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

RESOLUTION: 2026/09/19/040

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

Moved: DP Whatley

Seconded: Clr Beswick

Carried

Procedural Note:

The meeting was reopened to the public at 5:53pm

26. NEXT MEETING.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on **Saturday 17th October 2026 at 10:00am.**

27. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting closed at 5:53pm