COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

15th AUGUST 2026

10:00am

Contents

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Date:	15th August 2026
Time:	10.00 am
Location:	Council Chambers
	22 Cameron Road, Batchelor NT 0845

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

The Ordinary Meeting of Council 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.

MINUTES

ORDINARY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON 15th AUGUST 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 Chief Executive Officer	Natasha Chapman
Executive Services Coordinator	Terrill Forrest

VISITORS PRESENT

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**Nil.**

PURPOSE

This report is to table for Council's record any apologies and requests for leave of absence received for the Ordinary General Meeting held on 15th August 2026.

Nil

5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**Nil.**

PURPOSE

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

Nil

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**Nil.**

PURPOSE

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

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

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/001

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

21.6 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT PROGRESS REPORT - President McGorman
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Moved: **DP Whatley**

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

7. MOVING AGENDA ITEMS FROM PUBLIC TO CONFIDENTIAL

NIL

8. MOVING AGENDA ITEMS FROM CONFIDENTIAL TO PUBLIC

NIL

9. PETITIONS

NIL

10. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF 20th JUNE 2026

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**DRAFT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR 20th JUNE 2026**

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/002

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

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

10.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 30th JUNE 2026

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**DRAFT PUBLIC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 30th JUNE 2026**

PURPOSE

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

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

10.3 CONFIRMATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITEE MEETING MINUTES OF 20th JULY 2026

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**DRAFT PUBLIC FINANCE MEETING MINUTES FOR 20th JULY 2026**

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/004

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

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

10.4 CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 7TH AUGUST 2026

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**DRAFT PUBLIC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 7 AUGUST 2026**

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/005

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

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

11. PRESIDENT REPORT

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Ross McGorman, President
Attachment:	**NIL**

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/006

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

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

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Date:	15th August 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 June to August 2026.

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/007

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

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

13. FINANCE REPORTS

13.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager
	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	Nil

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/008

That Council;

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

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

Moved: **Clr Strettles**

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

<u>Discussion Points:</u>

- DRF still negotiating with NT Departments and Federal departments for reimbursement
- Tied and untied funds clarification to be followed up by A/CEO
- A/CEO will take on notice if contractors can use our equipment - insurance

14. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

14.1 ROAD TO RECOVERY 2026/27 PROJECT ENDORSEMENT

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	NIL

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/009

That Council;

a) receives and notes report entitled Roads to Recovery 2026/27 Project Endorsement;

b) endorses the following projects, subject to indicative costs reported, acknowledging that funds may not be sufficient to cover all works and priorities will be worked through until funds are exhausted:

1. Chinner Road Floodway Engineering design

2. Crater Lake Road Spring Engineering design

3. Heavy patching along Miles Road prior to wet season commencing

4. Solomon Road floodway crossing prior to wet season commencing

c) requests the engineering reports and the outcome of liaising with other councils regarding solutions to Chinner and Crater Lake Road be brought back to Council to confirm expected project expenditure;

d) requests that the Chinner Road floodways be maintained to standard as required prior to the wet season commencing; and

e) approves the completion of the Adelaide River Storm Water network assessment and repairs using the operational roads budget.

Moved: **Clr. Beswick**

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

Discussion Points:

- Need estimated cost: Chinner Road and Crater Lake Road – approx. $30,000 engineering costs (combined) + construction cost; approx. $55,000 for Adelaide River storm water assessment.

Procedural notes:
Clr. Morrison left the meeting at 11:00am.
Clr. Morrison returned to the meeting at 11:02am.
Clr. Morrison left the meeting at 11:33am.
Clr. Morrison returned to the meeting at 11:36am.

14.2 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT PROGRESS REPORT

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Andrew Roberts, Community Services Coordinator
Attachment:	NIL

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/010

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Community Christmas Event Progress Report; and

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

Moved:	**Clr. Morrison**	
Seconded:	**Clr. Roe**	**Carried 5/1**
		Against: Clr. Beswick

Procedural Note:
DP Whatley left the meeting at 11:42am
DP Whatley returned to the meeting at 11:45am.

Discussion Points:

- Batchelor Area School or BOEC possible alternative venues with outdoor undercover areas for Christmas party
- Possible external funding to hold separate Seniors lunch independent of Council - limited to 80
- Reach out to Catering companies for options for menu – to be determined later

14.3 RUM JUNGLE BOWLS CLUB – USER AGREEMENT AND APPROVALS

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Servies Manager
Attachment:	NIL

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/011

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Rum Jungle Bowls Club and Associated approvals;

b) approves the waiver of hire fees totalling $2,704 inclusive of GST, for the term of the agreement with Rum Jungle Bowls Club, subject to their maintenance of the property as outlined in the user agreement;

c) authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to finalise and execute the agreement, subject to any minor administrative amendments that do not materially alter the terms approved by Council; and

d) notes that any consumption of alcohol at the facility must comply with all applicable statutory requirements and Council approvals.

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

Discussion Points:

- Public liability insurance is provided by Rum Jungle Bowls Club

14.4 BATCHELOR UNOWNED HORSE MANAGEMENT

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	**Nil**

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/012

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Batchelor Unowned Horse Management;

b) confirms the intention is to remove the entire population of unowned horses from the Batchelor township when a feasible option is determined; and

c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to correspond to the CEO of the Department of Lands Planning and Environment, NT Police, Department of Health, Careflight, and Coomalie's local member to seek their direct assistance in the removal of horses from Batchelor township.

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

<u>**Discussion Points:**</u>

- RMAC has recommended that the removal of all horses is the only feasible option to adequately remove risk to Council
- A/CEO to reconnect with Bonrook Station to confirm capacity for assistance.

14.5 PROMOTE BATCHELOR AS A TOURIST DESTINATION

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Andrew Roberts, Community Services Coordinator
Attachment:	Nil

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/013

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report Promote Batchelor as a Tourist Destination; and

b) requests that the Chief Executive Officer engage with Tourism NT and NT Parks and Wildlife and report back at January 2027 OGM for further consideration.

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

***Procedural Note**:*

Clr. Roe left the meeting 12:28pm.
Clr. Roe returned to the meeting at 12:29pm.

14.6 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – HISTORY TAKING PROJECT

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager
Attachment:	**14.6 Letter to Council re History Sharing**

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/014

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Request for Support – History Taking Project; and

b) receives and notes the correspondence from a resident regarding the proposed community history sharing activities; and

c) provides in-principle support for the proposal, subject to operational requirements and availability of Council resources;

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

14.7 ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSED PLACE NAME – SILKWOOD RECREATION AREA

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager
Attachment:	Letter from Department of Tourism

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/015

That Council;

a) receives and notes report entitled Endorsement of Proposed Place Name – Silkwood Recreation Area;

b) does not endorse in principle the proposed place name Silkwood Recreation Area for NT Portions NTP8578, NTP7358 and NTP7523, located adjacent to Litchfield National Park and including Robin Falls; and

) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to advise the Department of Tourism and Hospitality of Council's decision for the proposed name specifically noting

- lack of local Coomalie community engagement or local Traditional Owners consultation on the proposed name; and

- community concern regarding confusion by users with the locally recognised Silkwood Estate along Dorat Road

d) suggests the alternative name of Warai Recreation Area and requests the Department of Tourism and Hospitality seek further consultation with Traditional Owners and the Coomalie Community.

Moved: **Clr. Beswick**

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

Discussion Points:

- Surrounding area are private properties collectively known as Silkwood estate – name is confusing and people trespass thinking it is the same.
- Check that the Silkwood Estate is a land title estate
- Concern regarding the lack of consultation undertaken with TO's and local community/residents of Coomalie.

Procedural Note:

Clr. Morrison left the meeting 12:42pm.
Clr. Morrison returned to the meeting at 12:45pm.
Clr. Strettles left the meeting at 12.51pm.
Clr. Strettles returned to the meeting at 12.53pm.

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

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	Explanatory Document: Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/016

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled PA2026/0205 Infill Development and Subdivision – Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment;

b) requests the Chief Executive Officer complete a submission with the following comments regarding Planning Application PA2026/0205 Infill Development and Subdivision:

- Batchelor to be maintained in line with the current planning scheme and town plan and not be considered to be impacted by these proposed amendments.

Moved: **Clr. Beswick**

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

Discussion Points:

- Preserve Batchelor as a historic town

Procedural note:

The meeting was paused for a break for lunch at 1:05pm.
The meeting was resumed at 1:43pm.

15. REPORTS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING

15.1 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FOR THE AUGUST OGM 2026

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer.
Attachments:	**Actions for the August OGM 2026.**

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/017

That Council;

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

b) remove items: 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

Moved:	**Clr. Morrison**	
Seconded:	**Clr. Beswick**	**Carried**

15.2 COMPLAINTS, COMPLIMENTS AND SERVICE REQUEST REGISTER.

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**Complaints, Compliments and Service Request tables.**

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/018

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

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

Discussion Points:

- Flood damage under investigation 13.6.26
- Recognition of correspondence received by Elected Members relies on CEO/staff receiving it for logging to the relevant register.
- Road maintenance across the network has been on hold while completing tender awarding.

15.3 COUNCIL SERVICES 4th QUARTERLY REPORT 2025-26

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Emma Dunne, Council and Community Services Manager
Attachment:	Nil

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/019		
That Council receives and notes the Council Services 4th Quarterly Report of 2025-2026.		
Moved:	**DP Whatley**	
Seconded:	**Clr. Roe**	**Carried**

Discussion Points:

- Bins – extras bins near public toilets and Bicentennial Park serviced minimum 3x week.
- Dog management – picking up dogs after hours
- Roadside maintenance and fire break requirements – advocacy to have roads considered as a firebreak. Advocacy to seek the legislation regarding be amended to remove liability from Council in the instances of accidental ignition. Seek to consider at the September OGM to nominate this matter as a 'Motion' for the November LGANT AGM.
- Demountable removal is going ahead – some are owned and some are leased – when they have all gone, road rehabilitation will be prioritised.

15.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Andrew Roberts, Community Services Coordinator
Attachment:	Nil

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/020

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

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

<u>Discussion Points:</u>

- Portable toilet sale – bring to September OGM a disposal of asset report.
- Seniors Month Activity on 20th August – spots still available on bus.

15.5 CORPORATE SERVICES 4th QUARTERLY REPORT 2025-26

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager
Attachment:	**Nil**

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/021

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

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

15.6 PAPER ROADS UPDATE REPORT

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	NIL

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/022

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Paper Roads Update Report;

b) asks the RMAC for consideration of the matter and provide a recommendation back to Council; and

c) request the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the responsibilities of NTG under the Land Titles Act and to elevate the matter to LGANT for advocacy in relation to obligations under Bushfires and Weed Management Acts

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

Discussion Points:

- Land Titles Act – if a title exists or is created, this occurs because of an NTG decision and the responsibility should then be NTG – take to LGANT under Bushfire and Weed Management Acts.
- Railway corridor is not owned by Council so we have no authority to enter/maintain despite resident requests.
- A significant portion of Paper roads exist on land that cannot be made into a serviceable road

15.7 LGANT BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	LGANT Board Meeting Communique

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/023

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

Moved: **Clr. Beswick**

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

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

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	**Acquittal WaRM 2024-25**

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/024

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Final Acquittal of Waste and Resource Management Grant 2024-25; and

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

Moved: **DP Whatley**

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

Discussion Points:

- Old hook bins are still in use at BWMF – requires Council approval to sell. Include a recommendation in the asset disposal report for September 2026 OGM.

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

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	**Acquittal WaRM 2025-26**

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/025

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Partial Acquittal of Waste and Resource Management Grant 2025-26; and

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

Moved: **Clr. Beswick**

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

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

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	**Acquittal Form – Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant 2024/25**

PURPOSE

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/026

That Council;

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

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

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

15.11 ANNUAL REPORT ON RATES ACTIONS 2025/2026

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager
Attachment:	Nil

PURPOSE

To provide the Council with an update on the rates recovery actions undertaken in the last 12 months.

RECSOLUTION: 2026/08/15/027

That Council receives and notes the report entitled Annual Report on Outstanding Rates 2025/2026.

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

16. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION.

16.1 INCOMING AND OUTGOING MAIL.

Date:	15th August 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 June 2026 to August 2026.

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/028

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

Moved: **Clr. Morrison**

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

Procedural note:

Clr. Morrison left the meeting at 2:57pm.
Clr. Morrison returned to the meeting at 2:59pm.

Motion: EXTENSION OF MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/029

That Council extends the meeting for a further 2 hours in accordance with Council Policy 1.07.

Moved: **DP Whatley**

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

17. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Motion: VERBAL UPDATE FROM RMAC MEETING
RESOLUTION 2026/08/15/030
That Council receives the brief verbal report on the RMAC Meeting held 10th August 2026 by DP Whatley.
Moved: **DP Whatley**
Seconded: **Clr. Morrison** **Carried**

<u>Discussion Points:</u>

- Horse management options were discussed with recommendation back to Council in prior report.
- Recommendations regarding options for revenue streams were considered for report back to Council.
- Amendments are to be made to financial documents from the discussion, improvements on table format for ease of viewing (LTFP tables).

18. USE OF THE COMMON SEAL.

NIL

19. LATE ITEMS AND URGENT BUSINESS.

19.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PA2026/0265 SECTION 00096 HUNDRED OF WATERHOUSE

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	NIL

PURPOSE

To provide Council with the information regarding Development Application PA2026/0265 for comment.

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/031

That Council;

a) receives and notes report entitled Development Application PA2026-0265 – Section 96 Hundred of Waterhouse; and

b) directs the Chief Executive Officer to respond in support of the application.

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

19.2 ACQUITTAL OF COMMUNITY PLACES FOR PEOPLE GRANT 2023-24 – ADELAIDE RIVER CEMETERY PRECINCT

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	**Acquittal CPP 2023-24**

PURPOSE

An acquittal of the Community Places for People (CPP) 2023-24 funds expended by 30 June 2026 is required to be laid before Council prior to being submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development in accordance with the reporting requirements outlined in the Grant Agreement.

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/032

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Acquittal of Community Places for People Grant 2023-24 – Adelaide River Cemetery Precinct; and

b) forwards the acquittal report for the Community Places for People Grant 2023-24 – Adelaide River Cemetery Precinct to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development before the reporting due date of 31st August 2026.

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

19.3 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND PROJECT ENDORSEMENT

Date:	15th August 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	NIL

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of a project to submit an application for the 2026 Community Benefit Fund Major grant round.

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/033

That Council;

a) receives and notes report entitled 'Community Benefit Fund Project Endorsement';

b) approves the following project for the application:

- Purchase of a garbage compactor truck for the servicing of kerbside waste collection

c) notes the additional requirement of funds for the acquisition of a garbage compactor truck and will seek funds through the Waste and Resource Management Grant 2026/27; and

d) directs the CEO to complete an application with the above endorsed project before the closing date of 31 August 2026.

Moved: **Clr. Beswick**

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

Discussion Points:

- Community Benefit funds require new vehicle purchase.
- There will be an additional need for qualified employee and possibility to expand recycling service.
- Disposal of assets purchased under CBF grant requires NTG approval depending on time from purchase the disposal occurs.

20. GENERAL BUSINESS.

Clr. Morrison advised that Senator McCarthy and local member Dheran Young had been invited to attend and possibly present to Council at the September 2026 OGM.

21. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS.

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/034
That Council close the meeting to the general public in accordance with Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.*
Moved: **DP Whatley**
Seconded: **Clr. Morrison** **Carried**

Procedural Note:

The meeting was closed to the public at: 3:31pm.
The confidential meeting opened at: 3:37pm.

21.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 20th JUNE 2026

CONFIDENTIAL: Regulations 51(1) For section 293(1) of the Act, the following information is prescribed as confidential:
(c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:
(iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

21.2 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL ACTIONS FOR THE AUGUST 2026 OGM

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

21.3 REGISTRATION OF OVERRIDING STATUTORY CHARGES ON PROPERTIES WITH OVERDUE RATES BALANCES

CONFIDENTIAL: Regulations 51(1)(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

21.4 REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF RATEABILITY – SECTION 1254 HUNDRED OF HOWARD

CONFIDENTIAL: Regulations 51(1)(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

21.5 AWARDING OF TENDER RFT2026-002 – GRADING AND ROAD MAINTENANCE

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

Procedural Note:

Executive Services Coordinator left the meeting at 4:17pm.
President McGorman and Clr. Beswick left the meeting at 4:17pm.
Deputy President Whatley became the Chair of the meeting at 4:18pm.

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 and Clr. Beswick returned to the meeting at 4:24pm.
President McGorman resumed as Chair of the meeting at 4:25pm.

21.7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S EMPLOYMENT UPDATE

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

Procedural Note:

Clr. Beswick left the meeting at 4:29pm.
Clr. Beswick returned to the meeting at 4:36pm.

MOTION: EXTENSION OF MEETING		
RESOLUTION: CONF2026/08/015/043		
That Council further extends the meeting by another hour.		
Moved:	**President McGorman**	
Seconded:	**DP Whatley**	**Carried**

22. CONFIDENTIAL GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

23. CONFIDENTIAL LATE ITEMS

23.1 CHINNER ROAD RESERVE ALIGNMENT

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.

23.2 REQUEST FOR VARIATION RFT2026-001 – MOWING AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

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

23.3 POOL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

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

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

RESOLUTION: CONF2026/08/15/047

That Council move the following items into Open:

Item 23.3: Pool Investigations Report

Moved: **Clr. Beswick**

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

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/048

That Council;

a) receives and notes report entitled 'Pool Investigations Report';

b) does not approve to proceed with further external investigations regarding the pool life at this time, including the initial specialist assessment and recommendation reporting; and

c) requests a further report be brought to Council which will include all previous assessments, records and recommendations relating to the facility after Council has undertaken a visual inspection of the pool facility

Moved: **Clr. Beswick**

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

25. RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

RECSOLUTION: 2026/08/15/049

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

Moved: **Clr. Beswick**

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

Procedural Note:

The meeting was reopened to the public at 6:02pm.

26. NEXT MEETING.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on **Saturday 19th September 2026 at 10:00am.**

27. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting closed at 6:02pm.