



MINUTES

**CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL COUNCIL
MEETING**

12th MAY 2026

5:00pm

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1. NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Date: 12th May 2026
Time: 5.00 pm
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 closed to the public.



Natasha Chapman

Acting Chief Executive Officer.

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CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON 12th MAY 2026

The President of the Council, Mr. Ross McGorman declared the meeting open at 5:05 pm 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	Mae Mae Morrison (via electronic means)
Councillor	Alan Roe (via electronic means)
Councillor	Greg Strettles

STAFF PRESENT

Acting Chief Executive Officer	Natasha Chapman
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VISITORS PRESENT

Consultant, Ward Keller	Kaliopi Hourdas (via electronic means)
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4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Date: 12th May 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 12th May 2026.

NIL

5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Date: 12th May 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 SPEC2026/05/12/001

That Council acknowledges and accepts Deputy President Whatley, Clr. Roe and Clr. Morrison's attendance to the meeting of 12th May 2026 via electronic means.

Moved: Clr. Beswick

Seconded: Clr. Strettles

Carried

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Date: 12th May 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.

NIL

7. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS.

RESOLUTION SPEC2026/05/12/002

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

Moved: Clr. Beswick

Seconded: Clr. Strettles

Carried

Procedural Note:

The meeting was closed to the public at: 5:06 pm.

The confidential meeting opened at: 5:06 pm.

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S EMPLOYMENT

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

7.2 COOMALIE'S OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT

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.

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

RESOLUTION SPECCONF2026/05/12/005

That Council move the following items into Open:

7.2 – COOMALIE'S OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT

Moved: Clr. Roe

Seconded: DP Whatley

Carried

9. RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

RESOLUTION SPEC2026/05/12/006

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

Moved: Clr. Strettles

Seconded: Clr. Morrison

Carried

Procedural Note:

The meeting was reopened to the public at 6:25pm.

RESOLUTION SPEC2026/05/12/007

That Council;

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Coomalie's Open Spaces Maintenance Service Delivery Report;
- b) confirms the service will continue to be delivered by contract in the same scope of works for a minimum period of 12 months;
- c) requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to open the tender for the Mowing and Landscaping Maintenance contract as soon as practicable for commencement in the 2026/27 financial year; and
- d) requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer continues to work on service delivery models and cost efficiencies throughout the Council's operations.

Moved: Clr. Beswick

Seconded: Clr. Strettles

Carried

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting closed at 6:25pm.