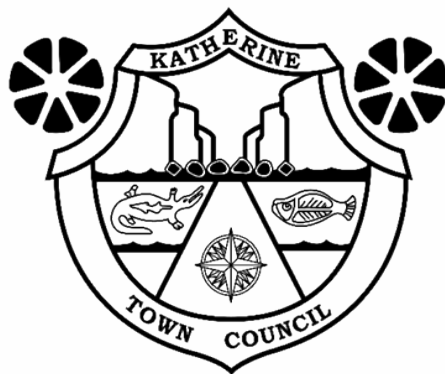




MINUTES

**Ordinary Meeting of Council
Held on Tuesday 25 August 2026**

Top Didj Aboriginal Art Gallery, Exhibition Room
363 Gorge Road, Lansdowne, Katherine NT 0850

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the first nations people of the Katherine township and surrounding council communities. We recognise the first nations culture as one of the longest surviving cultures in the world and we pay our respects to Elders both past, present and future.

2 OPENING PRAYER

Grant O God to this Council wisdom, understanding and sincerity of purpose in the Governance of this Municipality. Amen

3 OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Holden declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 25 August 2026 open at 6:00 pm.

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

- Mayor Joanna Holden (Chair)
- Councillor Jim King
- Councillor Kathy Glass
- Councillor Anjali Palmer
- Councillor Toni Tapp Coutts

OFFICERS

- Casey Anderson – Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Yeshika Kandanaarachchi – Governance Officer - Minute Taker
- Meredith Blair - Manager Finance
- Shena Damayanti - Executive Assistant

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4.2 APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor Doyle was an apology for this meeting, due to leave of absence.

Councillor Whitehouse was an apology for this meeting, due to leave of absence.

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Holden has submitted a leave of absence from 2 September to 14 September 2026.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-197

Moved: Councillor King; **Seconded:** Councillor Palmer

That Council approve the appointment of the Deputy Mayor Doyle to perform Mayoral duties during the Mayor's absence from 2 September to 14 September 2026.

CARRIED 5|0



5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility to declare any conflicts of interest.

Nil conflicts declared.

6 PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Nil



7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 28 JULY 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-198

Moved: Councillor Tapp Coutts; **Seconded:** Councillor Palmer

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 July 2026 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 5|0



7.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 5 AUGUST 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-199

Moved: Councillor King; **Seconded:** Councillor Glass

That Council confirm the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 5 August 2026 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 5|0



8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION UPDATE AUGUST 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-200

Moved: Councillor King; **Seconded:** Councillor Tapp Coutts

That Council receive and note the Action update.

CARRIED 5|0

9 MAYORAL BUSINESS

9.1 MAYOR ACTIVITIES JULY 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-201

Moved: Councillor Glass; **Seconded:** Councillor Palmer

That Council receive and note the Mayoral activities for July 2026.

CARRIED 5|0

Discussion

It was noted that the activity report required amendment, as several activities were not included in the report.

9.2 COUNCILLOR GOALS FIRST 6 TO 12 MONTHS UPDATE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-202

Moved: Councillor Glass; **Seconded:** Councillor Palmer

That Council receive and note the Councillor First 6 to 12 Months Goals update.

CARRIED 5|0

Discussion

Since six months have already passed, it was discussed whether the Councillors' priorities and goals need to be updated.

10 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-203

Moved: Councillor Glass; **Seconded:** Councillor King

That Council receive and note the Incoming Correspondence:

- Attachments:
1. Letter - AANT - 2026 AANT Risky Roads Report - 24 July 2026 - ID 266669 [**10.1.1** - 1 page]
 2. Report - AANT - 2026 Risky Roads Report - 24 July 2026 - ID 256668 [**10.1.2** - 14 pages]
 3. Letter - Gary Higgins - NT Remuneration Tribunal - 4 Aug 2026 - ID 257924 [**10.1.3** - 1 page]

CARRIED 5|0

Discussion

Council acknowledged the interesting Risky Roads Report. However, concern was raised regarding the limited information provided in relation to Katherine Roads. It was further noted that Katherine Town Council was not invited to provide information or input.

10.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUTGOING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-204**Moved:** Councillor Glass; **Seconded:** Councillor Palmer

That Council receive and note the Outgoing Correspondence:

- Attachments:
1. Letter - Chief Minister - From Mayor Joanna Holden - Katherine Community Safety - 8 August 2026 - ID 257922 [**10.2.1** - 4 pages]
 2. Letter - GYRACC - Kantri Mujic Musta - 14 August 2026 - ID 257940 [**10.2.2** - 2 pages]
 3. Media Release - KTC - Community Grants 2026 - 14 August 2026 [**10.2.3** - 2 pages]
 4. KTC- Grant Guidelines 26-27 - Media Release - KTC - Community Grants 2026 - 14 August 2026 [**10.2.4** - 9 pages]
 5. Image - Media Release - KTC - Community Grants 2026 - 14 August 2026 [**10.2.5** - 1 page]

CARRIED 5|0**11 PETITIONS**

Nil

12 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**13.1 ASSET CAPITALISATION POLICY****COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-205****Moved:** Councillor King; **Seconded:** Councillor Glass

That Council approve and adopt the Asset Capitalisation Policy.

CARRIED 5|0

Discussion

Members of the public were advised that a revised policy was being tabled. It was noted that the only amendment to the policy relates to page 5, under Infrastructure - Buildings and Facilities, where wording has been update to include external finishes and site preparations.

13.2 BINJARI FUNDING ACQUITTAL 2025/26**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-206****Moved:** Councillor Tapp Coutts; **Seconded:** Councillor Palmer

1. That Council approves the acquittal of the 2025/2026 Local Government Grant of \$139,100 (*Ex GST*) for the provision of services to the Binjari community.
2. That Council approve the 2025/2026 surplus \$55,862.20, including the unspent carry-over funds from 2024/2025 of \$20,787.85 to be carried forward into the 2026/2027 Financial year for approval by the department.

CARRIED 5|0**Discussion**

The Council were informed that a funding proposal for Binjari has been submitted to the department and is currently under consideration. It was also noted that there is a plan for the surplus carry over from the year 2024/25.

13.3 LGANT 2026/27 MEMBERSHIP**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-207**

Moved: Councillor King; **Seconded:** Councillor Glass

1. That Council:
 - a. Endorse to continue the Annual Membership Subscription from the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) for the year 2026/27.
 - b. Note the key achievements of Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) from 2025/26.

CARRIED 5|0**13.4 VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2026/27****COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-208**

Moved: Councillor Palmer; **Seconded:** Councillor Glass

That Council approve the signing and affixing of the Common Seal to the Grant Funding Agreement: Visitor Information Services Partnership Agreement 2026/2027 with the Northern Territory Government.

CARRIED 5|0**13.5 FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2026****COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-209**

Moved: Councillor King; **Seconded:** Councillor Glass

That Council endorses the financial report for the month of July 2026.

CARRIED 5|0**Discussion**

Council acknowledged the informative report.

13.6 CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION QUARTERLY REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2026**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-210**

Moved: Councillor Tapp Coutts; **Seconded:** Councillor Glass

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Administration Report for the quarterly period of 1 May through 31 July 2026.

CARRIED 5|0

13.7 ENVIRONMENTAL AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-211

Moved: Councillor King; **Seconded:** Councillor Palmer

That Council receives and notes the report of the Environmental and Municipal Services Department for May 2026 to July 2026.

CARRIED 5|0

14 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

14.1 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

15 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES

15.1 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES JULY 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-212

Moved: Councillor Glass; **Seconded:** Councillor Tapp Coutts

That Council receive and note the Elected Member activities for July 2026.

CARRIED 5|0

16 LATE AGENDA

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Tapp Coutts extended her deepest sympathies and condolences to the Mayor following the passing of her mother.

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 6:25 pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-213

Moved: Mayor Holden; **Seconded:** Councillor Tapp Coutts

Members, pursuant with Section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* gives power to the council to close a meeting to the public to discuss the following confidential items, in relation to matters referred to in regulations 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*. This means that all members of the public are now asked to leave the Council Chambers.

I now move a motion to close the meeting to public.

Your Worship, I wish to second that the meeting be closed to public.

19 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

19.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES 28 JULY 2026

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(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.

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(iv) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: Subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 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

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(f) subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

19.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 5 AUGUST 2026

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(f) subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

19.3 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(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.

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Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

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Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 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

19.4 AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION - NEW LEASE, LOT 3216

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-217

Moved: Councillor Glass; **Seconded:** Councillor Palmer

1. That Council approves the Chief Executive Officer to commence negotiations for a new lease at Lot 3216 with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC).
2. That Council approves for the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute and affix the Common Seal to the new 1-year lease with Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), with the option to renew for a further 2 years.
3. That Council approve moving resolution 1 and 2 to the open agenda.

CARRIED 5|0

19.5 CIVIC CENTRE REFURBISHMENT - UPDATE

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-218

Moved: Councillor King; **Seconded:** Councillor Palmer

That the Council elects to:

1. Note this status report regarding the Civic Centre Refurbishment
4. Council releases resolution 1 to the public minutes.

CARRIED 5|0

19.6 KATHERINE COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION GROUP - APPOINT MEMBERSHIPS

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

19.7 TENDER AWARD OF T26-02 – SPORTSGROUNDS LIGHTING REPLACEMENTS

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-220

Moved: Councillor Palmer; **Seconded:** Councillor Glass

1. That Council award Tender T26-02 Sportsgrounds Lighting Replacement to All Regions Electrical for the amount of Two Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand and Seven Hundred and Twenty-Two Dollars and Eighty Cents excluding GST (\$231,722.80).
2. That Council release the resolutions to the public minutes.

CARRIED 5|0

20 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 6:44 pm.

21 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of Council - 25 August 2026 was declared closed at 6:44 pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 22 September 2026.