



AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting of Council
To be held on Tuesday 25 August 2026
At 6:00 pm

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

The Acting Chief Executive Officer of Katherine Town Council
hereby provides notice of the Ordinary Meeting of Council
in accordance with Section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2019*

ELECTED MEMBERS

- Mayor Joanna Holden (Chair)
- Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle
- Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse
- Councillor Jim King
- Councillor Toni Tapp Coutts
- Councillor Kathy Glass
- Councillor Anjali Palmer

OFFICERS

- Casey Anderson – Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Yeshika Kandanaarachchi – Governance Officer – Minute Taker
- Amanda Haigh – Manager Governance and Risk
- Rebecca Baguley – Chief Financial Officer

VISION:

Katherine is a place of opportunities. We celebrate diversity as we live, work, learn and grow together.

MISSION:

Together, we will work effectively today to shape our exceptional future tomorrows.

VALUES:

- 1. Accepting of diversity**
- 2. Sense of community**
- 3. Respect for people, environment, and culture.**

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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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

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

4.2 APOLOGIES

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Deputy Mayor Doyle has submitted a leave of absence from 20 August to 1 September 2026.
Councillor Whitehouse has submitted a leave of absence from 24 August to 4 September 2026.

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members Disclosure Conflict of Interest

Elected Members must declare any conflicts of interest in accordance with Councils Conflict-of-Interest Policy. A copy of this policy can be downloaded from www.katherine.nt.gov.au or obtained by emailing records@ktc.nt.gov.au

6 PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

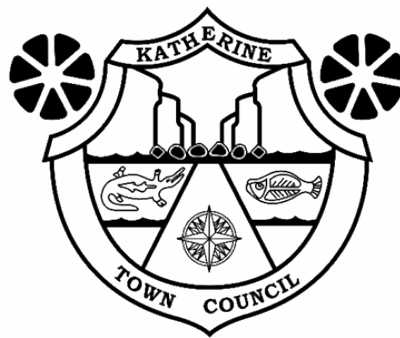
7.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 28 JULY 2026

Report Type: Previous Minutes

Attachments: 1. Unconfirmed Minutes - Ordinary Meeting of Council - 28 July 2026 - With Attachments [7.1.1 - 20 pages]

Recommendation

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



MINUTES

**Ordinary Meeting of Council
Held on Tuesday 28 July 2026**

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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 - 28 July 2026 open at 6:00 pm.

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

- Mayor Joanna Holden (Chair)
- Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle
- Councillor Jim King
- Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse
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- Brett Kimpton - Manager Environment and Municipal

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4.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-173

Moved: Councillor Palmer; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Doyle

That Council note:

1. Leave of absence form received from Deputy Mayor Doyle for 10 June to 16 June 2026, on 3 June 2026.
2. Leave of absence form received from Councillor Palmer for 26 June to 5 July 2026, on 15 June 2026.
3. Leave of absence form received from Councillor Palmer for 14 August to 20 August 2026, on 16 June



2026.

4. Leave of absence form received from Mayor Holden for 30 September to 9 October and 28 October to 20 November 2026, on 17 June 2026.

5. Leave of absence form received from Councillor Glass for 19 June to 22 June 2026, on 18 June 2026.

6. Leave of absence form received from Councillor Whitehouse for 24 August to 4 September and 14 September to 25 September 2026, on 21 July 2026.

7. Leave of absence form received from Councillor Glass for 20 August to 24 August 2026, 26 August to 27 August 2026, 2 September to 5 September 2026, and 21 September to 24 September 2026, on 28 July 2026.

8. Leave of absence form received from Deputy Mayor Doyle for 20 August to 1 September 2026, on 3 June 2026.

CARRIED 7|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 23 JUNE 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-174

Moved: Deputy Mayor Doyle; **Seconded:** Councillor Whitehouse

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 June 2026 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 7|0



7.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 17 JUNE 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-175

Moved: Deputy Mayor Doyle; **Seconded:** Councillor King

That Council confirm the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 17 June 2026 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 7|0

7.3 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 26 JUNE 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-176

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

That Council confirm the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 26 June 2026 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 7|0

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8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION UPDATE JULY 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-177

Moved: Deputy Mayor Doyle; **Seconded:** Councillor Whitehouse

That Council receive and note the Action update.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

That Council informed that Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle and Councillor Anjali Palmer will be attending the LGANT Conference in November as the two delegates representing Katherine Town Council.



9 MAYORAL BUSINESS

9.1 MAYOR ACTIVITIES JUNE 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-178

Moved: Councillor King; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Doyle

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

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Council was briefed on previous meetings with Kununurra representatives, outlining their approach to interrupting cycles of youth offending and the potential for implementing similar strategies in Katherine. It was noted that organisations such as Northern Land Council (NLC) and Northern Territory Council of Social Service (NTCOSS) support youth crime intervention programs; however, funding is not currently available to support implementation in Katherine.

9.2 COUNCILLOR GOALS FIRST 6 TO 12 MONTHS UPDATE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-179

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

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

CARRIED 7|0

10 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-180

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

That Council receive and note the Incoming Correspondence:

- Attachments:
1. Letter - ALGA - National General Assembly invitation 2026 - 15 May 2026 - ID 255890 [10.1.1 - 1 page]
 2. Letter - Hon Bill Yan MLA - The Transition of Local Councils to Cost- Reflective Electricity Tariffs - 25 June 2026 - ID 255925 [10.1.2 - 1 page]
 3. Letter - Hon Kristy Mc Bain MP - to LGA Mayors - Proposed reforms to Disaster Management - 1 July 2026 - ID 256206 [10.1.3 - 2 pages]
 4. Communique - 1 July 2026 LGANT Board meeting Communique - 14 July 2026 - ID 256352 [10.1.4 - 2 pages]
 5. Communique - ALGA Board meeting 21 May 2026 - 14 July 2026 - ID 256353 [10.1.5 - 1 page]

CARRIED 7|0

10.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUTGOING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-181

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

That Council receive and note the Outgoing Correspondence:



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- Attachments:
1. Letter - Katherine Historical Society Board - Centenary Auction Recipient - 17 June 2026 - ID 25558 [**10.2.1** - 1 page]
 2. Letter - Letter of Support for Team HEALTH Application - Disability Peer Support and Connections Program - 23 June 2026 - ID 255915 [**10.2.2** - 1 page]
 3. Letter - Jackie Thomas - Petition Katherine Hospital Council outcome - 30 June 2026 - ID 256084 - redacted [**10.2.3** - 1 page]
 4. Media Release - KTC - Katherine Town Council adopts municipal plan - 30 June 2026 [**10.2.4** - 1 page]
 5. Media Release - KTC - Territory and Centenary Day Celebrations a Big Hit - 2 July 2026 [**10.2.5** - 1 page]
 6. Image - Media Release - KTC - Territory and Centenary Day Celebrations a Big Hit - 2 July 2026 [**10.2.6** - 1 page]
 7. Image - Media Release - KTC - Territory and Centenary Day Celebrations a Big Hit - 2 July 2026 [**10.2.7** - 1 page]
 8. Letter - Greg Wright - Centenary Auction The Katherine Museum - 3 July 2026 - ID 256204 [**10.2.8** - 1 page]

CARRIED 7|0

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICE OF MOTION

12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-182

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

Councillor Toni Tapp Coutts moved a Motion that the Community Grants Application Form and Guidelines be reviewed and updated before the 2026 release.

CARRIED 5|2

Discussion

Councillor Tapp-Coutts moved to review and update the Community Grants application form and guidelines, citing concerns that the process had become outdated and repetitive, with the same organisations receiving grants repeatedly. It was proposed that the assessment panel should include one Council Officer, 1 Elected Member, and 2 Community Members to enhance transparency.

12.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

Councillor Anjali Palmer and Councillor Kathy Glass moved a Motion that:

1. Council reinstates Agenda Item 12 to allow questions from ratepayers
2. Council amends its motion OMC-2026-131 to reinstate the 30 minutes question time prior to the



Ordinary Meeting of Council

3. Any query from ratepayers is presented to the entire Council to discuss and determine the appropriate responses as under the Local Government Act 2019 the entire Council is responsible for the decisions made and actions taken by Council.

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Discussion

Councillor Glass spoke in support of the motion stating that Public Question Time provides ratepayers with a direct, respectful, and transparent opportunity to raise concerns, ask questions, and seek clarification on matters affecting the community. It was noted that reinstating would strengthen relationships between Council and the community by promoting openness, transparency, accountability, and community participation, consistent with the principles of the *Local Government Act 2019*. Councillor Glass emphasised that Council decisions are made collectively and that responses to matters requiring formal positions should reflect the views of the full Council. The motion was presented as a means of ensuring community members feel heard, respected, and engaged in local governance, and Councillors were encouraged to support the reinstatement of Public Question Time as a demonstration of Council's commitment to the community it serves.

Councillor Palmer spoke in support of the motion stating "This Notice of Motion seeks to restore meaningful opportunities for community participation in Council meetings and reinforce the principles of open, transparent and accountable local government.

The recent changes to Council's meeting procedures have significantly reduced the ability of ratepayers and residents to engage directly with their elected representatives by:

- removing agenda item 12, which previously enabled questions relating to items before the Ordinary Council Meeting;
- limiting Public Question Time to written questions only; and
- providing discretion for the Mayor to determine whether submitted questions will be answered.

While orderly and efficient meetings are important, they should not come at the expenses of democratic participation. Local Government is the level of government closest to the community. It should encourage respectful dialogue, public scrutiny and meaningful engagement with those it represents.

The *Local Government Act 2019* establishes clear expectations that Councils operate transparency and remain accountable to their communities.

Section 21 states that the principal role of a Council is to act as a representative, informed and responsible decision-maker in the interests of its constituency and to develop a strong and cohesive social life for its residents.

Section 22 requires Councils to provide for the interests and well-being of individuals and groups within their area and to plan and deliver services for the benefit of residents.

Section 24 requires Councils to provide open, responsive and accountable government, to be responsive to the needs, interests and aspirations of the community, to place a high value on service to its constituency, and to act at all times in the best interests of the community as a whole.

Section 44 recognises that each elected member has a responsibility to represent the interests of all residents and ratepayers and, importantly, to facilitate communication between the community and the Council.

These legislative principles recognise that community participation is not an administrative inconvenience but an essential component of effective local government.

Importantly, the Local Government Act vests decision-making authority in the Council collectively-not in any one individual. Decisions made by Council are the responsibility of all elected members. It follows that



questions raised by residents regarding Council businesses should be available to the entire Council, allowing all the members the opportunity to hear community concerns, contribute to discussion where appropriate, and collectively determine the most accurate and complete response.

Restoring Agenda Item 12 and reinstating the 30-minute Public Question Time would not diminish the efficiency of Council meetings. Rather, these measures would strengthen transparency, accountability and public confidence by ensuring residents continue to have genuine opportunities to engage directly with their elected representatives.

A healthy democracy relies on informed communities and accessible elected representatives. Respectful public questions and robust discussion should be encouraged, not restricted. By restoring these opportunities, Council demonstrates its commitment to the principles of openness, accountability and community participation that underpin the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Amend recommendation 3: That all questions submitted by ratepayers be provided to the full Council, with responses determined by Council where they relate to Council policy, governance or decisions, and referred to the CEO for response where they relate to operational matters, consistent with the *Local Government Act 2019*."

In discussion, Councillors acknowledged that opportunities already exist for members of the public to raise issues and ask question, with responses provided during the session prior to the meeting or taken on notice where required. However, Councillor Glass noted that public participation is not formally recorded and that Councillors are not always aware of the responses provided to questions taken on notice, and expressed the view that greater transparency would allow Councillors to better understand community concerns and the responses being provided.

It was suggested that the term "Open Forum" may be more appropriate than "Public Question Time", as it would allow community members to make comments, express concerns, or provide feedback without necessarily asking a formal question. It was noted that Council could listen respectfully to these views without being required to take immediate action.

Councillors also discussed the timing of public participation within the meeting agenda. It was suggested that providing an opportunity for public participation at the beginning of a meeting would allow Councillors to hear community views before considering agenda items and making decisions. This was seen as beneficial in ensuring Councillors are aware of community concerns prior to debating matters scheduled for Council consideration.

It was noted that the matter will be referred to the policy review process to clarify definitions, consider legislative and governance requirements, seek community input, and present a revised proposal to Council.

13 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

13.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS GUIDELINES REVIEW

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

That Council:

1. Adopt the revised Katherine Town Council Community Grants Program Guidelines as attached.
2. Endorse the inclusion of one Council officer on the Community Grants Assessment Panel, together with three elected members, to strengthen governance and support the assessment process.



3. Endorse the revised annual Community Grants Program timetable, with applications opening in late August each year in accordance with the proposed schedule.

Discussion

Council discussed the application timeframe and agreed that the existing four-week application period was insufficient for many community organisations to prepare quality submissions. As a result, Council supported extending the application period to six weeks and amending the program timetable accordingly.

Councillors also discussed the composition of the Community Grants Assessment Panel. Councillor Tapp Coutts proposed broader representation within the assessment process to strengthen governance and provide greater community involvement with one Council officer, one elected member, and two or three community members to enhance inclusivity and transparency.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OMC-2026-183

Moved: Councillor Tapp Coutts; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Doyle

That Council:

1. Adopt the revised Katherine Town Council Community Grants Program Guidelines as attached with a review to be conducted prior to December 2026.
2. Endorse the inclusion of one Council officer on the Community Grants Assessment Panel, together with three elected members, to strengthen governance and support the assessment process.
3. Endorse the revised annual Community Grants Program timetable subject to a six weeks application period and amend proposed schedule accordingly.
4. Lay the grant guidelines on the table for review by December 2026.

CARRIED 7|0

13.2 COUNCIL POLICIES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Doyle; **Seconded:** Councillor Glass

That Council approve the Policy - Social Media – Version 4

Discussion

The Council proposed to lay the policy on the table for review following the social media training provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OMC-2026-1844

Moved: Councillor Whitehouse; **Seconded:** Councillor Palmer

That Council lay the Policy - Social Media – Version 4 on table for review following Social Media training by Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

CARRIED 7|0

13.3 LGANT - CALL FOR MOTIONS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-185



Moved: Deputy Mayor Doyle; **Seconded:** Councillor Glass

1. That Council note the notice of Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Annual General Meeting will be held in Alice Springs on 11 November 2026.
2. That Council note that Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) call for motions for the Annual General Meeting in November by Close of Business 29 September 2026.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Councillors discussed potential topics for motions, including a community safety partnership framework and waste management issues. Councillors were advised to undertake further research, and consider existing models and requirements to ensure any proposed motions are practical, achievable, and relevant to Katherine's needs. Councillors were encouraged to prepare and submit draft motions for consideration at the August Ordinary Meeting of Council, with the intention of refining and finalising these proposals for decision at the September Ordinary Meeting of Council.

13.4 FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-186

Moved: Councillor King; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Doyle

That Council

- a. endorses the financial report for the month of June 2026
- b. Approves the transfer of \$1,000,000 25/26 Operating Surplus to the Waste Management Rehabilitation Provision Reserve

CARRIED 7|0

13.5 INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROJECTS QUARTERLY REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-187

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

That Council receives and notes the report of the Infrastructure and Projects Department for the April to June 2026 Quarter.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Concern was raised about investing in upgrades to the Henry Scott Recreation Centre, which is not a Council asset, and it was informed that information regarding this will be included in a separate report.

13.6 PEOPLE AND CULTURE QUARTERLY REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-188

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

That Council receive and note the People and Culture Quarterly Report as at 30 June 2026.

CARRIED 7|0



14 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

14.1 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

15 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES

15.1 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES JUNE 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-189

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

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

CARRIED 7|0

16 LATE AGENDA

16.1 COUNCIL POLICY - ELECTED MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROCESS AND CONSEQUENCES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Whitehouse; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Doyle

1. That Council:
 - a. Endorse the requirement that all elected members must acknowledge that they have read, understood and will comply with all Council policies, relevant to the role, upon commencement and following any amendment to the policy; and
 - b. Authorise the implementation of a policy acknowledgement process through Council's governance systems to support good governance, accountability and legislative compliance.
2. That Council approve the following reporting requirements for non-compliance with council policy:
 - a. All occasions of an Elected Member not complying with council policy should be reported immediately to the Chief Executive Officer.
 - b. Where the report relates to the conduct of an Elected Member, the Chief Executive Officer shall immediately report the matter to the Mayor and a report to the next council meeting.
 - c. Before a report to Council by the Chief Executive Officer or the Mayor, the Mayor or delegate should undertake preliminary enquiries to establish the facts. The preliminary investigations may take any form the Mayor or delegate considers appropriate but must involve discussions with the reporter and the Elected Member concerned. Natural justice principles need to be satisfied in dealing with an alleged breach.
 - d. The Chief Executive Officer must provide a report to the next Council meeting based on the investigation by the Mayor or Delegate.
 - e. The Council must decide whether a matter reported to it under council policy, is a breach. The Council may take any steps it considers reasonable in the



circumstances.

3. That Council approve the below listed sanctions which can be imposed by council if an elected member has failed to comply with council policy, can, by resolution:
 - a. Require the Elected Member to apologise to the person concerned;
 - b. Request a formal apology;
 - c. Counsel the Elected Member;
 - d. Require training,
 - e. Reprimand the Elected Member;
 - f. Pass a censure motion at a Council meeting;
 - g. Make public disclosures of inappropriate conduct (such as making the community aware of the breach through the media or annual report);
 - h. Refer the matter to an appropriate investigative body if the matter is serious; and/or
 - i. Prosecute any breach of the law.

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Discussion

It was explained that the proposal is not a new policy but an amendment to existing Council policies to ensure consistency across all policy documents. Currently some policies include a requirement for elected members to acknowledge that they have read and understood the policy. The amendment would standardise this process across all policies and align Council's policy framework with recent changes to the Local Government Act and Code of Conduct requirements. It was noted that policy acknowledgments are common governance practice and would generally be required when a policy is amended or updated.

Councillors sought clarification whether there would be a time frame for reviewing and acknowledging policies. It was confirmed that the proposal would apply to future policy amendments rather than requiring immediate acknowledgment of all of existing policies.

Concerns were raised about the limited time available to review the document before the meeting, and a suggestion was made that consideration of the amendment could occur after Councillors had completed the scheduled training and received further information on relevant sections of the Act, Regulations and Guidelines.

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor King acknowledged the passing of two well-known identities of Katherine during the week, Jim Claire and Phillip Malcom Roney.

Councillor Tapp Coutts requested that Council remain informed about potential future data centre developments in Katherine, noting possible impacts such as water usage, noise and appropriate site selection.

Councillor Tapp Coutts also advised that Katherine Central is planning significant refurbishment works over the next 6 to 8 months, including painting, shopfront improvements and general maintenance, which would be a good news for Katherine.



Councillor Glass thanked the committee members, Council staff for their work in delivering successful Katherine Centenary celebrations, acknowledging that the events would not have been possible without their efforts and support.

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 7:14 pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-189

Moved: Mayor Holden; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Doyle

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 23 JUNE 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)(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 or the Council of 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)(iii) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

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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.
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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.

19.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 17 JUNE 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)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

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.

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> .
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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.
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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

19.4 REGIONAL SPORTS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY PRECINCT (RPPP) - SELECTION OF TENDERER

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-2026-193

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

That the Council decides to:

1. Award Tender T25-12A – Regional Sports, Recreation and Community Precinct (rPPP) to Ashford Lamaya Architects at their submitted tender price of \$971,799.50 (GST exclusive).
2. Release the resolution to the public minutes

CARRIED 7|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-2026-194

Moved: Councillor Glass; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Doyle

That the Council elect to:

1. note this status report regarding the Civic Centre Refurbishment
2. allow early works permit at Lot 1865 Stuart Highway which accord with the building permit and



tender requirements for contract T23-03E, the Civic Centre Refurbishment

5. release resolution 1 and 2 to the public minutes.

CARRIED 6|1

AGAINST: Councillor King

19.6 ELECTED MEMBER INFORMATION AND INTERACTION WITH STAFF POLICY BREACH

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.

19.7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECRUITMENT

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.

20 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 8:42 pm.

21 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of Council - 28 July 2026 was declared closed at 8:43 pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 25 August 2026.

Statement in Support of Motion to amend Council decision on Question time

Katherine deserves the best Council.

This Notice of Motion seeks to restore meaningful opportunities for community participation in Council meetings and reinforce the principles of open, transparent and accountable local government.

The recent changes to Council's meeting procedures have significantly reduced the ability of ratepayers and residents to engage directly with their elected representatives by:

- removing Agenda Item 12, which previously enabled questions relating to items before the Ordinary Council Meeting;
- limiting Public Question Time to written questions only; and
- providing discretion for the Mayor to determine whether submitted questions will be answered.

While orderly and efficient meetings are important, they should not come at the expense of democratic participation. Local government is the level of government closest to the community. It should encourage respectful dialogue, public scrutiny and meaningful engagement with those it represents.

The Local Government Act 2019 establishes clear expectations that councils operate transparently and remain accountable to their communities.

Section 21 states that the principal role of a council is to act as a representative, informed and responsible decision-maker in the interests of its constituency and to develop a strong and cohesive social life for its residents.

Section 22 requires councils to provide for the interests and wellbeing of individuals and groups within their area and to plan and deliver services for the benefit of residents.

Section 24 requires councils to provide open, responsive and accountable government, to be responsive to the needs, interests and aspirations of the community, to place a high value on service to its constituency, and to act at all times in the best interests of the community as a whole.

Section 44 recognises that each elected member has a responsibility to represent the interests of all residents and ratepayers and, importantly, to facilitate communication between the community and the Council.

These legislative principles recognise that community participation is not an administrative inconvenience but an essential component of effective local government.

Importantly, the Local Government Act vests decision-making authority in the Council collectively—not in any one individual. Decisions made by Council are the responsibility of all elected members. It follows that questions raised by residents regarding Council business should be available to the entire Council, allowing all members the opportunity to hear community concerns, contribute to discussion where appropriate, and collectively determine the most accurate and complete response.

Restoring Agenda Item 12 and reinstating the 30-minute Public Question Time would not diminish the efficiency of Council meetings. Rather, these measures would strengthen transparency, accountability and public confidence by ensuring residents continue to have genuine opportunities to engage directly with their elected representatives.

A healthy democracy relies on informed communities and accessible elected representatives. Respectful public questions and robust discussion should be encouraged, not restricted. By restoring these opportunities, Council demonstrates its commitment to the principles of openness, accountability and community participation that underpin the Local Government Act 2019.

Amend rec 3: That all questions submitted by ratepayers be provided to the full Council, with responses determined by Council where they relate to Council policy, governance or decisions, and referred to the CEO for response where they relate to operational matters, consistent with the Local Government Act 2019

Thank you

Cr Anjali Palmer

28 July 2026



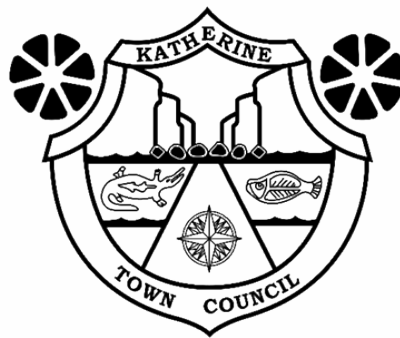
7.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 5 AUGUST 2026

Report Type: Previous Minutes

Attachments: 1. Unconfirmed Minutes - Special Meeting of Council - 5 August 2026 [**7.2.1** - 3 pages]

Recommendation

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



MINUTES

**Special Meeting of Council
Held on Wednesday 5 August 2026**

Civic Centre, Committee Room
29 Crawford Street, 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 Special Meeting of Council - 5 August 2026 open at 12:31 pm.

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

- Mayor Joanna Holden (Chair) - via video conferencing
- Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle
- Councillor Jim King
- Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse
- Councillor Kathy Glass - via video conferencing
- Councillor Anjali Palmer - via video conferencing
- Councillor Toni Tapp Coutts

OFFICERS

- Yeshika Kandanaarachchi – Governance Officer - Minute Taker
- Amanda Haigh – Manager Governance and Risk

4.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

Nil conflicts declared.



6 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 12:32 pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SMC-2026-18

Moved: Mayor Holden; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Doyle

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.

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

8.1 ELECTED MEMBER INFORMATION AND INTERACTION WITH STAFF POLICY BREACH

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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.

9 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 1:29 pm.

10 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Special Meeting of Council - 5 August 2026 was declared closed at 1:29 pm.



8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION UPDATE AUGUST 2026

Report Type: For noting

Attachments: 1. Action Report - 17 August 2026 [**8.1.1** - 4 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Action update.

Meeting Date	Meeting	Item #	Report name and Action	Status
24-02-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 24 February 2026	14.5	Waste Management Facility - Operational Hours Trial That Council approves a 3-month trial of changing the operating hours at the Katherine Waste Management Facility commencing March 2026. • Monday to Sunday: 8:00am – 4:00pm • Public Holidays: 8:00am – 4:00pm • Closed: Good Friday	In Progress
21 April 2026: Waste Management Hours are to be implemented post flood waste management plan. May 2026: Staff conversations undertaken with trial to commence on next cycle of roster. Trial is due to commence on Monday 25th May 2026 and will conclude on Tuesday 25th August 2026. 15 June 2026: Waste Management trial hours are progressing. To date we have had 3 weekends with extended hours. Community notifications were shared via Facebook posts, and updated trading hours were also displayed on signage at the front of the facility. On average, the number of additional customers attending during the extended hours is as follows: • Friday: 4 customers • Saturday: 5 customers • Sunday: 5 customers • Public Holiday: 5 customers 18 August 2026: Trial to conclude 25 August 2026, Council officers will present a post-trial report to the September OMC for Council's consideration.				
26-05-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 26 May 2026	14.5	Petition - Eloise Simudvara - Community Information Session Territory Energy Link - Continue to advocate for community engagement information sessions for the Katherine community from Territory Energy Link on the multi-user, multi-asset Elliot to Darwin	Awaiting external response

Meeting Date	Meeting	Item #	Report name and Action	Status
			infrastructure corridor.	
15 June 2026: ACEO tried making contact with Territory Energy Link for an update on when the community engagement information sessions will be scheduled. 16 July 2026: Territory Energy Link affirmed that they are happy to meet with community members at the Katherine government centre or people can contact us at any time. The team is in Katherine generally every 2-3 weeks.				
26-05-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 26 May 2026	14.6	Petition - Katherine community - Replace Katherine Hospital with a new Facility outside the Katherine Flood Zone - Advocate to the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to secure funding and prioritise the delivery of a new hospital	In progress
15 June 2026: Letter to Minister Kirsty McBain 30 March 2026. A response was received from the Minister 13 May 2026.				
23-06-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 23 June 2026	13.2	Council Policies – Action per the following amended resolution 1. That Council approve the policy: a. Policy – Asset Revaluation Reserve – Version 1 2. That Council rescind the following policies: a. Policy – Elected Member Professional Development Allowance – Version 2 b. Policy - Other reasonable expenses and non-monetary benefits received by council members – Version 2 c. Policy - Reasonable expenses for travel and accommodation for elected members – Version 3 3. That Council lay on table following policies: a. Policy - Meeting Administration - Version 7 b. Policy - Attendance Meeting via Audio and Audio-	In Progress

Meeting Date	Meeting	Item #	Report name and Action	Status
			Visual Conferencing System - Version 4	
15 July 2026: The approved and rescinded policies have been actioned. The Meeting Administration and Audio-visual policies are being further worked on before tabling at the next ARMC meeting and then the Council meeting. 12 August 2026: The Meeting Administration and Audio-visual policies were tabled at the ARMC 11/08/2026. The policies will be tabled at an EMIS for further council discussion.				
28-07-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 28 July 2026	13.1	Community Grants Guidelines Review - That Council: Adopt the revised Katherine Town Council Community Grants Program Guidelines as attached with a review to be conducted prior to December 2026. Endorse the inclusion of one Council officer on the Community Grants Assessment Panel, together with three elected members, to strengthen governance and support the assessment process. Endorse the revised annual Community Grants Program timetable subject to a six weeks application period and amend proposed schedule accordingly. Lay the grant guidelines on the table for review by December 2026.	Completed
17 August 2026: Community grant guidelines have been updated in accordance with the Council decision. Officers have released the dates of the grants, extending them from a 4 week period to a 6 week period. Key Dates: Open: 22 August, 2026 Info session 1: 24 August 2026				

Meeting Date	Meeting	Item #	Report name and Action	Status
Info session 2: 15 September 2026				
Close: 17 October 2026				
28-07-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 28 July 2026	13.2	Council Policies - That Council lay the Policy - Social Media – Version 4 on table for review following Social Media training by Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development	On Hold
12 August 2026: Social Media training by DHLGCD is confirmed for the 11/09/2025.				
28-07-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 28 July 2026	13.3	LGANT - Call for Motions - Councillors were encouraged to prepare and submit draft motions for consideration at the August Ordinary Meeting of Council, with the intention of refining and finalising these proposals for decision at the September Ordinary Meeting of Council.	In Progress
17 August 2026: Discussion to be held at the Elected Members Information Session on 21 August 2026.				
28-07-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 28 July 2026	16.1	Council Policy - Elected Member acknowledgement process and consequences - Consideration of the amendment could occur after Councillors had completed the scheduled training and received further information on relevant sections of the Act, Regulations and Guidelines.	On Hold
13 August 2026: Reconsider after the DHLGCD new code of conduct training.				

9 MAYORAL BUSINESS

9.1 MAYOR ACTIVITIES JULY 2026

Report Type: For noting

Recommendation

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

Purpose of Report

To provide an update on the Mayoral activities and engagements since the last Council meeting. The elected member reporting obligation forms part of the Katherine Town Council's Annual Report to the community, outlining elected members contribution to the Town council's service delivery.

Strategic Plan

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.1 Strong Leadership - Lead a strong local democracy with a community that is actively engaged in Katherine's strategic direction.

1.1.1 Strengthen our councillor profiles to increase community awareness of who they are.

Mayor Joanna Holden	
Date	Activity attended
1 July	Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Board Meeting
1 July	Centenary Territory Day
2 July	Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Board Meeting
2 July	Meeting with Marion Scrymgour MP
3 July	Department Led Training - Katherine Town Council – Investigation Report – Implementation Plan
8 July	Kalano Family Fun Day
8 July	Telephone call NT Administrator
8 July	Katherine Town Council & Police Monthly Meeting
15 July	Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Board Budget Meeting
21 July	Northern Territory Grants Commission Deliberations - 2026-27 Recommendations
23 July	Office of Minister for North Australia - Youth Crime Intervention Program
24 July	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
28 July	Ordinary Meeting of Council

9.2 COUNCILLOR GOALS FIRST 6 TO 12 MONTHS UPDATE

Report Type: For noting

Recommendation

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

Purpose of Report

To provide an update on the Councillor First 6 to 12 Months Goals.

Strategic Plan

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Goal	Elected Member	Status	Estimated Completed Date	Update
To establish a Community Safety Action Group which delivers a structured, collaborative, and preventative approach: not just reacting to crime, but building long-term safety and resilience	Councillor Anjali Palmer	In progress	September 2026	Report to Council, 25 August 2026 to appoint membership.
to increase road safety for road trains, install a "No Road Trains" allowed on Zimin Drive at Gillard Road to prevent trucks becoming stuck at the low level. Council to investigate having Google maps updated to clearly indicate no road trains are allowed on this road	Councillor Jim King	In progress	30 June 2026	Additional signage has been installed on the Victoria Highway, with DLI approval. 
To reduce illegal dumping and enhance community appearance by changing the existing waste management facility opening hours to enable community members access when required to the facility to dump waste	Councillor Kathy Glass	In progress	August 2026	Increase operating hours will commence 25 May 2026 - 25 August 2026. OMC-2026-32 Report to Council will be presented at the September Meeting regarding the outcome of the trial.

Completed Goals

Goal	Elected Member	Status	Completed Date	Update
To encourage community, connect and wellbeing by enabling the community free entry to the Katherine pool throughout December 2025 and January 2026	Mayor Joanna Holden	Completed	May 2026	Free Entry for Dec 2025/Jan 2026 and March 2026/April 2026 and a Pool Party was all funding by NTG.

To reduce the impacts of crime on the community and enhance public spaces through establishing a partnership with the Department of Corrections which will enable Council to engage persons with community work orders	Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse	Completed	21 February 2026	Partnership established. Waiting on allocated participants. The department has informed that they will not provide supervision. Department advises that NAJAA and Judges have been advised that community work orders are now a sentencing option. <u>As of March 2026:</u> KTC currently has access to 2 x correction crews undertaking various tasks on a daily basis. Various tasks including mowing, litter collection, flood clean-up and public space maintenance.
To strengthen the relationships between Katherine Town Council, local businesses, industry leaders, tourism operators and community stakeholders through the establishment of a Business and Tourism Working Group	Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle	Completed	April 2026	28/04/2026 minutes - The Deputy Mayor Doyle requested that her previously proposed goal to establish a Business and Tourism Working group be withdrawn and put forward a new goal, noting that following further investigation and consultation, existing representative bodies and community mechanisms - particularly the re-establishment of the Chamber and its board - provide adequate avenues for engagement. The Deputy Mayor Doyle advised her priority will be active participation with these established structures.
To enhance safety and environs of Katherine by undertaking a sign audit with recommendations for improvements and the beautification of roundabouts	Councillor Toni Tapp Coutts	Completed	30 June 2026	Missing signage at roundabouts have been replaced in accordance with the First St road safety audit. A CBD lighting audit has been included in the 2026/27 Municipal Plan and Budget. Beautification in and around roundabouts will continue to occur from within general operational maintenance budgets. A standalone Roundabout Beautification project has not been budgeted for this financial year due to other funding priorities. The completed works have substantially achieved the intent of the goal; it is considered complete.



10 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING

Report Type: For noting

Recommendation

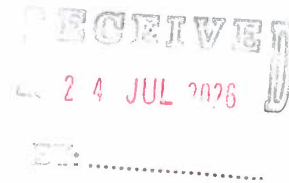
That Council receive and note the Incoming Correspondence:

- 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]



20 July 2026

Mayor Joanna Holden
Katherine Town Council
29 Crawford Street
Katherine, NT 0850



Dear Mayor,

2026 AANT RISKY ROADS REPORT

Please find enclosed a printed copy of the Automobile Association of the Northern Territory (AANT) 2026 Risky Roads Report.

The report is the second of its kind, following our inaugural survey in 2021. Over a six-week period between 12 February and 31 March 2026, we invited all Territorians, not just AANT members, to nominate the roads and intersections they consider unsafe or challenging. The survey drew 824 submissions from across the Territory and provides valuable insights into locations where road users believe safety, maintenance, traffic flow, signage, or road design require attention.

Road trauma remains a significant challenge in the Northern Territory, which continues to record the highest road fatality rate in Australia on a per-capita basis. Consistent with the Safe System approach, safer roads and roadsides are critical to reducing deaths and serious injuries.

While infrastructure investment decisions must be guided by evidence, community feedback provides an important perspective and highlights issues experienced daily by those who use these roads. We encourage all levels of government to consider the findings in this report when planning future road safety and infrastructure priorities.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss these findings with you and to explore how we can work together to address the concerns raised.

Thank you for your commitment to safer roads.

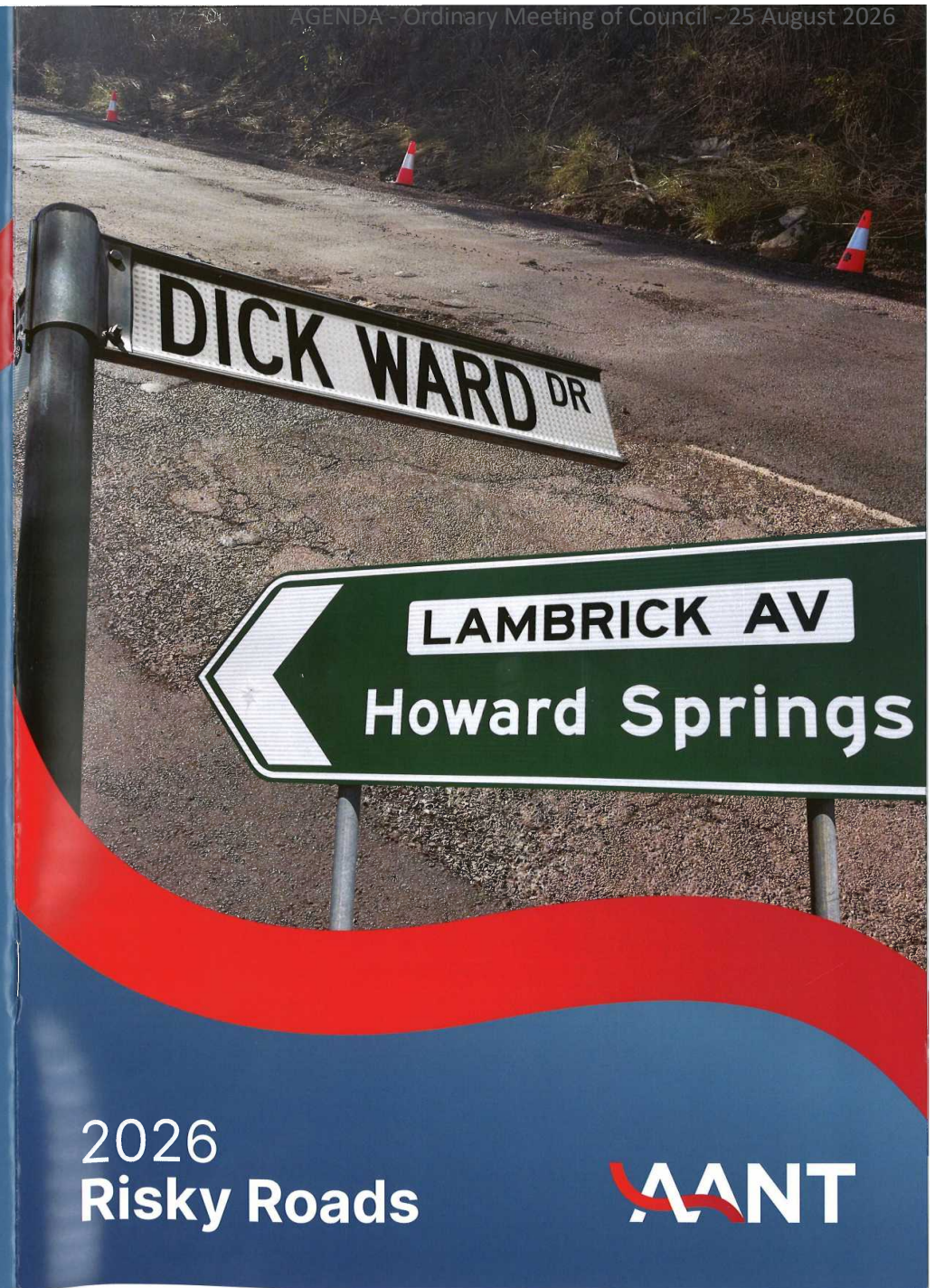
With kind regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'SR Matthias'.

Simon Matthias
Chief Executive Officer

Enc: 2026 Risky Roads Report

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2026
Risky Roads



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Introduction

The 2026 Risky Roads report is designed to give Territorians a chance to highlight unsafe or difficult roads and intersections.

This is the second report of its kind – the first completed in 2021. Data was collected during a six-week period between 12 February and 31 March 2026, and the survey was open to all the community – not just AANT members. The survey was completed via an online survey platform that was housed in the AANT website. To ensure broad community participation, AANT promoted the survey via radio interviews, a story in NT Motor and via direct SMS.

The safe systems approach to road safety highlights the need for safer roads – as one of the three

key pillars – to continue to reduce the Northern Territory's road safety statistics. By pinpointing high-risk locations, the survey aims to assist all levels of government in making decisions about where to target road maintenance and upgrading funding. The report also highlights the need for a fresh look at the design some of the Territory's busiest roads to avoid the current confusion and potentially future crashes.

AANT urges all levels of government to consider these findings and take action to address the community's concerns.

AT A GLANCE

824
Submissions



55%

Of nominations were intersections



45%

Of nominations were road segments



128

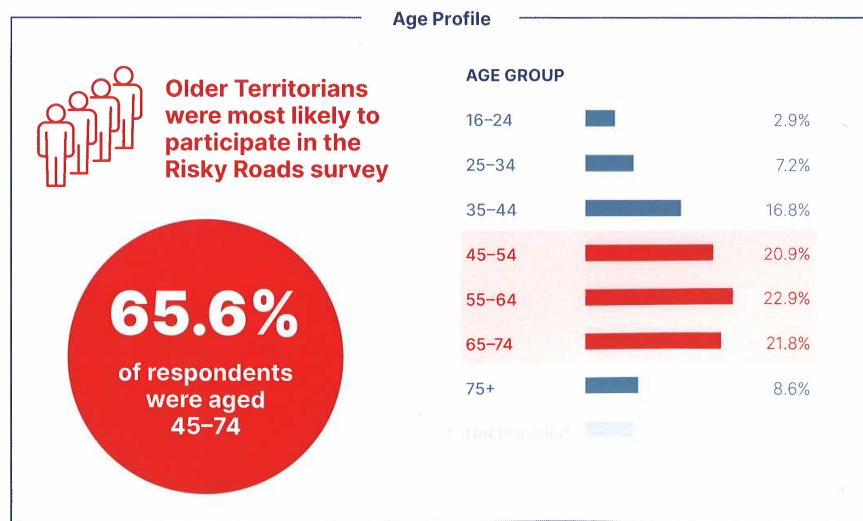
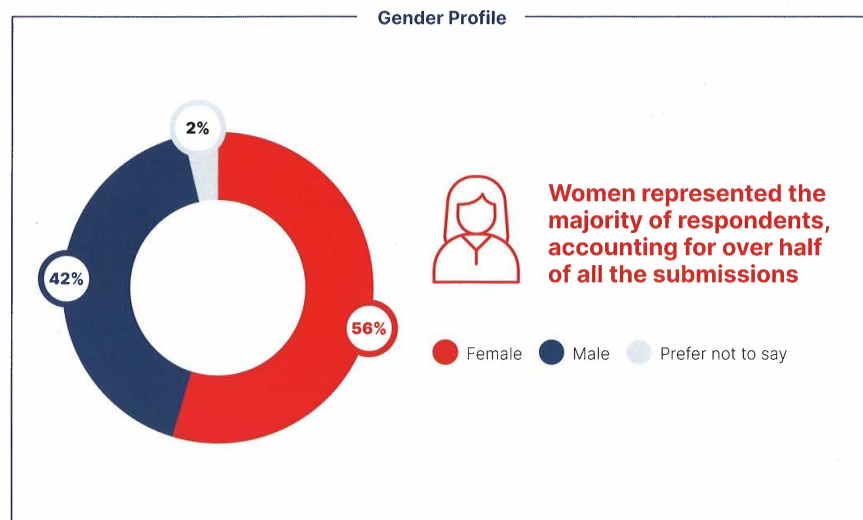
Nominations for NT's four most-mentioned roads



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Traffic signal concerns raised

Who responded?

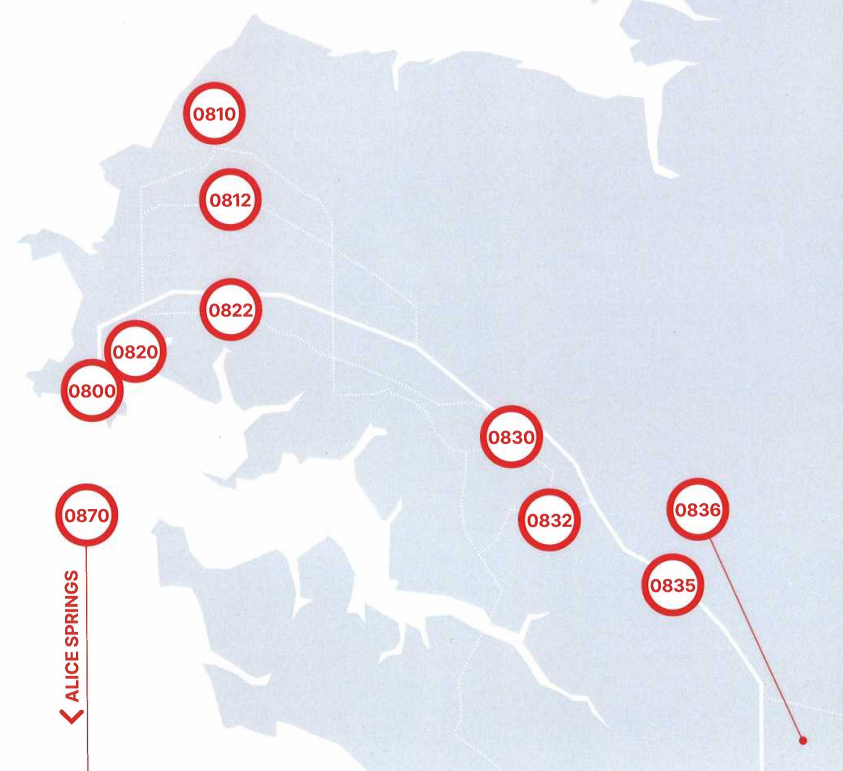


Where did the responses come from?

Top 10 postcodes of responders.

- 0810** Darwin North (Millner, Wagaman, Tiwi, Nakara) **130 submissions**
- 0820** Inner Darwin (Bayview, Ludmilla, Fannie Bay) **96 submissions**
- 0830** Palmerston Central **63 submissions**
- 0832** Palmerston South (Bakewell, Gunn) **60 submissions**
- 0812** Darwin Northeast (Karama, Marrara, Leanyer) **48 submissions**
- 0836** Rural Areas (Humpty Doo, Girraween) **46 submissions**
- 0870** Alice Springs **43 submissions**
- 0822** Darwin Outer (Winnellie, Bees Creek) **39 submissions**
- 0835** Darwin Outer (Howard Springs, Virginia) **24 submissions**
- 0800** Darwin CBD **18 submissions**

0810
postcode generated
the highest number
of submissions



What are people concerned about?

The most frequently cited issues across all four categories.

Road Condition Issues



234 Potholes, cracks or rutting



110 Uneven or undulating surface

Roadside Hazards

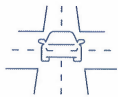


77 Poor sight distance



42 Hazardous roadside objects

Road Design & Layout



156 Poor or confusing road / intersection layout



147 Inadequate crossing or turning opportunities

Traffic Management & Signage



144 Lacks traffic signals



107 Inefficient or ineffective traffic signals



Key findings

1 Intersections identified as the primary concern

454 of the 824 nominations (55%) identified intersections as the problem area, compared to 368 road-segment nominations (45%). This points to a specific need for intersection safety improvements such as traffic signals, turning lanes, and pedestrian crossings.

2 Lack of traffic signals is a concern

144 nominations cited a lack of traffic signals, and a further 107 identified inefficient or ineffective existing signals. Combined, traffic signal concerns account for 251 mentions which was the single largest issue category across all four issue types. Poor or no road markings (50) and poor pedestrian crossing line markings (40) were also frequently raised.

3 Stuart Highway is the most nominated road

Stuart Highway was the most frequently nominated road with 52 mentions. This was followed by Bagot Road, Dick Ward Drive, and Arnhem Highway (Humpty Doo). These four roads alone account for 128 nominations — 15.5% of the total — and should be prioritised for detailed safety assessments.

4 Most respondents nominated a single road; some nominated multiple

The majority of respondents nominated just one road. However, 54 respondents nominated two or more roads, and one respondent nominated four roads.

Additional information

AusRAP star ratings

AusRAP star ratings for roads are referenced in this report. The AusRAP star rating system, a subsidiary of the International Road Assessment Program (iRAP), assesses key criteria to establish the safety rating of a road from one to five stars with the latter representing the safest. AusRAP star ratings are based on the international iRAP model which estimates an average 40% reduction in fatal and serious crashes for each incremental increase in star rating.

Star ratings for the roads in this report were published in 2019. There are no publicly available updates to these ratings.

Crash Data

Crash data for the period 2021-2025 was provided to the AANT by the NT Department of Logistics and Infrastructure in January 2026.

Data collation

Nominations were received as either a road or an intersection and were counted as such. Therefore, some locations appear twice in the report. For example, in the Greater Darwin section, Bagot Road appears as an entry at #3 as a road and at both #1 and #5 as an intersection.

The Stuart Highway received multiple nominations as both a risky road and a risky intersection. Given its importance to the Northern Territory a separate section has been created.

Greater Darwin Roads

#	LOCATION	COMMON CONCERNS	NOMINATIONS
1	Dick Ward Drive, Coconut Grove, Ludmilla	Potholes or cracks or rutting, Uneven or undulating surface, Crumbling road edges.	20
2	Lambrick Avenue, Zuccoli, Bakewell	Poor or confusing intersection layout, Potholes.	10
3	Bagot Road, Eaton, Ludmilla	Lack of bike paths/cycle lanes, Poor pedestrian crossing line markings, Signals needed.	10
4	Thorngate Road, Holtze	Crumbling road edges, Potholes or cracks or rutting, Uneven or undulating surface.	9
5	Boulter Road, Berrimah	Poor or no pedestrian crossing facilities, Footpaths, poor cycling infrastructure.	9
6	Kirkland Road, Marlow Lagoon, Durack	Crumbling road edges, Potholes or cracks or rutting.	6
7	Rocklands Drive, Tiwi	Road Design, Potholes or cracks or rutting, Crumbling road edges.	6
8	Dinah Beach Road, Stuart Park	Crumbling road edges, Narrow or uneven footpath, Potholes or cracks or rutting.	5
9	Roystonea Avenue, Palmerston, Gunn	Potholes or cracks or rutting.	5
10	Vanderlin Drive Casuarina to Berrimah	Inadequate crossing or turning opportunities, Lacks median strip or separation from oncoming traffic, Poor or no pedestrian crossing facilities.	5

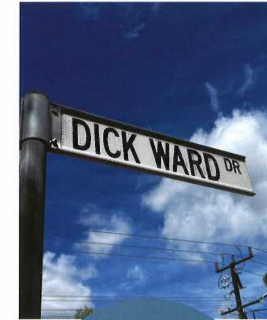
#1

20 nominations

Dick Ward Drive
Coconut Grove /Ludmilla

55 **101** **11**
crashes people involved hospitalised

Key concern 72% 12% ● Road surface issues ● Management, signage and lighting



"Near enough
is not good
enough"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- Whoever is responsible for road maintenance should/must monitor and repair it. It may be an engineering issue, too, because the whole thing is over the top of a swamp so subsidence could be a contributing factor.
- Sometimes cyclists use the road and not the cycle path - no room to manoeuvre in an emergency - cannot overtake cyclists safely.
- The whole road has a lot of potholes.
- High risk of pedestrian vs car accidents.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- Installing a well-lit pedestrian crossing.
- Resurfacing the whole road.
- Improved lighting. Improved safety for pedestrians.
- Put in some lights around the bend, stop patching the road and fix properly and put in a specific pedestrian path.
- A proper construction with at least one foot of underlay and a good quality top layer. They do it elsewhere in the world where there are storms, snow and hail and in winter they put salt on the roads preventing it from freezing up, but the road holds up to all of that because they construct them professionally. Do it right the first time! "Near enough is not good enough".

#2

10 nominations

Lambrick Avenue
Zuccoli/ Bakewell

51 **103** **11** **1**
crashes people involved hospitalised death

Key concern 90% 10% ● Road surface issues ● Road design and layout



2.4 ★
AusRAP

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- I got a flat tyre from the massive potholes on Lambrick.
- Massive potholes and road dips due to poor and inadequate road patches.
- Every wet season it gets many potholes that get bigger.
- Never understood why they didn't make it a full 2 lanes both ways the whole length of the road.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- Redo the entire section from the round-a-bout to the lights on Roystonea Av.
- Resurface the road properly not repair/fill in the holes.
- Widen the roads to allow better traffic flow.
- Put in a rest / safe stopping area to pull off and fix your car / whatever the issue, safely.

#3

10 nominations

Bagot Road
Eaton, Ludmilla

165 **322** **30** **2**
crashes people involved hospitalised deaths

Key concern **42%** **42%** ● Road design and layout ● Management, signage and lighting

2.5-3.4 ★
AusRAP

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- › Bagot Rd is a speedway as motor bikes and many cars do excessive speed, cars use it as a drag strip. Oh my god, love to know what speed they are doing, won't be long till someone gets killed or badly hurt.
- › Poor or no road markings.
- › Lack of pull over section bus stops, busses stop in the middle blocking the entire inner lane of the road, lack of cyclist lanes.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

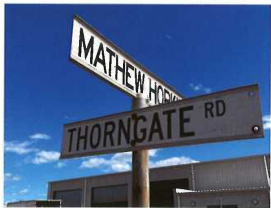
- › Better line marking.
- › Bridge crossing(s) over the road next to bus stops.
- › Guardrails between the road and the footpath.
- › Better signage.

#4

9 nominations

Thorngate Road
Holtze

7 **12** **2** **1**
crashes people involved hospitalised death

Key concern **75%** **16%** ● Road surface issues ● Management, signage and lighting

"Deep potholes both sides of the road"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- › There are a lot of trucks driving on this road and I think that is the main reason why the road is so bad, there are always potholes on both sides of the road and cars are nearly colliding trying to avoid them.
- › I have travelled this road for near 20 years - road surface is shocking, during the wet it is continuously and dangerously pot holed, broken surface etc.
- › Deep potholes both sides of the road.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- › Resurface or upgrade as used by many heavy vehicles, patching up is not working.
- › Maybe raise road higher or bridge over the current road/ swampland.
- › Needs potentially culverts or better drainage installed, two lanes each way to assist traffic heading to Robertson Barracks, turning lane for new road such as Mathew Hopkins Road, would assist traffic to flow.

#5

9 nominations

Boulter Road
Berrimah

4 **6**
crashes people involved

Key concern **28%** **28%** ● Road surface issues ● Roadside hazards

"Pedestrians walk up the road"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- › Lack of bike paths/cycle lanes, Poor or no road lighting.
- › This road has more potholes than bitumen, the edges flow into uneven surfaces, there are no footpaths for the residents, school and businesses in the area to use. Pedestrians walk up the road, due to the edges & surface resulting with them occupying a majority of the road as this is safer for them to walk on.
- › It isn't a 40km/h zone like all other schools in the area.
- › It is heavily travelled and has many, many potholes and limited safe options for parking along the roadside.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- › Establishing adequate car parking and building up with rock/ gravel before tar surfaces. Both sides need a good amount of gravel to support the drainage.
- › The local government needs to fix this road properly (not put a band aid on it) provide footpaths and lighting for all to walk and drive safely on Boulter Road.
- › Put in large footpaths (the space is there) and redo the road as patching it is making it more dangerous.

#6

5 nominations

Kirkland Road
Marlow Lagoon/Durack

47 **89** **14** **2**
crashes people involved hospitalised deaths

Key concern **33%** **44%** ● Road design and layout ● Management, signage and lighting

1.3 ★
AusRAP

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- › Not wide enough.
- › Single lane @ 100km/h. 100km/h is OK?
- › Due to the amount of traffic travelling on this road during peak times, it should be a dual lane road. Until this happens the speed should be reduced to 80 or 90.
- › People are impatient, will not go to the roundabout, and they take short cuts. But it's also the amount of traffic using this road now compared to when it was built. It has not kept up with the car population!

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- › Reduce speed limit or add another lane each way.
- › Widening it to two lanes each way.
- › Synchronise lights for trucks between BP Wishart lights and Tivendale lights.
- › Make a bike path. There is enough room on the grassed area at the side of the road.

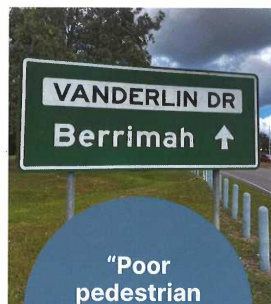
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5 nominations

Vanderlin Drive
Casuarina to Berrimah

120 **219** **25** **1**
crashes people involved hospitalised death

Key concern 40% 30% ● Road design and layout ● Roadside hazards



"Poor
pedestrian
crossing line
markings"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

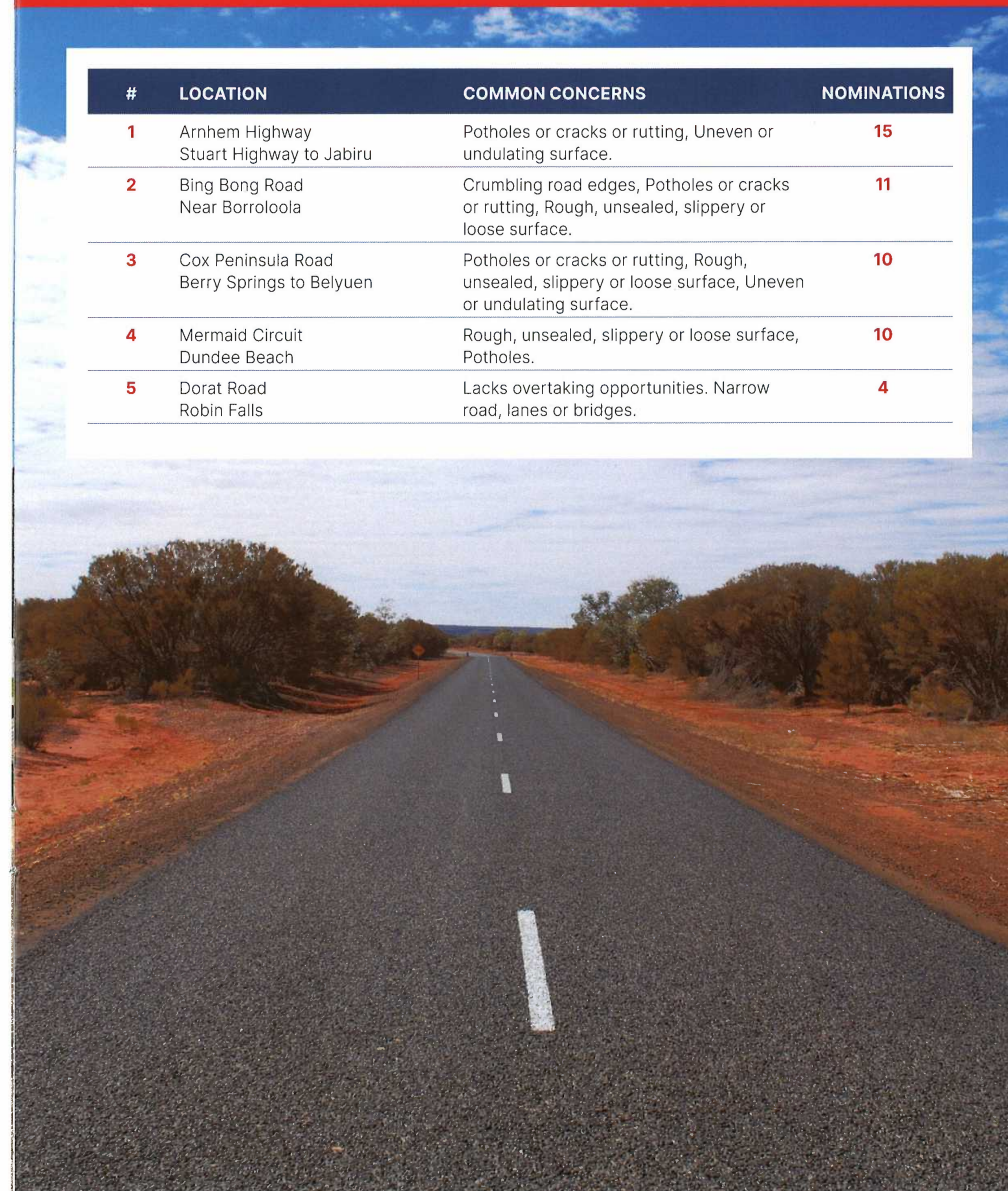
- > I believe this section of road should have a decreased speed limit due to there being 2 daycares and currently 1 school (soon to be 2) being at the intersection of Vanderlin and Boulter roads.
- > Poor pedestrian crossing line markings.
- > Lacks traffic signals, Inefficient or ineffective traffic signals, Lack of bike paths/cycle lanes.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Centre separation.
- > Repair and widen road, add median strip and perhaps lower speed limit. Road works already scheduled but sooner would be better.
- > Put in a decreased speed zone - school zone - at a minimum of 60km/h if not 40km/h for school times.

Regional Roads

#	LOCATION	COMMON CONCERNS	NOMINATIONS
1	Arnhem Highway Stuart Highway to Jabiru	Potholes or cracks or rutting, Uneven or undulating surface.	15
2	Bing Bong Road Near Borroloola	Crumbling road edges, Potholes or cracks or rutting, Rough, unsealed, slippery or loose surface.	11
3	Cox Peninsula Road Berry Springs to Belyuen	Potholes or cracks or rutting, Rough, unsealed, slippery or loose surface, Uneven or undulating surface.	10
4	Mermaid Circuit Dundee Beach	Rough, unsealed, slippery or loose surface, Potholes.	10
5	Dorat Road Robin Falls	Lacks overtaking opportunities. Narrow road, lanes or bridges.	4



#1

15 nominations

Arnhem Highway
Stuart Highway to Jabiru

44 **87** **34** **5**
crashes people involved hospitalised deaths

Key concern **83%** **16%** ● Road surface issues ● Management, signage and lighting



2.5 ★
AusRAP

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- Potholes, no lighting, bad intersection, poor line markings, rough and bumpy.
- Head on accidents as cars using the double lanes to overtake (which is what is meant for) these cars come across the single lane direction cars using the middle lane to overtake with oncoming traffic.
- Damage to vehicles. Tyres, rims and wheel alignment.
- Accidents due to swerving deep potholes.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- Reseal the whole road and widen edges.
- Roads to be rebuilt using the newer method of building roads made from concrete (thick).
- Start the proposed works to provide stopping and overtaking lanes and if needed traffic lights on intersections already identified in the proposed Arnhem Highway duplication plans before more people die on this highway.

#2

11 nominations

Bing Bong Road
near Borroloola

0
crashes

Key concern **91%** **9%** ● Road surface issues ● Management, signage and lighting



3.4 ★
AusRAP

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- Road floods and is impassable. People working at the port are not able to evacuate if a cyclone comes. Helicopters are useless as they cannot fly when a cyclone is declared leaving port employees to stay in demountable buildings which are not cyclone rated.
- Mine road-trains ruining this road. They drive too fast and switch over lanes onto on-coming traffic to avoid massive potholes they have created in the first place. I doubt Glencore pay enough tax to make good the repairs to damage they have caused.
- Too many large potholes that never, ever, get repaired. They just keep getting worse!!!

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- Repair the road regularly and stop heavy road-train traffic when the road is water sodden.
- Regular repair work - the McArthur River Mine pays huge royalties to the NT Gov't so the least the NT Gov't could do is spend some of it back in repairing the damn road!!!
- Stop the trucks until this road is capable of carrying the load.

#3

10 nominations

Cox Peninsula Road
Berry Springs to Belyuen

33 **51** **18** **1**
crashes people involved hospitalised deaths

Key concern **58%** **22%** ● Road surface issues ● Road design and layout



2.3-2.9 ★
AusRAP

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- Road isn't wide enough for trucks, potholes galore, nasty road bumps, nowhere safe to pull over in wet season, specky drive but.
- Potholes are getting way too deep and dangerous.
- Before the flooding the roads have been severely damaged since the mine was in operation. Since then it's pothole galore with the contractor attending regularly with interim repair work. This isn't working and becoming a hazard on the road. I've gone through 3 windscreens on this road due to stone chips and cracks. It's becoming a hazard and unsafe.
- Road is destroyed to the point you'd be better off driving on the dirt next to it.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- Rip up the road and reseal it.
- Properly relaying the road surface instead of band aid fixes.
- I drove this before bitumen seal, so it's better now, compared to then, but the road was wider then, & speeds were (naturally) slower. 100km/h too fast for the road quality. PLEASE, no Doubles, Triples, or Quads. More peeps will die, so singles only, & make it 80km/h.

#4

10 nominations

Mermaid Circuit
Dundee Beach

2 **2** **1**
crashes people involved hospitalised

Key concern **63%** **18%** ● Road surface issues ● Road design and layout



"Seal the remaining dirt section"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- Potholes everywhere, get bogged easily, wrecking vehicles that are requiring major repairs to fix them. Something needs to be done ASAP regardless of it being the wet season. It's like this all year round even after being graded a few times a year.
- Unsealed. Undulating corrugation. Huge potholes. Slippery when wet. Thick mud.
- This road is a major arterial road with 7 other roads needing to use Mermaid Circuit to get to their street, the road is so rough that the ambulance service will not use the road, our cars are being rattled to bits, and the cost of repair, constant repairs.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- Seal the road, if not all, part of would help, anything would help.
- FIX IT! Rather than telling us we have to wait!!!!
- Seal the remaining dirt section.

#5

4 nominations

Dorat Road
Robin Falls area

8 crashes **22** people involved **12** hospitalised

Key concern **33%** **33%** ● Road surface issues ● Road design and layout



Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > This road is a disgrace to the NTG and is extremely dangerous.
- > Blind corners, narrow road width, multiple users. i.e. large trucks, caravans, low loaders carrying heavy machinery on a narrow, bending and hilly road only meant for one car. No lane markings, no safety barriers, potholes, rough and unsealed edges.
- > The Dorat Road is becoming more and more dangerous we have had accidents and far too many near misses this year with the excessive amount of boats and tourist and trucks travelling this dismal road if they are opening more of Litchfield up then This needs to be fixed into 2 lanes the whole way or it is going to result in fatalities.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > It needs to be widened into 2 lanes for the whole section and brought up to the 21st century and not just following the goat track that the early settlers cut through.
- > Develop a long-term plan to improve the safety of the road. It is understandable that due to its age etc it will be challenging however addressing several sections will have a significant impact on road safety.
- > Widen the road and put in line markings is the immediate priority.
- > Update the road surface in the long term.



Greater Darwin Intersections

#	LOCATION	NOMINATIONS
1	Bagot Road and Fitzer Drive, Ludmilla	20
2	Stuart Highway and Goyder Road, Parap	14
3	Stuart Highway and Virginia Road, Virginia	14
4	Kirkland Road and Woodlake Boulevard, Elrundie/Durack	12
5	Bagot Road and Osgood/Totem, Coconut Grove/Eaton	10
6	Stuart Highway and Bees Creek Road, Freds Pass	8
7	Stuart Highway and Lambrick Ave, Johnston/Zuccoli	8
8	Rocklands Drive and Florey Avenue, Tiwi	8
9	Dick Ward Drive and Old McMillans Road	6
10	Stuart Highway and Queen Street, Stuart Park	5

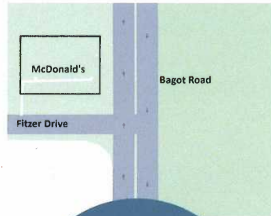


#1

20 nominations

**Bagot Road and Fitzer Drive
Ludmilla**

15 **24** **2** **1**
crashes people involved hospitalised death



"Too many risks being taken here"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- › Turning out of Fitzer onto Bagot Road is dangerous during peak times. Dealing with 3 lanes of outbound city traffic, opposite lanes turning off or doing U-turns to access the servo.
- › Traffic lights would prevent serious accidents and possible loss of life.
- › Although there may not be many reported crashes, too many risks are being taken here.
- › Very busy T-intersection with head-on collision risk.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

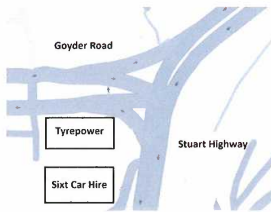
- › Should have lights installed like Bagot/Totem Road.
- › Add traffic lights or improve timing for nearby lights to provide adequate turning opportunities.
- › Look at upgrading to a signal or large roundabout intersection. Roundabout would have the benefit of slowing traffic without the platoon effect and reducing the likelihood of high-speed angle collisions.

#2

14 nominations

**Stuart Highway and Goyder Road
Parap**

19 **34** **1**
crashes people involved hospitalised



"Exiting Goyder Road during peak hour is near impossible"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- › Dangerous for both cars and pedestrians, drivers narrowly miss each other turning to and from Goyder Road across the Stuart Highway, particularly those turning right in either direction.
- › Listed on the Federal Black Spot program for years but remains unchanged. High traffic flow of 2-3 lanes in either direction on a curve, combined with a poorly placed pedestrian crossing, makes crossing extremely dangerous. No mechanism to create gaps in traffic flow except the lights at Parap Road.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

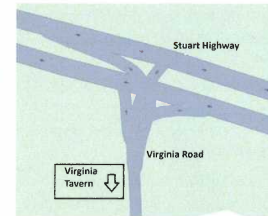
- › Roundabout or traffic lights – roundabout preferred.
- › Reposition the pedestrian crossing further along Goyder Road toward the MVR, where users would cross only 2 roads instead of 4, with proper signage and speed bumps.
- › Flashing speed warning signs approximately 60 m either side of the intersection, reducing speed to 40 km/h – similar to the one on Trower Road beside Dripstone Middle School. The right-turn holding lane onto Goyder Road is adequate, but the re-entry lane from Goyder Road back onto the Stuart Highway is too short.
- › Arrow traffic light.

#3

14 nominations

**Stuart Highway and Virginia Road
Virginia**

13 **23** **2**
crashes people involved hospitalised



"Create a merging lane on Stuart Highway"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- › Intersection sits on a rise outbound and a dip inbound, after curves in both directions – visibility is poor in both directions, particularly when entering the inbound flow at peak times.
- › Used by fuel tankers accessing the petrol station on a blind bend, with motorists travelling above the speed limit.
- › No turning/lane onto the highway inbound. Torrential rain further reduces visibility as traffic comes around the bend – difficult to determine lane position when merging at 100 km/h.
- › Turning right from Virginia Road toward Coolalinga requires looking hard over your left shoulder in a 100 km/h zone with a low section that cuts sightlines.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

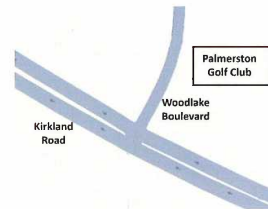
- › Unsure, but has to be changed.
- › Create a turning merging lane on Stuart Hwy inbound.
- › Traffic lights to slow traffic down.
- › There was a plan to make it a left turn only and put a set of lights closer to Coolalinga near United service station. Access to this turn from new road off Virginia Rd.

#4

12 nominations

**Kirkland Road and Woodlake Boulevard
Elrundi/Durack**

6 **8** **1**
crashes people involved hospitalised



"Very difficult to turn in either direction"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

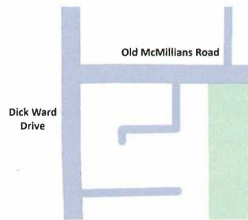
- › This intersection becomes extremely busy for morning and afternoon traffic. There are no traffic signals or devices to assist traffic entering Kirkland Road from Woodlake Blvd making it very difficult to turn in either direction.
- › Too many near accidents as Kirkland Road goes over a train line on a crest making it hard to see when traffic are going fast.
- › People are impatient, will not go to the roundabout, and they take short cuts. But it's also the amount of traffic using this road now compared to when it was built. It has not kept up with the car population.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- › Traffic lights.
- › Roundabout.
- › A roundabout or a set of lights would do it.

#9

6 nominations

Dick Ward Drive and Old McMillians Road
Coconut Grove**1** crashes **1** people involved**Issues raised (Verbatim)**

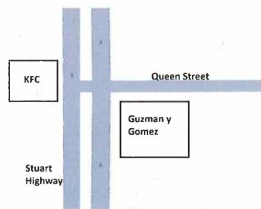
- > Peak hour traffic in mornings and afternoons make merging a risky exercise.
- > When turning left at this intersection, if there is a vehicle stopped in the right-hand lane, it is almost impossible to see if there is any oncoming traffic from the right.
- > The congestion peaks at times causing drivers to take risks.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Roundabout or traffic lights.
- > Traffic lights operating at peak times.

#10

5 nominations

Stuart Highway and Queen Street
Stuart Park**6** crashes **14** people involved

"People use
the wrong side
of the road"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > It is confusing and I have had a few occasions where people use the wrong side of the road.
- > There are people doing u turns, turning right into Queen st from the highway and others trying to get onto the highway.
- > Gets very congested especially in the mornings.
- > It has just become a major local intersection that due to recent developments - now needs more attention and instructive clarity beyond everyone's common understanding of road rules and give way priorities.
- > This has become a major locally known - slip route from Tiger Brennan through to the Stuart Highway and medical centres. There is so much clutter around the top of Queen Street when navigating getting across lanes to the Veterans Medical centre on the other side of the Stuart highway. There is also a major bus stop on the other side of the Stuart Highway with a constant stream of pedestrians crossing the dual highway.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Switch the arrows for the turning lanes on the median, please.
- > Could street parking be reduced at the top of Queen Street (along the sides of GYG & the car shop) to increase visibility.
- > Remove the option to turn from the Stuart Highway into Queen Street. There are traffic lights 500 metres further down the road, allowing you to turn right safely into Westralia Road and access Queen St through Coronation Drive.

Regional Intersections

#	LOCATION	NOMINATIONS
1	Arnhem Highway and Freds Pass Road, Humpty Doo	15
2	Railway Terrace and Parsons Street, Alice Springs	9
3	Stuart Highway and Schwarz Crescent, Alice Springs	6
4	Stuart Highway and Victoria Highway, Katherine	3
5	Anglesey Road and Pioneer Drive, Humpty Doo	3

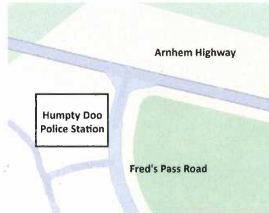


#1

15 nominations

Arnhem Highway and Freds Pass Road
Humpty Doo

13 **29** **6**
crashes people involved hospitalised



"Hard to see oncoming traffic"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- › Hard to see oncoming traffic when turning onto the Arnhem highway from Freds Pass Road.
- › Vehicles that are turning right onto Arnhem Highway at this intersection block the vision for those turning left.
- › This intersection needs its own slip stream lane to allow traffic to get up to speed.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

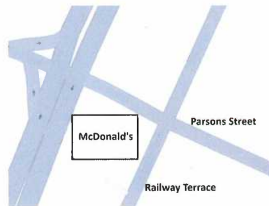
- › Provide a merging lane onto the Arnhem Highway for traffic turning left or traffic lights.
- › Widen road there, add turning lane in centre and have the road clearly move traffic Power roadside of turning vehicle.
- › Ideally a small widening of road, alternatively, could make safer by new lines to create the centre right turn and new lines create main road to guide traffic to left etc.

#2

9 nominations

Railway Terrace and Parsons Street
Alice Springs

14 **28**
crashes people involved



"It is very difficult to get across the intersection"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- › Traffic builds up here and no-one knows who has right of way, and even when people do have right of way it is hard to see where the traffic is coming from. Especially coming from Railway Tce turning left onto Parsons or turning right from Parsons onto Railway Tce.
- › It is very difficult to get across the intersection on Railway Terrace or to join Parsons Street from Railway Terrace.
- › This intersection is too close to the Stuart Highway and constantly there are car accidents. Something needs to be done.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

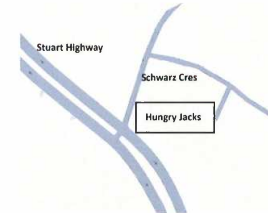
- › Make Railway Tce wider so traffic can wait and turn into Maccas or move the Maccas entry further down. Also more clearly marked lines and right of way signage at Parsons or redesign it somehow so there is no right turn.
- › Fix the signage, maybe some more obvious lines could be good too.
- › Roundabout or lights.

#3

6 nominations

Stuart Highway and Schwarz Crescent
Alice Springs

5 **16** **3**
crashes people involved hospitalised



"Cyclists, including school kids, struggle to cross at this intersection"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- › There is very heavy turning traffic at school hours and the traffic at this junction is not regulated as people are trying to get to work. But even other times the intersection is on a gentle curve. Cyclists (including school kids) struggle to cross at this intersection.
- › Biggest issues occur around morning and afternoon school rush and the 5pm commute home. From HJ's, to turn right from Schwarz onto Stuart highway, it can be quicker to go the opposite direction via Eastside & Wills Tce etc to head north on the highway.
- › Traffic along Stuart Highway from lights heading north then turning right onto Schwarz create hazard for cars turning right from Schwarz out onto highway to go northerly.
- › Bottleneck develops around school pickup time often but also affected by Hungry Jacks traffic competing with Eastside traffic.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

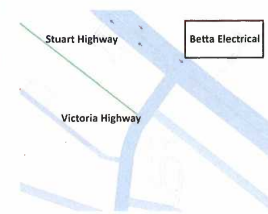
- › Connect Schwarz Crescent with Smith St at Stuart Hwy and install traffic lights. Existing Schwarz Crescent left turn only onto highway.
- › Traffic signal.
- › Make the road wider, bigger lanes, at the point where motorists merge with the highway turning left off Schwarz onto the highway to prevent bottleneck and improve flow.

#4

3 nominations

Stuart Highway and Victoria Highway
Katherine

2 **2**
crashes people involved



Issues raised (Verbatim)

- › A stop sign is there; no one heeds it!!
- › Rumble strips, to slow traffic to heed stop sign.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

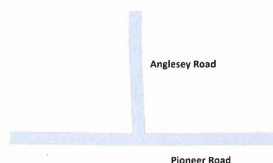
- › Needs analysis and re-engineering in ways that are beyond my expertise.
- › Try traffic lights and maybe widen the road.

#5

3 nominations

**Anglesey Road and Pioneer Road
Humpty Doo**

2 crashes **3** people involved **2** hospitalised

**Issues raised (Verbatim)**

- > There have been over 5 accidents at the intersection in the past 6 months, resulting in the property owners' fence and power pole being demolished each time.
- > There have been a high number of vehicles missing the intersection and crashing into the fence opposite the intersection. While there have been no fatalities yet based on the number of crashes at this spot, it is only a matter of time until a fatality occurs.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Proper lighting and signage.
- > Installing a streetlight would be most effective at this spot. Alternatively, speed reduction lines to slow motorists down and alert change of road conditions ahead.

Stuart Highway

The Stuart Highway is by far the most nominated road in the entire Risky Roads survey, featuring in 143 unique submissions.

Of these, 29 were road-only nominations highlighting general concerns about the highway's condition, while 114 nominations targeted specific intersections along its length, spanning 54 distinct intersection locations from Darwin to Alice Springs.

Within 30 kilometres of the Darwin GPO, Stuart Highway attracted 89 nominations, with the intersections at Goyder Road and Virginia Road each drawing 14 nominations — the second-highest intersection tallies in the entire dataset. Beyond 30 kilometres, a further 54 nominations were recorded, reflecting community concerns on the highway's importance.

The sheer volume and geographic spread of Stuart Highway nominations underscore its critical importance to Territory residents and the widespread frustration with its current condition.

Stuart Highway crash statistics, 2021–2025



964 Reported
Crashes



1,762
People Involved



52 Lives
Lost



286 Hospital
Admissions







NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

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Ms Casey Anderson
A/Chief Executive Officer
Katherine Town Council

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Dear Ms Anderson

The Remuneration Tribunal is commencing its inquiries on Local Government Council and Local Authority members' allowances 2027 pursuant to sections 7B(1) and 7E(1) of the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006* with Councils.

The Tribunal is accepting written submissions from Councils for the inquiry until 4 September 2026, which should address only questions or issues that your Council would like to raise. Considerations should be made as to any unique circumstances relating to your Council which you may wish to advise the Tribunal. Individual Councillors may also like to provide their own submissions.

If completed on or before 1 February 2027, the inquiry will lead to a determination that applies to members' allowances from 1 July 2027.

While the Tribunal would like to meet with Councils personally, this is not practicable; however the Tribunal will accommodate video conference calls.

As a reminder, any allowances or entitlements related to superannuation are outside of the Tribunal's scope.

It would be appreciated if you could place this letter on the Council's agenda for its next meeting for your Council to discuss its approach and provide a copy of this letter to the Mayor of the Council.

Any queries or requests to arrange a meeting with the Tribunal can be directed to the Tribunal's Secretariat via email NTRemunerationTribunal@nt.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Higgins'.

Gary Higgins
Chair
Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal
4 August 2026

10.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUTGOING

Report Type: For noting

Recommendation

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]



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8 August 2026

The Honourable Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory
GPO Box 3146
Darwin NT 0801

Via email: chief.minister@nt.gov.au
Cc via email: electorate.katherine@nt.gov.au

Dear Chief Minister,

I am writing on behalf of Katherine Town Council's Elected Members following another deeply concerning and frightening incident involving youth crime in Katherine on the 6th of August.

Council is aware a group of young people stole a vehicle and drove it dangerously around Katherine for four to five hours. During that time, the vehicle was driven on roads, footpaths and through public spaces, with young people sitting in windows and hanging out of the vehicle.

It is our understanding it came to an end after the offending vehicle collided with a member of the public's vehicle. The offenders then fled on foot and to the best of our knowledge have not faced any consequence.

What is particularly concerning is that, despite the length and very public nature of the incident, there was no apparent police intervention and no warning to residents about the potential danger. The warnings that did come were from residents posting videos of the hooning on social media to alert the community.

There may have been operational circumstances at play, but so far there has been no public explanation. People in Katherine are asking how something like this could continue for hours without a response. They are frightened, frustrated and increasingly angry.

This is not about one incident. It comes on top of repeated serious youth offending and growing concern about community safety in Katherine that has been the subject of previous correspondence to your office.

Earlier this year I asked you to support a community safety roundtable in Katherine. The intention was not to create another meeting or talkfest. It was to get the people who know this community, together with the people who have the authority and resources to make decisions, around the same table to work out what more can be done.

In your response, you pointed to increased police resources, improving crime statistics and the existing inter-agency crime prevention group as evidence that current measures are working.

Whatever the statistics may show, that is not how many people in Katherine are experiencing their town at the moment.

There is a growing gap between what government processes and statistics are telling us and what people are seeing and experiencing. That gap is damaging confidence and creating real anger in our community.

As the level of government most closely connected to our community, we have continued to pursue action to our best ability. In June, Council resolved to pursue a Katherine Youth Emergency Response, a short-term program aimed at interrupting the cycle of youth offending. We approached Commonwealth Ministers and agencies and are working with First Nations leaders and local organisations to try to get it off the ground. Back to Aboriginals Corporation is now pursuing funding through the Local Investment Fund.

First Nations leaders have also put forward ideas, including a curfew and further alcohol restrictions. Those suggestions were raised with Police in July and were not supported.

We understand that not every idea put forward by the community will be workable. But people need somewhere to put those ideas. They need to know they are being heard, that proposals will be properly considered and, where they have merit, that someone has the authority to act on them.

So I am asking you again to consider a community safety roundtable for Katherine.

If you remain of the view that a roundtable is not needed, then please tell us what alternative you propose.

How can the Katherine community meaningfully participate in finding solutions? How can residents, First Nations leaders, businesses and community organisations put forward recommendations, have them properly considered by the people who can make decisions, and see action come from them?

We would also like NT Police and the Territory Government to explain what occurred on 6th of August, including why there was no apparent intervention over such a long period and why no warning was issued to the community while the vehicle was being driven dangerously through public areas.

We know there is no simple answer to youth crime. We know Police and other agencies are dealing with difficult and complex circumstances. But complexity cannot mean accepting the status quo.

Katherine people are asking what can be done. Council is trying to develop practical responses. First Nations leaders and community organisations are willing to be part of the solution. We need the Territory Government at the table with us before our two greatest fears are realised – that an utter tragedy will occur in our town, and that vigilante residents will take matters into their own hands.

Yours sincerely,



Joanna Holden
Mayor
Katherine Town Council

On behalf of Katherine Town Council's Elected Members: Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle, Councillors Toni Coutts, Kathy Glass, Kathryn Whitehouse, Jim King and Anjali Palmer.



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14 August 2026

Bree Lennard
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E: projects@gyracc.org.au

Dear Ms. Lennard

Re: Letter of Support for the Kantri Mujic Musta 2027 Funding Application

Katherine Town Council is pleased to provide this letter of support for Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre's application to Creative Australia for funding to deliver the Kantri Mujic Musta in 2027.

Council recognises the significant contribution that Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre makes to the cultural life of the Katherine region and welcomes initiatives that bring residents and visitors together through high-quality arts and entertainment experiences.

The proposed Kantri Mujic Musta presents an exciting opportunity to showcase the rich musical talent of the Northern Territory alongside acclaimed Australian country music artists. The inclusion of workshops, community engagement activities, and a major concert event will provide broad community benefits while fostering connections across generations, cultures, and backgrounds.

Council particularly supports the event's objectives to:

- Bring together all sectors of the community through a shared celebration of music, stories, and culture;
- Highlight and celebrate the resilience and strength of the Katherine region following the 2026 flood events;
- Showcase the unique environment, people, and culture of the Big Rivers Region with the Godinymayin Amphitheatre;
- Enhance the visitor experience and provide quality entertainment during a key tourism period in the Northern Territory; and
- Create valuable opportunities for local and Territory artists to perform alongside nationally recognised musicians.

The proposed event aligns strongly with Council's commitment to support community wellbeing, cultural development, tourism, and events that contribute positively to the social and economic vitality of Katherine.

Subject to future budget considerations and approvals, Katherine Town Council would be pleased to discuss opportunities for in-kind support, including assistance with event promotion through Council communication channels and community networks.

Council believes the Kantri Mujic Musta has the potential to become a significant regional event, attracting audiences from across the Northern Territory and beyond while showcasing the unique character and spirit of Katherine.

We wish Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre every success with its application and look forward to the possibility of supporting this exciting initiative in 2027.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joanna Holden', enclosed within a faint, light-colored oval border.

Joanna Holden
MAYOR OF KATHERINE



media release

14 August 2026

Council calls for fresh ideas as Community Grants open

Katherine Town Council's Community Grants Program will open on 22 August 2026, with refreshed guidelines and a new application template designed to make it easier for local groups to understand the program and put forward their ideas.

Council is looking to support a diverse range of projects, activities and events that benefit the different people, interests and communities that make up Katherine.

Grants provide one-off assistance for initiatives that deliver a clear benefit to the Katherine community, from smaller community projects and activities through to major community events.

Projects might encourage people to participate in community life, create more inclusive activities, support volunteers and local organisations, bring a new idea to Katherine, or simply provide more opportunities for locals and visitors to connect and get involved.

Grants of up to \$2,000 are available for community projects and activities, with up to \$5,000 available for major community events.

The new Community Grants Guidelines and application template provides clearer information about what can be funded, what applicants need to provide and how applications will be assessed.

Council is holding two public information sessions to help applicants understand the grants and ask questions before applying. The sessions will be held at the **Katherine Visitor Information Centre**, Cnr Lindsay St and Stuart Hwy.

1. Monday 24 August 2026, 5 pm–6 pm
2. Tuesday 15 September 2026, 5 pm–6 pm

These sessions will provide an overview of the Community Grants Program, including how it works, what activities and projects are eligible for funding, what Council considers when assessing applications, and the information applicants should include in their submissions.

The sessions also offer an opportunity to discuss potential project ideas, seek guidance and ask questions. Council particularly encourages groups that have not previously applied for a Community Grant to attend.

If your organisation or community group has an idea but you are unsure whether it is eligible, which funding category it may fit within, or how to approach the application process, these information sessions are an excellent place to start.

Applications will be assessed on the benefit they provide to the Katherine community, value for money, how well the project has been planned and can be delivered, the applicant's own contribution and how well the proposal meets the objectives of the Community Grants Program.

Applications open Saturday 22 August 2026 and close Saturday 17 October 2026. You can view guidelines [here](#)

Media enquires: Christine Schindler 08 8972 5500



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COMMUNITY GRANTS

2027

2026/27 Guidelines & Information

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PURPOSE



The Katherine Town Council Community Grants Program provides one-off financial assistance for projects, activities and events that deliver a clear benefit to the Katherine community.

The program aims to:

- encourage community participation
- strengthen local organisations and volunteers
- support inclusive community events and activities
- help bring new ideas to life
- build a vibrant, connected community
- give locals and visitors more to do throughout the year

FUNDING AVAILABLE



Applications open each financial year.

\$2,000

Up to, for community projects and activities.

\$5,000

Up to, for *major community events

*A major event is generally one that attracts broad community participation, has significant social, cultural or economic benefit and requires a higher level of planning and delivery.

WHO CAN APPLY?



Eligible applicants include

- incorporated not-for-profit organisations
- incorporated sporting and community groups
- organisations applying on behalf of a community group (auspice arrangements)
- volunteer groups where Council is satisfied appropriate governance and accountability arrangements are in place.

Applicants must have satisfactorily acquitted any previous Council grants before a new application will be considered.

WHAT CAN AND CAN'T BE FUNDED?



Eligible activities	Ineligible activities
- Events - Workshops - Festivals - Community activities - Equipment hire - Artist or facilitator fees - Venue hire - Local travel (directly related to the activity) - Project materials - Marketing - Catering (directly related to the activity) - Council permits or similar project costs	- Ongoing operating costs - Wages not directly related to the project - Capital building works - Uniforms - Memberships - Competition fees - Alcohol - Retrospective expenses - Public liability insurance - Prizes - Activities that are primarily the responsibility of another funding body

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE ASSESSED



Eligible applications are assessed by a panel of three elected members and one Katherine Town Council officer.

The criteria includes:

- the benefit to the Katherine community
- value for money
- whether the project is well planned and achievable
- the applicant's contribution through volunteers, fundraising or other support
- alignment with the objectives of the Community Grants Program.

Previous grant recipients are welcome to apply. Receiving funding in previous years does not guarantee future funding. Each application will be assessed on its own merits.

FUNDING CONDITIONS



Successful applicants must

- use the funding only for the approved purpose
- obtain any required permits and insurance
- acknowledge Katherine Town Council's support in promotional material where practical
- advise Council of any significant changes to the project
- complete an acquittal within two months of the project being completed.

Projects must not commence before funding is approved unless Council has agreed otherwise.

TIPS FOR A STRONG APPLICATION



Applications are more likely to be successful if they clearly explain:

- what will happen
- who will benefit
- how the funding will be spent
- what other support the project has
- how the project will make a positive difference to the Katherine community.



NEED A HAND WITH YOUR APPLICATION?

Contact Katherine Town Council on (08) 8972 5500 for advice on completing your application or for further information.

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2026/27 Community Grants Program Apply Now!

Community groups can apply for grants of up to \$5000

Applications close 17 October 2026



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13.1 ASSET CAPITALISATION POLICY

Author: Rebecca Baguley, Chief Finance Officer
Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: 1. Draft Asset Capitalisation Policy - V3.17.08.26 [13.1.1 - 9 pages]

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to adopt the Asset Capitalisation Policy as per the recommendation arising from the 2024/2025 Audit of Council's Financial Statements.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve and adopt the Asset Capitalisation Policy.

SUMMARY

- **KPMG identified non-compliance risks in the Year-End Update to the Audit Risk Management Committee (ARMC) on 2 December 2025.**
- **The Asset Capitalisation Policy has been drafted to address the Audit observations made by KPMG to address the following related Audit area/risk.**
 - A. Asset Recognition** - Establish procedures to promptly remove disposed, obsolete, or non-existent assets from the Asset Register to prevent overstatement of PPE balances.
 - B. Capital Asset Recognition** – Management should ensure that there is a formal mechanism for identifying and communicating WIP status on a regular and timely basis to ensure timely capitalisation and avoid reconciling issues at year end.
 - C. Outdated Policies** – Non-Compliance Risk – Management should expedite the finalisation and approval of the Asset Accounting Policy to ensure consistent and accurate treatment of asset-related accounting.

DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

Council will address the Audit Recommendations made by KPMG by adopting the Asset Capitalisation Policy. Finance staff have drafted and implemented an Asset Acquisition and Disposal form to address item B - Capital Asset Recognition.

Consultation Process

Council Managers and project and finance staff were consulted to provide input on the Draft Asset Capitalisation Policy to ensure alignment with process to improve current procedures. A review of the 2023 Revaluation report was also undertaken to inform the drafting of the Policy.

Policy Implications

The policy implication for not updating or implementing an Asset Capitalisation Policy is that the Policy may no longer be fit for purpose, creating governance, compliance and accountability issues even before any

accounting errors occur.

Budget and Resource Implications

Within current service delivery budget and resource.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

Council will expose itself to several financial, compliance and operational risks if it does not adopt an Asset Capitalisation Policy. These key risks are identified below:

1. **Incorrect Financial Reporting**
If the policy does not reflect current accounting standards, asset thresholds or business practices assets may be incorrectly capitalised or expenses.
2. **Audit Findings and Qualified Audit Opinions**
Auditors rely on a documented and consistently applied capitalisation policy when reviewing fixed assets. An outdated policy may lead to non-compliance findings, control deficiencies and Audit recommendations.
3. **Poor Asset Management and Control**
4. **Budgeting and Long-Term Financial Planning Issues**

Legislative Implications

1. Capitalisation thresholds that no longer reflect current asset values
2. Useful lives that differ from actual asset performance
3. Inconsistent treatment of infrastructure, plant, IT equipment and building improvements.
4. Audit findings related to asset valuation, depreciation and compliance with accounting standards

Environment Sustainability Implications

Whilst the Asset Capitalisation Policy is primarily a finance and governance document, it also has important environmental and sustainability implications. Without a policy, Council can make poor asset investment, maintenance and replacement decisions which may negatively affect resource use, waste generation and long-term sustainability outcomes.

Without clear guidance on what constitutes a capital asset and how upgrades or improvements should be treated Council may:

- * Replace assets prematurely rather than refurbish or extend their useful life;
- * Dispose of equipment, furniture, vehicles or infrastructure before the end of their economic life;
- * Generate unnecessary waste sent to Councils landfill.

This reduces asset life cycle efficiency and increases environmental impacts associated with manufacturing and disposal.

Strategic Plan

4. GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY - 4.2 Lead with Best Practice - Lead by example and set a high benchmark.

4.2.1 Regularly update our workplace policies and procedures, and Council bylaws.

Municipal Plan

1.1.2.2 Implement effective strategic, consistent and proactive enterprise-wide

2.1.2.1 Upgrade our public amenities to improve safety and disabled accessibility



4.2.4.1 Provide effective asset management and valuation across Council

4.2.4.2 Long term financial sustainability through improved budget processes incorporating timelines and assumptions

4.2.4.3 Stronger procurement processes in line with legislative requirements



COUNCIL POLICY

ASSET CAPITALISATION POLICY

Type:	Council Policy – Finance		
Owner:	Chief Executive Officer		
Responsible Officer:	Chief Financial Officer		
Approval Date:	August 2026	Next Review:	June 2027
Records Number:	175995	Council/CEO Decision:	CEO
Legislation Reference:	Regulation 6(1)(d)(v) of Local Government (General) Regulations 2021		

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear and consistent framework for the recognition, measurement and capitalization of Council expenditure on non-current assets, including the distinction between capital expenditure and operating expenditure.

The policy supports accurate asset values, depreciation and financial reporting, consistent asset management practices, and compliance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Northern Territory local government requirements.

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to Council expenditure and asset classes subject to assessment for recognition and capitalization as non-current assets, including infrastructure, land, buildings and structures, plant and equipment, information technology equipment, furniture and fittings, software, and other eligible tangible or intangible asset classes recognized in Council's financial statements.

This policy applies to all Council officers involved in asset acquisition, capital project delivery, asset accounting, financial reporting, asset register maintenance, and the assessment or approval of capital expenditure.

Portable and attractive items that do not meet the criteria for capitalization may remain subject to separate asset control and recording requirements in accordance with Council's applicable policies and procedures.

3 DEFINITIONS

Asset: A present economic resource controlled by Council as a result of past events that has the potential to produce economic benefits or provide service potential to Council or the community.

Asset Class: Categorisation method used for grouping of assets of a similar nature and use in its operations. Utilised as a presentation method in the financial statements in the property plant and equipment note.

Asset Measurement: The measurement value of an asset is its cost.

As defined in paragraph 15 of the AASB116- Property, Plant and Equipment, an item of property, plant and equipment that qualifies for recognition as an asset shall be measured at its cost.

Notwithstanding the above, in respect of not-for-profit entities, where an asset is acquired at no cost, or for a nominal cost, the cost is its fair value as at the date of the acquisition.

Capital expenditure: Expenditure incurred to acquire, construct or improve an asset that meets the recognition and capitalization requirements of this policy.

Capitalization: The recognition of qualifying expenditure as an asset in the statement of financial position rather than as an expense when incurred.

Components of an Asset: Council separates assets to identify significant components that have similar characteristics, especially in relation to the useful life of the individually identified assets. Council has identified components relating to each of its asset classes as follows:-

- **Cost:** The amount paid or consideration given to acquire or construct an asset, including directly attributable costs necessary to bring the asset to the location and condition required for its intended use.
- **Fair value:** The price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.
- **Non-current asset:** An asset expected to be held, used or provide economic benefits or service potential beyond 12 months.
- **Operating expenditure:** Expenditure that does not meet the recognition and capitalization requirements of this policy and is recognized as an expense when incurred.
- **Portable and attractive item:** An item that may be below the capitalization threshold but is susceptible to loss or theft because of its portable, desirable or attractive nature.
- **Property Plant and Equipment:** is the long term or non-current component of the balance sheet. Included in this classification are infrastructure, land, buildings, plant & equipment, office equipment, fleet vehicles, furniture and fixtures used in a business.
- **Useful life:** The period over which an asset is expected to be available for use by Council, or the number of production or similar units expected to be obtained from the asset.

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RECOGNITION THRESHOLDS AND CRITERIA

In accordance with AASB (116) (paragraph 15):

- a) An item of property, plant and equipment that qualifies for recognition as an asset shall be measured at its cost.
- b) Notwithstanding this, where an asset is acquired at no cost, or for a nominal cost, the cost is its fair value as at the date of the acquisition,

Existing assets identified as not being reported in the financial statements for the preceding financial reporting period (found assets), will be treated in accordance with b) above.

Capitalization thresholds are applied by asset class as a matter of accounting policy and materiality. Expenditure that meets the asset recognition criteria and equals or exceeds the applicable capitalization threshold will generally be capitalized. Expenditure below the applicable threshold will normally be recognized as operating expenditure, unless the expenditure forms part of a group, network or integrated asset that is assessed collectively and meets the recognition and capitalization requirements of this policy.

No capitalisation threshold applies to the acquisition of land or an interest in land.

Asset Class	Capital Threshold
Infrastructure Buildings & Other Structures	\$10,000
Plant and Equipment -Including IT	\$ 5,000
Furniture & Fittings	\$ 5,000
Infrastructure – Roads	\$ 5,000
Infrastructure – Irrigation	\$ 5,000
Infrastructure – Other (Carparks)	\$ 5,000
Infrastructure – Footpaths and Cycleways	\$ 5,000
Infrastructure – Stormwater & Drainage	\$ 5,000
Infrastructure – Kerbing	\$ 5,000
Software (internal or acquired)	\$50,000
Outdoor Lighting	\$ 5,000
WMF Air Space Asset	\$ 5,000

Assets or expenditure comprising individually lower-value items may be assessed collectively where the items operate together as a cohesive network, system or integrated asset, have a significant aggregate value and collectively provide economic benefits or service potential beyond one reporting period.

Capitalization thresholds must be applied consistently and reviewed periodically having regard to materiality, Council's asset profile and applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

Council's capitalisation thresholds for assets are to guide staff in applying consistent approaches to asset recognition. The thresholds are applied to the overall cost of the capital projects major component.

For example, a minor road construction job may cost \$15,000, however this can include a number of different components such as kerb and channel, draining and footpath works. This may result in each asset component falling below its relevant threshold. However, the overall cost of the project may exceed the capitalization threshold for the major component which will result in the entire project to be capitalized.

5 USEFUL LIVES

The useful life of a capitalised asset must reflect the period over which the asset is expected to be available for use by Council or provide economic benefits or service potential.

Useful lives must be determined and reviewed in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards, having regard to the nature, expected use, condition and other relevant characteristics of the asset.

Assets with finite useful lives will be depreciated or amortized, as applicable, over their estimated useful lives. Assets with indefinite useful lives, including land where applicable, will not be depreciated but will be accounted for in accordance with the relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

Asset Class	Component	Useful Life in Years
Infrastructure – Roads	Seal	10 - 50
	pavement	10 - 50
Infrastructure – Other	Seal	25
Carparks	Pavement (gravel and other)	25
Infrastructure - Buildings and Other Structures	Structure	10 - 50
	Roofing	10 - 50
	Electrical	10 - 50
	Plumbing	10 - 50
	Internal Finishes	10 - 50
	Flooring Finishes	10 - 50
	Mechanical	10 - 50
	Fire	
	Fencing	10 - 30
	Shading	10 - 30
	Foundations	10 - 50
Footpaths and Cycleways	Sealed	10 - 50
	Unsealed	10 - 50
Fittings, Furniture, Equipment	Fittings	10 - 50
	Furniture	5 - 50
	Equipment	2 - 10
	Outdoor Equipment	10 - 50
Irrigation	Bore	10 - 50
	Pumps	10 - 50
	intake facilities	10 - 25
	Sprinklers	10 - 25
	Valves	10 - 25
	Controllers	10 - 25
Outdoor Lighting	Luminair	10 - 50
	Pole	10 - 50
	Outreach Arm	10 - 50
	Electrical	10 - 50
	Controllers	10 - 50
Plant & Equipment	Light vehicles	3 - 7
	Heavy Vehicles	3 - 10
	Tools and power tools	2 - 5
Stormwater & Drainage	Culverts	10 - 50
	Grates	10 - 50
	Junction Pits	10 - 50
	kerb Inlets	10 - 50

WMF Airspace Asset	Tip Assets	5-25
Kerbing		10-50

6 COMPONENTISATION

Where an asset comprises significant identifiable components with different useful lives or patterns of consumption of economic benefits or service potential, those components must be separately recognized and depreciated or amortized, as applicable, in accordance with the relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

Componentization must be applied having regard to materiality, the nature of the asset and the availability of reliable cost or valuation information. Asset register records must, where applicable, separately identify significant components to support appropriate depreciation, replacement and derecognition.

Asset Class	Component Types
Infrastructure - Roads	seal, pavement
Infrastructure – Buildings & Facilities	Structure, Roofing, Electrical, Plumbing, Internal Finishes, Flooring Finishes, Mechanical, Fire, Fencing, Shading, Design, pools
Infrastructure Other – Other Road Assets	Includes paved public parking areas, road islands in car parks, off street public car parks
Footpaths and Cycleways	Sealed, Unsealed (gravel)
Furniture, Fittings and Equipment	Fittings, Furniture, Equipment, fencing, outdoor exercise equipment
Irrigation	Bore, pumps, intake facilities, electrical, conveyance systems, sprinklers, valves, controllers, pipes
Outdoor Lighting	Luminaire, Poles, outreach arms, electrical controllers
Plant and Equipment	Fleet and Large plant including light vehicles, trucks, construction plant, trailers, tractors, generators and plant attachments. Tools and equipment such as power tools, slashers, mower. workshop equipment, surveying equipment
Stormwater and Drainage	Culverts, pipes, grates, junction pit, grated inlet Pit, kerb inlet
WMF – Air Space Asset	Tip assets

7 COSTS TO CAPITALISED

The cost of an asset that meets the recognition and capitalization requirements of this policy must include the purchase or construction cost and directly attributable costs necessary to bring the asset to the location and condition required for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by Council.

Capitalisable costs may include:

- purchase price, including non-refundable taxes and duties, after deducting trade discounts and rebates;
- directly attributable employee costs arising from the acquisition or construction of the asset, where applicable;
- site preparation costs;
- initial delivery and handling costs;
- installation and assembly costs;
- testing costs necessary to determine whether the asset is functioning appropriately;
- directly attributable professional fees; and
- other directly attributable costs necessary to bring the asset to the location and condition required for its intended use.

Costs that are not directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for its intended operation must be recognized as operating expenditure when incurred. Such costs may include staff training, advertising or promotional activities, general administration and overhead costs, initial operating losses, and costs of relocating or reorganizing Council operations.

Capitalisation of costs must cease when the asset is in the location and condition necessary to be capable of operating in the manner intended by Council.

8 DEPRECIATION

Capitalized assets with finite useful lives must be depreciated or amortized, as applicable, on a systematic basis over their estimated useful lives in accordance with the relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

Depreciation or amortization must commence when the asset is available for use, being when it is in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by Council.

The depreciation or amortization method must reflect the pattern in which the asset's economic benefits or service potential are expected to be consumed. Where that pattern cannot be reliably determined, an appropriate systematic method must be applied in accordance with the relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

Useful lives, residual values and depreciation or amortization methods must be reviewed at least at each financial year-end and changes must be accounted for in accordance with the relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

Assets with indefinite useful lives, including land where applicable, must not be depreciated or amortized and must be accounted for in accordance with the relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

9 ASSET IMPROVEMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT EXPENDITURE

Subsequent expenditure incurred on an existing asset must be assessed to determine whether it satisfies the recognition and capitalization requirements of this policy.

Expenditure that increases the asset's service potential, useful life, capacity, functionality, efficiency or quality beyond its originally assessed condition may be capitalized where the recognition criteria are satisfied.

Routine maintenance, servicing, inspections, repairs and other expenditure incurred to maintain an asset in its existing operating condition must be recognized as operating expenditure when incurred.

Where subsequent expenditure relates to the replacement of a significant component of an asset, the new component must be capitalized where appropriate and the carrying amount of the replaced component must be derecognized in accordance with the relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

10 RESPONSIBILITY

Council

Council is responsible for adopting this policy.

Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for ensuring that appropriate systems, delegations and resources are available to support the implementation of this policy.

Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for overseeing compliance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards, capitalization decisions, financial reporting, depreciation and amortization, and the consistent application of this policy.

Finance Team

The Finance Team is responsible for:

- assessing expenditure against the recognition and capitalization criteria;
- maintaining accounting records;
- recording capital assets in the general ledger;
- calculating depreciation and amortization;
- preparing reconciliations and financial workpapers; and
- supporting financial statement disclosures.

Asset Management Officers

Asset Management Officers are responsible for:

- maintaining accurate asset register records;
- recording acquisitions, component information and disposals;
- maintaining valuation and supporting asset information;
- providing asset information to support capitalization assessments; and
- ensuring asset records remain accurate throughout the asset lifecycle.

Asset Owner Departments / Project Managers

Asset Owner Departments and Project Managers are responsible for:

- notifying Finance and Asset Management of acquisitions, disposals, transfers and completed capital works;
- providing sufficient support documentation for capitalization assessments;
- identifying subsequent expenditure that may qualify for capitalization; and
- promptly reporting changes affecting asset condition or service potential.

11 REVIEW

This policy must be reviewed at least every three years, or earlier where required due to:

- changes in legislation;
- amendments to applicable Australian Accounting Standards;
- changes to Council's operational requirements or asset management practices;
- recommendations arising from internal or external audit;
- significant changes to Council's financial reporting framework; or
- any other circumstance requiring amendment to ensure the policy remains effective and compliant.

The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for initiating the review of this policy and recommending amendments for approval through Council's governance process.

12 ASSOCIATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following Council policies, procedures and related documents:

- Asset Accounting Policy
- Asset Management Policy
- Asset Revaluation Reserve Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Instrument of Delegations Policy
- Annual Financial Reporting Procedures
- Asset Register Procedures
- Asset Valuation Procedures (where applicable)
- Council's Long-Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plans (where applicable)

Where there is any inconsistency between this policy and applicable legislation or Australian Accounting Standards, the legislation and accounting standards shall prevail.

13 REFERENCES AND RELEVANT LEGISLATION

This policy has been developed having regard to the following legislation, accounting standards and related guidance:

Northern Territory Legislation

- *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)*
- *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 (NT)*

Australian Accounting Standards

- AASB 116 – Property, Plant and Equipment
- AASB 13 – Fair Value Measurement
- AASB 101 – Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 108 – Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 136 – Impairment of Assets
- AASB 138 – Intangible Assets

Where applicable, this policy should also be read in conjunction with other Australian Accounting Standards relevant to the recognition, measurement, depreciation, impairment and disclosure of Council assets.

13.2 BINJARI FUNDING ACQUITTAL 2025/26

Author: Sanjay Kuhan, Financial Accountant
Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: 1. Binjari 2025-26 Aquittal Signed [13.2.1 - 1 page]

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with timely visibility of Council's grants received throughout the financial year, how grant funding is being managed by council staff to ensure accountability for spending of public money and supporting informed governance and decision making.

RECOMMENDATION

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.
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SUMMARY

- Council received \$139,100 (GST exclusive) in 2025/2026 to provide local government services to the Binjari community, with \$55,862.20 remaining unspent at year end.
 - The report outlines the proposed use of the remaining funds in 2026/2027, including continuing existing municipal services, addressing priority works, and increasing service levels within the Binjari community.
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DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

Background

Katherine Town Council has received funding from the NT Government for the provision of Local Government Services to the Binjari community.

In 2021/2022, Council agreed to a five-year funding arrangement with the condition that Katherine Town Council ensures the continued delivery of local government services to the Binjari community.

In the 2025/2026 financial year, the funding provided for the Binjari community was \$139,100 (GST exclusive).

Discussion

KTC provides the following municipal services to the Binjari community:

- Domestic rubbish collection
- Emu Bob service
- Verge mowing
- Mowing of the community oval
- Weed control

- Animal control including doggy day
- Irrigation maintenance
- Roadside slashing
- Firebreak maintenance

Up until May 2025, Council was paying Binjari Community Aboriginal Corporation to undertake municipal services. The contractors engaged by the Council are now delivering the services at approximately half of this cost.

During the 2025/2026 financial year, Council engaged contractors to deliver a number of the above services. The underspend can be attributed to Council engaging contractors who were able to deliver some of the services at a lower cost than in previous years.

The underspend provides an opportunity for Council to undertake additional work within the Binjari community, based on the Departments approval moving forward.

Council officers are currently in discussions with the Department on the funding arrangement and terms and condition for 2026/2027.

Consultation Process

Internal stakeholders from the relevant departments involved in the grant-funded projects have been consulted to produce this report for council. These include Project managers, infrastructure staff and community development officers.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications resulting from the decision.

Budget and Resource Implications

For the 2026/2027 financial year, the budgeted funding to be received is \$139,100 (GST exclusive). The unspent amount of \$55,862.20 from 2025/2026 will also be carried forward and retained.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

Failure to lodge the grant acquittal on time can have a significant risk on financial and reputational implications for Council. The Binjari Funding Agreement includes a contractual obligation to submit an acquittal for the financial year by 31 August 2026. If the acquittal is late, council may be in breach of funding conditions and reporting obligations which can lead to the potential withholding of future grant payments or the department may seek the repayment of unspent grant funds.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Strategic Plan

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.1 Strong Leadership - Lead a strong local democracy with a community that is actively engaged in Katherine's strategic direction.

1.1.3 Improve transparency around issues affecting the community.

Municipal Plan

4.2.4.2 Long term financial sustainability through improved budget processes incorporating timelines and assumptions



Department of
HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Katherine Town Council

2025-26 Grant Acquittal

Purpose of Grant: To provide local government services to the Binjari community for 2025-26

Purchases were in accordance with the Northern Territory Buy Local Plan: ☒ Yes ☐ No
(If no please provide an explanation with this acquittal)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACQUITTAL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2026

Grant	\$139 100 (ex GST)
Carry Over Funds	\$20 782.85
Total income	\$159 882.85
Other revenue including interest income & waste management services for 2025-26	
Expenditure (Specify accounts and attach copies of ledger entries, invoices, photos, Waste Management Strategy if applicable)	
An 'administration fee' is not to be apportioned to the grant for acquittal purposes.	
Expenditure	\$104 020.66
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$55,862.20

We certify, in accordance with the conditions under which this grant was accepted, that the expenditure shown in this acquittal has been actually incurred and reports required to be submitted are in accordance with the stated purpose of this grant.

Acquittal prepared by: Sanjayan Jeyakruhan 14 / 08 / 2026

Laid before the Council at a meeting held on ____/____/____ Copy of minutes attached.

CEO or CFO: [Signature] 14 / 08 / 2026

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

Grant amount correct: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Expenditure conforms to purpose: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Contracted Services certified as successfully managed: ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No

Goods/Services - Bought from Territory Enterprise: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Minutes checked: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Balance of funds to be acquitted: _____

Date next acquittal due: ____/____/____

ACQUITTAL ACCEPTED: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Acquittal checked by: _____

13.3 LGANT 2026/27 MEMBERSHIP

Author: Yeshika Kandanaarachchi, Governance Officer
Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: 1. Letter - LGANT - LGANT Annual Membership Subscriptions (2026-27) KTC - 31 July 2026 - ID 257836 [13.3.1 - 3 pages]

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek endorsement from the Council of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) annual membership subscription for the year 2026/27 and note the key achievements of LGANT from 2025/26.

RECOMMENDATION

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.

SUMMARY

- Council's 2026/27 annual membership subscription to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) is due for renewal at a cost of \$27,730.43 (gst exclusive).
- LGANT membership provides Council with access to sector-wide advocacy, representation and support services, including insurance and discretionary trust arrangements, Local Buy, committee representation, voting rights within LGANT and ALGA, industrial relations and human resources support, professional forums and networking opportunities, sector data and benchmarking resources, staff development and training programs, election support, recruitment resources, and conferences, symposiums and recognition programs for elected members and staff.
- LGANT's key activities during 2025/26 included advocacy and representation on behalf of local government, contributions to policy and legislative reform, delivery of sector forums and professional development opportunities, coordination of research and data initiatives, support for local government elections, and ongoing engagement with government stakeholders on issues affecting councils and communities.

DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

The Local Government Association of Northern Territory (LGANT) is the peak body for the local government sector in the Northern Territory. LGANT current membership is all 18 local government councils.

LGANT supports the local government sector and its member councils by:

- advocating on behalf of its member councils to the Northern Territory and Australian governments
- delivering effective leadership and advice on policy issues and developments
- delivering improved services and specialised advice
- undertaking infrastructure project management

At the LGANT General Meeting held on 15 April 2026, members approved the LGANT 2026/27 Annual Membership Subscription fees resulting in a 10% increase for Katherine Town Council. 2026/27 membership will provide access to the following services and benefits:

- Discretionary Trust arrangements (including insurance, with an asset renewal program currently rolling out)
- Committee representation (eg. NT Grants Commission)
- Biannual conferences and other events such as the 2026 Circular Economy Symposium and 2026 Procurement Symposium
- Voting rights at LGANT General and Annual General Meetings
- Voting at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly
- Elected member and staff Long Service and Circular Economy Awards
- Industrial relations/ human resources service through WALGA
- CEO, mayors and municipal forums
- Local Government Cost Index data
- Staff networks (eg. HR, waste, communications, rates, and roads and infrastructure)
- Joint advocacy
- Election and by-election support
- Careers at Council platform
- Local Buy training and content

LGANT have provided the 2025/26 key achievements delivered which included coordinating a territory-wide campaign to encourage nominations for the 2025 local government elections, preparing submissions to NT and Commonwealth Government consultation processes, and representing local government interests on matters including energy pricing, housing, workforce development, planning, governance and financial sustainability.

LGANT undertook coordinated sector data and research initiatives, advocacy relating to elected member remuneration, and influenced amendments to local government legislation and regulations. Additional activities included the delivery of member forums, conferences and networking opportunities, establishment of specialist staff networks, provision of governance and professional development programs, administration of sector support initiatives such as the NT Councils Discretionary Trust, and ongoing engagement with government stakeholders on issues affecting councils and local communities.

Consultation Process

There was no consultation process required for this report.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications resulting from the decision.

Budget and Resource Implications

The 2026/27 budget provision is \$26,500 that was based on an assumed increase of the 2025/26

subscription which was \$25,209.48 (GST exclusive).

2026/2027 Annual Member Subscriptions as per the resolution carried at the LGANT General Meeting held 15 April 2026 is \$27,730.43 (gst exclusive).

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

Failure to renew Council's membership with LGANT may result in the loss of access to key sector services, including benefits associated with the Discretionary Trust and the procurement Local Buy arrangements, industrial relations support, governance forums, benchmarking data, training opportunities, election support, advocacy, and professional networks.

Non-membership may also reduce Council's ability to influence policy, legislative reform and funding decisions affecting local government.

This may increase the cost of sourcing equivalent services independently and reduce opportunities for collaboration, information sharing and sector representation.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Strategic Plan

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.2 Partner in progress - Provide strategic leadership on economic development issues to promote Katherine's reputation and improve business confidence.

1.2.2 Act as a connector on key issues affecting the community as a member in key reference groups.

Municipal Plan

Not applicable



31 July 2026

Mayor Joanna Holden
Katherine Town Council

joanna.holden@ktc.nt.gov.au

Dear Mayor Holden,

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

I want to thank you for being a valued member of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) and take this opportunity to highlight some of our key achievements from 2025/26 on behalf of the LGANT Board and Secretariat.

The Top 10 deliverables we achieved together were:

1. **2025 Local government periodic elections “Nominate” campaign.** We delivered an NT-wide campaign to encourage nominations for local government elections.
2. **Pivotal lobbying and policy influence.** Effective lobbying regarding electricity tariffs led to a shift by the NT Government from cost-reflective pricing to regulated tariffs for councils. We also ensured the voice of local government was heard by contributing around 30 submissions to NT and Commonwealth Government inquiries and consultation processes, including housing, workforce, planning, governance, economic development and financial sustainability.
3. **Evidence-based advocacy.** We actively built and encouraged input to data sets including the roads data dashboard; regional staff housing survey; waste needs assessment; and negotiating free access to the WALGA salary survey.
4. **Recognition of the value and impact of elected members through the Remuneration Review.** We were successful in advocating to the 2026 Remuneration Tribunal and were able to secure increased elected member allowances, an extra meeting and activity cap, and a boost to the professional development allowance.
5. **Legislative reform.** We presented compelling perspectives and experience of the sector to influence amendments to the *Local Government Act 2019* and the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*. This included code of conduct reforms and penalties, inclusion of superannuation provisions for elected members, clarity on rate concessions, and avoiding new red tape.
6. **Strategic asset protection.** We launched the NT Councils Discretionary Trust’s Subsidised Property Valuations Program.
7. **Strengthened member engagement.** Delivered the Annual General Meeting (November 2025) and General Meeting (April 2026) to facilitate high-level and impactful engagement of the sector to inform, collaborate and champion sector needs and issues. We also delivered quarterly

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mayors/presidents forums and CEO forums, biannual regional/shire and municipal forums, and other council engagement activities.

8. **Launch and growth of sector networks.** LGANT spearheaded five new sector networks to bolster learning and knowledge sharing and champion collaboration across councils. These included the Communications Network, Human Resources Network, Waste and Circular Economy Network, Rates Network, and Roads and Infrastructure Network.
9. **Professional development and sector capacity building.** We delivered and promoted governance, workforce and training opportunities, including AICD Governance Essentials for Local Government, facilitated the relaunch of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NT branch, and successfully advocated for a review of the Local Government Learning and Development Framework.
10. **Strategic dialogue and diplomacy.** The president and CEO of LGANT implemented a program of regular Commonwealth and NT Ministerial engagement and political stewardship. This program will maintain robust, respectful relationships, ensuring the door is always open and a sector worldview is welcomed and valued on issues that affect the communities that the local government sector represents and serves.

Your membership

Your council's 2026/27 member subscription fee invoice is attached. While each year brings its own challenges, we will continue to advocate on your behalf and represent the best interests of our sector.

Your membership will also deliver the following suite of services to you:

- Discretionary Trust arrangements (including insurance, with an asset renewal program currently rolling out)
- Committee representation (eg. NT Grants Commission)
- Biannual conferences and other events such as the 2026 Circular Economy Symposium and 2026 Procurement Symposium
- Voting rights at LGANT General and Annual General Meetings
- Voting at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly
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- Election and by-election support
- Careers at Council platform
- Local Buy training and content

LGANT remains committed to promoting the sector's achievements and advocating for its needs at every opportunity and we thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another year of collaboration and progress.

Should you have any questions about your membership, or the highlights outlined above, please contact me or Mary Watson, LGANT CEO on 0417 864 183 or ceo@lgant.asn.au.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Pangquee'.

Peter Pangquee BM
President

CC: Casey Anderson A/CEO

13.4 VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2026/27

Author: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To sign and affix the Common Seal to the Grant Funding Agreement: Visitor Information Services Partnership Agreement 2026/2027 with the Northern Territory Government (Department of Tourism and Hospitality) to support the provision to operate an accredited visitor information and booking centre in Katherine; and any other activity that assists in delivery of Northern Territory's Tourism Industry Strategy 2030 outcomes as agreed.

RECOMMENDATION

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.

SUMMARY

- **This Partnership Agreement commenced on 1 July 2025 and expires 30 June 2028.**
- **The Visitor Information Services Partnership Program funds the operations at the Katherine Visitor Information Centre. The funding activity period is 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.**

DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

Tourism Northern Territory (TNT) will provide funding over a period of three years to KTC, to support the provision of the following services in relation to the Big Rivers region of the Northern Territory (NT):

- Operate an accredited visitor information and booking centre in Katherine; and
- Any other activity that assists in delivery of NT's Tourism Industry Strategy 2030 outcomes as agreed between the Parties from time to time. The funding agreement has the same conditions as the current agreement with an annual funding of \$302,400. The agreement commences on 1 July 2025 till 30 June 2028.

Consultation Process

No consultation process required.

Policy Implications

Council can demonstrate that the grant funds for the 2025/2026 financial year were spent in accordance with the funding agreement and has submitted the required financial report. Certification by the CEO and funding acquittal for the 2025/2026 financial year, which has been received and accepted by the department.

Budget and Resource Implications

Annual Funding of \$302,400 for the 2026/2027 financial year.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

The current operational funding expired on 30 June 2026. Council approval is required to affix the common seal to fully execute the agreement.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Strategic Plan

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.4 Enhance Customer Experiences - Deliver positive customer experiences for visitors and residents.

1.4.1 Continually improve services and our tourism offerings.

1.4.2 Develop an Activate Katherine strategy with NTG and local stakeholders.

1.4.3 Enhance customer experiences at our Visitor Information Centre.

Municipal Plan

1.4.1.1 Deliver improvements and new infrastructure additions to the cemetery to support community need

13.5 FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2026

Author: Rebecca Baguley, Chief Finance Officer
Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: 1. 31 July Financial Report to August Council Meeting [13.5.1 - 14 pages]

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is to present the consolidated financial position of Council as of 31st July, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- a. Endorses the financial report for the month of July 2026
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SUMMARY

- YTD Operating Income for July \$520,466
 - Operating Expenditure for June Actuals is \$1,982,508
 - Operating Deficit after depreciation of (\$1,462,044)
 - Capital Expenditure for the year Actuals of \$426,685
 - Tied Funds at July 2026 of \$17,112,753
 - Untied Funds at July 2026 of \$9,950,907
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DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 – Part 2 (Division 7), the attached monthly report must be presented to the Council at the monthly Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The financial report is compliant with Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 – Part 2 (Division 7) Clause 17, Items 1 and 2, whereby material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council have been identified in detail against the 26-27 Municipal Plan Annual Budget Adopted.

Accordingly, the commentary attached presents the preliminary financial position of the council at the end of June with the Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Certification.

Consultation Process

Consultation was undertaken with the Acting CEO and Governance Manager to confirm report format, deadlines and attachments. The Management team was consulted to identify operational variances for operational revenue and expenditure and capital works, grants and project timeframes.

Policy Implications

Failure to present the monthly financial report may result in non-compliance with statutory reporting obligations, reduce financial transparency, limit Council's ability to monitor budget performance and

financial risks, and weaken the assurance provided through CEO certification and internal controls.

Budget and Resource Implications

Within current service delivery budget and resource.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

Based on Regulation 17(5) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, the monthly financial report is to be accompanied by either:

- a) A written CEO certification that internal controls are appropriate and the report best reflects council's financial affairs;
- b) A written reason from the CEO for not providing the certification

The written CEO certification has been provided.

Legislative Implication

Council is compliant with the Statutory monthly reporting requirements that requires the monthly financial report to be presented to Council.

Council has provided elected members with the required financial oversight information that allows them to monitor budget performance, cash position, reserves, capital expenditure and material variances.

Environment Sustainability Implications

This financial report provides Council with oversight of waste and landfill obligations by providing monthly reports that track waste charges, waste management facility costs, depreciation and air space asset related costs.

The capital project report identifies any delays with project delivery that may affect capital projects such as stormwater, drainage, irrigation and civic centre upgrades.

Strategic Plan

4. GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY - 4.2 Lead with Best Practice - Lead by example and set a high benchmark.

4.2.1 Keep up to date with workplace health and safety training and be safety conscious when carrying out tasks.

4.2.1 Regularly update our workplace policies and procedures, and Council bylaws.

4.2.2 Keep up to date with workplace health and safety training and be safety conscious when carrying out tasks.

4.2.3 Review Council's fees and charges system to ensure the sustainability of council's facilities and services.

4.2.4 Be prudent with our financial management for stronger returns for ratepayers and sustainable long-term finances with current risk management practices current at all times.

Municipal Plan

4.2.4.3 Comply with Council's procurement policy

4.2.4.6 Prudent financial management for stronger returns for ratepayers

4.2.4.7 Comply with financial legislative requirements

Certification by the CEO to the Council

Council Name:	Katherine Town Council
Reporting Period:	31/07/2026

That, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief:

- (1) The internal controls implemented by the Council are appropriate; and
- (2) The council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council.

Acting CEO Signed:



Date Signed:

17/08/2026

NOTE:

The monthly financial report to council must either be accompanied by a written certification by the CEO to the council, as set out above, or the CEO is to provide written reasons for not providing the certification. (Regulation 17(5) of the General Regulations).

Table 1.1 Monthly Income and Expenditure Statement

	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Annual Budget \$	Notes
OPERATING INCOME					
Rates*	21,562	884,534	(863,002)	10,614,408	*Rates revenue invoiced
Waste Charges**	16.00	1,586,534	(1,586,518)	1,730,765	**Waste revenue received
Fees and Charges	262,417	262,828	(411)	3,153,943	Includes User Charges, Rental and Waste Transfer Charges
Operating Grants and Subsidies	91,326	947,148	(855,822)	3,788,593	Grants, Visitor Info Centre, Library
Interest / Investment Income	104,298	50,000	54,298	600,000	Term Deposit interest
Commercial and Other Income	40,846	30,000	10,846	30,000	Fuel Tax Credits, Recoveries
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	520,466	3,761,044	(3,240,578)	19,917,709	
OPERATING EXPENDITURE					
Employee Expenses	525,636	586,534	(60,898)	7,038,410	Salaries and Wages
Materials and Contracts	933,752	953,828	(20,066)	11,445,937	Contracts, Admin, Grants, Commissions, Professional fees
Elected Member Allowances	20,876	48,388	(27,513)	415,040	
Elected Member Expenses	0	1,386	(1,386)	165,625	
Council Committee & LA Allowances	0	2,083	(2,083)	25,000	
Council Committee & LA Expenses	0	3,166	(3,166)	38,000	
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	471,636	510,481	(38,845)	6,125,782	Airspace Asset Depreciation Adjustment
Other Expenses	612,737	3,797	608,940	45,568	Includes Prior period expenses 25-26, remapped grants from Materials & Contracts Expenses
Interest Expenses (Finance Costs)	29,447	5,333	24,114	64,000	
Finance Costs – Unwinding WMF	0	0	0	629,865	Adjustment required – Rehab Provision yet to be approved and posted for 25-26
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	1,982,508	2,114,996	(132,488)	25,993,227	
OPERATING SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)	(1,462,044)	1,646,048	(3,373,066)	(6,075,518)	Including Depreciation

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO TABLE 1.1 - Review of Monthly Income and Expenditure

The total year-to-date (YTD) Operating Income at 31 July, is **\$520,466**, displaying a variance of **(\$3,240,578)** on projected forecast for July. This large variance is due to the rates notices issued early July with revenue receipts projected to arrive August onwards.

A summary of YTD variances:

- (a) **Rates Revenue** – Notices issued in July. Expected 25% of total year revenue to be received in August.
- (b) **Waste Charges Revenue** – tied to rates notices. Revenue expected in August
- (c) **Rates Penalties and Interest** - \$18,494 received in July.
- (d) **Statutory Charges** – Dog Registrations early bird registration period netted \$12,765, Dog licenses \$1,816. Dog Fines and Penalties \$6,790
- (e) **Fees and Charges** – Airport Landing Fees are on budget \$59,463 received for July
- (f) **Interest Income** – \$104,298 for July
- (g) **Insurance recoveries** – received \$12,895 for claims made in 25-26
- (h) **Deferred Grant Revenue** - \$77,918 unspent grant funding carried forward into 26-27 financial year from 25-26.

Includes:

- > \$30k AICD grant for Elected Member training and development
- > 47,918 RPPP Development and Planning Grant – balance unspent in 25-26

The total year-to-date (YTD) Operating Expenditure is \$1,982,508

Reduced expenditure due to transition from previous financial year into new budget with capital programs yet to commenced for new year.

Other factors include:

- (a) Salaries and Wages – down on Budget forecast by (\$60,896)
 - Council recruitment is continuing to ensure filling positions currently left vacant for over 8 months.
 - Work Cover reimbursements from GIO for wages paid on work cover
- (b) Insurance paid in July - \$571,000 note uplift from prior year includes; Motor Vehicle insurance, Property Insurance, Cyber Risk, Discretionary Trust.
- (c) \$14,584 paid to the Historical Society of Katherine – Funds raised by Auction and Centenary event
- (d) Facility Operations - \$118,000 (includes Aquatic Centre pool maintenance)
- (e) Infrastructure Maintenance - \$70,638
- (f) External Plant and Equipment Hire - \$8,523 related to Centenary Event celebrations
- (g) Depreciation Expense of \$546,515 for July (adjustments to be made for new assets following capitalisation at 30 June 2026.
- (h) Roads to Recovery grant – Total of \$377,937 to be received from Federal government for Capital expenditure on completed R2R projects – Shepherd and Needham Streets

July Budget Operating Position is showing a deficit of (\$1,462,042) after Depreciation and before capitalisation.

Table 1.2 Monthly Operating Position

	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Annual Budget \$
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(1,462,042)	(506,293)	(955,749)	(6,075,518)
Remove Non-Cash Items				
- Less Non-Cash Income	0	0	0	0
Add back Non-Cash Expenses – Note (a)				
Depreciation & Unwinding WMF Asset	546,515	510,481	(38,845)	6,125,782
Net Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Assets	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Cash Items	546,515	510,481	(38,845)	6,125,782
Less Additional Outflows				
Capital Expenditure	29,170	0	0	5,952,530
Borrowing Repayments (Principal only)				0
Transfers to Reserves				0
Other Outflows	377,937	0	377,937	0
Total Additional Outflows	426,685	0	377,937	5,952,530
Add Additional Inflows				
Capital Grants Income				1,711,000
Prior Year carried forward funding	77,918	0	77,918	0
Other inflow of Funds (Sale of Assets)	0	0	0	0
Transfers from Reserves	0	0	0	1,241,530
Drawdown of Borrowings	0	0	0	3,000,000
Total Additional Inflows	77,918	0	77,918	5,952,530
Net Budgeted Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(1,414,052)	(4,188)	(694,575)	50,264

NOTES TO TABLE 1.2 Monthly operating Position**Non-Cash Items**

- (a) **Depreciation Expenditure** – \$546,515 includes Waste Management facility Air Space Asset Depreciation
- (b) **Unwinding of the Waste Management Facility (WMF) discount rate Cost estimate – Budget 26-27**
Budget to be reviewed for 26-27 in 1st Budget review once the calculation and CWDV are finalised for the 25-26 Financial Statements.
- (d) **Drawdown on Borrowings** – Loan for Civic Centre – \$500,000 drawdown due for August 2026
- (e) **Prior year Carried Forward Funding** - \$77,918 (recognised as revenue in 25-26)
- (f) **Prior Period Expenditure** - \$612,737 of prior year expenses paid in 26-27 financial year to be accrued back to 25-26 financial year

Table 2.1 Capital Expenditure and Funding - by class of Infrastructure, property plant and equipment

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Current Year (Annual Budget)
Buildings and Other Structures	0	0	0	2,708,530
Improvements	29,170	48,500	(19,330)	291,000
Plant & Equipment	0	0	0	295,000
Furniture & Fittings	0	0	0	213,000
Fleet	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure Paths & Cycleways	0	0	0	1,030,000
Infrastructure Roads	0	0	0	1,415,000
Infrastructure Storm water & Drainage	0	0	0	100,000
Infrastructure - Irrigation	0	0	0	150,000
DRFA - Emergency Response Expenses*	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	29,170	48,500	(19,330)	5,952,530

Total Capital Expenditure funded by:	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Current Year (Annual Budget)
Council Co-Contribution	29,170	103,460	(74,290)	1,241,530
DRFA - Council Contribution	0	0	0	0
Capital Grants	0	0	0	1,711,000
Borrowings – Civic Centre Loan	0	0	0	3,000,000
Sales of Assets	0	0	0	0
Deferred Capital – Grants Carried Forward Prior Year	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	29,170	103,460	(74,290)	5,952,530

Zimin Drive project delayed.

Capital grants revenue variances due to Roads to Recovery grant to be received in 26-27.

Sportsground Lighting upgrade - \$300,000 council approved to fund from Capital Renewal reserve.

DRFA co-contribution - Council's maximum contribution is forecast at \$400k. Currently expenditure is sitting at \$206,827. Council will be required to contribute up to a maximum of \$400k for a co-contribution for the claim to DRFA. Council had budgeted to spend the \$400k in 25-26, however, due to timing of contractors will now be required to budget the remaining funds to spend in 26-27. The first budget review of the 26-27 Municipal plan will include the adjustment for the balance of the co-contribution.

Capital Projects – Financial Summaries

Capital Projects over \$150,000

Recently Completed Capital Project(s)	Planned Budget Life of Project				
	Grants	KTC Funded	Actual Spend	Balance	Status
Irrigation Upgrades	\$0	\$100,000	\$39,634	\$60,366	Jun 2026
TOTAL	\$ 0	\$ 100,000	\$39,634	\$60,366	

Fig 1 – Recently Completed Capital Projects (completed since last report) 25-26 Budget

Current Capital Project(s) (WIP)	Planned Budget – Life of Project				
	Grant	KTC Funded	Actual Spend - LOP	Balance	Est Completion Date
Civic Centre Refurbishment	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$ 381,868	\$ 4,618,132	Aug 2026
Zimin Drive Shared Path	\$756,000	\$394,000	\$ 71,370	\$1,078,630	December 2026
DRFA – (NEMA)	TBC	\$ 400,000	\$ 206,827	\$193,173	Jun 2027
Showgrounds – Reinstatement services post flood	\$0	\$111,000	\$45,415	\$65,485	August 2026
Irrigation upgrades - Railway Terrace	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	March 2027
TOTAL	\$756,000	\$5,905,000	\$771,425	\$6,039,935	

Fig 2 – Current Capital Projects

Upcoming Capital Project(s)	Planned Budget 26-27 Budget				
	Grants	KTC Funded 26-27	Actual Spend 26-27	Balance	Est Completion Date
Infrastructure/Roads Zimmin Drive Shoulder Upgrades	\$235,000	\$0	\$0	\$235,000	Nov 2026
Infrastructure/Roads - Rural intersection upgrades	\$720,000	\$0	\$0	\$720,000	Nov 2026
Fitout of Waste Management Facility	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	Dec 2026
Sportsground Lighting Upgrade	\$0	\$300,000*	\$0	\$300,000	Dec 2026
TOTAL	\$ 955,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$1,355,000	

Figure 3. Upcoming Capital Projects 26-27 *

*Capital Renewal Reserve

Upcoming Capital Projects	Planned Budget 27-28				
	Grants	KTC Funded	Actual Spend26-27	Balance	Est Completion Date
Infrastructure/Roads - Gorge Road Shoulder upgrades	\$235,000	\$ 0	\$0	\$235,000	Nov 2027

Fig 3 – Upcoming Capital Projects 27-28

**Table 2.2. Report on Planned Major Capital Works
Works over \$150K**

Class of Assets	By Major Capital Project	Total Planned Budget \$ Life of Project	Grant Funding approved	Council Contribution - Life of Project	Council Contribution 26-27 Budget	Total Prior Year(s) Expenditure\$	YTD Actual Spend \$	TOTAL Spent LOP \$	Total Yet to Spend \$	Revised Project Completion Date
Buildings & Other Structures	Civic Centre Upgrade	5,000,000		5,000,000	2,000,000	381,868	0	381,868	4,618,132	August 2027
Buildings & Other Structures	Waste management Facility Fitout	100,000		100,000	100,000	-	0	0	100,000	
Buildings & Other Structures	Showgrounds – electrical upgrade	111,000	Insurance		111,000		0	45,415	65,585	
Irrigation	Various Locations – incl Railway Tce	150,000		150,000	150,000	-	0	0	150,000	
Drains and Stormwater	Drains & Stormwater	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-	0	0	100,000	
Infrastructure - Footpaths & Cycleways	New Shared Path - Zimin Drive	1,290,000	756,000	394,000	254,000	-	37,938	37,938	1,112,062	December 2026
Infrastructure - Roads	Zimmin Drive Shoulder upgrade	235,000	235,000	0	0	-	0	0	235,000	
Infrastructure - Roads	Local Road & Pavements: Zimmin & Giles	635,029	635,029	-	-	-	0	0	635,029	Dec-26
Infrastructure - Roads	Rural Intersection Upgrades: Helena/ Florina, Hendry/ Florina, Collins/Byers, Collins/Craigborn	720,000	720,000		0	-	0	0	720,000	November -26

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TOTAL		8,241,029	2,346,209	5,744,000	2,715,000	381,868	37,938	419,806	7,821,223	
NOTE: Council has adopted by ARMC resolution a definition for capital works consistent with the NT Government guidelines a minimum threshold for major capital works of \$150,000.										

Table 3. Monthly Balance Sheet Report as at 31 July 2026

BALANCE SHEET	YTD Actuals \$	Note Reference*
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank		
Tied Funds	17,112,753	(1)
Untied Funds	9,950,907	(1)
Trade Debtors	511,405	(2)
Rates & Charges Debtors	2,216,569	(2)
Other Current Assets	689,088	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	30,480,722	
Non-Current Financial Assets	-	
Property, Plant and Equipment	129,149,744	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	129,149,744	
TOTAL ASSETS	159,630,467	
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	1,078,415	(3)
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	(179,611)	(4)
Current Provisions	608,956	
Accruals	132,817	
Other Current Liabilities	269,746	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,910,323	
Borrowings	2,000,000	
Non-Current Employee Provisions	33,161	
Waste Management Make Good Provision	20,391,239	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	22,424,399	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	24,334,722	
NET ASSETS	135,295,745	
EQUITY		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	98,420,175	
Reserves	14,651,023	(1)
Accumulated Surplus	22,224,286	
TOTAL EQUITY	135,295,484	

NOTE 1. TIED AND UNTIED FUNDS	\$	\$
11300 · Imprest Petty Cash		1127.68
25000 · Employee Liabilities (Provisions)		642,118.00
33310 Capital Renewal Reserve	6,487,646	
33520 Aquatic Centre Contingency Reserve	1,000,000	
33610 Municipal Election Reserve	100,000	
33620 Council Motion Funding Reserve	600,515	
Total of Equity Reserves		8,188,161
WMF Make Good Provision - Reserve		6,462,862
TOTAL RESERVES		1,618,132.50
11250 · Unspent Loan funds for Civic Centre (from loan drawdown YTD)		1,618,133
11251 · Unspent Capital Grants		-
11260 · Deposits Held		200,352.00
TOTAL TIED FUNDS		17,112,753.24
UNTIED FUNDS		9,950,907.44
Cash and Cash Equivalents -less Tied Funds		

Note 1. Details of Cash and Investments Held

Cash at Bank consists of Term Deposits of \$27.5M with maturities as detailed below, with the remaining \$4.139M available at CBA Bank.

GENERAL FUND – Commonwealth Bank	\$
Balance as per bank statement as at 31 July 2026	\$27,063,661
Credit card balances	- \$6,204
Balance of Imprest and Petty Cash	\$1127.68
Plus net outstanding deposits/(withdrawals)	
Adjusted cash at bank balance, 31 July 2026	\$27,058,584

INSTITUTION	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	INTEREST	MATURITY DATE	TOTALS BY INSTITUTION	INSTITUTION %
AMP 1	\$562,351.88	5.20%	01.04.26		31/03/27		
AMP 2	\$1,000,000.00	5.35%	01.05.26		3/05/27		
AMP 3	\$500,000.00	5.25%	14.05.26		15/02/27		
AMP 4	\$1,682,382.24	5.35%	15.05.26		15/05/27		
AMP 5	\$1,104,170.48	5.35%	29.06.26		29/06/27		
AMP 6	\$1,544,903.75	5.35%	30.06.26		30/06/27	\$6,393,808	28.6%
BOQ 3	\$524,117.43	4.00%	06.11.25		6/11/26		
BOQ 4						\$524,117	2.3%
CBA 1	\$2,730,592.05	5.27%	26.05.26		26/05/27		
CBA 3	\$547,284.31	4.05%	01.08.25		31/07/26		
CBA 4	\$549,638.68	5.27%	26.05.26		26/05/27	\$3,827,515	17.1%
NAB 1	\$3,669,750.00	4.05%	11.11.25		11/11/26		
NAB 3	\$539,104.98	4.90%	11.07.25		13/07/26		
NAB 4	\$3,156,000.00	5.15%	30.07.25		30/07/27		
NAB 5	\$1,049,863.02	3.90%	06.08.25		6/08/26		
NAB 6	\$1,097,683.82	3.95%	04.09.25		4/09/26		
NAB 7	\$2,095,000.00	4.00%	14.10.25		14/10/26	\$11,607,401	51.9%
AMP ON CALL	\$572,593.00	VARIABLE	30 DAYS				
CBA ON CALL	\$2,179,380.00	VARIABLE	30 DAYS				
TOTAL INVESTMENTS						\$25,104,825	
TOTAL FUNDS						\$27,063,660	

Council's Debtor Summary	Current	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Total
		1 – 30 Days	31 – 60 Days	61-90 Days	90+ Days	
Rates Debtors	\$(47,253)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,239,083	\$2,191,831
Trade Debtors	\$241,064	\$114,196	\$6,128	\$3,453	\$155,712	\$520,54
TOTAL	\$193,812	\$114,196	\$6,128	\$3453	\$2,394,795	\$2,712,384

Note 3. Statement on Trade Creditors

	Current	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Total
		1 – 30 Days	31 – 60 Days	61-90 Days	90+ Days	
Trade Creditors*	\$1,037,910	\$40,734	\$(2875)	\$85.83	\$(126.43)	\$1,075,728
Other Creditors	\$2,686.33	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,686.33
Total Accounts Payable	\$1,040,596	\$40,734	\$(2875)	\$86	\$(126.43)	\$1,078,415

Note 4. Statement on Australian Tax Office (ATO) and Payroll Obligations

Council is a large withholder for PAYG purposes and consequently remits withholding to the ATO on the day of payroll. As its revenue is GST Free monthly net GST is generally an amount payable to Council unless significant grants are received in the period. Payroll liabilities include Superannuation payable and Salary Sacrifice deductions.

**KTC is due for refund this amount from ATO - GST	\$(169,672)
**Superannuation Payable Liability at 31 July	\$23,030
**Prepaid Fringe Benefits Tax	\$(27,432)

**Note this is an estimate only due to timing of reports

Note 5. Current Ratio

	%	
Current Ratio (current assets/current liabilities)	15.96	
Current Ratio adjusted for Tied Funds	7.00	



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Liquidity ratios: comparing current assets to current liabilities

A **current ratio** of 1.5 to 2 is generally considered **good**. This means the company has \$1.50 to \$2 of current assets for every \$1 of current liabilities.

Table 4. Member and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions for the Month

Where a council credit card has been issued to an Elected Member and/or the CEO, a list per cardholder of all credit card transactions in the month is to be published including the name of the supplier, the amount for each transaction and the reason for the transaction.

Cardholder Name: Casey Anderson

Transaction date	Amount	Suppliers Name	Reason for transaction
1/07/2026	\$20.00	News Limited	Subscription
3/07/2026	\$319.00	XPNA.Co	Financial Subscription
7/07/2026	\$84.00	Aboriginal Areas Darwin	
7/07/2026	\$1,840	Approval Max	Subscription
9/07/2026	\$337.00	XERO	Subscription
10/07/2026	\$825.00	HWLE Lawyers	Enterprise Bargaining Workshop- Barbara Mason
10/07/2026	\$12.00	News Limited	Subscription
13/07/2026	\$500.99	Canva	Subscription
13/07/2026	\$315.00	Starlink	CEO House & WMF
14/07/2026	\$379.00	Hotel Booking.com	Accommodation P&C Manager
21/07/2026	\$10.00	XERO Custom	Financial Subscription
23/07/2026	\$840.00	Officeworks	Order for Stationary
27/07/2026	\$428.74	EZL. Happy HR	Subscription
27/07/2026	\$787.89	ADOBE	Subscription
29/07/2026	\$20.00	News Limited	NT News
31/07/2026	\$198.00	Officeworks	Order - Supplies
TOTAL	\$6,916.62		

Cardholder Name: Ingrid Stonhill

Transaction Date	Amount	Supplier Name	Reason for the transaction
08/07/2026	\$84.38	Dropbox	Subscription
15/07/2026	\$28.60	OPENAI – ChatGPT	Subscription
15/07/2026	\$0.72	International transaction Fee	Exchange Rate for ChatGPT
Total	\$113.70		

13.6 CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION QUARTERLY REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2026

Author: Sheralea Clemow, Rates and Regulatory Affairs Coordinator
Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For noting
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with an overview of Corporate Administration service requests and service delivery trends for the quarterly period 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

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

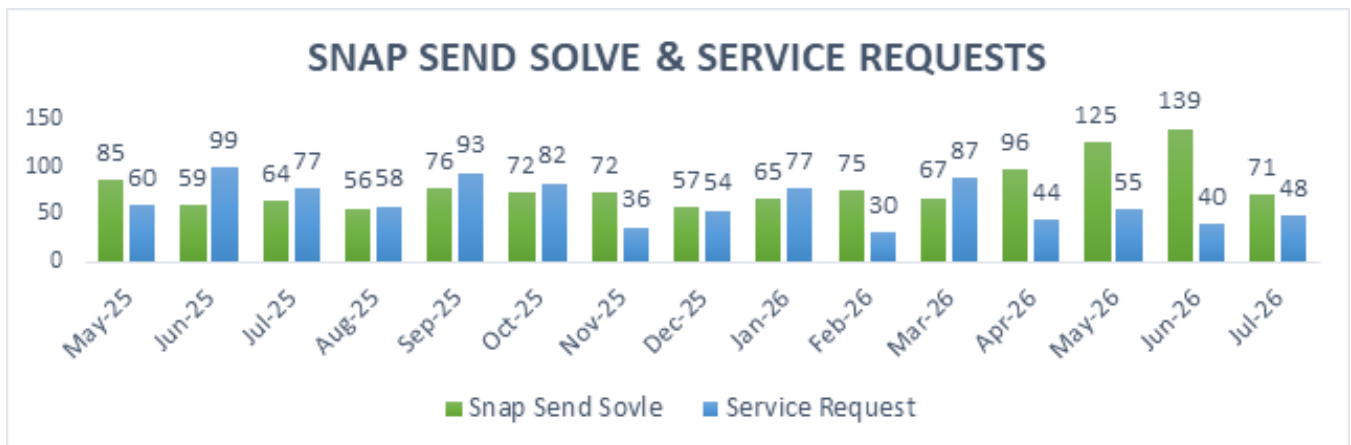
SUMMARY

- Council received 478 service requests during the quarter, with 335 requests (70%) lodged through Snap Send Solve, Council's preferred reporting platform.
- 309 requests were completed, delivering an overall completion rate of 64.6%, with approximately 86% of completed requests resolved within Customer Service Charter timeframes.
- Regulatory Services recorded the highest workload (151 requests) and strongest performance, achieving a 94% completion rate, with animal management issues comprising the majority of requests.
- Roads, Traffic & Transportation (72 requests) and Council Facilities & Assets (72 requests) generated significant ongoing workloads, with outstanding matters largely linked to complex repairs, programmed maintenance and flood-related infrastructure restoration.
- Environmental Management (92 requests) experienced increased demand due to wet season and flood impacts, while Waste Management (41 requests) and Streetlight Maintenance (46 requests) achieved 100% completion rates, demonstrating strong operational responsiveness.
- Overall, service request trends reflect continued flood recovery impacts, infrastructure repair demands and contractor constraints, while Council maintained effective prioritisation of community needs and responsive service delivery across key areas.

DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

The Corporate Administration report provides aggregated data on customer service requests received and processed over a three-month period, enabling Council to monitor service demand, performance, and emerging trends.

During the reporting period, Council received approximately 478 service requests across all channels. Out of the 478 service requests, 335 were submitted to Council by the preferred method, Snap Send Solve.



Breakdown by Service Area:

1. Roads, Traffic & Transportation (72 requests)

- Potholes
- Road deterioration
- Footpaths
- Signage

More than 40% of requests were completed during the quarter, with the remaining requests currently in progress. Outstanding works are primarily associated with road repair projects scheduled as part of Council's ongoing and future works programs, particularly those impacted by flood-related damage.

2. Regulatory Services (151 requests)

- Dog at large or nuisance
- Lost and found animals
- Abandoned vehicles
- Animal welfare concerns

A completion rate of 94% was achieved across regulatory service requests. Regulatory Services received the highest number of requests across all service areas and achieved the strongest completion rate. Animal management represented the overwhelming majority of regulatory matters.

3. Environment Management (92 requests)

- Fallen trees
- Overgrown vegetation
- Open spaces maintenance
- Irrigation damage

Approximately 59% of requests were completed. Environmental Management experienced

elevated workloads associated with vegetation growth, irrigation issues, fallen trees and public space maintenance following the wet season and flood recovery period.

4. Waste Management (41 requests)

- Wheelie bin replacement (including flood loss/damage)
- Rubbish collection and flood clean-up

All requests were completed (100%). Waste Management demonstrated strong operational capacity and responsiveness throughout the reporting period, successfully managing both routine service requests and increased demand resulting from flood recovery activities.

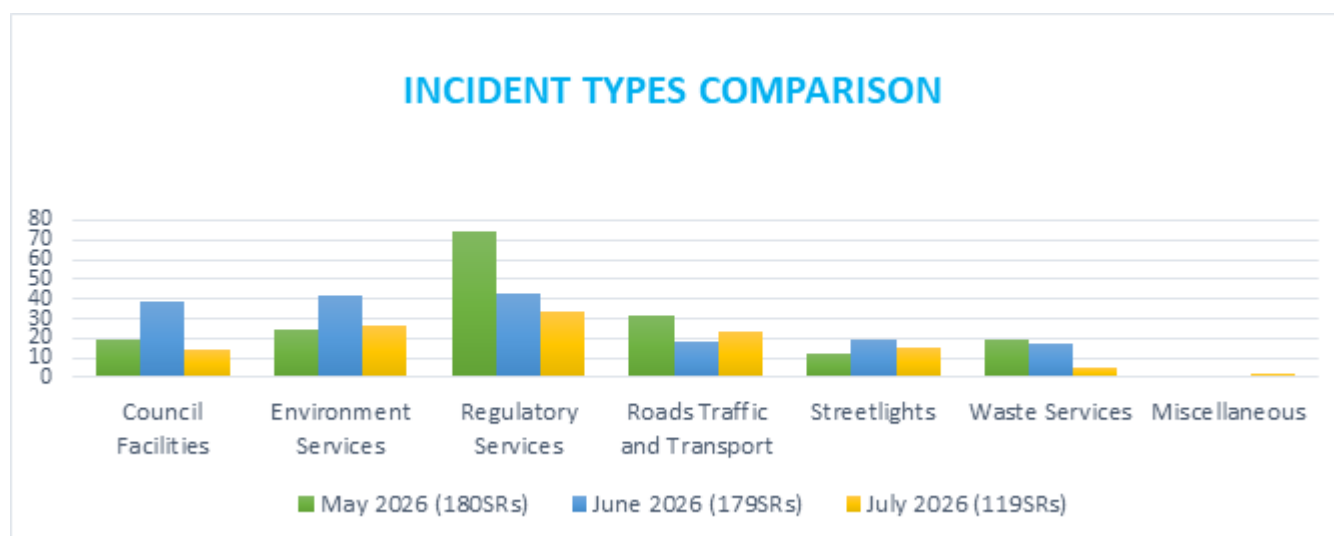
5. Streetlight Maintenance (46 requests)

All requests were completed, generally within short timeframes. Streetlight maintenance requests continued to be resolved efficiently, although service delivery remains dependent on external providers.

6. Council Facilities & Assets (72 requests)

- Asset Maintenance
- Vandalism and graffiti

Over 27.8% of requests were completed. Many outstanding requests relate to complex repairs or programmed maintenance works rather than immediate safety concerns.



Quarterly Incident Summary:

Council received a total of 478 service requests, of which 309 were completed, resulting in an overall completion rate of 64.6%.

The remaining 219 requests are currently in progress and are largely associated with infrastructure repairs, flood recovery activities, contractor availability, procurement lead times, and works scheduled as part of Council's ongoing maintenance and capital works programs.

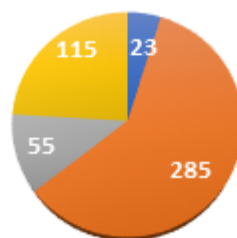
Across the reporting period, Council maintained strong compliance with its Customer Service Charter, with approximately 86% of completed requests finalised within the applicable service timeframes.

The data reflects sustained demand across all service areas, with Regulatory Services, Environmental Management and Roads, Traffic & Transportation accounting for the majority of requests.

Several key trends emerged throughout the quarter:

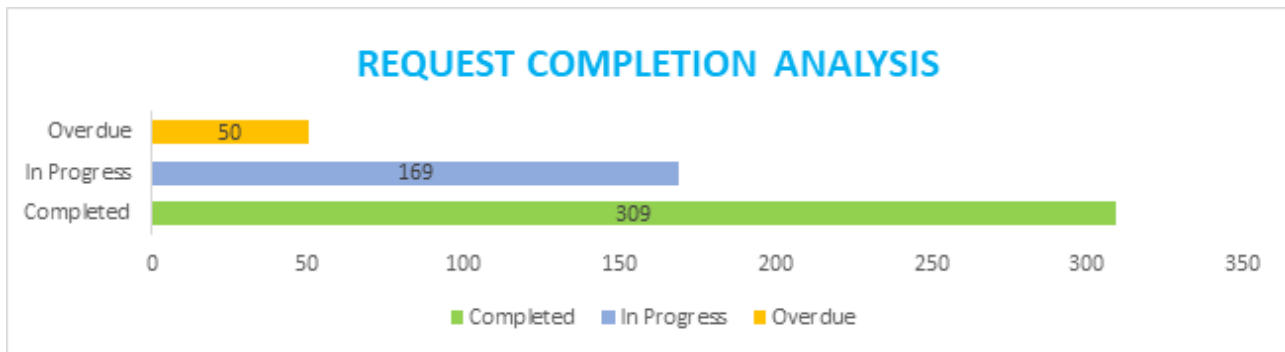
- Regulatory Services maintained the highest workload while also achieving the strongest completion outcomes.
- Road and infrastructure-related requests continue to generate the largest backlog due to the complexity and cost of permanent repairs.
- Environmental Management remains affected by increased vegetation growth, irrigation failures and flood-related impacts.
- Waste Management and Streetlight Maintenance demonstrated strong responsiveness and operational efficiency.

478 SERVICE REQUESTS - TRIAGING RESULTS MAY TO JULY 2026



■ Urgent 24hrs ■ High (5 days) ■ Low (20 days) ■ Scheduled Works

Overall, Council's service request data demonstrates a high level of responsiveness and effective prioritisation of community needs while continuing to manage the ongoing impacts of flood recovery, contractor availability and infrastructure restoration activities.



Consultation Process

There was no consultation process required for this report.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications resulting from the decision.

Budget and Resource Implications

Within current service delivery budget and resource.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

There are no Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Strategic Plan

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.1 Strong Leadership - Lead a strong local democracy with a community that is actively engaged in Katherine's strategic direction.

1.1.2 Ensure strong internal governance with updated policies and procedures in place.

Municipal Plan

4.2.4.1 Provide effective asset management and valuation across Council

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

Author: Brett Kimpton, Manager Environment and Municipal
Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For noting
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the Elected Members with an update regarding the Environmental and Municipal Services Department's activities for the period of May 2026 to July 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

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

SUMMARY

- **A tip face fire occurred at KWMF on Friday 31st July 2026.**
- **NTEPA attended KWMF on 28th July for a site inspection; no issues were identified.**
- **Depot Teams completed preparation works at the Showgrounds for the Territory Day event and the Katherine Show.**
- **A light plane crashed at the aerodrome on 29th May 2026 with no injuries reported.**
- **Regulatory staff addressed parking issues within the municipality.**
- **Katherine Aquatic Centre saw a drop in patron numbers due to the cold weather snap.**

DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

Background

Katherine Town Council's (KTC) Environmental and Municipal Services Department continues to provide core services through various service deliverables to the Katherine Community and Municipality.

Discussion

The Environmental and Municipal Services Department continued to deliver essential municipal, waste management, regulatory, airport, aquatic and environmental health services throughout the May to July 2026 reporting period. The department returned to a business-as-usual posture post the flood events that occurred earlier in the year with a focus on routine municipal maintenance, waste management operations, mosquito monitoring, aquatic services, and community safety activities across the municipality.

Municipal Services

Municipal Services staff continued routine maintenance and operational activities across the municipality throughout the reporting period.

Depot crews returned to normal work schedules and continued roadside slashing, reserve maintenance, responding to service requests and the verge mowing program across the municipality. Additional staff continue to be allocated to the Katherine Cemetery to improve presentation and upkeep standards.

Depot crews prepared the Showgrounds for the Katherine Show held in July and assisted the Events team with the set up for the Territory Day event held on 1 July 2026.

Depot crews and contractors continue to work on the restoration of irrigation systems across the municipality. The restoration of some key facilities including the Hot Springs Top Park and Cenotaph has been delayed due to supply chain issues, contractor availability, and vandalism. It is expected that these facilities will be back online in the coming weeks.

Katherine Waste Management Facility (KWMF)

May 2026 saw the introduction of a 3-month trial of new operating hours at the facility. A report will be prepared for September 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council. The report will provide data from the trial to enable the Council to make an informed decision regarding future operating hours of the facility. The current trial hours will remain in place till a final decision is made.

NTEPA attended the facility for an inspection on Tuesday, 28 July 2026, no issues were identified during the visit.

A significant tip face fire occurred on Friday, 31 July 2026. A quick response from KWMF staff and local contractors saw the fire extinguished in approx. 4 hours.

Staff are using thermal imaging to ensure there is no evidence of a sub terranean fire post the event on 31 July 2026.

Early indications point to a battery as the source of the fire which was disposed of in a kerbside bin.

KTC will continue to educate residents regarding correct waste streams that are permitted to be placed in kerbside bins.



KWMF

Mosquito Testing

Council continued mosquito monitoring and testing programs across the municipality on behalf of NT Health throughout the reporting period.

Testing was undertaken across multiple locations during the reporting period, with no infected mosquitoes detected.

Regulatory Services

Regulatory Services continued compliance, parking enforcement, and animal management activities throughout the reporting period.

The Regulatory Services team undertook several joint operations with Northern Territory Police and Territory Housing; these operations focus on dwellings or unit complexes within the municipality that have a level of anti-social behavior or non-compliance with each relevant agency.

The team also commenced a weekly joint operation with Northern Territory Police focusing on engagement with rough sleepers. The operation has been successful as the number of people engaged with has dropped each week.

The reporting period coincided with the start of the RV tourist season, Regulatory Services staff increased parking enforcement focusing on vehicles engaging in parking that restricted traffic flow and parking dangerously.

The July early bird dog registration initiative was highly successful, with 338 dogs registered, compared to just 55 registrations in July 2025.

Service Activity	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026
Dogs Impounded	9	9	12
Dogs Returned to Owners	3	3 returned & 2 adopted	4 returned & 3 adopted
Parking	81 Warnings & 10 Infringements Issued	74 Warnings & 58 Infringements Issued	96 Warnings & 35 Infringements Issued
Parking Patrol Hours	38 hrs.	56 hrs.	45 hrs.

Katherine Civil Airport

Air movements for the reporting period were:

Month	Air Movements
May 2026	897
June 2026	474
July 2026	692

On Friday 29 May 2026, a Cessna 210 crash landed at the aerodrome causing significant damage to the aircraft and minor damage to the runway. There were no injuries to the pilot or passenger, early indications point to a landing gear failure as the cause of the crash, A full investigation and report will be provided by the ATSB in due course.



Operation Pitch Black commenced in July; the operation saw a significant increase in Military air movements at the aerodrome. The increased Military traffic resulted in some delays to general aviation users at the aerodrome.

Katherine Aquatic Centre

The Katherine Aquatic Centre continued to provide important recreational, health and wellbeing services to the community throughout the reporting period.

During the reporting period, the Katherine Aquatic Centre recorded some of the lowest patronage numbers since the facility opened in late 2025, with overnight temperatures continuing to plummet during the reporting period it caused the 50m pool to become quite chilly for some users. Despite this, the heated 25m pool has provided the community with a warmer alternative.

Several temporary pool closures occurred throughout the reporting period. This was due to water quality, water contamination, and one instance of a loss of water due to an external water fault.

Month	Attendance
May 2026	1456
June 2026	1134
July 2026	1229

Katherine Aquatic Centre Programs Delivered and Attendance Comparison

Category	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026
Child/Pens/Spec/KTC Staff	525	325	414
Aqua Aerobics / Aqua Fitness	0	0	0
School/Group Hire	0	0	30
Learn to Swim Entries	193	149	122
Category	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026
Membership	317	276	305
Visits/Passes			

Consultation Process

There was no consultation process required for this report.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications resulting from the decision.

Budget and Resource Implications

Within current service delivery budget and resource.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

There are no risk, legal and legislative implications.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Strategic Plan

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.1 Strong Leadership - Lead a strong local democracy with a community that is actively engaged in Katherine's strategic direction.

1.1.2 Ensure strong internal governance with updated policies and procedures in place.

1.1.3 Improve transparency around issues affecting the community.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY - 7.1 Waste Management - Implement waste management actions that benefit our community and environment.

7.1.6 Raise awareness to keep our town litter-free.

Municipal Plan

7.1.7.2 Improve safety and security at the Waste Management Facility (WMF)

14 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

14.1 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

15 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES

15.1 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES JULY 2026

Report Type: For noting

Recommendation

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

Purpose of Report

To provide an update on the elected member activities and engagements since the last Council meeting. The elected member reporting obligation forms part of the Katherine Town Council's Annual Report to the community, outlining elected members contribution to the Town council's service delivery.

Strategic Plan

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.1 Strong Leadership - Lead a strong local democracy with a community that is actively engaged in Katherine's strategic direction.

1.1.1 Strengthen our councillor profiles to increase community awareness of who they are.

Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle

Date	Activity attended
4 July	Show and Shine Teddy Bears Picnic – Centenary Program Event
4 July	Centenary Street Parade
4 July	Railway Fair – Centenary Program Event
8 July	Katherine Town Council & Police Monthly Meeting
9 July	Katherine Regional Executive Committee Meeting – Chamber of Commerce
10 July	Drumming Monkey's Lyndsay Street Complex
17 July	Katherine Show
24 July	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
28 July	Ordinary Council Meeting

Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse

Date	Activity attended
1 July	Development Consent Authority Meeting
1 July	Centenary Territory Day
10 July	Amazing Drumming Monkeys
17 July	Katherine Show
24 July	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
28 July	Ordinary Council Meeting

Councillor Jim King

Date	Activity attended
4 July	Centenary Street Parade
17 July	Katherine Show
24 July	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
28 July	Ordinary Council Meeting

Councillor Toni Tapp-Coutts

Date	Activity attended
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1 July	Centenary Territory Day
4 July	Railway Fair – Centenary Program Event
6 July	National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Legal Breakfast at Court House
9 July	National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Film Night
15 July	Official Opening Katherine Bowls Club - Shade
17 July	Katherine Show
18 July	Katherine Show
24 July	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
28 July	Ordinary Council Meeting

Councillor Kathy Glass	
Date	Activity attended
3 July	Department Led Training - Katherine Town Council – Investigation Report – Implementation Plan
4 July	Centenary Street Parade
4 July	National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Opening Ceremony
4 July	Railway Fair – Centenary Program Event
9 July	National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Film Night
15 July	Official Opening Katherine Bowls Club - Shade
24 July	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
28 July	Ordinary Council Meeting

Councillor Anjali Palmer	
Date	Activity attended
3 July	Department Led Training - Katherine Town Council – Investigation Report – Implementation Plan
4 July	National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Opening Ceremony
4 July	Centenary Street Parade
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15 July	Official Opening Katherine Bowls Club - Shade
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16 LATE AGENDA

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

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.

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> .
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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.

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.

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> .
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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.
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20 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

21 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

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