



# MINUTES

**Ordinary Meeting of Council  
Held on Tuesday 25 November 2025**

Godinyamyin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre  
Lot 3238 Stuart Highway, Katherine



## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

## 2 OPENING PRAYER

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

## 3 OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Holden declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 25 November 2025 open at 6:00 pm.

## 4 ATTENDANCE

### 4.1 PRESENT

#### ELECTED MEMBERS

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

#### OFFICERS

- Casey Anderson – Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Amanda Haigh – Manager Governance and Risk
- Martene Johnson - Executive Assistant, Minute Taker
- Brett Kimpton – Manager Environment and Municipal Services
- Matt Arnott - Manager Project Portfolio
- Rhett English - Manager Community Relations
- Jo Brosnan - Manager Strategic Communications - via video conferencing
- Shez Clemow - Rates and Regulatory Affairs Coordinator

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### 4.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

### 4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor King has submitted a leave of absence for 3rd December - 6th December 2025 inclusive

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST



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

No conflicts of interest were declared for the open meeting.

## **6 PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES**

UNCONFIRMED



## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 7.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 28 OCTOBER 2025

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

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

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 October 2025 as a true and accurate record.

Discussion - 7.1 Amendment to Ordinary Meeting of Council dates Wednesday, 26 April 2028 to Tuesday, 26 April 2028.

9.1 To be noted in the Mayor activities, the meeting with Hugh King, Acting Director Sustainability and Compliance, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development with Mayor Holden.

#### **AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OMC-2025-281**

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

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 October 2025 as a true and accurate record subject to the amendments to 7.1 Change of date from Wednesday, 26 April 2028 to Tuesday, 26 April 2028 and 9.1 Mayor Activities to include the meeting between the Mayor and Hugh King, A/Director Sustainability and Compliance, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts, Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer  
AGAINST: Nil



## **8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **8.1 ACTION UPDATE OCTOBER 2025**

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-282**

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

That Council receive and note the Action update.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts,  
Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer  
AGAINST: Nil

UNCONFIRMED



## 9 MAYORAL BUSINESS

### 9.1 MAYOR ACTIVITIES OCTOBER 2025

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-283**

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

That Council receive and note the Mayoral activities for October 2025.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts, Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer  
AGAINST: Nil

## 10 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

### 10.1 CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING OCTOBER 2025

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

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

That Council receive and note the Incoming Correspondence:

- Attachments:
1. LGANT CEO - ALGA Board meeting communique - 11 Sept 2025 - ID 243827 [10.1.1 - 1 page]
  2. LGANT CEO - LGANT Board meeting Communique - 22 Oct 2025 - ID 24830 [10.1.2 - 2 pages]
  3. LGANT CEO - Review Guideline 3 - Borrowings 24 Oct 2025 - ID 242841 [10.1.3 - 1 page]
  4. LGANT CEO - Call for Nominations - NT Planning Commission - 24 Oct 2025 - ID 242842 [10.1.4 - 2 pages]
  5. LGANT CEO - Call for nominations - NT Place Names Committee - 24 Oct 2025 - ID 242843 [10.1.5 - 1 page]
  6. LGANT CEO - Call for Nominations - NT Water Safety Advisory Council- 28 Oct 2025 - ID 242838 [10.1.6 - 1 page]

Discussion - Councillor Tapp Coutts would like to nominate herself for the NT Place Names Committee noting nominations close on December 5, 2025.

#### **AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OMC-2025-284**

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

1. That Council receive and note the Incoming Correspondence:

Attachments:

1. LGANT CEO - ALGA Board meeting communique - 11 Sept 2025 - ID 243827 [10.1.1 - 1 page]
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2. That Council resolves to nominate Councillor Toni Tapp Coutts to the NT Place Names Committee on behalf of Katherine Town Council.

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts, Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer  
AGAINST: Nil

## 10.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUTGOING OCTOBER 2025

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-285

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

That Council receive and note the Outgoing Correspondence:

- Attachments:
1. Thank you Letter - Lis Clark - 21 Oct 2025 - ID 243411 [10.2.1 - 1 page]
  2. Thank you Letter - Denis Coburn - 21 Oct 2025 - ID 243415 [10.2.2 - 1 page]
  3. Thank you Letter - Maddy Bower - 21 Oct 2025 - ID 243412 [10.2.3 - 1 page]
  4. Thank you Letter - Amanda Kingdon - 21 Oct 2025 - ID 243416 [10.2.4 - 1 page]
  5. Thank you Letter - Peter McDougall - 21 Oct 2025 - ID 243410 [10.2.5 - 1 page]
  6. Thank you Letter - Kerrie Mott - 21 Oct 2025 - ID 243413 [10.2.6 - 1 page]
  7. Thank you Letter - Jeremy Trembath - 21 Oct 2025 - ID 243414 [10.2.7 - 1 page]
  8. Thank you Letter - Chief Minister Finocchiaro - 23 Oct 2025 - ID 242399 [10.2.8 - 1 page]
  9. Thank you Letter - Selena Ubio MLA - 23 Oct 2025 - ID 242400 [10.2.9 - 1 page]
  10. Letter - Joshua Burgoyne - DCA Katherine nominations - 29 Oct 2025 - ID 242495 [10.2.10 - 1 page]
  11. Minister Charls - Nomination for the Ministerial Advisory Council - 30 Oct 2025 - ID 242829 [10.2.11 - 1 page]
  12. Letter - Nitmiluk Park Board nomination - 31 Oct 2025 - ID 243250 [10.2.12 - 1 page]

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts, Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer  
AGAINST: Nil

## 11 PETITIONS

Nil



## 12 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (MATTERS REFERRED TO THE AGENDA)

Questions from the Gallery at the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 25 November 2025

Question	Response
A question about the online broadcasting of the meetings. Is there a plan for this in the future or not	We need to establish a policy on live streaming of meetings, once approved we will move forward with implementing the live streaming.
Regarding the financials - have the borrowings been drawn down. Has the council reduced the loan from \$5 million to \$3 million?	No, we have not reduced down the projected costs they are still the same as the previous Council approval for the loan.
What is happening with the speed limit, still no update? Where is council standing? What is the Council doing about it?	We are planning a meeting with the department to discuss the 40k/hr speed zone, we need to go back to department to confirm the meeting and provide an update.
Will the meeting with Minster Yan be minuted and recorded?	The elected members needs to have a briefing with the department and have a full understanding, we need to go back to the department in December and we will come back to you.
Why do the strategic and municipal plans within the reports be included, is there a reason for this?	Format was inherited, but we are looking at amending the format. We are discussing it as a Council and are looking at something more suited to us and easier to read.
Credit card policy. Why do elected members need to have a credit card, there is no reason for them to have one?	Elected members don't have credit cards, financial delegation would be required, however the policy is provisioned in the event the Mayor requires a card. It requires a change to the financial delegation. The policy only refers to CEO and Mayor.

## 13 NOTICE OF MOTION

## 14 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### 14.1 DISPOSAL AND WRITE OFFS OF VARIOUS FIXED ASSETS

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

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

1. That Council approves the write-off of 11 assets as detailed in *Table 1. Assets to be Written off*, in accordance with Regulation 28 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and Section 267 of the *Local Government Act NT 2019*.
2. That Council approves the disposal of 36 assets as detailed in *Table 2. Assets to be Disposed*, ensuring all disposal actions comply with Ministerial Guideline 4: Assets and Katherine Town Council's Asset Management Policy.
3. That Council directs that all write-offs and disposals be recorded in the Council's asset register to maintain compliance with legislative requirements and audit standards.



Discussion - A query raised regarding Table 2, which is noted as having been “added in error.” Clarification. That the item was not a Council asset. Accordingly, the resolution to be amended to reflect that it was not a Council asset.

**AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OMC-2025-286**

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

1. That Council approves the write-off of 11 assets as detailed in *Table 1. Assets to be Written off*, in accordance with Regulation 28 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and Section 267 of the *Local Government Act NT 2019*.
2. That Council approves the disposal of 36 assets as detailed in *Table 2. Assets to be Disposed*, ensuring all disposal actions comply with Ministerial Guideline 4: Assets and Katherine Town Council’s Asset Management Policy and that the table to be amended in the report, the reason for disposal be amended to non Council asset added in error.
3. That Council directs that all write-offs and disposals be recorded in the Council’s asset register to maintain compliance with legislative requirements and audit standards.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts, Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer  
AGAINST: Nil

**Table 2. Assets to be Disposed**

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Asset Description</u>	<u>Reason for Disposal</u>	<u>Method of Disposal</u>
BOS80018	Airport - Katherine Aerial Medical Hanger & Office Roofing	Not a Council Asset	Other - clerical
BOS80019	Airport - Katherine Aerial Medical Hanger & Office Internal Finishes	Not a Council Asset	Other - clerical
BOS80020	Airport - Katherine Aerial Medical Hanger & Office Flooring Finishes	Not a Council Asset	Other - clerical
BOS80021	Airport - Katherine Aerial Medical Hanger & Office Services - Plumbing	Not a Council Asset	Other - clerical
BOS80022	Airport - Katherine Aerial Medical Hanger & Office Services - Mechanic	Not a Council Asset	Other - clerical
BOS80023	Airport - Katherine Aerial Medical Hanger & Office Services - Electric	Not a Council Asset	Other - clerical
BOS80024	Airport - Katherine Aerial Medical Hanger & Office Services - Fire	Not a Council Asset	Other - clerical
BOS80025	Airport - Katherine Aerial Medical Hanger & Office Structure Exc Roof	Not a Council Asset	Other - clerical
RD40614	Pavement (Chambers Drive) Katherine East	Not a Council Asset	Other - clerical



<u>RD40615</u>	<u>Seal (Chambers Drive) Katherine East</u>	<u>Not a Council Asset</u>	<u>Other - clerical</u>
<u>RD41000</u>	<u>Pavement (Donkey Camp) Lansdowne</u>	<u>Not a Council Asset</u>	<u>Other - clerical</u>
<u>RD41001</u>	<u>Seal (Donkey Camp) Lansdowne</u>	<u>Not a Council Asset</u>	<u>Other - clerical</u>
<u>IMP7101</u>	<u>Bore No 2 and fencing (SHG)</u>	<u>Capital Renewal</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>IMP7102</u>	<u>Pump equipment on bore (SHG)</u>	<u>Capital Renewal</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>IMP7034</u>	<u>Boundary fencing (SHG)</u>	<u>Capital Renewal</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>IMP7035</u>	<u>Fencing (SHG)</u>	<u>Capital Renewal</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>IMP7147</u>	<u>Cemetery - Security Fence (Paper Fence)</u>	<u>Capital Renewal</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>PE5093</u>	<u>CE39LS - 2021 - Grey - Volkswagen T-Cross - S/Wagon - 4x2</u>	<u>Capital Renewal</u>	<u>Traded-In</u>
<u>BOS80500</u>	<u>Shade structure (x3 Upper Hot Springs)</u>	<u>Capital Upgrade</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>BOS80501</u>	<u>Main staircase (Hot Springs)</u>	<u>Capital Upgrade</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>BOS80502</u>	<u>Walkway &amp; Retaining wall (Hot Springs)</u>	<u>Capital Upgrade</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>BOS80503</u>	<u>Retaining wall to public toilets (Hot Springs)</u>	<u>Capital Upgrade</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>BOS80504</u>	<u>Boardwalk &amp; viewing platform (Hot Springs)</u>	<u>Capital Upgrade</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>BOS81189</u>	<u>Rodeo Ablutions - Structure</u>	<u>Capital Upgrade</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>BOS81190</u>	<u>Rodeo Ablutions - Roofing</u>	<u>Capital Upgrade</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>BOS81191</u>	<u>Rodeo Ablutions - Services Electrical</u>	<u>Capital Upgrade</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>BOS81192</u>	<u>Rodeo Ablutions - Services Plumbing</u>	<u>Capital Upgrade</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>ODL61102</u>	<u>Sport &amp; Rec Lighting - Sportsgrounds - Oval No. 2 Light Towers</u>	<u>Capital Upgrade</u>	<u>Scrapped</u>
<u>IMP7016</u>	<u>Boundary fencing (SPG)</u>	<u>Capital Upgrade</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>IMP7026</u>	<u>Boundary fencing (SPG)</u>	<u>Capital Upgrade</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>BOS81500</u>	<u>Automatic toilet (VIC)</u>	<u>Capital Upgrade</u>	<u>Scrap</u>
<u>BOS81100</u>	<u>ATCO demountable (near rodeo area)</u>	<u>Surplus to Needs</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>BOS81311</u>	<u>Covered Area - Near Toilet Block No2</u>	<u>Surplus to Needs</u>	<u>Demolished</u>
<u>BOS81900</u>	<u>Automatic toilet (Ryan Park)</u>	<u>Surplus to Needs</u>	<u>Scrap</u>
<u>PE5108</u>	<u>Dickens &amp; Mcleod Little Ripper Trencher</u>	<u>Surplus to Needs</u>	<u>Scrapped</u>
<u>BOS81703</u>	<u>Dump Oil Tank</u>	<u>Surplus to Needs</u>	<u>Scrap</u>

## 14.2 KATHERINE AQUATIC CENTRE – YMCA - COMMUNITY BENEFIT PLAN AND PROGRAM DELIVERY

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-287**

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



That Council:

1. Notes the progress and outcomes of the YMCA Northern Territory's Community Benefit Plan and Program Delivery Model under Contract T25-08 – Katherine Aquatic Centre Operational Management Services;
2. Acknowledges the YMCA Northern Territory's contribution to local employment, community wellbeing, inclusion, and reconciliation through the implementation of its approved community programs; and
3. Notes of ongoing performance monitoring and annual reporting will be provided to the Council on community participation, program delivery outcomes, and alignment with Katherine Town Council's Municipal Plan 2025–26 objectives.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts, Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer  
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion - Noted page 59 to page 62 are the YMCA Key Performance Indicators.

### 14.3 RESCIND PROPOSED LAND LICENSE AGREEMENT

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-288**

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

That Council rescind the resolution OMC-2025-155 the Proposed Land License Agreement over Lot 2787, Katherine NT

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts, Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer  
AGAINST: Nil

### 14.4 REVIEWED COUNCIL POLICIES

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-289**

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

1. That Council approve and adopt the Attendance at Meetings via Audio or Audiovisual Conferencing System Policy version 3.
2. That Council approve and adopt the Council Delegates and Representation on External Organisations, Including Community Groups Policy version 2.
3. That Council approve and adopt the Credit Card for Council Members and Chief Executive Officer Policy version 2.
4. That Council approve and adopt the Filling Casual Vacancies Policy version 3.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts, Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer



AGAINST: Nil

#### 14.5 FINANCE REPORT - OCTOBER 2025

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-290**

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

That Council endorses the Finance Report for the month of October 2025.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts,  
Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer

AGAINST: Nil

#### 14.6 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-291**

**Moved:** Councillor Whitehouse; **Seconded:** Councillor King

That Council receive and note the Community Relations Department report for the month of October 2025.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts,  
Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer

AGAINST: Nil

#### 14.7 CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-292**

**Moved:** Councillor Glass; **Seconded:** Councillor Whitehouse

That Council receives and note the Corporate Administration Report for the month of October 2025.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts,  
Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer

AGAINST: Nil

#### 14.8 ENVIRONMENTAL AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-293**

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

That Council receive and note the report of the Environmental Services Department for October 2025.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts,  
Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer

AGAINST: Nil

Discussion - The reports improvement was acknowledged, noting there has been increase in dog licenses. The door knock has encouraged the community to register their dogs, well done. Staff are doing a good job and have being responding very well to the dog issue in town.



## 14.9 INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROJECTS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-294**

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

That Council receive and note the report of the Infrastructure Services Department for October 2025.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts,  
Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer  
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion - Councillors thanked staff for their quick response to get on top of the graffiti.

## 14.10 PEOPLE AND CULTURE QUARTERLY REPORT

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-295**

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

That Council receive and note the People and Culture report for the quarter July to September 2025.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts,  
Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer  
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion - Council staff continue to out preform with the vacancies we have and it needs to be celebrated.

## 15 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### 15.1 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

## 16 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES

### 16.1 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES OCTOBER 2025

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-296**

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

That Council receive and note the Elected Member activities for October 2025.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts,  
Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer  
AGAINST: Nil

## 17 LATE AGENDA



## 18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Glass - Request the list of activities/projects of elected member for 6 to 12 months needs to be made public. The Mayor will include a report in the 9th December Council meeting.

Requested that Council representatives deliver the Acknowledgment of Country at events if it is not already done.

Councillor Tapp Coutts - Acknowledged the responsiveness and success of the *Snap, Send and Solve* initiative and expressed gratitude to staff for their prompt actions. A member of the public shared their appreciation for the excellent support received, and I encourage the wider community to continue making use of the service.

Katherine Region of Writers have received the Centenary Grant and is calling for contributions - of stories, recipes, photos with accompanying stories, a historical photos of past businesses, and reflections on the last 100 years. This collection will create a snapshot of our region for the Centenary celebration. Submissions can be up to 2,000 words and must be received by 23 February 2026. The completed book will be produced and launched next year.

The Mayor wishes to acknowledge the following community members:

Elizabeth (Bess) Hart - Seniors of Excellence award,

Jenny Duggan OAM - NT Senior Australian of the Year and

Ron Green BM ESM - NT Local Hero Australian of the Year.

Deputy Mayor Doyle - Noted the International Mens' Golf Day was great, it was booked out and \$2,000 was donated to Headspace.

## 19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 6:43 pm.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2025-297**

**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.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts, Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer

AGAINST: Nil



## 20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### 20.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES 28 OCTOBER 2025

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-clause and Reason:	(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-clause and Reason:	(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-clause and Reason:	(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.

### 20.2 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-clause and Reason:	(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-clause and Reason:	(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-clause and Reason:	(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

### 20.3 TOURISM TOWN ASSET PROGRAM ROUND 5 - KATHERINE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE RELOCATION TO CO-LOCATE WITH GYRACC



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-clause and Reason:	(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-2025-300**

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

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the additional information contained within this report.
2. Approves affixing the Common Seal to the funding agreement for the Tourism Town Asset Program Round 5 – Katherine Visitor Information Centre Relocation to Co-locate with Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre (GYRACC) valued at \$87,978.92 GST exclusive.
3. Approves the release of the resolutions to the Open Minutes.

**CARRIED 7|0**

FOR: Mayor Holden, Councillor Whitehouse, Councillor King, Deputy Mayor Doyle, Councillor Tapp Coutts, Councillor Glass and Councillor Palmer  
AGAINST: Nil

**20.4 KATHERINE AQUATIC CENTRE UPGRADE - INVOICE APPROVAL**

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

**21 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING**

The open meeting resumed at 7:04 pm.

**22 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council - 25 November 2025 was declared closed at 7:04 pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 9 December 2025.