

AGENDA

**Ordinary Meeting of Council
To be held on Tuesday 26 May 2026
At 6:00 pm**

Top Didj Aboriginal Art Gallery, Exhibition Room
363 Goarge 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

No Councillors' Leave of Absence Applications have been identified as part of this Agenda.

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

6.1 2026 CENSUS - CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING | AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Presenter: TBC

Report Type: Presentations

Attachments: 1. Presentation - 2026 Census - Census of Population and Housing - Australian Bureau of Statistics - 26 May 2026 [6.1.1 - 31 pages]

Strategic Plan

Not Applicable

Municipal Plan

Not applicable



Census

Inclusive Strategies

2026 Australian Census of Population and Housing

June 2025





**Our Story.
Our Future.**



The Australian Bureau of Statistics acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to their cultures and Elders, past and present.



What we will cover today



Census

- Background on the Census
- Inclusive Strategies
 - People experiencing homelessness
 - People from cultural and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities
 - Pop-up Hubs (in-person assistance)
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in urban and regional areas
- How you can help



About the Census

What is the Census?



Census

- The ABS conducts the Australian Census of Population and Housing every five years.
- The Census counts every person and home in Australia.
- Census data tells us about the economic, social and cultural make-up of the country.
- The Census is compulsory for everyone in Australia on Census night (including international students, temporary workers, and tourists).

The next Census will be held in August 2026.



The value of the Census



Census

- The information collected in the Census helps estimate Australia's population, which is used to:
 - set electoral boundaries
 - calculate how government funds are distributed
- Census data helps inform decisions about transport, schools, health care and infrastructure for communities across Australia.
- It also helps plan local services for individuals, families and communities.



All personal information is protected



Census

- The information provided on the Census is confidential.
- The ABS is legally required to keep data secure and not release information in a way that is likely to identify an individual.
- Personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* and the secrecy provisions of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.
- Your personal information isn't shared with anyone (including other government agencies, police, Centrelink or housing offices).
- The Census online form is built and secured in accordance with best practice specified by the Australian Cyber Security Centre.
- Go to **census.abs.gov.au/privacy** to find out more about how we keep information secure.



Enumeration Areas and Model Types



Census



Australia is divided into Census Enumeration areas to support operations.



Each area is assigned an enumeration model type.
The primary ones are **mail out** and **drop off**.



There are overarching strategies to support participation.



Why and how - Mail-out and drop-off



Census

When is it a mail out dwelling?

- Known addresses – mostly urban areas
- Where Australia Post can deliver mail

Mail out process

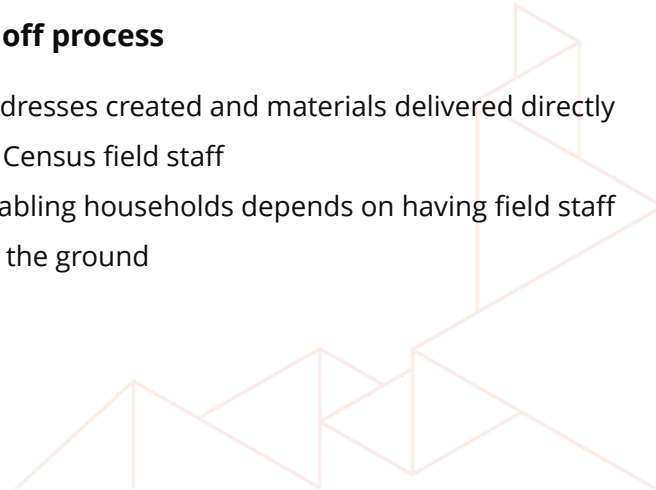
- Materials are mailed to dwellings/households two weeks prior to Census night
- Reminder letter is mailed to non-responding dwellings/households
- Field officers begin following up non-responding dwellings/households
- Requires sufficient field staff

When is it a drop-off dwelling?

- Mostly rural areas and unmailable urban areas

Drop off process

- Addresses created and materials delivered directly by Census field staff
- Enabling households depends on having field staff on the ground



Inclusive Strategies overview

What are Inclusive Strategies?



Census

- Inclusive Strategies are implemented to reduce barriers and provide support pathways for people to participate in the Census.
- Inclusive Strategies are developed based on:
 - What we have learnt from previous Censuses
 - User-centered design with specific population groups
 - Feedback, advice and information gathered from engaging with stakeholders

Inclusive Strategies scope



Census



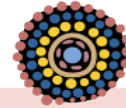
People experiencing homelessness strategy



People from culturally & linguistically diverse communities strategy



Pop-up hubs strategy



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in urban and regional areas strategy



Strategy for people living with disability

People experiencing homelessness strategy

ABS definition of homelessness



Census

A person is homeless if they do not have suitable accommodation alternatives and their current living arrangement:

- is in a dwelling that is inadequate,
- has no tenure, or if their initial tenure is short and not extendable, or
- does not allow them to have control of, and access to space for social relations.

ABS (2012) [Information Paper - A Statistical Definition of Homelessness](#)

Census and homelessness



Census

Census approach for different types of homelessness

Rough sleepers



People without shelter or typical accommodation, for example people living in their car or on the street

Rough sleepers are counted by interview.

In the standard approach, the 'usual address' question won't be asked (Special Short Form).

In specific areas, some people will be asked the usual address question. This is so people who are travelling from Community can provide details about where they have travelled from.

People staying in crisis accommodation, shelters, refuges and boarding houses



The ABS will work closely with homelessness service providers and organisations to count the number of people staying in these places on Census night.

Community Field Officers will assist in collection for some of these cases.

Couch surfers



People who are between homes, staying temporarily with friends or family

Couch surfers and people living in severely crowded homes are counted as part of regular Census field collection.

Everyone staying at the residence on Census night needs to be included on the Census form. Personal forms can also be requested.

People living in severely crowded homes



How can you and the broader community help



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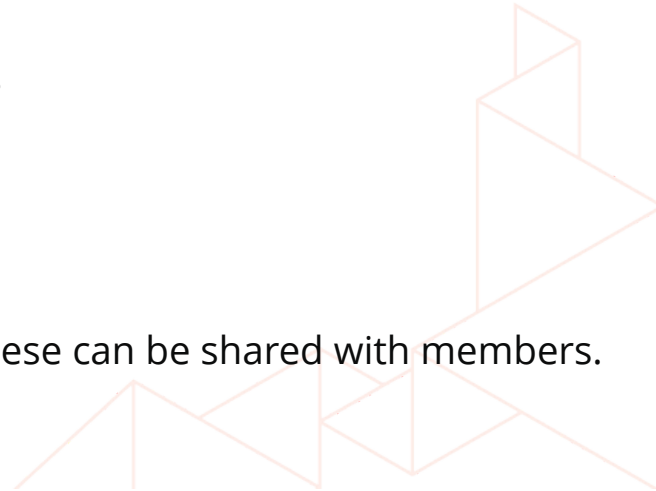
- **Support Census field staff recruitment for the local area**, including sharing Census recruitment information with your networks and recommending and commending people work on the Census
- **Provide knowledge of your area** including locations where people are known to sleep rough.
- **Provide addresses of boarding houses, supported accommodation or temporary accommodation.**

How to support people experiencing homelessness to be counted in the Census



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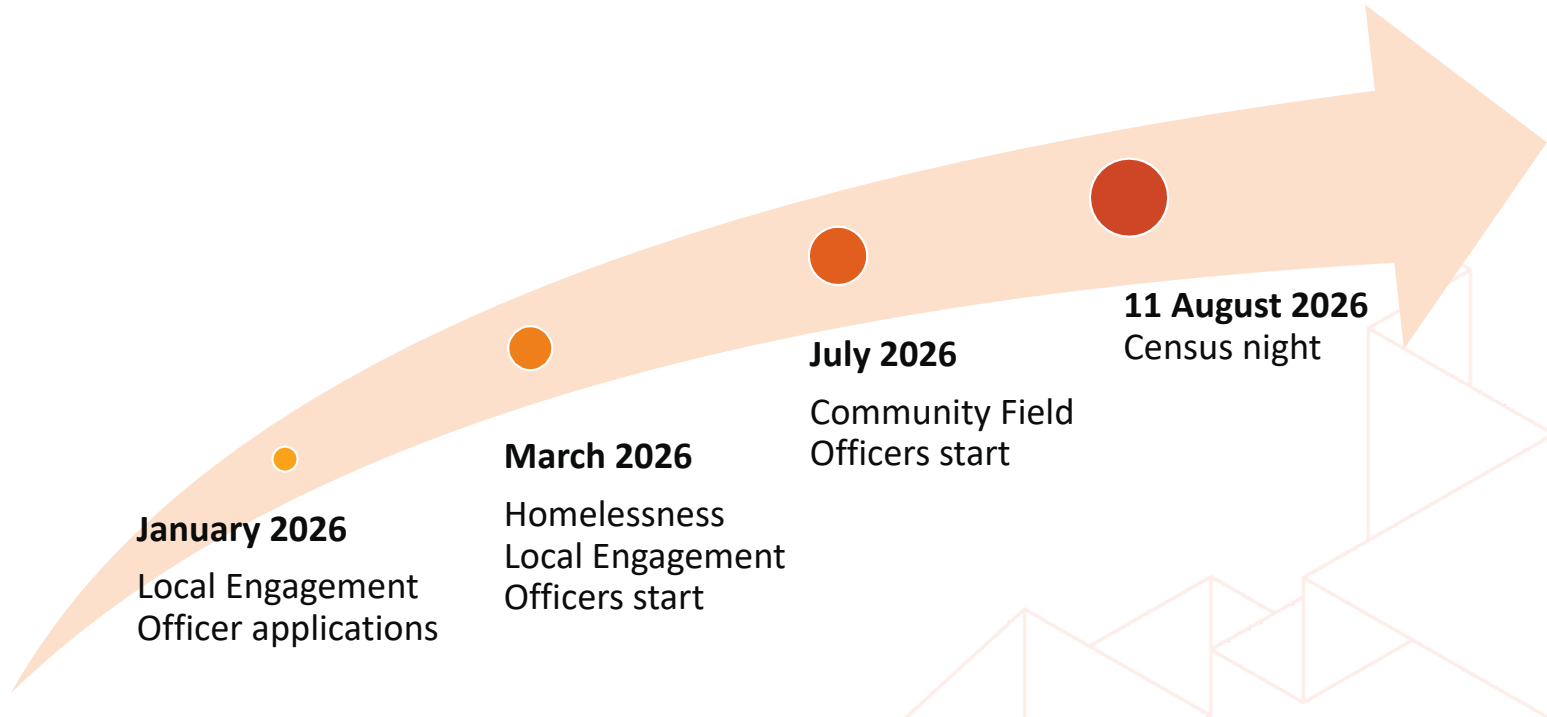
- Share information about the importance of the Census for your community
- Support enquiries and discussions from your community using Census key messages
- Share key Census messaging with networks
- Display and share Census resources
- Help us run local support activities
- Know the channels of Census support so these can be shared with members.



Key dates



Census



January 2026

Local Engagement
Officer applications

March 2026

Homelessness
Local Engagement
Officers start

July 2026

Community Field
Officers start

11 August 2026

Census night

People from cultural and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities strategy

ABS definition of CALD populations



Census

Australia's population includes many people who were born overseas or have at least one parent born overseas and speak a variety of languages. Together, these groups of people are known as culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) populations.

Source: [Appendices - Delivering the 2021 Census](#) | Australian Bureau of Statistics

CALD Operational groups



Census

The 2026 CALD Strategy aims to include people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds who may face barriers to participation.

The 2026 CALD strategy focuses on **three key groups**:

CALD Cohort/Operational Group	Key groups within the cohort
Newly arrived migrants and emerging migrant groups	Individuals entering Australia under the permanent Migration Program (Skilled, Family, and Special Eligibility streams) and Refugee and Humanitarian Program
Short-term temporary entrants	Individuals arriving on short-term visas such as visitors, skilled workers and international students
Older migrants	Individuals who arrived post-World War II, and recently arrived older migrants aged 65 years and older

Strategies to support participation



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- Design of the Census Website to better support CALD populations
- Translated advertising and support materials
- Employing multilingual staff from CALD communities
- Engagement with national and local CALD community organisations and groups
- Provision of targeted activities such as fill in form sessions
- Lesson Guides
- Translation and Interpreting Service (TIS)

Pop-up Hubs (in-person assistance)

Pop-up Hubs



Census

- In-person help at information hubs to make it easier for people to complete the Census.
- People can get information about the Census, collect a Census form, and hear about the benefits of completing the Census.
- Held in venues such as shopping centres, supermarkets or Community Organisations

Other in-person events:

- Fill in Form Sessions - Census staff provide help, often in other languages, to groups of people who seek support to fill in their Census forms.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in urban and regional areas Strategy

Standard Indigenous Question



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12 Is the person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

- For people of **both** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, mark both 'Yes' boxes.

- No
- Yes, Aboriginal
- Yes, Torres Strait Islander

The Standard Indigenous Question (SIQ) is the method for collecting information about people who identify as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. This question relies on self-identification.

Strategy objective and planned support



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Support, enable and increase participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through culturally inclusive and safe approaches in urban and regional areas.

Planned approaches and support include:

- Community led and place-based initiatives
- Engage early and continue to engage with purpose
- Messages and materials that are culturally appropriate, sensitive, and align to community expectations
- Conduct information and fill in the form sessions, assisted completions
- Employ Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples across office and field roles
- Internal operating structure that supports in-field activities

How you can help

How you can help



Census

- Share information about the importance of the Census for your community.
- Support enquiries and discussions from your members/networks using Census key messages.
- Display Census posters in your organisation(s) and share on social media.
- Know the channels of Census support so these can be shared with members.
- Consider running fill-in-the form sessions for local groups.
- Support Census field staff recruitment for the local area, including sharing Census recruitment information with your networks and recommending and commending people who work on the Census.
- To support the homelessness count, provide knowledge of your area including locations where people are known to sleep rough and addresses of boarding houses or supported accommodation.

Upcoming engagement



Census

- Support from our stakeholders helps people participate in the Census and helps us meet our objectives for high quality data. Your support is invaluable and much appreciated
- We will be engaging with various agencies and organisations with Census updates
- You'll hear from us soon



**We're always open to discussing
opportunities for further collaboration
and would love to hear from you**

Contact:



7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

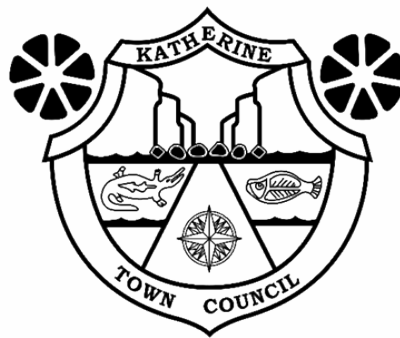
7.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 28 APRIL 2026

Report Type: Previous Minutes

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

Recommendation

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



MINUTES

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

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



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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 April 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
- Councillor Kathy Glass
- Councillor Anjali Palmer
- Councillor Toni Tapp Coutts

OFFICERS

- Casey Anderson – Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Yeshika Kandanaarachchi – Governance Officer - Minute Taker
- Amanda Haigh – Manager Governance and Risk
- Brett Kimpton – Manager Environment and Municipal Services
- Meredith Blair - Manager Finance
- Matt Arnott - Manager Project Portfolio

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4.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Holden tabled leave of absence from 2 May to 10 May 2026 inclusive.
Councillor King tabled leave of absence from 14 May to 18 May 2026 inclusive.

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

UNCONFIRMED



7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 24 MARCH 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-87

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

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 March 2026 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Councillor Palmer raised a query regarding the Live Streaming Policy and whether a clause should be added requiring members attending confidential meeting via video conferencing to declare they are alone; it was noted that the policy applies only to public meetings.

A correction was requested to change references from Chief Executive Officer to "Acting Chief Executive Officer" in resolution number OMC-2026-61. Advice was provided that change require a formal amendment, with the correct wording to be presented at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council. Further discussion noted that an amendment may not be necessary, as delegations are conferred on the office of the Chief Executive Officer and therefore apply automatically to any person appointed to act in that role.

Council further discussed the status of advisory committees, noting that although some groups have been inactive due to low attendance, they have not been formally abolished and will be reviewed as part of a broader restructuring process.

Council also sought clarification on the status of the Katherine Town Council Risk Register, with confirmation that reporting now occurs through the Quarterly Audit and Risk Management Committee. It was clarified that previous confidential resolutions are being made public as per Council's decision, and future reviews will determine which items remain confidential and which items are made public.



8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION UPDATE APRIL 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-88

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

That Council receive and note the Action update.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Council reviewed the Action Register and noted the need for clearer timeframes and accountability for all outstanding actions, and requested that each item be assessed to determine whether it should be closed, updated, or assigned a defined deadline.

Council discussed about the Reconciliation Action Plan, noting the internal meeting with managers scheduled for March was disrupted by recent flooding, with confirmation that the plan is treated as a business-as-usual annual process. It was further noted that the plan will also be reviewed in the context of the budget to determine where specific actions and resourcing requirements should be incorporated.

Council noted that the draft Terms of Reference for the Community Safety Action Group have been finalised and will be presented at the next Council meeting.

An update was provided on the waste management facility trial, with delays attributed to staffing and operational disruptions, and commencement expected in the next roster cycle.

Clarification was also provided that the Northern Territory Multicultural Advisory Committee nomination has been submitted, with a response still pending.



8.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - NIL

Nil

9 MAYORAL BUSINESS

9.1 MAYOR ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY 2026 - AMENDMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-89

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

That Council receive and note the amended Mayoral activities for February 2026.

CARRIED 7|0

9.2 MAYOR ACTIVITIES MARCH 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-90

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

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

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

The Council noted that Senator Nampijinpa Price met with Mayor Holden on 17 March to check on the Katherine community following the recent flood event and to express her support.

It was also noted that the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Board is undertaking a review of its Constitution and Rules of Incorporation, with discussions held at the March general meeting; however, the proposed amendments were not finalised, as the Board will reconsider several elements before circulating revised changes ahead of the next general meeting for adoption.

9.3 COUNCILLOR GOALS FIRST 6 TO 12 MONTHS UPDATE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-91

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

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

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Council noted that the waste management project has not yet started, and the current report already references delays in progressing the waste management initiative.

An update was provided regarding the signage asked by Councillor King, confirming installation has occurred in a wrong place, and that Councillor King will meet the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Contracts Coordinator to explore further solutions to the related issue.

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.



10 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-92

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

That Council receive and note the Incoming Correspondence:

- Attachments:
1. Letter - Stephen Reed - Manbulloo Objection to proposed gas pipeline Protest - 11 March 2026 - 249751 [10.1.1 - 2 pages]
 2. 2026 Determination of Allowances for members of local councils - 12 March 2026 - ID251564 [10.1.2 - 8 pages]
 3. Frequently Asked Questions - Council allowances - 12 March 2026 - ID251564 [10.1.3 - 7 pages]
 4. Document - LGANT CEO - 19 March 2026 ALGA Board meeting communique - 7 April 2026 - ID251575 [10.1.4 - 1 page]
 5. Document - LGANT CEO - 25 March 2026 LGANT Board meeting communique - 7 April 2026 - ID251574 [10.1.5 - 2 pages]

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Council noted that the Local Government Association of Northern Territory (LGANT) Board Meeting of 25 March 2026 was not public and therefore agendas and minutes are not published.

Reference was made to Mr Stephen Reed's letter and the community concern surrounding the matter, with suggestions that Council may need to consider how to facilitate appropriate conversations; however, it was clarified that the letter was not addressed to Council and no action had been requested. Mayor Holden advised that Territory Energy Link is planning community consultation sessions in the coming months and will provide details once confirmed, and Council noted the importance of ensuring Territory Energy Link leads its own engagement rather than Council responding on its behalf.

10.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUTGOING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-93

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

That Council receive and note the Outgoing Correspondence:

- Attachments:
1. Letter - Senator Kristy Mc Bain - Katherine Flood 2026 - Katherine Town Council - 30 March 2026 - ID251577 [10.2.1 - 3 pages]

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Council noted the importance of continuing to advocate for local priorities with the Federal Minister, particularly regarding the hospital and waste management, and reaffirmed its commitment to representing the community's interests at all levels of government.

It was acknowledged that the Local Member has also been strongly advocating on these matters, and that recent flooding has affected not only Katherine but multiple communities, with similar concerns raised through last Local Government Association of Northern Territory (LGANT) conference. Council discussed



the Northern Territory Government's fast-tracked funding initiatives and agreed it may be beneficial to invite the local member to provide an update at a future meeting, subject to availability.

11 PETITIONS

11.1 PETITION - ELOISE SIMUDVARA - COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION TERRITORY ENERGY LINK

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-94

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

That Council receive the petition from Eloise Simudvarac regarding NT Department of Industry, Infrastructure and Logistics to uphold their promise to the Katherine community to host a community information session regarding the proposed Territory Energy Link and consideration stand as an order of a future meeting.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Council noted for the public record that, in accordance with Council procedures, petitions are formally tabled at a meeting but are not for discussion at the time of presentation; instead, Council receives and considers the petition and may bring back to a future meeting for discussion. It was also highlighted that petitions should include the full wording of the request on every page that contains signatures, in line with standard submission requirements. Council also reiterated that it has been in communication with Territory Energy Link, who have advised that community engagement sessions will be held allow one-to-one discussions with residents, and that further details will be shared once confirmed, with Council also intending to engage directly with them.

12 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (MATTERS REFERRED TO THE AGENDA)

There were Questions from the Gallery at the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 28 April 2026

Question	Response
Page 214 - Why are the by-law amendments confidential?	The draft by-law amendments remain confidential because they are not yet finalised and are table under legal privilege. The draft was endorsed by the previous Council and require approval by the new council before public consultation will be undertaken.
Page 96 - Does the Mayor receive a Council vehicle or the new travel allowance listed in the updated allowances?	The Mayor confirmed that she does not use the Council vehicle and does not claim the travel allowance. Although the vehicle allowance exists, she has chosen not to take it, noting that accepting the full amount would be unfair impact on the ratepayers. The allowances listed apply to the Deputy Mayor and Councillors.
Will the number of special confidential meetings reduce now that new allowances are in place, and are councillors being paid for attending those additional meetings?	Councillors confirmed that they have not been receiving any additional meeting allowances for the special confidential meetings. The allowances framework is set by the Northern



	Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal, and Council's policy simply enables payment should Council choose to activate it. A separate Council resolution would be required before any extra meeting allowances could be claimed. As no such resolution has been passed, councillors have been attending all additional meetings at their own expense.
Who is responsible for communicating with users of Council facilities now that advisory committees are being changed or are not meeting regularly?	It was explained that the advisory committees remain in place but have not been functioning effectively due to low attendance and lack of quorum over recent years. Facility users continue to communicate directly with Council through Records, Snap Send Solve, phone or email, and this process has been working effectively. Any future changes to user groups or the removal of advisory committees will be formally communicated to all users before any action is taken.
Why are some previous Council resolutions recorded with the names of councillors who voted against a motion, while others only show the vote count?	It was explained that the resolutions have been presented exactly as they were recorded in the minutes by the previous council, and have tabled without any changes.
Page 37 - Why does the amended activity statement not explain what was changed from the previous meeting, and should amendments include clearer detail for transparency?	The Mayor explained that the amendment removed meetings that should not have been included there, acknowledged the feedback and agreed to take it on board for future amendments.
Page 81 - What is the timeline for public consultation on the Katherine Centenary charity selection?	Public consultation on the three nominated charities will occur in early June for two weeks via the Have Your Say platform.

13 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

14 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

14.1 CENTENARY TRIVIA SIGNS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-95

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

That Council

1. Approve the three nominated charities for one final public decision for the KC100 number plate auction as part of the Centenary of Katherine.
 - a. Katherine Museum
 - b. National Trust
 - c. RSPCA Katherine
2. Approve changes to the six trivia signs along the Stuart Hwy into Katherine as requested by the Centenary Action Working Group



- a. Sign 1: Question: What happened to Katherine in 1942?
- b. Sign 2: Hint: Wartime event
- c. Sign 3: Answer: Bombing of Katherine
- d. Sign 4: Question: Which town was gazetted in 1926
- e. Sign 5: Hint: Next town south
- f. Sign 6: Answer: Katherine

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Councillors discussed about the highway signs and noted that some people did not support re-doing the old hint signs because they have been there too long. It was suggested that centenary-themed signs would have been better, but replacing the signs is difficult due to strict rules about road signage, including reflectivity requirements. Council noted that the current signs will still go up now, and Council will keep working on better options later in the year. It was also noted that new Centenary banners for town entrances and events have arrived and will be put up soon, and thanks were given to Councillor Tapp-Coutts for her work on the centenary preparations.

14.2 KATHERINE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE - FUNDING AND REPORTING - JULY - DECEMBER 2025

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-96

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

That Council endorses the six-month report on Katherine Visitor Information Centre Operational Funding.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Council asked when the "Visit Katherine" Website Project would be finished, as the report only said it was nearly completed. Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that the website likely needs a couple more months, and the exact date will be confirmed.

Councillors asked what outcomes Council should expect from its investment in the Visitor Information Centre and whether more detail could be added to future reports. Acting Chief Executive Officer explained that the current report follows the Grants Northern Territory (NT) template and KPI requirements but agreed to look at providing more information.

It was also confirmed that the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) does receive commission on some bookings and product sales, depending on the membership arrangements.

14.3 POLICIES REVIEWED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-97

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

1. That Council approve the reviewed statutory policies:
 - a. Policy – Elected Members Allowances and Support – Version 1
 - b. Policy – Public Art – Version 2



- c. Policy – Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record – Version 3
- d. Policy – Investment Policy - Version 4
- e. Policy – Procurement – Version 9

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Councillor Palmer queried that pages 120 and 121 of the policy appear to repeat the same wording. Mayor Holden explained that two sections have different headings, one describes what the Investment Register is, and other explains the review and reporting requirements, so the similar text appears in both places. Spelling mistake was noted in the page 101 - 4.3, "Reasonalbe" should be changed as "Reasonable".

14.4 RATES CONCESSIONS POLICY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-98

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

That Council endorse and adopt the revised Rates Concessions Policy version 5.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Councillors requested to receive policies ahead of the agenda when possible, as it helps with preparation.

14.5 REGIONAL PRECINCTS AND PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-99

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

That Council approve of affixing the Common Seal and authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program funding agreement RPPDP000289 with the Northern Territory of Australia, Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

CARRIED 7|0

14.6 SECOND BUDGET REVIEW 2025-2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-100

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

That Council approve the 2nd Budget Review and projected reforecast of the financial position of Council for the 25-26 Financial year.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Council asked about several budget variances, including why commissions earned were almost 50% lower, which staff explained was linked to Visitor Information Centre revenue. The drop in road grant funding was due to the timing of when the money arrived. The large increase in the insurance excess was informed as the cost of Council's flood-related insurance claim.

Councillors also asked why funds were drawn from reserves, and staff explained this was for the pool, Civic Centre and waste management liabilities.



A question about employee entitlements under non-current liabilities was answered, confirming the figure was correct, and it is for long-service leave.

Councillors noted that the new budget format is much easier to read and thanked the finance team for their work.

14.7 TOURISM TOWN ASSET PROGRAM FUNDING - ROUND 5 - DEED OF VARIATION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-101

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

That Council:

1. Approves the affixing of the Common Seal to the Deed of Variation for the Tourism Town Asset Program Round 5 funding agreement; and
2. Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Deed of Variation on behalf of Katherine Town Council.

CARRIED 7|0

14.8 FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-102

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

That Council endorses the Finance Report for the month ending March 2026.

CARRIED 7|0

14.9 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-103

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

That Council receive and note the Community Relations Department report for the month of March 2026.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Council discussed the sharp increase in the number of patron visits for library in March, with Acting Chief Executive Officer noting they were also surprised by the statistics, especially given the library was closed for almost two weeks due to flooding. It was explained that the door counter records every entry, meaning repeat visits by the same person, or staff moving in and out can inflate the numbers. Councillors noted this limitation and shared similar experiences with other facilities also.

14.10 CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-104

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

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Administration Report for the month of March 2026.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion



Council discussed ongoing pressures in animal management, particularly with dogs at large and lost/found requests. Councillors then discussed the idea of offering a community desexing amnesty or low-cost desexing event with the help of vet services, noting it would require budgeting and planning. The idea was supported as something to consider for a future financial year.

14.11 ENVIRONMENTAL AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-105

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

That Council receives and notes the report of the Environmental and Municipal Services Department for March 2026.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Council discussed concerns about the lack of information available to the community during the recent flood events, noting that many residents questioned why updates were not coming from the Katherine Town Council. Mayor Holden explained that the Local Emergency Management (LEC), which is run by the Northern Territory government, controlled the communication process and restricted what information could be shared outside the Local Emergency Management (LEC). This structure affected the other flood-impacted communities, not just Katherine. This issue has been raised with the Northern Territory Government (NTG) and Northern Territory Emergency Services (NTES), as the communication approach limited timely updates to the public.

14.12 INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROJECTS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-106

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

That Council receive and note the report of the Infrastructure and Projects Department for March 2026.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

The Council acknowledged that the new BBQ facility at the pool, noting how exciting it is to see and looking well-presented. The Council noted that an audit of potholes will be undertaken through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) process this week. Concerns were raised regarding the quality of recent contractor repairs, particularly in Cossack area, and a request was made for the work to be reviewed before payments are approved. Acting Chief Executive Officer (A/CEO) agreed to take this matter on notice.

14.13 PEOPLE AND CULTURE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-107

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

That Council receive and note the People and Culture monthly report for March 2026.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion



Council acknowledged the good work and strategy.

14.14 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-108

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

That Council receives and notes the Strategic Communications report for March 2026.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

A query was raised regarding the Council events, particularly whether Clean Up Australia would be rescheduled. The Council noted that the event had not been rescheduled, and materials were re-purposed to support clean-up efforts following the recent flood.

15 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

15.1 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

16 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES

16.1 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES MARCH 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-109

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

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

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

Council acknowledged that flood conditions had limited the ability of several elected members to attend commitments.

17 LATE AGENDA

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Tapp-Coutts raised that ongoing advocacy for the hospital, aged-care facilities, and other key services must remain a standing priority, with Council continuing to keep these matters on the agenda. A request was made to review the layout of Council's finance reporting template. The Palmerston Council reporting template was recommended as a useful model for consideration.

Deputy Mayor Doyle raised the concern about the community safety issues experienced over the past weeks, noting that lack of response to Council's previous request for a round table discussion with the Chief



Minister. It was emphasised that the situation has become increasingly serious and that continued advocacy is essential to ensure community concerns are heard and acted upon. Deputy Mayor Doyle stressed the need for proactive action, including the Community Safety Committee as a priority, with a willingness expressed to contribute additional time to progress this work on behalf of the community.

Councillor Tapp-Coutts acknowledged that the mandatory ICAC training earlier in the day, which was found to be very useful.

Councillor Palmer asked a question regarding the voting records. A clarification was sought regarding how voting records are documented in the minutes, with Council confirming that minutes record only the number voted for and against, rather than listing individual councillor names. It was noted that members may request their individual vote to be recorded if they feel strongly on a matter, but the general practice remains not to attribute names unless specifically asked.

Councillor Glass raised ongoing concerns about the condition of the cemetery after the recent flood, noting sunken graves, no available pile of dirt, and rubbish behind the toilet block. It was noted that an extra staff member had previously been assigned, but further work is now needed.

Councillors were asked to email specific issues to the Acting Chief Executive Officer (A/CEO) for follow-up, and an update provided that maintenance works have been underway. Councillors emphasised the importance of keeping the community informed when such works are occurring, particularly given the sensitivity of cemetery matters and the frequency of concerns raised by the residents. Suggestions included brief public updates such as Facebook posts to reassure the community that repairs are progressing. Mayor Holden encouraged continued use of Snap Send Solve and the records email of Katherine Town Council to be tracked and provide feedback to residents. It was also recognised that while regular communication is valuable, limited resources limits the ability to provide frequent detailed updates; however, posts or positive news stories may help maintain community confidence and demonstrate ongoing work.

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 7:35 pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-110

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.

20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

20.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES 24 MARCH 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> .
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Sub-clause and Reason:	(a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.
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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) (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-clause and Reason:	(c) (iii) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

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

20.2 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) (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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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 BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-113

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

1. That Council endorse the instructions and recommendations presented to Council on the 28 January 2025, under resolution **OMC-2025-24**.
2. That Council endorse the proposed By-law amendments, as outlined in the transitional provisions draft 5 of the Katherine Town Council By-laws 1998.
3. That Council approve the process of community consultation on the amended By-laws, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. That Council approve moving the resolutions to the public minutes.

CARRIED 7|0

20.4 CIVIC CENTRE PROJECT REVIEW

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.

20.5 LEASE – THE OUTBACK F&B SERVICE PTY LTD – THE MEETING PLACE



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.

20.6 SUBSIDY ASSESSMENT - SMILE-A-MILE TOY LIBRARY

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.

20.7 SUBSIDY ASSESSMENT - KATHERINE EAST CHILD CARE CENTRE

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.

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Sub-clause and Reason:	(d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

20.8 LEGAL REPRESENTATION - CONFLICT OF 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)(a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

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Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.
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Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

20.9 AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION – CEO MS INGRID STONHILL

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

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Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

21 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 8:56 pm.

22 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of Council - 28 April 2026 was declared closed at 8:56 pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 26 May 2026.



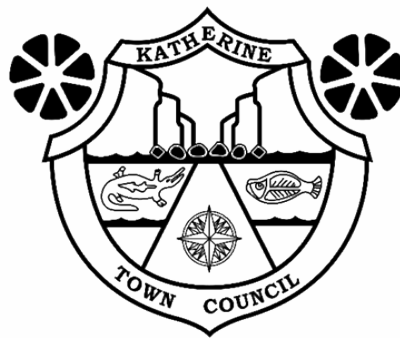
7.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 13 MAY 2026

Report Type: Previous Minutes

Attachments: 1. Unconfirmed Minutes - Special Meeting of Council - 13 May 2026 [7.2.1 - 4 pages]

Recommendation

That Council confirm the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 13 May 2026 as a true and accurate record.



MINUTES

**Special Meeting of Council
Held on Wednesday 13 May 2026**

Main Office, Conference 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 - 13 May 2026 open at 12:01 pm.

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

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

OFFICERS

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

4.2 APOLOGIES

Councillor Kathy Glass was an apology for this meeting.

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 12:03 pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

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8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

8.1 LEGAL REPRESENTATION – MANAGEMENT LIABILITY INSURANCE CLAIM

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

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Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(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.

8.2 LEGAL REPRESENTATION – CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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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9 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 12:23 pm.

10 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Special Meeting of Council - 13 May 2026 was declared closed at 12:24 pm.



8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION UPDATE MAY 2026

Report Type: For noting

Attachments: 1. Action Report - 15 May 2026 [8.1.1 - 3 pages]

Officer Recommendation

1. That Council receive and note the Action update.
2. That Council remove the below action from the action list:

Ordinary Meeting of Council - 25 September 2025	14.13	Legal Representation Costs for Elected Members and Council Employees Policy	On Hold
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Meeting Date	Meeting	Item #	Report name and Action	Status
22-04-2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 22 April 2025	10.1	Correspondence Incoming March 2025 - Request to raise with DLPE at next meeting to provide the data supporting the claim that the Materials Recovery Facility in Katherine is not viable.	In Progress
<p>April 2026: A/CEO has emailed the department requesting information/update regarding the Material Recovery Facility.</p> <p>1 May 2026: Correspondence from the Department, indicated that the project could not be delivered within the frames, land for the material recovery facility will not be available within the timeframe and long-term viability is unlikely due to insufficient waste volumes from Katherine and surrounding locations The scope of the Territory's contribution is outlined within the agreement with the Commonwealth. The agreement identifies that the Territory's contribution was to be in-kind and as such no cash funding was allocated. The Department is happy to continue engaging with KTC on this matter and provide support where needed. KTC will prepare correspondence for the DLPE Director Circular Economy to ask for a meeting.</p>				
25-09-2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 25 September 2025	14.13	Legal Representation Costs for Elected Members and Council Employees Policy	On Hold
<p>02 December 2025 - Recommend Council to place this policy on hold and consider in the future.</p> <p>May 2026: After a recent Supreme Court ruling it is illegal to use ratepayer funds to pay private legal fees (Northern Midlands Council, Tasmania) council have indicated not to support endorsing the policy, therefore it is recommended to remove the action.</p>				
24-02-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 24 February 2026	14.5	<p>Waste Management Facility - Operational Hours Trial</p> <p>That Council approves a 3-month trial of changing the operating hours at the Katherine Waste Management Facility commencing March 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Sunday: 8:00am – 4:00pm • Public Holidays: 8:00am – 4:00pm • Closed: Good Friday 	In Progress

Meeting Date	Meeting	Item #	Report name and Action	Status
<p>21 April 2026: Waste Management Hours are to be implemented post flood waste management plan.</p> <p>May 2026: Staff conversations undertaken with trial to commence on next cycle of roster.</p>				
24-03-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 24 February 2026	14.4	Proposed Lease – Service Stream (NBNco) - 28 Second Street - signing a Heads of Terms* agreement with Service Stream (NBN Co Limited), proposing a lease totalling 20 years (an initial 5 year term plus 3 rights of renewal of 5 years each) for a designated portion of Lot 73 (28 Second Street, Katherine NT).	In Progress
<p>20 April 2026: Draft lease received</p> <p>18 May 2026: Awaiting HWLE review of lease</p>				
24-03-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 24 March 2026	14.6	Waste Management Strategy Review Working Group - Terms of Reference	In Progress
<p>13 April 2026: Expression of Interest (EOI) process commenced via Your Say Katherine and Council communication channels, including social media, following Council endorsement.</p> <p>Adopted Terms of Reference implemented to guide the Working Group framework and assessment process.</p> <p>Internal assessment panel established to review applications against the approved selection criteria.</p> <p>Next Steps:</p> <p>Assess and shortlist applicants in accordance with the Terms of Reference and selection criteria.</p> <p>Prepare a report to Council recommending selected candidates for endorsement.</p>				

Meeting Date	Meeting	Item #	Report name and Action	Status
<p>Subject to Council approval, formally establish the Waste Management Strategy Review Working Group and commence operations.</p> <p>May 2026: Report to be tabled at the June 2026 Council meeting</p>				
28-04-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 28 April 2026	14.5	Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program Funding Agreement - affixing the Common Seal and sign the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program funding agreement RPPDP000289 with the Northern Territory of Australia, Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.	In Progress
<p>14 May 2026: NTG to sign first. Currently in progress. Expected for KTC signatures imminently.</p>				



9 MAYORAL BUSINESS

9.1 MAYOR ACTIVITIES APRIL 2026

Report Type: For noting

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Mayoral activities for April 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
02 April	Out of Session Board Meeting – Constitution Review – Local Government Association of Northern Territory (LGANT)
08 April	Meeting with Northern Territory Parliament Speaker Robyn Lambley
09 April	Northern Territory Grant Commission (NTGC) new member briefing and meeting
14 April	Local Government Association of Northern Territory (LGANT) Symposium, and Dinner
15 April	Local Government Association of Northern Territory (LGANT) Symposium, General Meeting
17 April	Citizenship Ceremony
17 April	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
21 April	Elected Members Meeting
23 April	Meeting with Commanding Officer of NORFORCE
23 April	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
24 April	Local Government Association of Northern Territory (LGANT) Board - Out of Session – Northern Territory Heritage Council
25 April	Anzac Day Ceremony
28 April	Local Business Catch Up
28 April	Community Members – Katherine Hospital
28 April	ICAC Training – Elected Members Session
28 April	Ordinary Meeting of Council
30 April	Meeting with Katherine Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA)
30 April	Nitmiluk National Park Board Meeting

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

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

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Goal	Elected Member	Status	Estimated Completed Date	Update
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 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	Sept 2026	Final Draft TOR tabled at the 26/05/2026 OMC.
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	In progress	30 June 2026	First St road safety audit complete; audit identified signage & lighting deficiencies at roundabouts. Signage improvements in progress. Draft project plan incorporating lighting into beautification complete.
To reduce the impacts of crime on the community and enhance public spaces through establishing a partnership with the Department of Corrections which	Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse	Completed	21 February 2026	Partnership established. Waiting on allocated participants. The department has informed that they will not provide supervision.

<p>will enable Council to engage persons with community work orders</p>				<p>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.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Councillor Jim King</p>	<p>In progress</p>	<p>30 June 2026</p>	<p>KTC to send correspondence to DLI for approval and KTC will be required to assume all cost associated with signage on DLI land.</p>  <p>This sign has been installed on Zimin drive after the Florina Road intersection.</p>
<p>To reduce illegal dumping and enhance community appearance by changing the existing waste management facility opening hours to enable community</p>	<p>Councillor Kathy Glass</p>	<p>In progress</p>	<p>August 2026</p>	<p>Increase operating hours will commence 25 May 2026 - 25 August 2026. OMC-2026-32</p>

members access when required to the facility to dump waste				
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	Funding received from NTG. April/May holidays free entry has been completed. In addition to the grant, KTC held a Family Fun Day at the Pool on 7 April 2026, Approx 200 people in attendance.



10 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING

Report Type: For noting

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Incoming Correspondence:

- Attachments:
1. Letter - Chief Minister - Appreciation of Contribution during the recent flooding - 27 April 2026 - ID 253139 [**10.1.1** - 1 page]
 2. Letter - CEO - DPSC - Ministers Advisory Council for Senior Territorians - 8 May 2026 - ID 253248 [**10.1.2** - 1 page]
 3. Letter - Hon Jo Hersey MLA - Flood Recovery Fund - 11 May 2026 - ID 253242 [**10.1.3** - 2 pages]
 4. Letter - Chief Minister - Community Safety Issue in Katherine - 13 May 2026 - ID 253318 [**10.1.4** - 3 pages]
 5. Letter - Hon Kristy Mc Bain MP - Critical infrastructure Priorities in Katherine - 14 May 2026 - ID 253324 [**10.1.5** - 2 pages]



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BY:

Ms Joanna Holden
Mayor
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Dear Ms Holden

Please accept my appreciation for your outstanding contribution and dedication to the Katherine community during the recent flooding emergency in the Big Rivers region.

As the town faced its most significant flooding in nearly three decades, your steady and considered leadership provided vital coordination and reassurance to a community deeply affected by its devastating flood history. Under your leadership, the Katherine community came together during the emergency response, packing and distributing thousands of sandbags, and again in the ongoing recovery, working collectively to clean up and rebuild after the floodwaters receded.

Your strong advocacy for public safety, particularly in highlighting the dangers posed by floodwaters, ensured residents remained informed and alert throughout the emergency. In an extremely traumatic and rapidly developing situation, you placed the safety and wellbeing of the community before your own, and your efforts are deeply appreciated.

Your actions exemplify the spirit of service and community resilience that Katherine is known for.

Thank you once again for your service and continued dedication to the people of Katherine.

Yours sincerely

LIA FINOCCHIARO

27 APR 2026





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Dear Mayor

RE: MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SENIOR TERRITORIANS

On behalf of the Minister for Youth, Seniors and Equality, I thank you for providing a nomination from the Katherine Town Council for the local government representative position on the Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians (MACST).

Nominations for the MACST were received from councils across the Northern Territory. Unfortunately, on this occasion, Councillor Toni Tapp Coutts was not selected for appointment to the MACST. However, I am pleased to advise that Councillor Jim King from the Katherine Town Council was appointed.

I encourage the Katherine Town Council to continue to engage with representative bodies like the MACST and seniors' peak organisations to increase awareness of the issues that impact our senior Territorians.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha Livesley".

Samantha Livesley
Chief Executive Officer

8 May 2026



MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FLOOD RECOVERY FUND

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Ms Joanna Holden
Mayor of Katherine
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Dear Mayor *Joanna*

I write to update you on the Northern Territory Government's actions to support Katherine's recovery following the widespread flooding experienced during this year's extreme wet season.

The Finocchiaro CLP Government has committed significant resources to ensure not only immediate recovery, but also long-term resilience for communities such as Katherine. Central to this effort is the establishment of the \$100 million Flood Recovery, which is designed to rebuild critical infrastructure and better protect communities against future extreme weather events.

As part of the first phase of the Fund, \$12.5 million has been allocated to priority projects that will improve essential infrastructure across the Territory. Importantly for Katherine, this includes a \$4 million investment in the Katherine North levee and drainage works, which will play a key role in reducing flood risk in future flood events. Additionally, \$600,000 will be delivered through Jawoyn Association to undertake a detailed design plan for Maude Creek Bridge, the first step in restoring all year access to Nitmuluk National Park and increasing capacity for tourism that will benefit the wider Katherine community.

As part of phase two of the Fund, the Northern Territory Government is also investigating significant improvements to the Southern levee in Katherine.

In addition, \$2.5 million is being invested in Territory-wide early warning IT solutions to ensure communities receive timely and accurate information during emergency events. The development of an early warning app will mean residents can receive notifications on their mobiles for hazards like floods, fires, cyclones and other severe weather events. At the same time, we are more than doubling the NT's emergency surveillance drones to enhance our remote monitoring capabilities. These developments will enhance community preparedness and enable a faster, more coordinated response in future floods.



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As part of the broader recovery package, the Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments have activated a range of disaster assistance measures under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, including:

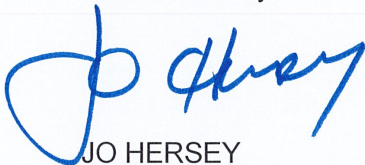
- \$12.4 million for small businesses and non-profit organisations to access grants of up to \$10 000 to support recovery.
- Personal Hardship Payments for communities impacted by severe weather flooding which included immediate relief payments (up to \$611 per adult and \$309 per child) as well as means-tested emergency accommodation assistance (up to \$1160 per family) and support to replace essential household items (up to \$8843 per household).

Alongside the support provided to the community, businesses and organisations, significant work is underway to repair public assets, including key roads and bridges.

We are working collaboratively with the Federal Government to ensure Katherine and the Territory receive the maximum support available through Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to assist our recovery. The \$12.5 million announced is only the first tranche of the Fund, and we will continue to keep communities informed of significant developments as further works are confirmed and commenced.

The Northern Territory Government remains committed to working in partnership with the Katherine Town Council and our local community to ensure a strong recovery.

Yours sincerely



JO HERSEY

11 MAY 2026



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Mayor Joanna Holden
Mayor of Katherine

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Dear Joanna

Thank you for your letter regarding community safety and antisocial behaviour in Katherine. I appreciate you raising these concerns on behalf of the Katherine community.

As you know, reducing crime remains a key priority of the Finocchiaro CLP Government.

We were elected with a clear commitment to restore community safety, back our police and deliver real consequences for repeat offenders. At the same time, we know lasting change also means addressing the underlying causes of crime and antisocial behaviour.

I acknowledge the concerns raised in your letter and appreciate the advocacy being undertaken by Katherine Town Council on behalf of the local community. These matters are understood and taken seriously by the Territory Government.

While significant progress has been made, we know there is more work to do. This is why it remains important that regular engagement between Katherine Town Council, NT Police and the Territory Government continues to occur as part of the Katherine Crime Reduction Strategy.

I understand the local Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Regional Executive Director regularly engages with the Katherine Town Council CEO, including through a dedicated monthly meeting to discuss local priorities and coordinated actions across government.

I also understand the NT Police Commander for the Northern Region separately meets monthly with you and the Council CEO to discuss community safety trends, operational issues and opportunities to strengthen local responses.



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These engagements are supported by the Katherine Community Safety Collaboration forum, which has met weekly since March 2025. The forum is led by NT Police and supported by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet's Big Rivers Region, with participation from Council leadership representatives.

The forum provides a practical mechanism for agencies to identify emerging community safety priorities, coordinate operational responses and progress actions that address the underlying causes of issues affecting the Katherine community, including youth offending, domestic and family violence, alcohol-related harm, property crime and major events.

The most recent crime statistics for Katherine show encouraging progress, with total offences down 39 per cent in March 2026 compared with March 2025. Offences against the person are down 43 per cent, assault offences have fallen 46 per cent, and property offences are down 33 per cent. Importantly, non-residential burglaries, including commercial break-ins, are down 80 per cent, while property damage offences have reduced by 34 per cent.

This ongoing focus on the community as part of the Katherine Crime Reduction Strategy is also reflected in recent local operational activity undertaken by NT Police.

As part of Operation Purely, conducted during the April 2026 school holiday period, NT Police undertook a proactive youth and community engagement operation across Katherine between 3 April and 19 April 2026.

The operation included 15 high-visibility wandering operations, 55 licensed premises checks, 499 reassurance patrols and 77 high-visibility foot patrols. NT Police also issued 90 BDOs and 8 banning notices, undertook 750 point-of-sale refusals and participated in three community events as part of broader engagement efforts.

In response to the recent increase in stolen motor vehicle reports, a whole-of-government action plan was also developed and implemented through the Katherine Community Safety Collaboration forum. This has resulted in the arrest of 11 young people, with a further two young people issued summons, alongside intensive case management support involving the Department of Children and Families. In addition, 117 bail compliance checks have been conducted over the past four weeks to help reduce reoffending.

Local coordination meetings remain important to ensuring local concerns are heard, information is shared and tangible operational responses and outcomes continue to be progressed across agencies.

I also understand Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle has engaged directly with Mr Thomas Archibold-Manning, Regional Executive Director, Big Rivers Region, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, regarding the issues outlined in your correspondence and the need for broader engagement across government.

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As Regional Executive Director for the Big Rivers Region, Mr Archibold-Manning is well placed to facilitate additional engagement through the existing coordination meetings.

I also acknowledge the strong working relationship Katherine Town Council maintains with the Member for Katherine, the Hon Jo Hersey MLA. Jo is a strong local advocate and she and I remain in regular contact regarding issues affecting Katherine and surrounding communities.

The Territory Government will continue working closely with Katherine Town Council, NT Police and the broader community to improve safety outcomes for Katherine residents and I encourage you to participate in the established crime prevention forums outlined above to ensure clear and transparent deliver of the Katherine Crime Reduction Strategy.

I look forward to meeting with you on my next visit to Katherine later this month.

Yours sincerely



LIA FINOCCHIARO

13 MAY 2026



The Hon Kristy McBain MP

Minister for Emergency Management
Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
Member for Eden-Monaro

Ref No: MC26-016148

Ms Joanna Holden
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Dear Ms Holden

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joanna'.

Thank you for your correspondence of 30 March 2026 regarding several critical infrastructure priorities identified to support long-term resilience in Katherine. I appreciate the time you have taken to bring this matter to my attention, and I thank you again for recently welcoming me into your community to discuss the significant flooding impacts in the region.

I recognise the challenges that disaster events have on the Katherine community, particularly with regards to the provision of essential services and infrastructure durability. I also acknowledge the complexity of recovery in the region, and the associated disruption and trauma experienced by community members.

As you may be aware, State and Territory Governments have primary responsibility for responding to disasters and providing immediate assistance to impacted communities. The Australian Government supports the states with the costs of providing relief and recovery assistance to communities through the jointly funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). Under the DRFA, the Northern Territory Government identifies the assistance required to support impacted communities, and the Australian Government co-funds it. Importantly, the States are not bound by the DRFA and can make available other forms of assistance following a disaster.

For the recent 31U Tropical Low Flood Event and 34U Tropical Cyclone Narelle event, the Australian and Northern Territory Governments have made available a range of supports under the DRFA in 13 impacted Local Government Areas (LGAs) and three Unincorporated areas across the Northern Territory. This includes recovery grants for directly impacted not-for-profit organisations, personal hardship assistance, counter disaster operations and reconstruction of essential public assets.

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In recognition of the significant impacts to the region following this event, the Australian Government also activated the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) in Katherine and defined localities in Litchfield, Roper Fulf, Victoria Daly and West Daly. The Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA) was also activated in five LGAs across the Northern Territory, including Katherine, to support impacted individuals. These payments are administered and delivered by Services Australia, with further information available on their website at: servicesaustralia.gov.au/natural-disaster-support.

As you may be aware, the Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) is the Australian Government's flagship disaster resilience and risk reduction initiative. The DRF seeks to support resilience and mitigation projects across Australia, delivered in partnership with State and Territory Governments, which retain primary responsibility for emergency management within their jurisdictions. A full list of all projects supported under the DRF is available on the DRF website at: www.nema.gov.au/programs/disaster-ready-fund.

Responsibility for coordinating DRF funding proposals, rests with the designated lead agency within each jurisdiction. In the Northern Territory, this role is undertaken by Northern Territory Fire and Emergency Services (NTFES).

I encourage the Katherine Town Council to engage with NTFES to discuss local priorities and to consider what proposals could be put forward under Round Four of the DRF. NTFES can be contacted at: NTDRF@pfes.nt.gov.au.

Preparations for the opening of Round Four are well underway, which seeks to encourage investment in larger scale infrastructure through a dedicated funding allocation. Round Four is currently expected to open between May and July this year. Further information will be published on the DRF webpage referenced above.

I want to assure you we continue to work closely with the Northern Territory Government to understand recovery needs for communities, and to ensure recovery assistance is made available as quickly as possible. I encourage you to continue to engage with the Northern Territory Government in discussions around critical infrastructure projects that can support long-term flood resilience for communities in the region.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Kristy McBain MP

14 / 5 / 2026



10.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUTGOING

Report Type: For noting

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Outgoing Correspondence:

- Attachments:
1. Letter - Hon Jo Hersey - Invite to Council Meeting - Katherine Town Council - 15 May 2026 - ID 253369 [**10.2.1** - 1 page]
 2. 180526 CM response to Roundtable Call is Unacceptable [**10.2.2** - 1 page]



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15 May 2026

The Hon Jo Hersey
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Dear Ms Hersey,

Thank you for your letter dated on 11 May 2026 and acknowledge the update on the Northern Territory Government's actions to support Katherine's recovery following the recent flood.

I write on behalf of Katherine Town Council following discussion at a recent Ordinary Meeting of Council 28 April 2026.

During the discussion, Council acknowledged your strong advocacy, as the Local Member for Katherine, on matters relating to recent flooding events and their impacts on Katherine and surrounding communities. It was also noted that recent flooding has affected multiple communities, with similar concerns raised through the most recent Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Conference.

Council discussed the Northern Territory Government's fast tracked funding initiatives in response to these events and agreed that it may be beneficial to invite you to provide an update to Council on current advocacy efforts, funding measures and any relevant developments, subject to your availability.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, 26 May 2026, commencing at 6.00 pm at Top Didj Aboriginal Art Gallery. Council would welcome the opportunity to hear from you at either this meeting or a future meeting, should your availability permit, and to continue constructive collaboration on these important matters affecting our community.

Should you be available and willing to attend, Council staff would be pleased to liaise with your office to confirm arrangements.

Yours sincerely



Mayor Joanna Holden
Katherine Town Council



KATHERINE
TOWN COUNCIL

media release

18 May 2026

Katherine Mayor says Chief Minister's response delivers no new action on community safety

Katherine Town Council Mayor Joanna Holden says the Chief Minister's underwhelming response to her request for an urgent community safety roundtable has delivered no new action for Katherine.

Mayor Holden wrote to the Chief Minister in March calling for an urgent roundtable in Katherine to address growing community safety concerns.

The Chief Minister responded yesterday, but Mayor Holden said the letter did not agree to the requested roundtable, did not offer any new action, and did not address the urgency felt by Katherine residents.

"I asked for an urgent roundtable with the people who have the authority to make decisions and drive change. What we received was a laundry list of existing meetings, forums, and government activities," Mayor Holden said

"That does not give our community confidence, nor does it show respect. It does not give people hope that anything different is going to happen."

Mayor Holden said Katherine residents were frightened by the escalation in crime, including incidents involving weapons.

"People are frightened. Families are worried. Businesses are frustrated. Residents are telling us they feel less safe than they did a year ago.

"We are hearing about young offenders producing edged weapons while committing crimes. That escalation is what worries people, and it is why we asked for urgent action."

Mayor Holden said Council acknowledged the work being done by NT Police, government agencies and local representatives, but said existing processes had not resolved the community's concerns.

"The issue is not whether meetings already exist. The issue is whether those meetings are enough," she said.

"Our community is telling us very clearly that they are not."

Mayor Holden said the roundtable must bring together people with the authority to make decisions and drive change, including First Nations leaders, police, corrections, youth justice, relevant government agencies and local service providers.

"This cannot be a talk fest," she said.

"There are people in Katherine with good ideas, but they need to be connected with the agencies and decision-makers who have the power to act.

"Katherine does not need another explanation of what is already happening, like it's some kind of news. Katherine needs a clear commitment to what will happen next.

"This community has been asking for help. That request should not be palmed off."

Mayor Holden said she would again write to the Chief Minister requesting the urgent roundtable.

11 PETITIONS

11.1 REPLACE KATHERINE HOSPITAL WITH A NEW FACILITY OUTSIDE THE KATHERINE FLOOD ZONE

Author: Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Risk
Authoriser: Casey Anderson (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Organisation: Katherine community
Report Type: Petitions
Attachments: 1. Petition - Replace Katherine Hospital with a new Facility outside the Katherine Flood Zone - 15 May 2026 - ID253380 [11.1.1 - 44 pages]

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the petition from Katherine Community regarding Replace Katherine Hospital with a new Facility outside the Katherine Flood Zone and prioritise the delivery of a new hospital and consideration stand as order of the day for the meeting.

Purpose of Report

To table the petition received on the 15 May 2026 from the Katherine community to Replace Katherine Hospital with a new Facility outside the Katherine Flood Zone.

Background

On the 15 May 2026 Katherine Town Council received the attached petition from the Katherine community titled Replace Katherine Hospital with a new Facility outside the Katherine Flood Zone.

The petition is directed to the Speaker and the members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory and request that Katherine Town Council actively advocate to the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to secure funding and prioritise the delivery of a new hospital.

The Mayor will read the petition.

1,100 signatures are included in this petition tabled.

Petitions (By-law 143) can be tabled as per the below:

Councillors may present petitions at an Ordinary Meeting of Council by stating the nature of the petition and reading the petition. Where a Councillor presents a petition to a meeting, no debate on or in relation to it is allowed and the only motion that may be moved is:

- that the petition be received, and consideration stand as an order of the day for the meeting or for a future meeting, OR
- that the petition be received and referred to a committee or Council officer for consideration and a report to the council

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

PETITION

Replace Katherine Hospital with a new Facility outside the Katherine Flood Zone.

To the Speaker and the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory

This petition as signed below calls the attention of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly to: the serious risks facing Katherine Hospital, which is located in a flood zone, becomes isolated during floods, and has been evacuated or closed in major events in 1998, 2006 and 2026. Flooding disrupts or prevents critical services, including emergency care, primary care for vulnerable populations, and treatment for admitted patients, despite the hospital serving more than 18,000 people, including remote Aboriginal communities. Continued investment in this flood-prone facility is unsafe and inefficient, and flood-related closures force patient transfers that place additional strain on Darwin and Palmerston hospitals.

The Petitioners therefore Pray and ask that the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly:

- Commit to the urgent planning and construction of a new, fit-for-purpose hospital for Katherine located outside the flood zone;
- Allocate funding and establish a clear delivery timeline for this essential infrastructure.

And your petitioners further request that:

- Katherine Town Council actively advocate to the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to secure funding and prioritise the delivery of a new hospital.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound will forever Pray

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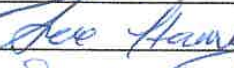

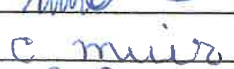


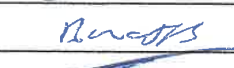

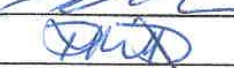
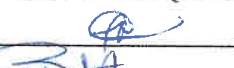

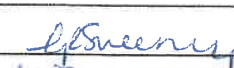
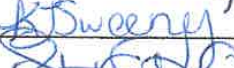


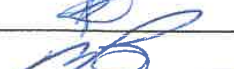



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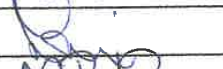









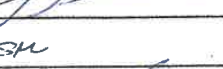








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17	Tullertha George	085	
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12 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (MATTERS REFERRED TO THE AGENDA)

Questions relating to the agenda, that you would like addressed, can be submitted via email at records@ktc.nt.gov.au, over the phone at 08 8972 5500, in person at the Civic Centre, or through an electronic submission via the [website](#).

Please submit your question/s pertaining to the current Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda. These will be responded to in full and in a public setting.

13 NOTICE OF MOTION



14 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

14.1 KATHERINE COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION GROUP (KCSAG) - TERMS OF REFERENCE

Author: Rhett English, Manager Community Relations
Authoriser: Casey Anderson (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: 1. Terms of Reference Katherine Community Safety Action Group KCSAG V1 D [14.1.1 - 4 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve the establishment of the Katherine Community Safety Action Group.
2. Endorse the Terms of Reference for the Katherine Community Safety Action Group.
3. Note that an Expression of Interest process will be undertaken via *Your Say Katherine* to invite community and stakeholder participation in the Katherine Community Safety Action Group.
4. Note that a further report will be presented to Council regarding recommended membership appointments following the Expression of Interest process.
5. Appoint Councillor Anjali Palmer and Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle as the co-chairs of the Katherine Community Safety Action Group.

Purpose of Report

The report seeks Council's approval to formally establish the Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) and endorse the associated Terms of Reference.

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the proposed Expression of Interest (EOI) process, to be conducted through *Your Say Katherine*, to identify suitable community and stakeholder representatives for the KCSAG.

The report also outlines the rationale for broader community and stakeholder engagement, demonstrates alignment with Council's strategic objectives, and identifies the next steps required to support improved communication, collaboration and community-led discussion regarding safety and wellbeing issues within Katherine.

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.

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.

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.5 Financial - Have long-term financial sustainability in Council to allow for continued growth and development.

1.5.1 Collaborate with all three levels of government.

4. GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY - 4.3 Attract Skilled Workers - Attract and retain skilled workers.

4.3.4 Enhance Katherine's liveability so that people want to live here.

6. BIG RIVERS INTER-GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION – 6.3. Inter-Government Collaboration and Advocacy

- **Collaborate with Territory and federal governments.**

6.3.1 Advocate for the interests of our community.

Municipal Plan

1.1.4.1 Support Elected Members to participate in community engagement forums

1.5.3.4 Investigate community safety initiatives to support our community

Background

Community safety and wellbeing continue to be important priorities for the Katherine community.

To support improved communication and collaboration, the proposed Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) has been developed as a community-focused advisory group bringing together Council, residents, community organisations, Police, government agencies and key stakeholders.

The KCSAG is intended to provide a respectful and practical forum for:

- sharing information
- raising community concerns
- improving communication
- discussing local safety and wellbeing issues
- identifying practical, community-led ideas and opportunities

To ensure transparent and inclusive participation, an EOI process will be promoted via *Your Say Katherine*, inviting community members and stakeholders to nominate involvement in the KCSAG.

Discussion

A formal EOI process will be launched on *Your Say Katherine* to seek expressions of interest from individuals and organisations with an interest in community safety, wellbeing and positive community outcomes.

The platform enables open and accessible community engagement, consistent with Council's commitment to transparent decision-making and collaborative consultation processes.

The EOI process will support the intent of the KCSAG as outlined in the Terms of Reference, ensuring the group benefits from diverse perspectives, lived experience, and local knowledge across the Katherine community.

This includes representation from:

- residents
- youth representatives
- seniors
- First Nations leaders and organisations
- local business representatives
- community service providers
- NT Police
- government and non-government stakeholders

In addition to the public EOI process, Council Officers will undertake direct engagement with key stakeholders and agencies to encourage participation and support balanced representation within the KCSAG.

This may include direct approaches to organisations and stakeholders such as:

- Northern Territory Police
- Northern Territory Government agencies
- Community service providers

- First Nations organisations
- Youth services
- Local business and industry representatives
- Health and wellbeing organisations
- Community safety stakeholders

The KCSAG will support improved communication, stronger relationships, and increased awareness of programs, services, and community concerns.

The group will also provide an opportunity to identify practical and community-focused approaches to improving safety and wellbeing outcomes across Katherine.

Following Council endorsement, appointments arising from the EOI process will be finalised and the KCSAG will commence regular meetings as outlined within the Terms of Reference.

Consultation Process

Subject to Council endorsement, community engagement and consultation will occur through:

- Your Say Katherine
- Council website and social media
- Direct stakeholder engagement
- Direct approaches to key stakeholders and agencies, including NT Police
- Promotion through community networks and organisations

Policy Implications

The draft Terms of Reference establishes the purpose, scope, membership, and operation of the KCSAG.

The KCSAG is advisory only and does not hold operational or decision-making authority regarding Council, Police or government activities.

Budget and Resource Implications

The establishment of the KCSAG will be managed within existing operational resources. Minor administrative and engagement costs associated with the EOI process and meeting facilitation will be accommodated within existing departmental budgets.

The coordination of council committees and working groups has been identified and proposed for the 2026-27 budget.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

The KCSAG is advisory only and will operate in accordance with the endorsed Terms of Reference.

Potential risks relating to community expectations and representation are mitigated through:

- Clear Terms of Reference
- Transparent EOI and assessment processes
- Respectful meeting protocols
- Defined scope and purpose of the group

The proposal aligns with the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT).

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.





KATHERINE
TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL POLICY

TERMS OF REFERENCE – KATHERINE COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION GROUP

Type:	Terms of Reference		
Owner:	Council		
Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer		
Approval Date:		Next Review:	N/A
Records Number:		Council/CEO Decision:	Council
Legislation Reference:	<i>Local Government Act 2019 (NT)</i>		

1 PURPOSE

The Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) brings people together to improve community safety and wellbeing in Katherine.

It provides a space for the community, Council, Police and government agencies to:

- share information
- raise concerns
- listen to each other
- work towards practical, local solutions

The group focuses on connection, communication and shared understanding, not operational decision-making.

2 OBJECTIVES

The KCSAG will:

- Provide a safe and respectful forum for community voices
- Strengthen communication between community, Council, Police and government
- Share local insights about safety issues and community concerns
- Help identify practical, community-led ideas to improve safety
- Support awareness of existing programs, services and initiatives

3 SCOPE

The KCSAG is a collaborative working group.

Its role is to:

- Share local knowledge and lived experience
- Highlight community safety concerns
- Help connect issues to the right organisations or agencies
- Encourage coordinated responses where appropriate

The group does not:

- Make operational decisions
- Direct Council, Police or government agencies
- Influence legislation or by-laws

4 HOW THE GROUP WILL WORK

The group will take a practical approach, based on:

- Community feedback
- Local knowledge and lived experience
- Information shared by Council, Police and other agencies

Where helpful, data or information may be provided by agencies to support discussions.

5 DETAILS

MEMBERSHIP

The group will include a mix of community members and key stakeholders (up to 15 people), such as:

- Residents (including youth, seniors and business representation)
- KTC Elected Members
- NT Police (or representative)
- First Nations leaders
- Youth and community representatives
- NT Government representatives
- Katherine Town Council representatives

ROLE OF MEMBERS

- Share perspectives respectfully
- Listen to others
- Raise community concerns
- Contribute ideas and solutions
- Act in the interests of community safety and wellbeing

Members do not represent Council publicly unless formally authorised.

MEETINGS

- Meetings will be held every two months (or as needed)
- Meetings will be co-chaired by Councillors
- Agendas will be simple and focused
- Key discussion points and actions will be recorded

Council staff will provide light administrative support.

REPORTING

- The group will provide high-level updates to Council as needed
- Updates will focus on key themes, emerging issues and opportunities
- The intent is to keep Council informed, not to create heavy reporting requirements

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The KCSAG will operate in a way that is:

- Respectful
- Inclusive
- Collaborative
- Community-focused
- Practical and solutions-oriented

REVIEW

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed periodically to ensure they remain useful, relevant and easy to apply.

6 ASSOCIATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS

- Privacy Policy
- Confidential Information Policy

Revision History

Version	Approval date	Details of change	Responsible officer
1	20 March 2026	Created and endorsed by CEO	Manager Community Relations

14.2 KATHERINE FM SPONSORSHIP

Author: Christine Schindler, Events and Communications Coordinator
Authoriser: Casey Anderson (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: Nil

Officer Recommendation

That Council approve sponsorship with Katherine FM for five 2-hour live broadcasts at events celebrating the Centenary year.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's decision regarding Approval of sponsoring Katherine FM for five 2-hour live broadcasts at events celebrating the Centenary year.

Strategic Plan

2. COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES - 2.2 Prioritise Recreation - Collaborate and innovate with the private and public sectors for positive social, economic, and environmental outcomes.

2.2.1 Foster growth for a recreational precinct that connects sports, culture and recreation.

2.2.2 Support business and community leaders in promoting Katherine's competitive attributes.

2.2.3 Promote an active community with family events, festivals, live music and sports.

Municipal Plan

1.2.3.1 Identify partnership opportunities

3.4.6.4 Increase community participation

5.3.3.1 Celebrate the Centenary of Katherine

Background

Katherine FM is a local not-for-profit Community Radio Station which has been a part of the Katherine community since 1988.

Katherine FM was started in the late 80s when Bob Buckee and Mike Smith formed a committee to canvas support. Several test broadcasts were held in various spots around town, and the RAAF became involved after Tindal opened, helping with things like engineering and technical matters.

Now the station is a well-respected Community Radio Station that broadcasts from studios at 19 Second Street on the second floor.

The on-air presenters, board members and technical support all volunteer their time to keep the station on air.

As a Community Radio Station, Katherine FM's income is drawn from donations, membership fees, and sponsorship from local businesses.

Discussion

Since Katherine FM began broadcasting in the mid-1990s, Katherine Town Council and the station have worked together in a range of ways, including previous Mayor's broadcast segments and the promotion of Council news, events and media releases.

The partnership has continued beyond regular broadcasting. In 2026, Katherine FM supported Council's events team by helping secure a guest speaker for International Women's Day, which was later cancelled due to flooding, and by participating in Council's NT Youth Week stall in April.

Following requests for live broadcasts at Council events, Katherine FM has proposed a sponsorship arrangement to strengthen its capacity to deliver outside broadcasts at key community events during Katherine's centenary year.

Outside broadcasts provide a live FM and digital stream from events, usually hosted by one or two announcers. They help capture the atmosphere of the day through live commentary, interviews with attendees and local stories connected to the event.

Katherine FM has the equipment to deliver outside broadcasts but relies on sponsorship funding to train its volunteers to operate the equipment. Council's sponsorship will contribute to its training program. Katherine FM will work with Council during selected events and acknowledge Katherine Town Council as the funding sponsor.

As a sponsor, the Katherine Town Council's logo will be displayed at their broadcasts, newsletters, and our annual report. As part of Katherine's centenary year, the recordings would also provide a historical record of key community celebrations.

Proposed events may include:

1. Centenary Sports Carnival
2. Leliyn Family Fun Day
3. Territory Day
4. Street Parade
5. Freedom of Entry

Katherine Town Council would determine which events are included in the broadcast program. These initiatives are intended to support community engagement, commemorate the township's history, and provide a meaningful community benefit aligned with the Centennial event.

Each outside broadcast will be live, and a recorded version will be provided to the Katherine Town Council as a keepsake.

Consultation Process

Sponsorship was suggested by Katherine FM and the Events and Communications Coordinator negotiated the outcome.

Policy Implications

This sponsorship proposal adheres to Katherine Town Council Sponsorship Policy.

Budget and Resource Implications

Katherine FM has asked for \$2,500 as sponsorship to provide the outside broadcasts. There is \$3000 still available in the Events sponsorship budget for this financial year.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

There is a minimal risk that Katherine FM would not have sufficient trained volunteers to conduct the outside broadcast. Katherine FM is also expected to adhere to the national community radio guidelines as found here - <https://www.acma.gov.au/guidelines-community-broadcasters> or simply to state they are to adhere to the Broadcasting Services Act 1992

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

14.3 LGANT CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETING 10 - 11 NOVEMBER 2026 - ALICE SPRINGS

Author: Yeshika Kandanaarachchi, Governance Officer
Authoriser: Amanda Haigh (Manager Governance and Risk),
Casey Anderson (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: Nil

Officer Recommendation

1. That Council note the next Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Conference, Annual General Meeting, and Dinner on 10 and 11 November 2026 in Alice Springs.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to advise of the upcoming LGANT Conference, Annual General Meeting, and dinner on 10 and 11 November 2026 in Alice Springs, and seek resolution approval for any Councillor attendance utilising their professional development. Note that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are appointed delegates.

The Council is also requested to consider motions for submission to the LGANT Annual General Meeting.

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

1.2.2.4 Membership with Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)

Background

Each year LGANT holds two conferences and has advised that the next Conference, Annual General Meeting, and Dinner will be held on the 10 and 11 November 2026 in Alice Springs.

Council made the decision on the 28 October 2025 that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are the nominated Katherine Town Council delegates for the LGANT annual and general meetings for the period of two years, ending 28 September 2027.

The Katherine Town Council approved delegates for the LGANT annual and general meetings have delegation for decision making that is in the best interests of the Council.

Discussion

LGANT hosts major sector events each year to support governance, leadership and sector-wide collaboration across Northern Territory local government. The LGANT November 2026 Conference is the Northern Territory local government sector's premier annual event and will be held on 10 and 11 November 2026 in Alice Springs.

The conference brings together Mayors and Presidents, Deputy Mayors and Vice Presidents, Councillors and Elected Members, Chief Executive Officers, Senior council staff, LGANT corporate and sector partners, invited government and sector stakeholders for two days of discussions, learning and networking focused on priorities shaping local government across the Territory. The conference will also incorporate LGANT's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The program includes keynote speakers with relevant local government experience, panel discussions, facilitated conversations, networking opportunities, and social events. The event provides members with an opportunity to step away from day-to-day operations and focus on strategic issues, governance,

leadership development, shared experiences and policy direction for the local government sector.

LGANT member councils are also invited to submit motions for consideration at the November Conference and AGM. Motions provide councils with an important opportunity to raise matters of significance to the sector and contribute to LGANT's advocacy and policy priorities.

Expressions of interest are currently being sought for councils for attendance and/or presenting.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are the approved delegates for this conference. Other Councillors may attend by Council resolution utilising their professional development allowance.

Consultation Process

There was no consultation process required for this report.

Policy Implications

The professional development allowance may be expended by approval from the Council, in relation to attending a conference, seminar, symposium, expo or other similar event on a topic or function directly related to local government.

Budget and Resource Implications

Within current budget.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

There are no risk, legal and legislative implications.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

14.4 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA AND REPORTS

Author: Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Risk
Authoriser: Casey Anderson (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: 1. DRAFT - Council report template - Review - May 2026 [14.4.1 - 2 pages]

Officer Recommendation

1. That Council approve the revised Council meeting report template May 2026.
2. That Council continue the public question time commencing at 5.30pm till 5.50pm prior to an Ordinary Meeting of Council and remove from the agenda item 12 Public Question Time (Matters Referred to the Agenda).
3. That Council continue to accept submissions for public questions for matters referred to the agenda electronically that will be at the discretion of the Mayor to be tabled at the meeting or responded to at a later date.
4. That Council Department reports are quarterly reporting on the municipal plan deliverables and measures from 1 July 2026.
5. That Council approve the inclusion of the council media releases in the outgoing correspondence section for the agenda.

Purpose of Report

For council to consider changes to the Council meeting public question times, agenda items, report template and correspondence.

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

1.1.1.8 Elected Members are supported in their role

Background

The 13th Term of Katherine Town Council elected members have been in discussion since the 2025 election to improve the council meeting agenda and report template to meet the needs of the information they require to enable informed decision making.

Council resolved on the 23 September 2025 OMC-2025-212 and 24 March 2026 OMC-2026-58 for a public question session prior to the Ordinary Meeting of Council at 5.30pm. This public question session enables the public time to ask questions to the council on any topic. The order of business of the agenda includes an item 12 Public Question Time (Matters Referred to the Agenda).

Department officer reports have been reported monthly providing information on the past monthly activities and statistics.

Discussion

The Council report template has been in place since 2023 and was created to ensure that the reports to council were inclusive of all required information to enable the Council to make an informed decision at council meetings. A revised template is tabled for councils' consideration. Council are requested to provide direction for future reporting of council and committee meetings.

Council are requested to consider whether there is a need for both public question times to be undertaken. Since the introduction of the public question session prior to the council meeting the public have sought information from council on a range of matters including matters on the agenda for the meeting. Council may consider:

1. Retaining the Public question time prior to the meeting only – this meeting time gives the public to ask questions of council on any topic. It is recommended to keep this option, the public question session commencing at 5.30pm till 5.50pm for any matter, and note actions taken on notice will be required to be documented by the governance team; OR
2. Remove the Agenda Item 12 Public Question Time (Matters Referred to the Agenda) only - questions may only be related to the agenda and recommended to remove except the electronic question submission for the Mayor to consider and at discretion raise in the public question time; OR
3. Keep both the public question session commencing at 5.30pm till 5.50pm for any matter and the Agenda Item 12 Public Question Time (Matters Referred to the Agenda).

The current agenda for monthly Ordinary Meetings of Council includes six department reports which provide activities undertaken from the prior month and statistics. Council have indicated preference for comparison reporting on a quarterly basis. It is recommended that the quarterly reporting will be undertaken from 2026-27 on the deliverables and measures of the municipal plan. It is also proposed that the quarterly reports will include any funding agreement reporting requirement where a council deliverable is not included in the municipal plan. Note that the Financial Report is a legislative requirement at each meeting and will remain a standing report.

Suggestion for media releases to be included as outgoing correspondence as an official record and ensuring all elected members and community are aware of the council media releases.

Consultation Process

There was no consultation process required for this report.

Policy Implications

The Council Meeting Administration Policy will require updating the decision made by council and table at the next meeting for approval.

The Council Meeting Administration Policy sets out the obligations of council meetings under the *Local Government Act 2019* and Katherine Town Council By-Laws 1998. The agenda is a list of items (or the order of business) that Council intends to consider at a meeting, with each agenda item usually supported by a business paper that contains information and recommendations. Councillors use these reports as a source of information and advice to assist their decision making.

Item 12 Public Question Time states Katherine residents and ratepayers have the right to ask questions and raise issues with Council. However, Council meetings are an opportunity to observe the Council at work and they are not generally the place for members of the public to debate with Councillors. People who have been invited to make a submission may speak when directed, but there should be no debate between the public and the Council at Council meetings.

If a member of the public wishes to ask a question about an item on the agenda of an Ordinary Meeting of Council, they are required to submit questions online or in person by 10.00 am on the day of the Council meeting. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to ask the question during the Council meeting, but it must relate to a specific agenda item. If they are not in attendance at the meeting, they may also submit a question, however the Mayor will determine whether or not to read and respond to your question. For questions not responded to at the meeting, a response will be provided at a later date.

Budget and Resource Implications



Within current service delivery budget and resource.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

Council must ensure council meetings abide by the Katherine Town Council By-Laws 1998. The By-Laws are under review and council may consider changes necessary to enable meetings to be held as the council intends.

By-Law 139 Order of business

- (1) The order of business at an ordinary meeting is as the council determines.
- (2) Notwithstanding a determination under clause (1), the order of business at an ordinary meeting may be altered for a particular meeting where the members at the meeting pass a motion to that effect.
- (3) A motion under clause (2) may be moved without notice.

By-Law 140 Business paper

- (3) A business paper prepared under clause (1) is to contain:
 - (a) business arising out of previous meetings;
 - (b) business which the Mayor wishes to have considered at the meeting without notice;
 - (c) matters of which notice, in accordance with by-law 141, has been given;
 - (d) matters referred to the council by a committee;
 - (e) officers' reports to the council referred to the meeting by the Mayor or the CEO; and
 - (f) 141 any other business the council determines is to be contained in the business paper.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

Draft Council Report Template Review May 2025

Author: Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Risk
Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: NIL

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with a reviewed Agenda report template for Ordinary Meetings of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the new report template for the Ordinary Meetings of Council.

SUMMARY

- Council have requested a review of the council meeting report template to improve the information and understanding for the decision being made.
- Research has included report templates used by multiple council, organistaions and ministerials.
- The template has made provision for clearer process for tabling the report for council decision by the proposed moved to the first component then the recommendation.
- Authors will be required to provide all information relevant to ensure the Council have all the required information to make an informed decision.
- Nil sections will be removed to reduce the report length and unnecessary inclusion.
- Section criteria's can be captured in the system and not in the report such as author and approver conflict declaration, and strategy and planning alignment should the council see this as not required within the report.

DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

The 13th Term of Katherine Town Council elected members have been in discussion since the 2025 election to improve the council meeting report template.

The current council report template has been in place since 2023 and was created to ensure that the reports to council were inclusive of all required information to enable the Council to make an informed decision at council meetings.

The council style guide requires the use of the font Calibri, Headings size 12 and body information size 11. The revised template now uses all text at size 12.

The report has been reviewed against other council templates across Australia. The proposed template includes the options to include:

1. Purpose of Report – The chair will read this purpose for enabling moving and seconding the report for council to consider.
2. Recommendation - is allocated in a box to make it clear this is the decision being put forward. Some councils, organisations and ministerial templates include this at the end of

the report.

3. Summary – here the author will provide a maximum of six succinct dot points to summarise the key message of the report.
4. Discussion, Option and Analysis will be the main body of the report that will detail the
 - a. Background, context and current situation, analysis and options for council.
 - b. Under this main heading the following criteria's will be considered by the author and the section only included when information relates to the report.

Consultation Process

The author will provide the consultation undertaken. If not relevant then the section will be removed from the report and still recorded in the system.

Policy Implications

The author will provide the council policy implications. If not relevant then the section will be removed from the report and still recorded in the system.

Budget and Resource Implications

The author will provide the budget and resource implications. If not relevant then the section will be removed from the report and still recorded in the system.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

The author will provide legal, legislative or risk implications. If not relevant then the section will be removed from the report and still recorded in the system.

Environment Sustainability Implications

The author will provide any environment implications. If not relevant then the section will be removed from the report and still recorded in the system.

Strategic Plan or Municipal Plan

The author will provide the council strategic plan or municipal plan alignment. If not relevant then the section will be removed from the report and still recorded in the system.

The author and approver conflict declaration will still be undertaken in the system although not reported in the report.

14.5 PETITION - ELOISE SIMUDVARA - COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION TERRITORY ENERGY LINK

Author: Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Risk
Authoriser: Casey Anderson (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: 1. Petition - Eloise Simudvarac - Community Information Session Territory Energy Link - 17 April 2026 - ID252690 [14.5.1 - 10 pages]

Officer Recommendation

1. That Council note the petition from Eloise Simudvarac regarding NT Department of Industry, Infrastructure and Logistics to uphold their promise to the Katherine community to host a community information session regarding the proposed Territory Energy Link does not meet the requirements of By-Law 143 (5).
2. That Council will 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 infrastructure corridor.

Purpose of Report

To table for discussion and decision the petition received from Eloise Simudvarac regarding NT Department of Industry, Infrastructure and Logistics to uphold their promise to the Katherine community to host a community information session regarding the proposed Territory Energy Link.

Strategic Plan

6. BIG RIVERS INTER-GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION – 6.3. Inter-Government Collaboration and Advocacy - Collaborate with Territory and federal governments.

6.3.1 Advocate for the interests of our community.

Municipal Plan

6.3.1.1 Advocate for the interests of the Katherine community

Background

On the 17 April 2026 the council received a request to table the petition from Eloise Simudvarac regarding NT Department of Industry, Infrastructure and Logistics to uphold their promise to the Katherine community to host a community information session regarding the proposed Territory Energy Link at the council meeting 21 April.

The petition was tabled at the next council meeting on the 28 April 2026 after being received with the following resolution:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-94

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

That Council receive the petition from Eloise Simudvarac regarding NT Department of Industry, Infrastructure and Logistics to uphold their promise to the Katherine community to host a community information session regarding the proposed Territory Energy Link and consideration stand as an order of a future meeting.

CARRIED 7|0

In the 28 April 2026 minutes Council noted for the public record that, in accordance with Council procedures, petitions are formally tabled at a meeting but are not for discussion at the time of presentation; instead, Council receives and considers the petition and may bring back to a future meeting



for discussion. It was also highlighted that petitions should include the full wording of the request on every page that contains signatures, in line with standard submission requirements. Council also reiterated that it has been in communication with Territory Energy Link, who have advised that community engagement sessions will be held to allow one-to-one discussions with residents, and that further details will be shared once confirmed, with Council also intending to engage directly with them.

Discussion

The petition is now being tabled for discussion and decision of Council.

The petition provided came as an email and attached list of signatories. Each signatory page did not state the petition being signed to on each page and therefore under By-Law 143 (5) are not to be taken into account by council when considering the petition.

The email did request community consultation in Katherine with DIPL, APA group and KTC. The call of the petition is for NT Department of Industry, Infrastructure & Logistics (DITT) to uphold their promise to the Katherine community to host a community information session regarding the proposed Territory Energy Link.

Council note the importance of ensuring Territory Energy Link leads its own engagement rather than Council responding on its behalf.

Consultation Process

There was no consultation process required for this report.

Policy Implications

The Council Meeting Administration Policy states that Petitions (By-law 143) can be tabled as per the below:

Councillors may present petitions at an Ordinary Meeting of Council by stating the nature of the petition and reading the petition. Where a Councillor presents a petition to a meeting, no debate on or in relation to it is allowed and the only motion that may be moved is:

- that the petition be received, and consideration stand as an order of the day for the meeting or for a future meeting, OR
- that the petition be received and referred to a committee or Council officer for consideration and a report to the council.

Budget and Resource Implications

There are no budget and resource requirements.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

Katherine Town Council By-Laws 1998

Under By-Law 143 Petitions

(1) A petition may be presented to a meeting by a member who, before presenting the petition, must, as far as practicable, become acquainted with the subject matter of the petition.

(2) A member, on presenting a petition to a meeting, must:

- (a) state the nature and prayer of the petition; and
- b) read the petition.

(3) A petition is not to be presented unless it is worded in respectful language.

(4) Each page of a petition presented to the council is to restate the whole of the petition.

(5) Where a page of a petition does not comply with clause (4) the signatures on that page are not to be taken into account by the council when considering the petition.

(6) A person is not to append to a petition:

- (a) a signature purporting to be that of another person; or
- (b) the name of another person.



(7) Where a member presents a petition to a meeting no debate on or in relation to it is allowed and the only motion that may be moved is:

(a) that the petition be received and consideration stand as an order of the day for the meeting or for a future meeting; or

(b) that the petition be received and referred to a committee or officer for consideration and a report to the council.

Environment Sustainability Implications

The petition claims *“it will have numerous environmental implications if it goes ahead, including impacts on native flora and fauna, as well as precious land and water resources which are already under the pump.”*

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

From: Eloise S <eloise.simudvarac@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 17 April 2026 2:54 PM
To: Records (KTC) <records@ktc.nt.gov.au>; Toni Tapp-Coutts1 <Toni.Tapp-Coutts1@ktc.nt.gov.au>
Cc: territoryenergylink.dli@nt.gov.au
Subject: Doc 252690 Request to table petition at council meeting Tues 21 April

You don't often get email from eloise.simudvarac@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Good afternoon KTC and Toni,

Please find attached a petition to request a community consultation meeting in Katherine with DIPL, APA group and KTC, signed with 300 signatures.

We call on the NT Department of Industry, Infrastructure & Logistics (DITT) to uphold their promise to the Katherine community to host a community information session regarding the proposed Territory Energy Link.

We believe the Katherine community has a right to an information session with the opportunity to ask questions and receive information on the proposed corridor which is to run through the township of Katherine.

One of the proposed uses for the TEL is to transport fracked gas from the Beetaloo basin up to Darwin for export overseas, and the project will have a direct impact on landowners, homeowners, pastoral stations and communities along the proposed route. Additionally, it will have numerous environmental implications if it goes ahead, including impacts on native flora and fauna, as well as precious land and water resources which are already under the pump.

Much appreciated!

Have a great weekend,
Eloise Simudvarac
0401769523

Name	City	State	Postal Code	Country	Signed On
Eloise Simudvarac			850	Australia	2/13/2026
Penny Faw	NT		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Thomas He	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Jacinta Mo	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Luke Enright	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Garnet Me	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Bryn Picker	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Emily Knight	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Anita Bakh	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Olive Fawk	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Hannah Al	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Eugenie Co	KATHERINE		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Sam phelar	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Lori Martin	Edith		851	Australia	2/17/2026
Sue Edward	Mataranka		852	Australia	2/17/2026
Gabby Cian	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Simone Ha	Uralla		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Mia S	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
vayda Men	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Dylan McB	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Chenoa De	Brisbane		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Jo Nicol	katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Jenna Sava	Edith		852	Australia	2/17/2026
Amber Giu	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Jan Heerm	Darwin		810	Australia	2/17/2026
Caroline W	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Lisa Curtis	Queanbeyan		2620	Australia	2/17/2026
Shaelee To	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Tali White	Darwin		820	Australia	2/17/2026
Amanda Lil	Darwin		810	Australia	2/17/2026
louise visse	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Ric Weeks	Katherine N.T		850	Australia	2/17/2026
Cait Daffey	Katherine		850	Australia	2/17/2026

Zoe Yates Katherine	850 Australia	2/17/2026
clare pearc northern territory	850 Australia	2/17/2026
Travis Enrig Katherine	850 Australia	2/17/2026
Mcdonnell Katherine	852 Australia	2/17/2026
Tanya Mari Melbourne	850 Australia	2/17/2026
Larni Mont Humpty Doo	836 Australia	2/17/2026
Madi Hohn Katherine	850 Australia	2/17/2026
Joe Schmid Katherine	850 Australia	2/17/2026
lauren kais Katherine	850 Australia	2/17/2026
Sally Tregge Katherine	853 Australia	2/18/2026
Petra Tenn Palmerston	832 Australia	2/18/2026
Bren Penze Katherine	850 Australia	2/18/2026
Kelly Milto Sydney	2037 Australia	2/18/2026
Will Floeck Zuccoli	832 Australia	2/18/2026
Dianne Clai Canberra	850 Australia	2/18/2026
Natasha Re Katherine East	850 Australia	2/18/2026
Niki Tumm Katherine	850 Australia	2/18/2026
Angus Picki Katherine	850 Australia	2/18/2026
Charlotte P Katherine	850 Australia	2/18/2026
Mahmoud Melbourne	3068 Australia	2/18/2026
Lisa Davids Katherine	850 Australia	2/19/2026
Wanirr Keij Mataranka	852 Australia	2/20/2026
Lynnie Niel Katherine	859 Australia	2/20/2026
Grace Kenr Katherine	850 Australia	2/21/2026
Rae Brown Katherine	850 Australia	2/21/2026
Tyra Ambje Katherine East	850 Australia	2/22/2026
Patrick Eid Illawong	2234 Australia	2/22/2026
Robert Mcl Killara	2071 Australia	2/22/2026
Darrell Foo Adelaide	5033 Australia	2/22/2026
Malihe Agh Hampton	3188 Australia	2/22/2026
Bianca Mcl Reservoir	3073 Australia	2/22/2026
Kerry Smith	850 Australia	2/22/2026
Sue McCarl Sydney	2191 Australia	2/22/2026
SallyAnn Sç Caulfield	3149 Australia	2/22/2026

Andrew McGlashan	3134 Australia	2/23/2026
David Willi: Glen Innes	2370 Australia	2/23/2026
Michelle Kr Rockhampton	4701 Australia	2/23/2026
Ian Fox	3242 Australia	2/23/2026
Tigerlily Hayward	2196 Australia	2/23/2026
sean basha Melbourne	3923 Australia	2/23/2026
Justin Youn Traralgon	3844 Australia	2/23/2026
Chloé De N Katherine	850 Australia	2/27/2026
Claudia Tay Darwin	820 Australia	2/27/2026
Gabrielle N Sydney	2127 Australia	2/27/2026
Vashti Bort Brisbane	4122 Australia	2/27/2026
Niamh bro Brisbane	4053 Australia	2/27/2026
Rach Ricciu Katherine	850 Australia	2/27/2026
Nate Lynch Katherine	850 Australia	2/27/2026
Deborah Tl BUNDABERG	4670 Australia	3/13/2026
Sue Thurlo Maryborough	4650 Australia	3/13/2026
Stephanie j Humpty Doo	836 Australia	3/13/2026
Ian Chappk Shepparton	3630 Australia	3/13/2026
Beth M Melbourne	3000 Australia	3/14/2026
Sandy May Adelaide River	846 Australia	3/14/2026
Cosmo Wh Katherine	850 Australia	3/18/2026
Carol Kerr Melbourne	3000 Australia	3/18/2026
Molly Hunt Katherine South	850 Australia	3/19/2026
Damien An Katherine East	850 Australia	3/30/2026
Louise Bro Darwin	810 Australia	3/30/2026
Niamh Cha Katherine	850 Australia	3/30/2026
Sonja Taaff Perth	6076 Australia	3/30/2026
Ray Elliott Port Pirie	5540 Australia	3/30/2026
Gaye Laren Katherine	3008 Australia	3/30/2026
Tiffany Bro Northern Territory	850 Australia	3/30/2026
Carol Lenn Brisbane	4000 Australia	3/30/2026
Jay Jessop Katherine	800 Australia	3/30/2026
Hayley Wal Katherine South	850 Australia	3/30/2026
Stella Justic Katherine	850 Australia	3/30/2026

Thi song lo Canberra	2602 Australia	3/30/2026
Fay Beding Katherine	850 Australia	3/30/2026
terry mchig Brisbane	4000 Australia	3/30/2026
WENDY DA Launceston	7250 Australia	3/30/2026
Gareth Rego	3079 Australia	3/30/2026
Gaynor Sch Adelaide	5006 Australia	3/30/2026
Dermod Ka Brisbane	4000 Australia	3/30/2026
chris tricke Melbourne	3930 Australia	3/30/2026
James And Brisbane	4000 Australia	3/31/2026
Levi Sinclai Darwin	810 Australia	3/31/2026
Christina Sl Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Dishan Coil COSSACK	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Stavros Ad Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Amanda Ke Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Russell Cad Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Sophie Rad Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Sarah Camj Katherine East	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Francine R Darwin	5000 Australia	3/31/2026
Drew Cook Katherine East	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Sue Dawso Perth	6000 Australia	3/31/2026
Suzanne Ta Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Max Paez Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Isla Hooper Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Clare Pearc Lorna Lim Terrace Driv	830 Australia	3/31/2026
Lynden Ain Parap	820 Australia	3/31/2026
Duane Pres Darwin	837 Australia	3/31/2026
Nina Chele Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Ciella Willi Darwin	810 Australia	3/31/2026
Josh Pyper Adelaide	5000 Australia	3/31/2026
Molly Smitl Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Mathew M Darwin	810 Australia	3/31/2026
Manoj Pan Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Tryphena P Alice Springs	870 Australia	3/31/2026
Eliza Good Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026

Liz Craven Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Alana Pfau Ross	873 Australia	3/31/2026
leah white Howard Springs	835 Australia	3/31/2026
Alfredo Per Pymont	2009 Australia	3/31/2026
Malakhi Du Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Ethan Grah Katherine South	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Madison R\ Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Eloise Fawc South Hedland	6722 Australia	3/31/2026
Jessy moss darwin	832 Australia	3/31/2026
Holly haye Darwin	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Sharii Harri Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Harley Dan Katherine East	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Franklin Hc Melbourne	3806 Australia	3/31/2026
Raukura riv NT	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Lisa Alexan Brisbane	4123 Australia	3/31/2026
Harriet Rov Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Nicole Tayl Katherine South	850 Australia	3/31/2026
leilani ryan Katherine East	5000 Australia	3/31/2026
Eddie Kenn hobart	7000 Australia	3/31/2026
Isla Fregon Katherine	5356 Australia	3/31/2026
Lucy Batge Lenah Valley	7008 Australia	3/31/2026
Mia Kurrajong	Nepal	3/31/2026
Kylie Stoth\ Katherine South	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Alana Fawc Yeppoon	4703 Australia	3/31/2026
Ashleigh Ri Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Finlay Lync Acacia Drive	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Dianne Sca Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Mary Molo Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Jahlita hoff Katherine East	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Karen Buss Katherine	851 Australia	3/31/2026
Anjali Palm Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Madeleine Ripponlea	3185 Australia	3/31/2026
Kristie Arg\ Katherine	850 Australia	3/31/2026
Miriam Sca Darwin	810 Australia	3/31/2026

Tarn Gidde Brisbane	4030 Australia	4/1/2026
ILFC (Dozer Fucking	850 Australia	4/1/2026
Janine Faw Rainbow Beach Qld	4581 Australia	4/2/2026
Megan Pick Katherine	851 Australia	4/3/2026
amaki اعظم Melbourne	3041 Australia	4/3/2026
Laurence A Melbourne	3000 Australia	4/7/2026
Paula T Bankstown	2200 Australia	4/7/2026
Jane Beard Melbourne	3217 Australia	4/7/2026
Andrea Alv Pascoe vale	3044 Australia	4/7/2026
Matty Alvis Melbourne	3204 Australia	4/7/2026
Landon Mc Katherine	5069 Australia	4/7/2026
Ginger Aris Katherine	859 Australia	4/7/2026
Rosa Cabre Hospitalet de Llobrega	8905 Spain	4/7/2026
Catherine \ Katherine	850 Australia	4/7/2026
mark grose Terang	3000 Australia	4/7/2026
Leila Khakr Gold Coast	4218 Australia	4/7/2026
Deanna Mz Sydney	2029 Australia	4/7/2026
Nelly PRES Mouroux	77120 France	4/7/2026
Consuelo S Strambino Fr Cerone	10019 Italy	4/7/2026
Jem Cash Katherine	850 Australia	4/7/2026
Marga Gili Palma	7003 Spain	4/7/2026
Roxana Mc Santiago	Chile	4/7/2026
Andréa Bra Sao Paulo	Brazil	4/7/2026
Analía Caia Rosario. Santa Fe	2000 Argentina	4/7/2026
Hannah Ge Katherine	850 Australia	4/8/2026
Gypsy-Lee Katherine East	850 Australia	4/8/2026
Meg Vincei Northcote	3070 Australia	4/8/2026
Lucille Treg Melbourne	3000 Australia	4/8/2026
Isobel Burc Katherine	850 Australia	4/10/2026
Sera Lisle Brisbane	4123 Australia	4/10/2026
Cathy Lisle Brisbane	4077 Australia	4/12/2026
Angela Lisl Brisbane	4000 Australia	4/12/2026
Kamahi Djc Katherine	850 Australia	4/12/2026
Mohamad Katherine	3127 Australia	4/12/2026

Issabell Sta Katherine		2484 Australia	4/12/2026
Eloise simu Katherine		850 Australia	4/13/2026
Madeleine Katherine		850 Australia	4/13/2026
courtney m Katherine		3143 Australia	4/13/2026
Dillon Sout Katherine		5000 Australia	4/13/2026
Poppy alvis Katherine		850 Australia	4/13/2026
Patrick Trip Katherine		2130 Australia	4/13/2026
Seta Sali Katherine		3032 Australia	4/13/2026
Katie Kelly Katherine		2000 Australia	4/13/2026
Mahalia Cr Katherine		850 Australia	4/14/2026
Yi-Jen TSAI Katherine		850 Australia	4/16/2026
Brian Farq Katherine	Baunga	850 Australia	14/4/26
Clayton Hu Katherine	Barunga	850 Australia	14/4/26
Jesse Alfar Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Abel Banjo Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Sam B Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Josh E Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Brooke A Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Cathy N Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Tracey Ran Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Daniel Rise Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Tom Rockli Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Shaun Trau Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Alvano Sub Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
George Ker Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Cass Ka Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Star LA Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Victor Nieli Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
umbiri Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Kevin Mur Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Lazarus Ma Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Deborah Pl Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Frances M Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26
Mia Le Katherine		850 Australia	14/4/26

Madison R\ Katherine	850 Australia	14/4/26
Lauren Ma\ Katherine	850 Australia	14/4/26
Janet Schul Katherine	850 Australia	14/4/26
Bella Lang Katherine	850 Australia	14/4/26
Tilly Towns Katherine	850 Australia	14/4/26
Juanita Tab Katherine	850 Australia	14/4/26
MAkela Pai Katherine	850 Australia	14/4/26
Meredith R Katherine	850 Australia	14/4/26
Tom Browe Katherine	850 Australia	14/4/26
Daisy Katherine	850 Australia	14/4/26
Rachel Wat Katherine	850 Australia	14/4/26
Patrick O'k\ Katherine	850 Australia	14/4/26
Aslheigh Ri Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Tyra Ambje Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Bethany Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Mychelle Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Christine St Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Deslie Gree Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Valerie Jon Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Carol Doug Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Nick Grang Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Kelly Turne Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Shalri Daha Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Sarojini Lal Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Joh Schumi Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Van Hoang Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Aiden Mcb Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Shona Fors Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Barb Hagge Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Laisani Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Somkid Ka\ Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Belinda Gal Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Lyn Stamfo Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Jeff Pack Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26

Tilly Stanie Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Jacinta Mo Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Olivia Brail Katherine	850 Australia	15/4/26
Natasha Pa Katherine	850 Australia	4/13/2026
Darcy Pow Katherine	850 Australia	4/13/2026
Laura Nels Katherine	850 Australia	4/13/2026
Aileysh Anc Katherine	850 Australia	4/13/2026
Annabelle J Katherine	850 Australia	4/13/2026
Angus Pick Katherine	850 Australia	4/13/2026
Asha Schm Katherine	850 Australia	31/3/26
Cyrus Katherine	850 Australia	31/3/26
Arun Georg Katherine	850 Australia	31/3/26
Andrew He Katherine	850 Australia	31/3/26
Jovan Lauri Katherine	850 Australia	31/4/26
Daniel Ma Nitmiluk	850 Australia	4/13/2026
Angus Mck Nitmiluk	850 Australia	4/13/2026
Tom Aingel Katherine	850 Australia	4/13/2026
Tom Fawkr Katherine	850 Australia	4/13/2026
Beth DG Katherine East	850 Australia	4/17/2026
Sinead F Kalano	850 Australia	4/17/2026
Harley Alle Cossack	850 Australia	4/17/2026
Zosha Cam Katherine East	850 Australia	4/17/2026
Georgia Katherine	850 Australia	4/17/2026
Rosie Alder Katherine	850 Australia	4/17/2026
Hannah Be Katherine	850 Australia	4/17/2026
Georgie Srr Katherine	850 Australia	4/17/2026
Rachel Ale Katherine	850 Australia	4/17/2026
Nick Farant Pine Creek	850 Australia	4/17/2026



14.6 PETITION - KATHERINE COMMUNITY - REPLACE KATHERINE HOSPITAL WITH A NEW FACILITY OUTSIDE THE KATHERINE FLOOD ZONE

Author: Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Risk
Authoriser: Casey Anderson (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: Nil

Officer Recommendation

That Council actively advocate to the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to secure funding and prioritise the delivery of a new hospital.

Purpose of Report

To present the petition received on the 15 May 2026 from the Katherine community to Replace Katherine Hospital with a new Facility outside the Katherine Flood Zone as an order of the day.

Strategic Plan

6. BIG RIVERS INTER-GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION – 6.3. Inter-Government Collaboration and Advocacy - Collaborate with Territory and federal governments.

6.3.1 Advocate for the interests of our community.

Municipal Plan

6.3.1.1 Advocate for the interests of the Katherine community

Background

On the 15 May 2026 Katherine Town Council received the attached petition from the Katherine community titled Replace Katherine Hospital with a new Facility outside the Katherine Flood Zone.

The petition is directed to the Speaker and the members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory and asks for the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly

- Commit to the urgent planning and construction of a new, fit-for-purpose hospital for Katherine located outside the flood zone;
- Allocate funding and establish a clear delivery timeline for this essential infrastructure.

The petitioners further request that Katherine Town Council actively advocate to the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to secure funding and prioritise the delivery of a new hospital.

The petition includes 1,100 signatories.

Discussion

The petition has been included under item 11.1 of the agenda and recommended for order of the day. This then requires the matter be presented within the report discussion section of the agenda should the petition be accepted by the Council.

The report is to enable the petition for discussion as an order of the day.

Consultation Process

There was no consultation process required for this report.

Policy Implications

The Council Meeting Administration Policy states that Petitions (By-law 143) can be tabled as per the below:

Councillors may present petitions at an Ordinary Meeting of Council by stating the nature of the petition and reading the petition. Where a Councillor presents a petition to a meeting, no debate on or in relation to it is allowed and the only motion that may be moved is:

- that the petition be received, and consideration stand as an order of the day for the meeting or for a future meeting, OR
- that the petition be received and referred to a committee or Council officer for consideration and a report to the council.

Budget and Resource Implications

There are no budget and resource requirements.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

Katherine Town Council By-Laws 1998

Under By-Law 143 Petitions

(1) A petition may be presented to a meeting by a member who, before presenting the petition, must, as far as practicable, become acquainted with the subject matter of the petition.

(2) A member, on presenting a petition to a meeting, must:

- (a) state the nature and prayer of the petition; and
- b) read the petition.

(3) A petition is not to be presented unless it is worded in respectful language.

(4) Each page of a petition presented to the council is to restate the whole of the petition.

(5) Where a page of a petition does not comply with clause (4) the signatures on that page are not to be taken into account by the council when considering the petition.

(6) A person is not to append to a petition:

- (a) a signature purporting to be that of another person; or
- (b) the name of another person.

(7) Where a member presents a petition to a meeting no debate on or in relation to it is allowed and the only motion that may be moved is:

(a) that the petition be received and consideration stand as an order of the day for the meeting or for a future meeting; or

(b) that the petition be received and referred to a committee or officer for consideration and a report to the council.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

14.7 FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2026

Author: Rebecca Baguley, Chief Finance Officer
Authoriser: Casey Anderson (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Report Type: For noting
Attachments: 1. 30 April Financial Report [14.7.1 - 11 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council endorses the Finance Report for the month ending 30 April 2026.

Purpose of Report

This report is to present the financial position of Council for the year to dated ending 30 April 2026

Strategic Plan

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

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

Background

In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 – Part 2 (Division 7), the below 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 2nd amended Municipal Plan Annual Budget adopted April 2026.

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

Discussion

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Council officers have been exploring different formats for the presentation of the finance report to improve understanding of the council's financials. All commentary is now included in the attachment.

The statutory reporting requirements are in accordance with the legislation.

2nd Budget Review

This Budget v Actual is in accordance with the revised 2nd Budget review approved by Council 28 April 2026 OMC-2026-100.

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.

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

Certification by the CEO to the Council

Council Name:	Katherine Town Council
Reporting Period:	30/04/2026

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:

15/05/2026

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*	10,153,774	9,856,289	297,485	10,158,579	*Rates revenue received
Waste Charges**	1,613,160	1,567,939	45,221	1,612,903	**Waste revenue received
Fees and Charges	1,935,044	1,891,424	43,620	2,766,259	Includes User Charges, Rental and Waste Transfer Charges
Operating Grants and Subsidies	1,288,091	1,906,825	(618,734)	2,044,689	Grants, Visitor Info Centre, Library
Interest / Investment Income	737,567	576,000	161,67	730,000	Term Deposit interest
Commercial and Other Income	324,047	157,756	166,291	311,411	Fuel Tax Credits, Recoveries
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	16,051,683	15,956,233	95,450	17,623,841	
OPERATING EXPENDITURE					
Employee Expenses	4,173,066	4,300,461	(127,395)	5,009,713	Salaries and Wages
Materials and Contracts	5,401,126	5,367,163	33,963	7,932,671	Contracts, Admin, Grants, Commissions, Professional fees
Elected Member Allowances	187,665	229,600	(41,395)	312,000	
Elected Member Expenses	22,100	50,816	(14,233)	54,500	
Council Committee & LA Allowances	17,557	8,592	(18,776)	54,500	
Council Committee & LA Expenses	5,608	5,000	(9,454)	22,592	
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	4,351,609	4,444,270	(164,048)	6,178,351	
Other Expenses	(39,215)	10,460	(49,675)	12,552	Loss on Disposal of Assets
Interest Expenses (Finance Costs)	43,132	33,886	9,346	38,000	
Gain/Loss on Remeasurement of Landfill	-	-	-	650,000	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	14,164,716	14,450,248	(285,532)	20,264,879	
OPERATING SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)	1,887,067	1,505,985	(190,082)	(2,641,038)	Including Depreciation

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

The total year-to-date (YTD) Operating Income at 30 April, is \$16,051,68, a variance of \$95,540 above projected forecast.

A summary of YTD variances:

- (a) **Rates Revenue** – up by \$297,486 - collected charges of \$10,153,774 an increase on the April target of \$9,856,289. The projected forecast for the year ending 30th June is \$10,158,579
- (b) **Waste Charges Revenue** – are above YTD April target by \$45,221
- (c) **Recoveries** - \$89,513 – due to Insurance claim of \$88,086 paid in April
- (d) **Statutory Charges** – YTD receipts of \$78,298 up by \$24,350 on forecast for April
- (e) **Fees and Charges** – Airport Landing Fees are down by \$19,903 on April Forecast of \$435,000

- (f) **Interest Income** – P&I of investments rolled on maturity, Recalculation of investment revenue to be recorded by EOFY – expected to be above \$730,000 and close to \$790,000
- (g) **Water & Electrical** recoveries – Charges recovered from previous financial year expenditure of \$52,000 to be adjusted at EOFY.
- (h) **Operating Grants** - FAGS (Cwlth) funding budgeted to be received in June 2026
- (i) **Year to Date forecast - April Operating Surplus** - currently **\$1,887,067**.
Council expected to transfer surplus at end of financial year to reserves to cover Waste Management Facility (WMF) make good provision which will result in a small surplus.

The total year-to-date (YTD) Operating Expenditure is down by \$285,532 on forecast April Target of \$14.450,248.

This is due to the following factors:

- (a) Salaries and Wages – is down on revised April target by \$127,395. Staff resignations and vacancies in some positions are attributed to this result;
- (b) Recruitment Costs – down by \$5,000. Council utilising internal resources instead of outsourcing to Agencies.
- (c) Debt Collection expenditure down by \$5,000
- (d) Facility Operational costs down by \$22,000 on YTD forecast
- (e) Plant and equipment Operational expenditure down by \$26,475 on YTD Forecast
- (f) Elected Member expenses down on April forecast by \$3,311
- (g) Elected Member Training and Personal Development costs down by \$30,000
- (h) Council Committee Allowances down by \$8,000 at April
- (i) Council Sale of Assets - \$39,000 prior year adjustment for Laneway fencing

Table 1.2 Monthly Operating Position

	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Annual Budget \$
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	1,887,067	1,505,985	(350,528)	(2,641,038)
Remove Non-Cash Items				
- Less Non-Cash Income	(337,482)	0	(337,482)	(337,482)
Add back Non-Cash Expenses – Note (a)				
Depreciation & Unwinding WMF Asset	4,501,369	4,444,270	(57,099)	6,828,351
Net Gain(Loss) on Disposal of Assets	(39,215)	0	(39,215)	(39,215)
Total Non-Cash Items	4,124,672	4,444,270	30,315	6,789,136
Less Additional Outflows				
Capital Expenditure	7,166,631	7,098,523	(801,204)	10,647,785
Borrowing Repayments (Principal only)	0	0	0	0
Transfers to Reserves	0	0	0	1,000,000
Other Outflows				
Total Additional Outflows	7,166,631	7,098,523	(801,204)	10,647,745
Add Additional Inflows				
Capital Grants Income	4,191,530	4,435,029	(243,499)	4,191,530
Prior Year carried forward funding	186,580	186,580	0	186,580
Other inflow of Funds (Sale of Assets)	70,040	0	(2,138)	72,178
Application of Retained Earnings	0	0	0	0
Drawdown of Borrowings	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Total Additional Inflows	8,382,125	6,227,619	(220,531)	8,384,026
Net Budgeted Operating Surplus (Deficit)	6,719,931	4,753,982	(203,651)	923,554

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

- (a) Depreciation Expenditure – Revised in 2nd Budget Review to \$6,178,351 and Unwinding of the WMF discount provision of \$650,000 reforecast for EOFY. Non-cash expenses.
- (b) Transfers from Reserves – adjusted to reflect transfer to Aquatic centre reserve as per Council resolutions and proposed contribution of an additional \$1M for the Waste Management Facility “Make Good Provision”. To be approved by Council
- (c) Drawdown on Borrowings – Loan for Civic Centre – final \$500,000 for this financial year drawn down in April – total of \$2M at 30.06.2026

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	6,919,325	5,286,750	1,612,575	9,213,232
Improvements	0	15,000	(15,000)	50,000
Plant & Equipment	179,036	0	179,036	9,045
Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	0	40,000	(40,000)	50,000
Fleet	0	80,197	(80,197)	300,000
Infrastructure Paths & Cycleways	28,158	140,395	(112,237)	206,639
Infrastructure Roads	93,342	580,724	(487,582)	696,869
Infrastructure Storm water & Drainage	24,499	83,333	(58,834)	100,000
Infrastructure - Irrigation	6,210	22,000	(15,790)	22,000
DRFA - Emergency Response Expenses*	227,169	333,333	106,164	400,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	7,477,739	6,604,234	1,085,834	11,047,785

Total Capital Expenditure funded by:	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Current Year (Annual Budget)
Council Co-Contribution from Surplus	648,577	381,565	(267,012)	2,265,587
DRFA Emergency Council Contribution	227,169	333,333	106,164	400,000
Capital Grants	4,191,530	4,191,530	0	4,191,530
Transfers from Cash Reserves	1,933,975	0	1,933,975	1,933,975
Borrowings – Civic Centre Loan	381,868	2,000,000	(1,618,133)	2,000,000
Sales of Assets	70,040	36,089	33,951	70,040
Deferred Capital – Grants Carried Forward Prior Year	24,580	186,580	(162,000)	186,580
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	7,477,739	6,937,567	6,147	11,047,785

End of year capital expenditure position will be affected by Civic Centre Refurbishment. Delays will affect cash flow and outlays.

Zimin Drive project delayed, with expenditure reforecast at \$140,000 for the year, majority of project expenses to be incurred in 26-27 once the project commences.

Capital grants down due to Roads to Recovery committed spend for 25-26 moved to 26-27 due to timing and resources. Street lighting expenditure moved to 26-27 Budget.

DRFA co-contribution of \$400,000 expensed until emergency claim lodgement. Council's maximum contribution is forecast at \$400,000. Currently expenditure of \$227,000 YTD.

Council co-contribution to Aquatic Centre Redevelopment budgeted at \$2,029,679. Currently spent, \$1,682,704 YTD.

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 25-26 Budget	Total Prior Year(s) Expenditure \$	YTD Actual Spend \$	TOTAL Spent - Life of Project \$	Total Yet to Spend \$	Revised Project Completion Date
Buildings & Other Structures	Aquatic Centre Redevelopment	12,029,679	10,000,000	2,029,679	2,029,679	5,786,019	5,896,685	12,144,704	346,975	Mar-26
Buildings & Other Structures	Changing Places Aquatic centre	162,000	162,000			162,000		-	-	Mar-26
	Design Phase Aquatic Centre	300,000	300,000			300,000	-	-	-	
	TOTAL AQUATIC CENTRE	12,491,679	10,462,000	2,029,679	2,029,679	6,248,019	5,896,685	12,144,704	346,975	
Buildings & Other Structures	Civic Centre Upgrade	5,000,000		5,000,000	2,000,000	-	381,868	381,868	4,618,133	Dec-26
Buildings & Other Structures	Lindsay St Amenities upgrade LRCIP	324,000	324,000		3,082	248,509	3,082	251,591	-	complete
Buildings & Other Structures	Waste facility shed raise tipshop	350,000		350,000	350,000	-	350,000	350,000	-	complete
Improvements	x4 nature playgrounds	200,000		200,000	100,000	78,962	96,000	174,962	25,038	Dec-26
Improvements	Irrigation Upgrades: priority for Railway Terrace, Glencoe Park, Fuller Park	150,000		150,000	6,210	-	6,210	6,210	143,790	Jun-26
Improvements	Dog Pound	421,255	250,000	172,500	111,056	250,000	111,056	361,056	-	Complete

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Class of Assets	By Major Capital Project	Total Planned Budget \$ Life of Project	Grant Funding approved	Council Contribution - Life of Project	Council Contribution 25-26 Budget	Total Prior Year(s) Expenditure \$	YTD Actual Spend \$	TOTAL Spent - Life of Project \$	Total Yet to Spend \$	Revised Project Completion Date
Drains and Stormwater	Drains & Stormwater	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-	24,499	24,499	75,501	Jun-26
Infrastructure - Footpaths & Cycleways	New Shared Path - Zimin Drive	1,080,000	756,000	324,000	140,000	-	28,158	28,158	111,842	TBA
Infrastructure - Roads	First Street Improvement LRCI P4	339,990	339,990	-	-	329,854	12,153	342,007	(2,017)	complete
Infrastructure - Roads	Local Road & Pavements: Sheppard, Needam, Zimmin & Giles	635,029	635,029	-	-	-	-	-	635,029	Jun-26
Infrastructure - Roads	Rural Intersection Upgrades: Helena/ Florina, Hendry/ Florina, Collins/Byers, Collins/Cragborn	400,000	400,000	-	400,000	-	-	-	400,000	Jun-26
TOTAL		33,983,631	23,629,019	10,355,858	7,269,706	13,403,362	6,909,710	14,065,053	6,701,265	

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 30 April 2026

BALANCE SHEET	YTD Actuals \$	Note Reference*
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank		
Tied Funds	18,524,370	(1)
Untied Funds	9,700,986	(1)
Trade Debtors	535,250	(2)
Rates & Charges Debtors	2,655,224	(2)
Other Current Assets	861,603	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	32,277,433	
Non-Current Financial Assets	-	
Property, Plant and Equipment	131,461,386	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	131,461,386	
TOTAL ASSETS	163,738,819	
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	373,582	(3)
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	(73,864)	(4)
Current Provisions	608,956	
Accruals	277,707	
Other Current Liabilities	250,464	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,436,845	
Borrowings	2,000,000	
Non-Current Employee Provisions	33,160	
Waste Management Make Good Provision	20,391,239	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	22,424,399	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	23,861,244	
NET ASSETS	139,877,575	
EQUITY		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	98,420,175	
Reserves	14,651,023	(1)
Accumulated Surplus	26,806,378	
TOTAL EQUITY	139,877,576	

Note 1. Tied Funds

11210 · Imprest Petty Cash		1,127
11220 · Employee Liabilities (Provisions)		642,118
33310 Capital Renewal Reserve	6,487,646	
33520 Contingency Reserve	1,000,000	
33610 Municipal Election Reserve	100,000	
33620 Council Motion Funding Reserve	600,515	
11230 · Equity Reserves		8,188,16
11240 · Waste Management Make Good		7,881,112
11250 · Unspent Loan funds for Civic Centre		1,618,132

11251 · Unspent Capital Grants
11260 · Deposits Held

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193,719
18,524,370
9,700,986

Untied Funds - Cash and Cash Equivalents less Tied Funds

Note 1. Details of Cash and Investments Held

Cash at Bank consists of Term Deposits of \$22.8M with maturities as detailed below, with the remaining \$4.2M available at CBA Bank.

GENERAL FUND	\$
Commonwealth Bank	
Balance as per bank statement as at 31 March 2026	28,225,356
Credit card balances	- 8,222
Balance of Imprest and Petty Cash	1,127
Plus net outstanding deposits/(withdrawals)	
Adjusted cash at bank balance, 31 March 2026	28,218,262

INVESTMENTS							
FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	PRINCIPAL \$	INTEREST RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST	INSTITUTION TOTALS \$	FINANCIAL INSTITUTION %
AMP	562,352	5.20%	1-Apr-26	31-Mar-27	-		
AMP	1,028,326	4.00%	14-May-25	1-May-26	39,668.03		
AMP	514,230	4.00%	14-May-25	14-May-26	20,569.21		
AMP	1,649,483	4.00%	14-Nov-25	14-May-26	32,899.28		
AMP	1,104,170	3.95%	29-Jun-25	29-Jun-26	43,614.73		
AMP	1,544,904	3.95%	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-26	61,023.70	6,403,465.24	28.6%
BOQ	524,117	4.00%	6-Nov-25	6-Nov-26	20,964.70		
BOQ						524,117.43	2.3%
CBA	2,730,592	4.01%	26-May-25	26-May-26	109,496.74		
CBA	547,284	4.05%	1-Aug-25	31-Jul-26	22,104.29		
CBA	549,639	4.01%	31-May-25	29-May-26	21,919.74	3,827,515.04	17.1%
NAB	3,669,750	4.05%	11-Nov-25	11-Nov-26	148,624.88		
NAB	539,105	3.90%	11-Jul-25	13-Jul-26	21,140.30		
NAB	3,156,000	4.00%	30-Jul-25	30-Jul-26	126,240.00		
NAB	1,049,863	3.90%	6-Aug-25	6-Aug-26	40,944.66		
NAB	1,097,684	3.95%	4-Sep-25	4-Sep-26	43,358.51		
NAB	2,095,000	4.00%	14-Oct-25	14-Oct-26	83,800.00	11,607,401.82	51.9%
AMP (oncall)	569,353.00	variable	on call 30 days		5,850.00		
CBA (on call)	2,159,647.00	Variable	on call 30 days		25,675.00	2,729,000.00	
Total Investments					867,893.76	25,091,499.53	100%
Total Funds						28,225,356.44	

Note 2. Statement on Debts Owed to Council (Accounts Receivable)

Council's Debtor Summary	Current	Past Due 1 – 30 Days	Past Due 31 – 60 Days	Past Due 61-90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total
Rates Debtors	1,251,418		-	-	1,344,601	2,596,019
Trade Debtors	143,876	111,138	111,909	9,801	73,418	450,142
TOTAL	1,395,294	111,138	111,909	9,801	1,418,019	3,046,161

Note 3. Statement on Trade Creditors

	Current	Past Due 1 – 30 Days	Past Due 31 – 60 Days	Past Due 61-90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total
Trade Creditors*	175,527	196,189	(1,156)		1,000	371,559
Other Creditors	2,022		-	-	-	2,022
Total Accounts Payable	177,549	196,189	(1,156)	0	1,000	373,581



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	(45,115)
**Superannuation Payable Liability at 30 March 2026	754
**Prepaid Fringe Benefits Tax	(24,168)

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

Note 5. Current Ratio

	%	
Current Ratio (current assets/current liabilities)	22.46	
Current Ratio adjusted for Tied Funds	9.57	

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<https://www.phocassoftware.com> > Resources > Blog

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 \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
7-Apr-26	\$1,155.25	Woolworths Online	Free Pool Entry BBQ supplies – Grant Funded
7-Apr-26	\$319.00	XPNA	Financial Subscription
8-Apr-26	\$20.00	NEWS PTY LIMITED	Subscription
10-Apr-26	\$291.65	XERO	Financial Subscription
13-Apr-26	\$286.50	STARLINK INTERNET	CEO House and WMF
13-Apr-26	\$41.88	Canva	Subscription
16-Apr-26	\$293.05	DoubleTree Esplanade	LGANT Meeting Accomodation
16-Apr-26	\$198.82	DoubleTree Esplanade	LGANT Meeting Accomodation
17-Apr-26	\$12.00	NEWS PTY LIMITED	Subscription
20-Apr-26	\$384.00	Survey Monkey	Subscription
21-Apr-26	\$10.00	XERO	Financial Subscription
27-Apr-26	\$393.01	Happy HR Pty Ltd	Subscription
27-Apr-26	\$787.89	Adobe	Subscription
4-May-26	\$319.00	XPNA	Financial Subscription
Total	\$4,512.05		

Cardholder

Name: Ingrid Stonhill

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
15-Apr-26	0.72	International transaction	Subscription
15-Apr-26	28.64	OPENAI *CHATGPT	ChatGPT fee
1-May-26	84.93	Intuit	ChatGPT Exchange rate fee
Total	\$114.29		



14.8 CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION QUARTERLY REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2026

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

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Administration Report for the quarterly period of February to April 2026.

Purpose of Report

To provide Council with an overview of Corporate Administration service requests and service delivery trends for the quarterly period 1 February to 30 April 2026.

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.

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.3 Community Engagement - Improve Council communications and engagement with the community.

1.3.3 Identify a number of tools to ensure our engagement is broad, inclusive and accessible to our diverse community.

Municipal Plan

1.1.2.2 Ensure compliance with local government legislation

1.1.3.2 Encourage and Educate the Community about the Services that is provided by Council

1.3.3.2 Snap Send Solve

Background

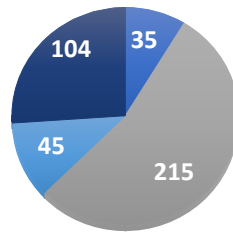
The Corporate Administration report provides aggregated data on customer service requests received and processed over a three-month period, enabling Council to monitor service demand, performance, and emerging trends.

Discussion

During the reporting period, Council received approximately 399 service requests across all channels.



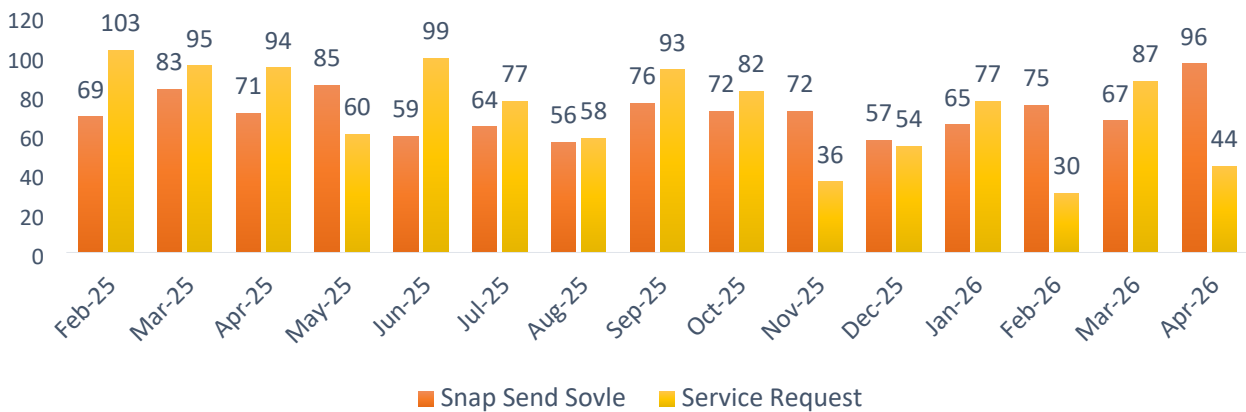
399 SERVICE REQUESTS - TRIAGING RESULTS FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2026



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

Out of the 399 service requests, 238 were submitted to Council by the preferred method, Snap Send Solve.

SNAP SEND SOLVE & SERVICE REQUESTS



Breakdown by Service Area:

1. Roads, Traffic & Transportation (81 requests)

- Potholes
- Road deterioration
- Flood damage
- Drains
- Signage

Over 55% of requests were completed, with the remainder in progress. Outstanding works are largely associated with ongoing flood restoration efforts. The March 2026 flood event resulted in significant infrastructure damage, creating a backlog that requires staged remediation. Delays are primarily due to persistent wet conditions and the scale of required repairs.

2. *Regulatory Services* (119 requests)

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

A completion rate exceeding 98% was achieved. Animal management continues to represent a consistently high-demand service area, requiring a balance of community education and enforcement.

3. *Environment Management* (72 requests)

- Fallen trees
- Overgrown vegetation
- Park and verge maintenance

Approximately 72% of requests were completed, with remaining works predominantly linked to flood recovery. Demand in this service area is strongly influenced by weather events.

4. *Waste Management* (42 requests)

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

All requests were completed (100%). The rapid response to increased demand highlights strong operational capacity despite the surge in requests.

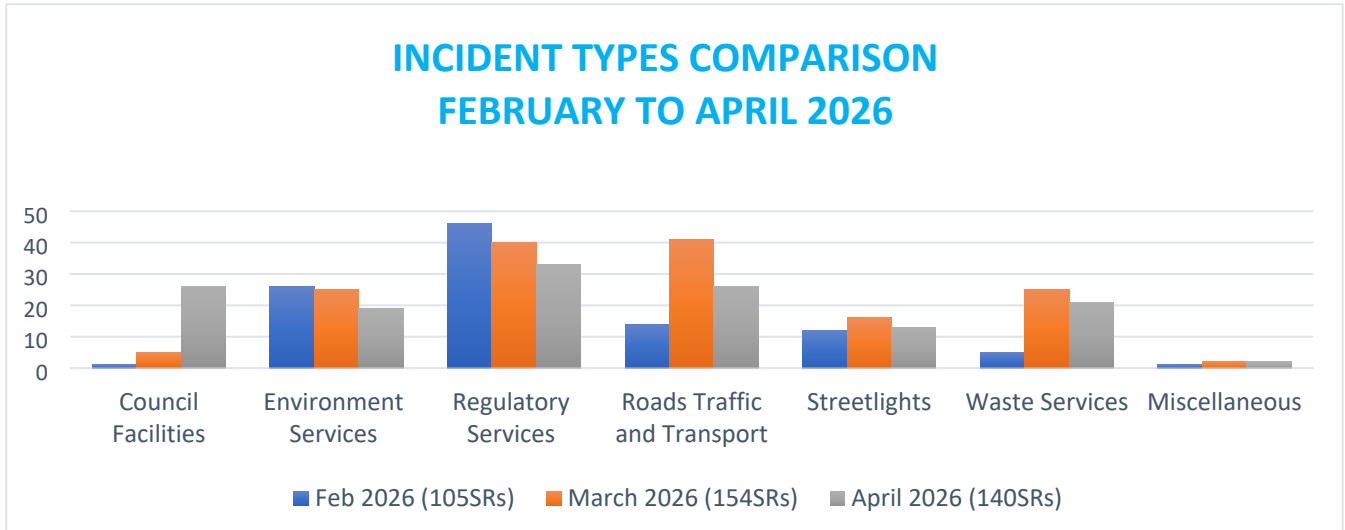
5. *Streetlight Maintenance* (36 requests)

All requests were completed, generally within short timeframes. Effective coordination with external contractors (e.g., AEA, PAWA) supported timely service delivery.

6. *Council Facilities & Assets* (30 requests)

- Sportsgrounds
- Aquatic Centre
- Vandalism and graffiti

Over 66% of requests were completed. Some outstanding items remain pending due to parts availability and contractor scheduling.



Quarterly Incident Summary:

Completed: 317 requests resolved within Customer Service Charter timeframes

In Progress: 30 requests currently underway

Overdue: 52 requests remain outstanding

Overall, the data reflects a high completion rate. The existing backlog is largely attributable to external constraints, including weather conditions and contractor availability following the significant March 2026 flood event. This event had a substantial impact on both service volumes and delivery timeframes, particularly in the following areas:

- Road repairs, drainage, and infrastructure restoration
- Waste services, including wheelie bin replacement
- Environmental responses, including fallen trees and vegetation hazards

Quarterly Additional Key Insights:

- Flood recovery remains the primary driver of delays and in-progress requests.
- High-priority requests accounted for 54.14% of total requests, with 143 completed within service charter timeframes.
- A number of requests fell outside Council jurisdiction and were referred to external agencies (e.g., NT Government, NT Police, utility providers).
- The majority of completed requests were resolved within 1–7 business days, demonstrating strong responsiveness across service areas.

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



There are no budget and resource requirements.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

There are no risk, legal and legislative implications.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.



14.9 ENVIRONMENTAL AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2026

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

Officer Recommendation

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

Purpose of Report

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

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.

1.1.4 Learn what the community wants to know through community engagement strategies.

2. COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES - 2.1 Safe Community - Foster a safer community.

2.1.3 Improve street lighting for safety.

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.

7.1.7 Implement the Katherine Town Council Waste Management Strategy 2021-2026.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY - 7.2 Katherine's Natural Beauty - Showcase the raw beauty of Katherine's natural attractions and protect our natural assets from pollution and overuse.

7.2.2 Embark on greening initiatives with the collective help of the community to beautify and increase green spaces.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY - 7.3 Protect Our Water - Sustainably manage our water resources.

7.3.3 Upgrade irrigation of our parks to minimize wastage of town and bore water.

Municipal Plan

2.1.2.1 Assess the condition of public amenities throughout Katherine and implement remediation where required

7.1.7.1 Continue to implement the Waste Management Strategy

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 February to April 2026 reporting period. Operational priorities during February 2026 focused on routine municipal maintenance, wet season preparedness, waste management operations, mosquito monitoring, aquatic services, and community safety activities across the municipality.

March 2026 was significantly impacted by two major flood events, resulting in a substantial shift toward emergency response, operational continuity, and recovery activities. Council staff worked collaboratively with emergency services, government agencies and community stakeholders to support public safety, maintain critical services and coordinate flood response and recovery operations across the municipality, including impacts to the Katherine Waste Management Facility and Katherine Aquatic Centre.

During April 2026, Council operations progressively transitioned from emergency response into recovery and restoration activities. Municipal maintenance programs, compliance operations, aquatic services and waste management activities resumed across the municipality, while staff continued to support ongoing clean-up, remediation and community recovery efforts.

Municipal Services

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

In February 2026, depot crews prepared Council infrastructure and assets in response to rising river levels and continued roadside slashing, reserve maintenance, and verge mowing programs across the municipality. Additional maintenance resources were allocated to the Katherine Cemetery to improve presentation and upkeep standards.

March 2026 was dominated by two significant flood events. Depot staff played a critical role in emergency response activities including sandbagging operations, assisting residents, relocating plant and equipment, preparing Council facilities and deploying road closure signage. Staff worked collaboratively with emergency services and partner agencies to support community safety and flood recovery operations.

During April 2026, the KWMF continued recovery and normalisation activities following the significant flood impacts experienced in March. Routine waste management operations resumed, with approximately 941 tonnes of waste processed during the month. Staff continued site clean-up, remediation and operational monitoring activities to support safe and efficient service delivery for the Katherine community.

Activity	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026
Major Weather Events	Minor flood preparedness	Two major flood events	Recovery and clean-up operations
Waste Processed	1.13 tonnes	Operational focus on flood response	941 tonnes
Verge Mowing / Slashing	Roadside slashing and reserves	Flood recovery operations	Verge mowing and municipal maintenance resumed
Emergency Response Activities	Monitoring and preparedness	Sandbagging, evacuations, road closures	Recovery coordination and restoration works



Low Level

Katherine Waste Management Facility (KWMF)

The KWMF continued to operate throughout the reporting period despite significant wet season challenges.

In February 2026, Council undertook earthworks, slashing and weed spraying within the facility to improve wet season resilience and maintain operational continuity.

March 2026 presented significant operational impacts following major flooding which inundated the facility and dog pound. The tip face experienced complete inundation, resulting in temporary closure while environmental testing and remediation works were undertaken. Leachate testing identified elevated levels of JET A1, diesel and ammonia, with remediation works completed prior to reopening the facility on 27 March 2026.

A temporary waste transfer station was established at Katherine Weighbridge with support from the Northern Territory Government. During operations, the temporary facility processed:

- 1,498.46 tonnes of general waste
- 16.64 tonnes of mattresses
- 18.18 tonnes of tyres
- 104.28 tonnes of scrap steel

Council also coordinated flood-related hard rubbish collection services, deploying approximately 100 industrial skips to flood-affected residential and commercial areas.

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Waste Management Analysis

The reporting period highlighted the importance of disaster resilience planning and operational continuity measures at the KWMF. Despite significant flood impacts, Council successfully maintained critical waste management services and coordinated recovery operations in partnership with the Northern Territory Government.



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 January and February, with no infected mosquitoes detected. Council also worked with NT Health to identify additional testing locations.

Additional mosquito testing and fogging programs were undertaken during March in response to increased mosquito activity following flood events. No infected mosquitoes were identified during the reporting period.

Regulatory Services

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

In February 2026, Council executed a warrant relating to unkempt property presenting a public safety risk and continued to work collaboratively with the Northern Territory Government regarding Territory Housing properties. Parking patrols and compliance activities also continued across the municipality.

During March 2026, Regulatory Services staff assisted partner agencies with the rescue of animals from flood-affected properties while continuing core impoundment services.

In April 2026, Regulatory Services resumed routine compliance, parking enforcement, and animal management operations following the flood recovery period. Patrols and monitoring activities continued across the municipality, with officers responding to community concerns relating to parking, abandoned vehicles and animal management matters while maintaining collaborative engagement with residents and partner agencies.

Service Activity	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026
Dogs Impounded	6	3	11
Dogs Returned to Owners	2	1	5 returned & 2 adopted
Parking Warnings	78	Emergency response focus	93
Parking Patrol Hours	22 hrs.	Emergency response focus	43

Regulatory Services Analysis

Regulatory Services maintained a strong operational focus on community safety, animal management, and compliance activities throughout the quarter. Operational priorities shifted significantly during March as staff resources supported emergency response and flood recovery activities.

Katherine Civil Airport

The Katherine Civil Airport continued normal operations throughout the reporting period while supporting emergency response activities during March flooding events.

Air movements for the reporting period were:

Month	Air Movements
February 2026	446
March 2026	896
April 2026	513

March 2026 recorded a significant increase in movements due to emergency response operations associated with flooding events. Council also coordinated the diversion of Virgin flight VA1461 from Darwin to Katherine following incidents at Darwin International Airport, working collaboratively with the RAAF to ensure safe operations. Line marking works on the RPT and GA aprons were completed during March.



Airport Operations Analysis

Airport activity increased substantially during March due to emergency response operations and diverted aircraft activity. The aerodrome continued to play an important role in regional emergency management and logistical coordination during flood events.

Emergency Management

Emergency management activities formed a significant operational focus throughout the quarter, particularly during March 2026 flood events.

Council staff worked collaboratively with emergency services and partner agencies throughout multiple severe weather events experienced during the reporting period. The Local Emergency Committee (LEC) was activated during March to support coordinated emergency response operations. The Acting Chief Executive Officer and Manager Environment and Municipal attended daily emergency management meetings to coordinate response and recovery activities.

Emergency Management Analysis

The March flood events demonstrated the importance of coordinated interagency response arrangements and Council's operational capability during emergency situations. Council staff provided critical frontline support to residents and emergency agencies while maintaining essential municipal services where possible.

Katherine Aquatic Centre

The Katherine Aquatic Centre continued to provide important recreational, health and wellbeing services to the community throughout the reporting period. Operations during February 2026 remained stable, however significant flooding during March 2026 resulted in temporary facility closures and disruption to programs and services. Following reopening, attendance and community participation strongly recovered throughout April 2026, supported by the Northern Territory Government funded free entry school holiday initiative and community pool activities.

February 2026 the Katherine Aquatic Centre continued to operate under the management of YMCA Northern Territory. Key operational activities included the commencement of the Learn to Swim program, Casuarina Street Primary School swimming activities, Katherine Turtles Swimming Club training and Northern Territory Fire Service water rescue training.

Attendance during February remained stable following the summer holiday period, with 2,564 recorded visits. Learn to Swim programs achieved strong participation levels, with class occupancy reaching approximately 82 per cent. Active memberships totalled 180 members across a range of membership categories.

Several temporary pool closures occurred throughout the month due to storm activity and water quality management. All closures were managed in accordance with operational safety procedures.

As of 28 February 2026, the Katherine Aquatic Centre recorded 180 active memberships. The largest membership category was HSRC Add-On Memberships, representing strong integration between the Henry Scott Recreation Centre and the aquatic facility. Upfront memberships and KTC staff memberships also continued to support regular community utilisation of the Centre.

Major flooding across Katherine resulted in the Katherine Aquatic Centre being closed from 6 March to 25 March 2026. The closure significantly impacted attendance, programming, and community access.

Several activities, including school swimming, carnivals and community programs, were postponed or rescheduled where possible. Learn to Swim programs resumed following reopening, while Katherine Turtles Swimming Club continued limited training activities during operational periods.



Attendance during March reduced to 904 visits, reflecting the extended closure period and reduced operating days. No school or group bookings were recorded during the month.

Operations at the Katherine Aquatic Centre returned to normal throughout April 2026 following the March flood event. Community participation significantly increased, supported by the continuation of the Northern Territory Government funded free school holiday entry initiative and the school holiday pool party program.

Total attendance for April 2026 reached 1,881 patrons, with more than 1,027 attendances recorded during the school holiday period alone. The return of school groups, Katherine Turtles Swimming Club training and private physiotherapy sessions also contributed to increased facility use.

YMCA Northern Territory continued to focus on workforce development and local employment pathways through delivery of a Teacher of Water Safety course, recruitment of additional lifeguards and commencement of the Centre’s first aquatic traineeship.

Customer feedback throughout April remained generally positive, with a customer experience score of 8.3 and a Net Promoter Score above 50 per cent. No reportable WHS incidents or injuries were recorded during the reporting period.

Katherine Aquatic Centre Analysis

The Katherine Aquatic Centre delivered strong community participation outcomes throughout January and February 2026, supported by Learn to Swim programs, school activities and community access initiatives.

The significant reduction in attendance during March directly reflected the major flood events and prolonged closure period. Despite operational disruptions, the facility successfully resumed services following reopening and continued delivery of core aquatic programs.

The reporting period also highlighted the facility’s important role in supporting community wellbeing, recreation, cooling relief during extreme weather conditions and structured aquatic education programs for the Katherine community.

Katherine Aquatic Centre Attendance Comparison

Month	Attendance
February 2026	2,564
March 2026	904
April 2026	1,881

Katherine Aquatic Centre Programs Delivered and Attendance Comparison

Category	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026
Ch/Pens/Spec/KTC Staff	484	129	45
Aqua Aerobics / Aqua Fitness	0	0	0
School/Group Hire	813	0	42
Learn to Swim Entries	316	76	151
Category	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026
Membership Visits/Passes	392	83	189



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

There are no budget and resource requirements.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

There are no risk, legal and legislative implications.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.



15 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

15.1 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

16 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES

16.1 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES APRIL 2026

Report Type: For noting

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Elected Member activities for April 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
10 April	Youth Week Markets
15 April	Katherine Town Council & Police Monthly Meeting
17 April	Citizenship Ceremony
17 April	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
21 April	Elected Members Meeting
23 April	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
24 April	ANZAC Day Ceremony - Casuarina Street Primary School
25 April	ANZAC Day Ceremony
28 April	ICAC Training – Elected Members Session
28 April	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse	
Date	Activity attended
17 April	Citizenship Ceremony
17 April	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
21 April	Elected Members Meeting
28 April	ICAC Training – Elected Members Session
28 April	Ordinary Meeting of Council
30 April	Katherine Seniors Expo organized by Council on the Ageing NT (COTA NT) at Henry Scott Recreation Centre (YMCA)

Councillor Jim King	
Date	Activity attended
17 April	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
21 April	Elected Members Meeting
23 April	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
24 April	Anzac Day Ceremony - St. Joseph's Catholic College
24 April	Anzac Day Ceremony - Kintore Street School
24 April	Anzac Day Ceremony - Katherine High School
25 April	Anzac Day Ceremony

28 April	ICAC Training – Elected Members Session
28 April	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Councillor Toni Tapp-Coutts

Date	Activity attended
17 April	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
28 April	ICAC Training – Elected Members Session
28 April	Ordinary Meeting of Council
30 April	Katherine Seniors Expo organized by Council on the Ageing NT (COTA NT) at Henry Scott Recreation Centre (YMCA)

Councillor Kathy Glass

Date	Activity attended
17 April	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
21 April	Elected Members Meeting
23 April	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
24 April	Anzac Day Ceremony - Katherine South Primary School
28 April	ICAC Training – Elected Members Session
28 April	Ordinary Meeting of Council
30 April	Katherine Seniors Expo organized by Council on the Ageing NT (COTA NT) at Henry Scott Recreation Centre (YMCA)

Councillor Anjali Palmer

Date	Activity attended
17 April	Citizenship Ceremony
17 April	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
21 April	Elected Members Meeting
23 April	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
27 April	Police Public Safety Officers Session
28 April	ICAC Training – Elected Members Session
28 April	Ordinary Meeting of Council
30 April	Australian Local Government Women’s Association Board Meeting
30 April	Katherine Seniors Expo organized by Council on the Ageing NT (COTA NT) at Henry Scott Recreation Centre (YMCA)



17 LATE AGENDA

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

19 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.

20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

20.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES 28 APRIL 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)(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)(iii) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

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.

20.2 MINUTES OF THE CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 13 MAY 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)(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.

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.

20.3 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> .
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

20.4 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.

20.5 EXTENSION OF DUE DATE – DECLARED CHARGE ON LAND (ASSESSMENT 556)

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)(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;
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20.6 DRAFT 2026-2027 MUNICIPAL PLAN

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.

21 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

22 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 23 June 2026.