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Ordinary Meeting of Council
Held on Tuesday 27 October 2026

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

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2 OPENING PRAYER

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

3 OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Holden declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 27 October 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 Kathy Glass
- Councillor Anjali Palmer - Via video conferencing
- Councillor Toni Tapp Coutts

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

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4.2 APOLOGIES

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

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Whitehouse has submitted a leave of absence from 23 October to 1 November 2026 and from 14 November to 22 November 2026, on 29 September 2026.

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

Nil conflicts declared.

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6 PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

6.1 LGANT PRESENTATION - LGANT MEMBER BENEFITS AND SERVICES

Peter Pangquee, president of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) addressed the Council and explained his background and LGANT's background. Mary Watson, Chief Executive Officer of the LGANT presented the presentation on LGANT member benefits and services. Council was advised that LGANT has operated for approximately 30 years and has transitioned from an organisation established under the Local Government Act to a company limited by guarantee. All 18 Northern Territory councils are members of LGANT, and it was noted that the LGANT operates under a governance structure which is similar to a council, where the Board employs the Chief Executive Officer, and the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for engaging staff and implementing the decisions and directions of the Board.

The current board includes representatives from both municipal councils and regional shire councils, with President, Peter Pangquee serving as Chair of the board. Mayor Joanna Holden currently serves as a Municipal Director. It was advised that following the local government elections last year, three board members ceased their positions as a result of either resignation or not being re-elected. It was further noted that, in accordance with the constitution, a full board spill is conducted every two years. The next board election is scheduled to take place at the Annual General Meeting in November, and Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle has nominated for Municipal Director position.

The presentation outlined LGANT's operating framework, including its Constitution, Governance Charter, internal policies, Strategic Plan, and Annual Operational Plan. LGANT's strategic priorities focus on advocacy, development, engagement, and performance. Elected Members were informed of the benefits available through LGANT membership, including access to procurement exemptions and Local Buy arrangements for commonly purchased goods and services. Additional services available to members include industrial relations through Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA), Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) membership, roads research and technical resources, professional staff networks, forums, Elected Member development opportunities, governance and election support, Conduct Panel Secretariat services (prior to 1 July 2026), Northern Territory Councils discretionary trust, office space and meeting rooms facilities.

The presentation also highlighted LGANT's advocacy activities, including engagement with ministers and government departments, submissions, media releases, inquiries, and committee participation. LGANT works closely with the ALGA and other state and territory associations on issues including roads, infrastructure, data centres, artificial intelligence, and Indigenous affairs. Recent advocacy has focused on addressing the impacts of fuel and electricity costs on local government operations.

Members were advised of LGANT's annual conference scheduled for 10 and 11 November, which is open to attendance by Elected Members and senior council staff. Other sector development initiatives include governance training, procurement and circular economy symposiums, staff networks, the development of a Local Government Cost Index to assist with rates and budget planning, recognition programs for long-serving sector employees, circular economy awards, and promotion of local government careers through the Career Council platform.

LGANT's intention to work with the Federal Government, Northern Territory Government and Northern Territory Police on safety protections for Elected Members. Discussion highlighted a perceived legislative gap whereby federal and state ministers receive specific protections that are not available to local government Elected Members, while CEOs do not receive the same protection as council employees. It was also discussed that the increasing prevalence of harmful online content directed at public officials and the importance of understanding reporting mechanisms and strategies to build resilience. It was noted that the eSafety Commissioner had been invited to attend the November conference but was unavailable, and LGANT may arrange a future session or online briefing on this matter.

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7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-245
Moved: Deputy Mayor Doyle; **Seconded**: Councillor Tapp Coutts

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 September 2026 as a true and accurate record.

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8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION UPDATE OCTOBER 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-246
Moved: Councillor Tapp Coutts; **Seconded**: Councillor Glass

That Council receive and note the Action update.

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8.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - NIL

Nil

9 MAYORAL BUSINESS

9.1 MAYOR ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-247
Moved: Councillor Tapp Coutts; **Seconded**: Deputy Mayor Doyle

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

CARRIED 6|0

10 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-248
Moved: Councillor King; **Seconded**: Councillor Glass

That Council receive and note the Incoming Correspondence:

Attachments:
1. Communique - LGANT CEO - LGANT Board meeting Communique 2 September 2026 - 18 September 2026 - ID263727 [**10.1.1** - 2 pages]
2. Communique - LGANT CEO - 30 July 2026 ALGA Board Communique - 18 September 2026 - ID263728 [**10.1.2** - 1 page]
3. Letter - To Ms Casey Anderson - KTC - Katherine Memorial Cemetery Capacity and Future Planning - 09 October 2026 - ID264543 [**10.1.3** - 1 page]
4. Proposal to establish a university department of rural health - Concept Brief - 12 October 2026 - ID264559 [**10.1.4** - 8 pages]
5. Proposal to establish a university department of rural health - Flyer - 12 October 2026 - ID264560 [**10.1.5** - 2 pages]

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10.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUTGOING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-249
Moved: Councillor Tapp Coutts; **Seconded**: Deputy Mayor Doyle

That Council receive and note the Outgoing Correspondence:

Attachments:
1. Media Release - KTC - Nominate Katherine's 2027 Citizen of the Year - 21 September 2026 [**10.2.1** - 1 page]
2. Media Release - KTC - Calls for United Action on Low Level Bridge - 23 September 2026 [**10.2.2** - 1 page]
3. Letter - DLPE - CEO Ms Townsend - Katherine Memorial Cemetery Expansion and New Site - 29 September 2026 - ID264542 [**10.2.3** - 2 pages]
4. Media Release - KTC - Lithium Batteries in Household Bins Cause Fires - 01 October 2026 [**10.2.4** - 1 page]
5. Media Release - KTC - Sportsground Design Approach Consultation - 08 October 2026 [**10.2.5** - 1 page]

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6. Image - Media Release - KTC - Sportsground Design Approach Consultation - 08 October 2026 [**10.2.6** - 1 page]
7. Letter - NTEPA - Katherine Ambient Air Quality - 19 October 2026 - ID264583 [**10.2.7** - 2 pages]

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11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

13.1 COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND ASSESSMENT PANEL APPOINTMENTS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-250
Moved: Councillor Tapp Coutts; **Seconded**: Deputy Mayor Doyle

That Council

1. Appoints Mayor Joanna Holden, Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle and Councillor Jim King to the Administrative Review Committee for the period to 30 September 2027.
2. Appoints Mayor Joanna Holden and Councillor Jim King to the Audit and Risk Management Committee for the period to 30 September 2027 and appoints Councillor Anjali Palmer as the alternate member to the Audit and Risk Management Committee for the period to 30 September 2027.
3. Appoints Councillor Kathy Glass and Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse to the Katherine Sportsground Advisory Committee for the period to 30 September 2027, and Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse be the Chair of the Katherine Sportsground Advisory Committee for the period to 30 September 2027.
4. Council appoints Councillor Anjali Palmer and Councillor Jim King to the Katherine Showgrounds Advisory Committee for the period to 30 September 2027, and Councillor Anjali Palmer be the Chair of the Katherine Showgrounds Advisory Committee for the period to 30 September 2027.
5. Council appoints Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle and Councillor Jim King to the Waste Management Strategy Review Working Group, and Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle be the Chair of the Waste Management Strategy Review Working Group.

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13.2 KATHERINE WASTE MANAGEMENT TRIAL OPERATING HOURS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-251
Moved: Deputy Mayor Doyle; **Seconded**: Councillor Glass

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That Council:

1. Notes the results of the Katherine Waste Management Facility extended operating hours trial, which commenced on 25 May 2026.
2. Approves the continuation of the trial operating hours until 30 June 2027.
3. Receives a further report of the trial to consider the ongoing operating hours of the facility.

CARRIED 6|0

13.3 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE - ELECTED MEMBER FACILITATED 12 MONTH REVIEW SESSION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-252
Moved: Deputy Mayor Doyle; **Seconded**: Councillor King

That Council approve Mayor Holden and Deputy Mayor Doyle to utilise $5,537.50 each of their Professional Development Allowance allocation for Elected Member individual discussions to identify perspectives, facilitated small group discussions, facilitate 12-month review session, and post-session follow-up support provided by The Real Learning Experience.

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Discussion
It was noted that the total shown in the "Total Allowance remaining" column was incorrect on page 69 of 112 under Budget and Resource Implications should be $59,009.50.

It was discussed that the cost should be split proportionately among all elected members, although the program included one-on-one sessions for Mayor and Deputy Mayor. As these sessions were considered individual professional development, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor would contribute toward the cost using their professional development allowances. Other elected members were advised that they may also choose to undertake one-on-one sessions and use their allocated professional development allowances for that purpose. It was agreed that the contribution arrangement would be reviewed at the November meeting.

13.4 CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-253
Moved: Councillor Tapp Coutts; **Seconded**: Councillor Palmer

That Council receive and note the Katherine Town Council Christmas and New Year arrangements for 2026/2027.

CARRIED 6|0

Discussion
Council were informed that these arrangements did not include the additional payment of benefit previously provided to staff for closure; a separate motion would be needed if Council wished to provide that benefit again.

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13.5 EARLY BIRD DRAW 2026/2027 WINNER

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-254
Moved: Deputy Mayor Doyle; **Seconded**: Councillor King

That Council:

1. receives and notes the Early Bird Draw winner for 2026/2027, drawn by Deputy Mayor, being the ratepayer of Assessment 2577.

CARRIED 6|0

13.6 FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

That Council endorses the financial report for the month of 30 September 2026.

Discussion

It was noted that figure errors had been identified within the report. The Chief Financial Officer mentioned the amendments to the Council, and the corrections for noting in the minutes.

1. Table 1.1 Monthly Income and Expenditure Statement on page 79
    i. YTD Variance for Total Operating Income 2,428,575 should be corrected as 2,407,294.
    ii. YTD Variance for Total Operating Expenditure (459,723) should be corrected as 2,884,737.
2. Table 1.2 Monthly Operating Position on page 81
    i. YTD Budget for Operating Surplus (Deficit) (1,518,879) should be corrected as 5,243,865.
    ii. YTD Actuals for Net Budgeted Operating Surplus (Deficit) 9,133,014 should be corrected as 9,831,595.
    iii. YTD Budget for Net Budgeted Operating Surplus (Deficit) (932,791) should be corrected as 5,829,913.
    iv. YTD Variance for Net Budgeted Operating Surplus (Deficit) 5,919,492 should be corrected as 4,001,642.
3. Table 2.1 Capital Expenditure and Funding on Page 82
    i. YTD Budget for Total Capital Expenditure funded by: 1,101,421 should be corrected as 1,547,385
    ii. YTD Variance for Total Capital Expenditure funded by: (387,431) should be corrected as (944,033).
4. Page 83 Current Capital Project(s) (WIP) Total Actual Spend - LOP 760,416 should be corrected as -885,416.
5. Table 2.2 Report on Planned Major Capital Works over $150K on page 86 Total Planned Budget Life of Project 8,241,029 should be corrected as 8,228,834.
6. Page 89 AMP 6 Effective Date 30.26.26 should be corrected as 30.06.2026.

It was noted that the figures for Asset - Trade Debtors and Liabilities - Accounts Payable were correct on page 87. The Balance Sheet includes credits and other adjustments, while the supporting tables do not currently show these amounts. To make the figures easier to understand and compare, future reports will include the relevant credits in the supporting tables.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OMC-2026-255
Moved: Councillor Tapp Coutts; **Seconded**: Councillor King

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That Council endorses the financial report for the month of 30 September 2026, subject to changes noted in the minutes.

CARRIED 6|0

13.7 INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROJECTS QUARTERLY REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-256
Moved: Deputy Mayor Doyle; **Seconded**: Councillor Glass

That Council receives and notes the report of the Infrastructure and Projects Department for this quarter.

CARRIED 6|0

13.8 PEOPLE AND CULTURE QUARTERLY REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-257
Moved: Deputy Mayor Doyle; **Seconded**: Councillor Tapp Coutts

That Council receives and notes the People and Culture Quarterly Report for the quarter ending 30 September 2026.

CARRIED 6|0

14 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

14.1 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

15 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES

15.1 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-258
Moved: Councillor Glass; **Seconded**: Councillor Tapp Coutts

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

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16 LATE AGENDA

16.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2025/2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-259
Moved: Councillor King; **Seconded**: Deputy Mayor Doyle

1. That Council approves the 2025/2026 Annual Report, including the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2026.
2. That Council notes that, in accordance with Section 290(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the approved Katherine Town Council 2025/2026 Annual Report, incorporating the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026, will be provided to the Minister for Local Government.

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3. That Council notes that, in accordance with Section 290(2), the approved Annual Report 2025/2026, incorporating the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026, will be published on Council's website once it has been provided to the Minister. A copy will also be provided to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

CARRIED 6|0

Discussion
It was noted that the Chair of Audit and Risk Management Committee had presented the audit financial statements at the last Elected Members Information Session (EMIS), and no significant concerns were raised by either auditors or the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Council acknowledged and congratulated staff on the significant effort involved in preparing the annual report, particularly given that the financial statement preparation process had been brought in-house for the first time. It was noted that this resulted in an additional workload alongside normal resposibilities and the on boarding of new staff. Council further noted that preparing the financial statements internally had been beneficial for the organisation.

16.2 TEMPORARY DELEGATION INCREASE FOR THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - DRFA RELATED WORKS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-260
Moved: Councillor King; **Seconded**: Councillor Palmer

That Council approves the temporary increase to the Acting CEO delegation limit, for the approval of Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) related repair works resulting from the March 2026 Flood Event up to $500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars), with all such approvals to be reported back to Council.

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Discussion
It was queried whether the estimated $500,000 represented the total value of a single package of works. In response, it was advised that the final value would depend on the tender prices received.

It was noted that the works would initially be procured through the Local Buy Framework and depending on the responses received, may subsequently proceed to public tender. It was confirmed that Council would ordinarily award the tender; however, delegated authority was being sought to enable the urgent works to proceed without delay due to approaching wet season, it was considered necessary to expedite the procurement process.

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Tapp Coutts raised concerns regarding the increasing use of smart glasses with built-in cameras and noted that a number of councils across Australia are developing policies to regulate their use in public facilities such as swimming pools and playgrounds. It was noted that such policies generally include appropriate exemptions for vision-impaired users and others who rely on assistive technology. Discussion

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followed regarding whether any policy response should be limited to smart glass, noting that mobile phones and other recording devices can also be used to capture images and video. It was advised that it is currently undertaking work relating to AI, governance, and cybersecurity frameworks, and that the matter could be reviewed as part of that review. ACTION: To investigate policy proposal for smart glasses use in council public facilities.

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 7:12 pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-261
Moved: Mayor Holden; **Seconded**: Deputy Mayor Doyle

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

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

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

19 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

19.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES 22 SEPTEMBER 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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

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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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

19.2 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 10 FEBRUARY 2026

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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
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.

19.3 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 11 JUNE 2026

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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
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.

19.4 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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
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 *Local Government Act 2019.*

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Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest

19.5 CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

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19.6 FAIR WORK REMUNERATION REMEDIATION

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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

19.7 KATHERINE EAST CHILD CARE CENTRE - NEW LEASE, LOT 2974

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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-268
Moved: Councillor Tapp Coutts; **Seconded**: Councillor King

That Council:

1. approve entering into negotiations with Katherine East Child Care Centre (KECCC) for the lease of Council property at 16 Grevillea Road, Katherine;

2. endorse that the approved rental subsidy of 74 per cent be applied to the new negotiated lease from 1 July 2026;

3. approves of the Mayor and Acting Chief Executive Officer to execute and affix the Common Seal to the new 5-year lease with KECCC; with the option to renew once;

4. approve moving resolution 1, 2 and 3 to the open minutes.

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19.8 TENDER AWARD OF T26-03 – RURAL INTERSECTION UPGRADES - R2R FUNDED

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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-269
Moved: Councillor Tapp Coutts; **Seconded**: Deputy Mayor Doyle

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1. That Council award Tender T26-03 Rural Intersection Upgrades to F and J Bitumen for the amount of Seven hundred and two thousand, four hundred and ninety-four dollars and fifty-six cents excluding GST ($702,494.56)
2. That Council release the resolutions to the public minutes.

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19.9 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 *Local Government Act 2019.*
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-270
Moved: Councillor Glass; **Seconded**: Councillor Palmer

That the Council elects to:

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

CARRIED 6|0

20 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 7:35 pm.

21 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of Council - 27 October 2026 was declared closed at 7:35 pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 24 November 2026.

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