



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



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 - 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 recorder 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.

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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.

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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

20.2 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES



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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.

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.

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.

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> .
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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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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.

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.

20.9 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.

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.

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

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.