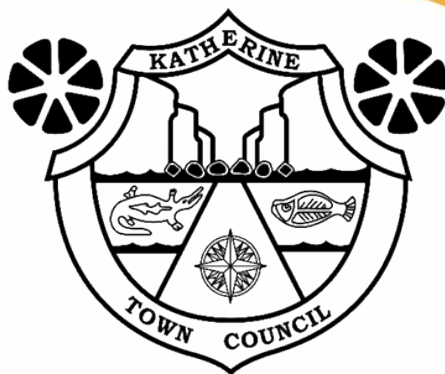




AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting of Council
To be held on Tuesday 28 July 2026
At 6:00 pm

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

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

ELECTED MEMBERS

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

OFFICERS

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

VISION:

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

MISSION:

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

VALUES:

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

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

4.2 APOLOGIES

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence form received from Deputy Mayor Doyle for 10 June to 16 June 2026, on 3 June 2026.
Leave of absence form received from Councillor Plamer for 26 June to 5 July 2026, on 15 June 2026.
Leave of absence form received from Councillor Plamer for 14 August to 20 August 2026, on 16 June 2026.
Leave of absence form received from Mayor Holden for 30 September to 9 October and 28 October to 20 November 2026, on 17 June 2026.
Leave of absence form received from Councillor Glass for 19 June to 22 June 2026, on 18 June 2026.
Leave of absence form received from Councillor Whitehouse for 24 August to 4 September and 14 September to 25 September 2026, on 21 July 2026.

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members Disclosure Conflict of Interest

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

6 PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 23 JUNE 2026

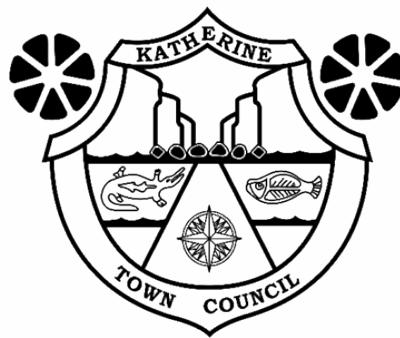
Report Type: Previous Minutes

Attachments: 1. Unconfirmed Minutes - Ordinary Meeting of Council - 23 June 2026 [7.1.1 - 17 pages]

Recommendation



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



MINUTES

**Ordinary Meeting of Council
Held on Tuesday 23 June 2026**

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



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3 OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Holden declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 23 June 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

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- Brett Kimpton – Manager Environment and Municipal
- Matt Arnott - Manager Projects Portfolio

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4.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Glass tabled leave of absence from 14 July to 17 July 2026 and from 8 August to 18 August 2026.

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

6.1 MINISTER FOR FLOOD RECOVERY

The Honourable Jo Hersey, Minister for Flood Recovery, attended the Ordinary Meeting of Council to provide a comprehensive update on flood recovery activities across the Katherine region. Before inviting the Minister to speak, the Mayor Holden advised that although the Minister welcomed questions, several had been submitted late and would therefore be responded to in writing following the meeting.

The Minister began the address by thanking the Council for the invitation to give an update. Minister Hersey acknowledged that Katherine had recently been through the second largest flood since 1998, surpassing the 2006 flood event, and highlighted the ongoing collaboration with Ken Davies, to visit affected regions and observe the response of multiple flood-related events. It was also informed that \$1 million is available in the current flood-recovery fund.

The Minister outlined the significant funding allocations made to support recovery and mitigation efforts. Katherine related included \$0.6 million for Maud Creek upgrades, \$2.5 million for early warning IT solutions, \$4 million for North levee and drainage works. The Minister also referenced broader territory-wide investments, including \$4.9 million for flood mitigation in Alice Springs and \$0.5 million for future planning in Daly River and Nauiyu. The Minister emphasised the importance of building back better, noting planned works to raise creek bridges, improve drainage, and strengthen levees in areas such as Lockhead, Lindsay, and multiple points along Tindal Creek, and also highlighted the need to raise sections of the Stuart Highway to ensure continued access during future flood events.

The Minister addressed concerns about the accessibility of the \$10,000 business grants for flood-affected businesses, noting efforts to streamline the process. The Minister stated that the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure spent \$1 million to work with Council around supporting waste, and \$13 million on repairing and upgrading local roads so far.

The Council were informed that the matter around the relocation or protection of flood-prone facilities such as the Katherine Hospital had been discussed for many years and a petition was tabled at Parliament, there were no formal government level plans underway to relocate the hospital.

Council thanked the Minister for her attendance, her detailed update, and her commitment to providing written responses to outstanding questions.



7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 26 MAY 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

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

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OMC-2026-146

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

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 May 2026 as a true and accurate record with the amendment on page 9, under Discussion, paragraph 1, to include 'Councillor Palmer stated that the decisions were being made without council involvement.'

CARRIED 7|0



7.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 2 JUNE 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-147

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

That Council confirm the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 2 June 2026 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 7|0

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION UPDATE JUNE 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council receive and note the Action update.

Discussion

Reference was made to the previous Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes, Agenda Page 17, Item 14.4, Resolution 3, regarding the Mayor's discretion to determine whether public questions submitted at a meeting are tabled. Clarification was sought regarding the basis for this discretion, noting that it is established under a Council-adopted policy.

It was further noted that Section 44 of the Local Government Act outlines the role of Elected Members in representing the interests of residents and facilitating communication between the community and Council. A query was raised as to whether decisions regarding the tabling of public questions should be made by the Council as a whole rather than solely by the Mayor.

In response, it was advised that the Mayor's discretion is derived from Council's own policy. It was also noted that Councillors retain the ability to raise matters of community concern through Council meetings or the Elected Member Information Sessions (EMIS), ensuring their obligations under Section 44 continue to be met. Additionally, public questions are often received at short notice, and the policy provides guidance to support consistent and timely decision-making.

A request was made for the policy to be formally returned to Council for reconsideration, with emphasis placed on the importance of ensuring all Councillors are informed of matters raised by the public so they can respond appropriately to the public.

Elected Members were advised that they may request a review of the policy by writing to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and asking that the matter be brought back to Council. Alternatively, a Notice of Motion may be submitted for consideration at a future Council meeting.

Council discussed the importance of closely monitoring the utilisation of the Extended Waste Management Facility Hours, noting that the extended operating period has resulted in a significant cost to Council and tracking of usage data may be required for further decisions.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OMC-2026-148

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

1. That Council receive and note the Action update.

2. That Council close Actions:

22-04-2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 22 April 2025	10.1	Correspondence Incoming March 2025 - Request to raise with DLPE at next	In Progress
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			meeting to provide the data supporting the claim that the Materials Recovery Facility in Katherine is not viable.	
April 2026: A/CEO has emailed the department requesting information/update regarding the Material Recovery Facility. 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.				
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
20 April 2026: Draft lease received 18 May 2026: Awaiting HWLE review of lease				
24-03-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 24 March 2026	14.6	Waste Management Strategy Review Working Group - Terms of Reference - Expression of Interest (EOI) process will be undertaken via <i>Your Say Katherine</i> to invite participation from community members, industry representatives and key stakeholders in the Working Group, supported by targeted engagement of key stakeholders by Council, further report will be presented to Council following the EOI process to determine and endorse Working Group membership, regular progress updates will be provided to Council as the Working Group undertakes its activities.	In Progress
13 April 2026: Expression of Interest (EOI) process commenced via Your Say Katherine and Council communication channels, including social media, following Council Endorsement. Adopted Terms of Reference implemented to guide the Working Group framework and assessment process. Internal assessment panel established to review applications against the approved selection criteria. Next Steps: Assess and shortlist applicants in accordance with the Terms of Reference and selection criteria. Prepare a report to Council recommending selected candidates for endorsement. Subject to Council approval, formally establish the Waste Management Strategy Review Working Group and commence operations. May 2026: Report to be tabled at the June 2026 Council meeting.				
26-05-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 26 May 2026	14.1	Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) - Terms of Reference - Expression of Interest process will be undertaken via <i>Your Say Katherine</i> to invite community and	In Progress



			stakeholder participation in the Katherine Community Safety Action Group, further report will be presented to Council regarding recommended membership appointments following the Expression of Interest process, Appoint Councillor Anjali Palmer and Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle as the co-chairs of the Katherine Community Safety Action Group.	
04 June 2026: Prepare and publish an Expression of Interest (EOI) process through Your Say Katherine seeking community and stakeholder participation in the Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG), in accordance with Council Resolution OMC-2026-128. Develop and implement a stakeholder engagement and communications plan to promote the EOI process and encourage participation from relevant community groups, service providers, government agencies, businesses and interested residents. Prepare a proposed project timeline outlining: EOI opening and closing dates; Assessment of applications; Presentation of recommended membership appointments to Council; Proposed date for the inaugural KCSAG meeting. Provide the proposed timeline to Councillor Anjali Palmer and Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle, noting their appointment as Co-Chairs of the Katherine Community Safety Action Group. Prepare a further report to Council following completion of the EOI process, detailing recommended membership appointments for Council consideration. 05 June 2026 : TOR added to Policy register, records management undertaken and Action Group added to the Website Working Groups page. 15 June 2026: EOI period commenced Friday 5 June and will close 12pm on Friday 19 June 2026.				
26-05-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 26 May 2026	14.2	Katherine FM Sponsorship – Council approved sponsorship with Katherine FM for five 2-hour live broadcasts at events celebrating the Centenary year, so need to be advised to the Katherine FM and formalise the sponsorship agreement and organise payment.	In Progress
09 June 2026: Christine to advise Territory FM and formalise the sponsorship agreement and organise payment. 15 June 2026: The Events Coordinator is currently awaiting a response from Katherine FM to finalise the agreement and payment.				

CARRIED 7|0



9 MAYORAL BUSINESS

9.1 MAYOR ACTIVITIES MAY 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-149

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

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

CARRIED 7|0

9.2 COUNCILLOR GOALS FIRST 6 TO 12 MONTHS UPDATE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OMC-2026-150

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

1. That Council receive and note the Councillor First 6 to 12 Months Goals update.
2. That Council move completed goals into a separate table.

CARRIED 7|0

10 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-151

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

That Council receive and note the Incoming Correspondence:

- Attachments:
1. Letter - DHLGCD - Closure of Compliance Review 2023-24 - 20 May 2026 - ID253472 [10.1.1 - 1 page]
 2. Letter - NTGC - to Councils - Review of Funding Methodology - 21 May 2026 - ID255559 [10.1.2 - 1 page]

CARRIED 7|0

10.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUTGOING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-152

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

That Council receive and note the Outgoing Correspondence:

- Attachments:
1. Media Release - KTC - Council to trial extended Waste Management Facility hours - 20 May 2026 [10.2.1 - 1 page]
 2. Media Release - KTC - Draft Municipal Plan 2026-27 open for consultation - 02 June 2026 [10.2.2 - 1 page]
 3. Media Release - KTC - EOI open for Community Safety Working Group - 04 June 2026 [10.2.3 - 1 page]
 4. Letter - The Hon Marion Scrymgour MP - Katherine Community Safety Working Group - Funding Request Proposal - 12 June 2026 - ID255538 [10.2.4 - 1 page]



5. Letter - Ms Jessica De Masson - Permission to Install Traffic Signage - Victoria Highway (Zimin Drive-Turn-Off) - 15 June 2026 - ID255545 [10.2.5 - 2 pages]

CARRIED 7|0

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

13.1 APPLICATIONS - CROWN LAND LICENCES FOR CENTENARY EVENTS - SUNSET DRINKS AND TERRITORY DAY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-153

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

1. That Council authorises the Mayor and Acting Chief Executive Officer to fully execute a Crown Land Licence over Lot 3019, Town of Katherine, commonly known as the Old Railway Bridge, for the event *Sunset Drinks on the Bridge* to be held on 26 June 2026.
2. That Council authorises the Mayor and Acting Chief Executive Officer to fully execute a Crown Land Licence over Lot 2999, Town of Katherine, commonly known as the Showgrounds Overflow Carpark, for the event *Territory Day* to be held on 1 July 2026.

CARRIED 7|0

13.2 COUNCIL POLICIES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

1. That Council approve the policies:
 - a. Policy – Attendance Meeting via Audio and Audio-Visual Conferencing System – Version 4
 - b. Policy – Meeting Administration – Version 7
 - c. Policy – Asset Revaluation Reserve – Version 1
2. That Council rescind the following policies:
 - a. Policy – Elected Member Professional Development Allowance – Version 2
 - b. Policy - Other reasonable expenses and non-monetary benefits received by council members – Version 2
 - c. Policy - Reasonable expenses for travel and accommodation for elected members – Version 3

Discussion



The Council were in relation to the Meeting Administration Policy changes include to remove only the agenda item for public question time, not the opportunity for questions itself. Multiple amendments were proposed, including restructuring the meeting so confidential items occur first and strengthening confidentiality requirements for remote attendance. Council acknowledged that members attending remotely should formally declare that no unauthorised persons are present, and that this declaration should align with existing conflict-of-interest processes. Due to the number of suggested changes, the Council agreed to lay both the Meeting Administration Policy - Version 7 and the Attendance Meeting via Audio and Audio-Visual Conferencing System -Version 4 on the table for further refinement.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OMC-2026-154

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

1. That Council approve the policy:
 - a. Policy – Asset Revaluation Reserve – Version 1
2. That Council rescind the following policies:
 - a. Policy – Elected Member Professional Development Allowance – Version 2
 - b. Policy - Other reasonable expenses and non-monetary benefits received by council members – Version 2
 - c. Policy - Reasonable expenses for travel and accommodation for elected members – Version 3
3. That Council lay on table following policies:
 - a. Policy - Meeting Administration - Version 7
 - b. Policy - Attendance Meeting via Audio and Audio-Visual Conferencing System - Version 4

CARRIED 7|0

13.3 FINES RECOVERY UNIT DRAFT AGREEMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-155

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

1. That Council endorse the Draft Agreement with the Fines Recovery Unit (FRU) and Katherine Town Council.
2. That Council authorises the Mayor and the Acting Chief Executive Officer to execute a three (3) year Agreement with the Fines Recovery Unit (FRU), with an option to renew for a further three (3) years, commencing 1 July 2026, and to affix the Common Seal of the Katherine Town Council.

CARRIED 7|0

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-156

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

1. That Council appoint Councillor Anjali Palmer as the Council representative delegate for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Conference, Annual General Meeting on 10 and 11 November 2026 in Alice Springs as the Mayor is unable to attend.
2. That Council authorise Councillor Anjali Palmer as the Council representative delegate for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Conference, Annual General Meeting on 10 and 11 November 2026 to have delegation for decision making that is in the best interests of



the Council.

CARRIED 7|0

13.5 FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-157

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

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

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

The structure of the loan drawdowns and associated interest on page 91, noting the obligation to draw down \$500,000 quarterly, incurring interest on drawn amounts and fees on undrawn balances.

The year to date variance in operating grants and subsidies on page 90, noting a shortfall of \$493,525 variance was due to the timing of the Financial Assistance Grant pre-payment, which had been budgeted for but had not yet been received, although confirmation from the Grants Commission indicated it was expected shortly.

The Accounts Receivable balance on page 99, which showed approximately \$ 2.5 million in outstanding debts confirmed this figure includes unpaid rates dating back to 2018.

13.6 COMMUNITY RELATIONS QUARTERLY REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-158

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

That Council receive and note the Community Relations Department Quarterly Report for the period 1 February 2026 to 31 May 2026.

CARRIED 7|0

Discussion

13.7 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS QUARTERLY REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-159

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

That Council receives and notes the Strategic Communications report for April - May 2026.

CARRIED 7|0

14 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

14.1 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

Nil



15 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES

15.1 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES MAY 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-160

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

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

CARRIED 7|0

16 LATE AGENDA

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 6:51 pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-161

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 26 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> .
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TOWN COUNCIL

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

19.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW WORKING GROUP - ENDORSEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

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.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OMC-2026-163

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

That Council:

1. Approves the following membership of the Waste Management Strategy Review Working Group:

- Ben Lewis – Resident Representative
- Carl Wienands – Resident Representative
- Danny Downes - Downes Graderways (Danny Downes) – Local Business / Commercial Sector
- Daniel Kelly (Leisha Kelly (proxy) - KYK Industries – Local Business / Commercial Sector
- Peter Wasley - Katherine Tree Maintenance – Resource Recovery / Recycling Industry
- Ash Challis - Cleanaway – Waste Operator / Commercial Provider
- Tanya Brown & Jo McPhee (proxy) Victoria Daly Regional Council – Government / Regional Representative



2. Appoint a Katherine Town Council Chair and Elected Member representatives to the Working Group remains subject to further discussion and determination by Council.
3. Supports the addition of up to two (2) targeted members, if required, to strengthen representation and technical expertise within the Working Group.
4. Release the resolution to the open minutes.

CARRIED 7|0

19.3 CORYMBIA DRIVE | KATHERINE EAST CENTRE - ASSET HANDOVER

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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-164

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

1. That Council notes correspondence dated 1 June 2026 from the Chief Executive Officer, Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DLI), advising of the proposed handover.
2. That Council resolves to accept the handover of Corymbia Drive, Katherine East, and associated infrastructure assets.
3. That Council releases the resolutions to the public minutes.

CARRIED 7|0

19.4 CONFIRMATION OF CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES 2 JUNE 2026

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

19.5 CONFIRMATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES 2 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> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

19.6 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.



KATHERINE
TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES - Ordinary Meeting of Council - 23 June 2026

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

19.7 AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATION - 11 JUNE 2026

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

19.8 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> .
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KATHERINE
TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES - Ordinary Meeting of Council - 23 June 2026

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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19.9 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER REVIEW 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 <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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-170

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

1. That Council endorses the annual review of Katherine Town Council Corporate Risk Register.
2. That Council releases the resolution to the open minutes.

CARRIED 7|0

19.10 KATHERINE LEVEE NORTH - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-171

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

1. That Council endorses and authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor to execute the Katherine Levee and Lockheed Drain Maintenance Final Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) 255575 between the Northern Territory of Australia, represented by the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment, and the Katherine Town Council.
2. Release the resolution to the public minutes.

CARRIED 7|0

19.11 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE – HISTORICAL CASH HANDLING REVIEW AND WRITE-OFF OF UNRECONCILED ACCOUNTING VARIANCE

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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-172

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

That Council:

2. Approves the write-off of \$400 from Council's balance sheet relating to the historical variance and approves the cessation of the Visitor Information Centre exchange tin, with the remaining \$25 to be reconciled and banked into Council's general fund.



3. The Council puts resolution 1 on the confidential review list and release resolution 2 into the public minutes.

CARRIED 7|0

20 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 7:33 pm.

21 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of Council - 23 June 2026 was declared closed at 7:33 pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 28 July 2026.

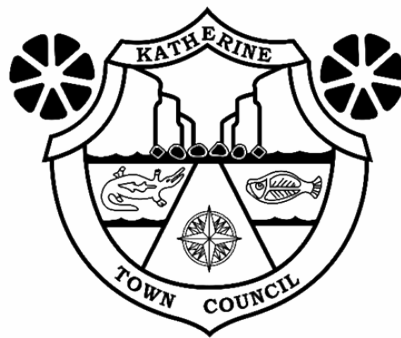
7.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 17 JUNE 2026

Report Type: Previous Minutes

Attachments: 1. Unconfirmed Minutes - Special Meeting of Council - 17 June 2026 [7.2.1 - 4 pages]

Recommendation

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



MINUTES

**Special Meeting of Council
Held on Wednesday 17 June 2026**

Katherine Library, Conference Room
15 Katherine Terrace, 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 - 17 June 2026 open at 1:00 pm.

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

- Mayor Joanna Holden (Chair)
- Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle
- Councillor Jim King
- Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse
- 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
- Kimberly Worrigal – Contracts Coordinator

4.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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



Nil conflicts declared.

6 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 1:02 pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SMC-2026-11

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

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

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

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

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

8.1 TENDER AWARD - T26-01 - ROAD SHOULDER RESEALING HELENA ROAD AND T26-07 - HENDRY ROAD SHOULDER REPAIRS

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SMC-2026-12

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

1. That Council award Tender T26-01 - Road Shoulder Resealing Helena Road to Downes Graderways Pty Ltd for the amount of One hundred and seventy-eight thousand and eighteen dollars and eighteen cents excluding GST (\$178,018.18).
2. That Council award Tender T26-07 - Hendry Road Shoulder Repairs Works to Downes Graderways PTY LTD for the amount of One hundred and sixty-six thousand dollars excluding GST (\$166,000.00).
3. That Council release the resolutions to the public minutes.

CARRIED 6|0

8.2 SPORTSGROUND LIGHTING UPDATE - OVAL 2



Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SMC-2026-13

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

2. That Council authorises the tender process for lighting repairs for Oval 2 of the Katherine Sportsgrounds.
3. That Council releases the resolution 2 to the public minutes

CARRIED 6|0

9 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 1:07 pm.

10 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Special Meeting of Council - 17 June 2026 was declared closed at 1:07 pm.

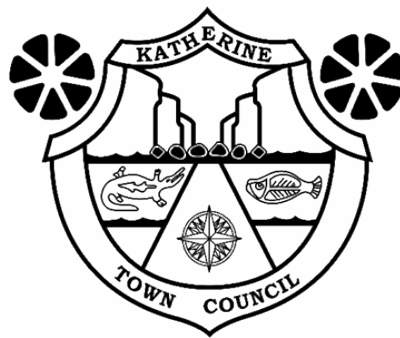
7.3 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 26 JUNE 2026

Report Type: Previous Minutes

Attachments: 1. Unconfirmed Minutes - Special Meeting of Council - 26 June 2026 [7.3.1 - 5 pages]

Recommendation

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



MINUTES

**Special Meeting of Council
Held on Friday 26 June 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 - 26 June 2026 open at 12:00 pm.

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

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

OFFICERS

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

PUBLIC - 2

4.2 APOLOGIES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SMC-2026-16

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

1. That Council accepts the apology of Councillor Palmer, due to the leave of absence.
2. That Council accepts the apology of Councillor Glass, due to the short notice of the meeting.

CARRIED 5|0

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

6.1 DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2026/2027

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SMC-2026-14

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

1. That Council acknowledges the Chief Executive Officer, certified the Certification of Assessment Record as true and accurate record; and
2. That Council declare:
 - (a) Items one (1) to seven (7) in the attached Declaration of Rates and Waste Charges 2026/2027 for the financial year ending 30 June 2027, pursuant to Section 237 and 238 of the *Local Government Act NT 2019*.

CARRIED 5|0

Discussion

The term 'Chief Executive Officer' encompasses any acting appointment to the role, therefore, the recommendation does not need to separately reference an Acting CEO.

6.2 2026-2027 MUNICIPAL PLAN, BUDGET, AND FEES AND CHARGES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SMC-2026-15

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

1. That Council adopt the Budget for 2026-2027.
2. That Council adopt the Municipal Plan for 2026-2027 with the following changes:
 - a. Page 2 added the Council Vision, Mission and Values
 - b. Page 3 Acting CEO signature straight alignment
 - c. Page 8 the dates changed to reflect the consultation period (2 to 23 June 2026) and the meeting date (26 June 2026) for approval of the plan
 - d. Page 33 including category descriptions for all Zones
 - e. Page 34 replacing the photo with the original photo
 - f. Page 38 change Council Committee Costs to Council Committee Expenses
 - g. Page 42 note added under the table: 'Loan funding for Civic Centre Refurbishment - Council has secured a Loan of \$5M from the Commonwealth Bank.'
 - h. Page 44 change spelling of Craighbourn to Cragborn, and Zimmin to Zimin
3. That Council adopt the Fees and Charges for 2026-2027.
4. That Council adopt the 2026-2027 Municipal Plan Snapshot.
5. That Council rescind the Rating Strategy Policy – Version 9.

CARRIED 5|0

Discussion

That Council acknowledged the effort by the staff to ensure the Municipal Plan, Budget, and Rates and



Charges met statutory requirements and deadlines.

6.3 YOUTH OFFENDER ACTIVITIES PROJECT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SMC-2026-16

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

1. That Council approve the Mayor, Joanna Holden, to advocate to Ministers, government agencies, businesses, and other organisations to secure funding for the delivery of a short-term series of activities designed to interrupt the cycle of youth offending in Katherine.
2. That Council approve the Mayor, Joanna Holden, and Acting CEO, Casey Anderson, to facilitate funding for the delivery of these activities through Brother to Another, with a subcontracting arrangement to Jeremy Donovan, Native Artz, subject to satisfactory reference checks.

CARRIED 5|0

Discussion

The Councillors were informed that Mr McCann, Chief Executive Officer of Kununurra Waringari Aboriginal Corporation (KWAC) and Mr Donovan of Native Artz had recently engaged with number of youth offenders in Katherine and received positive feedback, with activities such as fishing and football helping build rapport. It was highlighted that the proposed program aims to recruit 6-8 local indigenous youth workers, and local providers believe the timing is important due to school holidays and recent increases in offending, making early intervention valuable.

It was clarified that the program is a short-term intervention, focused on immediate engagement rather than life-skills training. The activities are intended to act as a circuit-breaker and link young people with longer-term service providers who can deliver ongoing support. The program would be delivered by Jeremy Donovan through Brother to Another. The decision being asked of Council's approval for the Mayor to contact agencies, and write letters to support the funding of the program.

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 12:11 pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SMC-2026-17

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.

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8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

9 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 12:11 pm.

10 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Special Meeting of Council - 26 June 2026 was declared closed at 12:11 pm.



8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION UPDATE JULY 2026

Report Type: For noting

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

Officer Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Action update.

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

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

Meeting Date	Meeting	Item #	Report name and Action	Status
			Visual Conferencing System - Version 4	
15 July 2026: The approved and rescinded policies have been actioned. The Meeting Administration and Audio-visual policies are being further worked on before tabling at the next ARMC meeting and then the Council meeting.				
23-06-2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 23 June 2026	13.3	Fines Recovery Unit Draft Agreement – Action per the following resolutions 1. That Council endorse the Draft Agreement with the Fines Recovery Unit (FRU) and Katherine Town Council. 2. That Council authorises the Mayor and the Acting Chief Executive Officer to execute a three (3) year Agreement with the Fines Recovery Unit (FRU), with an option to renew for a further three (3) years, commencing 1 July 2026, and to affix the Common Seal of the Katherine Town Council.	In Progress
13 July 2026: Awaiting execution by the Mayor.				

9 MAYORAL BUSINESS

9.1 MAYOR ACTIVITIES JUNE 2026

Report Type: For noting

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Mayoral activities for June 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 June	Special Meeting of Council
09 June	Northern Territory Grants Commission - Board
10 June	Meeting with Aboriginal Community Organisations to Developing a coordinated response to Katherine's issues
11 June	Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting
12 June	Annual Sports Day – Kintore Street Specialist School
13 June	Katherine Research Station Open Day
13 June	Community Consultation on Municipal Plan 2026/27 at Katherine Research Station
16 June	Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Board Meeting
17 June	Special Meeting of Council
17 June	Meeting with Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce Board
18 June	Meeting with Community Member
19 June	Citizenship Ceremony
19 June	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
22 June	Meeting with Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation - Kununurra Youth Night Space
23 June	Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation Follow Up Meeting - Kununurra Youth Night Space
23 June	Katherine River Stories Literacy Festival 2026
23 June	Ordinary Meeting of Council
24 June	Senior Citizens Centenary Day
26 June	Department Led Training - Katherine Town Council – Investigation Report – Implementation Plan
26 June	Special Meeting of Council
27 June	Centenary Sports Carnival
30 June	Meeting on Youth Crime Intervention Program - Katherine - Kalano
30 June	Meeting on Youth Crime Intervention Program - Katherine - Northern Territory Council of Social Service (NTCOSS)
30 June	Meeting on Youth Crime Intervention Program - Katherine - Northern Land Council (NLC)

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.

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

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

Completed Goals

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

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

10 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING

Report Type: For noting

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Incoming Correspondence:

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



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Dear Mayor Holden,

With the **2026 National General Assembly (NGA)** fast approaching I wanted to reach out and encourage you and your council staff to be part of what is shaping up to be a fantastic week in **Canberra**.

The **2026 NGA will be held from Tuesday 23 to Thursday 25 June 2026** at the National Convention Centre in Canberra. It is our premier opportunity to come together, share ideas, talk through issues of shared concern, and ensure local government voices are front and centre in national conversations.

We are all facing challenges of the current economic environment and fuel crisis, so our presence in Canberra as a collective is even more important. ALGA continues to advocate for financial assistance to councils to meet these growing needs. We will have dedicated sessions on financial sustainability, our state of the assets report, and have invited the Fuel Supply Taskforce coordinator, Anthea Harris for her update.

We are particularly excited about two dedicated forums that will take place **concurrently on the day before the NGA program officially kicks off**, giving councils the chance to deep-dive into shared priorities ahead of the full Assembly:

- the **Regional Forum**, focused on the priorities and challenges facing regional, rural, and remote councils; and
- the **inaugural Urban Forum**, bringing metropolitan and growth-area councils together to explore shared challenges around cities, housing, infrastructure, productivity, and place.

If you or your council representatives have not yet registered, now is a great time to do so. You can register using the QR code on the enclosed NGA program.

I am also pleased to let you know that the Government is holding the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) on Monday 22 June 2026 at the Australian Parliament House. As this is an invitation only event run by the federal government, please reach out to ACLG@confco.com.au (02 6292 9000) if you have any questions.

We are really looking forward to welcoming councils from across Australia to bring a strong united voice to Canberra.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor Matt Burnett
ALGA President

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Dear Ms Holden

JOHANNA

I write to you in relation to the recent decision by the Northern Territory Government regarding the transition of local councils to cost-reflective electricity tariffs from 1 July 2026.

The transition to cost-reflective electricity tariffs was announced as part of the 2025–26 Budget among a suite of measures aimed at keeping electricity subsidies sustainable and targeted to customers with the greatest need.

Since this announcement, electricity costs have risen across the Territory, and the Government has considered stakeholder concerns regarding the implications for service delivery and rate-setting.

In response, and to support councils in managing these impacts, Government has decided not to move Local Government customers to cost reflective tariffs.

Instead, from 1 July 2026 Government will introduce a regulated local government council tariff in the electricity pricing order, applying a 30 per cent uplift to 2025-26 rates. As a result, councils will continue to benefit from pricing below cost-reflective levels, and protection from regional generation differences.

The Department of Treasury and Finance previously estimated these changes would increase your electricity bill by about 50%, instead Government is capping this increase to 30%.

Yours sincerely

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BILL YAN

25 JUN 2026





The Hon Kristy McBain MP

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

Dear Mayor

I write to share some important information about the Australian Government's proposed reforms to Australia's disaster management system.

On 5 June 2026, I briefed State and Territory Governments on the proposed reforms and sought their engagement to inform them about the detailed design work and implementation of these reforms. I also welcomed the engagement with numerous Councils during the recent National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra.

The Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding (the Colvin Review) identified the complexity of Australia's disaster management system and noted it has not kept pace with the evolving nature of disasters. It also found Australia is increasingly reliant on local government for the delivery of recovery works.

The new Disaster Recovery Funding Framework is designed to better target recovery assistance, drive national consistency, remove duplication, streamline administrative processes and reduce disaster risk.

Importantly, these reforms do not change the arrangements for Councils – they simply mean that the Commonwealth and the State Government will equally share the costs of recovery on an event-by-event basis. The current system does not ask Councils to provide money into the system and nor does the new framework.

Key elements of a proposed new Disaster Recovery Funding Framework

The Australian Government proposes the following key elements of the Disaster Recovery Funding Framework for engagement and further development with States and Territories:

- *Embed an equal partnership between the Australian Government, and State and Territory Governments through a 50:50 cost-sharing funding model*, reflecting the primary role of the States and Territories in disaster management under the Constitution.
- Introduce a *simpler threshold for accessing cost-shared financial support* which allows smaller States to claim their reimbursements sooner. The Australian Government will contribute 50 per cent towards eligible costs that are in excess of an event-based financial trigger point for the costs of the entire event in that impacted State or Territory (not costs per impacted Local Government Area).

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- *New assistance categories and standardised packages* designed to deliver national consistency for disaster impacted communities and ensure recovery assistance can be easily understood and communicated. Further work will be undertaken to develop the specific forms of assistance under each category.
- *A Resilient Infrastructure Scheme* that will provide cost-shared funding to support timely reconstruction of damaged essential public assets and, where specific criteria are met, funding of up to 15 per cent cost-shared to rebuild the asset to a more resilient standard.
- *Tailored support for First Nations communities* to ensure the unique needs of disaster-affected First Nations communities are appropriately met in line with commitments under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.
- *Flexibility to provide non-standard assistance in response to more severe or catastrophic disasters* when requirements for support genuinely exceed the standardised measures (e.g. in 'exceptional circumstances'). The support requested must be linked directly to the severity of the event's impact and include a detailed impact assessment.

Building on investment in disaster resilience and preparedness

Through the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund, we are investing up to \$1 billion over five years to 2028 to build critical projects that reduce disaster risk and strengthen community resilience. There has not been a reduction in the Government's investment in disaster resilience. Across the first three rounds, approximately \$600 million was invested in 450 projects, and Round Four opened on 29 May 2026. This investment is significantly enhanced through co-contributions, including by state and local government.

The Australian Government is also investing in core national capabilities to strengthen disaster preparedness and response, including through the National Aerial Firefighting Centre, the National Bushfire Intelligence Capability, the Northern Australia Fire Information service and the AusAlert emergency warning system.

The Australian Government values the critical role local government plays in disaster recovery and risk reduction, and I welcome engagement on how to ensure local government has the capability and resourcing to deliver these important functions. Any feedback can be sent to disastermanagementreform@nema.gov.au by 31 July 2026.

Yours sincerely



Kristy McBain MP
1/7/ 2026



1 JULY 2026 LGANT BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE

The LGANT Board met for its third meeting of 2026 on Wednesday 1 July at the LGANT office and online.

The Board began their annual review of LGANT policies, approving the first tranche. The Board also endorsed the next steps for the CEO's annual performance and remuneration review and endorsed the LGANT nomination to Regional Development Australia NT (RDANT) Liveability Framework Working Group.

The LGANT President provided an update on his activities since the last Board Meeting including the 21 May 2026 ALGA Board meeting (Attachment 1) and fuel crisis meetings facilitated by ALGA with Minister McBain, attendance at ALGA's National General Assembly (NGA), meetings with a range of Federal Ministers and Shadow Ministers while in Canberra to discuss issues facing member councils, and meetings with the NT Minister for Local Government Steve Edgington and Shadow for Local Government Ed Smelt.

The Board noted the CEOs report including a summary of her meetings, and updates on local government legislative reform, key advocacy activities, LGANT's election and budget asks, the April 2026 Symposium, plans for the November 2026 Conference and the actions from the CEO, Mayors/Presidents, Regionals/Shires and Municipals Forums.

The Board also noted LGANT's current risk register and dashboard, WALGA IR/HR usage and Local Buy activity updates, the forward Board calendar, activity on General Meeting and Board motions, recent submissions lodged, and incoming and outgoing correspondence.

The Board will next meet on 2 September 2026.

Attachments:

1. 21 May 2026 ALGA Board Meeting Communique

If you have any questions or wish to discuss these matters further, please reach out to Mary Watson, LGANT CEO, at mary.watson@lgant.asn.au or on 0417 864 183.

Alternatively, you can contact members of the LGANT Board:

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21 May 2026 ALGA Board Meeting Communique

The ALGA Board met for its second meeting of 2026 on Thursday 21 May 2026 at the Australian Local Government Association office in Deakin ACT.

Fuel supply issues were a key topic of Board discussion, with directors noting ALGA's ongoing advocacy and close engagement with member associations on this matter. The discussion highlighted ALGA's work to date, including representations to the Fair Work Commission, ministerial roundtables and consistent engagement with government on our concerns. The discussion noted the importance of ongoing advocacy on these issues. The Board noted the strong need for direct financial assistance to local government to recognise the cost pressures of service delivery across the nation.

A range of governance, risk, financial and policy matters were considered, including decision items and key updates to support ALGA's strategic priorities. The Board approved ALGA's Budget for 2026-27 as put to the general meeting of members.

The Board received an update on the outcomes of the Federal Budget from the President, noting the significance of the \$2 billion enabling infrastructure fund to support local government and state utility providers. The President reflected that ALGA had made a concerted push on housing and enabling infrastructure since the Board agreed to include it as a Tier 1 policy priority in 2024.

The Board expressed concern that the Financial Assistance Grant allocation had gone backwards (0.49% Commonwealth Taxation Revenue) given no significant increase in the 2026-27 Federal Budget. The Board resolved to continue to press for this important fiscal outcome.

The Board endorsed the scope of a research project on product stewardship which will strengthen local government's evidence base and support ALGA's advocacy efforts on waste management. Discussion also progressed work on a national communications campaign to secure increased, untied Commonwealth funding for local government.

The Board was briefed by IPWEA on development of the 2026 National State of the Assets Report, and by Public Skills Australia on the 2025 Local Government Jobs and Skills Survey. Both reports will be released at the 2026 National General Assembly.

A report on Closing the Gap implementation was also considered, noting current activities and priorities for continued action.

The ALGA President and State and Territory Presidents presented reports highlighting emerging national and jurisdictional issues. The ALGA Vice President, also presented a report on the 2026 DFAT Foreign Engagement Forum to highlight the emerging risks relating to foreign engagement and interference.

The Chief Executive's report was received, including updates on ALGA's advocacy and events. These included the 2026-27 Federal Budget update and ALGA's engagement with federal government and the Fair Work Commission on fuel supply responses.

The CEO report noted that work on the National General Assembly (June, Canberra) and 2026 National Roads and Infrastructure Congress (August, Cairns) are progressing well.

The ALGA Board will next meet on 22 June 2026 for a briefing ahead of the National General Assembly of Local Government.

10.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUTGOING

Report Type: For noting

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Outgoing Correspondence:

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



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17 June 2026

Katherine Historical Society Board
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Dear Mr Wright and members of the Katherine Historical Society Board

CONGRATULATIONS: CENTENARY AUCTION RECIPIENT

I am pleased to advise that the Katherine Museum has been selected by the community as the recipient of funds to be raised through the auction of the special KC100 Centenary number plate, along with other donated items.

The Museum received an impressive 67% of the vote in a community poll conducted via Your Say Katherine, ahead of both the National Trust and RSPCA Katherine. Congratulations on this outstanding result.

The auction will be held at the *Centenary Bar* at the Katherine Showgrounds as part of our Centenary and Territory Day celebrations on 1 July. It will form part of an indoor, ticketed event program.

Once again, congratulations on this result. We look forward to working with you and to seeing the success of the auction, with proceeds supporting the important work you do in preserving and sharing Katherine's history.

Yours sincerely,

Casey Anderson
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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23 June 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

RE: Support for TeamHEALTH's Application – Disability Peer Support and Connections Program (Streams 1 and 2)

Katherine Town Council is pleased to provide strong support for TeamHEALTH's application under Streams 1 and 2 of the Disability Peer Support and Connections Program.

As a key local government body serving the Katherine community, Council is familiar with TeamHEALTH's work across the municipality and surrounding regions. We recognise TeamHEALTH as a highly valued provider, delivering person-centred, responsive, and locally informed services to vulnerable community members. The Bougainvillea Centre remains an important and accessible support for people with disability who may not be connected to, or adequately supported through, the NDIS.

The proposed initiatives directly address critical service gaps across the Northern Territory. Many individuals living with psychosocial disability and their families and carers continue to face social isolation, stigma, fragmented service systems, and limited access to culturally safe, community-based support. These challenges are often heightened for First Nations people, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, regional residents, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and women and girls.

TeamHEALTH's approach is practical and recovery-oriented, promoting peer connection, community participation, and supported decision-making while building individual strengths and confidence. We particularly commend the emphasis on culturally responsive, locally embedded supports that foster safe, inclusive environments for connection, skill development, and meaningful participation in community life. We also acknowledge the importance of strengthening workforce capability. TeamHEALTH's focus on increasing understanding of psychosocial disability, promoting trauma-informed and culturally safe practice, and supporting peer learning addresses a critical need within the Northern Territory service system.

These initiatives align strongly with sector needs and reinforce the value of flexible, community-based support options. TeamHEALTH is exceptionally well positioned to deliver this work, given its extensive experience, strong partnerships, and deep understanding of local communities. Katherine Town Council is pleased to endorse this application. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Yours Sincerely,

Casey Anderson
Acting Chief Executive Officer
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30 June 2026

Jackie Thomas
[REDACTED]

Dear Jack and Jackie,

RE: Petition – Replace Katherine Hospital with a new Facility outside of Katherine Flood Zone

I am writing to advise you of the outcome of the petition presented to Katherine Town Council regarding the relocation and future of Katherine Hospital.

The petition was tabled at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 May 2026. Following consideration, Council resolved:

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

During discussions, Council noted significant concerns about Katherine Hospital being one of the few hospitals in Australia to have been forced to close twice within a two-week period due to flooding. The importance of long-term planning and ensuring the provision of a resilient, reliable healthcare facility for the community was also emphasised.

Council will continue to strongly advocate for the relocation of the hospital out of the flood-prone area and for the development of a purpose-built, fit-for-purpose facility.

We wish you every success in progressing this important endeavour and thank you for your commitment to improving health infrastructure in Katherine.

Yours faithfully,

Joanna Holden
MAYOR OF KATHERINE



media release

30th June 2026

Katherine Town Council Adopts Municipal Plan 2026/27

Katherine Town Council has adopted its Municipal Plan 2026/27, which sets the Council's priorities, budget, work program and rates and charges for the year ahead. The adopted Plan reflects community feedback received during consultation and outlines how Council will continue delivering essential services while investing in Katherine's future.

The consultation attracted strong community interest. On Your Say Katherine, 223 people viewed the project, 123 accessed detailed information and 106 downloaded the draft documents. The public also picked up copies of the summary snapshot document at stalls manned by elected members outside Woolworths and at the Katherine Research Station open day during the three-week consultation period. The community feedback received throughout the consultation period was considered before Council adopted the final Plan.

Mayor Joanna Holden acknowledged those who took the time to review the draft documents and provide feedback.

"Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation process. Community feedback plays an important role in helping Council shape its priorities and ensure we continue delivering services and projects that matter most to our residents," Mayor Holden said.

The Municipal Plan focuses on getting the basics right while planning for Katherine's future. During 2026/27, Council will continue to maintain roads, drainage, parks, playgrounds, public spaces, and waste services, while progressing a range of projects designed to improve liveability across the municipality.

Key initiatives planned for the year include:

- progressing a Service Level Delivery Assessment to better understand community expectations and guide future planning
- developing a Waste Management Strategy
- undertaking cemetery infrastructure improvements
- continuing the popular Native Plant Giveaway program
- seeking funding to deliver Hot Springs toilet upgrades
- pursuing funding for Cooling the Town Square initiatives, including a permanent shade structure.

Mayor Holden said the Plan also demonstrated Council's commitment to responsible financial management.

"Our focus is on balancing investment in infrastructure and community facilities with the responsible management of public funds, while continuing to provide the services our community relies on every day."

The adopted Municipal Plan 2026/27 is available on the Katherine Town Council website <https://www.katherine.nt.gov.au/documents/publications-and-policies/municipal-plans>.



media release

2nd July 2026

Thousands mark Katherine's Centenary on Territory Day

More than 2,600 people gathered at the Katherine Showgrounds last night to celebrate Katherine's 100th birthday, with a memorable Territory Day event bringing the community together to mark this historic milestone.

Supported by the Northern Territory Government and delivered by Katherine Town Council, the free community event featured the Mayor's official welcome, recognition of the 2026 Chief Minister's Medal recipients, live entertainment, the Centenary Auction, the cutting of Katherine's Centenary Cake, a display of historic photos, and a spectacular fireworks finale.

Mayor Joanna Holden said the event was a proud moment for the Katherine community.

"This was a fantastic night for Katherine. Seeing thousands of people come together to celebrate our town, catch up with friends and enjoy everything the evening had to offer was something really special."

"Our Centenary is about celebrating the people, stories and community spirit that have shaped Katherine over the past 100 years. Last night was a wonderful reflection of that."

The celebration featured performances by Tom Curtain, Dylan Wright and Jem Cassar-Daley, before a nine-minute fireworks display brought the evening to a close. More than 11.5 kilograms of birthday cake and 120 cupcakes were shared with the community.

The community also got behind the Katherine Museum, with the live auction of the KC100 Centenary number plate and other donated items raising \$11,250. The number plate itself sold for \$5000. Combined with \$3,334 from Centenary Bar ticket sales, a total of \$14,584 will support the Museum's work preserving Katherine's history.

Mayor Holden thanked everyone who helped make the event possible.

"We appreciate the Northern Territory Government's support in helping make this celebration happen. I'd also like to thank our Council staff, contractors and volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes to deliver such a successful event."

"Most of all, thank you to everyone who came along and celebrated with us. The atmosphere throughout the night was incredible, and it's something our community can be proud of."

While the official Centenary birthday has now been celebrated, Katherine's Centenary program continues with the Centenary Street Parade and the National Trust's Railway Fair on Saturday.







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3 July 2026

Greg Wright
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Dear Mr. Wright

CENTENARY AUCTION – THE KATHERINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY | THE KATHERINE MUSEUM

We are pleased to advise that the Katherine Centenary Auction was a tremendous success, raising significant funds in support of the Katherine Museum.

Supported by the Northern Territory Government and delivered by Katherine Town Council staff, contractors, and volunteers, the free community event featured the Mayor's official welcome, recognition of the 2026 Chief Minister's Medal recipients, live entertainment, the Centenary Auction, the cutting of Katherine's Centenary Cake, a display of historic photographs, and a spectacular fireworks finale.

The community showed outstanding support for the Katherine Museum throughout the celebrations. The live auction of the exclusive **KC100 Centenary number plate** raised **\$11,250**, while **Centenary Bar ticket sales contributed a further \$3,334.50**. Combined, these proceeds total **\$14,584.50**, which will support the Museum's important work in preserving and sharing Katherine's rich history.

To claim these proceeds, please submit an invoice to Katherine Town Council for **\$14,584.50**.

On behalf of Council, thank you for the invaluable work the Katherine Museum undertakes each year in preserving Katherine's heritage, maintaining and displaying its historical collections, and providing a welcoming and educational venue for both locals and visitors to the region.

We also thank you for your involvement in and contribution to the success of Katherine's Centenary celebrations. Your ongoing commitment to preserving our community's history ensures that future generations can continue to learn from and appreciate Katherine's unique story.

We are confident that the funds raised through this event will further support the Museum's efforts to protect, promote, and celebrate Katherine's heritage for years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Joanna Holden
Mayor Katherine



11 PETITIONS

12 NOTICE OF MOTION

12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Elected Member: Councillor Toni Tapp Coutts

Author: Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Risk

Authoriser: Casey Anderson (Acting Chief Executive Officer)

Report Type: Notice of Motion

Attachments: Nil

Motion

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

Background

Councillor Toni Tapp-Coutts submitted the notice of motion on 19 June 2026, Doc ID 255757, to move that the Community Grants Application Form and Guidelines be reviewed and updated before the 2026 release.

Report requested to include copies of the current application forms for Elected Members to review.

A report will be separately tabled by report officers.

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.

12.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Elected Member: Councillor Anjali Palmer

Councillor Kathy Glass

Author: Yeshika Kandanaarachchi, Governance Officer

Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Report Type: Notice of Motion

Attachments: 1. Notice of Motion - Cr Glass and Cr Palmer - Public Questions - 16 July 2026 - ID 256438 [12.2.1 - 1 page]

Motion

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

1. Council reinstates Agenda Item 12 to allow questions from ratepayers
2. Council amends its motion OMC-2026-131 to reinstate the 30 minutes question time prior to the Ordinary Meeting of Council
3. Any query from ratepayers is presented to the entire Council to discuss and determine the appropriate responses as under the Local Government Act 2019 the entire Council is responsible for the decisions made and actions taken by Council.

Background

Councillor Anjali Palmer and Councillor Kathy Glass submitted the notice of motion on 16 July 2026, Doc ID 256438, to move that:

1. Council reinstates Agenda Item 12 to allow questions from ratepayers
2. Council amends its motion OMC-2026-131 to reinstate the 30 minutes question time prior to the Ordinary Meeting of Council
3. Any query from ratepayers is presented to the entire Council to discuss and determine the appropriate responses as under the Local Government Act 2019 the entire Council is responsible for the decisions made and actions taken by Council

Councillor Anjali Palmer and Councillor Kathy Glass would appreciate having the time to speak to this motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 28 July 2026.

Extract from Minutes

14.4 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA AND REPORTS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-131

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

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.

CARRIED 5|1

Discussion

Councillor Palmer expressed concerns about transparency and accountability regarding removing the Agenda Item 12 Public Question Time, and she was not in favour of recommendations 2 and 3.

Meeting Administration Policy

Notice of Business to be given by member (By-law 141)

Councillors requiring the consideration of a matter must give a signed notice to the Chief Executive Officer or Mayor by close of business on the Monday one week prior to the Ordinary Meeting. That matter will be considered during General Business. The Chief Executive Officer may provide a background report for inclusion with the notice where appropriate.

Motions (By-laws 145 to 150)

Councillors may give written notice to the Mayor at least seven working days prior to the Council meeting of a motion proposed to be moved at the meeting. Notices of Motion will be listed on the agenda in the order determined by the Mayor. Motions are required to have a mover and a seconder.

The Mayor will read out the agenda item and ask the relevant Councillor to speak on the agenda item. The Councillor will take no more than ten minutes to speak to the matter. A Councillor speaking about a motion must confine their remarks to the matter being considered. The Mayor is responsible for keeping Councillors on time.

If the Councillor who gave notice of the motion is absent from the meeting, the motion may be moved by another Councillor or deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

A Councillor, other than the mover of an original motion, has the right to speak once to the motion and any amendment proposed to it. The Mayor has the right to close the debate at any time they deem there has been ample debate.

A Councillor who moves or seconds a motion must not move or second an amendment to the motion.

By-Law 157 Limitation of number of speeches

- (1) A member who moves a motion has a right to speak to the motion and to an amendment proposed to it and has a right of reply.
- (2) A member at a meeting, not being a member who moves a motion, has a right to speak once to the motion and to an amendment proposed to it.

(3) Subject to clauses (4) and (5), a member at a meeting may not speak for more than 5 minutes on a question before the meeting.

(4) A member who moves a motion may not speak:

(a) to the motion for longer than 10 minutes; and

(b) in the member's right of reply for longer than 5 minutes.

(5) Notwithstanding clause (3), where:

(a) the members present at a meeting consent, a member's time to speak on a question before the meeting may be extended for a further period, not longer than 5 minutes, determined by the members; or

(b) a member considers that he or she has been misrepresented or misunderstood, the member may be permitted by the Mayor to answer, without further observation than is necessary, the misrepresentation or misunderstanding.

(6) A ruling of the Mayor under clause (5) is final and conclusive and is not to be discussed or be the subject of a motion of dissent.

Councillors Glass and Palmer wish to present the following motion to Council:

1. That Council re-instates Agenda Item 12 to allow questions from ratepayers – our constituents to ask questions and provide feedback to Council on how our decisions affect them and other matters
2. That Council amends its motion (Number) to reinstate the 30 minute question time prior to the Ordinary Council Meeting – enabling our constituents to travel and ask questions or provide comment on matters unrelated to the OCM Agenda of the day
3. That any query from ratepayers are presented to the entire Council to discuss and determine the appropriate response as under the Local Government Act 2019 the entire Council is responsible for the decisions made and actions taken by Council. As per:
 - a. Clause 21 – Principal Role of Council;
 - b. Clause 22 – Functions of Council;
 - c. Clause 24 – Objectives of Council;
 - d. Clause 44 – Role of Members;

Councillors Glass and Palmer would appreciate having the time to speak to motion as per By Law 157.

Signed



Councillor Kathy Glass

16/7/26



Councillor Anjali Palmer

16/7/26

13 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

13.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS GUIDELINES REVIEW

Author: Jo Brosnan, Manager Strategic Communications and Engagement
Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: 1. Community- Grant- Guidelines- Katherine- Centenary-2026 [13.1.1 - 10 pages]

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present the revised Katherine Town Council Community Grants Program Guidelines for Council's consideration and adoption following a review requested by elected members, and to recommend minor improvements to the administration of the Community Grants Program.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopt the revised Katherine Town Council Community Grants Program Guidelines as attached.
 2. Endorse the inclusion of one Council officer on the Community Grants Assessment Panel, together with three elected members, to strengthen governance and support the assessment process.
 3. Endorse the revised annual Community Grants Program timetable, with applications opening in late August each year in accordance with the proposed schedule.
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SUMMARY

- Elected members requested a review of the Community Grants Program Guidelines to ensure they remain fit for purpose and encourage broader community participation.
- The revised guidelines have been rewritten in plain English and streamlined to make the application process clearer and more user-friendly.
- The review aims to encourage more and different applications while supporting a diverse range of community projects, activities, and events that benefit Katherine.
- The assessment criteria have been updated to improve clarity, consistency, and transparency, with all applications to be assessed on their individual merits.
- It is proposed that the assessment panel includes one Council officer alongside three elected members to strengthen governance and provide operational context during the assessment process.
- It is also proposed to move the annual grant round to late August to provide community organisations with more time to complete funded projects, submit acquittals and prepare quality applications.

DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

The review has focused on making the guidelines easier for community organisations to understand while maintaining appropriate governance and accountability. A key objective has been to encourage more community groups to apply for funding rather than making the process more restrictive.

The proposed changes include:

- removing all references to the Katherine Centenary so the document becomes Council's ongoing Community Grants Program
- rewriting the guidelines in plain English to improve readability
- adding a clear purpose statement explaining what Council aims to achieve through the grants program
- providing clearer guidance about the types of projects and activities Council wishes to support
- introducing a definition of a "major community event" to provide greater clarity around the higher funding category of up to \$5,000
- simplifying the eligibility requirements
- combining eligible and ineligible expenditure into a single easy-to-read table
- updating the assessment criteria to focus on community benefit, value for money, project planning, applicant contribution and alignment with the objectives of the program
- removing the previous preference for organisations that do not receive Council funding, with all applications instead being assessed on their individual merits
- reducing the acquittal period from three months to two months after project completion
- removing duplicated information and administrative detail that is better suited to the application form or Council's website
- adding practical tips to assist applicants in preparing stronger applications.

Overall, the revised guidelines are shorter, clearer and easier to follow while continuing to provide appropriate guidance for applicants and the assessment panel.

Assessment panel

It is also recommended that the assessment panel comprise three elected members and one Council officer.

The inclusion of a Council officer will strengthen governance by ensuring continuity should an elected member declare a conflict of interest and be unable to participate in the assessment process.

A Council officer will also provide operational knowledge of Council's existing events, services and grant-funded activities, enabling the panel to better understand where proposed projects complement existing initiatives or where there may be duplication. This will assist the panel to support a diverse range of community events and activities while ensuring funding is directed towards projects that provide the greatest overall benefit to the Katherine community.

Recommendations from the assessment panel will continue to be presented to Council for final

determination.

Program timeline

It is also recommended that the annual Community Grants Program timetable be amended to better align with the needs of community organisations and volunteers.

Under the current timetable, applications open in early August, shortly after many organisations have completed projects funded through the previous year's grant program. This provides limited time for volunteer organisations to finalise their events, complete their acquittal documentation and prepare a new application.

Moving the application period to late August will provide applicants with additional time to meet their reporting obligations while still allowing sufficient time for assessment and Council endorsement before the end of October.

The proposed timetable is:

Activity	Proposed Timing
Applications open	22 August
Host 2 information sessions	TBC
Applications close	21 September
Assessment panel completes assessments	By 15 October
Council report finalised and distributed	By 21 October
Ordinary Council Meeting - Grant approvals	27 October

The revised timetable is not expected to delay funding outcomes but is anticipated to improve the quality of applications and reduce administrative pressure on volunteer organisations.

Consultation Process

Internal consultation has been undertaken with relevant Council officers during the review of the guidelines.

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.

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



1.5.2.2 Reform the Council Community Grant Program



KATHERINE
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COMMUNITY GRANTS KATHERINE 2026

2026/27 Guidelines & Information

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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

The program aims to:

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

Funding available

Applications are invited once each financial year.

- Up to \$2,000 for community projects and activities.
- Up to \$5,000 for *major community events.

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

CONDITIONS

Conditions of the Grants:

Successful applicants must:

- use the funding only for the approved purpose
- obtain any required permits and insurance
- acknowledge Katherine Town Council's support in promotional material where practical (logo will be provided)
- advise Council of any significant changes to the project
- complete an acquittal within two months of the project being completed.
- Projects must not commence before funding is approved unless Council has agreed otherwise.

BUDGET

Your application must include a project budget showing all expected income and expenditure.

Income may include:

- the amount requested from Katherine Town Council
- grants from other funding providers
- sponsorship
- fundraising
- ticket sales or stallholder fees
- in-kind contributions (such as donated goods, services or volunteer labour).

If you include an in-kind contribution as income, you must also show it as an expense in your budget.

Expenditure may include:

- professional fees
- local travel and transport
- venue or equipment hire
- project materials and equipment
- permits and approvals
- advertising and promotion
- insurance
- other project costs directly related to delivering the activity.

The total project income must equal the total project expenditure.

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APPLICATION ELEGIBILITY

Eligible applicants include:

- incorporated not-for-profit organisations
- incorporated sporting and community groups
- organisations applying on behalf of a community group (auspice arrangements)
- volunteer groups where Council is satisfied appropriate governance and accountability arrangements are in place.
- Applicants must have satisfactorily acquitted any previous overdue Council grants before a new application will be considered.

What can and can't be funded?

Eligible activities
Events
Workshops
Festivals
Community activities
Equipment hire
Artist or facilitator fees
Venue hire
Local travel (directly related to the activity)
Project materials
Marketing
Catering (directly related to the activity)
Council permits or similar project costs

Ineligible activities
Ongoing operating costs
Wages not directly related to the project
Capital building works
Uniforms
Memberships
Competition fees
Alcohol
Retrospective expenses
Public liability insurance
Prizes
Activities that are primarily the responsibility of another funding body

The program does not fund:

- Organisations that operate for commercial purposes.
- The cost of public liability insurance.
- Organisations that have not satisfactorily acquitted previous grant applications to Council by the due date.
- Projects or events that are run for commercial purposes.
- Ongoing operational or administrative costs.
- Uniforms.
- Retrospectively (i.e. for a project that is completed or already underway).
- Travel and accommodation outside of the Municipality – except where a judge and/or consultant that cannot be found locally – however, must be able to show value adding and upskilling to the community.
- Activities that are the primary responsibility of other funding agencies.

WHO CAN'T APPLY?

The following organisations are not eligible to apply:

- Political Organisations
- Government Departments – State or Federal
- For profit groups/commercial organisations
- Individuals (unless auspiced by an incorporated body)
- Tertiary education institutions

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Download and complete the appropriate application form.
- Attach any supporting documentation, e.g. any written quotations, public liability insurance.
- Submit your application by close of business on the closing date.

If you require assistance to fill out the application or need further information you can contact Katherine Town Council on 8972 5500 for advice.

Applications may be lodged by any of the following means:

- E-Mail: contactus@ktc.nt.gov.au
- Fax: (08) 8971 0305
- Post: Katherine Town Council, PO Box 1071, KATHERINE NT 0851
- Hand deliver to: Katherine Town Council, Civic Centre, 24 Stuart Highway, KATHERINE NT 0850

TIPS FOR A STRONG APPLICATION

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

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

HOW WILL MY APPLICATION BE ASSESSED?

Eligible applications are assessed by a panel of three elected members. The criteria includes:

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

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

HOW WILL I KNOW MY APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL?

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email.

If your application is successful, you will receive a Funding Agreement outlining:

- the approved project
- the amount of funding awarded
- the funding conditions.

The Funding Agreement must be signed and returned to Katherine Town Council before grant funding can be paid.

Grant funding will be paid directly into your organisation's nominated bank account.

Successful applicants must keep records of how the funding is spent, as Council may request evidence as part of the acquittal process.

WHAT IF MY ORGANISATION IS GST REGISTERED?

- Grant payments will not be including or incorporating GST
- A GST free tax invoice will need to be supplied by the successful organisation or a Statement by a Supplier form completed.
- It is your organisation's responsibility to pay the GST component to the Australian Taxation Office.

13.2 COUNCIL POLICIES

Author: Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Risk
Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: 1. Policy - Social Media - V4 - 8 July 2026 Review [**13.2.1** - 7 pages]

PURPOSE OF REPORT

For council to approve and adopt the revised Social Media Policy – Version 4.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Policy - Social Media – Version 4

SUMMARY

- **The Social Media Policy is to provide guidance for Elected Members, employees, contractors and volunteers in the responsible use of social media.**
- **It establishes expectations for the management of Council's official social media channels and provides guidance for personal use of social media where an individual's association with Council may reasonably be identified.**
- **The Review included clearer purpose of policy; addition of sections on Personal Use of Social Media; Moderation of Council Social Media, Record Keeping and Breaches of the Policy; additional associated policies and related legislation resources from the NTG included; and refined the social media definition.**

DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

The Council Policy and Procedure Framework sets the review requirements of the council policies. The *Local Government Act 2019* and *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* and other legislations set out the statutory role, functions, and objectives of the Council. Policies are one of the key mechanisms by which the Council carries out its statutory responsibilities and meets compliance.

Council policies are developed to ensure compliance with legislation. Many Council policies relate directly to Elected Members and are designed to support compliance with the:

- the *Local Government Act 2019*;
- statutory roles of elected members;
- statutory roles and responsibilities of the CEO;
- legislated separation between governance and administration.

Policies are developed to provide boundaries, guidelines and consistency for the achievement of strategic and operational directions. Policies are reviewed on a revolving timetable or as necessary. New policies are created as identified.

Policy – Social Media – Version 4

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for Elected Members, employees, contractors and volunteers in the responsible use of social media. It establishes expectations for the management of Council's official social media channels and provides guidance for personal use of social media where an

individual's association with Council may reasonably be identified.

This policy applies to Elected Members, Council employees, contractors, and volunteers associated with Katherine Town Council and relates to all social media platforms.

Recommended amendments from the review include:

- clearer purpose of policy;
- addition of the section on Personal Use of Social Media;
- addition of the section on Moderation of Council Social Media;
- addition of the section on Record Keeping
- addition of the section on Breaches of the Policy;
- Included additional associated policies and related legislation resources from the NTG; and
- refined the social media definition.

Consultation Process

Relevant staff were included in the review of the policy.

Policy Implications

The policies will replace all previous policies versions and be effective after approval by the council.

Budget and Resource Implications

Within current service delivery budget and resource.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

Outdated or overdue policies present a significant governance risk to the Council, the CEO, and staff.

Policies affected by the Tranche 2 Amendments to the *Local Government Act 2019*, will be required to be reviewed to ensure the council policies meet any new requirements.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Strategic Plan

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

Municipal Plan

1.1.2.1 Workplace policies and Council By-Laws are reviewed regularly



COUNCIL POLICY

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Type:	Council Policy – Media, Marketing and Events		
Owner:	Communications and Engagement Officer <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>		
Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer <u>Manager Strategic Communication</u>		
Approval Date:	<u>28 February 2023</u>	Next Review:	1 June <u>2026</u> 2030
Records Number:	177253	Council/CEO Decision:	Council
Legislation Reference:	N/A		

1 PURPOSE

Online communication and new social media tools are important communication channels that provide Katherine Town Council with the opportunity to engage with the community and stakeholders. These tools can be used to inform the community about Council's services; to provide information about programs and to create new channels for a two-way conversation and consultation, for example ~~on aspects,~~ on aspects of upcoming events, projects, local news, and programs in Katherine and the Big Rivers region.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for Elected Members, employees, contractors and volunteers in the responsible use of social media. It establishes expectations for the management of Council's official social media channels and provides guidance for personal use of social media where an individual's association with Council may reasonably be identified.
~~The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for Elected Members and employees in their personal use of social media and outlines protocols for using social media for official Council business.~~

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to Elected Members, Council employees, contractors, and volunteers associated with Katherine Town Council and relates to all social media platforms.

3 DEFINITIONS

Social media means websites, applications and digital platforms that enable users to create, share or interact with content and communicate with others online. This includes, but is not limited to, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X, TikTok, YouTube, online forums, blogs, messaging applications and future online platforms.
~~means the wide and evolving range of online interactions and behaviours on many different online platforms including social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, or Reddit; professional networking sites like LinkedIn; video-sharing sites and apps like YouTube and TikTok; blogs; online forums and communities and comments sections on news articles.~~

Online social media activity means posting content, uploading pictures (including themed 'frames' or captions for these on some sites); participating in online petitions and fundraisers; commenting on posts, blogs, Instagram photos or YouTube videos; sharing memes; 'liking' other people's content; and sending direct or private messages on networking platforms.

Social media is now a fundamental part of how people connect and engage with one another. It has become central to the way people share news, ideas, and interests; maintain relationships; and express identities and roles in our communities.

Elected Members and Council employees have a right to participate in online society, just as they have rights as citizens of Australia to engage in community life. Elected Members and Council employees are entitled to private lives, personal views, and political opinions.

At the same time, the unique nature of being an Elected Member or a Council employee means expressing personal views can reflect not only on people as individuals, but on Council as a whole. Personal behaviour can ultimately affect the confidence of the Katherine community and the Northern Territory Government in the integrity of Council.

This policy seeks to provide guidance to Elected Members and Council employees to understand and assess the risks that personal online behaviour can pose to public confidence in Council and strike a reasonable balance between rights as individuals and obligations as Elected Members or Council employees. A failure to comply with this Policy may constitute a breach of the relevant Code of Conduct.

In this policy, reference to 'posts', 'comments', or 'posting' on social media is taken to mean a shorthand way to cover the full range of online activity.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS

All Elected Members and Council employees are bound by their relevant Code of Conduct. These codes set out obligations and standards of behaviour, with the ultimate purpose of maintaining public confidence in the integrity of Council. When action is taken to address suspected misconduct, or to sanction proven misconduct, its purpose is to maintain, or, where necessary, restore that confidence.

It is the responsibility of each Elected Member and Council employee to use reasonable and sound judgement while at work or when undertaking activities that may reflect on Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Only the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer, other Elected Members and officers authorised by the Chief Executive Officer, may speak to the media and comment publicly on Council business.

If an individual is asked to comment on any Council matter via the media (including social media) or other public forums and they are not authorised to do so, they should decline and refer the matter to their manager or the Chief Executive Officer.

Nothing in this policy prevents an Elected Member from expressing a personal opinion, provided it is clear they are not speaking on behalf of Council and they do not misrepresent Council's adopted position.

PERSONAL USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Council recognises that Elected Members and employees have the same rights as other members of the community to participate in social media.

Personal opinions may be expressed provided they:

- do not claim to represent Council. When commenting in a public forum, elected members and staff must state that their views are their own, not the Council's, and that they are commenting as community members, not elected members.
- do not disclose confidential information

- comply with the relevant Code of Conduct
- do not damage public confidence in Council or its ability to perform its functions.

ACCESS TO SOCIAL MEDIA AT WORK

Access to social media sites (e.g. Facebook and Twitter) on Council's computer resources is provided to employees on the condition they abide by the Council's "Computer, email, internet and telephone use policy". Reasonable personal use is permitted.

OFFICIAL USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Council has official social media accounts used to share information with the community and answer general queries. Official use of Council's social media accounts will be in accordance with Council's "Media policy" and only authorised staff can respond on Council's behalf on social media.

Council's Communications Officer will manage Council's official social media accounts and all content will have received approval.

MODERATION OF COUNCIL SOCIAL MEDIA

Council may hide or remove comments on its social media platforms that:

- are defamatory
- contain offensive language
- contain hate speech
- are discriminatory
- disclose personal information
- encourage unlawful activity
- contain commercial advertising
- are repetitive spam
- impersonate another person.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR ON SOCIAL MEDIA

When undertaking online social media activity, employees must be careful not to imply they are authorised to speak as a representative of Council, nor give the impression that the views expressed are those of Council.

Employees are asked not to promote a brand or business on social media when identified as a Council employee, such as wearing a uniform or mentioning Council in that post. This also includes with an identifiable Council building in view, even if not in uniform. Council cannot be seen to endorse or promote one brand or business over another.

The following types of behaviour are inappropriate for personal online social media activity if they can be connected to Council:

- Posting unlawful or confidential material
- Posting, reposting or 'liking' content that falls far outside the norms of acceptable social behaviour—e.g. hate speech; threats or encouragement of violence or harassment; personal attacks or derogatory comments about individuals or groups within the community; etc
- ~~Using social media to intentionally undermine Council's lawful decisions while representing themselves as speaking on behalf of Council. Creating or sharing a petition in protest of a decision by Council~~
- Establishing an online community that is critical of Council, or which encourages or endorses harassment or defamation of individuals including Elected Members, colleagues, members of particular communities, public figures; etc., and
- Airing significant workplace grievances on social media.

ANONYMITY, ALIASES AND DISCLAIMERS

While the risk is greater if a person identifies themselves on a social media platform as an Elected Member or Council employee, the risk may not be eliminated if they do not.

Elected Members and Council employees can be identified online in a range of ways, even if they post anonymously or using an alias—and once the individual has been identified and connected to Council, their behaviour can affect public confidence regardless of the intention to keep posts 'private'.

In some cases, it may be useful to include a disclaimer on the profile or on an individual post to indicate that the views are personal and do not represent Council. This may be appropriate, for example, on professional networking sites such as LinkedIn. However, a disclaimer may not be sufficient to eliminate all risks.

MECHANISMS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS

Consider the official mechanisms available to address any concerns, rather than posting about them on social media.

If an employee disagrees with a decision of Council, they are encouraged to raise this with their supervisor/manager or the Chief Executive Officer in the first instance. It is entirely appropriate to raise concerns, and propose alternative approaches, if the employee does so respectfully and with the understanding that it may not always be possible or reasonable to implement changes.

If an employee believes that an individual is not acting in accordance with Code of Conduct, discuss the issue with the Chief Executive Officer. A range of formal and informal mechanisms may be available to address your concerns, including reporting the matter as a suspected breach of the Code of Conduct, or dealing with the issue in another way.

If an employee disagrees with a decision relating to their employment, a range of formal and informal approaches are available, from discussing the matter with your manager to seeking a review of action.

If an employee has an interpersonal dispute with a colleague, a wide range of options are available to help resolve or manage it, including talking to your supervisor/manager or another trusted senior person or raising the matter with HR, or seeking alternative dispute resolution.

RECORDKEEPING

Significant social media interactions relating to Council decisions, complaints, emergencies or legal matters should be retained in accordance with Council's records management obligations.

BREACHES OF THIS POLICY

Reporting

- (a) All occasions of an Elected Member or staff member not complying with this policy should be reported immediately to the Chief Executive Officer.
- (b) Where the report relates to the conduct of an Elected Member, the Chief Executive Officer shall immediately report the matter to the Mayor and to the next Council meeting.
- (c) Where the report relates to the conduct of staff, the Chief Executive Officer shall deal with the matter according to the terms of employment of the staff member. Proven breaches should also be dealt with accordingly, that is by counselling, disciplinary action or dismissal.
- (d) Where an Elected Member believes that the Chief Executive Officer has failed to comply with the policy, the Elected Member shall immediately report to the Mayor who will report the matter to the Council.
- (e) Before a report to Council by the Chief Executive Officer (or the Mayor) the Chief Executive Officer (or the Mayor) should undertake preliminary enquiries to establish the facts. The preliminary investigations may take any form the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer considers appropriate, but must involve discussions with the staff member and Elected Member concerned. Natural justice principles need to be satisfied in dealing with an alleged breach.
- (f) The Council must decide whether a matter reported to it under this policy, reveals a breach. The Council may take any steps provided for in this policy that it considers reasonable in the circumstances.

Sanctions

Council, having resolved that an Elected Member has failed to comply with this policy, can, by resolution:

- (a) Require the Elected Member to apologise to the person concerned;
- (b) Request a formal apology;
- (c) Counsel the Elected Member;
- (d) Reprimand the Elected Member;
- (e) Pass a censure motion at a Council meeting;
- (f) Make public disclosures of inappropriate conduct (such as making the community aware of the breach
- (g) through the media or annual report);
- (h) Refer the matter to an appropriate investigative body if the matter is serious; and/or
- (i) Prosecute any breach of the law.

Sanctions for staff, depending on the severity, scale and importance of the breach, may include

- (a) Counselling the staff member,
- (b) Instituting Council disciplinary proceedings, or
- (a)(c) Dismissal.

5 ASSOCIATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS

- [Elected Members Code of Conduct Policy](#)
- [Breach of Code of Conduct](#)
- [Code of Conduct for CEO Policy](#)
- [Complaints Against the CEO Policy](#)
- [Employee Code of Conduct for Employees Policy](#)
- Computer, email, internet and telephone use policy
- Media policy
- Privacy policy

6 REFERENCES AND RELATED LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 2019*
- *Information Act 2002*
- [Elected Member Handbook](#)
- [Elected Member Training – Personal use of social media](#)
- [Information sheet – Personal use of social media](#)
- [Guide – Social Media dos and donts](#)

Revision History

Version	Approval date	Details of change	Responsible officer
1	27/08/2015	Created	
2	26/04/2017	Revised	
3	23/01/2023	Revised and on new template	CEO
4	8/07/2026	Review included clearer purpose of policy; addition of sections on Personal Use of Social Media, moderation of council social media, record keeping and breaches of the policy; additional associated policies and related legislation resources from the NTG included; and refined the social media definition.	Manager Strategic Communications

13.3 LGANT - CALL FOR MOTIONS

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Attachments: 1. FORM - LGANT CEO - LGANT Calls for Motions [2026] - 16 July 2026 - ID256448
[13.3.1 - 5 pages]

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors that Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) call for motions for the Annual General Meeting in November 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

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

SUMMARY

- **LGANT has advised that the next Annual General Meeting will be held on 11 November 2026 in Alice Springs following the LGANT Conference.**
- **Member Councils can submit motions to LGANT on issues for consideration, such as governance, capacity building, policy positions and advocacy efforts for the Annual General Meeting in November by Close of Business (CoB) 29 September 2026.**
- **The new template for the motions has been attached to the report.**

DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) has advised that the Call for Motions for the upcoming General Meeting is now open. Member councils are invited to submit motions on matters of strategic importance to local government, including governance, capacity building, policy development, advocacy efforts, and other issues that have the potential to benefit the local government sector as a whole.

Motions endorsed by LGANT General Meetings play an important role in shaping the Association's priorities, policy positions, advocacy activities, and work programs. LGANT relies on councils to identify important issues affecting their communities so that it can advocate for positive outcomes and support the interests of local government across the Northern Territory.

Councils wishing to submit a motion must ensure that it relates to a single issue and is supported by a formal Council resolution prior to submission. LGANT recommends that councils engage with the Association during the development of a motion to identify any existing work, policy positions or advocacy efforts relevant to the proposed matter. The LGANT Board will review all submitted motions to ensure they are complete, strategic in nature, and aligned with the interests of the local government sector before inclusion in the Annual General Meeting agenda.

The opening of the Call for Motions provides Council with an opportunity to consider whether there are any matters of strategic significance that would benefit from LGANT advocacy or coordinated sector action.

Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle and Councillor Anjali Palmer will attend the LGANT Annual General Meeting as Council's representatives. Their attendance will ensure Council is represented during discussions on sector priorities, policy matters and any motions considered by the membership.

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.

Strategic Plan

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

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

Municipal Plan

Not applicable



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CALL FOR MOTIONS

About this document

LGANT's purpose, as per the Strategic Plan 2025-2028, is to support and represent member councils to drive sustainable economic and social development of the Northern Territory community.

The purpose of this call for motion document is to provide a template for member councils to submit motions to LGANT on issues for consideration, such as governance, capacity building, policy positions and advocacy efforts, at either the April or November General Meetings.

The motions that are resolved at LGANT General Meetings are important in guiding the priorities and work plans of LGANT, and it is important that the Association's resources are focussed on the issues that will be of the greatest benefit to councils, towns and communities.

Policy and Advocacy

Policy positions are a statement or declaration of an organisation's stance on a particular topic(s). Further, LGANT seeks to influence public policy (which is laws, guidelines and actions decided and taken by governments). Motions from councils help LGANT form its policy positions and statements that in turn, assist with advocacy efforts. LGANT's current policy statements can be found [here](#).

Advocacy is a broad term encompassing endeavours to achieve change. For LGANT, advocacy is activity undertaken to promote and influence issues that collectively effect local government.

Timeframes

Councils do not need to wait for the call for motions from LGANT. These can be submitted at any time. However, to enable all motions to be assessed by the Board and papers prepared for the agenda, a closing date is determined for each General Meeting.

Late motions will not be accepted (unless urgent) and will instead be referred to the next General Meeting.

Motions will not be accepted at General Meetings as members do not have supporting information or the time to make an informed decision.

If the motion is urgent, councils may consider calling a Special General Meeting or request the LGANT Board address the matter through their meetings. Justification for urgency will be required.

Other important information

Member councils should consider submitting a motion if they believe there is an opportunity for LGANT to take the lead on an issue that is strategically important to local government and will benefit the sector as a whole.

There must only be ONE issue per motion. It is suggested that the council submitting the motion first discuss it with LGANT so they can outline existing activity or policy positions, if any, in the topic area and assist with developing the business case.

Motions need to be approved by resolution of the local government council **prior** to submission to LGANT.

The LGANT Board will assess the motion for completeness and appropriateness and if necessary, ask the submitting member council for more information or redrafting before including it in the General Meeting agenda. This process may require the council to re-endorse its motion.

The LGANT Board has the discretion to not accept the motion if not enough information is provided, it's not strategic in nature, or it would impact negatively on the reputation of LGANT or the sector.



By submitting a motion, your council can move and speak to the motion at the General Meeting it is going to.

The better your council's argument or case, the more likely members can make an informed decision and resolve the motion. Resolved motions are minuted following the General Meeting, allocated to LGANT staff for action, and reported on at LGANT Board and General meetings.

Motions to LGANT do not progress to the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA). Councils must submit motions for the NGA directly to ALGA.



TEMPLATE

CALL FOR MOTIONS

Member councils are invited to submit motions for debate to be included at General Meetings using this template.

Name of Council:

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Resolution sought (Motion)

Motions should be clear and concise and must be limited to one subject matter/ issue.

Consider the action your motion wants LGANT to do for the local government sector.

Members call on LGANT to Click or tap here to enter text.

Supporting information:

1. Define the problem/opportunity and its impact on local government or council services and operations.
2. Provide information on any relevant legislation, policy settings and research reports and papers where available.
3. Include a statement on how the motion aligns with LGANT's [Policy Statements](#) and [Strategic Plan](#).
4. Provide attachment/s if required.



Click or tap here to enter text.

Council confirmation:

I, [Click or tap here to enter your full name.](#), the Chief Executive Officer, hereby confirm that this motion was approved by resolution of council on [Click or tap to enter a date.](#) for presentation at the next LGANT General Meeting.

Resolution number: _____

In submitting this motion, I acknowledge that (please tick):

- ☐ the LGANT Board has the discretion to not accept the motion.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

13.4 FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

Author: Rebecca Baguley, Chief Finance Officer
Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For decision
Attachments: 1. 30 June Financial Report to July Council Meeting (2) [13.4.1 - 16 pages]

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is to present the consolidated financial position of Council as of 30th June, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

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

- **Operating Income for June Actuals is \$18,175,930**
 - **Operating Expenditure for June Actuals is \$18,369,424**
 - **Operating Deficit after depreciation of (\$193,494)**
 - **Capital Expenditure for the year Actuals of \$7,782,710**
 - **Tied Funds at June 2026 of \$17,100,572**
 - **Untied Funds at June 2026 of \$10,843,180**
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DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

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

The financial report is compliant with Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 – Part 2 (Division 7) Clause 17, Items 1 and 2, whereby material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council have been identified in detail against the 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 June with the Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Certification.

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

Within current service delivery budget and resources

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Strategic Plan

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

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

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

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

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

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

Municipal Plan

4.2.4.3 Comply with Council's procurement policy

4.2.4.6 Prudent financial management for stronger returns for ratepayers

4.2.4.7 Comply with financial legislative requirements

Certification by the CEO to the Council

Council Name:	Katherine Town Council
Reporting Period:	30/06/2026

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:

16/07/2026

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*	10,195,519	10,195,519	0	10,158,579	*Rates revenue received
Waste Charges**	1,613,227	1,612,903	324	1,612,903	**Waste revenue received
Fees and Charges	2,319,507	2,766,259	(446,752)	2,766,259	Includes User Charges, Rental and Waste Transfer Charges
Operating Grants and Subsidies	2,666,931	2,244,689	422,242	2,244,689	Grants, Visitor Info Centre, Library
Interest / Investment Income	939,228	730,000	209,228	730,000	Term Deposit interest
Commercial and Other Income	441,517	311,411	130,106	311,411	Fuel Tax Credits, Recoveries
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	18,175,930	17,860,781	315,149	17,860,781	
OPERATING EXPENDITURE					
Employee Expenses	4,952,435	5,009,713	(57,278)	5,009,713	Salaries and Wages
Materials and Contracts	6,582,183	7,932,671	(1,350,488)	7,932,671	Contracts, Admin, Grants, Commissions, Professional fees
Elected Member Allowances	229,419	312,000	(82,581)	312,000	
Elected Member Expenses	18,506	54,500	(35,994)	54,500	
Council Committee & LA Allowances	17,556	54,500	(36,944)	54,500	
Council Committee & LA Expenses	18,206	8,000	10,206	8,000	
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	6,268,310	6,178,351	89,959	6,178,351	Airspace Asset Depreciation Adjustment
Other Expenses	245,877	12,552	0	12,552	Includes Prior period expenses; remapped grants from Materials & Contracts Expenses
Interest Expenses (Finance Costs)	43,233	38,000	5,233	38,000	
Finance Costs – Unwinding WMF	0	650,000	(650,000)	650,000	Adjustment required – Rehab Provision yet to be approved and posted
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	18,369,424	20,264,879	(1,895,455)	20,264,879	
OPERATING SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)	(193,494)	(2,641,038)	(2,210,604)	(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 June, is \$18,175,930 a variance of \$315,419 on projected forecast for June.

A summary of YTD variances:

- (a) **Rates Revenue** – Slightly above budget. The projected forecast for the year ending 30th June was achieved at \$10,195,519.
- (b) **Waste Charges Revenue** – \$1,613,227
- (c) **Rates Penalties and Interest** - \$227,579. \$100k above the prior financial year
- (d) **Statutory Charges** – Dog Registrations, licenses and Pound Release fees up on budget
- (e) **Fees and Charges** – Airport Landing Fees are down by \$40k on budget – however, up by \$42k on prior year revenue
- (f) **Interest Income** – \$939,228 - \$209,228 up on 2nd Budget Review forecast.
- (g) **Water & Electrical** recoveries – Charges recovered that relate to the previous financial year of \$52,000 will be adjusted at EOFY. (Prior period revenue)
- (h) **Operating Grants** - Financial Assistance Grant (Cwlth) received in advance for 26-27 Year.
 - Total 25-26 FY - \$1,697,851 (\$658,144 early payment made in June 25, (24-25FY)
 - 26-27 FY – Total TBC – Early payment made in June of \$1,051,971

The early payment made in June 26 for the 26-27 FY represents 80% of the total Financial Assistance Grant for the 2026-2027 year. The amounts allocated to Council were not derived from the Commission's finalised 2026-27 funding methodologies. Payment adjustments may be required in 2026-27 to align the amounts paid with the actual approved allocations.

The total year-to-date (YTD) Operating Expenditure is \$18,369,424

This is due to a reduction in materials and contracts expenditure and depreciation yet to be processed. It is anticipated that there will be adjustments to depreciation for assets that became in use during the year that have not yet been capitalised.

Other factors include:

- (a) Salaries and Wages – down on Budget forecast by (\$52,278)
 - Staff resignations and vacancies in some positions
 - Work Cover reimbursements from GIO for wages paid on work cover
- (b) Training & Seminars – down by \$ 36k
- (c) Employee wellness program – down by \$23,000
- (d) Recruitment Advertising down by \$8,051
- (e) Memberships and Professional Associations down by \$20k on prior year
- (f) Elected Member expenses well down by \$80k
- (g) Elected Member Training and Personal Development costs down by \$35k
- (h) Council Committee Costs up \$10k on budget
- (i) Council Sale of Assets - \$39K prior year adjustment for Laneway fencing

The June Budget Operating Position is showing a deficit of (\$193,494) after Depreciation and before capitalisation.

- *Note that the Unwinding Discount for the WMF is yet to be processed.*
- *Transfers to reserves to posted upon council resolution (\$1M) for WMF Rehabilitation Provision*

Table 1.2 Monthly Operating Position

	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Annual Budget \$
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(193,494)	(2,641,038)	(2,210,604)	(2,641,038)
Remove Non-Cash Items				
- Less Non-Cash Income	0	0	0	0
Add back Non-Cash Expenses – Note (a)				
Depreciation & Unwinding WMF Asset	6,268,310	6,828,351	(560,041)	6,828,351
Net Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Assets	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Cash Items	6,268,310	6,828,351	(560,041)	6,828,351
Less Additional Outflows				
Capital Expenditure	7,782,710	11,047,785	(3,265,075)	11,047,785
Borrowing Repayments (Principal only)	0	0	0	0
Transfers to Reserves	0	0	0	1,000,000
Other Outflows	0	0	0	0
Total Additional Outflows	7,782,710	11,047,785	(3,265,075)	12,047,785
Add Additional Inflows				
Capital Grants Income	4,244,482	4,550,121	(314,601)	4,550,121
Prior Year carried forward funding	186,580	186,580	0	186,580
Other inflow of Funds (Sale of Assets)	39,215	72,178	0	72,178
Transfers from Reserves	1,933,738	1,933,738	0	1,933,738
Drawdown of Borrowings	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Total Additional Inflows	8,395,053	8,742,617	(314,601)	8,742,617
Net Budgeted Operating Surplus (Deficit)	6,696,121	1,882,145	4,577,036	2,708,537

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

- (a) **Depreciation Expenditure** – Revised in 2nd Budget Review to \$6,178,351. Currently above budget by \$89,959 due to adjustments to Air Space Asset depreciation for full year.
- (b) **Unwinding of the Waste Management Facility (WMF) discount rate Cost estimate adjustment** – Council has received a draft calculation for the WMF Rehabilitation Provision for the year prepared by Resource Innovations. A walkthrough with the engineers regarding the cost methodology directly affecting the provision calculation and the unwinding discount estimate is yet to be completed with Council. Council has undertaken an initial review to identify cost increases within the draft report, to ensure all costs are correct and improvements implemented to the facility throughout the year are captured and applied to reduce the provision.

Recognition of the non-cash expense will not be processed until the report is finalised and accepted by Council.

- (c) **Transfers from Reserves** – adjusted to reflect transfer to Aquatic centre reserve as per Council resolutions.
- Contribution of \$1M to the Waste Management Facility “Make Good Provision” Reserve yet to be processed. Resolution provided separately in this report.
- (d) **Drawdown on Borrowings** – Loan for Civic Centre – \$2,000,000 at 30 June, 2026
- (e) **Prior year Carried Forward Funding** - \$186,250 (recognised as revenue in 24-25)

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	6,684,426	9,213,232	(2,528,806)	9,213,232
Improvements	518,334	50,000	468,334	50,000
Plant & Equipment	126,750	9,045	(117,705)	9,045
Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	253,500	50,000	(50,000)	50,000
Fleet	0	300,000	(300,000)	300,000
Infrastructure Paths & Cycleways	37,938	206,639	(168,701)	206,639
Infrastructure Roads	446,699	696,869	(250,170)	696,869
Infrastructure Storm water & Drainage	65,896	100,000	(34,104)	100,000
Infrastructure - Irrigation	39,634	22,000	17,634	22,000
DRFA - Emergency Response Expenses*	205,772	400,000	(174,092)	400,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	7,782,710	11,047,785	(3,265,075)	11,047,785

Total Capital Expenditure funded by:	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Current Year (Annual Budget)
Council Co-Contribution	791,056	2,265,587	(1,474,531)	2,265,587
DRFA - Council Contribution	205,772	400,000	(194,228)	400,000
Capital Grants	4,244,482	4,191,530	52,952	4,191,530
Transfers from Cash Reserves – Council Co-Contribution	1,933,738	1,933,738	0	1,933,738
Borrowings – Civic Centre Loan	381,867	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Sales of Assets	39,215	70,040	(30,825)	70,040
Deferred Capital – Grants Carried Forward Prior Year	186,580	186,580	0	186,580
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	7,782,710	11,047,475	(1,646,632)	11,047,785

The change in the end of financial year position is due to the delays with the Civic Centre Refurbishment. The delay has affected cash outlays, with the loan inflows positive uplift in the surplus position.

Zimin Drive project delayed, with expenditure reforecast at \$37,938 for the year, majority of project expenses to be incurred in 26-27 once the project commences.

Capital grants revenue variances due to Roads to Recovery grant to be received in 26-27, and claims for Local Roads and Community Infrastructure works undertaken in 24-25, claimed and received in 25-26. Street lighting expenditure moved to 26-27 Budget.

DRFA co-contribution - Council's maximum contribution is forecast at \$400k. Currently expenditure is sitting at \$205,772, for capital and \$24k for wages costs.

Council co-contribution to Aquatic Centre Redevelopment budgeted at \$2,029,679 and fully expensed during the financial year.

Council's co-contribution towards Capital Projects undertaken in the 25-26 year currently at \$2,930,566. This is funded via Operational Surplus and reserves.

Capital Projects – Financial Summaries

Capital Projects over \$150,000

Recently Completed Capital Project(s)	Planned Budget Life of Project				
	Grants	KTC Funded	Actual Spend	Balance	Status
Katherine Aquatic Centre Upgrade	\$10,300,000	\$ 2,048,307	\$12,348,307	\$0	Complete
Changing Places (KAC)	\$162,000	\$0	\$162,000	\$0	Complete
Recycled BBQ Area & Sports Storage (KAC)	Nil	\$54,880	\$ 8,217	-\$3,337	Complete
VEEP Museum Upgrades	\$38,962	\$38,962	\$77,925	\$0	Complete
VIC Upgrade	\$87,978	\$ 29,326	\$117,230	\$74	Jun 2026
Irrigation Upgrades	\$0	\$100,000	\$39,634	\$60,366	Jun 2026
Infrastructure/ - R2R Sheppard & Needham	\$ 383,625	\$0	\$383,625	\$0	Completed
TOTAL	\$ 10,972,565	\$ 2,000,147	\$12,888,072	\$57,029	

Fig 1 – Recently Completed Capital Projects (completed since last report)

Current Capital Project(s) (WIP)	Planned Budget – Life of Project				
	Grant	KTC Funded	Actual Spend - LOP	Balance	Est Completion Date
Civic Centre Refurbishment	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$ 381,868	\$ 4,618,132	Aug 2026
Zimin Drive Shared Path	\$756,000	\$394,000	\$ 71,370	\$1,078,630	December 2026
DRFA – (NEMA)	TBC	\$ 400,000	\$ 205,772	\$194,228	Jun 2027
Showgrounds – Reinstall services post flood	\$0	\$111,000	\$111,000	\$0	Jun 2026
Infrastructure Roads – Helena & Hendry Road Widening	\$0	\$344,018	\$344,018	\$0	completed
TOTAL	\$786,000	\$6,249,018	\$1,497,653	\$5,890,990	

Fig 2 – Current Capital Projects

Upcoming Capital Project(s)	Planned Budget 26-27 Budget				
	Grants	KTC Funded 26-27	Actual Spend 26-27	Balance	Est Completion Date
Infrastructure/Roads Zimmin Drive Shoulder Upgrades	\$235,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Nov 2026
Infrastructure/Roads - Rural intersection upgrades	\$720,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Nov 2026
TOTAL	\$ 955,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Figure 3. Upcoming Capital Projects

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

Fig 3 – Upcoming Capital Projects 27-28

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

Class of Assets	By Major Capital Project	Total Planned Budget \$ Life of Project	Grant Funding approved	Council Contribution - Life of Project	Council Contribution 25-26 Budget	Total Prior Year(s) Expenditure\$	YTD Actual Spend \$	TOTAL Spent LOP \$	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	5,954,902	12,048,307	0	complete
Buildings & Other Structures	Changing Places Aquatic centre	162,000	162,000			162,000	0	162,000	0	complete
	Design Phase Aquatic Centre	300,000	300,000			300,000	0	300,000	0	complete
	TOTAL AQUATIC CENTRE	12,491,679	10,462,000	2,029,679	2,029,679	6,248,019	5,954,902	12,510,307	N/A	
Buildings & Other Structures	Civic Centre Upgrade	5,000,000		5,000,000	2,000,000	-	381,868	381,868	4,618,132	August 2026
Buildings & Other Structures	Lindsay St Amenities upgrade LRCIP - A	324,000	324,000		0	247,784	3,082	250,866	N/A	complete
Buildings & Other Structures	Waste facility shed raise Tipshop	350,000		350,000	350,000	-	344,574	344,574	N/A	complete
Improvements	X 3 nature playgrounds	200,000		175,000	100,000	78,962	12,657	91,619	N/A	complete
Improvements	Irrigation Upgrades: priority for Railway Terrace, Glencoe Park, Fuller Park	100,000		100,000	100,000	-	39,634	39,634	60,366	complete
Improvements	Dog Pound	421,255	250,000	172,500	111,056	250,000	174,951	424,951	N/A	complete
Drains and Stormwater	Drains & Stormwater	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-	65,898	65,898	34,102	complete

**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 LOP \$	Total Yet to Spend \$	Revised Project Completion Date
Infrastructure - Footpaths & Cycleways	New Shared Path - Zimin Drive	1,290,000	756,000	394,000	140,000	-	37,938	37,938	1,112,062	December 2026
Infrastructure - Roads	First Street Improvement LRCI P4	339,990	339,990	-	-	329,854	12,153	342,007	N/A	complete
Infrastructure - Roads	Local Road & Pavements: Zimmin & Giles	635,029	635,029	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dec-26
Infrastructure - Roads	Rural Intersection Upgrades: Helena/Florina, Hendry/Florina, Collins/Byers, Collins/Craigborn	720,000	720,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	November -26
TOTAL		33,983,631	23,629,019	10,355,858	7,269,706	13,403,362	7,782,710	14,526,294	5,820,278	
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 June 2026

BALANCE SHEET	YTD Actuals \$	Note Reference*
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank		
Tied Funds	17,100,572	(1)
Untied Funds	10,843,180	(1)
Trade Debtors	490,050	(2)
Rates & Charges Debtors	2,342,040	(2)
Other Current Assets	719,947	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	31,495,789	
Non-Current Financial Assets	-	
Property, Plant and Equipment	129,696,261	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	129,696,261	
TOTAL ASSETS	161,192,050	
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	155,440	(3)
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	(165,061)	(4)
Current Provisions	608,956	
Accruals	204,458	
Other Current Liabilities	260,028	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,063,821	
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	23,488,220	
NET ASSETS	137,703,830	
EQUITY		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	98,420,175	
Reserves	14,651,023	(1)
Accumulated Surplus	24,632,638	
TOTAL EQUITY	137,703,836	

NOTE 1. TIED AND UNTIED FUNDS	\$	\$
11300 · Imprest Petty Cash		1,127.68
25000 · Employee Liabilities (Provisions)		642,118
33310 Capital Renewal Reserve	6,487,646	
33520 Aquatic Centre Contingency Reserve	1,000,000	
33610 Municipal Election Reserve	100,000	
33620 Council Motion Funding Reserve	600,515	
Total of Equity Reserves		8,188,161
WMF Make Good Provision - Reserve		6,462,862
TOTAL RESERVES		14,651,023
11250 · Unspent Loan funds for Civic Centre (from loan drawdown YTD)		1,618,133
11251 · Unspent Capital Grants		-
11260 · Deposits Held		188,171
TOTAL TIED FUNDS		17,100,572
UNTIED FUNDS		10,843,180
Cash and Cash Equivalents -less Tied Funds		

Note 1. Details of Cash and Investments Held

Cash at Bank consists of Term Deposits of \$28.20M 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 30 June 2026	\$27,943,752
Credit card balances	- \$4871
Balance of Imprest and Petty Cash	\$1127
Plus net outstanding deposits/(withdrawals)	
Adjusted cash at bank balance, 30 June 2026	\$27,940,009

INSTITUTION	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	INTEREST	MATURITY DATE	TOTALS BY INSTITUTION	INSTITUTION %
AMP 1	\$562,351.88	5.20%	01.04.26		31/03/27		
AMP 2	\$1,000,000.00	5.35%	01.05.26		3/05/27		
AMP 3	\$500,000.00	5.25%	14.05.26		15/02/27		
AMP 4	\$1,682,382.24	5.35%	15.05.26		15/05/27		
AMP 5	\$1,104,170.48	5.35%	29.06.26		29/06/27		
AMP 6	\$1,544,903.75	5.35%	30.06.26		30/06/27	\$6,393,808	28.6%
BOQ 3	\$524,117.43	4.00%	06.11.25		6/11/26		
						\$524,117	2.3%
CBA 1	\$2,730,592.05	5.27%	26.05.26		26/05/27		
CBA	\$547,284.31	4.05%	01.08.25		31/07/26		
CBA 4	\$549,638.68	4.01%	11.11.25		29/05/26	\$3,827,515	17.1%
NAB 1	\$3,669,750.00	4.05%	11.11.25		11/11/26		
NAB 3	\$539,104.98	3.90%	11.07.25		13/07/26		
NAB 4	\$3,156,000.00	4.00%	30.07.25		30/07/26		
NAB 5	\$1,049,863.02	3.90%	06.08.25		6/08/26		
NAB 6	\$1,097,683.82	3.95%	04.09.25		4/09/26		
NAB 7	\$2,095,000.00	4.00%	14.10.25		14/10/26	\$11,607,401	51.9%
AMP ON CALL	\$571,277.31	VARIABLE	30 DAYS	\$5,850			
CBA ON CALL	\$2,172,683.54	VARIABLE	30 DAYS	\$25,675		\$ 2,743,960	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS				\$31,525		\$25,096,801	25,096,803
TOTAL FUNDS						27,728,832	

Council's Debtor Summary	Current	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Total
		1 – 30 Days	31 – 60 Days	61-90 Days	90+ Days	
Rates Debtors	\$986,357.56				\$1,284,705.33	\$2,271,062.89
Trade Debtors	\$184,543.08	\$142,269.90	\$6,772.80	\$3,460.98	\$161,996.60	\$499,043.36

TOTAL						
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Note 3. Statement on Trade Creditors

	Current	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Total
		1 – 30 Days	31 – 60 Days	61-90 Days	90+ Days	
Trade Creditors*	\$144,959.17	\$8,073.09	\$85.83	\$0	-\$156.43	\$152,961
Other Creditors	\$2,478.33	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,478.33
Total Accounts Payable	\$147,437.50	\$8,073.09	\$85.83	\$0	-\$156.43	\$155,439.33

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	\$(23,749)
**Superannuation Payable Liability at 30 June 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)	29.61	
Current Ratio adjusted for Tied Funds	11.42	



Phocas Software

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

Liquidity ratios: comparing current assets to liabilities

A **current ratio** of 1.5 to 2 is generally considered **good**. This means \$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
3/06/2026	\$319.00	XPNA.CO LANE COVE WENSW	Financial Subscriptions
3/06/2026	\$20.00	NEWS PTY LIMITED SURRY HILLS NSW	NT News Subscriptions
9/06/2026	\$291.65	XERO AU INV-53364604 HAWTHORN VIC	Financial Subscriptions
11/06/2026	\$286.50	STARLINK INTERNET Sydney AUS	CEO House and WMF
12/06/2026	\$12.00	NEWS PTY LIMITED SURRY HILLS NSW	Weekly Times Subscriptions
22/06/2026	\$10.00	XRO: XERO CUSTOM CONNE MELBOURNE VIC	Financial Subscriptions
25/06/2026	\$410.87	EZI*Happy HR Pty Ltd Essendon WesAUS	People and Culture Subscriptions
29/06/2026	\$787.89	Adobe Sydney AUS	Operational Subscriptions
Total	\$2137.00		

Cardholder

Name: Ingrid Stonhill

Transacti on Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
1/06/202 6	84.38	Intuit Sydney AUS	Subscription
15/06/20 26	28.64	OPENAI *CHATGPT SUBSCR SAN FRANCISCCA ##0626 20.00 US DOLLAR	ChatGPT fee
15/06/20 26	0.72	INTNL TRANSACTION FEE	ChatGPT Exchange rate fee
Total	\$113.7 4		

13.5 INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROJECTS QUARTERLY REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

Author: Kimberly Worrigal, Contracts Coordinator
Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For noting
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an update regarding the Infrastructure and Projects Department's activities and projects for the April to June 2026 Quarter.

RECOMMENDATION

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

SUMMARY

- **The community are invited for feedback on their vision for the future of the Sportsground Precinct**
- **Roads to Recovery works are on schedule, despite additional flood repair works**
- **Showgrounds flood recovery works have occurred on schedule in preparation for the Katherine Show and Rodeo 2026**
- **The Zimin Drive Shared Path design is complete, land title permissions have been sought, and permits are now in progress**
- **The Visitor Information Centre has undergone a facelift with financial support from the Tourism Town Asset Program**
- **Civic Centre Refurbishment permitted construction works are scheduled for August**

DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

Katherine Town Council's Infrastructure Service and Projects Department continues to provide core services through various service deliverables to the Katherine Community and Municipality.

PROJECT UPDATES

Regional Sports, Recreation and Community Precinct Masterplan (rPPP) (#4.1.2.3)

The design project encompasses the *Sportsground Masterplan 2040*, and *shovel-ready construction drawings* in preparation to build upgraded facilities within the sportsground precinct. The masterplan will lay the foundations for infrastructure improvements, focusing on an upgrade to the Henry Scott Recreation Centre. The project will provide complete design documentation to construct indoor sport and recreation facilities to improve the health and fitness of our community throughout each wet season.

The project was released for tender throughout May 2026, and resulted in seven high-quality responses and a difficult task to select the best proposal for Katherine. The awarded architect will begin work on the project from August.

You will be able to have your say over the coming months and throughout the remainder of 2026. Your feedback on proposed infrastructure improvements at the sportsground will be considered for incorporation into the masterplan. The masterplan will consider what is achievable within the next 14 years, as well as the aspirations of the community for developments which may require significant external investment.



Zimin Drive Shared Path (#3.3.2.1)

Following the completion of land title discussions, the drawings were finalised throughout the last quarter and submitted for formal approvals. The final dates for the construction period will depend on the time taken for each approval.

At this stage we anticipate that a tender will be released in time for construction works to occur just before the wet season, pending no significant approval delays. Interested tenderers for the sealed path and earthworks should keep an eye on tenderlink, and our website's available tenders page, in several months' time.

Civic Centre Refurbishment (#4.1.2.4)

Our experienced local builder, Northern Building and Property Services Pty Ltd, is now preparing for permitted construction works to begin from August onwards.

The majority of construction works will be internal, to bring the building up to Disability Discrimination Act compliance, current standards and to meet the Council's current needs. The building will also undergo an external face-lift.

The Men's Shed is contributing to this project by manufacturing a metal and solid hardwood Chambers Room table, built to last lifetimes. The table will show off some of Katherine's best natural features. Once constructed, all members of the community will look forward to attending council meetings each month around the hand-crafted masterpiece.



Other Projects (Last Quarter)

- VIC Upgrade (#4.1.2.2): Upgrade works have taken place at the Visitor Information Centre, including line-marking, painting, electrical upgrades, significant landscaping works and new joinery.
- Infrastructure Grant Funding Submissions (#1.5.3.1): Cooling the Town Square (Design).
- Defects Liability Period (DLP) Management (#4.2.4.1): Ongoing DLP management for the Katherine Aquatic Centre, Machinery Shed, Dog Pound, Lindsay St Amenities, and the Outback Outhouse.



Upcoming Projects

- Waste Management Facility Fit-out Improvements (Construction) (#4.1.2.1): To improve the functionality of existing facilities for staff and improve operational functions.
- Cooling the Town Square (Design Only) (#7.2.5.2): An options analysis and concepts for the rehabilitation and/or redesign of the town square (Construction subject to funding).
- Hot Springs Amenities Upgrade (Seek Funding Only) (#2.1.2.1): To improve the services available at the Katherine Hot Springs (Design & construction subject to funding).

- Procurement Framework Revisions (Internal) (#4.2.4.3): Further improvements to Katherine Town Council's procurement and project management framework.



INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

Road Works (Roads to Recovery)

During the quarter, the Infrastructure Department managed the delivery of approved Roads to Recovery funded road upgrade projects by Council contractors. These works included the resealing of Needham Terrace and Shepherd Street, both of which were completed on schedule and in accordance with the required specifications.

Additionally, as part of Council's Roads to Recovery funding commitments, Council funded rural road widening and edge sealing projects. These works were undertaken on the first 1.0 kilometre of Helena Road and 1.2 kilometres of Hendry Road, improving safety, road durability and access for rural road users.

Future Roads to Recovery works scheduled for completion during this financial year include upgrades to several rural road intersections, including Helena Road, Hendry Road, Collins Road, Cragborn Road and Byers Road. These improvements will enhance road safety and accessibility for rural residents and road users.

Council is also awaiting the outcome of a grant funding application to undertake road widening and seal extension works on Keith Quarry Road.



Showgrounds

Recovery works at the Katherine Showgrounds following the flood event are nearing completion, with contractors and Council staff working hard to minimise impact to the upcoming Katherine Show.

All major electrical repairs have been completed, along with the testing and tagging of site assets. The Infrastructure Team has worked closely with NT WorkSafe throughout the recovery process to ensure all compliance requirements have been met across the facility.

Several minor items remain outstanding, including replacement of the secondary bore, electric gate motor replacements, repairs to additional power mushrooms in the rear Showgrounds camping area, and the repairs and replacement components for the Main Oval lighting system. The final works will be completed over the coming months.



Sportsgrounds

The flood-damaged fence at the rear of the Sports Grounds has been scheduled for replacement and upgrade to Garrison fencing in July. The new fencing will be consistent with the fencing already installed at the facility. To improve project efficiency and minimise disruption, the remaining fencing upgrade works at the Adventure Playpark will be completed concurrently with this project.

The lighting infrastructure on Oval 2 is currently operating below its intended capacity and requires significant repairs, with the majority of light heads needing replacement. These works have been released to tender, and a contractor will be engaged shortly to undertake the required repairs and restore the lighting system to full functionality.

Surface remediation works on Oval 2 have been completed following extensive damage caused by flooding and a magpie goose colony. The deterioration of the playing surface had created unsafe conditions for sporting activities, necessitating immediate repairs to ensure the oval could be safely returned to use.

Flooding has also impacted the underground lighting cabling servicing Oval 1, resulting in the lighting system operating at approximately half capacity. Rectification works will require trenching and the replacement of damaged underground cabling to restore full lighting functionality

Other Ongoing Flood Repairs and Impacts

Council staff and contractors have continued to complete flood recovery works and restore services and infrastructure across our facilities. While the majority of recovery projects have now been completed, several significant items remain outstanding.

Key items include the replacement of the Hot Springs bore equipment, which was damaged during the flood event, and the BMX Clubhouse, where further investigation is required to determine the most appropriate remediation and restoration approach.

Submissions are being prepared and lodged through both Council's insurance providers and applicable Disaster Recovery funding programs to seek reimbursement for eligible flood recovery costs.

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.

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.

3. SPORTS AND CIVIC EVENTS - 3.1 Sports and Civic Events - Provide sporting infrastructure and appropriate events to encourage community connectedness.

3.1.4 Develop future infrastructure such as a regional sporting precinct, updated aquatic centre and potential water recreation facility.

3. SPORTS AND CIVIC EVENTS - 3.3 Accessibility and Mobility - Improve the accessibility of facilities and transport infrastructure and provide alternative transport solutions.

3.3.2 Provide and maintain footpaths and bike paths for ease of movement around town, with a shared pathway strategy.

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

7.3.2 Monitor Council's monthly water-use.

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

7. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY - 7.4 Reduce Our Footprint - Optimise Council's products, services, and operations to increase efficiencies and reduce our emissions.

7.4.5 Develop a tree-planting strategy.

Municipal Plan

1.3.3.3 Enhance the customer request experience utilising new functionality on Snap Send Solve

1.3.3.4 Grow the online Cemetery Search database

13.6 PEOPLE AND CULTURE QUARTERLY REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

Author: Barbara Mason, Manager People and Culture
Authoriser: Casey Anderson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For noting
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Council on relevant People and Culture activities as at 30 June 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

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

SUMMARY

- Council strengthened its workforce during the quarter through the successful recruitment of six new employees across key operational areas, with an additional Workplace Health and Safety Officer commencing in August to further enhance organisational capability and legislative compliance.
- Investment in workforce development continued, with five employees undertaking higher duties opportunities to build leadership capability, support succession planning and maintain business continuity while critical positions are recruited.
- Council's workforce now comprises 52 employees, with an increased focus on permanent employment to improve workforce stability, reduce operational risk and support the delivery of high-quality community services.
- Workplace health and safety reporting continues to improve through increased use of the SkyTrust system, providing valuable data to proactively manage risks, strengthen compliance and foster a positive safety culture across the organisation.

DISCUSSION, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

Recruitment

During the quarter, Council successfully recruited six (6) new employees across several key service areas, strengthening operational capability and reducing workforce risk. These appointments included:

- 2 permanent full-time employees
 - Records & Information Officer
 - Executive Assistant to the CEO
- 2 seasonal full-time employees
 - Visitor Information Centre
- 2 casual employees
 - Waste Facility Weighbridge Operator

- Municipal Depot Crew

These appointments continue to build organisational capacity while supporting Council's commitment to improving customer service, governance and operational service delivery.

Council has also successfully recruited a dedicated Workplace Health and Safety Officer, who is scheduled to commence in August 2026, and a Works Coordinator, who is due to commence in July 2026. These appointments represent a significant investment in the Council's operational capability. The Workplace Health and Safety Officer will strengthen legislative compliance, risk management and workplace safety, while the Works Coordinator will improve workflow planning, coordination and responsiveness across the depot crew, supporting more efficient delivery of municipal services and enhancing service outcomes for the community.

Council continues to invest in the development of its existing workforce. Five employees are currently undertaking higher duties arrangements, providing opportunities to develop leadership capability, broaden operational experience, and support succession planning. These temporary appointments have enabled Council to maintain business continuity while progressing recruitment to critical positions and developing internal talent for future leadership opportunities.

The organisation continues to maintain a flexible workforce to meet seasonal operational requirements, particularly within the Visitor Information Centre and municipal operations. The recent recruitment of seasonal and permanent positions reflects Council's commitment to reducing reliance on casual employment where appropriate, improving workforce stability and supporting long-term workforce planning.

Council continues to actively recruit to fill several key operational and leadership positions that are critical to maintaining service delivery and supporting future organisational growth.

Current vacancies include:

- Group Manager Infrastructure and Environment
- Human Resources Officer
- Ranger
- Assistant Ranger

These positions will strengthen leadership capability, improve frontline service delivery and support Council's strategic priorities across infrastructure, people and culture, and regulatory services.

As part of Council's ongoing workforce planning and succession strategy, recruitment planning has also commenced for several positions expected to be advertised in the near future, including:

- Grants Officer
- Library Assistant
- Governance Officer (Council Committee Coordinator)

These roles will enhance Council's capacity in strategic funding, governance, community services and corporate support, ensuring the organisation continues to build capability and deliver high-quality services to the Katherine community.

Council remains committed to attracting and retaining skilled employees by promoting career development opportunities, supporting internal progression and ensuring recruitment aligns with

the objectives of the Municipal Plan and Council's long-term workforce strategy.

Demographics (end of June 2026)

Council currently employs 52 staff, comprising:

- 34 Permanent Full-Time employees
- 7 Permanent Part-Time employees
- 11 Casual employees

Gender profile:

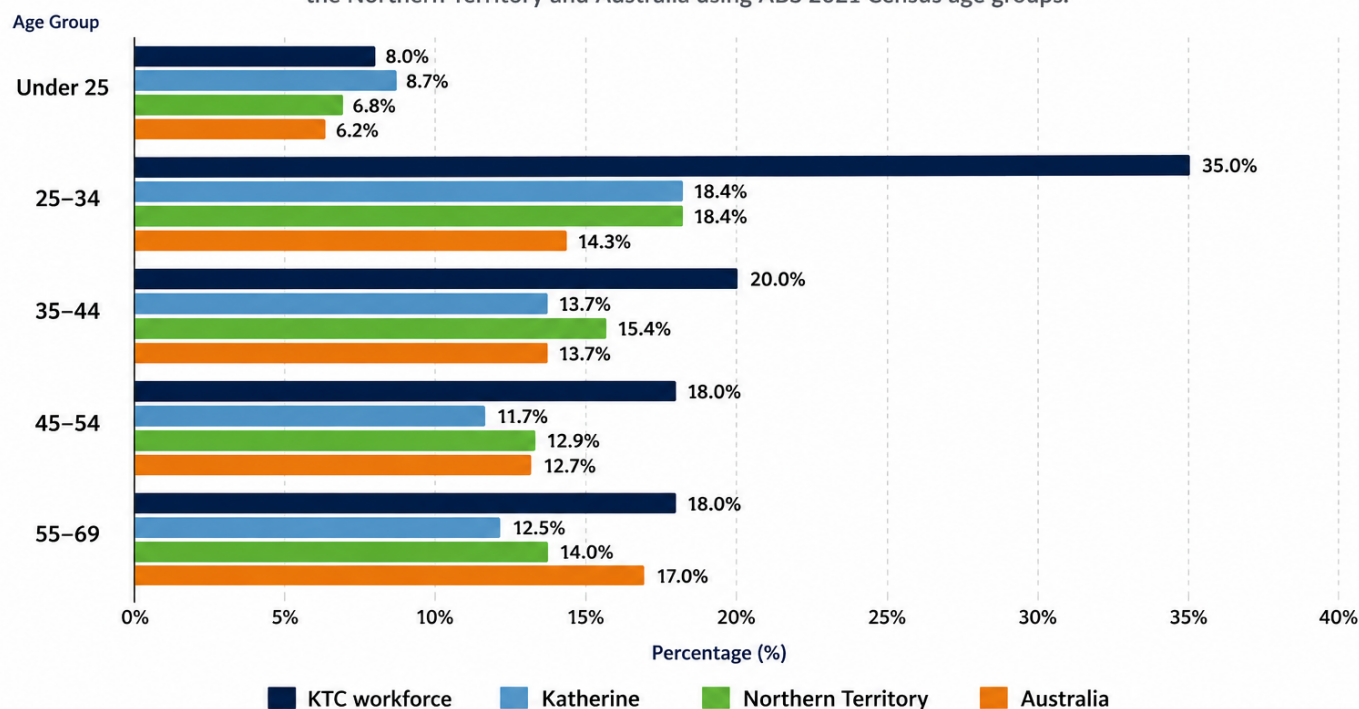
- 38 Female employees (72.5%)
- 14 Male employees (27.5%)

The organisation continues to maintain a flexible workforce to meet seasonal operational requirements, particularly within the Visitor Information Centre and municipal operations. The recent recruitment of seasonal and permanent positions reflects Council's commitment to reducing reliance on casual employment where appropriate, improving workforce stability and supporting long-term succession planning.

The appointment of additional permanent staff also strengthens organisational capability while reducing operational risk associated with vacant critical positions.

Age Profile Comparison – KTC Workforce and ABS 2021 Census

Comparison of Katherine Town Council workforce with Katherine, the Northern Territory and Australia using ABS 2021 Census age groups.

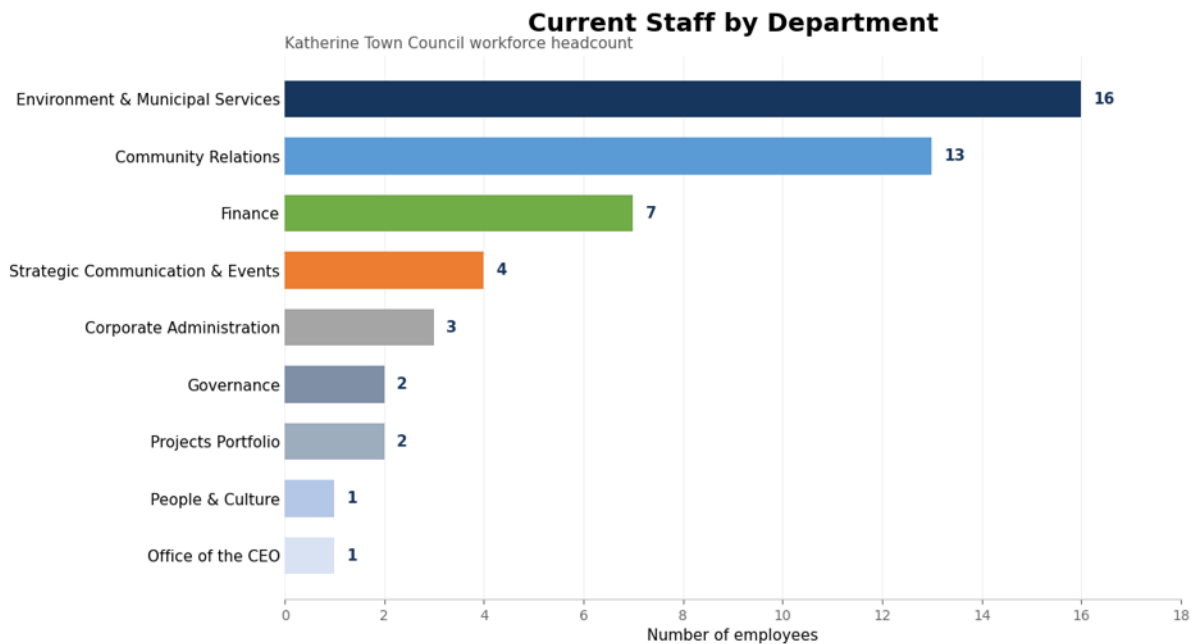


Source: KTC workforce percentages from the previous quarterly report.
Comparison data: ABS 2021 Census QuickStats for Katherine, Northern Territory and Australia.
Age groups aggregate 20–24, 25–34, 35–44, 45–54 and 55–69 years.

The comparison figures were aggregated from the ABS five-year age bands for Katherine, the Northern Territory and Australia. These comparisons are much more meaningful because Council's



workforce differs from the national workforce. The NT has a younger age profile than Australia overall, while regional councils often have an older workforce.

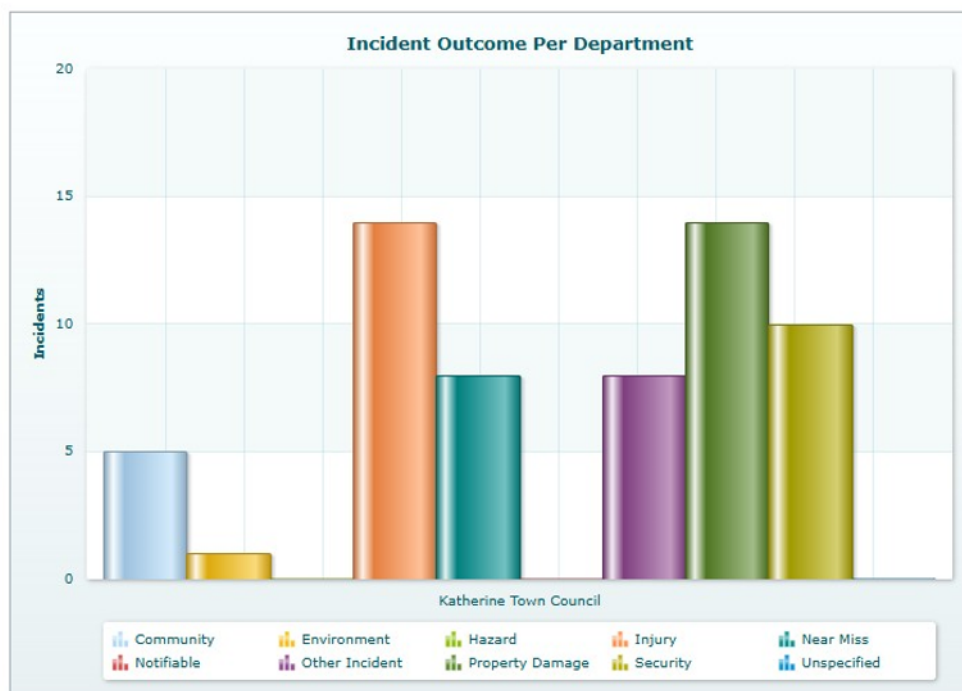


Source: Payroll Masterfile - current active employees. Infrastructure combined with Environment & Municipal Services.

More than two thirds of Council staff directly engage with the Community on a daily basis as part of their role.

Incidents

Causes of incidents for the quarter ending June 2026 (Skytrust).



Note that incidents can have more than one incident type.

Workplace Health and Safety

SkyTrust reports indicate that workplace incidents continue to be actively reported across Council, demonstrating improving reporting practices and increased awareness of workplace health and safety responsibilities.

During the reporting period, reported incidents primarily related to:

- Manual handling and musculoskeletal injuries
- Slips, trips and falls
- Animal-related incidents
- Vehicle and property damage
- Hazard identification and public safety matters

The incident reporting demonstrates that employees are actively using the SkyTrust system to report hazards, injuries and property-related events, providing valuable information for risk management and continuous improvement.

The commencement of Council's dedicated Workplace Health and Safety Officer in August 2026 will significantly strengthen Council's risk management framework by:

- improving hazard identification and risk assessments
- increasing workplace inspections and audits
- supporting managers with legislative compliance
- improving investigation and corrective action processes
- delivering ongoing WHS training and education
- encouraging proactive reporting of hazards and near misses.

This dedicated role is expected to substantially reduce Council's corporate risk while continuing to build a positive safety culture across all departments.

Consultation Process

There was no consultation process required for this report.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications resulting from the decision.

Budget and Resource Implications

Within current service delivery budget and resource.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

There are no risk, legal and legislative implications.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Strategic Plan

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

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

tasks.

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

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

4.3.1 Offer Council staff training and development opportunities.

4.3.2 Celebrate our successes.

4.3.3 Provide the right conditions and right opportunities.

Municipal Plan

4.3.1.1 Training and development highlighted in annual review discussions, increased frequency of reviews with greater focus on career development

14 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

14.1 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

15 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES

15.1 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES JUNE 2026

Report Type: For noting

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Elected Member activities for June 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
2 June	Special Meeting of council
17 June	Special Meeting of Council
17 June	Meeting with Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce Board
17 June	Katherine's Business at Sunset
19 June	Citizenship Ceremony
19 June	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
23 June	Ordinary Meeting of Council
26 June	Department Led Training - Katherine Town Council – Investigation Report – Implementation Plan
26 June	Special Meeting of council

Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse	
Date	Activity attended
2 June	Special Meeting of Council
11 June	Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting
12 June	Community Consultation on Municipal Plan 2026/27 at Woolworths
19 June	Citizenship Ceremony
19 June	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
23 June	Ordinary Meeting of Council
26 June	Department Led Training - Katherine Town Council – Investigation Report – Implementation Plan
26 June	Special Meeting of council
27 June	Centenary – Sunset Drinks – Railway Bridge

Councillor Jim King	
Date	Activity attended
11 June	Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting
12 June	Community Consultation on Municipal Plan 2026/27 at Woolworths
13 June	Community Consultation on Municipal Plan 2026/27 at Katherine Research Station
17 June	Special Meeting of council

19 June	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
23 June	Ordinary Meeting of Council
24 June	Senior Citizens Centenary Day
26 June	Department Led Training - Katherine Town Council – Investigation Report – Implementation Plan
26 June	Special Meeting of council

Councillor Toni Tapp-Coutts	
Date	Activity attended
2 June	Special Meeting of council
19 June	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
12 June	Community Consultation on Municipal Plan 2026/27 at Woolworths
23 June	Katherine River Stories Literacy Festival 2026
23 June	Ordinary Meeting of Council
24 June	Senior Citizens Centenary Day
26 June	Department Led Training - Katherine Town Council – Investigation Report – Implementation Plan
26 June	Special Meeting of council
27 June	Centenary – Sunset Drinks – Railway Bridge

Councillor Kathy Glass	
Date	Activity attended
2 June	Special Meeting of Council
13 June	Community Consultation on Municipal Plan 2026/27 at Katherine Research Station
17 June	Special Meeting of Council
23 June	Ordinary Meeting of Council
27 June	Centenary Sports Carnival

Councillor Anjali Palmer	
Date	Activity attended
2 June	Special Meeting of Council
10 June	Meeting with Aboriginal Community Organisations to Developing a coordinated response to Katherine's issues

11 June	Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting
12 June	Community Consultation on Municipal Plan 2026/27 at Woolworths
13 June	Community Consultation on Municipal Plan 2026/27 at Katherine Research Station
17 June	Special Meeting of Council
19 June	Elected Member Information Session (EMIS)
23 June	Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation Follow Up Meeting - Kununurra Youth Night Space
23 June	Ordinary Meeting of Council

16 LATE AGENDA

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

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

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

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

19 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

19.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES 23 JUNE 2026

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part or the Council of Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(iii) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

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.

19.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 17 JUNE 2026

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

19.3 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

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

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
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

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

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-regulation and Reason:	Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

20 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

21 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

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