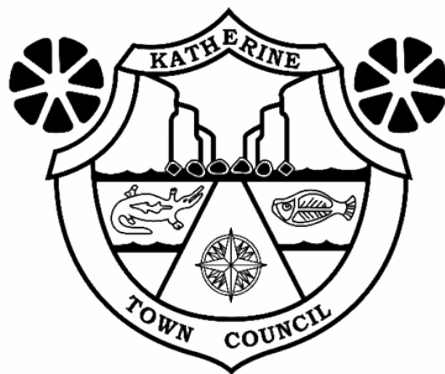




MINUTES

**Special Meeting of Council
Held on Thursday 2 October 2025**

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 - 2 October 2025 open at 8:02 am.

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

- Mayor Joanna Holden (Chair)
- Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle
- Councillor Jim King
- Councillor Kathy Glass
- Councillor Anjali Palmer
- Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse - via video link

OBSERVER - Cassandra Emmett, Lawyer HWLE Lawyers for Katherine Town Council and Minute Taker

4.2 APOLOGIES

Councillor Toni Tapp Coutts

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

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

None declared

6 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 8:05 am.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SMC-2025-07

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

Pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT) elected members may close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items referred to in regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* (NT).

The motion to close the meeting to public.

CARRIED 6|0

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

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

8.1 COMPLIANCE REVIEW

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

9 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 9:42 am.

10 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Special Meeting of Council - 2 October 2025 was declared closed at 9:42 am.