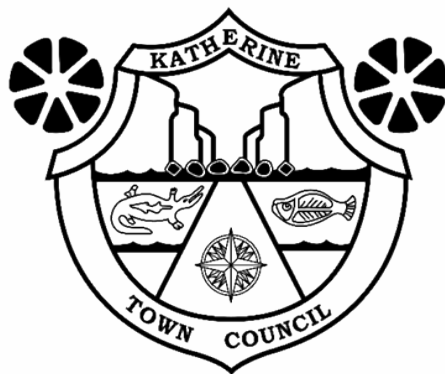




# MINUTES

**Special Meeting of Council  
Held on Monday 21 July 2025**

Civic Centre, Council Chambers  
24 Stuart Highway, 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**

## **4 ATTENDANCE**

### **4.1 PRESENT**

#### **ELECTED MEMBERS**

- Mayor Elisabeth Clark (Chair)
- Deputy Mayor Denis Coburn
- Councillor Maddy Bower
- Councillor Peter McDougall
- Councillor Kerrie Mott - via video conference
- Councillor Jeremy Trembath

#### **OFFICERS**

- Amanda Haigh – Manager Governance and Risk - Minute Taker

**GUESTS** - Cassandra Emmett HWL Ebsworth Lawyers

### **4.2 APOLOGIES**

Nil

### **4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

## **5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

## **6 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

## **7 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 12:05 pm.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Mayor Clark; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Coburn

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 MAYORAL REPORT - COMPLIANCE REVIEW

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

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| Section Under the Act  | The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> . |
| Sub-clause and Reason: | (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.                                                                       |

## 9 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 1:17 pm.

## 10 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Special Meeting of Council - 21 July 2025 was declared closed at 1:17 pm.