



# MINUTES

**Ordinary Meeting of Council  
Held on Tuesday 24 February 2026**

Godinyamyin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre  
Lot 3238 Stuart Highway, Katherine



## **1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

## **2 OPENING PRAYER**

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

## **3 OPENING OF THE MEETING**

Mayor Holden declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 24 February 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

#### **OFFICERS**

- Casey Anderson – Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Amanda Haigh – Manager Governance and Risk - Minute Taker
- Brett Kimpton – Manager Environment and Municipal Services
- Meredith Blair - Finance Manager
  
- Guest presenters - Tim Nicol and Hailey Hardy, NBN

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### **4.2 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Tapp Coutts was an apology for this meeting.

### **4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Councillor Tapp Coutts is on leave of absence for this meeting.  
Leave of Absence received by Councillor Kathryn Whitehouse for the 24 April 2026 – 27 April 2026.

## **5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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



Councillor Glass declared a conflict to item 14.2 and 14.4.

## **6 PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES**

### **6.1 NBN LOCAL UPDATE**

Tim Nicole and Hailey Hardy from NBN Local provided the Council with a comprehensive update on NBN connectivity levels in the Katherine region with current connection statistics, progress on fixed wireless upgrades, the upcoming Amazon Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite service, and their role in emergency response, while also responding to councillor concerns about areas with limited fiber or mobile coverage and committing to follow up on future upgrade options.

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## **7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **7.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 27 JANUARY 2026**

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-25**

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

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 January 2026 as a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED 6|0**

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## 8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 8.1 ACTION UPDATE FEBRUARY 2026

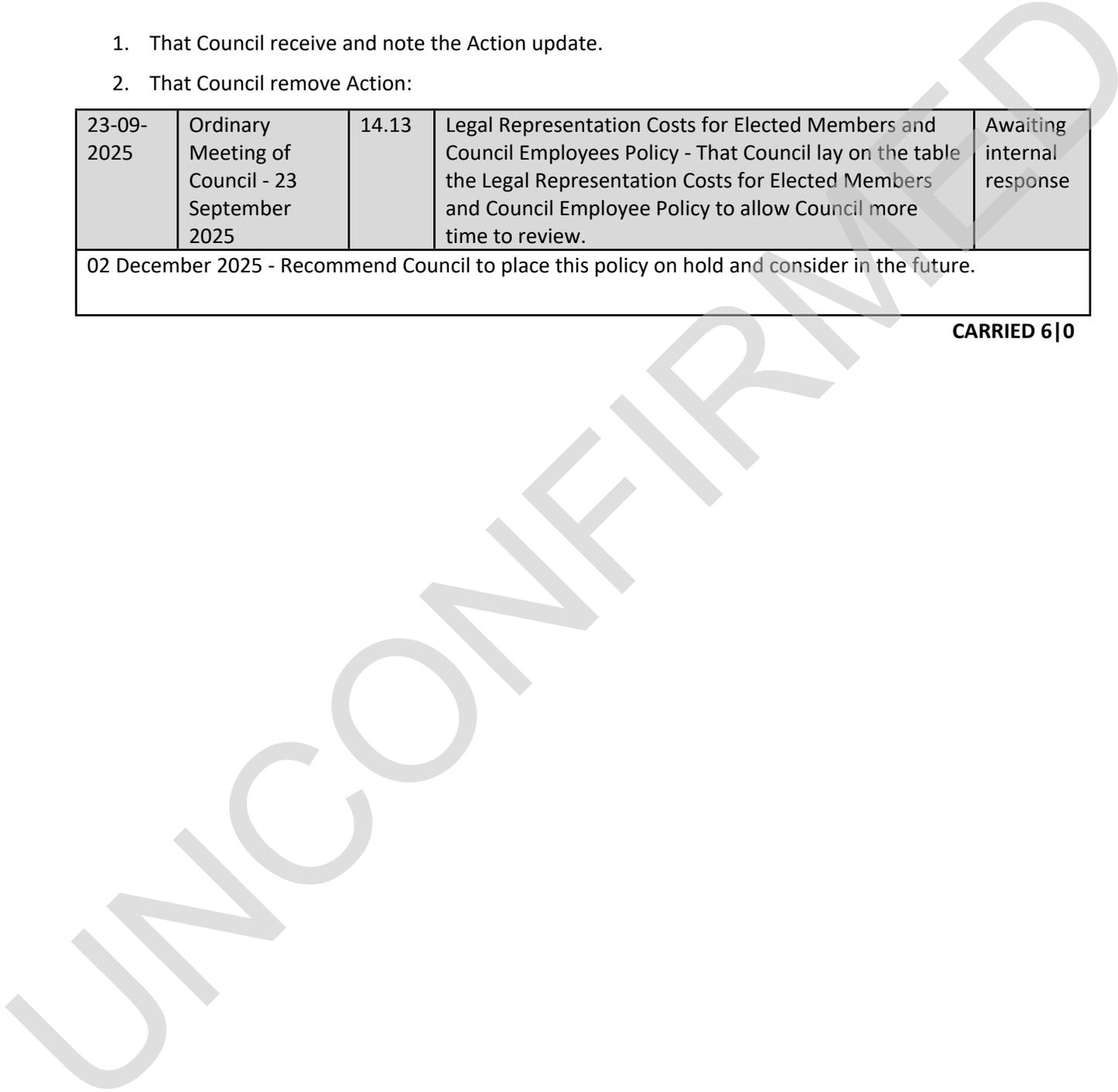
**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-26**

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

1. That Council receive and note the Action update.
2. That Council remove Action:

23-09-2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council - 23 September 2025	14.13	Legal Representation Costs for Elected Members and Council Employees Policy - That Council lay on the table the Legal Representation Costs for Elected Members and Council Employee Policy to allow Council more time to review.	Awaiting internal response
02 December 2025 - Recommend Council to place this policy on hold and consider in the future.				

**CARRIED 6|0**





## 9 MAYORAL BUSINESS

### 9.1 MAYOR ACTIVITIES JANUARY 2026

#### **Acknowledgement to Mr. Robert Holt**

Mr Holt was a remarkable member of our community. In the weeks ahead, many will rightly speak of his achievements. Today, I would like to speak about his legacy — because his legacy lives on in us.

Mr and Mrs Holt are more than residents of this town; they were part of the village that raised so many of us. I count myself among those fortunate enough to have grown up under their example.

For me, Mr Holt was like a row of guideposts on a dark night — steady, reliable, quietly showing the way. He set a standard, not through loud words, but through consistent action. He showed us what integrity looks like. What commitment looks like. What community looks like.

I stand here today aspiring to be the kind of person — the kind of leader — he would respect.

He believed in Katherine, in its people, and in its future. He gave to this community quietly and generously.

He cared deeply, and he served without seeking recognition.

Today, I feel that I — and Katherine — have lost a mentor, a role model, and a quiet leader.

But his example remains. And it is now for us to carry it forward.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

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

**Voting was not carried out**

### 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.

**Voting was not carried out**

#### Discussion

Councillors and staff were acknowledged for their commitment to making the goals happen.

Council noted upcoming 3 months trial of revised waste facility (dump) operating hours, as outlined in the agenda item 14.5, with the trial intended to assess community usage and operational impacts before a final recommendation is made.

Council recognised the Mayor's continued work on progressing the Safety Action Group, although no formal update was provided. The Terms of Reference and Expressions of Interests are currently in draft form and will be presented to council once finalised.

It was noted that an update on the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) appears on page 47 of the agenda and should be included in future reporting.

## 10 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

### 10.1 CORRESPONDENCE OUTGOING

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION** OMC-2026-27

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



That Council receive and note the Outgoing Correspondence:

- Attachments:
1. Letter - LGANT - Support for NTLRC submission - 19 Jan 2026 - ID247066 [10.1.1 - 1 page]
  2. Letter - NTLRC - Support for LGANT submission - 19 Jan 2026 - ID247067 [10.1.2 - 2 pages]
  3. Letter - Red Cross - Support for Multicultural Festival 2026 - 06 Feb 2026 - ID247853 [10.1.3 - 1 page]

**CARRIED 6|0**

## 11 PETITIONS

## 12 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (MATTERS REFERRED TO THE AGENDA)

There were Questions from the Gallery at the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 24 February 2026

Question	Response
Page 46 - first paragraph, whether the live streaming policy is being tabled at this council meeting for approval?	The policy is not being tabled at this meeting, as it has been deferred to the next council meeting.
Item 9.2 - Councillor goals update, why the completion dates were not updated in the table?	Completion dates will be added in the future reporting.
Page 86 - Does the requirement regarding the Code of Conduct apply to only the Audit and Risk Management Committee, and other advisory committees as the specific advisory committees have been removed?	The requirement applies to any advisory committee and any committee that is established under the Local Government Act.
Page 150 - Are the mentioned multiple transactions for subscriptions are monthly costs?	Some are monthly and others are quarterly, the finance team can provide a full breakdown if required.
Page 192 - Is the listed item regarding Needham Terrace a renewal of an existing contract?	The item refers to specific works for which two separate tenders were issued, not a renewal of any previous contract.
Page 145 - What does the expenditure under the Waste facility shed relate to, is that tipshop?	The expenditure refers to the construction of a new shed at the Waste Management Facility.
Page 150 - Why three different credit cars transactions for Rental Property Supplies?	New staff have been recruited and they have come in over the weekend, and required to equip these properties with some essentials such as toilet papers, toilet cleaner etc.
Page 150 -Expenditures related to the pool party?	The costs covered snacks, food, and free pool entry during the December, January school holidays. These expenses were paid by Council initially via the credit card but fully funded through a NT Government grant, with costs to be acquitted against that grant.
Financial report layout change is great in print but hard to read in the online version	The original report could not be properly converted due to system compatibility issues. It was removed because it became difficult to read,



	and a new layout is being developed to ensure income and expenditure reports display correctly in future agendas.
What is the status of Councillor AICD training and funding?	Councillors were previously approved to undertake AICD training, subject to NT Government funding, but recently advised the costs will not covered. Councillors may now choose to use their Professional Development allocation to undertake the course.
When will the 20.5 investigation report of last meeting be released to the public?	Confidential items are reviewed periodically. The report remains confidential at this stage, no summary and media statement will be issued.
Page 102 - Why does the CEO hold delegation for legal and financial authority?	Delegations remain unchanged from the previous council, except for minor amendments. The CEO holds financial delegation to incur expenses, including legal costs, within the defined limits. The Mayor and Council do not hold this. Additional constraints within the delegation document restrict what the CEO can commit Council to.
An email sent to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor noted comments on the Code of Conduct policy to consider?	Acknowledged the feedback. The policy presented is the version for adoption. Further amendments are expected in future due to upcoming changes under the Local Government Act.
Page 189 - Attendance for WALGA formation meeting, in Council Palmer's activities, was this personal or Council approved?	If the activity meets the definition of community engagement, it is included.
When will the outcomes of council tenders be made public, and where can they be accessed as the normally are?	Tender outcomes remain confidential until all tenderers have been notified, and the successful tenderer has formally accepted and executed the contract. Once these steps are completed, the tender information is moved into the open minutes of the council meeting and is also published on the council meeting, where the public can view final results.

### 13 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

### 14 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

#### 14.1 2026 ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-28**

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

1. That Council approve the Mayor and CEO to attend the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) in Canberra from 23 to 25 June 2026.

**LOST 2 | 4**



#### Discussion

Discussed whether Council intended to submit a motion, raising waste management or environmental issues for ideas. The stringent requirements relating to motions and the need to garner support from other Councils for proposed motions was highlighted. Any motions from Council would need to meet these requirements.

Due to other priorities Council should consider not attending in 2026.

### 14.2 KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GYRACC COMMITTEE BOARD

*Councillor Glass left the meeting at 6:51 pm.*

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-29**

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

That Council appoint Joanna Holden, Mayor, as the Katherine Town Council member representative director on the Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Ltd (KRCP) board and advise Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre Management on this appointment accordingly.

**CARRIED 5|0**

#### Discussion

Noted report authoriser needs to be change from Ingrid Stonhill to Casey Anderson, as Casey the Acting Chief Executive Officer (A/CEO).

It was confirmed the appointment was to the KRCP Board of Directors, noting Council, the Northern Territory Government (NTG) and the Northern Land Council (NLC) are the shareholders of the company and each appoint directors to the board. The structure of the Board and the role of the CEO were briefly explained.

### 14.3 REVIEWED POLICIES

*Councillor Glass returned to the meeting at 6:55 pm.*

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

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

1. That Council approve the reviewed statutory policies:
  - a. Policy – Elected Members Code of Conduct – Version 2
  - b. Policy – Breach of Code of Conduct – Version 4
  - c. Policy - Conflicts of Interest – Elected Members – Version 2
  - d. Instrument of Delegation – Council to the Chief Executive Officer
  - e. Policy – Conflicts of Interest – CEO and Employees – Version 3



- f. Policy – Gifts and Benefits – CEO and Employees – Version 2
- g. Policy – Shared Services – Version 3

#### Discussion

Suggestion was made to list advisory committee names in the Code of conduct for easier community reference, and to ensure policy language is accessible and clear for public understanding.

Discussion carried out about the removal of the "What is not a conflict of interest" section from the CEO and employees policy, with clarification given that this change had been recommended through a compliance review from the NT Government.

An amendment was proposed and adopted to clarify contract approval limits for the CEO: up \$150,000 within the budget, and up to \$500,000 in emergency situations meeting regulatory exemption criteria, with all such approvals to be reported back to Council.

#### **AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OMC-2026-30**

**Moved:** Councillor King; **Seconded:** Councillor Whitehouse

1. That Council approve the reviewed statutory policies:
  - a. Policy – Elected Members Code of Conduct – Version 2
  - b. Policy – Breach of Code of Conduct – Version 4
  - c. Policy - Conflicts of Interest – Elected Members – Version 2
  - d. Instrument of Delegation – Council to the Chief Executive Officer
  - e. Policy – Conflicts of Interest – CEO and Employees – Version 3
  - f. Policy – Gifts and Benefits – CEO and Employees – Version 2
  - g. Policy – Shared Services – Version 3

With an amendment to the policy, Instrument of Delegation - Council to the Chief Executive Officer - page 100 of the agenda, area - contracts, functions - contracts, activity to change to "Approve contracts for council services within the approved budget, up to a limit of \$150,000. Except in emergency situations that meets the regulation exemptions criteria and up to the financial delegation limit of \$500,000, with all such approvals to be reported back to Council."

**CARRIED 6|0**

#### **14.4 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE RELOCATION CONSULTATION REPORT**

*Councillor Glass left the meeting at 7:03 pm.*

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

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

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the consultation findings regarding the proposed relocation of the Katherine Visitor Information Centre to co-locate with the Godinyamayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre;



and

2. Considers the issues raised through consultation, including community sentiment, tourism industry feedback, operational considerations and stakeholder impacts, in determining the future location of the Katherine Visitor Information Centre.
3. Based on the findings, the Council [approves/does not approve] the relocation of the Katherine Visitor Information Centre to Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre.

#### Discussion

Concerns were raised that the community had not been given sufficient background information about the proposed relocation of the Visitor Information Centre, included limited visibility of earlier planning work, the underlying rationale for the proposal, and key considerations relating to potential sites. Noted that the consultation survey provided only minimal context, which may have restricted the depth and quality of community feedback. Clarified that the relocation proposal and library safety matters had been treated as separate issues within the municipal plan, and that the consultation had been intentionally restricted to the Visitor Information Center relocation. Further advised that detailed plans had not been presented to the current Council and that NT government funding would be subject to a request for variation. The concerns were acknowledged and confirmed a request for variation would be actioned.

#### **AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OMC-2026-31**

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

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the consultation findings regarding the proposed relocation of the Katherine Visitor Information Centre to co-locate with the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre; and
2. Considers the issues raised through consultation, including community sentiment, tourism industry feedback, operational considerations and stakeholder impacts, in determining the future location of the Katherine Visitor Information Centre.
3. Based on the findings, the Council does not approve the relocation of the Katherine Visitor Information Centre to Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre.

**CARRIED 4|1**

#### **14.5 WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY - OPERATIONAL HOURS TRIAL**

*Councillor Glass returned to the meeting at 7:11 pm.*

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-32**

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

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

**CARRIED 6|0**

#### 14.6 FINANCE REPORT JANUARY 2026

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-33**

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

That Council endorses the Finance Report for the month ending 31 January 2026.

**CARRIED 6|0**

#### 14.7 CENTENARY PROGRAM UPDATE

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-34**

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

That the Council notes the 2026 Centenary of Katherine Calendar of Events

**CARRIED 6|0**

#### Discussion

Council agreed to amend references to NAIDOC activities so they read National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observation Committee (NAIDOC) Opening Ceremony, and noted additional inclusions for page 155- the NAIDOC March on Friday 10 July at 10.00am, commencing from the Cenotaph, and the NAIDOC Closing Ceremony on 12 July at 10.00am, with the location still to be determined due to the Civic Centre being closed. Council also acknowledged the significant work of the Action Group in finalising the Centenary schedule, which will be published on the website once formally endorsed.

#### 14.8 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-35**

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

That Council receive and note the Community Relations Department report for the month of January 2026.

**CARRIED 6|0**

#### Discussion

Council discussion centered on bringing back the pie charts that show the program areas.

A member requested a clear overview of the library program's monthly delivery, including a breakdown of attendance to be reinstated back into the monthly report. A member also requested for clarification on what the eight additional community programs were and to be reported back to council.

#### 14.9 CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-36**

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



That Council receives and notes the Corporate Administration Report for the month of January 2026.

**CARRIED 6|0**

Discussion

Discussion carried out highlighting that the abbreviation SSS should not be used due to its negative associations. Council acknowledged the good work reflected in the report.

#### **14.10 ENVIRONMENTAL AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-37**

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

That Council receives and notes the report of the Environmental and Municipal Services Department for January 2026.

**CARRIED 6|0**

#### **14.11 INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROJECTS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-38**

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

That Council receive and note the report of the Infrastructure and Projects Department for January 2026.

**CARRIED 6|0**

#### **14.12 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-39**

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

That Council receives and notes the Strategic Communications report for February 2026.

**CARRIED 6|0**

### **15 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

#### **15.1 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES**

### **16 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES**

#### **16.1 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES JANUARY 2026**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-40**

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

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

**CARRIED 6|0**



## 17 LATE AGENDA

## 18 GENERAL BUSINESS

### **Safety Concerns raised by the Katherine Senior Citizens Group**

Deputy Mayor Doyle noted serious concerns raised by the Katherine Senior Citizens group regarding repeated break-ins, fear, and declining safety, with some residents experiencing up to nine incidents in six weeks and feeling abandoned in their own homes. The Deputy Mayor stressed the need for coordinated, measurable action rather than fragmented responses and called for all key stakeholders to come together urgently.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-41**

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

Council resolved to write to the Chief Minister and Local Member of Parliament requesting she arrange a coordinated roundtable involving NT Police, the state member, Chief Minister Housing, Youth Services and Community Safety, and other relevant agencies, with the purpose of developing a clear action plan with timelines and accountability.

**CARRIED 6|0**

### **Acknowledgement to Mr. Robert Holt**

Councillor King acknowledged the passing of Robert Holt, noting his long-standing contribution to the Katherine community and recognising his loss as deeply felt across the region. His commitment, service, and positive impact on local residents were formally acknowledged, and council expressed its condolences to his family and friends, marking his passing as a great loss to Katherine.

### **Bridges and Kathrine Civic Airport Planning Status**

Councillor Glass acknowledged an apology for being unable to attend the National Apology Day held on 13 February, due to other commitments. Also sought an update on the cracks in the two bridges previously raised. Councillor Glass was advised the Mayor was awaiting a response to the email sent requesting further information and documentation on the matter as Council has no records relating to this issue. An update was also requested on the Katherine Civic Airport, with questions regarding whether the current 5 year plan remains up to date, noting recent improvements to the RAAF airstrip and terminal.

*Mayor Holden declared Conflict of Interest with Defence and left the meeting at 7.33 pm.*

Councillor Glass highlighted that the RAAF Tindal airstrip and terminal have recently been upgraded, while the civil terminal appears outdated, and requested that council explore discussions with Defence about supporting a terminal upgrade, noting similar successful arrangements in other locations. The A/CEO confirmed ongoing discussions with Defence regarding tenure and leasing matters and advised that the airport needs are being considered in municipal and strategic planning, with further information to be provided. Councillor Glass also raised the lack of recent community access to the RAAF Base and suggested re-establishing an open day to strengthen community-base connections. Acknowledged past open days and agreed that future engagement could be explored by the council to strengthen the connections.

*Mayor Holden returned to the meeting at - 7.37 pm.*



## 19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

The open meeting was declared closed to the public at 7:39 pm.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-42**

**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.

**CARRIED 6|0**

## 20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### 20.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES 27 JANUARY 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-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.

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

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

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:	(e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest

## 20.2 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-clause and Reason:	(c) (iv) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: Subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

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

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:	(e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest

## 20.3 CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

## 20.4 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 2 DECEMBER 2026 AND 17 DECEMBER 2025



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-clause and Reason:	(c) (iii) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

**20.5 COUNCILS LEADERSHIP ROLES AND RECRUITMENT**

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.

**20.6 TENDER AWARD - T25-14 - NEEDHAM TERRACE AND SHEPHERD STREET RENEWALS**

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

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2026-48**

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

That Council:

1. Award Tender T25-14 – Needham Terrace and Shepherd Street Renewals to *F & J Bitumen* for the amount of:
  - a. *Needham Terrace - Three Hundred and Thirty Thousand, Five-Hundred and Six Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents*
  - b. *Shepherd Street – Ninety-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-One Dollars and Fifty Cents.*
2. Approve releasing the resolution to the public minutes.

**CARRIED 6|0**

**21 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING**

The open meeting resumed at 8:03 pm.

**22 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council - 24 February 2026 was declared closed at 8:03 pm.

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