

Agenda

Ordinary Council Meeting

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 29 September 2026
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers Darrandirra
Level 1, Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin
Webcasting: [MS Teams Link to Webcast](#)

Simone Saunders

Chief Executive Officer



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

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Councillor Shani Carson

Councillor Kim Farrar

Councillor Julie Fraser

Councillor Edwin Joseph

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan

Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Peter Pangquee

Councillor Patrik Ralph

Councillor Sam Weston

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General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

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Nil

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Author: Manager Advocacy and Policy

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: 1. LGANT motion form - to be completed after decision [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Call for Motions be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorse the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory General Meeting on 1 November 2026:

City of Darwin calls on LGANT to support ALGA Motion 92, adopted unanimously at the 2026 National General Assembly, and advocate to the Australian Government for its implementation, including:

- a) recognising the increasing and unsustainable financial burden climate impacts, adaptation, resilience and disaster recovery placed on local governments and communities;*
- b) recognise the inequity where local governments and communities bear these costs despite not being responsible for the 75% of climate pollution generated by major coal, oil, and gas corporations*
- c) establishing a National Climate Compensation Fund, including a dedicated funding stream for local governments commensurate with the scale of the financial risks identified in the 2025 National Climate Risk Assessment*
- d) establish a Parliamentary Inquiry into the adequacy of the 2025 National Adaptation Plan, specifically addressing the lack of additional funding for local governments to deliver mandated adaptation responses.*
- e) identifying adequate and sustainable revenue sources for the Fund, including taxes or levies on coal, oil and gas industries aligned with the climate damage their products cause.*

3. THAT Council endorse the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory General Meeting on 1 November 2026:

City of Darwin calls on LGANT to endorse the polluter pays principle that those responsible for climate pollution should contribute to the costs of responding to the impacts it causes; ensuring funding arrangements recognise the disproportionate climate risks and costs experienced by remote and regional communities and First Nations peoples, and enable First Nations communities to participate meaningfully in decisions about climate adaptation and resilience affecting their communities and Country.

4. THAT Council endorse the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory General Meeting on 1 November 2026:

City of Darwin calls on LGANT to advocate for sustainable and predictable infrastructure funding mechanisms that enable local governments to proactively plan, renew, maintain and deliver infrastructure required to support population growth, community liveability and enable economic development, including funding models that recognise whole-of-life asset costs and provide for annual asset renewal and maintenance programs.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Elected Members to review suggestions and endorse the motion/s to be put forward to the LGANT Annual General Meeting on 11 November 2026.

KEY ISSUES

- The LGANT Annual General Meeting will be held 11 November 2026 in Alice Springs.
- As a member of LGANT, City of Darwin is invited to identify strategic priorities and issues for Council where the efforts and resources of LGANT could be directed for good effect and benefit.
- City of Darwin may submit motions and supporting papers for the consideration by the LGANT Annual General Meeting.
- Three (3) topics are being proposed to put to the November Annual General Meeting, the first calling for LGANT to support Motion 92 as passed at the Australian Local Government Australian National General Assembly, the second for LGANT to endorse the polluter pays principle, and the third for it to advocate for infrastructure funding mechanisms that enable local governments to proactively plan and deliver infrastructure required to support population growth.

DISCUSSION

Council's principal role is to represent and make decisions in the interests of the Darwin community, coordinate the provision of services and facilities to support liveability improvements and represent the area's interests to the wider community.

As the sector's peak body, the LGANT is responsible for providing industry specific leadership, support and influential representation for its members, including the City of Darwin.

The next LGANT General Meeting is being held on 11 November 2026 in Alice Springs. This meeting provides an opportunity to shape the priorities, focus and output of LGANT.

LGANT have called for motions, and City of Darwin is proposing to put forward three (3) motions, the first of which calls for LGANT to support Motion 92 as passed at the Australian Local Government Australian National General Assembly, the second for LGANT to endorse the polluter pays principle, and the third for it to advocate for infrastructure funding mechanisms that enable local governments to proactively plan and deliver infrastructure required to support population growth and related objectives.

Background

Motion 1, submitted by an Elected Member, seeks for LGANT to support ALGA Motion 92, containing multiple elements as outlined in the proposed motion, as adopted at the 2026 National General Assembly and to advocate to the Australian Government for its implementation.

Motion 2, submitted by an Elected Member, calls on LGANT to endorse the polluter pays principle, which is explained in the motion as meaning those responsible for climate pollution should contribute to the costs of responding to the impacts it causes.

Motion 3, developed by officers, seeks to address the challenge that Northern Territory local governments are facing increasing challenges in delivering and maintaining community infrastructure. Community expectations continue to grow, while councils operate within constrained revenue environments and have limited capacity to generate additional income beyond rates, fees and charges. While Councils welcome investment in new infrastructure, funding programs are frequently focused on asset construction rather than the long-term costs associated with operating, maintaining and renewing those assets. The opportunity exists for LGANT to advocate for infrastructure funding models that not only support construction of new assets, but also recognise ongoing operational, maintenance and renewal obligations.

Next Steps

Following Council's consideration of this report and decision to endorse motion/s for the LGANT Annual General Meeting, officers will prepare relevant commentary for the required submission form/s and submit the proposed motion/s on behalf of City of Darwin by close of business 30 September per timeline agreed with LGANT.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

**STRATEGIC PLAN
ALIGNMENT**

6 Governance Framework
6.2 Roles and Relationships

**BUDGET /
FINANCIAL /
RESOURCE
IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	N/A
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Elected Members – call for motions circulated by email Office of Council and CEO General Managers
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).



LGANT CALL FOR MOTIONS

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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:

Click or tap here to enter council name.

Contact person and title:

Click or tap here to enter your full name and position.

Phone:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Email:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Motion title:

Click or tap here to enter text.

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: _____

13.2 CARRY FORWARD BUDGET 2025/2026 AND RESERVE BALANCES AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

Author: Financial Controller
Executive Manager Finance

Authoriser: General Manager Corporate

Attachments: 1. End of Year Carry Forwards Budget Report 2025/2026 [↓](#)
2. Reserves Balances as at 30 June 2026 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Carry Forwards Budget 2025/2026 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt carry forward items listed in **Attachment 1** of report Carry Forwards Budget 2025/2026 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2026, totalling \$4,035,139 by their inclusion in the 2026/2027 Annual Budget.
3. THAT Council adopt the Reserve Balances 2026 total of \$99,213,966 listed in **Attachment 2** of report Carry Forward Budget 2025-2026 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2026.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present unexpended 2025/2026 capital and operational budget allocations requested to be carried forward into the 2026/2027 year for completion. The report also details the 30 June 2026 closing reserve balances reconciled with carry forward recommendations included in the balances.

KEY ISSUES

- End of year additional Carry Forward requests net increase to the 2026/2027 Annual Budget totals \$4.04M (**Attachment 1**).
- End of year reserve balances total \$99.2M; an increase from the 2025/2026 budgeted closing balance of \$10.9M; and reflects the transfer of funds into the reserves of program budgets requested to be progressed in the 2026/2027 financial year (**Attachment 2**).

DISCUSSION

Each year Council considers the unexpended budgets to be carried forward to support the completion of existing commitments and identified priorities.

The final Reserve balances for year-end are determined after incorporating the carry forward requirements, with the resulting balances informing the Annual Financial Statements. These include the results of Council decisions regarding committed but unexpended budgets and adjustments in accordance with the Financial Reserves Policy (Policy No 3010.100.E.R).

Carry Forward Budget Variations

Attachment 1 details the requested carry forwards for operational and capital projects that are either underway but incomplete as of 30 June 2026 or funds identified for 2026/2027 FY programs.

The carry forward requests total \$4.04M comprises of \$5.35M in operational and (\$1.31M) capital. The operational carry forwards include the early receipt, part of the 2026/2027 Financial Assistance Grant program allocation, (totalling \$4.4M). The capital carry forwards of (\$1.31M) include reduction of reserve funded projects totalling (\$5.45M) to reflect timing of the capital expenditure.

Summary of the capital carry forwards are below:

Capital Item	Carry Forward (\$)
Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreational Space	1,726,667
Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Projects	481,875
Climate & Environment Projects	398,740
Nightcliff Oval Changeroom	353,487
Other Capital Projects	953,933
Infrastructure Total	3,914,702
Reserves Continuing Programs (Civic Centre, SBWMF, ICT)	(5,225,335)
	(1,310,633)

Grant funded projects are required to be recognised in accordance with AASB 1058 and are treated accordingly in the Carry Forward budgets. This means, where grant funds are for capital projects the grant income is recognised when milestones are achieved (typically as grant funds are expended). At year end, any unspent grant funds are recognised as a liability in the financial statements and requested carry forwards include the recognition of the capital grant income budget as well as the expenditure budget; these display as negative offsetting values in the report. Unspent grant funds not requested as a carry forward are retained in the liability account and drawn out at a budget review as projects progress.

The end of financial year operational and capital carry forwards are funded as follows:

Carry Forwards EOY - 2025/26 to 2026/27				
	General Funds	Grant	Reserve	Total
Operational Carry Forwards	178,500	4,440,522	726,750	5,345,772
Capital Carry Forwards	4,144,233	0	(5,454,866)	(1,310,633)
Total Carry Forwards at EOY	4,322,733	4,440,522	(4,728,116)	4,035,139

Note: capital expenditure is net (offset by grant income where held in liability at end of financial year)

Total 2026-27 Budget Amendments

Carry forwards formally adopted by Council as part of budget reviews during 2025/2026 have already been incorporated in the Carry Forward and associated reserves as early adopted and amend the 2026/2027 Annual Budget by \$47.1M.

Adopting the End of Year Carry Forwards and the early adopted Carry Forward will result in the amendment to the 2026/2027 Annual Budget as follows:

Summary Adjustments to Annual Budget Income and Expenditure Statement

\$000	2026/27 Annual Budget	CF's	2026/27 Amended Budget
Operational Income	145,387	(4,378)	141,009
Operational Expenses	157,771	1,919	159,690
Budgeted Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(12,384)	(6,297)	(18,681)

Summary Adjustments to Annual Budget Operating Position Statement

Capital Expenditure	(23,559)	(45,785)	(69,344)
Capital Grant & Contribution	4,524	953	5,477
Sale of Infrastructure, property, P&E	500	3,000	3,500
Net Transfers from (-to) Reserves	(1,432)	48,129	46,697
Net Budgeted Operating Position	0		

Transfers from reserves will increase by \$48.1M with \$39.4M from Carry Forward Reserve and \$8.7M from other specific purpose reserves.

Reserve balances calculated as at 30 June 2026 total \$99.2M. **Attachment 2** provides commentary on significant variances (>\$100k) of actual year end reserve balances compared to the 2025/2026 closing budgeted reserve balance.

Reserve calculations are in accordance with the Financial Reserves Policy No 3010.100.E.R requirements.

The closing balances on the reserves, **Attachment 2**, will transfer as the adjusted available opening balance on the reserves for the 2026/2027 FY, on finalisation of the 2025/2026 Financial Statements.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION At the 9 June 2026 meeting Council resolved: RESOLUTION SPE250/26 1. THAT the report entitled Adoption of 2026/27 Municipal Plan be received and noted. 2. THAT Council adopt the 2026/27 City of Darwin Municipal Plan, provided at Attachment 1, noting that it includes: (a) City of Darwin's annual service delivery plan as the basis of deliverables to the Darwin municipality for 2026/27 (b) the 2026/27 Annual Budget to be effective from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027. 3. THAT Council adopt the 2026/27 Fees and Charges as provided at Attachment 2, to be effective from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027. CARRIED 9/1	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.3 Decision Making and Management
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: Detailed with the body of the report. Is Funding identified: Adoption of the Carry Forward requests, and Reserve balances will amend the 2026/27 Annual Budget.
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Adoption of the recommendations in this report will result in Council amending the budget in accordance with Section 203 of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>. Section 202 of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> prohibits Council from adopting a deficit budget, except in accordance with the regulations. Policy: 3010.100.E.R Financial Reserve Policy
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Consult Tactics: Nil Internal: Request for Carry Forward submissions from responsible budget officers External: N/A
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

ATTACHMENT 1
Operational

OPERATIONAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2025/26 TO 2026/27									
Ref	Hub	Project Name	Description	Account	Total	General Funds	Grant	Reserve	Reserve Name
1	Community	Parap Pool Rectification Works	Funds committed and unspent to finalise Parap Pool Recfitication project in 2026/2027.	05.332008.300.105	726,750			726,750	Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
2	Community	FAA - Roads	Early release payment of part of 2026/2027 grant funds	05.331030.750.723	2,304,606		2,304,606		Carry Forward Works
3	Corporate	FAA - General Purpose	Early release payment of part of 2026/2027 grant funds	05.421030.750.721	2,073,147		2,073,147		Carry Forward Works
4	Corporate	Land valuation	Funding to support Valuer General land valuations occurring in 2026/2027 FY	05.423000.300.305	60,000	60,000			Carry Forward Works
5.a	Innovation	Darwin Fusion 2026	Funding to support the delivery of Darwin Fusion events July 2026	05.224040.300.105	50,000	50,000			Carry Forward Works
5.b	Innovation	Darwin Fusion 2026	ASEAN Australia Center 2025-26 Grants Program. Unspent Darwin Fusion grant funds carried forward for events July 2026.	05.224040.300	62,769		62,769		Unspent Grants Reserve
6	Innovation	Brand Greater Darwin	The works commenced on creating a Greater Darwin Brand Toolkit based off the Greater Darwin Brand story developed in 2025. Project to be completed in 2026/2027 including toolkit and launch.	05.321040.300.105	19,000	19,000			Carry Forward Works
7	OLMCEO	Web Infrastructure Project	Project is underway. Carried forward to support and align with implementation of CRM.	05.540000.300.105	49,500	49,500			Carry Forward Works
TOTAL OPERATIONAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2025/26 TO 2026/27					5,345,772	178,500	4,440,522	726,750	

ATTACHMENT 1
Capital

CAPITAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2025/26 TO 2026/27

Ref	Project Name	Description	Account	Work Order No	Total	General Funds	Grant	Reserve	Reserve Name
1	Civic Centre Integrated Art & Design	Remaining funds carried forward from Council resolution ORD310/25	05.221061.180.105	903420	347,479	176,568		170,911	Public Art
2	Changing Places Facility - Accessible Toilet	Project commenced. Remaining funds to be carried forward for delivery in FY2026/2027	05.332060.180.105	903175	144,125	144,125			Carry Forward Works
3	Cenotaph Toilet Replacement	Project commenced. Remaining funds to be carried forward for delivery in FY2026/2027	05.332060.180.105	903262	57,626	57,626			Carry Forward Works
4	Foreshore Restaurant & Café - Building Upgrades	Funds to be carried forward for delivery FY2026/2027	05.332060.180.105	903292	30,664	30,664			Carry Forward Works
5	Irrigation Capital Program	Funds to be carried forward for delivery FY2026/2027	05.341065.180.105	903389 & 903390	269,830	269,830			Carry Forward Works
6	Velodrome Shed Replacement	Funds to be carried forward for delivery FY2026/2027	05.223065.180.105	903441	100,000	100,000			Carry Forward Works
7.a	Nightcliff Oval Changeroom	Multi-year grant-funded project currently in progress.	05.223065.180.105	903354	695,593	353,487	342,106		Carry Forward Works
7.b	Grant income offset (Nightcliff Oval Changeroom)	Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care	05.223132.750.739		(342,106)		(342,106)		Carry Forward Works
8	IT Infrastructure & Network Refresh	Ongoing project	05.431060.180.105	903190	447,741	423,138		24,603	Plant & Vehicle Replacement
9	IT Laptop Replacement	Funds to be carried forward for delivery FY2026/2027	05.431060.180.100	903309	374,306			374,306	Plant & Vehicle Replacement
10.a	Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreational Space	Multi-year grant-funded project currently in progress.	05.341062.180.105	903226	2,226,667	1,726,667	500,000		Carry Forward Works
10.b	Grant income offset (WWMRS)	NTG Housing, Local Government and Community Development	05.322032.750.784		(500,000)		(500,000)		Carry Forward Works
11	Civic Centre	Reduce early carry forward to reflect timing of expenditure total 2025/2026.	05.332087.180.105	902608	(4,922,470)	(170,977)		(4,751,493)	Sale of Land
12	Disability Access Program - Foreshore Tactile Driveway Delineation - Nightcliff Tactile - Bubbler installation	Waiting for certification of projects and finalise payments in FY26/27	05.331062.180.105	903380, 903512, 903514 & 903388	24,300	24,300			Carry Forward Works
13	Smith Street Improvements	Funds to be carried forward for delivery FY2026/2027	05.332086.180.105	903122	131,000	131,000			Carry Forward Works
14	Better Suburbs - Wagaman Oval -Aralia St Upgrades	Funds to be carried forward for delivery FY2026/2027	05.322063.180.105	903051;903204	125,565	125,565			Carry Forward Works
15.a	Climate & Environment Projects	Multi-year grant funded project. Community Energy Upgrades.	05.333061.180.105		509,676	199,542	110,936	199,198	Off & On Street Parking Reserve
15.b	Grant income offset (Climate & Enviornment Projects)	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	05.453130.750.739		(110,936)		(110,936)		Off & On Street Parking Reserve
16	LATM - Chambers Cres	Project commenced. Remaining funds to be carried forward for delivery in FY2026/2027	05.322067.180.105	903363	174,385	174,385			Carry Forward Works
17	LATM - Koolinda Cres	Project commenced. Remaining funds to be carried forward for delivery in FY2026/2027	05.322067.180.105	903409	307,490	307,490			Carry Forward Works
18	Street & Public Lighting - Making Mindil Safe Stage 2B	Project commenced. Remaining funds to be carried forward for delivery in FY2026/2027	05.331066.180.105	903207	88,295	88,295			Carry Forward Works
19	Bundilla Land Based Fishing	Reduce early carry forward to recognise the the timing of expenditure total in 2025/2026	05.332086.180.105	903456; 903499	(17,472)	(17,472)			Carry Forward Works
20	Shoal Bay Waste Management Site - Stage 7	Reverse early carry forward to reflect timing of expenditure total 2025/2026.	05.333062.180.105	903009	(1,472,391)			(1,472,391)	Waste Management & Waste Remediation Reserves
TOTAL CAPTIAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2025/26 TO 2026/27					(1,310,633)	4,144,233	0	(5,454,866)	

2025-26 RESERVE SUMMARY

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Externally Restricted Reserves \$	Opening Balance Actuals	Transfers To (- From)	Closing Balance Actuals	Budgeted Closing Balance	Note
CBD Carparking Shortfall - Developer Cont.	12,365,706	-11,363,321	1,002,385	1,164,920	1
CBD Carparking Shortfall - Rate Levy	16,465,295	-11,707,708	4,757,587	4,650,699	2
Developer Contributions	1,932,243	87,309	2,019,552	2,019,384	
Highway/Commercial Carparking Shortfall	57,561	2,562	60,123	59,871	
Market Site Development	650,911	54,984	705,895	717,194	
Other Carparking Shortfall	419,966	-419,966	0	0	
Unspent Grants	837,427	-351,658	485,769	423,000	
Waste Management	7,858,791	5,068,565	12,927,356	8,004,637	3
Waste Remediation	8,906,406	1,695,530	10,601,936	11,446,406	4
Total Externally Restricted Reserves	49,494,306	-16,933,703	32,560,603	28,486,111	
Internally Restricted Reserves \$	Opening Balance Actuals	Transfers To (- From)	Closing Balance Actuals	Budgeted Closing Balance	
Asset Replacement & Refurbishment	2,050,020	106,829	2,156,849	1,430,099	5
Carry Forward	49,546,054	-5,942,050	43,604,004	34,903,068	6
DEC Asset Replacement/Refurbishment	399,503	-68,026	331,477	331,477	
Disaster Contingency	2,524,649	63,116	2,587,765	2,587,765	
Election Expense	478,490	-340,000	138,490	138,490	
Environmental	44,164	0	44,164	44,164	
IT Strategy	4,197,622	-238,475	3,959,147	3,662,633	7
Nightcliff Community Hall	5,810	17,619	23,429	22,810	
Off & On Street Carparking	4,560,334	1,842,249	6,402,583	5,440,656	8
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	7,385,146	-3,343,493	4,041,653	3,267,181	9
Public Art	170,911	0	170,911	0	10
Sale of Land	11,530,456	-8,381,949	3,148,507	7,900,000	11
Tree & Habitat Replacement	0	44,384	44,384	44,250	
Total Internally Restricted Reserves	82,893,159	-16,239,796	66,653,363	59,772,593	
TOTAL ALL RESERVES \$	132,387,465	-33,173,499	99,213,966	88,258,704	

Variance from Budget (>\$100K)

1. CBD Carparking Shortfall - Developer Cont.: Variance reflects the reserve funding allocated to the Civic Centre and Carpark Redevelopment Project

2. CBD Carparking Shortfall - Rate Levy: Variance reflects timing of Civic Centre and Carpark Redevelopment Project

3. Waste Management Reserve: The favourable variance was driven by higher than anticipated revenue from weighbridge operations (\$2.8 million), Shoal Bay carbon credit income (\$177,000), and waste recharge revenue (\$1.7 million)

4. Waste Remediation Reserve: Variance is primarily attributable to a lower than anticipated Net Present Value (NPV) transfer from the Waste Management Reserve

5. Asset Replacement & Refurbishment Reserve: The favourable variance is attributable to the timing of project expenditure, with \$727,000 relating to Parap Pool Rectification Works to be completed in 2026/27 and \$409,000 retained for future stormwater projects

6. Carry Forward Reserve: As per Carry Forward Budget 2025-2026 Report. Balance includes early release of FAA grant funds \$4.4M.

7. IT Strategy Reserve: Reflects phasing of works required to undertake ICT Roadmap during 2025/26

8. Off & On Street Carparking Reserve: Overall parking net operating result for parking more favourable than anticipated with slightly higher income for on street parking and lower operational expenses.

9. Plant Replacement Reserve: Favourable net operating result was achieved for the Plant Reserve, reflecting increased revenue from internal recharge and plant operations, supported by lower than budgeted capital project and operational costs

10. Public Art Reserve: Civic Centre Integrated Arts and Design project spans multiple financial years.

11. Sale of Land Reserve: Civic Centre and Carpark redevelopment project spans multiple financial years.

Reserve closing balances are unaudited and remain subject to change pending adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Financial Statement

13.3 ROAD RESERVE ACQUISITION LUDMILLA

Author: Executive Manager Place and Economic Development
Authoriser: General Manager Community
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Road Reserve Acquisition Ludmilla be received and noted.
2. THAT Council provides in-principle support for the proposed closure and disposal of approximately 344m² of road reserve adjacent to the Ludmilla Wastewater Treatment Plant to facilitate critical infrastructure upgrades by Power and Water Corporation.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2018* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to commence the statutory road closure and public consultation process.
4. THAT Council notes that a further report will be presented to Council following completion of the public consultation process to consider the outcomes of consultation and seek Council's determination on whether to proceed with the permanent road closure and disposal of the land.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's in-principle support for the proposed disposal of a portion of road reserve adjacent to the Ludmilla Wastewater Treatment Plant (LWWTP), and to commence the required statutory consultation and approval process.

KEY ISSUES

- Power and Water Corporation (PWC) has requested acquisition of approximately 344m² of road reserve adjacent to the LWWTP to facilitate critical infrastructure upgrades.
- The land is required to accommodate part of a new inlet lift pump station that cannot be wholly contained within the existing LWWTP site due to operational and engineering constraints.
- This report seeks Council's in-principle support to enable PWC to progress procurement and allows City of Darwin officers to commence the statutory road closure and public consultation process.
- Any final road closure and land disposal would be subject to completion of the statutory process and Ministerial consent.

DISCUSSION

PWC, operates the LWWTP, at 21 Dick Ward Drive, Ludmilla, which was commissioned in 1977. PWC has approached City of Darwin seeking to acquire approximately 344m² of adjoining road reserve to facilitate an upgrade of the facility.

PWC has advised that key wastewater treatment infrastructure at the plant is nearing the end of its service life and requires replacement to ensure the ongoing safe and reliable operation of the facility. Due to site constraints, part of the proposed infrastructure extends beyond the existing property boundary into the adjoining road reserve.

Accordingly, acquisition or formalisation of the required portion of road reserve is necessary to enable delivery of the preferred inlet works design and the broader LWWTP upgrade.

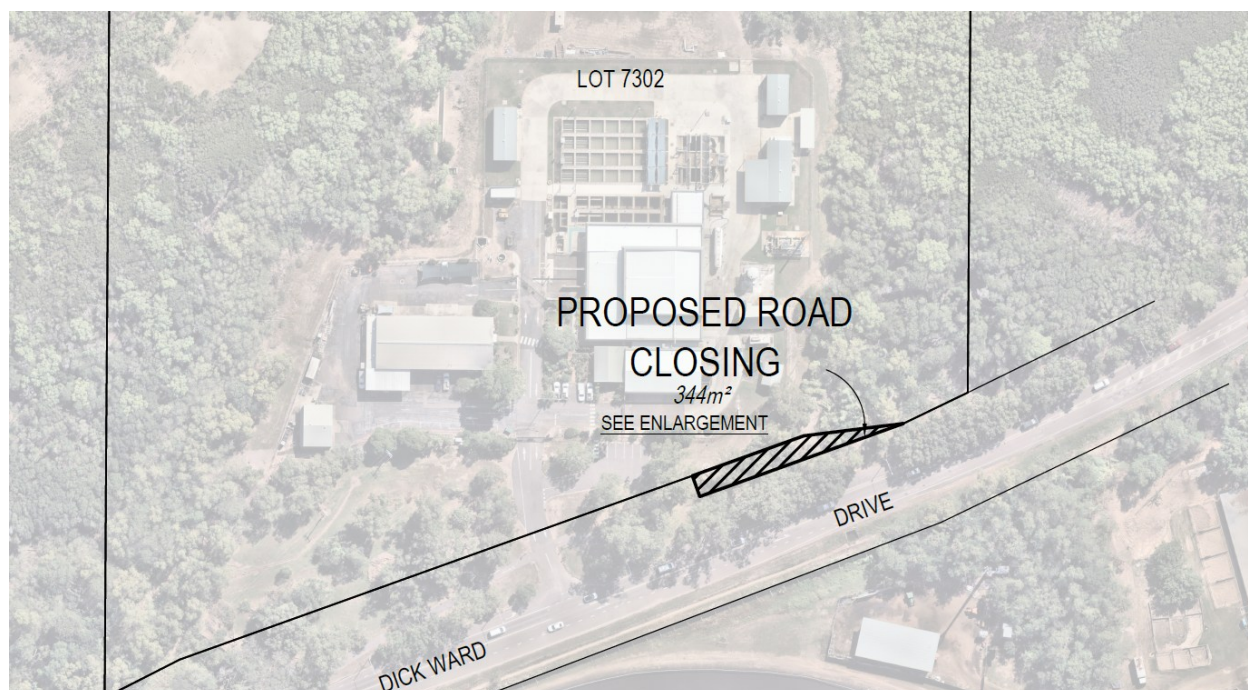
An independent valuation assessed the market value of the land at \$15,000 (excluding GST). A second valuation will be sought before the Ordinary Council meeting.

Extent of proposed road closure

The proposed acquisition of approximately 344 m² of road reserve is required to facilitate part of a new wastewater inlet lift pump station and associated infrastructure. The works will impact several trees and support a critical component of the wastewater treatment process.

PWC have advised the proposed acquisition area represents the minimum practical land area required to accommodate the infrastructure extending beyond the existing property boundary, together with the permanent access, operational clearances and maintenance requirements necessary for its safe and effective long-term operation.

PWC have further advised that the location of the lift pump station is governed primarily by the alignment and depth of the existing incoming sewer infrastructure and the hydraulic requirements of the new inlet works. Its location is therefore not readily able to be relocated elsewhere within the site without significant changes to the design, additional infrastructure, increased construction complexity and associated project cost and risk.



Procedure to close road

Under the *Local Government Act 2019* and *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, Council must undertake a public consultation process before seeking Ministerial approval to permanently close a road.

This includes publicly exhibiting the proposal for a minimum of 28 days, considering any submissions received, and then submitting the proposal and consultation outcomes to the Minister for consent. If approved, notice of the road closure must be published in the Government Gazette.

This report seeks Council's in-principle support for the proposed road closure and disposal of the affected road reserve. In-principle support will provide PWC with a level of certainty to progress procurement of the LWWTP upgrades and enable Council officers to commence the statutory road closure process.

This process of public exhibition includes:

- publication on City of Darwin's website,
- availability for inspection at City of Darwin's Civic Centre, and
- notification in a newspaper circulating generally within the municipality.

Discussion

When PWC first approached City of Darwin regarding the proposal, officers requested that the infrastructure be redesigned to be accommodated wholly within the existing treatment plant boundary. However, as outlined in PWC's submission, this is not considered a viable option due to the location of existing sewer infrastructure, site constraints and the operational requirements of the new inlet works. Alternative design options were considered by PWC, however these would result in increased cost, complexity, project risk and operational constraints.

The proposed infrastructure includes both above-ground and below-ground elements and requires permanent access for operation and maintenance. As the land will effectively form part of the LWWTP, formal closure and disposal of the affected portion of road reserve is proposed.

The proposed road closure will regularise the frontage boundary of Lot 7302. Currently, the front boundary is irregular and recedes into the site rather than following a consistent alignment between the adjoining properties. While the subject land forms part of the road reserve, its disposal is not expected to adversely affect the function of the road network and results in a more logical and uniform lot configuration. The proposed sale will have minimal impact on any future duplication of Dick Ward Drive, as the boundary of the sale area aligns with the existing road reserve boundary to the north-east of the site.

There are approximately ten trees within the proposed sale area, five of which are expected to be impacted by the proposed works. As such, an Arboriculture Impact Assessment (AIA) will be required to assess potential impacts on the nearby trees. Any trees identified for removal within either the acquired land or the remaining road reserve will be compensated in accordance with the offset tree planting measures of the City of Darwin Public Tree Management Policy and Procedure.

Conclusion

The proposed acquisition of the road reserve will support the long-term operation of essential wastewater infrastructure. It is considered appropriate for Council to provide in-principle support for the proposed road closure and disposal, subject to completion of the required statutory process and further consideration by Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

1 A capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure
1.1 By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered

BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: Potential income of \$15,000. Is Funding identified: Not applicable. All costs associated with the proposed road closure, acquisition process and associated approvals are to be met by PWC.
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> Policy:
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Consult Under the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> a council must give public notice, for a minimum 28 days, of a proposal to permanently close a road before submitting the proposal to the Minister for consent.
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

13.4 APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Author: A/Manager Office of Council and CEO

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Appointments to Council Advisory Committees be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Place, Liveability and Sustainability Advisory Committee** from the 30 September 2026 to 30 September 2027:
Lord Mayor (Chair)
Councillor _____;
Councillor _____;
Councillor _____ as Alternate
3. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Tourism, Business and International Relations Advisory Committee** from the 30 September 2026 to 30 September 2027:
Lord Mayor (Chair)
Councillor _____;
Councillor _____;
Councillor _____ as Alternate

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to appoint Council Members to the Place, Liveability and Sustainability Advisory Committee and the Tourism, Business and International Relations Advisory Committee for the period ending 30 September 2027.

KEY ISSUES

- Council may establish committees which are executive or advisory in nature. The establishment or abolishment of committees will be referred as a separate report and decision of Council.
- Council must, by resolution, appoint people to be members of its committees. This includes people who are Council members, council officers or any other members of community who are not council members.
- The term of appointment is guided by the parameters on which committees have been established. This is outlined in committee terms of reference.

DISCUSSION Council appoints members to committees on an annual basis, unless otherwise specified in committee terms of reference. That statutory committee structure for Council consists of Executive and Advisory Committees, established in accordance with the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>. Committee memberships will be appointed for the period ending 30 September 2027, unless otherwise specified. Elected Members will be required to nominate for positions as outlined in the recommendation and a vote will take place using mentimeter. For community member appointments, the City of Darwin facilitates nominations to committees by way of public Expression of Interest.	
PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION N/A	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.2 Roles and Relationships
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: Is Funding identified: Yes Council's budget provides for member participation on external committees by way of additional (extra) meeting allowances.
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> Policy: Meetings Policy Elected Member Expenses, Facilities and Support
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Nil
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

13.5 NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY BOARD

Author: A/Manager Office of Council and CEO

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. LGANT Board Director Nomination Information [↓](#)
2. LGANT Board Director Nomination Form [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Nominations for Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Board be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination for _____ to the LGANT Board as President.
3. THAT Council appoint the nomination for _____ as Board Director – Municipal, should _____ be appointed as President.
4. THAT Council appoint the nomination for _____ as Board Director – Municipal, should _____ not be appointed as President.
5. THAT Council endorse the nomination for _____ to the LGANT Board as Director – Municipal should _____ not be appointed as President and be appointed as Board Director - Municipal.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to endorse the nominations to the LGANT Board.

KEY ISSUES

- Under the LGANT Constitution, nominations must be called for the LGANT Board.
- Nominations must be endorsed by way of Council resolution.
- Nominations for the LGANT Board close on 6 October 2026.
- Election for the positions on the LGANT Board will be held on 11 November 2026 at the LGANT Annual General Meeting.

DISCUSSION

LGANT is calling for nominations for the Board positions by 6 October 2026. The nomination information sheet is at **Attachment 1**.

Meetings of the Board are to be held in accordance with the Company's Governance Charter. The LGANT Board has nine members, eight of which are elected by vote and one position is appointed by the City of Darwin.

Nominations must be supported by a short biography, to be included in the agenda papers for the Annual General Meeting, and members will be provided an opportunity to speak in support of their nominations at the meeting.

The nomination form is at **Attachment 2**.

The Board shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting every second year and, subject to LGANT's Constitution, shall be entitled to hold office for a period of two years from that Annual General Meeting.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 28 October 2025 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD482/25

1. THAT the report entitled Nominations for Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Board be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination for Councillor Peter Pangquee to the LGANT Board as President.
3. THAT Council appoint the nomination for Councillor Sam Weston as Board Director – Municipal, should Councillor Peter Pangquee be appointed as President.
4. THAT Council endorse the nomination for Councillor Sam Weston as Board Director – Municipal.
5. THAT Council endorse the nomination for Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris to the LGANT Board as Director – Municipal should Councillor Peter Pangquee be appointed as President and that Councillor Sam Weston be appointed as Board Director - Municipal.

CARRIED 13/0

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.2 Roles and Relationships
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: As per the Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Councils Is Funding identified: Yes Existing Position No: N/A Contractor: N/A
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> Policy: Elected Members Expenses, Facilities and Support Policy Advisory and Other Committees Policy

CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Inform Tactics: N/A Internal: Chief Executive Officer External: N/A
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).



LGANT Board Director nomination information

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Board of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT). This introduction provides you with important information about the responsibilities and expectations associated with this role. We encourage you to read it carefully before submitting your nomination.

About LGANT

LGANT is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001*. We represent the interests of our local government members across the Northern Territory.

Director Responsibilities

As a Director of LGANT, you will have significant legal and ethical responsibilities. These include:

- 1. Duty of Care and Diligence:** You must exercise your powers and duties with the care and diligence that a reasonable person would exercise in the same circumstances. This includes staying informed about the organisation's activities and financial position.
- 2. Duty to Act in Good Faith:** You must act in good faith in the best interests of LGANT and for a proper purpose. This means putting the interests of LGANT ahead of your own interests or those of any individual council.
- 3. Duty Not to Improperly Use Position or Information:** You must not use your position, or information obtained through your position, to gain an advantage for yourself or someone else, or to cause detriment to LGANT.
- 4. Duty to Disclose Material Personal Interests:** You must disclose any material personal interests in matters that relate to the affairs of LGANT.
- 5. Duty to Prevent Insolvent Trading:** You must prevent LGANT from incurring debts that it cannot pay.

The Board is responsible for the overall governance, management and strategic direction of the organisation (LGANT) and for delivering accountable corporate performance in accordance with the organisation's goals and objectives.

It's crucial to understand that as a Director, you will be representing LGANT as a whole, not your individual council. You will need to "take off your council hat" and make decisions in the best interests of LGANT and its entire membership.

Eligibility Under the Corporations Act 2001

It is important to note that certain individuals are disqualified from managing corporations under the *Corporations Act 2001*. This includes people who are undischarged bankrupt, have been convicted of certain offences, or are subject to a court order that disqualified them from managing corporations. If you are unsure about your eligibility, please review Section 206B of the *Corporations Act 2001*, or seek legal advice before submitting your nomination.



Important: Director Identification Number (Director ID) Requirement

All Directors in Australia, including LGANT, are required to have a Director ID. This is a unique identifier that you will keep forever. If you do not already have a Director ID, you must apply for one before you can be appointed as a Director of LGANT. This is a crucial step in the nomination process.

To apply for a Director ID or for more information, visit the Australian Business Registry Services website – www.abrs.gov.au. We strongly recommend that you start this process as soon as possible if you intend to nominate, as it may take some time to complete.

Skills and Experience

Effective governance requires a diverse range of skills and experiences on the Board. We encourage nominees to consider their unique contributions in areas such as:

- Strategic planning and policy development;
- Financial management and analysis;
- Risk management and compliance;
- Stakeholder engagement and communication;
- Legal and governance expertise;
- Industry knowledge (local government, public administration); and
- Leadership and change management.

While not all Directors need to be experts in all areas, a combination of these skills across the Board is vital for LGANT's success.

Commitment

Board membership requires a time commitment. In addition to regular Board meetings, you may be asked to serve on committees, attend events, and engage in ongoing professional development. Please consider your capacity to fully engage in these responsibilities before nominating.

Governance Framework

LGANT operates under a comprehensive governance framework, primarily defined by our [Constitution](#) and [Governance Charter](#). These documents outline our purpose, structure, and operational guidelines. We strongly recommend that you familiarise yourself with these documents before submitting your nomination.

Nomination Process

As per LGANT's Constitution, the CEO shall call for nominations on or before the second Tuesday in September and close nominations on the first Tuesday in October. Nominations open 7 August 2026 and close 6 October 2026.

Please note that each nomination must be endorsed by a resolution at a council meeting.

Only one elected member from each member council can be elected as a Director of the Board, and all others must be withdrawn from the election to any other positions, with the exception of City of Darwin which may have up to two positions on the Board (e.g. their nominated Director and an ordinary Director).

Please refer to LGANT's [Constitution](#) for more information of the nomination and voting process.

Annual General Meeting

The election will take place at our Annual General Meeting which is being held on 11 November 2026.

**Nomination Form**

The nomination form outlines the specific requirements for nomination. Please complete and lodge by 6 October 2026. You will be provided an opportunity to talk to your nomination at the Annual General Meeting.

If you have any questions about the nomination process or the responsibilities of a LGANT Board Director, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

We appreciate your interest in contributing to the important work of LGANT and look forward to receiving your nomination.



LGANT Board Director nomination form

Please read the accompanying nomination information sheet before completing this form.

Nominating Council:	
Name of Elected Member nominee:	
Nominee Director ID No:	
Nominee position eg. Lord Mayor, Mayor/President, Deputy Mayor/President, or Councillor	
Nominee phone number:	
Nominee email address:	
Position (please indicate):	☐ President ☐ Vice-President – Municipal ☐ Vice-President – Regional ☐ Board Director – Regional and Shire ☐ Board Director – Municipal
Relevant skills and experience:	☐ Strategic Planning Details:
	☐ Risk Management Details:

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	☐ Local Government Knowledge Details:
	☐ Leadership Experience Details:
	☐ Other (please specify) Details:

Board Director experience (please add fields if required):	Position:
	Date:
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Relevant tertiary qualifications eg. certificates, diplomas, degrees, etc (please add fields if required):	Qualification:
	Field of Study:
	Institution:
	Qualification:
	Field of Study:
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	Qualification:
	Field of Study:
	Institution:

Declaration

- ☐ I confirm that I have read and understood the LGANT Constitution and Governance Charter.
- ☐ I am aware of the responsibilities of a Director under the *Corporations Act 2001* and am willing to fulfil these duties if elected.

- ☐ I confirm that I am eligible to serve as a Director under the *Corporations Act 2001* and am not disqualified from managing corporations.
- ☐ I have included a short candidate statement (250 words maximum) and a high-resolution digital photo as part of this application.

Elected member nominee full name:	
Nominee signature:	Date:
Council endorsement: I confirm that this nomination has been endorsed by a resolution of [Council Name].	
Council resolution number:	
Council resolution date:	
Council CEO name:	
Signature:	Date:

Completed nomination form and short biography on each nominee must be submitted to LGANT by CoB 6 October 2026 to: info@lgant.asn.au.

Privacy Statement

The personal information collected on this form is being gathered for the purposes of the LGANT Board nomination and election process. This information will be used to assess your eligibility and suitability for a Board position and will be shared with LGANT member councils as part of the election process.

13.6 REVIEW OF MEMORIAL POLICY

Author: Executive Assistant Community

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: 1. Memorial Policy - Revised Version [↓](#)
2. Memorial Policy - Tracked Changes [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Memorial Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Memorial Policy at **Attachment 1**.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of the revised Memorial Policy 0048.100.E.R.

KEY ISSUES

- Memorial Policy 0048.100.E.R was adopted on 26 July 2022 and is due for review.
- The policy has been reviewed as part of the Council review cycle schedule.
- One minor change has been made to the Policy with the track changes version at **Attachment 2**.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the memorial policy is to create a sense of place or provide a location where local people, organisations, community groups, places and/or events can be remembered.

The policy is specific to memorials on land under the care, control, and management of the City of Darwin, but excluding verges.

The policy has been reviewed as part of the Council review cycle schedule. Review of the memorial Policy will be four years unless legislative or operational changes require an earlier review.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 26 July 2022 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD389/22

1. THAT the report entitled Memorial Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Memorial Policy at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 10/0

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.1 Vision and Culture
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> Policy: City of Darwin Governance Framework
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Nil
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).



Memorial Policy

Policy No. 0048.100.E.R

1 Purpose

The purpose of a memorial is to create a sense of place or provide a location where people can be remembered. The public land on which memorials are placed is an important community resource. Both memorial and location must be carefully considered to ensure a positive impact is achieved in these spaces for the community.

2 Scope

This policy is specific to memorials on land under the care, control, and management of City of Darwin.

This Policy applies to memorial requests proposed on public land within the City of Darwin for:

- plaques on the Darwin Cenotaph Civilian Memorial Wall
- requests for a new park seat on concrete base with plaque set in concrete, and
- requests for a new tree in a park with a plaque set in concrete near the trunk.

This policy does not include roadside memorials commemorating a road fatality. City of Darwin applies the Northern Territory Government's Memorials in the Road Reserve Policy to roadside memorials within the City of Darwin.

This policy does not apply to:

- memorials for events regarded as being of national significance
- memorials and remains regulated to be in cemeteries, crematoria, or burial grounds
- heritage plaques
- foundation stones
- plaques associated with existing public assets, such as park seats, playground equipment or trees
- memorial requests for the CBD, Bicentennial Park and Mindil Beach Reserve, these are considered separately by Council, or
- memorials for pets which are excluded on public land.

3 Policy statement

This policy is specific to memorials on land under the care, control, and management of City of Darwin, but excluding roadsides.



The key policy objectives are:

- City of Darwin will consider requests from individuals, community groups and organisations to erect memorials.
- Memorials must recognise local people, organisations, community groups, places, and/or events.
- City of Darwin assess memorial applications to ensure appropriate strategic placement, social context, content, materiality, and maintenance criteria.
- City of Darwin will assess applications in a timely manner.
- City of Darwin reserves the right to remove a memorial if there is social, safety or environmental change for the content or context of the memorial and it no longer reflects the criteria in which it was approved.
- City of Darwin will make every effort to contact applicants prior to the removal of a memorial.
- The applicant will pay all costs associated with the memorial.

3.1 Criteria

City of Darwin's Memorial Policy establishes the criteria to assess applications from individuals, community groups, and organisations wishing to formally recognise local people, organisations, community groups, places, and/or events, in the form of a plaque on a memorial wall, seat with plaque, or tree with plaque.

Applications for memorial plaques are assessed by City of Darwin on all criteria below:

- the location of memorials and their proximity to other memorials or culturally significant sites
- inclusive and respectful delivery of the memorial message, compatible with the
- social and natural environment in which the memorial is placed
- relevance to the local community regarding content and significance
- evidence of community consultation and support for the memorial
- safety, quality, and durability of the memorial materials, and
- ongoing security and maintenance requirements.

3.2 Types of memorials permitted

Plaques on the Darwin Cenotaph Civilian Memorial Wall: In recognition of the significant role that civilians played during the Bombing of Darwin, City of Darwin has a civilian memorial wall to honour their contribution. The Darwin Cenotaph Civilian Memorial Wall is located within Bicentennial Park, along The Esplanade in the cenotaph area, adjacent to the eternal flame. Refer to City of Darwin Memorials Procedure for eligibility requirements. The applicant will pay all costs associated with the memorial.

Memorial Seat: The seat type and location will be discussed with the applicant but will ultimately be selected by City of Darwin in accordance with the quality and type of infrastructure that is existing in the park.



The memorial seat and plaque will be a seat, bench, or other suitable installation, fixed to a concrete pad, or alternatively approved plinth, with a bronze plaque no larger than 150 mm x 100 mm fixed to the concrete pad at the front of the seat. The applicant will pay all costs associated with the memorial.

Memorial tree: The location of a tree and their species will be discussed with the applicant but ultimately selected by City of Darwin with advanced trees being the preferred option. The memorial tree and plaque will be a single tree supplied and installed by City of Darwin with a suitable mulch ring. Irrigation will be provided to the tree. The memorial tree will include a single bronze plaque no larger than 150 mm x 100 mm fixed to a concrete plinth at the front of the tree within the mulch ring. The applicant will pay all costs associated with the memorial.

4 Definitions

Memorial: A form of recognition of local people, organisations, community groups, places, and/or events.

Public land available for memorials includes parks and reserves owned by City of Darwin and excludes the CBD, Bicentennial Park and Mindil Beach Reserve.

5 Legislative references

Local Government Act 2019 (NT)

6 Procedures / related documents

Application for Memorials Webform

8860.010.I.R Memorial Procedure

Northern Territory Government's Memorials in the Road Reserve Policy

7 Responsibility / application

The General Manager Community is responsible for ensuring this policy is understood and observed.

This policy provides the power to delegated City of Darwin Officers to assess and approve memorial plaques.



Memorial Policy

Policy No. 0048.100.E.R

1 Purpose

The purpose of a memorial is to create a sense of place or provide a location where people can be remembered. The public land on which memorials are placed is an important community resource. Both memorial and location must be carefully considered to ensure a positive impact is achieved in these spaces for the community.

2 Scope

This policy is specific to memorials on land under the care, control, and management of City of Darwin.

This Policy applies to memorial requests proposed on public land within the City of Darwin for:

- plaques on the Darwin Cenotaph Civilian Memorial Wall
- requests for a new park seat on concrete base with plaque set in concrete, and
- requests for a new tree in a park with a plaque set in concrete near the trunk.

This policy does not include roadside memorials commemorating a road fatality. City of Darwin applies the Northern Territory Government's Memorials in the Road Reserve Policy to roadside memorials within the City of Darwin.

This policy does not apply to:

- memorials for events regarded as being of national significance
- memorials and remains regulated to be in cemeteries, crematoria, or burial grounds
- heritage plaques
- foundation stones
- plaques associated with existing public assets, such as park seats, playground equipment or trees
- memorial requests for the CBD, Bicentennial Park and Mindil Beach Reserve, these are considered separately by Council, or
- memorials for pets which are excluded on public land.

3 Policy statement

This policy is specific to memorials on land under the care, control, and management of City of Darwin, but excluding roadsides.

Memorial Policy - 0048.100.E.R

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2	ORD379/22	26 July 2022	26 July 2026

Responsible Officer: General Manager Community

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The key policy objectives are:

- City of Darwin will consider requests from individuals, community groups and organisations to erect memorials.
- Memorials must recognise local people, organisations, community groups, places, and/or events.
- City of Darwin assess memorial applications to ensure appropriate strategic placement, social context, content, materiality, and maintenance criteria.
- City of Darwin will assess applications in a timely manner.
- City of Darwin reserves the right to remove a memorial if there is social, safety or environmental change for the content or context of the memorial and it no longer reflects the criteria in which it was approved.
- City of Darwin will make every effort to contact applicants prior to the removal of a memorial.
- The applicant will pay all costs associated with the memorial.

3.1 Criteria

City of Darwin's Memorial Policy establishes the criteria to assess applications from individuals, community groups, and organisations wishing to formally recognise local people, organisations, community groups, places, and/or events, in the form of a plaque on a memorial wall, seat with plaque, or tree with plaque.

Applications for memorial plaques are assessed by City of Darwin on all criteria below:

- the location of memorials and their proximity to other memorials or culturally significant sites
- inclusive and respectful delivery of the memorial message, compatible with the
- social and natural environment in which the memorial is placed
- relevance to the local community regarding content and significance
- evidence of community consultation and support for the memorial
- safety, quality, and durability of the memorial materials, and
- ongoing security and maintenance requirements.

3.2 Types of memorials permitted

Plaques on the Darwin Cenotaph Civilian Memorial Wall: In recognition of the significant role that civilians played during the Bombing of Darwin, City of Darwin has a civilian memorial wall to honour their contribution. The Darwin Cenotaph Civilian Memorial Wall is located within Bicentennial Park, along The Esplanade in the cenotaph area, adjacent to the eternal flame. Refer to City of Darwin Memorials Procedure for eligibility requirements. The applicant will pay all costs associated with the memorial.

Memorial Seat: The seat type and location will be discussed with the applicant but will ultimately be selected by City of Darwin in accordance with the quality and type of infrastructure that is existing in the park.

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13.7 DOG PARK PETITION FOR DARWIN CBD

Author: Executive Manager Regulatory Services

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Dog Park Petition for Darwin CBD be received and noted.
2. THAT an amount of \$295,000 be referred to the 2027/28 budget process for consideration to establish a dog park in the CBD.
3. THAT an amount of \$25,000 per annum be referred to the 2027/28 budget process for consideration of ongoing annual maintenance for a dog park in the CBD.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the necessary information to consider a petition seeking the establishment of a dog park within the Darwin CBD area.

KEY ISSUES

- In June 2026, Council received a community petition for the establishment of a dog park within Darwin CBD.
- Council had previously endorsed a Notion of Motion in July 2020 to assess the feasibility of a dog park being established in the CBD.
- In 2020, Officers assessed 16 parks within the CBD area for their suitability as potential dog park locations with consideration of park size, location, planning constraints, event bookings, existing infrastructure, current land use, and park usage.
- In March 2021, Bundilla Beach was endorsed by Council as the preferred location.
- This report details estimated costs of establishing a new dog park within the CBD for consideration in the 2027/28 budget process.

DISCUSSION

In June 2026 City of Darwin received a petition seeking the establishment of a dog park within the Darwin CBD, with accessible walking distance for residents and seniors with mobility limitations.

There are currently 270 dogs registered within the Darwin CBD area, representing approximately 1.8% of all dogs registered with City of Darwin.

There are currently three designated dog parks within the Darwin Municipality:

- Lakeside Drive Dog Park in Alawa
- Breezes Dog Park in Muirhead
- Bundilla Beach Dog Park – Opened to the public 20 June 2025

Existing dog parks within the municipality are well utilised, with peak usage occurring between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm.

Council endorsed a Notion of Motion in July 2020 to assess the feasibility of a dog park being established in the CBD.

A report was provided to Council at the Ordinary meeting of 29 September 2020 that assessed 16 parks within the CBD area for their suitability as potential dog park locations. The assessment considered park size, location, planning constraints, event bookings, existing infrastructure, current land use, and park usage.

Four locations were determined as preferred:

- Frog Hollow
- Woods Street
- Harriet Park
- Gardens Park

At the meeting Council requested Bundilla Beach be added as a possible location and requested a further report be presented detailing costs of a small dog park in the five preferred locations for consideration in the 2021/2022 budget process and that consultation be carried out with the community on the preferred location.

In March 2021, Council considered the outcome from the community consultation process. The results identified Gardens Park, Bundilla Beach, and Frog Hollow Park as the preferred locations. Council then determined Bundilla Beach as the proposed location for the Darwin City Dog Park and referred \$100,000 to the 2021/2022 budget process.

Previous consultation identified Gardens Park and Frog Hollow Park as preferred alternative locations, location summary detailed below:

Site	Positive Factors	Negative factors
Gardens Park Gardens Park is located at 151 Gardens Road, The Gardens.	- The area is 16,600m² so can easily accommodate a dog park. - The area consists of established shade trees and a large green space. - The area is not currently utilised for community events. - The area is within proximity to residential properties, providing a large number of constituents close proximity to a dog park.	- The area is in close proximity to Gardens Park Golf Links. Gardens Park Golf Links oppose the dog park being located at Gardens Park because of the risk of golf balls being hit into the area and the noise of dogs barking affecting the golf experience. - The area only provides for on-street parking which may result in traffic/safety hazards. - There are already two (2) options for off-leash dog walking in close proximity to this area, George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens and Mindil Beach. - The area is a popular informal nature reserve. - There are no public toilets or drinking fountains in this area.
Frog Hollow Park Frog Hollow Park is located at 28 Lindsay St, Darwin City.	- The area is 11,300m², so can easily able to accommodate a dog park. - The area is in a central location within Darwin City, providing a walking option for inner city residents. - The area consists of established shade trees and a large green space. - The area is currently utilised by dog walkers. - The area is rarely used for community events. - There are picnic tables in the area.	- The area has poor draining in heavy rain events. - There are no public toilets or drinking fountains in this area. - The area only provides for on-street parking, although there appears to be ample parking opportunities.

No budget is currently allocated for the establishment or ongoing maintenance of a new dog park within the CBD. If the petition is supported by Council, the proposal would need to be progressed as a new initiative subject to future budget consideration.

The Bundilla Beach Dog Park had an approximate investment of \$80k. However, this was excluding lighting, irrigation, tree/landscape management, mobilisation, establishment and connecting path. These additional expenses were funded through the broader "Bundilla Beach Project".

City of Darwin's Infrastructure team estimates that depending on the location, the estimated costs for a CBD dog park would be \$295k. The estimate assumes the location is already irrigated, if a site without irrigation was chosen then further costs of \$50k may be required for irrigation, power access, pump and tank.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 30 June 2026 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD251/26

1. THAT the Petition, in relation to the Off-Leash Dog Park in Darwin CBD, be received and noted
2. THAT in accordance with By-Law 12 the Petition regarding Off-Leash Dog Park in Darwin CBD be referred to the Community and Corporate Hub for consideration and a report to return to Council.

CARRIED 12/0

At the 30 March 2021 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD160/21

1. THAT the report entitled Darwin City Dog Park Consultation Outcome be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Bundilla Beach as the proposed location for the Darwin City Dog Park.
3. THAT an amount of \$100,000 be referred to the 2021/2022 budget process for consideration to establish a dog park at Bundilla Beach.
4. THAT this report be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with Section 75 and 76 of the Local Government Act 2008 and that the document remains confidential unless Council decides otherwise by resolution.
5. THAT the decision be moved into Open.

CARRIED 10/0

At the 29 September 2020 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD300/20

THAT a report be presented detailing costs of a small dog park in all of the five preferred locations for consideration in the 2021/2022 budget process and consultation is carried out with the community on the preferred location, and that the report be returned to Council by the end of March 2021.

CARRIED 12/1

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City 2.2 By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: Is Funding identified: No Estimated costs for a new CBD dog park \$295,000 Estimated ongoing maintenance costs per annum \$25,000 Below table details estimated costs:

	Details	Estimate ex GST
	Two fenced areas, quiet and energetic sides to park	60,000
	Airlock gate system	10,000
	Two Maintenance Gates	5,000
	Bench seat in each area	15,000
	Potable water point & drinking fountain, depending on water meter point and distance to facility	35,000
	Tree policy or additional tree planting & establishment	15,000
	Bin & waste bag dispenser	5,000
	Signage	1,000
	Irrigation adjustment*	5,000
	Two x Solar lighting	25,000
	Accessible pathway 1.5 x 80 metres depending on complexity and geometry, including landscape establishment and mobilisation	50,000
	Design, survey	20,000
	Contingency @ 20%	49,000
	Total	\$295,000
	<i>Note* assumes site already irrigated.</i>	
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Nil Policy: Nil	
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Discuss Internal: Infrastructure, Operations, Technical Services External: Stakeholders and possible contractors	
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).	

14 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

14.1 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - AUGUST 2026

Author: Manager Accounting Services

Authoriser: General Manager Corporate

Attachments: 1. Monthly Financial Report - August 2026 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Interim Monthly Financial Report – August 2026 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the financial position of Council for the period ended 31 August 2026.

Further, this report and the contents are required to be presented to Council in compliance with the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

KEY ISSUES

The Interim Monthly Financial Report includes:

- Income Statement, which compares actual YTD income and expenditure against YTD budget.
- Fund Flow Statement (Monthly Operating Position), which outlines the effect on General Funds.
- Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet), which outlines what Council owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities) at a point in time.
- Notes to the Balance Sheet, this includes further details on the Cash Balance, Trade Debtors, Trade Creditors, and a statement on Council's current payment and reporting obligations.
- Lord Mayor and CEO council credit card transactions.
- Investments, which provides details of treasury activities, investments as at month end.
- Procurement Reporting, which is a summary of contract variations and exempt procurement.
- Capital Expenditure and Funding, which compares YTD capital expenditure and funding against YTD budget.
- Planned Major Projects Capital Works, provides a high-level financial overview of our major projects at a point in time.

DISCUSSION**August 2026 – Year to Date Results**

The year-to-date operating result until 31 August 2026 is a **deficit of \$0.2M compared to a Budgeted surplus of \$1.8M** highlighted in the table below.

	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD Budget \$'000	Variance \$'000
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(231)	1,849	2,080 Unfavourable

Commentary

The audit of the 2025/2026 Annual Financial Statements is currently in progress, and the Annual Financial Statements are therefore not yet considered final. Any audit adjustments will be considered and processed as required. Accordingly, this report is presented in an abridged format.

The Net Operating Position has an unfavourable variance to the budget of \$2.08M. The variance results from the timing of grant income and partially offset by higher than anticipated user fees and charges received. Please find below additional commentary for the material variances.

Income

Total Operating Income is tracking below budget by \$1.8M.

Operating grant income accounts for the majority of the \$4.3M YTD unfavourable variance, primarily due to the early receipt of the 2026/2027 Financial Assistance General Purpose and Local Road income. The budget will be adjusted through the Carry Forward budget process to reflect this timing difference.

The favourable variance of \$1.6M in User Fees and Charges is primarily attributable to higher revenue from the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility, driven by increased commercial weighbridge activity and greater volumes of disposal materials received.

Statutory charges have recorded a favourable variance, primarily with animal registrations, and parking compliance.

Expenditure

Total Expenses are above budget by \$0.2M.

YTD to August 2026, an unfavourable variance of \$0.95M has been reported, this predominately relates to expenses associated with waste management at shoal bay, which is offset by the increase in Waste revenue. The other variances reflect timing differences in spending across various sections during the first two months of the financial year. At this early stage of the financial year, the variances are considered timing-related, with expenditure expected to align more closely with budget as the year progresses. A variance of \$0.8M has been recorded against budget for Employee Expenses, reflecting timing of employee entitlements and vacancies.

Statement of Fund Flows

The variances are related to a mismatch in the timing of projects and budget profiles, and the reasons described above under the operating statement commentary. Capital expenditure and Transfers from Reserves relates to timing of capital projects. Major projects which span financial years will be realigned at a budget review to reflect the current years expenditure forecast.

Cash and Investments Note A

City of Darwin has achieved 4.78% on weighted average interest rate on its end of month cash and investment portfolio of \$81M (excluding loan offsets of \$36.9M). This result represents a continued outperformance against the Bloomberg AusBond 90 Day Bank Bill Index benchmark of 4.61%.

Compliance remained strong during the month, with no investment policy breaches recorded. All investments were maintained within approved credit, term, and counterparty limits.

Accounts Receivable (Trade Debtors) Note B

This section provides the aged debtors outstanding for general debtors and infringements.

Accounts Payable (Trade Creditors) Note C

Accounts Payable owing at end of month at the time of reporting. City of Darwin recognises the liability of invoices once goods are receipted as received.

Procurement Reporting

Under the Local Government (General) Regulations, Council is required to disclose at the next Council meeting and on the City of Darwin website:

- contract variations:
 - where a tender was not required, however the total cost exceeds \$100,000, or
 - where a contract requiring a tender is varied by 10%.
- exempt procurement greater than \$100,000.

Contract Variations

There were no reportable contract variations for August 2026.

Delegated Procurement Decisions (\$5 million to \$10 million)

There were no reportable procurement decisions under delegated authority resulting in a financial liability between \$5 million and \$10 million for August 2026.

Exempt Procurement

Vendor	Supply	Cost (Excl. GST)	Applicable Exemption
LGANT	Services: 2026/2027 Annual Member Subscriptions as per the resolution carried at the General Meeting held 15 April 2026.	\$222,326.20	Reg 38(1)(h) only one supplier
NT Recycling Solutions	Recyclables processing, specifically, processing of comingle bulk load	\$149,820.73	Reg 38(1)(i) only one supplier
JLT Risk Solutions Pty Ltd	Insurance Policy Renewals 2026/27	\$3,157,099.35	Reg 38(1)(c) the acquisition of insurance through a broker

Certification by the CEO to the Council

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.

D. Saunders

CEO Signed

23 September 2026

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.3 Decision Making and Management
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Part 2 Division 7 the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> require that a monthly financial report is presented to Council each month setting out: (a) the actual income and expenditure of the council for the period (b) from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of (c) the previous month; and (d) the most recently adopted annual budget; and (e) details of any material variances between the most recent (f) actual income and expenditure of the council and the most recently adopted annual budget. Regulation 17(5) Part 2 Division 7 the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> require that the monthly report must be accompanied by: (a) a certification, in writing, by the CEO to the council that, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief: (b) the internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and (c) the council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council; or (d) if the CEO cannot provide the certification – written reasons for not providing the certification. The report is compliant with the requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i>.
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	N/A

DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).
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Interim Income Statement For the Period Ended 31 August 2026	2026/27			
	YTD			FY Original Budget
	Actual	Budget	Variance	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Operating Income</u>				
Rates	14,158	14,151	7	84,908
Charges	1,810	1,802	8	10,814
Statutory Charges	993	495	498	3,330
User Fees and Charges	7,124	5,476	1,648	32,927
Operating Grants and Subsidies	279	4,609	(4,330)	6,901
Interest / Investment Income	824	678	146	4,070
Commercial & Other Income	638	453	185	2,437
Total Income	25,826	27,664	(1,838)	145,387
<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
Employee Expenses	6,779	7,545	766	45,325
Materials, Contracts & Services	12,274	11,328	(946)	68,886
Elected Member Allowances	118	140	22	839
Elected Member Expenses	-	4	4	21
Council Committee Allowances	1	5	4	20
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	6,695	6,306	(389)	37,834
Interest Expenses	190	487	297	4,846
Total Expenses	26,057	25,815	(242)	157,771
Budgeted Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(231)	1,849	(2,080)	(12,384)
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-	4,524
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(231)	1,849	(2,080)	(7,860)

Interim Statement of Fund Flows Monthly Statement of Operating Position For the Period Ended 31 August 2026	2026/27			
	YTD			FY
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Original
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	Budget \$'000
Net Operating Result from Income Statement	(231)	1,849	(2,080)	(12,384)
<u>Add Non Cash Items</u>				
Add Back Depreciation (Non-Cash)	6,695	6,306	389	37,834
Add Back Other Non-Cash Items	0	0	0	1,868
Total Non Cash Items	6,695	6,306	389	39,702
<u>Less Additional Outflows</u>				
Repayment of borrowings & advances	(1,237)	(1,225)	(12)	(7,351)
Capital Expenditure	(5,998)	(1,712)	(4,286)	(23,559)
Total Additional Outflows	(7,235)	(2,938)	(4,297)	(30,910)
<u>Add Additional Inflows</u>				
Capital Grants Income	0	0	0	4,524
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	194	83	111	500
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	(5,143)	(5,301)	158	(1,432)
Total Additional Inflows	(4,949)	(5,218)	269	3,592
Net Increase (-Decrease) in Funds	(5,720)	0	(5,720)	0

Interim Statement of Financial Position as at 31 August 2026	2026/27		
	Actual \$'000	Note	FY Annual Budget \$'000
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank & Investments	76,296	A	15,167
Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted	26,597	A	26,508
Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted	15,327	A	11,706
Trade & Other Receivables	10,498	B	15,629
Rates & Charges Receivables	91,793		-
Inventories	316		272
Total Current Assets	220,827		69,282
Non-Current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	1,491,909		1,377,141
Other Financial Assets	1,258		2,500
Total Non Current Assets	1,493,167		1,379,641
Total Assets	1,713,994		1,448,923
Current Liabilities			
Trade Payables & Other Payables	19,313	C	22,032
Accruals	3,418		-
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	438	C	-
Rates Revenue struck (in advance)	80,448		-
Borrowings	7,955		7,649
Provisions	6,801		7,886
Lease Liabilities	896		118
Total Current Liabilities	118,394		37,685
Non-Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	6		-
Borrowings	66,473		60,713
Provisions	51,884		50,319
Lease Liabilities	432		-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	118,795		111,032
Total Liabilities	237,188		148,717
NET ASSETS	1,476,806		1,300,206
Equity			
Accumulated Surplus	358,698		262,858
Asset Revaluation Reserve	1,076,184		999,134
Other Reserves	41,924		38,214
TOTAL EQUITY	1,476,806		1,300,206

*Please note that these reports are unaudited management financial reports. Information contained in the reports were current as at the date of the reports and may not reflect any event or circumstances which occurred after the reports were completed.

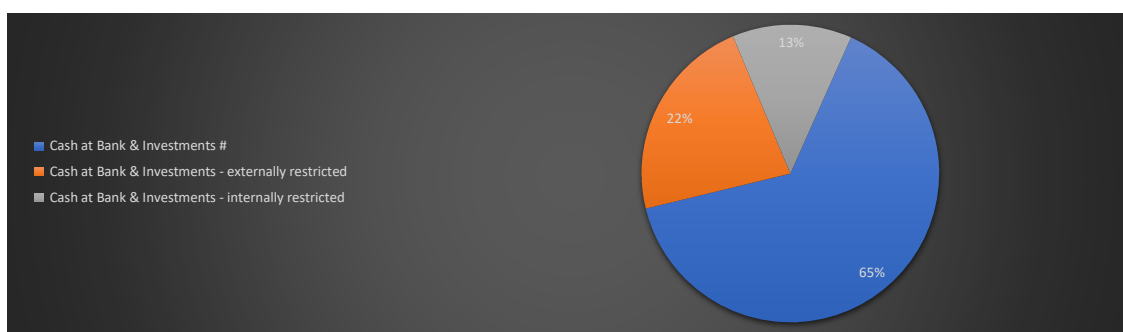
* Closing reserve and Carry Forward balances are yet to be adopted by Council. Accordingly, the balances presented are subject to change.

Interim Monthly Balance Sheet Report (Notes to the Statement of Financial Position) as at 31 August 2026

Note A. Details of Cash and Investments Held

Investments Report attached, which provides details of treasury activities, investments as at the end of the Month. City of Darwin has achieved 4.78% on weighted average interest rate (excluding Cash on Call) on its August 2026 cash and investment portfolio of \$81M (excluding \$36.9M Variable Loans Surplus/Offset). There have been no investment policy breaches in this month. The Investment Reports include surplus cash funds that are placed against variable loans. These funds are considered 'at call' as they can be accessed in short time frames. The reduction in the investment portfolio is primarily attributable to funds being utilised for the delivery of major capital projects and is consistent with the expected local government cash flow profile at this stage of the financial year.

Cash at Bank & Investments	\$'000
Cash at Bank & Investments #	76,296
Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted	26,597
Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted	15,327
Total Cash at Bank & Investments	118,220



Cash at Bank & Investments includes Cash on Call of \$36.9M

Note B. Statement of Trade Debtors*	Past Due 1 – 30 Days	Past Due 31 – 60 Days	Past Due 61-90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total *
Other Trade Receivables and Other Receivables	\$8,123,876	\$2,926,036	\$137,495	-\$689,473	\$10,497,936
Total Trade and Other Receivables	\$8,123,876	\$2,926,036	\$137,495	-\$689,473	\$10,497,936

Note C. Statement on Trade Creditors*	Past Due 1 – 30 Days	Past Due 31 – 60 Days	Past Due 61-90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total*
General Trade Creditors	(\$4,333,634)	(\$29,562)	(\$531)	(\$49,574)	(\$4,413,301)
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	\$437,845				\$437,845
Other Trade Payables & Other Payables	(\$14,900,157)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$14,900,157)
Total Trade and Other Payables	(\$18,795,946)	(\$29,562)	(\$531)	(\$49,574)	(\$18,875,613)

Note D. Statement on Australian Tax Office (ATO) and Payroll Obligations

The Council has met its payment and reporting obligations for GST, Fringe Benefits Tax, PAYG withholding tax, superannuation, and insurance for the month Aug 2026.

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*Closing reserve and Carry Forward balances are yet to be adopted by Council. Accordingly, the balances presented are subject to change.

Table 4. Member and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions for the Month
For the Month Ended 31 AUG 2026

Cardholder Name: CEO

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
		NIL	
Total	-		

Cardholder Name: Lord Mayor

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
		NIL	
Total	-		

**INVESTMENTS REPORT TO COUNCIL
AS AT
31 August 2026**

Investment and Cash at Call/Offset Distribution by Term to Maturity

Term to Maturity Policy Limits

There have been no breaches in Term to Maturity Policy limits for the month of AUG 2026

Term to Maturity Category	% of Total Portfolio	Term to Maturity (Policy Max.)	Term to Maturity (Policy Min.)
Less than 1 Year			
Term Deposits	62%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	2%		
Floating Rate Notes	0%		
General Surplus on Variable Loans	33%		
Bonds	0%		
Less than 1 Year Total	96%	100%	30%
Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	2%		
Bonds	0%		
Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years Total	2%	70%	0%
Greater than 3 Years			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	2%		
Bonds	0%		
Greater than 3 Years Total	2%	30%	0%
Greater than 5 Years			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	0%		
Greater than 5 Years	0%	10%	0%
Total	100%		

Investment Distribution by Portfolio Credit Rating

Portfolio Distribution Credit Rating Limits

There have been no breaches in Portfolio Credit Rating Limits for the month of AUG 2026

Credit Rating - Maximum Individual Limit	ADI	Counterparty	% of Total Portfolio	Individual Counterparty Limits of Total Investments
AA-	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	13%	50%
	National Australia Bank Ltd	National Australia Bank Ltd	18%	50%
	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	41%	50%
	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	17%	50%
BBB+	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	2%	10%
	Great Southern Bank	Great Southern Bank	4%	10%
BBB	Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd	Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd	2%	10%
	Heritage and People's Choice Limited	Heritage and People's Choice Limited	1%	10%
	Defence Bank Ltd	Defence Bank Ltd	2%	10%
Grand Total			100%	

Credit Rating - Maximum Portfolio Limit	% of Total	Policy Limit
AAA to AA-	89%	100%
A+ to A-	2%	60%
BBB+ to BBB	9%	30%
BBB-	0%	0%
Total	100%	

**INVESTMENT AND CASH AT CALL/OFFSET REPORT TO COUNCIL
AS AT
31 August 2026**

31 August 2026												
Instrument	Institution Category	Counterparty	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Credit Rating (LT)	Credit Rating (ST)	Inv Type	FRN ONLY (Maturity Date - last pmt)	Principal \$	% Portfolio		
INVESTMENT	MAJOR BANK	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	29 September 2026	5.52%	AA-	A1+	FRN	31 March 2028	\$500,000	0.47%		
			10 November 2026	4.58%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.90%		
			1 December 2026	4.45%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,031,142	2.87%		
			27 October 2026	4.78%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,031,808	2.87%		
			2 February 2027	4.82%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,000,000	2.84%		
			9 February 2027	4.91%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,000,000	2.84%		
			9 March 2027	5.37%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,000,000	2.84%		
		ANZ Banking Group Ltd Total								\$17,562,951	16.65%	
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	17 November 2026	5.25%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.90%	
			31 August 2026	4.25%	AA-	A1+	BOS			\$1,974,637	1.87%	
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total								\$3,974,637	3.77%	
		National Australia Bank Ltd	15 September 2026	4.20%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,167,935	2.06%	
			29 September 2026	4.24%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.90%	
			16 February 2027	5.34%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.90%	
			8 December 2026	5.25%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,062,827	2.90%	
		National Australia Bank Ltd Total								\$9,230,763	8.75%	
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	29 September 2026	4.09%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,299,709	2.18%	
			29 September 2026	4.37%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,000,000	2.84%	
			20 October 2026	4.10%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,312,290	3.14%	
			10 November 2026	4.33%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,322,667	3.15%	
			13 October 2026	4.53%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,195,848	3.03%	
			6 October 2026	4.45%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$5,000,000	4.74%	
			1 December 2026	4.44%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,099,819	1.99%	
			23 February 2027	5.35%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.90%	
			4 May 2027	5.49%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,177,474	2.06%	
			Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total								\$26,407,808	25.04%
		MAJOR BANK Total									\$57,176,158	54.22%
	OTHER	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	27 November 2026	5.27%	A-	A-	FRN	28 November 2029		\$2,000,000	1.90%	
		Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd Total								\$2,000,000	1.90%	
		Great Southern Bank	3 November 2026	5.23%	BBB+					\$4,407,836	4.18%	
		Great Southern Bank Total								\$4,407,836	4.18%	
		Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd	8 November 2026	6.03%	BBB	A2	FRN	10 May 2027		\$2,000,000	1.90%	
		Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd Total								\$2,000,000	1.90%	
		Heritage and People's Choice Limited	19 January 2027	5.25%	BBB+					\$1,000,000	0.95%	
		Heritage and People's Choice Limited Total								\$1,000,000	0.95%	
		Defence Bank Ltd	12 January 2027	4.70%	BBB	A2	TD			\$2,000,000	1.90%	
		Defence Bank Ltd Total								\$2,000,000	1.90%	
		OTHER Total									\$11,407,836	10.82%
INVESTMENT Total									\$68,583,994	65.04%		
VARIABLE LOAN SURPLUS	MAJOR BANK	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	31 August 2026	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus - i		\$10,000,000	9.48%		
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total							\$10,000,000	9.48%		
		National Australia Bank Ltd	31 August 2026	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus - i		\$9,633,900	9.14%		
		National Australia Bank Ltd Total							\$9,633,900	9.14%		
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	31 August 2026	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus - i		\$17,238,421	16.35%		
	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total							\$17,238,421	16.35%			
MAJOR BANK Total								\$36,872,321	34.96%			
VARIABLE LOAN SURPLUS Total									\$36,872,321	34.96%		
Grand Total									\$105,456,315	100%		

N.B.

*INV TYPE - FRN = interest rate is the 'Coupon Margin' established on issue date, this plus 3M BBSW provides the yield for the current coupon period.
 *MATURITY DATE - FRN = the interest coupon payment date not actual FRN maturity date (paid every 91 days).

CBA General Bank Funds	\$12,065,483
NAB General Bank Funds	\$47,104
WBC General Bank Funds	\$343,037
Total Funds	\$117,911,938
Less Variable Loans Offset (Cash on Call)	
Total Investment & Cash (less offset)	\$81,039,618
Total Budgeted Investment Earnings	\$3,260,330
Year to Date Investment Earnings	\$677,814
Weighted Ave Rate	3.11%
Weighted Ave Rate (excluding Cash on Call)	4.78%
BBSW 90 Day Rate	4.61%
Bloomberg AusBond (Bank Bill Index)	

Trust Bank Account	\$15,390
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Table 2.1 Capital Expenditure and Funding
By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

Capital Expenditure For The Period Ended 31 August 2026	2026/27			
	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	FY Annual Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY ASSET CLASS:				
Land and Improvements	0	0	0	0
Buildings and Structures (includes parking building)	2,431,568	99,166	(2,332,402)	595,000
Environmental	20,295	116,500	96,205	699,000
Stormwater Drainage	351,036	0	(351,036)	4,496,000
Roads & Pathways	496,335	105,334	(391,001)	9,419,769
Street & Public Lighting	338,128	71,666	(266,462)	430,000
Waste Management Infrastructure	1,890,521	569,164	(1,321,357)	3,415,000
Plant & Equipment	70,654	410,832	340,178	2,465,000
Parks, Playgrounds and Reserves	380,532	317,750	(62,782)	1,906,500
Public Art	18,500	22,084	3,584	132,500
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	5,997,568	1,712,496	(4,285,072)	23,558,769
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY*:				
Operating Income	1,219,685	416,916	(802,769)	11,335,752
Capital Grants	35,175	91,500	56,325	4,524,017
Transfer from Reserves	4,742,708	1,204,080	(3,538,628)	7,187,000
Borrowings	0	0	0	0
Sale of Assets (including trade-ins)	0	0	0	512,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	5,997,568	1,712,496	(4,285,072)	23,558,769

*YTD Funding of expenditure is assumed to be consumed in line with YTD Capital Expenditure

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Revised Budget is the Original Budget plus adopted Carryforwards and Budget Variations

**Report on Planned Major Capital Works
For The Period Ended 31 August 2026**

Class of Assets	By Major Capital Project	Total Prior Year(s) Actuals \$ (A)	YTD Actuals \$ (B)	Total Actuals \$ (C = A + B)	Total Planned Budget \$ (D)	Total Yet to Spend \$ (E = D - C)	Expected Project Completion Date
Buildings	Civic Centre and Plaza Precinct Development	11,451,494	2,427,168	13,878,662	47,600,000	33,721,338	30/06/2028
Buildings	Civic Centre Public Carpark/CBD Parking	30,000,000	0	30,000,000	30,000,000	(0)	30/06/2028
Buildings	Project Contingency	170,976	0	170,976	2,000,000	1,829,024	30/06/2028
Waste Management Infrastructure	Shoal Bay Waste Management Site - Stage 7 Construction	3,922,391	1,890,521	5,812,912	9,380,000	3,567,088	30/06/2027
Transport	R2R - Lee Point Road Upgrade	179,367	10,730	190,097	6,400,000	6,209,903	30/06/2027
TOTAL		45,724,228	4,328,419	50,052,647	95,380,000	45,327,353	

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14.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Author: A/Manager Office of Council and CEO

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Unconfirmed Open Minutes Reconciliation Advisory Committee 17 August 2026 [↓](#)
2. Unconfirmed Open Minutes Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee 3 September 2026 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the open minutes of the Advisory Committee meetings held in August and September 2026 to Council.

KEY ISSUES

- The unconfirmed open minutes of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee of 13 August 2026 are included at **Attachment 1**.
- The unconfirmed open minutes of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee of 3 September 2026 are included at **Attachment 2**.

DISCUSSION This report provides the minutes for the following committees: • Reconciliation Advisory Committee • Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Any recommendations that arise from the committee meetings will be presented to Council in a separate report.	
PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION At the 25 August 2026 meeting Council resolved: RESOLUTION ORD323/26 THAT the report entitled Advisory and Executive Committee Open Meeting Minutes be received and noted. CARRIED 12/0	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.1 Vision and Culture
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> Policy: Meetings Policy Advisory and Other Committees Policy
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Nil
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).



Minutes

Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, 17 August 2026

Unconfirmed



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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON MONDAY, 17 AUGUST 2026 AT 12:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth
Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey
Community Member Adrian Rotumah
Councillor Peter Pangquee
Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation Kadeja James
NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

OFFICERS:

Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services, Angela O'Donnell
Coordinator Reconciliation, Ineke Wallis

APOLOGY:

City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders
Community Member Alinta McGuire
Community Member Jenna Cubillo

GUESTS:

Executive Manager Marketing, Communications and Engagement, Emma Jane Edwards
Communications & Engagement Officer, Harry Browell

Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

17 August 2026

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair declared the meeting open at 12:04 pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC023/26

Moved: NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

Seconded: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

THAT an apology from City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders, Community Members Alinta McGuire and Jenna Cubillo be received.

CARRIED 6/0

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC024/26

Moved: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey
- Community Member Adrian Rotumah
- NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

CARRIED 6/0

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**5.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

Nil

5.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC025/26**

Moved: NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

Seconded: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

THAT the minutes of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

7 MOVING OF ITEMS**7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS**

Nil

7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC026/26**

Moved: Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation Kadeja James

Seconded: Community Member Adrian Rotumah

THAT the presentation from Marketing, Communications and Engagement team, in relation to the Civic Plaza stakeholder presentation, be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC027/26**

Moved: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

Seconded: NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

THAT the report entitled Reconciliation Action Plan Development be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 RECONCILIATION COORDINATOR UPDATE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC028/26**

Moved: NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

Seconded: Community Member Adrian Rotumah

THAT the report entitled Reconciliation Coordinator Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

The meeting was adjourned and moved into Confidential Section to consider Confidential Report 18.1 – Membership Update.

12 ADJOURNMENT TO CONFIDENTIAL SECTION OF THE MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC029/26**

Moved: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda at 12:29pm.

CARRIED 6/0

CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (General) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

18.1 Membership Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) and 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person and information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

Community Member Adrian Rotumah was not present at the resumption of the meeting and did not return.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC030/26**

Moved: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the meeting be resumed at 12:57pm.

CARRIED 5/0**11 GENERAL BUSINESS****11.1 COAT OF ARMS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC031/26**

Moved: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

Seconded: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

THAT officers prepare a discussion paper on City of Darwin's Coat of Arms for the Committee's next meeting.

CARRIED 5/0

13 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

THAT the next Reconciliation Advisory Committee will be held on Friday, 16 October 2026, at 9:00 AM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1), Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC032/26

Moved: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 1:12 pm.

CARRIED 5/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 12:56 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 1:12 pm.

The minutes of this meeting are to confirmed at the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 November 2026.

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CHAIR



Minutes

Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, 3 September 2026

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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM GUYUGWA (CASUARINA LIBRARY MEETING ROOM), 17
BRADSHAW TERRACE, CASUARINA
ON THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 1:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Community Member Tiffany Brown
Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Community Member Ella McGugan-Wevill
Community Member Helen Pachos
Community Member Jorge Palma
Community Member Jessica Simmons

OFFICERS:

Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services, Angela O'Donnell
Senior Coordinator Community Inclusion, Andrew Aragala

APOLOGY:

Department of Lands Planning and Environment Alison Warwick
Department of Infrastructure and Logistics Simon Gillam
National Disability Services NT Wendy Morton
Community Member Bryony Crowe
Community Member Rikki Dehne

GUESTS:

Coordinator Environment and Climate Change, Emma Smith

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC028/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Community Member Ella McGugan-Wevill

THAT Community Member Tiffany Brown is appointed as chair for the meeting.

CARRIED 7/0

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1:31 pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC029/26

Moved: Community Member Tiffany Brown

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT an apology from National Disability Services NT Wendy Morton, Department of Lands Planning and Environment Alison Warwick, Department of Infrastructure and Logistics Simon, Gillam, Community Member Rikki Dehne, and Community Member Bryony Crowe be received.

CARRIED 7/0

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED**

Nil

4.2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**5.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC030/26**

Moved: Community Member Tiffany Brown

Seconded: Community Member Ella McGugan-Wevill

THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Tiffany Brown, declared Conflict of Interest in Item 9.4 Update on Access Strategy Projects.

CARRIED 7/0

5.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC031/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero

THAT the minutes of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 June 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

7 MOVING OF ITEMS**7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC032/26**

Moved: Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero

Seconded: Community Member Tiffany Brown

THAT the report entitled Welcome New Committee Members be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0**9.2 NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC033/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination of Chairperson be received and noted.

2. THAT the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee nominate Tiffany Brown as the Chair for a two-year term.

CARRIED 7/0**9.3 ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE SERVICES PROGRAM****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC034/26**

Moved: Community Member Ella McGugan-Wevill

Seconded: Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero

THAT the report entitled Environment and Waste Services Program be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

9.4 UPDATE ON ACCESS STRATEGY PROJECTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC035/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Community Member Ella McGugan-Wevill

THAT the report entitled Update on Access Strategy Projects be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the next Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee be held on Thursday, 5 November 2026, at 1:30 PM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Meeting Room Guyugwa (Casuarina Library Meeting Room), 17 Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina.

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 3:01 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 November 2026.

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CHAIR

14.3 UPDATE OF CODE OF CONDUCT OUTCOMES

Author: A/Manager Office of Council and CEO

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Update of Code of Conduct Outcomes be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Elected Members with an update on the progress of outcomes arising from Code of Conduct matters.

KEY ISSUES

- Elected Members will be provided an update on resolved Code of Conduct matters and completion of any actions recommended.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with Regulation 76(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, a report containing the following is provided at each meeting:

- The procedural progress of each complaint in relation to a Council member; and
- The item of the Code of Conduct allegedly contravened.

This report meets that requirement and gives Elected Members an update on the completion of required outcomes for all concluded Code of Conduct matters.

Complainant	Respondent	Clauses Breached	Actions	Status
Mr Douglas Gillanders	Councillor Julie Fraser	Nil breaches	Nil	The prescribed panel met and summarily rejected the complaint.
Mr Douglas Gillanders	Councillor Kim Farrar	Nil breaches	Nil	The prescribed panel met and summarily rejected the complaint.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.4 Accountability
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> (NT) <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> Policy: Elected Members Breach of Code of Conduct
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Inform
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

15 CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Author: A/Manager Office of Council and CEO

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Incoming Correspondence - Australian Local Government Association - [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Australian Local Government Association be received and noted.



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Lord Mayor Peter Styles
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Dear Mayor,

2026 National General Assembly Resolution 222

Thank you for your council's participation in the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), and for agreeing for your motion to be incorporated into Strategic Motion 222 for debate by the Assembly.

I am pleased to advise you that the strategic motion was considered and resolved by delegates at the NGA. The adopted resolution is:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide increased, sustained and non-competitive funding that enables councils to renew and improve local road, stormwater and drainage infrastructure, strengthen road safety and freight resilience, recognise evidence-based asset management planning, and address infrastructure backlogs critical to regional connectivity, economic productivity and community safety across urban, regional and rural Australia.

A letter has been sent on behalf of the National General Assembly to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, advising them of this resolution.

Any response received will be published alongside the 2026 NGA resolutions on the [ALGA website](https://www.alga.com.au).

Thank you for your council's contribution to the 2026 NGA motions process. I look forward to welcoming your council back to the Assembly in 2027.

Yours sincerely,

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Mayor Matt Burnett
President
Australian Local Government Association

16 NOTICES OF MOTION**16.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

Attachments: Nil

I, Councillor Shani Carson, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 September 2026, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

1. THAT Council note the strategic objectives contained within City of Darwin 2030: City for People, City of Colour and the Place and Liveability Plan 2050 to improve amenity, liveability and community wellbeing through high-quality public spaces.
2. THAT Council undertake a desktop assessment of irrigation infrastructure across Council-managed parks and public open spaces, including:
 - a) parks and open spaces currently serviced by irrigation infrastructure;
 - b) opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of existing irrigation systems through emerging technologies and infrastructure upgrades; and
 - c) top three priority locations where investment in irrigation infrastructure may provide enhanced community amenity and environmental benefits.
3. THAT a report be presented to Council by January 2027 outlining the findings of the assessment, including any identified opportunities, constraints and high-level costs associated with future irrigation enhancements.
4. THAT Council note that any proposed capital works arising from the assessment be considered through the 2027/28 budget development process.

REASON:

Darwin's parks, verges and public open spaces are among the city's most valuable community assets. Well maintained green spaces contribute to the attractiveness and liveability of our neighbourhoods, encourage recreation and active lifestyles, and create places where residents and visitors feel comfortable spending time.

In Darwin's tropical climate, healthy vegetation and green public spaces can also contribute to urban cooling, provide relief from heat and improve the amenity and usability of outdoor spaces.

Well maintained and inviting parks and reserves encourage greater community use and activation. Increased legitimate use of public spaces can contribute to passive surveillance, perceptions of safety and a stronger sense of community ownership.

Council has previously experienced vandalism, theft and damage to irrigation infrastructure. Any future expansion should therefore consider durable and innovative approaches that are appropriate to Darwin's operating environment and minimise whole-of-life maintenance costs.

This motion does not propose the immediate expansion of irrigation across the municipality. It seeks the information required for Council to understand the opportunities, costs and practical constraints, and to consider whether a targeted and staged approach could improve the quality, usability and resilience of Darwin's public spaces.

Signed by me at Darwin this 22 September 2026

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COUNCILLOR SHANI CARSON

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

In this section information is provided by officers to facilitate decision-making:

- Facts and data
- Background context and historical information relating to the NOM
- What the next steps would be if the motion is passed, for example “a council report will be prepared and presented by 28 February 2023”

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or pricing has been obtained for this motion:

Public consultation requirements	Nil
External consultant advice	Nil
Legal advice / litigation	Nil
Impacts to existing projects	Turf and Irrigation team undertake ongoing maintenance of existing irrigation network as well as capital program for 2026/27 to deliver a new water tank and pump at East Point Reserve, install new irrigation submain at the Darwin Cenotaph, install new irrigation in Alawa Soccer Oval and the adjacent Dog Park and install water tank and pump shed at Gardens Oval. The team are also planning for 2027/28 capital program.
Impact to FTE	Report will require staff resources from Parks and Reserves, and Assets teams for internal desktop review. Existing works and programs would require reprioritisation, deferral or delay. Refer officer time per below 35 to 50 hours to prepare this report.
Budget reallocation	Nil, desktop assessment only.
Capital investment	There is currently an annual allocation of approximately \$250k for capital improvements for irrigation. Subsequent report would identify estimated capital investment required for top 3 priority locations where investment in irrigation infrastructure may provide enhanced community amenity and environmental benefits.
Officer time preparing the report requested in this motion	Desktop assessment estimated at 35 to 50 hours.
Officer time in receiving and preparing this Administration Comment	2 hours

16.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUSTRALIAN COASTAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

Attachments: 1. **Australian Coastal Councils Association Inc. Background** [↓](#)

I, Councillor Julie Fraser, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 September 2026, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

1. THAT Council approve City of Darwin becoming a member of the Australian Coastal Councils Association Inc. for the 2027-28 financial year;
2. THAT Council note the costs and benefits contained within this motion including;
 - a) The annual membership fee is currently \$5,233.94 including GST;
 - b) Council can appoint an elected member as Council's representative to the Association, with the representative to be determined by Council;
 - c) Council can participate in the Association's National Survey on Coastal Hazards; and
 - d) Council endorse to review the benefits and value of membership after 12 months, before renewing membership for a further year.
3. THAT Council refer the membership fee amount of \$5233.94 including GST to the 2027/28 budget process.

REASON:**Purpose**

To enable City of Darwin to work collectively with coastal councils across Australia, strengthen national advocacy for coastal adaptation and funding, and improve Council's access to research and practical knowledge about coastal hazards.

Background

In June 2026, Councillor Julie Fraser attended the Coastal Roundtable hosted by the Australian Coastal Councils Association during the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra. The roundtable examined the shared challenges facing coastal councils and the need for coordinated national advocacy and stronger support for climate adaptation and resilience. Following that meeting and a subsequent enquiry, Executive Director Alan Stokes provided the information set out in **Attachment 1**.

Mr Stokes advises that the Association is the only body specifically representing Australia's coastal councils at a national level. It facilitates information exchange, monitors coastal planning and management developments, commissions collaborative research, makes representations to the Australian and state governments, and holds an annual conference on policy, technical developments and research.

Darwin has a particularly strong reason to participate. The Northern Territory climate science report states: 'The sea level around the Northern Territory coastline has risen at a higher rate than much of the rest of the country.' It projects an average sea-level rise for Darwin of about 0.25 metres by mid-century and 0.62 metres by the end of the century under a high-emissions pathway, with rising seas worsening storm surges and other extreme sea-level events. City of Darwin's Climate Emergency Discussion Paper 2020-2030 reinforces the local concern, stating that 'rising sea levels will result in significant inundation in the Darwin region.' It also notes that local rates of sea-level rise are higher than the global average and are projected to increase. These findings demonstrate why coastal adaptation and national advocacy are important for Darwin **Appendix B**.

A rising sea-level baseline compounds Darwin's exposure to its large tidal range, storm surge, coastal inundation, erosion, cliff instability and slumping, cyclones and extreme weather. It increases the long-term risks and costs affecting foreshores, roads, paths, parks, drainage, community facilities, cultural landscapes and other public assets. Membership would support Council by:

- joining collective advocacy for greater Australian and Territory Government support for coastal infrastructure, adaptation, disaster prevention and resilience;
- enabling all City of Darwin elected members and staff to contribute to national coastal policy initiatives and learn from other member councils;
- accessing information on coastal planning and management, a monthly newsletter, collaborative research and experience from councils facing comparable risks;
- strengthening Council's capacity to manage legal, planning, infrastructure and financial risks associated with climate change and coastal hazards;
- ensuring a tropical and northern Australian perspective informs national coastal policy and funding decisions; and
- receiving discounted annual-conference registration for all elected members and staff.

City of Darwin contributed to the Association's 2020 National Survey on Coastal Hazards through its then Senior Climate Change and Environmental Officer. The 2026 survey will use the same framework to document councils' experience and strengthen the national case for support. City of Darwin's renewed participation would add current evidence from a tropical capital. Mr Stokes also identifies the Association's collaborative research on short-term rental platforms as an example of work that gives councils access to research that might otherwise be prohibitively expensive. Membership aligns with Council's responsibilities for its coast and harbour, liveability and community resilience, and with its 2019 declaration of a climate emergency.

Financial implications

This motion, if endorsed, will refer an amount of \$5,233.94 including GST as a new budget initiative, to the 2027-28 financial year as part of the annual budget process. This fee is based on an estimated resident population of 90,035 as at 30 June 2025 using ABS Regional Population data released on 31 March 2026. It is anticipated that a minimal CPI increase amount would apply to the 2027-28 subscription amount.

References and appendices

Attachment 1

- Alan Stokes, Executive Director, Australian Coastal Councils Association Inc., correspondence to Councillor Julie Fraser, 8 September 2026. This supports the Association's role and activities, the ALGA Coastal Roundtable, City of Darwin's 2020 survey participation, the 2026 survey invitation, membership benefits and the 2026-27 fee.

Appendix B

- source 1 - NESP Earth Systems and Climate Change Hub, Climate Change in the Northern Territory: State of the Science and Climate Change Impacts, 2020, pp. 24-25: <https://environment.nt.gov.au/media/docs/climate-change-response/state-of-the-science-and-climate-change-impacts-final-report.pdf>
- source 2 - City of Darwin, Climate Emergency Discussion Paper 2020-2030: <https://engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/63409/widgets/317965/documents/188065>

Signed by me at Darwin this 10 September 2026

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COUNCILLOR JULIE FRASER

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

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- Facts and data
- Background context and historical information relating to the NOM
- What the next steps would be if the motion is passed, for example “a council report will be prepared and presented by 28 February 2023”

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or pricing has been obtained for this motion:

Public consultation requirements	No community consultation required to be a member of the association.
External consultant advice	N/A
Legal advice / litigation	N/A
Impacts to existing projects	There is a level of duplication between this Association and the work of the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors Climate Change Working Group which has an advocacy and reporting focus on climate change impacts for the capital cities across Australia.
Impact to FTE	The Environment team would be involved in reviewing any advocacy papers and reports developed by the Association, completing surveys and attending various member sessions.
Budget reallocation	Not required in the 2026/27 financial year as this motion refers the amount as a New Initiative to the 2027/28 budget process.
Capital investment	N/A
Officer time preparing the report requested in this motion	No report requested
Officer time in receiving and preparing this Administration Comment	1 hour



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8 September 2026

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Dear Cr Fraser,

BACKGROUND – AUSTRALIAN COASTAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION INC.

Following your attendance at the Coastal Roundtable session at the ALGA NGA in June and your recent query, I would like to provide some background about the Australian Coastal Councils Association Inc.

The Australian Coastal Councils Association Inc. is the only body that specifically represents the interests of Australia's coastal councils at a national level. It undertakes a broad range of activities in support of its member councils including:

- Facilitating the exchange of information between coastal councils on issues of mutual concern;
- Monitoring developments in coastal planning and management of interest to member councils;
- Commissioning collaborative research projects of relevance to coastal councils as the lead agency;
- Making strong representations to Federal and state government in relation to coastal matters;
- Conducting an annual conference to assist coastal councils to keep pace with coastal policy and technical developments and to share the findings of coastal research projects.

As you would be aware coastal councils are under continuing pressure in terms of responding effectively to a range of major challenges, including the current shortfall in resources for infrastructure and services, coastal erosion and the impacts of climate change. The Association has conducted an ongoing campaign to gain greater support from Federal and State Governments for coastal councils in their efforts to deal the wide range of issues they face, including coastal hazards. We are pleased that the Australian Government has a focus on disaster prevention and resilience, but there remain concerns for councils attempting to cope with more frequent and severe extreme weather events as well as coastal hazards.

National Survey on Coastal Hazards

In 2026, a key project for ACCA is to once again conduct a national survey of councils on their feedback of experiences of coastal hazards. This is something we did in 2020 and by using the same framework we hope to put forward a strong case on behalf of all coastal councils in Australia, and not just our member councils. In 2020 Jadde Leask, then Senior Climate Change and Environmental Officer at the City of Darwin completed a survey and we would value a response from the City, again this year. Accordingly, we will send an invitation and details to your Mayor.

Another example of the work undertaken by the Association was in response to the growth in listings on online short-term holiday rental platforms (STRs), such as Airbnb and Stayz. In response to concerns about the impact of this growth on coastal communities, in 2017-18 the Association commissioned a collaborative research project to identify how councils can respond effectively to the impact of online short-term holiday rental platforms. The study was undertaken by a research team headed by Professor Nicole Gurrán, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at The University of Sydney and focused on responses available to councils through their planning framework, rating regime, licensing and complaints mechanisms. The project included coastal councils as case studies. The study identified that coastal councils need different tools and strategies to address different sets of concerns around the amenity, tourism, infrastructure, cost burdens, and potential housing market impacts which are affecting local areas in different ways. A further research project to update and extend this important work was undertaken and the report was released last year. This provides valuable longitudinal data on this vexed and complex matter. Through a collaborative research project our member councils can be part of important research projects that may otherwise be prohibitively expensive.

Current membership

Our current membership base comprises coastal councils from around Australia, ranging from large metropolitan and regional councils such as the City of Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast Council in QLD, the City of Onkaparinga in SA, the City of Rockingham in WA, the City of Greater Geelong and Mornington Peninsula Shire Council in VIC and Clarence City Council in TAS, to smaller councils in rural areas. Our membership covers councils in iconic coastal locations including Busselton, Byron Bay, Kiama, Port Fairy and Victor Harbor.

Organisational structure

The Australian Coastal Councils Association Inc. is a not-for-profit Incorporated Association and has a Committee of Management comprising two elected representatives from each State. Meetings of the Committee are held monthly. Administrative support is provided by a Secretariat.

Membership benefits and involvement

Membership of the Association provides the opportunity for all elected members and staff in member councils to contribute to the development of coastal policy initiatives. Membership also enables coastal councils to share experiences and learnings with other member councils as they face the challenge of dealing with the complex challenges facing coastal communities all around Australia. The Association produces a monthly newsletter with topical articles. It also offers all elected officials and staff from member councils a discount on registration for its annual conferences. For example, the registration fees for the 2024 Australian Coastal Councils Conference held in late May last year were as follows:

Membership fees

Our organisation has an innovative operating model to ensure membership fees are kept at very modest levels for our member councils. Membership fees are set using ABS population data for individual councils and are

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issued for the financial year. These fees are adjusted annually in line with the March CPI in the past. For the 2026-2027 FY rather than increase membership fees by the annual CPI our Committee of Management considered it more appropriate to increase fees by only 3.5 % given the difficult and ongoing economic conditions.

The Association believes there is no doubt that by working collectively coastal LGAs can make greater progress in the effort to achieve a better deal for their communities than they can by acting individually.

Should the City of Darwin decide to join the Australian Coastal Councils Association inc., the annual membership fee would be \$5,233.94 (including GST) however we would adjust that to reflect the City joining on a prorate basis for this financial year. This figure is calculated on an estimated resident population of 90,035 as at 30 June 2025 based on the *ABS Regional Population* (Catalogue 3218.0 released 31 March 2026).

If you have any queries, don't hesitate to contact me or our Secretariat by email to info@coastalcouncils.org.au

Yours sincerely



ALAN STOKES

Executive Director

16.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - BAGOT ROAD VEGETATION CLEARING

Attachments: 1. **Draft Outgoing Correspondence Bunnings Darwin and Airport Development Group** [↓](#)

I, Councillor Julie Fraser, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 September 2026, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

1. THAT Council note the substantial vegetation clearing alongside Bunnings Darwin.
2. THAT Council approve, in the following terms, the letter at **Attachment 1** to be sent to the Chief Executive Officer for Bunnings Group Limited and the Chief Executive Officer for Airport Development Group.

REASON:**Purpose**

To obtain transparent information about the substantial vegetation clearing beside Bunnings Darwin, establish whether further habitat removal is planned, and seek a pause before any additional non-urgent clearing so that environmental impacts and community views can be properly considered.

Background

In August 2026, commuters and residents raised concern about extensive vegetation clearing beside Bunnings Darwin on Bagot Road. ABC Darwin reported that rumours attributing the works to a Bunnings car-park expansion were incorrect and that Airport Development Group was leading the project. No public statement located for this motion establishes that Bunnings directed the works. It is therefore appropriate to seek Bunnings' position as the prominent tenant and public-facing business, while directing the principal questions to Airport Development Group as the reported project lead.

ABC Darwin reported that Airport Development Group initially said the clearing formed part of preparation for a proposed \$30 million Bagot Road upgrade and was intended to improve visibility and safety, support future road infrastructure, and address an isolated area associated with anti-social behaviour. The Northern Territory Department of Logistics and Infrastructure subsequently said the works were Airport Development Group landscaping to create an airport precinct entry statement, and that the scope and footprint of the future road project were still being determined. Airport Development Group later said the works provide immediate sightline, safety, presentation and anti-social-behaviour benefits and reduce vegetation management required for a future intersection upgrade. These differing descriptions have contributed to legitimate public concern about transparency and necessity.

Airport Development Group also stated that approximately 30 cycads would be relocated or donated to a local nursery, 2,000 native saplings would be planted in Rapid Creek Reserve, and fauna identified during the works would, where practical, be relocated there. Public confidence requires enough detail to verify where, when and how these measures will occur, whether the receiving location is appropriate, and how planting survival and maintenance will be monitored.

Community sources have advised Councillor Fraser that vegetation clearing is planned to continue towards the water tanks near McMillans Road. This is an unverified community report, not an established fact. It nevertheless creates urgency for Airport Development Group to publish an accurate map, scope and timetable and for further non-urgent clearing to pause while that information and consultation are provided.

The land is controlled by Airport Development Group rather than City of Darwin, and this motion does not claim a Council approval, enforcement or land-management role. Council nevertheless has a legitimate advocacy role because the effects of large-scale habitat removal are experienced across the city by residents, road users and wildlife, and bear directly on Darwin's liveability and climate resilience.

City of Darwin identifies increasing canopy coverage, boosting biodiversity and creating shady, cool pedestrian links as part of its strategic direction for a cool, clean and green city. Council's Climate Emergency Response Strategy also includes resilience and adaptation. Loss of mature vegetation beside a major transport corridor can reduce shade and canopy, increase local heat exposure, fragment habitat, diminish visual amenity and affect community wellbeing. Newly planted saplings do not immediately replace the shade, habitat structure and cooling services of established vegetation.

This is increasingly important as Darwin and the Northern Territory become hotter. The CSIRO and Bureau of Meteorology state climate statement reports that the Northern Territory's average annual temperature has increased by 1.5 degrees Celsius since 1910. By late century, the Territory is projected to warm by about 1.5 to 2.5 degrees Celsius under a high-emissions pathway, with a central estimate of 2.0 degrees Celsius. CSIRO's Darwin heat-mitigation review also notes that the annual number of days above 35 degrees Celsius could rise from about 11 in 1995 to between 141 and 308 by 2070, depending on emissions. In a tropical city facing more frequent extreme heat, retaining mature canopy and habitat wherever practicable is basic climate adaptation and an essential part of maintaining liveability.

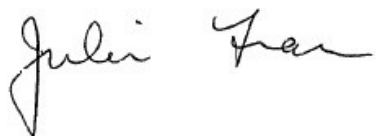
The World Health Organization's evidence reviews report an overall positive relationship between urban green and blue spaces and mental health. Trees, habitat and visible nature can provide everyday contact with the natural environment, respite from heat and noise, opportunities for recreation and social connection, and a stronger sense of place. The abrupt and poorly explained removal of familiar vegetation can also generate distress, grief, anger and powerlessness among citizens who value the landscape and wildlife. This does not prove a clinical mental-health effect from this single clearing event, but it makes citizens' mental health and wellbeing a relevant consideration alongside heat, habitat, biodiversity and liveability. The concern already expressed to councillors demonstrates that the community impact is real and should not be dismissed.

Darwin International Airport describes itself as custodian of a large and environmentally significant parcel of land and says it recognises the need to preserve and promote the site's ecological value. Airport Development Group also publicly states that sustainability is incorporated across its operations, community and environment. Social licence is distinct from legal authority: it depends on continuing community trust and acceptance. Timely disclosure, avoidance of unnecessary clearing and meaningful engagement would allow ADG and Bunnings to demonstrate good corporate citizenship and begin rebuilding diminished community confidence.

Financial Implications

The motion authorises correspondence and publication of the response. It does not authorise capital works or external consultancy expenditure. Officer time would be required to finalise and send the letter, receive the response and publish or report the material to Council.

Signed by me at Darwin this 10 September 2026



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COUNCILLOR JULIE FRASER

Appendix A

Evidence and Sources

Source	Link	Relevance
ABC Darwin Breakfast, Community speaks up over Bagot Road tree clearing, 24 August 2026	https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/darwin-breakfast/bunnings-tree-mix/107071074	Identifies ADG as project lead and reports its initial explanation, approximately 30 cycads, 2,000 native saplings and proposed fauna relocation.
ABC Darwin Breakfast, Lack of transparency over Bagot Road tree clearing really stinks, 27 August 2026	https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/darwin-breakfast/tree-clearing-update/107089998	Reports the differing explanations from ADG and the NT Department of Logistics and Infrastructure and comments from ornithologist Dr Amanda Lilleyman.
Darwin International Airport, Environment and sustainability	https://www.darwinairport.com.au/business/community/environment-sustainability	Describes the airport as custodian of environmentally significant land and states its ecological-value commitment.
Airport Development Group, Sustainability	https://www.adgnt.com.au/environment	States ADG's corporate sustainability commitments across its operations, community and environment.
Darwin International Airport, 2023 Master Plan	https://www.darwinairport.com.au/business/planning-development/airport-master-plan	Provides the approved strategic planning framework and access to the airport environment strategy.
City of Darwin, Tree Planting and Greening Program	https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/transforming-darwin/innovation/yourdarwin/cool-green-clean/tree-planting-greening-program	Links canopy, biodiversity, shade, cooling and liveability to Council's strategic direction.
City of Darwin, Climate Emergency Response Strategy	https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/transforming-darwin/climate-change/climate-emergency	Sets out Council's resilience, adaptation and emissions goals.
World Health Organization, Urban green spaces and health, 2016	https://www.who.int/europe/publications/i/item/WHO-EURO-2016-3352-43111-60341	Summarises evidence on the health benefits and pathways associated with urban green space.
World Health Organization, Green and blue spaces and mental health new evidence and perspectives for action, 2021	https://www.who.int/europe/publications/i/item/9789289055666	Reports an overall positive relationship between green and blue spaces and mental health.
CSIRO and Bureau of Meteorology, Northern Territory State Climate Statement	https://www.climatechangeinaustralia.gov.au/en/changing-climate/state-climate-statements/northern-territory/	Reports 1.5 degrees Celsius observed warming since 1910 and late-century warming projections for the Northern Territory.
CSIRO, Developing a Darwin Heat Mitigation Strategy literature review, 2020	https://research.csiro.au/darwinlivinglab/wp-content/uploads/sites/278/2020/11/CSIRO-Literature-Review-to-support-Darwin-	Reports the projected increase in Darwin days above 35 degrees Celsius and reviews the role of urban greening and shade in heat

	<u>HMS OCT2020.pdf</u>	mitigation.
Community correspondence to Councillor Julie Fraser, 9 September 2026	Not publicly available	Raises concern about the completed clearing and an unverified report that further clearing may be planned. Personal contact details are not reproduced.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

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- Facts and data
- Background context and historical information relating to the NOM
- What the next steps would be if the motion is passed, for example “a council report will be prepared and presented by 28 February 2023”

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or pricing has been obtained for this motion:

Public consultation requirements	Nil
External consultant advice	Nil
Legal advice / litigation	Nil
Impacts to existing projects	Nil
Impact to FTE	Nil
Budget reallocation	Nil
Capital investment	Nil
Officer time preparing the report requested in this motion	Nil
Officer time in receiving and preparing this Administration Comment	1 hour



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Dear

Vegetation clearing beside Bunnings Darwin on Bagot Road

City of Darwin writes regarding the recent vegetation clearing adjacent to Bunnings Darwin on Bagot Road and the significant community concern that has followed. Council seeks a clear explanation of the purpose of the works, the approvals and assessments that informed the decision, whether further clearing is proposed, and how the community will be engaged before any further non-urgent vegetation removal occurs.

Public statements concerning the purpose of the clearing appear to have varied, creating uncertainty within the community. Reporting by ABC Darwin indicated that Airport Development Group initially linked the works to preparation for the future Bagot Road upgrade. The Northern Territory Department of Logistics and Infrastructure subsequently confirmed that the clearing actually formed part of Airport Development Group landscaping works associated with an airport precinct entry statement and should not be interpreted as enabling works for the future Northern Territory Government road project. Airport Development Group later identified several immediate purposes for the clearing while noting that it would reduce future vegetation management requirements associated with a proposed intersection upgrade.

City of Darwin requests a joint response from Airport Development Group and Bunnings Darwin. Where relevant, each organisation should identify the matters for which it is responsible and confirm the accuracy of the information provided.

1. Who owns, leases, manages and controls the cleared land, and which entity requested, authorised, designed and carried out the works?
2. What was the precise purpose and business case for the clearing, and why was removal of the existing vegetation considered necessary to achieve that purpose?
3. What is the relationship, if any, between the clearing already undertaken and the proposed Bagot Road Safety and Capacity Upgrade?
4. What internal environmental-management requirements, assessments and decision criteria were applied? Please provide copies or public links to the relevant documents.

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5. What area has been cleared, how many trees, cycads and other plants were removed or disturbed, and what species, age or habitat values were recorded?
6. Is any further clearing proposed near Bunnings, along the Bagot Road frontage or towards the water tanks near McMillans Road? If so, please provide a map, estimated area, vegetation quantities, purpose and timetable.
7. What arboriculture, ecological, fauna, heat, shade, canopy, stormwater, amenity and cumulative-impact assessments were undertaken before the decision?
8. What design or management alternatives were considered to avoid clearing, retain mature trees, reduce the footprint or stage works only after the future road design is settled?
9. What consultation occurred before works began, including with Larrakia Traditional Owners, residents, environmental and wildlife organisations, neighbouring landholders, road users, businesses and other stakeholders? How did that consultation influence the decision?
10. Please substantiate the commitment to relocate or donate approximately 30 cycads, including the receiving nursery or locations, timing, responsibility, survival expectations and monitoring.
11. Please substantiate the commitment to plant 2,000 native saplings in Rapid Creek Reserve, including precise planting locations, land-manager approval, species and provenance, planting date, maintenance period, survival target, replacement program and public reporting.
12. What fauna surveys, pre-clearance inspections, fauna-spotter arrangements and relocation records were used, and how was the suitability of Rapid Creek Reserve as a receiving site assessed?
13. How were impacts on Darwin's liveability, canopy density, urban heat, birdlife and wildlife habitat, landscape character, and citizens' mental health and wellbeing considered, including distress caused by the sudden loss of a familiar green landscape?
14. What restoration, revegetation, shade or habitat measures will be delivered on or near the cleared site, beyond any off-site planting?
15. What knowledge did Bunnings have of the proposed and completed works, what involvement, if any, did it have in their planning or delivery, and what steps will it take to support transparency, community engagement and the avoidance of unnecessary future vegetation clearing?

Council calls on Airport Development Group, and asks Bunnings to support this request, to voluntarily cease any further non-urgent vegetation clearing in the Bunnings Darwin and Bagot Road frontage area until the proposed scope has been publicly disclosed, relevant environmental information has been released, and meaningful consultation has occurred. This request does not extend to emergency work required to address an immediate and documented safety risk.





City of Darwin acknowledges that the land is controlled by Airport Development Group, and that City of Darwin is not asserting an approval, enforcement or land-management role. This is an advocacy request based on the consequences for the city and its community. City of Darwin considers that transparency, meaningful engagement and demonstrated environmental stewardship are important to maintaining community confidence. The scale of the clearing and the uncertainty regarding its purpose have generated significant public concern and warrant a comprehensive response.

City of Darwin intends to make the response and supporting material publicly available, subject to any lawful confidentiality, privacy or commercial-in-confidence requirements.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Peter Styles
LORD MAYOR

30 September 2026

Sent via email

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16.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - CYCLONE TRACY MEMORIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AT EAST POINT RESERVE

Attachments: 1. Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc. Memorial Handover [↓](#)

I, Councillor Julie Fraser, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 September 2026, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

1. THAT Council note the information contained within this Notice of Motion – Cyclone Tracy Memorial Infrastructure at East Point Reserve.
2. THAT an amount of \$100,000 be referred to the 2027/28 budget process for consideration to enhance the existing infrastructure, landscaping and accessibility at the memorial area, including consideration up to the referred budget amount, for options such as;
 - (a) suitable seating, including accessible seating and consideration of shade;
 - (b) a drinking-water bubbler or refill station, including water connection, drainage and servicing requirements;
 - (c) modest landscaping and beautification appropriate to the memorial's purpose and the East Point setting; and
 - (d) any minor access or supporting works required for safe and inclusive use of the area;
3. THAT an amount of \$20,000 per annum be referred to the 2027/28 budget process for consideration of ongoing annual maintenance of any approved capital infrastructure, duly adjusted as part of the budget for process to align capital and maintenance value, considering;
 - (a) estimated annual increase in operating, cleaning, horticultural and asset-maintenance costs for the existing memorial area and each proposed improvement;

REASON:**Purpose**

To refer to the 2027/28 budget process and amount of funding to make modest improvements that would make the East Point Cyclone Tracy Memorial area more comfortable, accessible and welcoming, while respecting its commemorative purpose and the environmental character of East Point Reserve.

Background

Cyclone Tracy struck Darwin in the early hours of Christmas Day 1974 and remains one of the most significant events in the city's history. It caused widespread destruction, severed essential services, left tens of thousands of people homeless and resulted in 66 deaths.

The East Point memorial was designed by Techy Masero and supported by Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc., with grants from the Australian and Northern Territory governments and community donations. It was unveiled at a dawn ceremony on 25 December 2024 as part of the fiftieth-anniversary commemorations.

City of Darwin's official Cyclone Tracy commemoration material states that East Point was chosen because a Bureau of Meteorology map produced in 1975 shows it as the first point of landfall. The site now forms part of the Darwin Heritage Trail and provides a permanent place for remembrance, healing and education.

Community members have since identified a need for basic visitor amenities, including disability car parking space, seating, access to drinking water, beautification and dependable ongoing maintenance. Funding for works, feasible options, capital and recurrent costs are referred to the 2027/28 budget process.

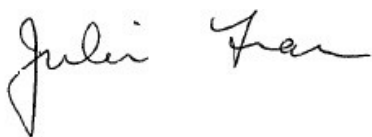
Financial Implications

This motion, if endorsed, will refer an amount of \$100,000 for capital works, plus an amount of \$20,000 ongoing maintenance to the 2027-28 financial year as part of the annual budget process.

Key sources

- City of Darwin, 'Memorial (East Point)', Cyclone Tracy 50th Anniversary Commemorations website.
- City of Darwin, 'Cyclone Tracy commemorative activities', 26 June 2024.
- Bureau of Meteorology, 'Severe Tropical Cyclone Tracy'.
- Official Transfer Document of the Cyclone Tracy Memorial to the People of Darwin (attached)

Signed by me at Darwin this 10 September 2026



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COUNCILLOR JULIE FRASER

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

In this section information is provided by officers to facilitate decision-making:

- Facts and data
- Background context and historical information relating to the NOM
- What the next steps would be if the motion is passed, for example “a council report will be prepared and presented by 28 February 2023”

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or pricing has been obtained for this motion:

Public consultation requirements	Nil - Noting that the Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc Committee has handed the asset over to City of Darwin and as such requirements would be via what is available and then Council to determine funding to meet varying options.
External consultant advice	N/A
Legal advice / litigation	N/A
Impacts to existing projects	As part of the new initiative process for 2026/27, water bubblers were requested for parks and green belts across the municipality and moving of the sign for the memorial at East Point to enable better photography. These were deemed a low priority by Elected Members and were proposed to be Better Suburbs projects. Interpretative signs across the municipality were also deemed a low priority, with funding to be sought through grants. Further the Lord Mayor brought a new initiative to the 2026/27 budget process for a relocation of the Cyclone Tracy Memorial sign and it was not funded by Elected Members and deemed a low priority. It is understood that the highest priority for community members is a wayfinding sign to the memorial. Wayfinding is currently not funded in the City of Darwin budget.
Impact to FTE	A project manager would be required to oversee this project. An external project officer could be appointed or alternatively a reprioritisation of work and budget could be endorsed.
Budget reallocation	Motion refers the amounts of \$100,000 for capital costs and \$20,000 for ongoing maintenance to the 2027/2028 budget process.
Capital investment	Funding would need to be found. There is currently no budget for these works.
Officer time preparing the report requested in this motion	Nil, no report requested
Officer time in receiving and preparing this Administration Comment	2 hours



OFFICIAL TRANSFER OF THE CYCLONE TRACY MEMORIAL TO THE PEOPLE OF DARWIN

Remembering Cyclone Tracy Incorporated is a committee established in January 2023 to ensure the voices and wishes of the Cyclone Tracy Survivor Community were heard and respected in planning for the 50th anniversary commemorations of that seminal event in Darwin's history at Christmas, 2024.

After listening to the expressed wish of survivors for a suitable permanent, dedicated memorial to Cyclone Tracy this became one of the Committee's main objectives.

We commissioned the Darwin artist, Techy Masero to design and largely build the memorial as it exists today. The five sculptural elements represent frangipani flowers dispersed by the wind while the shelter evokes twisted corrugated iron, the predominant building material at the time. The final element, the paths, ensure accessibility for the mobility impaired.

Financial support for the construction of the Memorial from the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments is gratefully acknowledged as is the support of the City of Darwin in agreeing to the location of the Memorial, significant as the first point of landfall of Cyclone Tracy.

We also acknowledge and thank the many people whose donations or other contributions to the Memorial project ensured its success.

It is with some pride and considerable satisfaction that the Committee hands over the area known as the Cyclone Tracy Memorial, to the Lord Mayor, The Honourable Peter Styles, and councillors of the City of Darwin representing the people of Darwin.

We gift the people of Darwin and those who visit the site, a respectful, evocative tribute in lasting local and national recognition of what was Australia's greatest natural disaster to that time.

26.09.2025

The Committee: Chair, Richard Creswick; Deputy Chair, Anita Watt; Public Officers, Richie Fejo and Rodney Gregg; Secretary/Treasurer, Catherine Phillips; Jeannette Button, Lindy Coats, Robyn Cooper-Radke, Robyn Garling, Costa Karaolias, Diana Kupke Sharon McAlear and Leonie McNally.

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16.5 NOTICE OF MOTION - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND ROAD SAFETY ASSESMENTS FOR WATERS WARD

Attachments: Nil

I, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 September 2026, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

1. THAT Council note the City of Darwin 2030: City for People, City of colour strategic plan to deliver best practice and sustainable infrastructure – supports safe, functional road networks and industrial access and the Place and Liveability Plan 2050 creating a safer, more connected and better functioning city.
2. THAT Council approve to undertake an assessment in accordance with the adopted City of Darwin Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) and Pedestrian Facility Guidelines to determine any local area traffic management and or pedestrian facility works for the following locations within Waters Ward:
 - a) Union Terrace, Wulagi;
 - b) Lee Point Road intersection precinct, Wulagi; and
 - c) Yanyula Drive, Anula/Wulagi.
3. THAT a report be presented to Council in January 2027 that provides the outcome of the LATM assessment including any recent incident summary, concept design options, associated cost estimates and any Black Spot funding eligibility.
4. THAT note that any proposed work will be prioritised against other identified LATM and or pedestrian crossing facilities projects for inclusion in a future works program and be referred to the 2027/28 budget process.

REASON:

Residents of Waters Ward have raised ongoing concerns regarding road safety at Union Terrace and Lee Point Road in Wulagi, together with excessive vehicle speeds and increasing traffic volumes along Yanyula Drive.

These locations are heavily utilised by residents, school students, pedestrians and motorists. There have been vehicle incidents reported by residents over recent years, creating concern that these areas may exhibit characteristics consistent with requiring Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) interventions or be within criteria to qualify for Black Spot location funding.

Yanyula Drive serves as a major collector road connecting surrounding suburbs and experiences high traffic volumes. Residents raised concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and residents accessing local facilities and crossing points.

City of Darwin maintains more than 450 kilometres of local roads and identifies road safety improvement projects as a key responsibility through partnerships with the Federal Government and the Northern Territory Government, including Black Spot and Local Area Traffic Management programs.

This motion supports City of Darwin's commitment to providing safe and efficient traffic flow and improving road safety outcomes across the municipality.

This motion aligns with the City of Darwin strategic priorities and Municipal Plan objectives which identify:

- Investment in connectivity and accessibility across the municipality.
- Ongoing road surfacing, reconstruction and infrastructure renewal.
- Prioritising everyday infrastructure and essential services that improve residents' quality of life.

City of Darwin objectives are to ensure safe, efficient and consistent city traffic flow and enhance road safety through Black Spot funding and Local Area Traffic Management programs.

The motion also supports the Northern Territory Government's Towards Zero Road Safety Action Plan 2024-2028, which seeks to reduce road trauma and improve road safety outcomes across the Territory.

Associated costs could be considered through a future City of Darwin budgets, with the LATM program or via opportunities to leverage Federal Black Spot Program funding.

This proactive approach will help ensure safer roads for residents, school children, cyclists, pedestrians and motorists throughout Waters Ward.

Signed by me at Darwin this 13 September 2026



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COUNCILLOR SYLVIA KLONARIS

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

In this section information is provided by officers to facilitate decision-making:

- Facts and data
- Background context and historical information relating to the NOM
- What the next steps would be if the motion is passed, for example “a council report will be prepared and presented by 28 February 2023”

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or pricing has been obtained for this motion:

Public consultation requirements	Nil for the purpose of feasibility report
External consultant advice	Maybe required for detailed cost estimates
Legal advice / litigation	Nil
Impacts to existing projects	There are a significant number or priority LATM and pedestrian facilities projects already identified and ranked under City of Darwin's LATM and Pedestrian Facilities Guidelines (Guidelines) This report will provide cost estimates for consideration, and this motion is seeking prioritisation of LATM funding for these projects and referral to the 2027/28 budget process. <u>Historical Officer Assessment Commentary</u> <i>Union Terrace, Wulagi</i> Union Terrace was recently assessed in accordance with City of Darwin's LATM and Pedestrian Facilities Guidelines. The assessment determined that physical traffic calming devices are not currently warranted. The results however did support the deployment of our trailer-mounted speed check signs as an educational measure to encourage compliance with the road's speed limit. As such, Union Terrace has been added to the list of locations for future deployment of the speed check signs. <i>Lee Point Road/Union Terrace intersection</i> Intersections of this nature are assessed annually as part of our municipality-wide Black Spot investigation. The most recent assessment found that the intersection did not meet the eligibility criteria for Black Spot funding. The next Black Spot investigation is expected to be completed before the end of December 2026. <i>Yanyula Drive, Anula/Wulagi</i> Yanyula Drive was also recently assessed in accordance with our LATM and Pedestrian Facilities Guidelines. The assessment identified a need for low-cost traffic calming measures and as a lower-priority site, it is currently earmarked for treatment in the 2035/36 financial year.
Impact to FTE	Refer officer time per below 20-25 hours to prepare this report.
Budget reallocation	Reprioritisation of design and assessment tasks scheduled in 26/27
Capital investment	To be advised in return report
Officer time preparing the report requested in this motion	20 to 25 hours
Officer time in receiving and preparing this Administration Comment	2 hours

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****19 GENERAL BUSINESS****20 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 27 October 2026, at 5:30 pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

21 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

27.1 Business Support

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(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.

27.2 City of Darwin Strategic and Priority Projects Review

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

27.3 Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Appointment of Chair

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

28.1 Brand Toolkit

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(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.

28.2 Advisory Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

28.3 Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Decision

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(f) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 25 August 2026

Unconfirmed

Reports, recommendations and supporting documentation can be accessed via the City of Darwin Website at www.darwin.nt.gov.au, or contact Customer Service on (08) 8930 0300.

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2026 AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris
Councillor Nicole Brown
Councillor Shani Carson
Councillor Julie Fraser
Councillor Edwin Joseph
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan
Councillor Mick Palmer
Councillor Peter Pangquee
Councillor Patrik Ralph
Councillor Sam Weston

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders
General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr
General Manager Corporate, Natalie Williamson
General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

APOLOGY:

Councillor Kim Farrar

GUESTS:

Nil

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We the members of City of Darwin acknowledge that we are meeting on Larrakia Country.

We recognise and pay our respects to all Larrakia people, Traditional Owners and Custodian Elders of the past and present.

We support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

We are committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

2 THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

Amen

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION ORD312/26

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:35 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION ORD313/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the apology from Councillor Kim Farrar, be received.

CARRIED 12/0

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

Nil

5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

RESOLUTION ORD314/26

Moved: Councillor Julie Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

1. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 27.1 – Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Appointment of Community Members.
2. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Patrik Ralph, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 15.1 – Incoming Correspondence - Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal - Local Government Councils Entitlements 2027.

CARRIED 12/0

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD315/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 July 2026 and the Special Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 August 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 12/0

8 MOVING OF ITEMS**8.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

8.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**27.1 ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS****RESOLUTION ORD333/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Appointment of Community Members be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint Tiffany Brown, Rikki Dehne, Jessica Simmons, Jorge Palma and Helen Pachos to the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee for a two-year term from 3 September 2026 to 2 September 2028.
3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 10/0

27.4 SWIMMING AUSTRALIA PROPOSAL**RESOLUTION ORD338/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Swimming Australia Proposal be received and noted.
1. THAT Council provide in-principle support for a five-year agreement with Swimming Australia to facilitate the hosting of high-performance camps at City of Darwin pools in preparation for the annual events and staging for the 2032 Brisbane Olympics.
2. THAT Council refer to the 2027/2028 budget process funding for a five-year sponsorship agreement with Swimming Australia of \$50,000 per annum consisting of \$30,000 in-kind and \$20,000 financial sponsorship.
3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 11/0

28.1 PARAP POOL RECTIFICATION WORKS UPDATE

RESOLUTION ORD339/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

2. 1. THAT the report entitled Parap Pool Rectification Works Update be received and noted.
3. 2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. 3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 11/0

28.2 CODE OF CONDUCT PANEL SUMMARY OF DECISION

RESOLUTION ORD340/26

Moved: Councillor Edwin Joseph

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

5. 1. THAT the report entitled Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Decision be received and noted.
6. 2. THAT this report and any attachments are not deemed confidential documents in accordance with Regulation 51(2)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.
7. 3. THAT the decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 10/0

RESOLUTION ORD341/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

THAT in accordance with Meetings Policy 0043.100.E.R, the meeting be suspended at 8:43 pm for 5 minutes to allow for discussion on the report relating to item 28.2 – Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Decision.

CARRIED 10/0**RESOLUTION ORD342/26**

Moved: Councillor Shani Carson
Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

THAT in accordance with Meetings Policy 0043.100.E.R, the suspension of the meeting be extended at 8:49 pm for an additional 5 minutes to allow for discussion on the report relating to item 28.2 – Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Decision.

CARRIED 10/0**RESOLUTION ORD343/26**

Moved: Councillor Edwin Joseph
Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

THAT in accordance with Meetings Policy 0043.100.E.R, the meeting be resumed at 8:54 pm.

CARRIED 10/0**28.3 ADVISORY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD344/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee
Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

8. 1. THAT the report entitled Advisory and Executive Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes be received and noted.
9. 2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
10. 3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 11/0**9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**10.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****RESOLUTION ORD316/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

THAT the following Public Questions and responses as tabled from Mr. Nick Kirlew regarding development application PA2026/0031 at Lot 1462 (4) Lindsay Street, be received and noted.

Question 1:

Was this decision to reallocate public road infrastructure and kerbside assets to a private commercial operation debated or voted on by the elected Council Chamber, or was it approved solely under administrative delegation by Council staff?

Response:

The administrative approval to convert two time-limited parking bays in front of the proposed development at 4 Lindsay Street, Darwin City to 15-minute parking was granted on the basis that the bays would not be reserved for the exclusive use of the development. Instead, they would remain available to all road users on a first-come, first-served basis, including traffic associated with the school.

Question 2:

What specific independent traffic safety and pedestrian risk assessments did the City of Darwin conduct regarding the active conflict between commercial hotel transit (taxis, ride-shares, delivery vans) and young children crossing during peak school drop-off and pick-up hours prior to issuing the letter of support?

Response:

As the proposed 15-minute parking bays are intended for public use rather than serving a specific development, it was determined that a formal traffic assessment was not required.

CARRIED 11/1

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

13 ACTION REPORTS

13.1 REVIEW OF SUFFICIENT INTEREST IN THE ASSESSMENT RECORD POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD317/26

Moved: Councillor Edwin Joseph

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

11. 1. THAT the report entitled Review of Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record Policy be received and noted.
12. 2. THAT Council adopt the revised Review of Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record Policy at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 12/0

13.2 REVIEW OF REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD318/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

RECOMMENDATIONS

13. 1. THAT the report entitled Review of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy be received and noted.
14. 2. THAT Council adopt the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy, provided at **Attachment 2**.

CARRIED 12/0

13.3 REVIEW OF BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT – ELECTED MEMBERS POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD319/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

15. 1. THAT the report entitled Review of Elected Members Breach of Code of Conduct Policy be received and noted.
16. 2. THAT Council adopt the revised Elected Members Breach of Code of Conduct Policy at **Attachment 2**.

CARRIED 12/0

13.4 APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION ORD320/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan

17. 1. THAT the report entitled Appointments to Council Executive and Advisory Committees be received and noted.
18. 2. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Administrative Review Committee** to 30 September 2027:
 19. Lord Mayor (Chair)
 20. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris
 21. Councillor Shani Carson;
 22. Councillor Julie Fraser;
 23. And that all remaining Elected Members are appointed as alternate members to the committee.
24. 3. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee** to 30 September 2027:
 25. Lord Mayor (Chair)
 26. Councillor Peter Pangquee;
 27. Councillor Mick Palmer;
 28. Councillor Shani Carson; and
 29. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
30. 4. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2027:
 31. Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan; and
 32. Councillor Kim Farrar as Alternate.
33. 5. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Reconciliation Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2027:
 34. Councillor Peter Pangquee; and
 35. Councillor Patrik Ralph as Alternate.
36. 6. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Sister City Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2027:
 37. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris; and
 38. Councillor Patrik Ralph as Alternate.
39. 7. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Youth Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2027:
 40. Councillor Patrik Ralph; and
 41. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris as Alternate.
42. 8. THAT Council note that the Lord Mayor holds the position of Ex-Officio for all Council Committees.
43. 9. THAT Council note that the Lord Mayor is directly appointed the following external committees for the whole of the 24th Term of Council:

- 44. Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM)
- 45. Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC)
- 46. 10. THAT Council note that Councillor Peter Pangquee and Councillor Sam Weston are Executive Board Members appointed to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) and that these appointments remain current until November 2026.

CARRIED 12/0

14 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan departed the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan re-joined the meeting at 6:03 pm.

14.1 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY 2026

RESOLUTION ORD321/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

- 47. THAT the report entitled Interim Monthly Financial Report – July 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

14.2 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

RESOLUTION ORD322/26

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan

- 48. THAT the report entitled Community Satisfaction Survey be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/1

Councillor Edwin Joseph departed the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Councillor Edwin Joseph re-joined the meeting at 6:05 pm.

14.3 ADVISORY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD323/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

- THAT the report entitled Advisory and Executive Committee Open Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15 CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Patrik Ralph departed the meeting at 6:07 pm due to a declared Conflict of Interest.

15.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - NORTHERN TERRITORY REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS ENTITLEMENTS 2027**RESOLUTION ORD324/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal - Local Government Councils Entitlements 2027 be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

Councillor Patrik Ralph re-joined the meeting at 6:12 pm.

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD325/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

Councillor Patrik Ralph acknowledged Australian South Sea Islander Recognition Day, observed annually on 25 August. 2026 marks the 32nd anniversary of the Commonwealth's formal recognition of Australian South Sea Islander people by former Prime Minister Paul Keating.

Earlier today, Councillor Patrik Ralph and Councillor Edwin Joseph attended a community gathering at Bennett Park organised by members of the Australian South Sea Islander community.

Councillor Patrik Ralph formally recognised Australian South Sea Islander people as a distinct cultural group within the Darwin community. Acknowledging their longstanding contribution to Darwin and Northern Australia and recognised the historical injustices suffered through the 19th century Blackbirding trade.

Furthermore, thanked Mr Patrick 'Paddy' Kanaka-Stephensen for his work in researching and preserving the local history of Australian South Sea Islander people.

17.2

Councillor Julie Fraser raised concerns expressed by Friends of Lee Point, and members of the community regarding the potential start of land clearing at Lee Point/Binyabara.

Councillor Fraser was seeking to ask a question following on from this statement and the Chair advised that they was raising a question in the incorrect section. Councillor Fraser continued to speak on the matter. Councillor Pangquee then raised a point of order regarding Councillor Fraser asking a question in the incorrect section and the Lord Mayor accepted this point of order however it did not go to vote as Councillor Fraser then withdrew pending the next section.

CARRIED 12/0

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**18.1 RESPONSE TO COUNCIL REQUEST FOR A SENATE INQUIRY INTO THE DHA LEE POINT PROJECT****RESOLUTION ORD326/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

Question:

Councillor Julie Fraser asked whether any responses had been received to Council's correspondence requesting a senate inquiry into the Defence Housing Australia (DHA) development at Lee Point/Binybara. The letter was sent to the relevant Federal Ministers; Member for Solomon, Luke Gosling MP; Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy; Northern Territory Chief Minister, Lia Finocchiaro; and Northern Territory Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment, Joshua Burgoyne.

Response:

Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders, advised the correspondence was sent in accordance with the Council resolution and confirmed that no responses had been received from any of the recipients to date.

CARRIED 12/0**18.2 KARAMA COMMUNITY GARDEN****RESOLUTION ORD327/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

Question:

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired whether the power and water outage at the Karama Community Gardens over the weekend had been rectified.

Response:

General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr, advised they have no information on the power supply, but the water outage was caused by the water mains being turned off. Officers attended the site and restored the water supply and will return tomorrow to ensure everything is operating as normal.

CARRIED 12/0

19 GENERAL BUSINESS**19.1 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR****RESOLUTION ORD328/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT Council appoint Councillor Sam Weston as the Deputy Lord Mayor for the period 30 September 2026 to 29 January 2027.

CARRIED 12/0

19.2 PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN-UP**RESOLUTION ORD329/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Shani Carson acknowledged the significant community response to Council's decision to postpone the annual pre-cyclone clean-up until May 2027. Noting the strong concerns expressed by members of the community and reflecting that, regardless of differing views on the decision, it is important to consider how significant service changes are communicated and how the community is engaged throughout the process.

CARRIED 12/0

20 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 29 September 2026, at 5:30 pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

21 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the Local Government Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

27.1 Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Appointment of Community Members

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

27.2 Shoal Bay Operations

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

27.3 Advisory Committees Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(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.

27.4 Swimming Australia Proposal

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

28.1 Parap Pool Rectification Works Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) and 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person and subject to subregulation 51(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.

28.2 Code of Conduct Panel Summary of Decision

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(f) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

28.3 Advisory and Executive Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

30.1 Notice of Motion - Operations Program

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local

Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

29.1 Incoming Correspondence - Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development - Northcrest Housing Estate

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(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.

22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

RESOLUTION ORD330/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:32 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 9:35 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 9:35 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 September 2026.

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CHAIR