



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT Council Chambers Winnellie NT  
ON Tuesday 29 July 2025  
AT 10:00 am

The meeting commenced at 10:27.

**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

West Daly Regional Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of the lands on which we live and work, paying our respect to Elders past, present and in the future.

**2 PRESENT APOLOGY AND ABSENT**

| ELECTED MEMBERS    | POSITION     | PRESENT | APOLOGY | ABSENT |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|---------|--------|
| John Wilson        | Mayor        | x       |         |        |
| Terry Sams         | Deputy Mayor | x       |         |        |
| Mark Tunmuck-Smith | Councillor   | x       |         |        |

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

John Thomas

Karen Parry

Alston George

Shoshana Hill

**POSITION**

Chief Executive Officer

Director of Corporate Services

Acting People and Culture Manager

Governance Officer

**VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Annunciata Wilson

Karl Lukanovic

**REPRESENTING**

Member of Public

Member of Public

## APOLOGY ACCEPTANCE

Resolution: **COCM-2025/23**

**1. That the members present achieve quorum.**

Moved: *Mayor John Wilson*

Seconded: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*

Carried 3 / 0

## 3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith declared an interest in Confidential item no 9.2.3 - Interest Accrued on overdue Rates.

## 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Elected Members brought forward the General Business to allow guests to speak.

Karl Lukanovic and Annunciata Wilson were invited by the Elected Members to talk during the General Business section of the Agenda.

**Election:** Elected Members and guests discussed the importance of the upcoming Local Government General election and all agreed the community needs strong leadership from their elected members.

**Community Social Issues:** members present, and guests discussed the Social Issues that have been impacting the Community, guests placed particular emphasis on issues related to alcohol/other contraband and vandalism of council equipment. There was consensus that there needs to be more engagement between Council and Local Police about alcohol issues fueling Safety Concerns.

**Cultural Meetings:** Members present and guests discussed that clan groups should come together to talk about Anti-Social behavior. Members agreed that when the new Council is elected, Members and Council will hold a workshop to consider creating structured committees that focus on "Healthy Families" and "On Country Training" (including Local Trade Programs).

Alston George left the meeting at 10:56.

Karl Lukanovic and Annunciata Wilson left the meeting at 11:01.

The meeting took a break @11:01 and recommenced at 11:14

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 4.1 Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 June 2025

Resolution: **COCM-2025/24**

1. That the Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 June 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Seconded: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*

Carried 3 / 0

## 5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

### 5.1 Finance report for month ending 30 June 2025

Resolution: **COCM-2025/25**

1. That the Council receives and approves the Finance Report dated 30 June 2025.

Moved: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*

Seconded: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Carried 3 / 0

**Action:** Finance to include the breakdown of who owes monies to Council in the Finance report.

## 6 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

### 6.1 Minutes of the Wadeye Local Authority meeting held on 16 July 2025

Resolution: **COCM-2025/26**

1. That Council receives and notes the minutes from the Wadeye Local Authority meeting held on 16 July 2025; and
2. Proposes the following project priorities for 2025-26 be documented for the Wadeye Local Authority area:
  - a. Community Events
  - b. Consideration of Cemetery Location
3. That the Council approves the following recommendations
  - a. That the Wadeye Local Authority revoke the contribution to Orange Sky for \$10,000 due to another community stakeholder providing this service; and that the funds be redirected to overspent projects.
  - b. That the Local Authority commits a further \$65,000 to the Walkway / Stairs towards 100-man camp.
  - c. The Local Authority commits \$50,000 to animal management programs in the Wadeye region.
  - d. That the Local Authority commits \$260,000 towards the operational requirements for the Wadeye Swimming Pool.
  - e. That the Mathape Fence – Cemetery underspend of \$1888 be redirected to projects which encountered overspends.

Moved: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*  
Seconded: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Carried 3 / 0

**Action:** Investigate comments that there is no fencing/shed around the Peppienarti Burial Site.

**Action:** Request new sign showing Wadeye Local Authority proudly support the Wadeye Pool.

## **7 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **7.1 Correspondence Report**

Resolution: **COCM-2025/27**

#### **1. That Council notes and accepts the correspondence.**

Moved: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*  
Seconded: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Carried 3 / 0

## **9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

*The meeting moved to closed session at 11:46.*

### **MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda:-

Moved: *Councillor Terry Sams*  
Seconded: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*

## **9.1 CONFIRMATION OF CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

### **9.1.1 Confidential session of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 June 2025**

**Regulation 51(1)(c)(i)** - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

**Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii)** - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.*

## **9.2 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION**

### **9.2.1 Ratification of the Common Seal - Services Australia 2025-26 Host Contract**

**Regulation 51(1)(d)** - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*

### **9.2.2 Ratification of the Common Seal - 2025-26 Homelands HMES Agreement**

**Regulation 51(1)(d)** - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*

### **9.2.3 Waiver of Interest Accrued on overdue Rates**

**Regulation 51(1)(b)** - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(b). It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*

### **9.2.4 Debt Write off**

**Regulation 51(1)(b)** - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(b). It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*

### **9.2.5 Notification of application for general restricted area by the Northern Territory Government**

**Regulation 51(1)(b)** - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(b). It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*

## **9.3 CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.3.1 Confidential Correspondence Report**

**Regulation 51(1)(c)(iv)** - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iv). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.*

*The meeting returned to open session at 12:33*

## 10 MEETING CLOSE

*The meeting closed at 12:33*

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the unconfirmed minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025.