

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
24 AUGUST, 2021 AT 5:30PM IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

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1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Opening of the Meeting by the Mayor (Chair)

Mayor Damien Ryan declared the meeting open at **5.31pm** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

Mayor Ryan acknowledged the Central Arrernte people who are the traditional owners and custodians of Alice Springs.

Media present ABC Alice Springs.

PRESENT

Mayor D. Ryan (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor J. Price  
Councillor G. Auricht  
Councillor J. Cocking  
Councillor J. De Brenni  
Councillor E. Melky  
Councillor M. Paterson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Ms S. Taylor – Director Corporate Services and Acting Director Community Development  
Mr D. Nellikat – Acting Director Technical Services  
Mr A. Geppa – Media Officer  
Mrs K. Sanders - Executive Assistant (Minutes)  
Mr J. van Riel – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

2. PRAYER

Pastor Gavin Brown from Alice Springs Baptist Church delivered the prayer for the meeting.

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3. APOLOGIES

Councillor M. Banks  
Councillor C. Satour

Moved – Councillor Paterson  
Seconded – Councillor Cocking

**That the apologies be accepted.**

CARRIED (21824)

4. WELCOME

Nil

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 27 July 2021

Moved – Councillor Cocking  
Seconded – Councillor Auricht

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 27 July 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.**

CARRIED (21825)

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#### 7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

##### 7.2.1 Councillor Cocking – Item 14.1.1.2 - Energy use increases for Library and ASALC

Councillor Cocking requested an update on the energy use increase in the Library during the COVID-19 lockdown.

CEO Robert Jennings took the question on notice.

##### 7.2.2 Councillor Cocking – Item 15.1.2.4 - Council Connects Newsletter

Councillor Cocking requested an update on the data available around the Council Connects newsletter.

CEO Robert Jennings clarified that additional time is required to produce a more comprehensive data report.

### 8. MAYORAL REPORT

#### 8.1 Mayor's Report Report No. 415 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

**That the Mayor's Report be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21826)

#### 8.2 Business Arising from the Report

##### 8.2.1 Councillor Cocking – Item 1.2 - Hexagon Energy Materials Limited Meeting

Councillor Cocking enquired on the nature of the meeting.

Mayor Damien Ryan advised that Chief Operations Officer, Lianne Grove and Director, Gary Plowright were in Alice Springs and met with the Mayor to provide him with a briefing on their Hydrogen project.

### 9. ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### 9.1. That Elected Members and Officers provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

Nil

10. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

11. PETITIONS

Nil

12. MEMORIALS

Mayor Damien Ryan noted the sad passing of two local icons, Mrs Emmie Wehr, Australia's first indigenous female horse trainer licenced by the Australian racing industry and the town's longest serving horse trainer, and local identity Mrs Maria Diano.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

14. FINANCE

14.1. Finance Report  
Report No. 413 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

**That the report be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21827)

14.1.1 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

15. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

15.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

15.1.1. CEO Report  
Report No. 416 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Paterson  
Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

**That the CEO report be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21828)

15.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

15.1.2.1 Councillor Cocking – Old TCA Building Update

Councillor Cocking requested clarification of any encumbrances of previous development applications that might have been considered for the building.

CEO Robert Jennings took the question on notice.

15.1.2.2 Mayor Damien Ryan – Gregory Terrace Footpath

Mayor Damien Ryan enquired on the maintenance for the remainder of the public footpath on Gregory Terrace that was not replaced with concrete.

CEO Robert Jennings responded that Council are looking at a new cleaning method to meet the required performance criteria, in the meantime, there have been additional runs of cleaning in the CBD.

CEO Robert Jennings took on notice around the frequency of the additional cleaning.

15.1.2.3 Mayor Damien Ryan – Federal Government Funding for Southern End of Todd Mall

Mayor Damien Ryan enquired where Council have advanced to with the Federal Government Infrastructure fund to be spent by the end of December to fix the southern end of the Todd Mall.

CEO Robert Jennings responded that tenders have closed and suppliers have been selected for the furniture and shade structures. The installation of the paving surface has also been awarded.

Acting Director Technical Services Dilip Nellikat confirmed there is no further updates other than what has been provided by CEO Robert Jennings.

Mayor Damien Ryan expressed his concern for the maintenance of the bricks in the mall and was under the impression that concrete was to be in replacement of the bricks.

Councillor de Brenni questioned why a design consultation is required for the laying of concrete.

CEO Robert Jennings responded the consultants are working with Council to match the designs drawn already.

15.1.2.4 Councillor de Brenni – Proposed Website Development - Cemeteries

Councillor de Brenni enquired on the proposed development of Council's website to locate the burial site of loved ones within the Alice Springs Cemeteries and if the information would also be available on an app and not just on the Council website.

Councillor Cocking advised that the first step is for the database to be searchable on the website then it can be developed further.

Discussion ensued.

CEO Robert Jennings advised Acting Director Technical Services Dilip Nellikat will provide a report to the new Council.

15.1.2.5 Mayor Damien Ryan – Item 30.1 - Dog Attack

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 28.1.2.1)*

Mayor Damien Ryan enquired if the recommendation regarding this matter from 13 July Ordinary Council Meeting can be released out of confidential:

- A. That Council requires the dogs at Lot 7835 Lillecrapp Road be declared under the Alice Springs Town Council Animal Bylaws.**
- B. That this recommendation be released out of confidential on the completion of the above.**

**CARRIED (21789)**

CEO Robert Jennings confirmed that the recommendation can be moved to open.

15.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil

15.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

15.3.1 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Seniors Coordinating Committee – 21 July 2021

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

**That the minutes of the Seniors Coordinating Committee Meeting held on 21 July, 2021 be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21829)

Mayor Damien Ryan thanked Councillor de Brenni for chairing the Seniors Coordinating Committee Meetings during his term.

15.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

15.4.1 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Sports Facilities Advisory Committee – 29 July 2021

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

**That the minutes of the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting held on 29 July, 2021 be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21830)

Councillor Cocking noted for the 14<sup>th</sup> Council to ensure early on that the Alice Springs Sports Facilities Masterplan is circulated to all Elected Members.

Mayor Damien Ryan confirmed training will occur for every Elected Member on the 14<sup>th</sup> Council, and Committees themselves will know the uptake.

Recommendations of Sports Facilities Advisory Committee - 29 July 2021

15.4.2.1 Oval Closure Notification Process

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Paterson

**That SFAC recommends to reinstate a consultative process with the sports association before decisions are made to close the facilities.**

DEFERRED

Councillor Cocking noted the action to reinstate a consultative process with the sports association in relation to the new oval closures and enquired if it has been integrated into processes yet. Acting Director Technical Services Dilip Nellikat confirmed the process of closure will be looked at and Council will find a way to work with other stakeholders.

Councillor Melky requested the Oval Closure Notification Process resolution be deferred for the 14th Council to decide.

Mayor Damien Ryan thanked Councillor de Brenni and Councillor Cocking for their acting roles as Chair of the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee.

15.4.3 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Development Committee – 3 August 2021

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

**That the minutes of the Development Committee Meeting held on 3 August, 2021 be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21831)

Mayor Damien Ryan thanked Councillor Auricht for chairing the Development Committee Meeting during his term and also members for their work on each Development Committee Meeting.

15.4.4 CONFIDENTIAL Heavy Plant and Equipment Report  
Report No. 418 / 21 cncl

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 28.4.1)*

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

**That this report be noted.**

CARRIED (21837)

CEO Robert Jennings put forward the following action:

**Review the procurement policy early in the incoming term of the 14<sup>th</sup> Council inclusive of ensuring greater local content, a review of the tender rating system and ensuring that local maintenance providers have the ability to supply Plant and Equipment.**

16 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

16.1 Councillor Melky – Chamber of Commerce Meet the Minister - Business and Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group Meeting

Councillor Melky enquired as to whether the Mayor of Alice Springs received an invitation to attend the Chamber of Commerce and meet with the Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Police, the Hon Nicole Manison MLA.

Mayor Damien Ryan advised that after accepting the invitation he was disinvented by the Chamber of Commerce due to a lack of space and the Chamber prioritising the attendance of local business representatives.

This decision by the Chamber of Commerce was seen as disappointing by the Mayor and Elected Members.

16.2 Councillor Cocking – 2021/22 Financial Year Rates Notice Issues

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 29.3)*

Councillor Cocking enquired as to why a pamphlet on Gamba Grass weed management was included in the 2021/22 Financial Year Rates Notice.

Mayor Damien Ryan advised that the pamphlet was intended for two northern Councils and was included in our rates notice in error by the postal service. Council's Media Unit will be advising the public on social media of the error.

Mayor Damien Ryan also mentioned the incorrect due date for the second instalment of rates was printed on the notice. This will be corrected by the printing company and a new rates notice will be issued.

Councillor de Brenni suggested including a message in the new rates notice on the pensioner concessions and the process for pensioners to claim the concession on their rates.

Mayor Damien Ryan advised that residents will need to hold onto their original rates notices as the Regional Waste Management vouchers will not be issued on the reprinted notice.

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 Councillor de Brenni

Councillor de Brenni thanked the 13<sup>th</sup> Alice Springs Town Council for the last four years as Councillor and the organisation for the last six years and wished everyone the best.

18 MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

Media matters will be covered via the media attendance at this meeting.

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19 NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday 29 September 2021 at 5.30pm**

20 ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Damien Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at **6.04pm**

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

**The Council stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.**

CARRIED (21832)

Confirmed on \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_