

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL** MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY  
7 MAY 2020 IN ALICE SPRINGS

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*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this special meeting was held via Zoom teleconference.*

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Opening of the Meeting by the Mayor (Chair)

The Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting open at **12.33pm** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

Welcome to the Advocate, Alice Springs News and ABC Alice Springs

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

PRESENT

Deputy Mayor M. Paterson (Chair)

Councillor M. Banks

Councillor J. Cocking

Councillor E. Melky

Councillor J. Price

Councillor C. Satour

Councillor J. de Brenni

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Mr S. Allen – Director Technical Services

Ms S. Taylor – Director Corporate Services

Ms C. Ashard – Media and Communications

Mrs E. Williams – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

2. APOLOGIES

Mayor D. Ryan

Councillor G. Auricht

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That the apologies be accepted.**

CARRIED (20593)

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

5. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

5.1 200309 Letter from Minister Wakefield to Mayor Ryan re. NAAG

5.2 200408 Letter to Mayor Ryan from Ministers Moss and Wakefield re. NAAG

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Banks

**That standing orders be removed**

CARRIED (20594)

Deputy Mayor Paterson advised Elected Members that Item 5.3 has been provided under a separate seal and will remain Confidential.

Councillor Banks as the convener of this meeting was asked if there was a resolution to be considered. She responded that the meeting was called as a direct response to the public comments made by Minister Wakefield on the compulsory acquisition of ANZAC Oval.

Councillor Melky asked the CEO for clarity on the report and it being moved from Confidential into Open. The CEO advised that the Council Solicitor provided the advice under legal privilege therefore, under the Act if advised that the document is Confidential, Council are obligated to follow that advice.

Councillor Melky asked the CEO why the Minister stated that the NT Government were yet to receive a response to the letter dated 8 April 2020 (Item 5.1). The CEO advised that a response was provided on 6 May 2020 and the reason for the delay was that Council were hoping for further decisions by the Elected Members on additional acquisition aspects which due to the urgency of the COVID-19 pandemic, were unable to be achieved in a timely manner.

The Elected Members present agreed that many attempts have been made to work with the NT Government on this issue and are yet to receive responses to the requests for evidence of support of Custodians and concept drawings of the proposed Gallery.

There is unanimous support for the National Aboriginal Art Gallery to be in Alice Springs but the right location needs to be found.

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Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Banks

**That standing orders be resumed**

CARRIED (20595)

RESOLUTION

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Banks

**In relation to Lot 678, Wills Terrace, Alice Springs Town Council will challenge any attempt made by the NT Government to compulsory acquire Anzac Oval.**

UNANIMOUS  
CARRIED (20596)

6. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING

Deputy Mayor Paterson declared the meeting adjourned at **1.45pm**

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

CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_