

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
09 DECEMBER 2019 AT 6:00PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Opening of the Meeting by the Mayor (Chair)

The Mayor Damien Ryan declared the meeting open at 6.01pm and welcomed all present to the meeting.

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

PRESENT

Mayor D. Ryan (Chair)
Councillor G. Auricht
Councillor M. Banks
Councillor J. Cocking
Councillor J. de Brenni
Councillor E. Melky
Councillor M. Paterson
Councillor J. Price
Councillor C. Satour

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Mr S. Allen – Director Technical Services
Mr S. Duke – Acting Director Corporate and Community Services
Mr E. Wlodarczyk – Acting Director Finance
Jason van Riel – Senior Executive Assistant (Minutes)
Emma Williams – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

2. PRAYER

Fr Raass of the Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church in Alice Springs presented the prayer preceding the meeting.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. WELCOME TO THE GALLERY AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Ross Wade – Alice Springs Resident

Ms Wade enquired if Mayor Ryan would be able to secure a meeting with Chief-Minister Gunner to discuss youth issues in Alice Springs?

Mayor Ryan advised that there will be discussion in the chamber on the topic, and took the question on notice to respond.

4.2 Jackie Anderson – Alice Springs Resident

Ms Anderson enquired with Mayor Ryan will do about the youths on the street.

CEO Robert Jennings responded that this issue is of great concern to the Elected Members and they are helping the Northern Territory Government to make the leadership questions they have as it is their responsibility. In the short term Council will approach the Northern Territory Government to fix the immediate issues now. In the long term the CEO has been given a mandate to come up with a position to be able to work on these matters urgently now and be able to find a long term solution.

Council also currently runs 15 to 18 different programs for youth, to try and help some of the issue and support youth generally.

4.3 Julie Sanderson – Alice Springs Resident

Ms Sanderson enquired if Mayor Ryan and Council can lobby and bring to the table relevant Aboriginal organisations and town community elders to be part of addressing the town's problem with youth on the street.

Mayor Ryan advised that Donna Ah Chee last week called meetings with the various Aboriginal organisations, which was attended by the CEO. Council will continue working with these organisations.

Mayor Ryan also complimented Donna Ah Chee for calling the organisation together to discuss youth at large.

CEO Robert Jennings advised that he held 17 meetings with key people in the last week and a half, including the Police Commissioner and Minister Wakefield, to look at solutions to solve the current problem as quickly as possible.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting of the Council held on Monday 25 November 2019

Moved Councillor Melky
Seconded Councillor Auricht

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held Monday 25 November 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

CARRIED (20738)

6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

6.2.1 Councillor Melky – Letter to the Minister for Education

Councillor Melky enquired if Council received a response to the letter that was sent to the Minister for Education.

CEO Robert Jennings advised that no response has been received.

6.2.2 Councillor Melky – Item 13.3.7 Kwatja – Water Play Space

Councillor Melky enquired if Council received a response from the Minister.

CEO Robert Jennings advised that it was presented to the Minister, but no response has been received. There are currently ongoing CBD Revitalisation meetings, but the Kwatja Water Play Space hasn't been specifically mentioned at these meetings.

7. MAYORAL REPORTS AND MINUTES

7.1 Mayor's Report
Report No. 219/19cncl

Moved Councillor Cocking
Seconded Councillor de Brenni

That the Mayor's Report be received.

CARRIED (20739)

7.2 Business arising from the Report

7.2.1 Councillor Cocking – Item 3.8 Lord-Mayors Climate Emergency Roundtable in Darwin.

Councillor Cocking enquired as to what insights were gained at the Lord-Mayors Climate Emergency Roundtable in Darwin.

Mayor Ryan responded that a report will be sent from the Roundtable, which will be shared with the Elected Members. There was a focus on education to ensure that the community knows what is happening in this space.

8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor reports for the month of December included in the CEO Report for December.

9. ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 9.1 That Elected Members and Officers provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.
- 9.2 Councillor Paterson – SFAC
- 9.3 Councillor Paterson – Gap Youth Centre
- 9.4 Councillor Melky – Correspondence received from Hon Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
- 9.5 Councillor Cocking – Parson Street
- 9.6 Councillor Cocking – Planter boxes in the Todd Mall
- 9.7 Councillor de Brenni – Staff Christmas party

10. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

10.1 Volunteering NT – Ms Rachael Bowker

Ms Bowker gave an overview of volunteering in the Northern Territory, and specifically Alice Springs. Volunteering NT support organisations that have volunteering programs through resources, advice and professional development to volunteer managers, including grant writing and conflict mediation.

Volunteering NT runs Volunteer Assist, this is a program that helps organisations with volunteers, matching potential volunteers with organisations through the Volunteering NT database. There are currently 70,000 volunteers in the Northern Territory and 23,000 volunteers in Alice Springs, this is higher than the national average. However, volunteering numbers are declining in the Northern Territory due to the transient nature of the population, especially retirees and young people do not tend to stay in the NT. Workers don't become long-term volunteers, and therefore organisations struggle to find volunteers. Volunteering NT is currently running a survey for all Alice Springs organisations about their volunteer program, but so far the three main things organisations struggle with are:

1. Recruiting volunteers
2. Retaining volunteers
3. Find specialist volunteers

Ms Bowker thanked Council for sponsoring a "Volunteer of the Year" category. Mayor Ryan enquired how people that are interested in volunteering can interact with

Volunteering NT.

Ms Bowker responded that most people google and find the Volunteering NT website, or otherwise find volunteering opportunities through social media. At the moment the Volunteering NT position in Alice Springs is vacant, but recruitment will start in 2020 to fill the 3 days a week position in Alice Springs.

Councillor Auricht enquired about the level of training the volunteers need, for example the requirement for an ochre card or police check, or even the need for a Cert 3 or Cert 4. This can be a disincentive to people who just want to rock up and help.

Ms Bowker responded that certain screening is required (for example the ochre card). Organisations need to be smart how to proceed with this and help potential volunteers meet the requirements.

Councillor de Brenni enquired how it works with the “volunteer database” and what the working relationship is between Volunteering NT and organisations.

Ms Bowker responded Volunteering NT doesn't collect the names of volunteers through the database, it just passes on the name of interested volunteers to the organisation needing the volunteer. Volunteering NT doesn't work much with the bigger organisations as they generally have a good sense of what they need and they are on top of sourcing the volunteers. Volunteering NT tends to deal more with the little organisations that struggle to attract volunteers.

Councillor Cocking enquired if Volunteering NT also works with organisations to help build their capacity to host volunteers.

Ms Bowker stated that Volunteering NT works with organisations and helps them meet the “national standards of good practice for volunteer management” that helps with their volunteer program. Volunteering NT also provides assistance to organisations with their recruitment strategy or their volunteering strategy. Setting up a volunteering program is a free service that Volunteering NT provides to not-for-profit organisations. Currently Alice Springs is supported from the Darwin office, but the hope is that a new person will start by the end of February.

10.2 Library Service Review and Strategy Development Report – Mr Roger Henshaw and Ms Victoria Anderson

Councillor Melky left the chamber at 6.38pm

Councillor Melky returned to the chamber at 6.41pm

Councillor Cocking enquired if libraries tend to get Federal Government funding, or does most funding come from State or Territory Governments.

Mr Henshaw responded that libraries do get Federal Government infrastructure funding, but most funding does come from State Government.

Councillor Paterson left the chamber at 6.48pm

Councillor Paterson returned to the chamber at 6.50pm

Councillor de Brenni enquired if consultation will also occur with school librarians in Alice Springs.

Mr Renshaw advised that they are currently identifying all the key stakeholders, but that it is important for public libraries and school libraries to work together.

Councillor Banks stated the importance of libraries, and that the library is overwhelmingly the most social-inclusive space available. Including youth in the design of the library is important, and the library will be an important factor in tackling youth issues, as well as take the load off youth services. Libraries are safe, inviting and connecting, especially for those who are disadvantaged.

Mr Renshaw stated that the Alice Springs Public Library has been “owning” this, and doing a fantastic job in the youth space. Libraries worldwide are becoming more inclusive and are integrating different social service aspects into the library’s fabric.

11. MEMORIALS

Nil

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor Melky – Youth Curfew Strategy

I Councillor Eli Melky hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the next Alice Springs Town Council Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for Monday 09 December 2019:

- A. The Alice Springs Town Council call on the Northern Territory Government to implement a youth curfew strategy for a 12 Month trial period, whereby "unsupervised" (means not in the care of an appropriate adult) children 15 years and under, are taken into care, if found on the streets of Alice Springs at night between the hours of 10pm and 5am, as a means of addressing the increasing levels of anti-social behaviour in Alice Springs, and**
- B. Call on the Northern Territory Government to establish, or utilise current venues where children can be taken and cared for while the youth workers, Police and other youth service providers are able to establish a connection to a parent or Guardian and a safe place for these children to be accommodated, and**
- C. That the Northern Territory Government in consultation with ASTC, undertake an independent review into the curfew after 12 months.**

Mover: Councillor Eli Melky

Seconder: Councillor Matt Paterson

Supporting Information to Motion:

The town is in the grip of a crime wave perpetrated largely by youth roaming in groups and go unchecked. They fear no authority of any kind.

Recent acts of violence on members of our community have made the situation untenable. I fear that the situation will get worse if we do not act now.

Much debate on the issue has been had over many years dating back to November 27 2006, where the Council passed a night time youth strategy motion. We must take the next step and call for a youth curfew as part of an immediate response.

The safety of the Alice Springs Community and that of our visitors depends on it.

To date whatever successive NT Governments have done has not been effective enough, more must be done; something different has to be tried.

The Council call on the NT Government to fund and resource the necessary measures required to implement a night time youth curfew immediately.

CEO Robert Jennings advised that a letter has been received from NT Police stating their position on a curfew in Alice Springs:

What is the ability of NT Police and other government agencies to enforce a curfew?
Police powers in the Northern Territory are governed by Statutes. The power to arrest or detain a youth can only be exercised if a member of the Police Force believes on reasonable grounds that a person has committed, is committing or is about to commit an offence. Unless the government legislate to create an offence for breach of curfew, police have no power to arrest or detain any person. Any apprehension of a youth pertaining to a 'breach of curfew' would be unlawful.

Do you think that a curfew would be effective in Alice Springs?
The introduction of a curfew is incompatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011 (Cth). The perceived rise in youth offending has resulted in a number of regional towns in Australia to propose or implement curfews on young people. There is a lack of evidence to support their effectiveness as a crime control mechanism. As mentioned above, police have no power to arrest or detain a person for breaching a curfew. Effectiveness would therefore depend solely on voluntary compliance by young people.

Councillor de Brenni recommended an action item:

That the CEO write to the Chief Minister to strongly call on him to identify what is inhibiting the introduction of a curfew in Alice Springs and what measures are in place to ensure the short and long term safety and healthy future of our community. We need the letter to also offer ASTC support to achieve these outcomes if able.

Councillor Paterson stated his support for the motion and urged the Elected Members to trial the curfew.

Councillor Satour stated that she did not support the curfew, but instead supports entire community collaboration. A long term strategy needs to be developed with the community and discussions need to be held with all stakeholders to ensure a long term plan can be put into place.

*Acting Director Corporate and Community Services left the chamber at 7.08pm
Acting Director Corporate and Community Services returned to the chamber at 7.09pm*

Councillor Melky stated that the community deserves to feel safe in their own homes. The town is looking for leadership; government can legislate, government can resource and government can fund, but a curfew can be the beginning of engaging with organisations to find a solution.

Motion Lost

A division was called:

FOR

Councillor Melky
Councillor Paterson

AGAINST

Mayor Ryan
Councillor Auricht
Councillor Banks
Councillor de Brenni
Councillor Cocking
Councillor Price
Councillor Satour

Councillor de Brenni suggested his action item as an alternative to the lost motion.

Discussion ensued.

CEO Robert Jennings suggested a special forum to discuss this matter in a considered manner. This was supported by the Elected Members.

13. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil

14. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

14.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 CEO Report
Report No. 226/19cncl

9 -- CNCL 09/12/19

Moved Councillor Melky
Seconded Councillor Auricht

That the CEO report be received and noted.

CARRIED (20739)

*Councillor Banks left the chamber at 7.36pm
Councillor Banks returned to the chamber at 7.41pm*

14.1.2 National Aboriginal Art Gallery
Report No. 223/19 cncl

Moved Councillor Paterson
Seconded Councillor Melky

1. Council has determined their National Aboriginal Art Gallery site preference as listed below and seek to proceed into negotiations with NT Government on the chosen site:

The southern portion of the Council managed Anzac Oval site (Lot 678) with a linear connection to the former Anzac Hill High School site to the north (owned by the NT Government). This proposal would leave the oval surface, grandstands, Youth Centre, Totem Theatre and 50+ Centre retained. That Alice Springs Town Council negotiate the southern portion of the Council managed ANZAC Oval Site once the Northern Territory Government provide Alice Springs Town Council evidence of custodian support of the location.

2. Confirm their strong belief in the formation of a multilateral partnership group of both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal representatives that can drive forward the National Aboriginal Art Gallery project in an inclusive, effective and consultative manner for the benefit of the Alice Springs community, the Territory and the organisation.

CARRIED (20740)

UNANIMOUS

14.2 DIRECTOR FINANCE

14.2.1 Financial Reports
Report No. 225/19cncl

Moved Councillor Auricht
Seconded Councillor Melky

That this report be noted.

CARRIED (20741)

Mayor Ryan thanked the acting Director Finance Edmund Wlodarczyk for his contribution the past 8 months.

Councillor Auricht thanked acting Director Finance Edmund Wlodarczyk and wished him all the best for his travels.

Councillor Paterson left the chamber at 7.45pm

Councillor Paterson returned to the chamber at 7.48pm

Councillor de Brenni enquired if Lane Print Group is a local company that prints the rates notices.

Acting Director Finance advised that Lane Print Group is a company from Adelaide.

Councillor de Brenni enquired to the reason for the emergency tiling at ASALC.

Acting Director Corporate and Community Services took it on notice.

Councillor Cocking enquired what happened with the funding for the Climate Action Plan.

Acting Director Finance advised that the funding will be transferred by journal into the Climate Action Plan budget.

CEO Robert Jennings took it on notice.

14.3 DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

14.3.1 Directorate Update Report No. 220/19cncl

Moved Councillor Cocking
Seconded Councillor Price

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (20742)

Mayor Ryan enquired about the meeting with Volunteering SA/NT, and if a written report will be submitted to Council.

Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that there will not be a written report to Council.

14.3.3 Library Survey Report Report No. 222/19cncl

Moved Councillor Cocking
Seconded Councillor Banks

That Council receive and note the 2019 Library Customer Service Survey Report.

CARRIED (20743)

Councillor Cocking noted that it is a great report and he supports the work the library staff are doing.

14.3.4 Strategic Plan 2018-2021 Implementation Progress
Report No. 224/19cncI

Moved Councillor Cocking
Seconded Councillor Paterson

That the attached Strategic Plan 2018-2021: Implementation Progress Report be received and noted.

CARRIED (20744)

Mayor Ryan queried if the attendances are done only once a year.

Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that it can be found under Objective 4 – Dynamic Council.

Councillor Cocking queried if the Tourism Events and Promotions Committee has started using its \$ 50,000 Tourism Funding Initiative, and does this need direction through a forum discussion. Mayor Ryan also queried this.

Acting Director Corporate and Community Services agreed that it would be beneficial to discuss this item at a future forum.

Councillor Cocking would like to acknowledge staff and directors on the great work done on the Strategic Plan 2018-2021.

Councillor Price left the chamber at 7.57pm

Councillor Price returned to the chamber at 8.00pm

14.3.5 ASALC Refurbishment Reserve Funds Request
Report No. 227/19cncI

Moved Councillor Cocking
Seconded Councillor de Brenni

That Council allocate \$800,000 from Council Cash Reserve 'Capital Infrastructure' to budget line 600.12.241 for costs associated with the refurbishment of the ASALC kiosk and outdoor changerooms.

CARRIED (20745)

14.3.6 Minutes from the ASALC Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2019

12 -- CNCL 09/12/19

Moved Councillor Cocking
Seconded Councillor Auricht

That the minutes of the ASALC Committee meeting held 12 November 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

CARRIED (20746)

14.3.7 Minutes from the Australia Day Coordinating Committee held on 14 November 2019

Moved Councillor de Brenni
Seconded Councillor Melky

That the minutes of the Australia Day Committee meeting held 12 November 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

CARRIED (20747)

Director Technical Services left the chamber at 7.59pm

Director Technical Services returned to the chamber at 8.01pm

14.3.8 Minutes from the YAG Committee Meeting held on 27 November 2019

Moved Councillor Banks
Seconded Councillor Satour

That the minutes of the YAG Committee meeting held 27 November 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

CARRIED (20748)

14.3.9 Minutes from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee Meeting held on 28 November 2019

Moved Councillor Satour
Seconded Councillor Banks

That the minutes of the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee meeting held 28 November 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

CARRIED (20749)

14.4 DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

14.4.1 Technical Services Directorate Update
Report No. 209/19cncl

Moved Councillor Melky
Seconded Councillor de Brenni

That the December 2019 Technical Services Directorate Update be received and noted.

CARRIED (20750)

Councillor Cocking enquired if Council has a list of jobs that already have funds committed to them.

Director Technical Services advised that through the implementation of Smartsheets this information will be made available to Elected Members.

14.4.2 Todd Mall Banner System
Report No. 210/19cncl

Moved Councillor Melky
Seconded Councillor Satour

That the report be sent back to the Public Art Advisory Committee.

CARRIED (20751)

Mayor Ryan enquired how this fits within the Public Art Advisory Committee, and if this report needs to go to the Public Art Advisory Committee first.

Councillor Auricht left the chamber at 8.14pm
Councillor Auricht returned to the chamber at 8.16pm

14.4.3 TIO Traeger Park – Boxing Shed Structural Integrity and Compliance
Report No. 211/19cncl

Moved Councillor Melky
Seconded Councillor Paterson

Council approve the Technical Service department to compile a business case for the demolition of the existing boxing shed and associated buildings and replace with a multi-purpose facility including storage.

CARRIED (20752)

The report recommended that Council provides directions on the following options:

- Option 1: Grant Funding is sought to bring the boxing shed up to compliance for the purpose of continuing the use of the structure as a storage facility.*
- Option 2: Council approve the Technical Service Department to compile a business case for the demolition of the existing boxing shed and associated buildings and replace with a multi-purpose facility including storage.*
- Option 3: Develop the business case as a shovel ready project.*

Councillor Paterson suggested that Option 2 is in line with the Masterplan.

14.4.4 ASTC Parking Contribution Plan – Added Terms of Use
Report No. 216/19cncl

Moved Councillor Melky

Seconded Councillor Paterson

That the revised Alice Springs Town Council Parking Contribution Plan - Version 1.1 is endorsed and adopted by Council.

CARRIED (20753)

14.4.5 Modular Skate Park – Financial Estimate
Report No. 214/19cncl

Moved Councillor Melky
Seconded Councillor Paterson

To take on part C.

CARRIED (20754)

The report recommended that Council provides directions on the following options:

A. That Council carry out trial repairs to the Skate Park on Speed Street with different products and report back to Council with the results.

B. Council investigates an inter-changeable modular skate park system for the vacant space at the Southern end of skate park.

C. That the inter-changeable modular skate park system [second stage (option B)] is to remain a shovel ready project.

Councillor de Brenni queried why the project status remains at “shovel ready”, and would prefer to receive actual costing of the project.

Councillor Cocking queried if there has been any consultation with skate park users.

Director Technical Services advised that invitations have been sent out for a public information session, but that no one attended. However, invitations for a public information session will be extended.

Action

Director Technical Services to bring to Council for decision once actual costs are known.

14.4.6 Minutes from the Development Committee Meeting held on 4 November 2019

Moved Councillor Melky
Seconded Councillor Cocking

That the minutes of the Development Committee meeting held 4 November 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

CARRIED (20755)

14.4.7 Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting held on 28 November 2019

Moved Councillor Paterson

15 -- CNCL 09/12/19

Seconded Councillor Banks

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting held 28 November 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

CARRIED (20756)

14.4.8 Minutes from the Development Committee Meeting held on 2 December 2019

Moved Councillor Melky
Seconded Councillor de Brenni

That the minutes of the Development Committee Meeting held 2 December 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

CARRIED (20757)

15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

15.1 Councillor de Brenni – fluorescent tube collection

Councillor de Brenni enquired why fluorescent tube collection has ceased.

Director Technical Services took it on notice.

15.2 Councillor Auricht – concrete footpath works on Ilparpa Road

Councillor Auricht enquired about footpath works on Ilparpa Road.

Director Technical Services advised that work will restart in 2020.

15.3 Councillor Cocking – TV in the Todd Mall

Councillor Cocking enquired about the TV in the Todd Mall, as it has not been working all the time.

Acting Director Corporate and Community Services took it on notice.

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Correspondence received from the Hon. Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Councillor Melky tabled the correspondence from the Hon. Robyn Lambley MLA.

CEO Robert Jennings advised that the WIFI is being provided by Tourism NT.

CEO Robert Jennings advised that people are sleeping outside of the library, this is something Council is very concerned about and it will be taken up with Territory Families.

Action

CEO Robert Jennings will send a letter to the Hon. Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen, regarding the WIFI available in the CBD and people sleeping outside the library.

16.2 Councillor Paterson – SFAC

Councillor Paterson requested that any new future infrastructure projects, with approximate costs, be brought back to the Elected Members in line with the draft Sports Masterplan.

Director Technical Services took it on notice.

16.3 Councillor Paterson – GAP Youth Centre

Councillor Paterson enquired if the GAP Youth Centre, which utilises a Council owned facility, has made any requests for program funding from Council.

CEO Robert Jennings advised that Council has not received a request for funding, but a meeting was held with GAP Youth Centre CEO and they are looking at a strategic plan to revamp the whole centre and will then likely go to the Federal Government and the Northern Territory Government to seek support.

Councillor Melky suggested that Council clarify the situation regarding the GAP Youth Centre with a letter to Minister Wakefield.

Action

CEO Robert Jennings will send a letter to Minister Wakefield.

16.4 Councillor Cocking – Parson Street

Councillor Cocking enquired if any works will be done to remedy the cracks on Parson Street.

Director Technical Services advised that a works program is in place, and will explore the option of night works to speed up the process.

16.5 Councillor Cocking – Planter boxes in the Todd Mall

Councillor Cocking enquired if local artists could be engaged to beautify the planter boxes, instead of using stickers that are currently “bubbling” off.

Director Technical Services advised that the planter boxes are intended as a traffic calming device and safety barrier.

Councillor Melky left the chamber at 8.44pm

Councillor Melky returned to the chamber at 8.47pm

16.6 Councillor de Brenni – Staff Christmas party

Councillor de Brenni congratulated Council's Social Club for their work organising the Staff Christmas Party.

Councillor de Brenni also suggested that the recipients of the "Staff of the Year" should be listed on the public record.

CEO Robert Jennings advised that there are "Staff of the Year" boards around Council.

16.7 CEO Robert Jennings – Council decision regarding youth Issues

(Item transferred from Agenda Item 28.11)

CEO Robert Jennings suggested that a letter regarding Council's position on the youth issues should be released and sent to the Northern Territory Government.

Moved Councillor de Brenni
Seconded Councillor Cocking

That standing orders be removed.

CARRIED (20766)

Councillor de Brenni suggested using his earlier suggestion for an action.
CEO Robert Jennings suggested a motion would be stronger.

Councillor Melky reiterated his support for a curfew.

Councillor Cocking suggested looking at the City of Gosnells' Safe City Initiative as potentially a way forward for Alice Springs.

Discussion ensued.

Moved Councillor Price
Seconded Councillor Auricht

That standing orders be resumed.

CARRIED (20767)

Moved Councillor de Brenni
Seconded Councillor Cocking

That Council:

1. Write to the Chief Minister to strongly call on him to identify what measures are in place to ensure the short and long term safety and healthy future of our community.

2. To strongly urge the NT Government to increase and prioritise all relevant resources, including NT Police and Territory Families resources, to allow the short term safety of the Alice Springs community.

3. Call on NT Government to establish a 24 hour drop-in centre.

4. Offer the NT Government our support to achieve these outcomes.

CARRIED (20768)

17. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

18. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 6.00pm

19. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at 8.48pm

Moved Councillor Melky

Seconded Councillor Auricht

The Council stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

CARRIED (20758)

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____