

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE FOURTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 26 JULY 2022 IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

13. RESUMPTION OF MEETING IN OPEN

14. Opening of the Open Meeting by the Mayor (Chair) and Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting open at **11:05am** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

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

Mayor Matt Paterson reminded that this meeting is being recorded and will be placed on Council's website. By speaking at a Council meeting, you agree to being recorded. Alice Springs Town Council accepts no liability for any defamatory or offensive remarks or gestures made during the course of this Council meeting.

Media present – ABC Alice Springs

PRESENT

Mayor M. Paterson (Chair)

Deputy Mayor E. Melky (via Zoom)

Councillor A. Bitar

Councillor S. Brown

Councillor M. Coffey

Councillor K. Hopper

Councillor M. Liddle (11.07am)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Mrs S. Taylor – Director Corporate Services

Ms N. Battle – Director Community Development

Mr J. Andrew – Director Technical Services

Ms L. Sebastiani – Acting Manager Finance

Mrs T Ociones – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

Ms J. Joyce – Executive Assistant

15. PRAYER

Captain Dean Clutterbuck from the Salvation Army.

16. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor M. Banks

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That the apology be accepted.

CARRIED (22291)

17. WELCOME

18. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

19. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Nil

20. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

20.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 29 June 2022

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 29 June, 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED (22292)

20.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

20.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Item 27.4.2.3 – Greening Policy

The minutes should read landscape architect and not gardening architect.

20.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Item 27.4.2.5 – Vergecare

Councillor Hopper noted that Councillor Coffey's query was also about progressing Part 2 of the motion.

Councillor Coffey recalled that the conversation was about progressing the second part of the Verge Policy, in terms of continuing with the Policy or reviewing and considering other mechanism to allow people to look after their own verges.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council officers will confirm the audio and make sure it is correct.

20.2.3 Councillor Hopper – Item 29.1 – Removal of Dead Trees

Councillor Hopper congratulated the tree crew for dealing with some of the dead trees around the CBD and in front of the Catholic Church.

Councillor Hopper also noted that the motion did not articulate that not all dead trees can be removed but just ones that are allowed to be removed

Council Bitar stated she brought this up to Councillor Hopper to make sure that Council is checking the AAPA certification and not removing any dead trees that could be sacred. The Chief Executive Officer advised that it is a standard process of Council, but will make sure it is always followed.

20.2.4 Councillor Coffey – Item 18.3 – Sandy Taylor Local Resident

Councillor Coffey asked if Ms Taylor's request about the mowing and weed issues at Ilparpa have been dealt with, that the Acting Director Technical Services, Mark Goode, took on notice.

The Chief Executive Officer will follow this up and advise the Elected Members for an update.

20.2.5 Councillor Coffey – Item 26.2.1 - Depreciation

Councillor Coffey brought this item up, but Councillor Cocking's name was noted in the minutes. Councillor Coffey will raise this issue again in the Finance report.

21. MAYORAL REPORT

21.1 Mayor's Report
Report No. 99 / 22 cncl

Call for Council Member Nominations – Prescribed Corporation Panel Pool.

LAPSED

Moved – Councillor Liddle
Seconded – Mayor Paterson

That Councillor Liddle be nominated to the Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee.

CARRIED (22293)

Moved – Councillor Hopper
Seconded – Mayor Paterson

That Councillor Hopper be nominated to the Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee.

CARRIED (22294)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky
Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That Mayor Matt Paterson be nominated to the Vice President and Executive Member positions on the LGANT Executive.

CARRIED (22295)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky
Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That Mayor Paterson be nominated for Executive Member on the LGANT Executive

CARRIED (22296)

Moved – Councillor Coffey
Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED (22297)

21.2 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

22. ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

22.1.1 Councillor Brown – Poker Machine Submissions

22.1.2 Councillor Brown - The Gap and the Railway Access into Town

23. MEMORIALS

23.1 Mr Sydney Kinsman

It's hard to know where to start really... Without any such intention himself, Grandpa managed to become somewhat of a local celebrity in recent years – something we liked to give him a pretty hard time about... personal letters and visits from the Administrator (his Administrator! – thanks Your Honour), tea with the PM, video calls from the Governor-General and his wife to sing him happy birthday! Yes, that really happened (Thanks, Your Excellency)! Everybody, in some way, seemed to know Syd, Kinsman. Many may have known aspects of his story: be it Syd the soldier, the ex-POW, the Rat of Tobruk; Syd the builder, the photographer, the mountain climber; Syd the Christmas Elf! Syd the stirrer, Syd the storyteller, Syd the celebrator! (He loved a party!)

He was most certainly every one of these things – but at the heart of them all, there was Syd the Kid!

Grandpa was given this nickname by his mates in Tobruk. Far from surprising: at 19 years old, two years younger than the minimum enlistment age of 21, he was the baby of his battalion. Not to mention his height, or lack thereof. But those who knew him will understand, that regardless of his age, never a truer nickname has been bestowed.

Grandpa may have celebrated his 100th birthday, but he never grew up. Whether it was chasing kids around the house with water pistols on Christmas Day; pretending your handshake was somehow crushing his hand, or just stubbornly refusing to accept that he was too old to do things, like climb up the ladder, and be on the roof of his house. On his 90th birthday he actually did this just to prove that he still could! – Grandpa always found a way to have fun and play.

To many, it's as a Rat, that people know Syd best. But for the longest time Grandpa never much acknowledged his part in the War. Mum and Moog don't recall really hearing any of the stories until us Grandkids turned up, and even then, he always tended to stick to stories that highlighted the 'lighter' side of things – and when he did he would laugh, so bright, like the memory just happened in front of him for the first time.

Of all his adventures, I think it was the escape that many found most interesting. We often joked with him, referring to it as his 'European Ski Holiday'. In 2019, Mum, Moog, Geoff and Hayley embarked on a guided tour of his escape route. We have fond memories of him laughing as they went through all their flash hiking gear.

I would ask things like: Hey Grandpa; How many of these thick down jackets did you take when you visited the Italian Alps? Did you have some shiny hiking poles like this when you went on your walk? What training did you do to break your boots in before your tour left for the mountains? Knowing full well that he had been forced swap his woollen uniform and leather boots for a pair of silk pants, a thin shirt and some worn out old 'shoes' just to ensure they were not recognised as foreign troops. Too scared to trust even the kindest of strangers for fear of being turned in. He would just laugh, look knowingly at us and say: What d'you reckon?

Mum speaks of one of her favourite conversations with Grandpa being a phonecall, made from a train station platform on the day they completed their hike....

Grandpa, answering the phone on the other side of the world: "Are you done?? Mum: "Yes Dad, we made it!"

Pa, sang straight back, (he was always singing) "You made it, you made it! How was it?"

Mum: "Dad, it was one of the hardest things I have ever done, and we are all bugged."

He laughed deeply, all the way from his toes, "Ha-ha, you are bugged!"

Mum said "Dad, you told us this would be a piece of cake, I don't think that was quite right?"

Following another really big laugh, "well if I told you how hard it was, you would never have gone to do it."

This was Grandpa all over – he thought the world of people, especially his family; the belief he had in you always outweighed that that you had in yourself, and there was no way he'd let you default to lesser of the two.

For as long as any of us can remember, ANZAC Day was always special for Grandpa. While not always open about it, he clearly valued the collective remembrance of his fallen mates, and you could see in his eyes when his thoughts wandered to them on those cool Alice mornings. ANZAC Day evolved significantly for him throughout the years, but the constant all the way through was family. It was always a family day for us, we'd stand with him to remember fallen friends, and just be together as a family – all day.

From 4am starts for the dawn service, on to breakfast at 161, followed by the parade, a beer, some two- up, often a few too many more beers – but always together, and always back to Nanna's curry for dinner at 161. Three generations now, having seen as many dawn services as they have birthdays, know this routine, and wouldn't have it any other way. It was his day, but like all others – he focused it on the family being together. I like to think that this tradition was his way of reminding himself, and us all, of what they fought for all those years ago - and how lucky he was to have made it home to the life that he had.

With that in mind I am sure; Grandpa was always an active and consistently present part of our lives. And we loved him! One of the many ways he achieved this was through his regular deliveries to our homes around town.

Grandpa loved a newspaper, especially the Centralian Advocate, and for as long as it was in print, he was obsessed with ensuring each of our family households got a copy of every edition. This meant that every Tuesday and Friday would see him arrive to make his delivery. As we got older, and the number of households grew, so did the number of papers. I lived away from Alice for nearly 13 years – do you think I missed an Advocate? Not a chance, we'd get a weekly yellow envelope from Grandpa, with a little note and the 2 newspapers – it was important to him that we remained connect to what was going on at home.

Sometimes it was just the paper, but so often it was whatever bargain he managed to find at the supermarket too - steaks, a leg of lamb to roast, ham on the bone at Christmas. As we got a little older this increased to include treats for us grandkids. Eventually this expanded into a weekly delivery of its own, which he referred to as 'Thursdays' – 'Here's your Thursday's, don't forget your Thursdays, You missed out on your Thursdays last week, so I've brought you some extras today. This gave him yet another reason to drop by our houses, this time with Nanna in tow – to drop us each off a block of chocolate or whatever our favourite was at the time.

This was important to Grandpa – knowing what people liked – he always wanted to know, so he could ensure that was what he delivered on Thursdays. But it extended beyond that. If he ever noticed you drinking a different looking beer or soft drink at home or out somewhere, he'd interrogate you about it - and the next time you went to his games room there'd be a carton of it in his fridge. He'd do this to friends too! If he ever he knew what people liked to drink, he'd make sure he had it available when they were due to visit. He just loved to shout people a beer. It was one of his favourite ways to celebrate and show gratitude – the postie, and the garbo at 161 – he was out there with a six pack of beers for each of them, every Christmas, no matter what.

Grandpa originally wanted four bedrooms when they built the house at 161 Larapinta Drive – in the end they decided against it, I think mostly because Nanna was smart enough to realise, she didn't need any more house to clean. I've heard Moog joke that they could have paid for that fourth bedroom for the price of all the beers Grandpa put on throughout the construction – the slab is down, the frame is up, the roof is on – each an achievement to celebrate for Grandpa, and an opportunity to shout his friends a beer.

Grandpa would always buy the turkey and the ham at Christmas, I am completely convinced that he made it his mission to ensure it was as hard to fit in the oven as possible – just like Christmas trees, he'd gather and deliver them all over town, but Grandpa's was always the biggest! One Christmas Eve we had to take to the glazed ham bone with a hacksaw just so mum could get it in the pan to cook it!

He was such a generous man, he simply loved giving and sharing. I think it's for this reason, along with the coming together of family that made Christmas such an exciting time of year for him. It was, hands down, his favourite day of the year! More of a month really – as mentioned – December 1st was light up night at 161, and were not to come down before epiphany on January 6th. More than half a century of community tradition, and one that grew larger each year. I think he loved this most, not only for the joy it brought to the faces of all the excited children – but for the sheer fact that more lights needed more family and friends around, for more time, sharing time together as we put them up.

Jake was always given the most autonomy when came to the hanging of lights, I don't think anyone would dispute (or wish to assume) his position as 2IC light configuration – but even he wasn't qualified to certify last year's lights at fit for service. This was always Grandpa's call – he himself had to be the one to plug them in and test that they worked, before they'd be released to the work party for positioning. Sometimes I think this might have been less about decoration quality and more about making sure he controlled what got tossed – which to him would always be nothing – it might be useful later!

While he did a little less around the place in more recent years, he'd always manage to plenty more than he should. You know, that whole 100 going on 21 approach to existence. He was always so cheeky, and one of his favourite things to do was identify tasks that people were going to do for him, and then sneakily do them himself first. He'd often do it with Christmas lights, this involved a ladder, so a double win there! In the last couple years, he swapped the sneaky light hanging for sneaky Bunning's visits – he'd disappear and all of a sudden there'd be another 3km of lights to dangle. My most memorable experience of this was his lawn. When I was younger, and returning home on leave to visit the family, I'd often try to make a point of mowing Grandpa's beautiful lawns. Living away, I wasn't around as often as I would have liked, and had identified this as something I, as a strong and able twenty-something year old, could do to for Grandpa while I was home. Yet, after advising him at stubby-time one Friday night, that I would be around early in the morning to cut his lawns; I arrived the next day (and I was not late) to find the wheelie bin in the drive, full of lawn clippings, and Grandpa – sitting out the front, looking over his immaculate nature strip stirring his tea, grinning and singing Good Morning, Good Morning, Good Morning to you!

He always thought this was hilarious, yes – it happened way more once; but I don't think this why he did it. Sure, it brought him some joy to remind us all that he could still do things, but mostly I reckon it was about optimising our time together – if he knew one of us was coming to visit, he wanted to use that time to be together with us, laughing and sharing stories – not watching us work. And how wise that was, those are times that I will cherish forever.

An additional note on Grandpa's affinity for mornings, and a little further explanation for the song as we entered - Jake and I both have vivid memories of our many sleepovers at Nanna and Pa's. Something we treasure, and have laughed much about this last week. It would all start with staying up far too late and eating chocolate. Nanna would head to bed leaving us – all in the same chair, under the favourite blanket, watching cowboy movies the dark with Pa. In the morning, sharing the bed in Mum's old room, nearest the kitchen, you would be awoken – first by the loud tink tink tink – of Grandpa stirring his tea as only Grandpa could (there was a lot of sugar to dissolve)! Eventually, that racket would end, and just as you thought it was safe to continue your slumber... In he would come! As bright and joyful as the day outside... Good Morning, Good Morning, Good morning to you! Sometimes you got the chorus, sometimes the verses, more often than not you got Grandpa's freestyle version about the day ahead. But no matter what you got, you were up and he would make sure you got your smile on for the day, quick smart! As Grandchildren, I imagine we may have been a little more spoilt, but speaking with Mum and Moog, this isn't too far off the routine for their generation either. Mornings were most certainly his cup of tea!

Grandpa loved life and he lived it; he was cheeky with a sharp wit, and just loved to stir people up for fun. He loved his mates, friends and good people. He loved the home he built. He loved to help others, share with everyone, shout beers, eat cake and have biscuits in his pocket. He loved tea with a bucket load of sugar. He loved chocolate, warm Milo milk drinks and Weet-bix. He loved Alice Springs and the community. He loved ANZAC Hill and Mt Gillen, and the bush. He loved to take photos, record history and tell tales. He loved celebrations and sharing light and joy. He loved, loved Christmas – and everything that came with it! He loved the generations of kids and families that came to see his annual festival of lights! He loved all flowers, and his lawn and his garden. He loved to work hard and party the same. He loved summer and to sit in the sun. He loved to sing and laugh loud. He loved The Alice Springs Show, and to buy show bags for all the kids. He loved to collect "memorabilia" and he remembered everything - like a photograph. Except for maybe where he put his photographs! He loved his family more than anything in the world. Most of all he loved Nanna!

Grandpa's youthful approach to life brought joy to so many, and for me, is at the foundation of what enabled him to live the way he did for so long. If I learned anything from him, and I learned a great deal, it is that the key to staying young is to act like it! Be forever curious, interested and excited to learn new things. Keep moving, work hard, and have fun - always prioritise and value time together with friends and family! All that, and always wear a singlet under your shirt!

Grandpa's virtues were vast and broad. He will always be the hero I aspire to be, and endeavour to build my boys into – if we can become even half of the happy, healthy, gentleman that Grandpa was, I reckon we'll have something to be proud of. We will all miss him dearly, but he'll never be far away; for he lives on in all of us. I often find myself smiling and thinking of him. There are so many things that will forever remind us of Grandpa. I'll finish up with a quick list of my personal favourites:

Every time I shake a hand, stir my cup of tea, or have others hold a measuring tape for me

When I climb a hill, tell a tale Use just two hits to drive a nail

Every time I check if something's level, ask... is that square? I feel as if Pa's right there.

Every time I put on my Akubra, Water my lawn, or plant petunias

When I feed a cat, drink sherry or port or check how many mice I've caught

Every time I buy a show bag, polish shoes till they're shiny, or check my rain gauge – and wonder who got more than me?

When I wave my hand, trap a fly in my fist, I'll hear him clear as day... "Did you get it?"

Any time I recycle cans and bottles, pin my medals on my chest, or avoid discarding something broken – to save it for when I might need it next.

When I stop for smoko, can't find a photo, or hang Christmas lights – and think... are there more to go?

Any time I hear the bugle, recite the ode or drive out for holidays on the road

When I measure twice to make one cut, or look in my pocket for a gingernut

Anytime it's cold and I'm feeling the frost, or close my eyes, and count to 10 when I'm cross.

When I get my letter from the Queen, or share with my family the life of our dreams.

Anytime I sing, laugh or have fun or drag my chair out into the sun.

These are just mine, and there's plenty more you've all got some of your own I'm sure

Of all the wonderful things he did. The best of all was just being Syd.

And remember, as Grandpa'd always say.... 'Give us a smile'

Thank you to Ben Bruce, Sydney's eldest grandson, for granting permission to use this memorial.

Mayor Paterson, on behalf of the Kinsman family, thanked Mrs Emma Williams, who worked closely with the family through the whole process. The family also expressed their gratitude to Council, for the recognition given to Mr Kinsman before his passing, after naming the road at the Cemetery as Sydney Kinsman Drive.

24. PETITIONS

Nil

25. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

26. FINANCE

26.1 Finance Report
Report No. 97 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22298)

26.2 Business Arising from the Report

26.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Investments Report on Divestment Strategy

Divestment from fossil fuel investment has been raised before as one of Council's strategies to make a significant impact on our greenhouse gas emission. Councillor Hopper noticed that divestment was not mentioned in the draft Climate and Environment Policy, and asked if this will be best addressed in the Policy or will this be looked at in the investments review.

The Chief Executive Officer responded that Council officers have sourced advice on this and this will be presented at the Council Forum on the 2nd of August 2022.

26.2.2 Councillor Coffey – Income and Expense Statement

Councillor Coffey referred to the depreciation cost and noted the year to date actuals of \$9,388,012 for June 2022 was reduced from the previous month's cost of \$9,495,985. Was there an extra payment for depreciation in this financial year that was carried over from last year, which resulted in this additional cost? Are the Council officers confident that this figure is the actual cost for this financial year?

The Director Corporate Services introduced the Acting Manager Finance, Ms Laura Sebastiani, to respond to the question.

Ms Sebastiani advised that the reason for the variation in depreciation cost between last month and this month was that an item of plant was coded directly to the depreciation cost code, and was removed which caused this variance. The other reason was the depreciation cost for June has not been calculated in the system, which has to go through a process of capitalisation. The Finance team is now aware of this issue and will ensure this doesn't occur in the next financial year.

26.2.3 Councillor Hopper – Cash Reserves on Town Beautification

Councillor Hopper asked about the difference between the town beautification reserve and CBD revitalisation reserve.

What kind of activities would the town beautification reserve be used for? The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice, but advised that a report on reserves will be forthcoming.

Mayor Paterson asked when the end of year budget review will occur.

The Director Corporate Services advised that the budget review will be done early October to go to the Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting.

27. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

27.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

27.1.1 CEO Report
Report No. 101 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Liddle

That the CEO report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22299)

27.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

27.1.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Three Way Financial Model

Council Hopper enquired about the three way financial model proposal discussed at the meeting with Deloitte.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that this is a new system of managing Council finances, i.e. looking at different levels of getting reports out, as opposed to the current system that is hard to work with. It was decided at the meeting that Council will still run with the current system, CIVICA, because this has been paid for, and then see what the upgrades will bring out, and will decide accordingly.

27.1.3 Committee Structure Review
Report No. 94 / 22 cncI

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 8.1.5 from meeting of 29 June, 2022)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That Council

- 1. In alignment with Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2019, abolish the following committees of Council, effective on 1 August 2022 and absorb their relevant functions into the Ordinary Meetings of Council.**
 - a. Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre Committee**
 - b. Development Committee**
 - c. Library Consultative Committee**
 - d. Regional Waste Management Committee**
 - e. Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee**
- 2. In alignment with Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2019, abolish the following committees of Council, effective on 1 August 2022 and follow the Council adopted Grants, Sponsorships and Donations Policy procedures.**
 - a. Creative Arts Recovery Grants Committee**
 - b. Community Grants/ Araluen Access Grants Committee**
- 3. In alignment with Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2019, abolish the following committees of Council, effective on 1 August 2022 and continue the delivery of the committee's functions by officers on operational matters.**
 - a. Access Advisory Committee**
 - b. Cemetery Advisory Committee**

4. In alignment with Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2019, abolish the following committees of Council once the corresponding master plan or strategic plan (noted after the name of the committee) has been adopted.
 - a. Environmental Advisory Committee – Liveability and Sustainability 2030
 - b. Parks Coordinating Committee – Parks Strategy Review
 - c. Public Arts Advisory Committee – Public Arts Master Plan (already adopted)
 - d. Senior’s Committee – A potential Seniors Master Plan as part of the Liveability and Sustainability 2030
5. Thank all the members of the abolished Council Committee’s for their contribution and commitment to serving Alice Springs and invite them to participate in future consultations related to the functions of the committees of which they were associated.
6. Review the meeting allowance process to allow for the appropriate allocation of Elected Members allowances to the new format to be adopted on 1 August 2022. Report to be presented to the July or August 2022 meeting of Council for adoption.
7. Explore, develop and then implement new consultation methodologies, including a ‘discourse group’ and ‘village consultations’ to supplement the existing methods of surveys, advertising in the Advocate pages, forums, emails letter drops, social media and Council website before the end of 2022.
8. Review to be done of external committees.

CARRIED (22247)

27.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

27.2.1 Credit Card Policy Report No. 98 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

- A. That Council rescinds ASTC Procedural Statement and Directives No. CC001 Corporate Credit Cards (as per attachment).
- B. That Council adopts the new Elected Members and Chief Executive Officer Credit Card Policy.
- C. That Council approves to issue a credit card to the Mayor.

- D. That Council approves a credit card for:**
- i. Director Corporate Services**
 - ii. Director Community Development**
 - iii. Director Technical Services**

CARRIED (22300)

27.2.2 Business Arising from the Report

Councillor Coffey asked if the finance report will also publish an expenditure report when the Mayor get issued with a credit card?

The Chief Executive Officer advised it was the intent to publish it for transparency.

27.2.3 Procurement Policy
Report No. 102 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

- A. That Council rescinds *Policy No. 219 Procurement of Goods and Services Quotations and Tenders*, being Attachment C, to the report entitled Procurement Policy.**
- B. That Council adopts the new *Procurement Policy* being Attachment A to the report entitled Procurement Policy.**

CARRIED (22301)

27.2.4 Business Arising from the Report

27.2.4.1 Councillor Coffey – Attachment A

Councillor Coffey referred to Attachment A, under Definitions, and noted that the word ‘*Diverse*’ should read ‘*Diversity*’. In the ‘*Local Supplier*’ definition, it refers to Central Region while the preceding page refers to Central Australian Region.

The Director Corporate Services noted the corrections and will amend the inconsistencies.

27.2.4.2 Deputy Mayor Melky – Objective 3.1.4 Wording

Deputy Mayor Melky requested the word ‘*climate*’ be added as part of objective 3.1.4 environmental protection and improved liveability, given that Council will be considering the draft Climate and Environment Policy tonight, for consistency.

This should also be reflected in the Local Supplier that they are climate and environment aware.

The Director Corporate Services noted the changes.

27.2.4.3 Deputy Mayor Melky – Reference to the Strategic Plan

Deputy Mayor Melky noted that the Procurement Policy made no reference to the Alice Springs Liveability and Sustainability Plan 2030 (Strategic Plan), and asked if this can be mentioned in the Policy.

Mayor Paterson suggested this can be added under *Item 4 Related Documents*.

The Director Corporate Services noted the changes.

27.2.4.4 Deputy Mayor Melky – Item 3.3.5

Deputy Mayor Melky commented that Item 3.3.5 under Local Suppliers (*Whilst Council is committed to local suppliers, the reality is that certain types of goods and services cannot be purchased from within the Territory*) is not necessary as these factors are relative, and asked if this statement can be removed.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that this is more of a statement than a policy procedure so it can be removed safely.

Deputy Mayor Melky acknowledged the work of the Council officers who put together this report.

27.2.5 Workforce Attraction Strategy
Report No. 106 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22302)

27.2.6 Business Arising from the Report

Mayor Paterson expressed thanks to everyone involved in this project, ASTC, NTG, Imparja and the Working Group.

Councillor Hopper congratulated everyone involved and commented on the website, www.liveworkalice.com.au, in particular, the section around 'Moving Here' which had a handful of places to eat. There is an opportunity to add more businesses to this section of the website.

In terms of the process of engagement, how are local businesses represented on this website?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that this is a starting point and will need to ramp up how things are displayed, but this will serve as a guide to continuously work on the website.

Deputy Mayor Melky asked if there is an opportunity to promote and name organisations or sell some space on this website. Alternatively, it can also be used as a free local directory.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the website was created on the funding Council was given, hence there is limited offering, but Council officers will look into this on an ongoing basis to see what Council can fund and investigate other opportunities for funding.

Councillor Coffey commented on the website that it should include other schools and not just NT public schools. There is also an opportunity to target other profession, such as health, which greatly contributes to the community.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council were the pilot for this project and the results of this element will also be part of the Workforce Attraction Strategy across the Northern Territory, and in that sense, health will be picked up. Council have also embarked on the Job Expo occurring this Friday, 28 July 2022, and Council are looking at expanding this next year, so that everyone benefits as well.

27.2.7 Verge Care Initiative Wrap-Up
Report No. 107 / 22 cncI

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22303)

27.2.8 Business Arising from the Report

Councillor Coffey thanked Director Corporate Services, Sabine Taylor, Manager Business Change, Naomi Brennan, and all the team involved in this project.

27.2.9 MyAlice Round 4 and Discount Voucher Program Wrap-Up
Report No. 108 / 22 cncl

Moved – Mayor Paterson

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22304)

27.2.10 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

27.2.11 Risk Management and Audit Committee Membership
Report No. 111 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

A. That Council appoint Mr Bryan Whitefield as Chair of the Risk Management and Audit Committee for a five (5) year period.

B. That Council appoint Councillor Mark Coffey to the Risk Management and Audit Committee, in accordance with the Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED (22305)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Mayor Paterson

That Deputy Mayor Melky be nominated for the Risk Management and Audit Committee

WITHDRAWN

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Mayor Paterson

That Councillor Coffey be nominated for the Risk Management and Audit Committee

CARRIED (22306)

27.2.12 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

27.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

27.3.1 Community Development Report to Council
Report No. 112 / 22 cncI

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22307)

27.3.2 Business Arising from the Report

Councillor Hopper asked if people are being fined when moving illegal campers from the river, or is this more of just an interaction to move on.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there is an ability to fine, which is being wisely used in order to help people as much as possible.

Director Community Development added that only one person was fined who has previous warning, while most are being supported and talked to.

Councillor Brown noted the importance of maintaining the level of watch on illegal camping particularly now that alcohol rules have been relaxed. He asked how many times the river is being patrolled, and are the people being moved on or do the patrols just leave them where they are after their interaction.

Director Community Development responded that people are being moved on from the river, and from the time of this report, more than 100 campers have been removed from the river. In terms of the frequency of patrols and considering the shortage of staff, the plan was to run an average of two patrols a week.

Councillor Brown advised that running two patrols a week is not enough to deter this kind of behaviour and suggested increasing the surveillance by running patrols every day. Mayor Paterson supported the suggestion of running more patrols in the river.

Director Community Development noted the comments made and will have Council officers explore other options to address this problem.

Councillor Coffey requested Council consider increasing patrols of the river and the support given to Police and others to reduce the impact of anti-social behaviour and crime in town. Councillor Coffey also noted the upcoming coronial inquest into Kumanjayi Walker in September for three months, which may result in increase in people coming to town. The Visitor Centre is still in service and can be used for alternative accommodation.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that a meeting with Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation will occur next Thursday, and this subject may be added to the list of things for discussion. There is also advocacy with Territory Families about opportunities on accommodation and support agencies.

Councillor Liddle stated that people are being moved, but there was no place to put them. People from remote communities come to Alice Springs to access services or visit families in town, but with the change of purpose and age group, the trend is not to live remote anymore but have a residence in town. Tangentyere Council, Lhere Artepe, Central Land Council, Central Desert Shire and MacDonnell Regional Council had to be engaged to work collaboratively. We need to ask for an audit on what Aboriginal agencies are doing and what services are being delivered.

Councillor Hopper asked what sort of data the Rangers collect on their patrols with Police, and do we know where the illegal campers are moving on to. The Director Community Development responded that no information was collected, and the people are generally happy to move on when asked, but the Rangers have no idea where they go after that time.

Councillor Brown advised that the original proposal from the Alice Springs Transformation Plan was to build two visitor accommodations, but only one was built near the Showground. Council should be more proactive in advocating for or developing ourselves increased accommodation or temporary camping ground, rather than allowing people to stay in the river, with all the hygiene and crime that brings with it.

The Chief Executive Officer noted the comment made, which Council were keen on fulfilling to understand the current issue better.

Discussion ensued.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that in 2021/22 Council conducted a sixteen-week data collection program to identify which agencies would support rough sleepers. This will be shared with Territory Families to discuss what opportunities are available.

27.3.3 UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee – 19 May 2022

Moved – Councillor Coffey
Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the minutes of the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee meeting held on 19 May 2022 be received.

CARRIED (22308)

27.3.4 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

27.3.5 UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee – 16 June 2022.

Moved – Mayor Paterson
Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the minutes of the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee meeting held on 16 June 2022 be received.

CARRIED (22309)

27.3.6 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

27.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

27.4.1 Technical Services Update Report No. 114 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Bitar
Seconded – Councillor Brown

That this report be received and noted

CARRIED (22310)

27.4.2 Business Arising from the Report

27.4.2.1 Councillor Bitar – Shade Structures in Parks

Councillor Bitar asked about the possibility of installing shade sails in parks instead of the steel structures, if further delays occur in ordering parts.

The Chief Executive Officer responded that this is a possibility, and the team had been asked to look at shade sails options in future scenarios.

27.4.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Community Self Identifying CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Issues in the Suburbs

Councillor Hopper asked if Neatstreets is the best avenue to report and address a safety concern, and how is this prioritised.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Neatstreets as a portal is ideal and an effective way to report safety issues in the community. Neatstreets are prioritised accordingly, and not managed on a first come first serve basis. If the concern was sent in writing, it can be forwarded to the office of the CEO for action.

27.4.3 Climate and Environment Policy Advice Report
Report No. 115 / 22 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky
Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That this report be received and feedback provided for further development where required.

CARRIED (22311)

27.4.4 Business Arising from the Report

The following feedback was provided:

- Councillor Hopper – 3rd dot point under Purpose, '*Guide all employees of the business throughout all undertakings*' was ambiguous.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that part of this would also guide people who are our contractors as well.

- Councillor Hopper – is there an accountability mechanism that will be embedded in this policy in terms of achieving these objectives?

The Chief Executive Officer advised there will be, and the detail could be fleshed out at a level of procedure.

- Deputy Mayor Melky – additional statement to include operation to the purpose of the policy.

The Chief Executive Officer suggested to amend the last sentence to read, *'This policy is to ensure that the organisation is responsible for climate and environmental responsibilities.'*

- Councillor Coffey – in the Policy Statement, is 'climate active' a term?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that this is a term, but will have this noted.

- Councillor Coffey – should mention our neighbouring regional councils under dot point 9 in the Policy Statement, *'Engage in partnerships....'*, It is important to mention them, given our role in the Regional Waste Management Facility.

- Councillor Coffey – in Item 5 Related Documents, reference to the ASTC Strategic Plan. It should be referred as *Alice Springs Liveability and Sustainability 2030.*

- Councillor Bitar – ensure Climate Action Plan items into organization through this plan and implementation plan

- Deputy Mayor Melky – under Item 2 Definition, add *'climate'* and *'environment'* on the list of definition

Councillor Hopper left the Chamber at 12:35pm

Councillor Hopper returned to the Chamber at 12:37pm

- Deputy Mayor Melky – under Item 3 Policy Statement, the nine dot points made take us out of Council's core focus. Can this be reframed into a different category that is more beneficial? Amend to read, *'To do so, ASTC will, at operational level, comply with.'*

Director Technical Services left the Chamber at 12:40pm

Director Technical Services returned to the Chamber at 12:43pm

- Deputy Mayor Melky – 1st dot point under Item 4 Responsibilities, *'The organisation is responsible for incorporating this policy into all operations'*

Is it appropriate to add the word *'Council'* before the word *'operations'*?

- Councillor Hopper – look forward to how the data will be presented and how we capture that and promote our good achievements in that space

27.4.5 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Sports Facilities Advisory Committee – 19 May 2022

Moved – Councillor Coffey
Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the minutes of the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 May 2022 be received.

CARRIED (22312)

27.4.6 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

27.4.7 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Parks Advisory Committee – 31 May 2022

Moved – Councillor Bitar
Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That the minutes of the Parks Advisory Committee meeting held on 31 May 2022 be received.

CARRIED (22313)

27.4.8 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

27.4.9 Recommendations of Parks Advisory Committee – 31 May 2022

27.4.9 (1) Finance Report (Agenda Item 4)

Moved – Councillor Bitar
Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That any remaining unspent funds from PAC to be quarantined to be allocated for future capital works.

CARRIED (22314)

27.4.9 (2) Lewis Gilbert Park Playground Fencing (Agenda Item 6.1)

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That the committee support the installation of a playground fencing at Lewis Gilbert Park

CARRIED (22315)

27.4.9 (3) Ross Park Dog Fencing (Agenda Item 6.2)

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That the committee support the installation of a dog fencing at Ross Park

CARRIED (22316)

27.4.9 (4) Walmulla Park and Teague Park Upgrades (Agenda Item 6.3)

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That Council Officers provide costings to upgrade Walmulla Park and Teague Park

CARRIED (22317)

27.4.10 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

27.4.11 Alice Spring Town Council Parks Masterplan Review
Report No. 116/ 22 cncI

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 8.4.8)

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

- A. That Council engage Ross Planning as the preferred consultant to undertake the new Alice Springs Open Space Network Masterplan.**
- B. That the \$64,800 (excl GST) engagement be funded from the Parks Advisory Committee budget.**

CARRIED (22285)

Council recessed for lunch at 12:50pm and returned at 1:21pm

28. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

28.1 Councillor Coffey – Coronial Inquest into Kumanjayi Walter in September and Other Events Resulting in Influx of People in Town

Councillor Coffey asked what arrangements have been put in place for Council to work with key Departments to ensure that during this period and beyond, the influx of people, social unrest and other issues associated with this can be managed.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council officers work with the Alice Springs Interagency Tasking and Coordination Group (ITCG) on this matter. If this issue has not been raised in an operational level, Council officers will make sure that appropriate action is acquired.

Mayor Paterson responded that he will take this on board and will talk to relevant people. There is also an opportunity to discuss this with the Police when they present at the Council Forum in September.

28.2 Councillor Bitar – Contact Person to Unlock Park Toilets and Playgrounds

Councillor Bitar asked about the process on how the public are able to contact when the toilets and park playgrounds are locked. The Kurrajong Park playground and toilets were locked yesterday afternoon and no one could play and access the toilets. Is there a number that the community groups can call to unlock them after hours?

The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice and will ask the appropriate Council officer to respond.

28.3 Councillor Liddle – Kids Out of School During School Hours

Councillor Liddle has noticed a number of school age kids walking around town during school hours. He asked who is responsible for bringing these kids back to school?

Mayor Paterson advised that this falls under the NT Department of Education and Territory Families, where the 'no school no service' policy was enforced.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Department did a series of work 18 months ago, but NTG have been swamped dealing with COVID and other issues. The CEO will raise this with NTG Territory Families and ITCG to see what measures they have in place and will provide an update to Elected Members.

29. GENERAL BUSINESS

29.1 Mayor Paterson - Congratulations to Mr John Bermingham

Mayor Paterson, on behalf of Council, congratulated Mr Bermingham who received a silver medal in the M70 5000m event at the 2022 World Masters Athletics Championships in Tampere, Finland. Mr Bermingham will also be the guest speaker at the Mayoral Seniors Morning Tea.

29.2 Mayor Paterson – Alice Springs Masters Games

Mayor Paterson advised that the dates for the Alice Springs Masters Games have been announced with it running from the 14th – 21st October 2023.

29.3 Mayor Paterson – Council Committee Structure

Mayor Paterson announced the cessation of most Council Committees. The Mayor extended his appreciation to all the public members who sat on those Committees and provided their support over the years.

29.4 Councillor Hopper – Poker Machines

The investment group in town looking to increase the number of poker machines in Alice Springs by just under 10%. The public submissions close 15 August. Community members were already raising concerns over more pokies in town already grappling with deep running social problems made worst by the gambling industry and would severely impact the most disadvantaged members of the community. Councillor Hopper asked Council to have a position on this issue.

Discussion ensued.

The Motion was deferred until further information is obtained.

Moved – Councillor Hopper
Seconded – Councillor Liddle

That Council make a submission not to support the increase in poker machines as part of the current applications.

DEFERRED

*Director Community Development left the Chamber at 1:42pm
Director Community Development returned to the Chamber at 1:43pm*

29.5 Councillor Brown – The Gap and the Railway Access into Town

There had been some incidents recently related to rock throwing at traffic in the approach to the Gap, as a result of woody weeds that have been allowed to grow, which provided a perfect cover for rock throwers. These acacias are a hazard from a security and fire point of view.

Councillor Brown suggested that Council should request the NT Government to clear those acacias at least 50m from the railway line, so there is no cover for rock throwers causing these issues.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he can take this to DIPL in one of his regular meetings if this is the wish of Council.

DIPL and NT Planning Commission have been invited to present at the Council Forum, but a date is yet to be confirmed.

30. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

31. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23 August, 2022 at 8.30am

32. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting closed at **2.02pm**

Moved – Councillor Hopper
Seconded – Councillor Coffey

The Council stands adjourned.

CARRIED (22318)

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Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____