

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE FOURTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
25 JULY 2023 IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

14. RESUMPTION OF MEETING IN OPEN

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

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting open at **11.04am** 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

Councillor M. Banks

Councillor S. Brown

Councillor M. Coffey

Councillor K. Hopper (*via Zoom*)

Councillor M. Liddle

Councillor G. Morris

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A. Wilsmore – Chief Executive Officer

Mr J. Andrew – Director Technical Services

Ms N. Battle – Director Community Development

Mrs N. Brennan – Acting Director Corporate Services

Mrs E. Williams – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

Mr A. Geppa – Media Officer

16. PRAYER

Captain Dean Clutterbuck, Salvation Army

17. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor A. Bitar

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the apology be received and accepted

CARRIED (22701)

18. WELCOME

19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

19.1 Hal Duell – Resident

Mr Duell thanked Council for the recent work carried out in Wulmulla Park and asked if there are any plans to install a water bubbler at the park.

Director Technical Services responded that currently there are no plans but this can be investigated.

Mayor Paterson responded that a Parks Masterplan is being developed and that these types of items can be added.

20. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Nil

21. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

21.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 27 June, 2023

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 27 June, 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED (22702)

21.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

21.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Sanitary Disposal Units

Councillor Hopper asked for an update on the installation of sanitary disposal units in public toilets.

The Director Technical Services advised that options are being investigated with a response pending.

22 MAYORAL REPORT

22.1 Mayor's Report

Report No. 127 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED (22703)

22.2 Business Arising from the Report

22.2.1 Councillor Brown – Item 1.2 – Qantas meeting

The Mayor advised that this was a discussion around a potential rebound package. Since this meeting there has been a \$10m commitment from the Northern Territory Government that will be matched by airports within the Northern Territory.

22.2.2 Councillor Brown - Item1.8 – Tanya Hosch

The Mayor advised that this meeting was held whilst Ms Hosch was in Alice Springs for the recent AFL game. Discussion centered around AFL investment into community football and the positive impacts moving the games away from Alice Springs has had.

Councillor Banks asked if any data was available following the move of the majority of games to communities.

The Mayor took the question on notice.

22.2.3 Councillor Brown – Item 1.18 – Andrew Walder

The Mayor advised that this was a discussion around rough sleepers and how Council can assist legislatively in this space.

22.2.4 Councillor Hopper – Item 1.4 – SORIC update

Mayor Paterson took this on notice with information to be supplied once the new arrangement has been agreed.

22.2.5 Mayor Paterson – Item 2.7 – Investiture Ceremony

Mayor Paterson thanked the Elected Members that attended the recent investiture ceremony and went on to congratulate the inductees:

Mrs Bess Nungarrayi Price AM

Mr Ian Smith ESM

Ms Yanyi Bandicha OAM

Ms Beverley McCormack OAM

Ms Liesl Rockchild OAM

Miss Keturah Zimran OAM

22.2.6 Councillor Banks – Correspondence Received

Councillor Banks asked for an update on the Keep Moving program.

Director Community Development responded that a contract has been offered to the current provider to continue the program. A draft program to be circulated later this week.

23. ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

23.1.1 Deputy Mayor Melky – Liquor Restrictions Extension

23.1.2 Deputy Mayor Melky – Northern Territory Government \$20million Airfare Deal

23.1.3 Councillor Hopper – Liquor Inspectors and Responsible Service of Alcohol

24. MEMORIALS

Nil

25. PETITIONS

Councillor Gavin Morris – Todd Mall Traders Association

Councillor Gavin Morris tabled a petition from the Todd Mall Traders objecting to the proposal of putting a road through Todd Mall.

The Todd Mall traders will be invited to a future Forum to discuss potential collaboration with Council.

21st June 2023

Object: Open letter from Todd Mall Traders regarding Alice Springs CBD Revitalisation and objection to proposal of opening up the Todd Mall as a public road.

To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO of Alice Springs Town Council,

This is an open letter from the Todd Mall traders expressing the position of the business owners and landlords of Todd Mall, against any proposal of a road through the Todd Mall in the upcoming CBD Revitalisation project. The Todd Mall is the heartbeat of the Alice Springs community providing a place for citizens and tourists alike to congregate and socialise in a safe traffic free space.

We are united in our strong opposition to the removal of the Todd Mall and its replacement with a road - this will not enhance the business viability and amenity for Alice Springs.

We also request that there be frequent and transparent communication to the Todd Mall Traders with regard to the consultation process:

- When and how will the landholders and business owners be consulted?
- How will our views be considered in the decision making process and what weight will they carry?
- If the road progresses, how will businesses be compensated?

(We understand when construction in the northern end of the mall began in late 2012 and opened to traffic in July 2013 this amounted to at least 12 months of disruption to business. We have already had two years of massive disruption to business with COVID and again, this year even more devastating with a lack of tourism. Businesses are suffering and we do not agree to further disruption.)

It is understood that the tender for this project has been awarded to Jensen PLUS and that a feasibility report will be undertaken to look at a road through the Todd Mall. We strongly object to the documented use of language being referred to as "open the mall as a public road", as opposed to the revitalisation of the mall.

Whilst revitalisation to the Todd Mall and the broader CBD is greatly welcomed, we do not support any proposal of a road through the Todd Mall.

A petition of 1000+ signatures has been submitted to the Alice Springs Town Council at the General Meeting of the 28th February, 2023. We support the reasons outlined in the petition as to why the road through the Todd Mall is not the answer to revitalisation.

We look forward to working with the Alice Springs Town Council via the Todd Mall Traders Association, on an on-going basis, as well as engaging with the appointed consultants of the CBD Revitalisation project in a clear and transparent manner.

As businesses owners and citizens of Alice Springs we would hope that the elected Council takes our pressing views with gravity, as we are invested in the revitalisation of the whole town as we hope Council is.

Yours respectfully,

Butter Rene Sutton Gin Alice Springs Cinema

Marnie SOPHIA MARRIOTT - SUGAR & SPICE - CHILDREN'S BOUTIQUE

Shirley Jonny Rowden - The Goods Coffee Shop.

Demarco AND DEMARCO. Novita gifts.

MD MELANIE DALY SWANK SHOES

PHONE A FLOWER Liza Ligin Jimmy

Faultys Fine Foods David Rees *DR*

Thai De Cuisine Heidi Phurijitrawong *MD*

Nature Brew (Juice Bar) *MD*

Danielle Hannon Lovita *MD*

Emily Lintern Anydicare *MD*

Emcille Wills URBAN RAMPAGE *MD*



Asuka Isogai Outbush *MD*
Gretel Bull Papunya Tula Artists *MD*

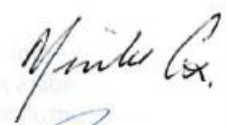
Bronwyn Druce Red Kangaroo Socks *MD*

Verita Poblacki This is Aboriginal Art - V. Poblacki *MD*

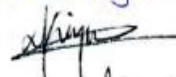

Ange Vincent *MD* Leaping Lizards Gallery A/S.


Kyuhee Son *MD* DESERTS


Dwayne Chapple Stay true tattoo 
Ngam Duong NT DIVA NAILS 

Merrilee Cox Disability Advocacy Service 

Chantal Boaza, Director, Colab Disability Solutions 

SCOTT McCONNELL TinTrack.  

Samantha Millar JILA ARTS 


YUEXIN HAN Confucius Palace Dumplings 


Tahlia Rutherford Made By... 

Anastasia Byrnes  Mined Lollies.


Nerida Nettelbeck MONEYMOB 

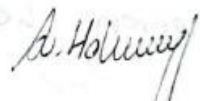
Leoni Brown JACKSONS DRAWING + ART L.R.
DESLEIGH NICHOLSON WONDERLAND KIDN AICE


Todd Mall Markets Sarah Shepherdson 

GREG PEVAL INTERSPORT ALICE SPRINGS 

HARWINDER SINGH IS SPORTIES CAFE SRASIVIRAM


MA MAURANGI RIR ACCOUNTING 


Anna von Hohenegg, Alice Springs YHA 

MATTHEW PRICE, BENEATH THE MACHINE TATTOO 

MASUMBILLAH - MOBILE GARDEN

Brad Bellette  Bellette Media

Aaron Ward, Smokemart Alice Plaza 

RED CENTRE CHINESE COUNCE 

Alice Plaza Ride + kebabs 

Beanto on the Mall @Phen
Phil Aboriginal Fabric Gallery / Robert Smith.
In Philly Red Sands Cafe / Robert Phillips
91 TODD STREET / STEPHEN KIM ~~Stephen~~
patya proper fine Art - Amy Ariston ~~Amy~~
Revive Skin Correction - Ellen Easy Ego
57 TODD MALL APT 110 B TAU q h
BELCA ALICE
LONE DINGO - ANNIE KNIGHT ~~annie knight~~
Alice Springs Realty - Toni Rowan ~~Toni Rowan~~
A Home Like Alice - Justin + Yvette Pengilly / S. Piff

26. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

27. FINANCE

27.1 Finance Report
Report No. 132 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Morris

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22704)

27.2 Business Arising from the Report

27.2.1 Councillor Coffey – Balance Sheet

Councillor Coffey asked how Council come to the figure of \$189,691 for other items / tax on the Balance Sheet as it didn't match the note.

Acting Director Corporate Services took the question on notice.

28. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

28.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

28.1.1 CEO Report

Report No. 129 / 23 cncI

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Morris

1. **That this report be received and noted.**
2. **That Alice Springs Town Council invite the Northern Territory Government Cabinet to meet with Council to commence collaborative discussion over recent policy announcements.**

CARRIED (22705)

28.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.1.2.1 Councillor Coffey – Working Together Principal's Report

Councillor Coffey requested that the Northern Territory Cabinet be invited to meet with Council to commence collaborative discussion over recent policy announcements.

28.1.3 Council Policy – Elected Member Allowances and Expenses
Report No. 135 / 23 cncI

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Morris

1. **That the report entitled Elected Member Allowances and Expenses be received and noted.**
2. **That Council adopts the Elected Member Allowances and Expenses Policy as presented at Attachment A – Council Policy – Elected Members Allowances and Expenses**

CARRIED (22706)

28.1.4 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

28.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil

28.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

28.3.1 Community Development Report to Council
Report No. 131 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That the Community Development Report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22707)

28.3.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.3.2.1 Councillor Coffey – Finke Desert Race Street Party

Councillor Coffey asked when will this be reviewed.

Director Community Development will bring this discussion to a future Forum.

28.3.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Todd Mall Activation

Councillor Hopper asked if there will be other screenings of the Matilda's games?

Director Community Development advised that discussions are commencing around screening the finals should the Matilda's be playing.

28.3.2.3 Mayor Paterson – Todd Mall Traders

Mayor Paterson asked if Council should expect any feedback from the Traders group now that their meetings have commenced.

Director Community Development advised that the Traders will be invited to a future Forum to present to the Elected Members.

28.3.3 Volunteering Update
Report No. 136 / 23 cncI

Moved – Councillor Coffey
Seconded – Councillor Brown

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22708)

28.3.4 Business Arising from the Report

28.3.4.1 Councillor Coffey - Volunteers

Councillor Coffey asked if any further work will be done to recruit and retain volunteers.

Director Community Development advised that this work will continue.

28.3.5 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Sports Facilities Advisory Committee – 29th June, 2023

Moved – Councillor Brown
Seconded – Mayor Paterson

That the minutes of the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee held on Thursday 29 June, 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED (22709)

28.3.6 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

28.3.7 Recommendations of Sports Facilities Advisory Committee – 29th June, 2023

28.3.7 (1) Proposed Works at Alice Springs Tennis Club

Moved – Councillor Brown
Seconded – Councillor Coffey

1. **That SFAC commit up to \$130,000 to undertake re-asphalting the tennis courts and that Alice Springs Town Council go out to tender for the completion of these works.**
2. **That Council Officers undertake further design of the courts.**

CARRIED (22710)

28.3.7 (2) SFAC Priority Works

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That SFAC commit up to \$130,000 to undertake a lighting project for Flynn Drive oval and \$25,000 to Alice Springs Hockey Association for facility upgrades.

CARRIED (22711)

Councillor Morris left the Chamber at 12.09pm

Councillor Morris returned to the Chamber at 12.12pm

28.3.8 MusicNT Sponsorship (Bush Bands Bash)

Report No. 137 / 23 cncI

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.1

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Morris

- 1. That Council funds MusicNT's sponsorship application for \$11,000.00 (GST inclusive) to deliver the Bush Bands Program held 6-10 September 2023.**
- 2. That the resolution be moved from Confidential to Open.**

CARRIED (22692)

28.3.9 Henley on Todd Regatta Sponsorship

Report No. 138 / 23 cncI

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.3

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Morris

- 1. That Council funds the Alice Springs Henley on Todd Inc. sponsorship application to the sum of \$15,000.00 (GST inclusive) to deliver the Henley on Todd Regatta held 19 August 2023.**
- 2. That the resolution be moved from Confidential to Open.**

CARRIED (22693)

28.3.10 Application for Sponsorship – Rapid Ascent

Report No. 139 / 23 cncI

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.5

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Brown

1. **That Council funds Rapid Ascent's sponsorship application for \$5,000.00 (GST inclusive) to deliver the Run Larapinta Stage Race and The Redback MTB Stage Race, held 24-27 August & 18-21 August 2023.**
2. **That the resolution be moved from Confidential to Open.**

CARRIED (22694)

28.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

28.4.1 Technical Services Update to Council

Report No. 130 / 23 cncI

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Banks

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22712)

28.4.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.4.2.1 Deputy Mayor Melky – CBD Litter Crew

Deputy Mayor Melky asked about the mobile litter crew within the CBD.

Director Technical Services advised they were active, but would review the staff allocation and potentially reallocate another position to the mobile CBD litter crew.

Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 12.16pm

Councillor Liddle returned to the Chamber at 12.18pm

Councillor Morris left the Chamber at 12.16pm

Councillor Morris returned to the Chamber at 12.20pm

28.4.3 Proposed Sealing of Jane Road and Bath Street Laneway
Report No. 142 / 23 cncI

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

1. **Council approves the Technical Service Department to apply for grant funding to seal both Jane Road and the Bath Street laneway**
2. **That Council consider in its budget in the 2024/2025 financial year to provide 30% of the total funding for the 2 projects (estimated to be \$300,000) to assist with securing the remaining 70% through grant funding.**

CARRIED (22713)

28.4.4 Business Arising from the Report
Nil

28.4.5 Bushfires Roles and Responsibilities
Report No. 140 / 23 cncI

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Liddle

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22714)

Councillor Banks requested that a letter be sent to the Northern Territory Government seeking adequate funding for bushfire preparedness of Crown Land.

The CEO will action this request.

Deputy Mayor Melky left the Chamber at 12.25pm

Deputy Mayor Melky returned to the Chamber at 12.28pm

28.4.6 Proposed Concept Design of Newland Park Redevelopment

Report No. 143 / 23 cncI

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.1

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Brown

1. **That Council endorse the proposed concept design of the Newland Park redevelopment for public consultation.**
2. **That Council endorse the acceptance of variation costs in the 2022-05ST Alice Springs Regional Skate Park contract.**
3. **That the resolution be moved from Confidential to Open.**

CARRIED (22695)

28.4.7 CBD Design Consultation

Report No. 144 / 23 cncI

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.3

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Brown

1. **That Council endorse the proposed Stakeholder Engagement Plan for the CBD Regeneration Master Plan Stage 1 Works.**
2. **That the resolution and Attachment B – Public Stakeholder Engagement Plan, be moved from Confidential to Open**

CARRIED (22696)

28.4.8 Netball Court Resurfacing

Report No. 141 / 23 cncI

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.5

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Morris

1. **That the Council approve the tendering of the Netball Courts resurfacing and associated works at the Pat Gallagher Netball Stadium.**
2. **That the resolution be moved from Confidential to Open.**

CARRIED (22697)

29 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

29 GENERAL BUSINESS

29.1 Councillor Gavin Morris – Todd Mall Traders Association Petition

Mayor Paterson thanked Councillor Morris for tabling the petition and advised that all community members will be involved in the consultation, not just the Todd Mall Traders.

Moved – Councillor Morris

Seconded – Mayor Paterson

That the petition from the Todd Mall Traders regarding CBD works is tabled and provided to the consultants undertaking the stakeholder engagement of the CBD Regeneration project.

CARRIED (22715)

Council recessed for lunch at 12.47pm and returned at 1.18pm

29.2 Deputy Mayor Melky – Liquor Restrictions Extension

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Banks

That Council include liquor restrictions and anti-social behaviour to the agenda of the proposed meeting with Northern Territory Cabinet.

CARRIED (22716)

Councillor Banks left the meeting at 2.01pm

Councillor Morris left the meeting at 2.01pm

29.3 Deputy Mayor Melky – Northern Territory Government \$20million Airfare Deal

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That Council write to Airport Development Group, NT and invite them to meet with Council to discuss the recently announced \$20million Aviation Attraction Scheme.

CARRIED (22717)

29.4 Councillor Hopper – Liquor Inspectors and Responsible Service of Alcohol

Councillor Hopper asked the Mayor if he is aware what work the Liquor Inspectors are doing now that people are being encouraged to drink within licensed venues on Monday and Tuesday.

The Mayor responded that he's unsure of the role Inspectors are taking but premises have the ability to scan licenses within their venues and not just at bottle-shops.

29.5 Mayor Paterson – Football NT

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 11.2

Moved – Mayor Paterson

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That Council invite Football NT to a Forum to discuss the future of their sport in Alice Springs.

CARRIED (22699)

31. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

32. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 22 August, 2023

33. CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Paterson declared the meeting closed at **2.10pm.**

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

The Council meeting be closed.

CARRIED (22718)

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____