



# COUNCIL MINUTES

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## LITCHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

held in the Council Chambers, Litchfield  
on Wednesday 21 August 2019 at 6:30pm

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<b>Present</b>	Maree Bredhauer Kirsty Sayers-Hunt Doug Barden Christine Simpson Mathew Salter	Mayor Deputy Mayor / Councillor East Ward Councillor South Ward Councillor Central Ward Councillor North Ward
<b>Staff</b>	Silke Maynard Nadine Nilon David Jan Wendy Smith Debbie Branson	Interim Chief Executive Officer Director Infrastructure and Operations Acting Director Community & Corporate Services Manager Planning & Development Executive Assistant
<b>Public</b>	Ross & Viv Lavender Joe Pisani Kay Pisani Lorraine Finch Gary Finch Wendy Close Kale Ashton Paul Boothby Chris Boothby Peter Close Cynthia Sardford Barry Sardford Gary Weir Rick Schultz Justin Baker Terry Reichstein Ben Reichstein Janina Innes Noel Mazlin Krys Fox Troy Wright Ray McCaster Colin Heinrson Mark Mann	Howard Springs Wulagi Wulagi Fannie Bay Fannie Bay McMinns Lagoon Stuart Park Nakara Nakara McMinns Lagoon Bees Creek Bees Creek McMinns Lagoon Herbert Noonamah Marlow Lagoon Marlow Lagoon Humpty Doo Noonamah Noonamah Humpty Doo Virginia Humpty Doo Darwin

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**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public.

The Mayor advised that an audio recording of the meeting will be made for minute taking purposes as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

On behalf of Council, the Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the Council meet on. The Mayor also conveyed Council's respect to the Elders past, present and future for their continuing custodianship of the land and the children of the land across generations.

**3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

**4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

The Mayor advised that any member of Council who may have a conflict of interest, or a possible conflict of interest regarding any item of business to be discussed at a Council meeting or a Committee meeting should declare the conflict of interest to enable Council to manage the conflict in accordance with its obligations under the Local Government Act and its policies regarding the same.

No further disclosures of interest were declared.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved: Cr Simpson  
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council confirm the minutes of the:

1. Special Council Meeting held 3 July 2019, 3 pages;
2. Special Council Meeting held 10 July 2019, 7 pages;
3. Council Meeting held 17 July 2019, 11 pages; and
4. Confidential Council Meeting held 17 July 2019, 2 pages.

**CARRIED-1920/030**

## 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt  
Seconded: Cr Simpson

THAT Council receives and notes the Action List.

**CARRIED-1920/031**

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

Dr David Ritchie, Chairman – NT Grants Commission  
Mr Damien Ryan, Commissioner – NT Grants Commission  
Ms Kay Thurlow, Commissioner – NT Grants Commission  
Ms Meeta Ramkumar, Commissioner – NT Grants Commission

## 8. PETITIONS

Nil.

## 9. PUBLIC FORUM

*Public comments are paraphrased in the minutes and not recorded verbatim*

### 9.1 Ross Lavender – Big 4 Caravan Park Howard Springs

Mr Lavender objected to supporting a free RV Park however was not objecting to a dump point as seen it as an advantage to travellers. Mr Lavender stated that commercial operators are required to dump rubbish at Shoal Bay at a cost and questioned the process with a free RV Park. Mr Lavender believed the RV Park was going to be in direct competition to surrounding businesses.

### 9.2 Peter Close – McMinns Lagoon

As a member of the CMCA and former manager of caravan parks Mr Close supported the motion as he believed more vehicles are self-contained therefore travellers needs have changed. Mr Close believed that if a dump point and RV Park was available it would attract more travellers / grey nomads.

### 9.3 Troy Wright – Humpty Doo

Mr Wright as a local business man raised his concerns in relation to the financial impact to surrounding caravan parks also to small businesses that provide a service to the caravan parks.

### 9.4 Ray McCaster – Virginia

As a caravan park owner Mr McCaster believed that majority of rate payers would not benefit from a free RV Park and believed the money would be better spent at Freds Pass Reserve, roads and drainage.

**9.5 Christine Boothby – Nakara**

As a long-term Darwin resident and a member of the CMCA Mr Boothby believed the proposal would improve the economic development of the area. Mrs Boothby also believed the RV Park and dump point would be at no cost to the ratepayers.

**9.6 Kay Pisani – Wulagi**

As a CMCA member Mrs Pisani believed that caravan parks do not suffer where there are RV Parks and dump points and provided other examples.

**9.7 Ben Reichsten – Virginia**

Mr Reichsten supported the views of the caravan owners and raised his concerns about expenditure in the area from the travellers.

**9.8 Janine Innes – Humpty Doo**

As the owner of Noonamah Tourist Park Ms Innes strongly opposed to the motion and believed the surrounding commercial caravan parks contribute to the economy by employing staff, use local contractors and supplies. Ms Innes believed there was no benefit to the community giving land to the CMCA as an interstate company and to be run by volunteers.

**10. ACCEPTING OR DECLINING LATE ITEMS**

Nil.

## 11. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 11.1 Investigation of a Suitable Site for a Dump Point

Moved: Cr Simpson  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council:

1. approves an investigation into the development of Litchfield Municipality as an RV friendly destination;
2. investigates suitable sites for an RV friendly Park in the Municipality;
3. engages with the CMCA to explore the opportunity of becoming partners in an RV Park and dump point, in Litchfield Municipality; and
4. prepare a report for the October 2019 meeting outlining what the partnership arrangement could look like, along with the commitment requirement of Litchfield Council and the CMCA.

A division was called  
Mayor Bredhauer, Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt and Cr Simpson voted for the motion  
Cr Barden and Cr Salter voted against the motion  
CARRIED-1920/032

## 12. MAYORS REPORT

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt  
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council receive and note the Mayor's monthly report.

CARRIED-1920/033

## 13. REPORT FROM COUNCIL APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

Councillors appointed by Council to external committees provided an update where relevant.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt  
Seconded: Cr Simpson

THAT Council note the Councillors' verbal report.

CARRIED-1920/034

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

Moved: Mayor Bredhauer  
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT the order of business be changed and that Item 18 – Public Questions be brought forward to allow for public questions.

CARRIED-1920/035

## **18. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

*Public Questions are paraphrased in the minutes and not recorded verbatim*

### **18.1 Viv Lavender – Big 4 Howard Springs**

Mrs Lavender questioned when the commercial operators were approached as mentioned by Cr Simpson?

Mrs Lavender also questioned why did the Council allow Cr Simpson to sell to the CMCA and not any other organisation within the shire?

Mrs Lavender read out the questions listed in her correspondence that was sent to Council.

Mayor Bredhauer responded that the intent of the motion was to carry out and investigation and the questions will be answered within the investigation.

### **18.2 Troy Wright – Humpty Doo**

Mr Wright sought clarification as to what a Recreation Vehicle is.

Cr Simpson responded.

### **18.3 Viv Lavender – Big 4 Howard Springs**

Mr Lavender questioned the type of vehicles that have been identified by Cr Simpson and if Council was aware that these vehicles were 95 percent of the commercial caravan operator's clientele.

### **18.4 Janine Innes – Noonamah Tourist Centre**

Ms Innes questioned the requirements of facilities that commercial operators are made to install at their cost i.e. wheelchair access, laundries, ablution blocks etc.

### **18.5 Litchfield Council Ratepayer**

Why doesn't the CMCA subsidise the caravan parks already established for a dump point?

Mayor Bredhauer advised the question will be address in the report that will be included in the October 2019 Council Meeting.

## 14. FINANCE REPORT

### 14.1 Council Finance Report – July 2019

Moved: Cr Barden  
Seconded: Cr Simpson

THAT Council receives the Litchfield Council Finance report for the period ended 31 July 2019.

**CARRIED-1920/036**

## 15. OFFICERS REPORTS

### 15.1 Summary Planning and Development Report – August 2019

Moved: Cr Simpson  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council:

1. receives the August 2019 Summary Planning and Development Report; and
2. notes for information the responses provided to relevant agencies within Attachments A-C to this report.

**CARRIED-1920/037**

### 15.2 PA2019-0193 Planning Scheme Amendment Application

Moved: Cr Simpson  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council:

1. receives and notes the report; and
2. endorses Attachment A, Council's Letter of Comment for PA2019/0193, a Planning Scheme Amendment Application to Rezone from Zone SD (Single Dwelling) to Zone MD (Multiple Dwelling) at Sections 1792, 1794, and 1795 (32, 36, and 38) Challoner Circuit, Humpty Doo, Hundred of Strangways.

**CARRIED-1920/038**

### 15.3 Place Names Request – Darwin River Bridge to Jimmy Stanton Bridge

Moved: Cr Barden  
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council supports the name Jimmy Stanton Bridge as the formal name for the Cox Peninsula Road bridge over Darwin River adjacent 1545 Cox Peninsula Road, Tumbling Waters.

**CARRIED-1920/039**

#### **15.4 GOV11 Common Seal Policy**

Moved: Cr Barden  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council adopts GOV11 Common Seal policy.

**MOTION LAPSED**

#### **15.5 Rating Review Position Paper**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt  
Seconded: Cr Simpson

THAT Council:

1. notes the Litchfield Rating Policy Review – Community Reference Group Report to Litchfield Council;
2. congratulates and thanks the Community Reference Group members for their contribution and dedication;
3. endorses the Rating Policy Review Position Paper for public consultation from the 2 September to 7 October 2019; and
4. allows the Interim Chief Executive Officer to make minor editorial changes to the Rating Policy Review Position Paper, if required.

**CARRIED-1920/040**

#### **16. COMMON SEAL**

Nil.

#### **17. OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil.

#### **19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt  
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following Confidential Items:

##### **19.1 Application to Waive Interest on Assessment 10027902**

Regulation 8b) – information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

**CARRIED-1920/041**



The meeting was closed to the public at 9:06pm.

Moved: Cr Barden  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) regulations the meeting be re-opened to the public.

**CARRIED-1920/043**

The meeting moved to Open Session at 9:10pm.

**20. CLOSE OF MEETING**

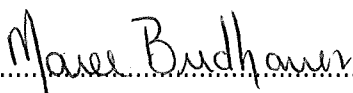
The Chair closed the meeting at 9:10pm.

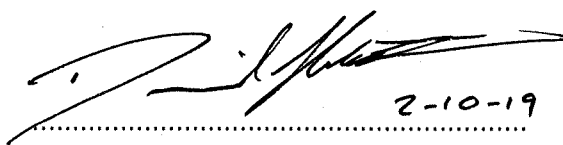
**21. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 18 September 2019.

**MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED**

Wednesday 18 September 2019

  
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Mayor  
Maree Bredhauer

  
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Chief Executive Officer  
Daniel Fletcher