



Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting (RMAC)

MINUTES

Thursday, 28th May 2026

Greg Arnott

Meeting to be held commencing 9:30 AM
in Council Chambers at 7 Bees Creek Road, Freds Pass

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RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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Present	Greg Arnott	Chair
	Kevin Harlan	Councillor Central Ward
	Plaxy Purch	Councillor North Ward
Staff	Stephen Hoyne	Chief Executive Officer
	Rebecca Taylor	Acting Director Governance and Community
	Geoff Thomas	Director Infrastructure and Operations
	Ankit Pansal	Acting Director Corporate Services
	Tash Clancy	Executive Assistant to Directors

1 OPENING OF MEETING

Greg Arnott (Chair) opened the meeting at 9.33am

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Apologies

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Shane Smith

Leave of Absence

Nil

3 DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Harlan company SlackDog15 Pty Ltd is engaged by Gold Medal Services NT, of which Shane Smith is part owner.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC/26/006

Moved: Chair Greg Arnott

Seconded: Cr Kevin Harlan

That the full minutes (including confidential minutes) of the Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting held Friday 13 March 2026, 5 pages be confirmed.

CARRIED 2/1

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Business Arising

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on actions arising from previous Council meetings and outlines progress made on outstanding items.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC/26/007

Moved: Chair Greg Arnott

Seconded: Cr Kevin Harlan

1. That Risk Management and Audit Committee receive and note the business arising as at attachment.

CARRIED 3/0

6 ACCEPTING OR DECLINING LATE ITEMS

Nil

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – AUDIT PRESENTATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC/26/008

Moved: Chair Greg Arnott

Seconded: Cr Kevin Harlan

The Committee invites the auditors PKF Merit, represented by Matthew Kennon and Scott Pierce, to introduce and present the Audit Plan. Standing Orders were suspended at 09.57am and resumed at 10.10am.

CARRIED 3/0

7 OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 Internal Audit Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to RMAC on the progress of the internal audits.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC/26/009

Moved: Cr Plaxy Purich

Seconded: Cr Kevin Harlan

That the Risk Management and Audit Committee:

1. Receive and note the progress on the internal audits; and
2. Provides feedback on the draft Strategic Audit Plan as at Attachment 1.
3. That the internal Strategic Audit Plan is reviewed annually at the last committee meeting of the financial year to review the next years internal plan and audit objectives.
4. That the audit objectives detailed in the Internal Audit Plan for;
 - (a) Payroll to be amended to include compliance for superannuation legislation, regulations and rules, and fringe benefits tax requirements;
 - (b) Planning to include review of Council policies, plan and guidelines to ensure compliance with the Planning Act and other relevant legislation.

CARRIED 3/0

8 OTHER BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RMAC/26/010

Moved: Cr Kevin Harlan

Seconded: Cr Plaxy Purich

That the Committee request Council officers provide advice at the next meeting regarding the reference to traffic audits in the Risk Register dated 13 March 2026, and the reason why it should be removed.

CARRIED 3/0

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Section 93 of the Local Government Act and Regulation 51 of Local Government (General) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following confidential item(s):

9.1 Risk Register

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - d of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

9.2 Interim Audit Report 2025-2026

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - e of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation (3) - information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

10 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 11.35pm.