



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE WURRUMIYANGA
BOARDROOM ON WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

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1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

1.1 Welcome and Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 10:20 am.

The Mayor welcomed Councillors and guests.

1.2 Present and Apologies

Present

COUNCILLORS	
Mayor Lynette De Santis	Milikapiti Ward
Councillor Jennifer Clancy	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Luke Tipuamantimirri	Bathurst Ward
Councillor John Ross Pilakui	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Daniel Costa	Pirlangimpi Ward
Councillor Joseph (Gideon) Pangiraminni	Pirlangimpi Ward
Councillor Deanne Rioli	Pirlangimpi Ward
Councillor Pius Tipungwuti	Milikapiti Ward
STAFF	
Heidi Dorn	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Jayesh Vasandani	Chief Financial Officer
Bill Toy	Manager Community Engagement
Salman Samee	Manager Projects and Contracts
Stephen Taylor	Manager People and Wellbeing
Lauren Davidson	Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coord.
GUESTS	
Karen Hocking	Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development
Ebony Williams-Costa	Office of The Hon. Marion Scrymgour MP

Minute Taker: Lauren Davidson, Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator

Apologies

COUNCILLORS	
Deputy Mayor Mary Dunn	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Stanley Tipiloura	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Brian Tipungwuti	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Jeffrey Ullungura	Milikapiti Ward

OCM/245 RESOLUTION

Moved: Jennifer Clancy

Seconded: Luke Tipuamantumirri

That Council:

- Notes the members listed above are present and that quorum has been achieved.

2. Notes the absence of Deputy Mayor Mary Dunn, Councillor Stanley Tipiloura, Councillor Brian Tipungwuti and Councillor Jeffrey Ullungura.
3. Notes the apology received from Deputy Mayor Mary Dunn, Councillor Stanley Tipiloura, Councillor Brian Tipungwuti and Councillor Jeffrey Ullungura.

CARRIED

1.3 Declaration of Interest of Members

OCM/246 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pius Tipungwuti
Seconded: John Pilakui

That Council receive the declarations of interests as listed for the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 February 2026.

Mayor Lynette De Santis declared her conflict for Confidential item 11.2

CARRIED

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

OCM/247 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pius Tipungwuti
Seconded: Daniel Costa

That Council:

1. Confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 December 2025 as a true and correct record of the meeting.
2. Confirm the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 20 January 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

3 REPORTS FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Nil

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Business Arising – 2026 Action Tracker Template

OCM/248 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pius Tipungwuti
Seconded: John Pilakui

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the 2026 Action Tracker template.

2. **Adopts the attached template as the official format for tracking actions arising from Business Arising, General Business, and Questions With or Without Notice.**
3. **Confirms that all completed actions arising prior to 2026 are formally closed as at 18 February 2026.**

CARRIED

5 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Mandatory Elected Member Training – Second Session

OCM/249 RESOLUTION

Moved: Jennifer Clancy
Seconded: Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni

That Council:

1. **Accepts Karen Hocking from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to deliver the second session of the mandatory Elected Member Training; and**
2. **Notes that any Elected Members absent from the session will be required to attend a make-up session to ensure compliance with mandatory training requirements.**

CARRIED

Adjourned meeting at 12:29 pm

Reopened meeting at 1:11 pm

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Incoming Correspondence

OCM/250 RESOLUTION

Moved: Luke Tipuamantumirri
Seconded: John Pilakui

That Council receives and notes the attached Register of Incoming Correspondence.

CARRIED

6.2 Outgoing Correspondence

OCM/251 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pius Tipungwuti
Seconded: Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni

That Council receives and notes the attached Register of Outgoing Correspondence.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Report of the Chief Executive Officer

OCM/252 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Pilakui

Seconded: Pius Tipungwuti

That the report entitled Report of the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.2 Finance End of Month Report – January 2026

OCM/253 RESOLUTION

Moved: Daniel Costa

Seconded: John Pilakui

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report for the reporting period to 30th January 2026.

CARRIED

7.3 Project Status Report - January 2026

OCM/254 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Pilakui

Seconded: Luke Tipuamantumirri

That the report entitled Project Status Report - January 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED

8 REPORTS FOR DECISION

8.1 TIRC Policy Review - Fraud Protection Policy

OCM/255 RESOLUTION

Moved: Luke Tipuamantumirri

Seconded: Daniel Costa

That Council

- 1. Adopt Policy 42 – Fraud and Corruption Control Policy as presented.**
- 2. Request amendments to the policy prior to adoption.**
- 3. Defer the matter for further consideration.**

CARRIED

8.2 Naming of Council Vessel for Compliance Purposes

OCM/256 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Pilakui
Seconded: Luke Tipuamantumirri

That Council:

1. **Endorses Patakijiyali as the Council tender vessel's official Tiwi name for compliance and registration purposes.**
2. **Authorises the CEO to update all compliance and registration documentation to reflect the endorsed vessel name.**

CARRIED

8.3 Nomination to the Minister's Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs (MACMA)

OCM/257 RESOLUTION

Moved: Luke Tipuamantumirri
Seconded: Daniel Costa

That Council:

1. **Nominates Councillor John Ross Pilakui to represent Tiwi Islands Regional Council on the Minister's Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs (MACMA); and**
2. **Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer to submit the formal nomination to the Department of People, Sport and Culture on behalf of Council.**

CARRIED

8.4 Amendment to Delegations Manual

OCM/258 RESOLUTION

Moved: Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni
Seconded: Pius Tipungwuti

That Council:

1. **Approves the amendment to the Tiwi Islands Regional Council Delegations Manual to remove financial operational expenditure delegations from Coordinator positions.**
2. **Endorses that financial expenditure authority be retained at Manager level and above.**
3. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to update the Delegations Manual accordingly and implement the revised delegation's framework.**

CARRIED

9 QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Adjournment of Open Meeting at 2:33 pm.

Moved into Confidential Session at 2:33 pm.

OCM/259 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pius Tipungwuti

Seconded: John Pilakui

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 a Confidential matter.

CARRIED

At the conclusion of the discussion on the Confidential Item(s), the meeting was reopened and the decision on the Item(s) noted.

The meeting was reopened at 2:58.

OCM/269 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pius Tipungwuti

Seconded: Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni

That the meeting be reopened and the decisions on the Confidential Item(s) be noted.

CARRIED

12 NEXT MEETING

18 March 2026

13 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 3:09 pm.