

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING September 2026



NOTICE OF MEETING

The Ordinary Council Meeting of the Belyuen Community Government Council will be held in the Council Offices, Belyuen community commencing at 9am.

Dave Ferguson CEO

AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

September 2026

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1 OPEN MEETING

The Mayor of Belyuen Council: Cr. Leikeisha Woodie will declare the meeting open at 9:00am.

The Mayor welcomes the Councillors, visitors and staff to the Ordinary Council Meeting of September 2026.

Councillors agree that all matters presented at this meeting will be administered on the principle of fair and equitable treatment. Councillors acknowledge that we each bring our own views to the table and on all matters unresolved, Councillors right to agree and disagree is respected.

Councillors are reminded to fulfil their administrative requirements and sign the attendance sheet associated with this meeting.

Acknowledgement is made to members not present and respect is paid to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, to the elders past and present and to the Councillors and employees present for the meeting.

2 NOTICE OF MEETING



BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

MEETING NOTICE

Date Posted: 24/09/2026

Councillor Reminder

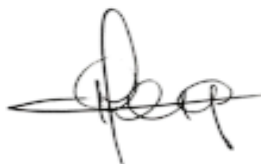
You are respectfully advised that the Ordinary Council Meeting for September 2026 has been re-scheduled as follows:

Date:	<i>Tuesday 29th September 2026</i>
Time:	<i>Beginning at 9.30am</i>
Location:	<i>BCGC Conference Room</i>

Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to contact the Mayor and or CEO should you have any information to add to the meeting agenda, this must be supplied two days before the notice is issued.

The Meeting will be chaired by Cr Leikeisha Woodie, Mayor BCGC.

Meeting refreshments and lunch will be provided.



Dave Ferguson

CEO

3 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Report Number **3.1.09.26**
Author **Dave Ferguson - CEO**
Attachments **Nil**

Summary

This report is to table, for Council's record only, any apologies, and requests for leave of absence received from Elected Members for this or future Ordinary General Meetings.

Council can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as ***absence without notice***.

As per the Local Government Act 2019 s.47 a person ceases to hold office as a member of a Council if the person is absent, without permission of the Council in accordance with the regulations, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council.

Recommendation:

That Council note the information provided regarding meeting attendance

Moved:

Seconded:

4 PERSONS PRESENT

Elected Members:

- Cr. Leikeisha Woodie
- Cr. Rex Sing
- Cr. Angelina Lewis
- Cr. Daphne Yarrowin
- Cr. Linda Yarrowin

Apologies:

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Staff:

- Dave Ferguson: Chief Executive Officer

- Jasmine Brar: Corporate Services Manager

Visitors:

- Troy Garling Australian Program Coordinator – Santos Foundation
- Mary Watson CEO - Local Government Association of the Northern Territory
- Peter Panquee President - Local Government Association of the Northern Territory
- Elisabeth Povinelli – Karrabing Association
- Hugh King - A/Executive Director Local Government and Community Development
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5 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Recommendation:

That Council note the apology of for the Ordinary Council meeting held 29th September 2026:

Moved:

Seconded:

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Report Number 6.1.09.26
Author Dave Ferguson – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments Nil

Summary

Elected members and staff are required to declare any conflicts of interest arising from the matters contained in this agenda. The Mayor reminds everyone about their roles and responsibilities as an elected official and particularly of their obligations to declare their interest (material or personal) on matters presented today – that may have a perceived or real conflict of interest.

Background

Elected Members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council or a meeting of a Council committee by:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.

The Council may elect to allow the Member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

Staff Members of the Council are required to disclose an interest in a matter at any time at which they are required to act or exercise their delegated authority in relation to the matter. Upon disclosure the Staff Member is not to act or exercise his or her delegated authority unless the CEO or Acting CEO expressly directs him or her to do so.

Comment

NIL

Statutory Environment

- *Local Government Act 2019* Section 114 (Elected Members)
- *Local Government Act 2019* Section 179 (Staff Members)

Policy Implications

Conflict of Interest – CEO and Staff Code of Conduct.

Financial Implications

Nil

Recommendation

Elected members receive the declarations of interest as tabled for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 1st September 2026

Moved:

Seconded:

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Report Number	7.1.09.26
Author	Dave Ferguson – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	UNCONFIRMED ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES August 2026

Summary

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Unconfirmed minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting for August from the 1st September 2026 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those minutes are a true and correct record of those meetings.

Statutory Environment

Agenda and Minutes as submitted must comply with Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act 2019.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL HELD: September 1st, 2026

1 OPEN MEETING

MEETING OPENED:

The Ordinary Council Meeting opened by Deputy Mayor Sing at 10.15 am

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Elected Members:

- *Cr. Rex Sing*
- *Cr. Linda Yarrowin*
- *Cr. Leikeisha Woodie (Mayor)*
- *Cr. Daphne Yarrowin*

Procedural note: Cr. Lewis departed the meeting @ 10.22am

Apologies:

- *Cr. Angelina Lewis*

Staff:

- *Dave Ferguson: Chief Executive Officer*
- *Jasmine Brar: Corporate Services Manager*

Visitors:

- *Sonali Seneviratne Principal Lawyer and Director: Top End Law*
- *Peter Haberman: EMM Consulting, Lei Lithium Mine*
- *Anthony Clements: Community Led Harm Reduction Unit, NT Health*

2 NOTICE OF MEETING



MEETING NOTICE

Date Posted: 29/07/2026

Councillor Reminder

You are respectfully advised that the Ordinary Council Meeting for July 2026 has been re-scheduled as follows:

Date:	<i>Tuesday 4th August 2026</i>
Time:	<i>Beginning at 9am</i>
Location:	<i>BCGC Conference Room</i>

Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to contact the Mayor and or CEO should you have any information to add to the meeting agenda, this must be supplied two days before the notice is issued.

The Meeting will be chaired by Cr Leikeisha Woodie, Mayor BCGC.

Meeting refreshments and lunch will be provided.



Dave Ferguson
CEO

3 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Recommendation:

<3.1.08.26> That Council note the information provided regarding meeting attendance for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 1st September 2026

Moved: Cr. R. Sing

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

4 PERSONS PRESENT

Recommendation:

<4.1.08.26> That Council note the information provided regarding persons present for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 1st September 2026

Moved: Cr. R. Sing

Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

5 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Recommendation:

<5.1.08.26> That Council note the apology of Cr. Lewis for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 1st September 2026

Moved: Cr. R. Sing

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Recommendation:

<6.1.08.26> that Council receive the declarations of interest as tabled for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 1st September 2026

Moved: Cr. R. Sing

Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

12:00pm: Lunch Break

12:41pm: Meeting resumed

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Recommendation:

<7.1.08.26> That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 4th August 2026 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Cr. R. Sing

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Recommendation:

<8.1.08.26> That Council close the meeting to the general public in accordance with Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

Moved: Cr. L. Woodie

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

Procedural Note:

The meeting was closed to the public at 1.12pm

The confidential meeting opened at 1.13pm

The confidential meeting closed at 2.06pm

9 RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Recommendation:

<9.1.08.26> That Council re-opens the meeting to the general public in accordance with Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

Moved: Cr. D. Yarrowin

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

10 DECISIONS ARISING FROM CONFIDENTIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Recommendation:

<10.1.08.26> That Council endorse the minutes of the confidential meeting held on August 24th 2026

Moved: Cr. R. Sing

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Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

<10.2.08.26> That Council note and endorse the report and associated documentation from NT Worksafe

Moved: Cr. D. Yarrowin

Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

11 FINANCIAL REPORT

Recommendation:

Certification by the CEO to the Council

11.1.08.26> That Council:

a) notes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) certifies to the best of his knowledge, information, and the belief that the internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate, and that Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council; and

b) note the financial report for July 2026 for endorsement at the Ordinary Council Meeting September 1st 2026

CEO:

Date:

Moved: Cr. R. Sing

Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

12 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Recommendation:

<12.1.08.26> That Council endorse the presentation delivered by Mr. Peter Haberman from Lithium Plus Minerals

Moved: Cr. R. Sing

Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

13 MAYORS REPORT

Recommendation:

<13.1.08.26>

1. That Belyuen Council conduct a community event to celebrate the 2026 AFL Grand Final, and;
2. That Council endorse the Mayors Report for the Ordinary Council meeting 1st September 2026

Moved: Cr. R. Sing

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

14 CEO REPORT

14.1 Report from the CEO – Draft Policies

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the following draft policies at the Ordinary Council Meeting September 1st 2026.

1. **BCGC Filling Casual Vacancies Policy**
2. **BCGC Caretaker Policy**
3. **BCGC Employment Related Grievances Policy**
4. **BCGC Recruitment and Selection Policy**
5. **BCGC Privacy Policy**
6. **BCGC Rates Concessions Policy**
7. **BCGC Fraud and Corruption Protection Policy**
8. **BCGC Corporate Credit Card Policy**
9. **BCGC Confidential Information – Council Meetings**

Moved: Cr. R. Sing

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

14.2 Report from the CEO – Aged & Disability

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Agree to accept the donation of hospital grade mobility aids from ex-aged care clientele,

2. *Agree to acknowledge the family with a small plaque at the Imabulk Aged Care facility, and;*
3. *note the CEO report titled Aged & Disability for August 2026 at the Ordinary Council Meeting September 1st 2026*

Moved: Cr. D. Yarrowin

Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

14.3 Report from the CEO – Ark Animal Hospital visit

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the Ark Animal Hospital Vet report for July 2026

Moved: Cr. D. Yarrowin

Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

14.4 Report from the CEO – Annual Leave Arrangements

Recommendation:

That Council note the CEO's request for annual leave at the Ordinary Council meeting September 1st 2026.

Moved: Cr. L. Woodie

Seconded: Cr. D. Yarrowin

Carried

14.5 Report from the CEO – Delissaville Cemetery Update

Recommendation:

That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report - Delissaville Cemetery Update.

Moved: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

14.6 Report from the CEO – Capitol Assets Update

Recommendation:

That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report - Capitol Assets Update

Moved: Cr. L. Woodie

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

14.7 Report from the CEO – Waste Management Services Agreement

Recommendation:

That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report - Waste Management Services Agreement and instruct the CEO to extend the waste management agreement with Veolia for another 12 months commencing September 1st 2026

Moved: Cr. L. Woodie

Seconded: Cr. R. Sing

Carried

14.8 Report from the CEO – Waterhole Project (LRCIP)

Recommendation:

That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report - Waterhole Project (LRCIP)

Moved: Cr. R. Sing

Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

14.9 Report from the CEO – Belyuen Mens Shed

Recommendation:

That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report – Belyuen Mens Shed

Moved: Cr. L. Woodie

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

14.10 Report from the CEO – Knucky Womens Centre

Recommendation:

That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report - Knucky Womens Centre

Moved: Cr. D. Yarrowin

Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

14.11 Report from the CEO – Community Led Solutions

Recommendation:

That Belyuen Council:

1. *note and endorse the CEO report - Community Led Solutions*
2. *instruct the CEO to reply back to the dept. of Health, and*
3. *calculate the budget required to undertake each project and report back to Council at September's meeting.*

Moved: **Cr. L. Woodie**

Seconded: **Cr. R. Sing**

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

- *Nil*

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

- *Nil*

17 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting of Council be held on September 29th at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at 10:00am.

Meeting closed at 4.02pm

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting for August 2026:

Moved:

Seconded:

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Report Number 8.1.09.26
Author Dave Ferguson – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments Nil

Summary

Council invite Mr. Troy Garling to attend today's meeting to provide a briefing to Council on his role with the Santos Foundation and correspondence to date with the CEO of Belyuen Council

Statutory Environment

- *Local Government Act 2020*

Policy Implications

- Nil

Financial Implications

- Nil

Recommendation

That Council:

Moved:

Seconded:

Report Number **8.2.09.26**
Author **Dave Ferguson – Chief Executive Officer**
Attachments **LGRR Discussion Paper & LGANT Membership Presentation**

Summary

Council invite Mary Watson and Peter Panquee from LGANT to deliver 2 presentations:

- Local Government Representation review
- LGANT Membership Presentation

Statutory Environment

- *Local Government Act 2020*

Policy Implications

- Nil

Financial Implications

- Nil

Recommendation

That Council:

Moved:

Seconded:

Report Number 8.3.09.26
Author Dave Ferguson – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments Nil

Summary

Elisabeth Povinelli – Karrabing Film Collective is invited to deliver a presentation on the Delissaville Cemetery.

Statutory Environment

- *Local Government Act 2020*

Policy Implications

- Nil

Financial Implications

- Nil

Recommendation

That Council:

Moved:

Seconded:

9 FINANCIAL REPORT

9.1 Monthly Financial Report – August

Author: Jasmine Brar, Corporate Services Manager
Approver: Dave Ferguson, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:

Executive Summary

This report presents the Belyuen Council Finance Report for 31 August 2026 against the annual budget for financial year 2026-27 as shown.

Operational Income reflects the entire year of rates levied. As expenses are incurred over the year, the current surplus position will gradually decrease. Rest of the income and expenses are divided over a 12-month period.

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The annual rates and waste charges were levied in August 2026 due to be paid by 30th September 2026.

Legislative And Policy Implications

This report complies with the

- Local Government Act 2019,
- Local Government (General) Regulations 2021,
- Division 7, Financial Matters, Department of the Chief Minister, and Cabinet - Form: Monthly Financial Reports,
- Council's policies, and
- Australian Accounting Standards.

Financial Implications

Nil

Recommendation

1. That Council note the Belyuen Council Finance Report for month ending 31 August 2026.

Moved:

Seconded:

9.2 Finance Training for Councillors

Background

In the previous meetings, Councillors have shown interest in finance training to get a better understanding of the monthly finance reports. The plan is to arrange a short course or practical workshop for Councillors to strengthen their understanding of Council's financial management, basic accounting principles and financial reporting.

The purpose of the training is not to make Councillors accountants, but to provide them with sufficient knowledge and confidence to understand Council's financial position, review financial reports and budgets, and appropriately exercise their financial governance and oversight responsibilities.

The proposed training would cover:

- Basic accounting principles and terminology;
- Understanding Council's financial statements;
- Reading and interpreting monthly financial reports;

- Understanding budgets, actual expenditure and budget variances;
- Operating expenditure versus capital expenditure;
- Cash flow and Council's financial position;
- Assets, liabilities, depreciation and reserves;
- Grants and restricted funding;
- Financial sustainability and long-term financial planning;
- Councillor roles and responsibilities in financial governance;
- Financial delegations, procurement and expenditure controls; and
- Practical examples of financial reports and common financial issues encountered by local government.

The training will be delivered in a practical and easy-to-understand format, with examples relevant to Council's operations and financial reports.

This initiative will assist Councillors to better understand the financial information presented to Council, ask informed questions, contribute effectively to financial decision-making and strengthen Council's overall financial governance and accountability.

Following are some of the options available:

1. Local Government New South Wales – Understanding Local Government Finances for Councillors

15 Dec 2026

Register Now

UNDERSTANDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCES FOR COUNCILLORS

Price: \$462 incl GST
Duration: 9am-1pm

Overview
Whether it be reading council's budget, or contributing or questioning the IP&R Framework and its strategies, senior managers and councillors are having to make many decisions about financial issues in local government and balance those needs against the needs of the community .

This module will assist councillors to make informed decisions about strategic financial issues facing your council and how to interpret the information you receive.

Who should attend?
Senior staff and Councillors.

Content

- Know the responsibilities of councillors in regard to council finances and the annual financial statements.
- Understanding basic Financial Management
- Know how to read and interpret quarterly budget reviews
- Understand the Council's longer term financial goals
- Understanding the purpose of depreciation and it's effects on Council finances.
- Council's need to borrow and invest surplus funds
- Asset Management how it affects council's finances
- Understanding the IP&R framework and the underlying strategies
- Understand the concept of risk and how it fits into financial management issues
- Know what is expected of councillors during council audits
- Explore how probing questions can assist to make more informed decisions

Process
Participants will gain practical skills, knowledge and confidence in discharging the financial duties of a Senior staff member or councillor.

The program will provide participants with a range of basic tools to understand, interpret, develop, plan and more effectively manage the financial resources of their council, as well as inform them of their duties and responsibilities in regard to the financial management of their Council.

Facilitator
The facilitator will use group discussions, council case studies and Local Government oriented examples, to help you transfer your learning to the workplace.

2. The Corporate Services Manager has also emailed LGANT and Charles Darwin University for courses that will be suitable for the councilors to get an understanding of financial information presented to them monthly basis.

Financial Implications

The training will be funded by funds allocated in the Annual Budget 2026-27 for Councilors Professional Development.

Recommendation

1. The Council advises the Corporate Services Manager

Moved:

Seconded:

10 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):

Item No.	Matter	Confidentiality Provision
		Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019
10.1	Update on Workers Compensation Claim	This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - a 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 about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.
	LGR Discussion	Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019
10.2	Paper – Unincorporated Land	This matter is considered to be 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.

Item No.	Matter	Confidentiality Provision
10.3	Aboriginal Corporation	Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 This matter is considered to be confidential 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interest of the council or some other person.

Moved:

Seconded:

Procedural Note:

The meeting was closed to the public at.....

The confidential meeting opened at.....

The confidential meeting closed at.....

11 RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council re-opens the meeting to the general public in accordance with Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

Moved:

Seconded:

Procedural Note:

The meeting was re-opened to the public at.....

12 DECISIONS ARISING FROM CONFIDENTIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council;

Moved:

Seconded:

13 MAYORS REPORT

Report Number	13.1.09.26
Author	Mayor Leikeisha Woodie
Attachments	Nil

Summary

The Mayor reports to Council on her activities and any items of importance that have arisen since the last Council Meeting.

Comment

The Mayor gives a verbal report of activities since the last council meeting.

Financial Implications

Nil

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Mayors Report for the Ordinary Council meeting September 2026

Moved:

Seconded:

14 CEO REPORT

14.1 Report from the CEO – Draft Policies

Report Number	14.1.09.26
Author	Dave Ferguson - CEO
Attachments	10 x draft policies

Summary

Council have oversight of numerous policies in line with the Local Government Act and Regulations of the Northern Territory. As per Councils response to the compliance review provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development, the CEO has reviewed and updated several policies for presentation at the September Council meeting.

Recommendation

That Council note and endorse the following draft policies as per the recommendation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development:

1. **BCGC Elected Member Access to Information Policy**
2. **BCGC Disposal of Assets Policy**
3. **BCGC Investment Policy**
4. **BCGC Delegations Policy**
5. **BCGC Code of Conduct for CEO and Staff Policy**
6. **BCGC Records Management Policy**
7. **BCGC Training & Development Policy**
8. **BCGC Work Health & Safety Policy**
9. **BCGC Anti-Discrimination (Bullying) Policy**
10. **BCGC Performance & Probation Policy**

Moved:

Seconded:

14.2 Report from the CEO – Staff Movements/Christmas Closure

Report Number	14.2.09.26
Author	Dave Ferguson - CEO
Attachments	Store operating hours

Summary

Update Council on staff leave, shut down period over Christmas and Christmas party dates.

The CEO will be on Annual Leave from December 4th – January 1st. Corporate Services Manager Jasmine Brar will act in the role with support from senior managers.

The Council will be closed from December 21st – January 1st 2027

The Belyuen Store will be closed for the public holidays over the Christmas period and have reduced opening hours between Christmas eve and new years day. (please see attached schedule)

Belyuen Aged Care Services will be closed between Christmas Eve and New Years Day.

Clients residing in Belyuen and the Imabulk Aged Care Centre will receive meals during this period.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorse the Christmas closure for 2026;
2. Endorse the store closure for the Christmas/new year period 2026;
3. Endorse the Aged Care closure during the Christmas/new year period 2026; and,
4. Agree to pay staff one day in gratis during the Christmas closure.

Moved:

Seconded:

14.3 Report from the CEO – Belyuen Store

Report Number	14.3.09.26
Author	Dave Ferguson - CEO
Attachments	Essential food subsidy items list

Summary

CEO provides an update on store activities for the month.

As the Dry Season comes to an end, sales generally start to slow down. This may depend on sorry business and the amount of visitors in the community.

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- We now have approval from the Australian Federal Government to provide items through the Low Cost Essential Food Subsidy. Belyuen Store can now sell 30 select items for the same price as the major supermarket chains in Darwin.
- We are now into the NT waterfowl season and the store have renewed the ammunition licence and are stocking ammunition to service local hunters.
- Belyuen store also have a new cardboard baler which allows us to crush our cardboard boxes and send them to Darwin for recycling as opposed to burning them.
- The School Nutrition Program is also operating well with support from the school and parents, numbers have increased.
- The store has also recently employed 3 new local staff to assist the community with their shopping..

Recommendation

That Council endorses the Belyuen Store report for September 2026

Moved:

Seconded:

14.4 Report from the CEO – Christmas Celebrations

Report Number	14.4.09.26
Author	Dave Ferguson - CEO
Attachments	leave request form

Summary

Council combine with the Belyuen school each year to deliver an all of community Christmas celebration.

This years community Christmas party will be on the 9th December in the community rec hall and will include:

- a school presentation,
- community feast,
- presents for children,
- acknowledgement of the year 2026,
- appearance by Santa, and
- musical and cultural entertainment.

Recommendation

That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report - Christmas Celebrations 2026.

Moved:

Seconded:

14.5 Report from the CEO – Belyuen Clean-up Day

Report Number	14.5.08.26
Author	Dave Ferguson - CEO
Attachments	Nil

Summary

The CEO and program coordinator has arranged for a pre-cyclone community clean up day on 14th October 2026.

This is a registered event with clean up Australia and council will provide a BBQ for everyone who participates on the day.

Recommendation

That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report - Belyuen Clean-up Day

Moved:

Seconded:

14.6 Report from the CEO – Criminal Behaviour

Report Number	14.7.08.26
Author	Dave Ferguson - CEO
Attachments	letter to NT Housing & Photos

Summary

Belyuen has recently sustained extensive damage to the school, council office and community housing due to unruly criminal behaviour from various individuals over the past month.

Council met with NT Police, NT Housing and Yilli Housing at the August Council meeting.

At the meeting, concerns were raised regarding the high number of external visitors currently residing in Belyuen for extended periods of time.

Less than 24 hours after this meeting, a 3 bedroom house in Belyuen was burnt to the ground.

In an effort to reduce the amount of alcohol that is entering the community, NT Housing advised that they were going to issue notices for non-residents to move on that were staying in local accommodation and camping in residents yards. The agreed date for this to take place was Friday September 4th.

A follow up letter is being sent to NT Housing requesting an update to the current situation.

Recommendation

That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report - Criminal Behaviour.

Moved:

Seconded:

14.7 Report from the CEO – Belyuen Workforce

Report Number	14.8.09.26
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Attachments	Nil

Summary

Belyuen Council currently employs approximately 50 staff and 5 elected members.

Approximately 70% are Indigenous, 30% Non-Indigenous.

60% female and 40% male

Recommendation

That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report - Belyuen Workforce

Moved:

Seconded:

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Members are invited to raise any questions.

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16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Call for any other general business.

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17 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next scheduled Meeting of Council be held on October 27th at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at 10:00am.

Close meeting.