

**DARWIN REGIONAL COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, 26 October 2020  
Lucky Bat Cafe, 8 Pavonia Place, Nightcliff  
**5.30pm – 6.30pm**

1. **Meeting Open:** 5:34pm
2. **Welcome:** Members welcomed by Chair, Shani Carson
3. **Present:**

Shani	Carson	Chair	Casuarina Senior and Dripstone Middle
Noelene	Armstrong	Parent Member	Darwin Middle
Tabetha	Stephenson	Chair	Nakara Primary
Erica	Garcia	Chair	Alawa Primary
Cherry	Chavez-Hopwood	Chair	Leanyer Primary
Richelle	Kent	Chair	Manunda Terrace Primary & Sanderson Middle
Michelle	Parker	Guest	NT COGSO

4. **Apologies:**

Natalie	Gibbs	Chair	Ludmilla Primary
Nicole	McNaughton	Parent Member	Stuart Park Primary
Melinda	Kealy	Principal	Anula Primary
Nagaree	Ah Kit	Invited Member	Various
Joanne	Kuswadi	Parent Member	Nightcliff Primary
Greer	Ashby	Secretary	Leanyer School
Rebecca	Kopke-Bennett	Teacher Member	Darwin High
Meagan	Dempsey	Parent Member	Nemarluk School
Jo	Glennon	Principal	Nightcliff Primary
Peter	Pangquee	Parent Member	Darwin Middle and Darwin High
Lorraine	Hodgson	Principal	Nemarluk School
Chris	Harding	Acting Principal	Casuarina Senior College

5. **Minutes previous General Meeting:**

Accepted as a true and accurate record:

**Moved:** Noelene Armstrong

**Seconded:** Richelle Kent

6. **Business Arising from previous General Meeting Minutes:**

**6.1 Motion: NTCOGSO to extend Darwin Regional Council's appreciation for the funding support from DoE for enhanced cleaning during COVID-19.**

Completed: Motion was tabled at Chief Executive/NTCOGSO monthly meeting - 7 September 2020.

**6.2 Motion: NTCOGSO to express to the Chief Executive that Darwin Regional Council considers if a student meets verification for a specialist school setting it should not matter which school the student attends.**

Actioning: Motion was tabled at Chief Executive/NTCOGSO monthly meeting - 7 September 2020. CE advised: NTCOGSO as a key stakeholder is invited to meet with Management Consulting Alliance, who are conducting the 'School Resourcing Model (SRM): Action Plan Mid Implementation Review.'

**7. Correspondence In:** Nil

**8. Correspondence Out:** Nil

**9. Business Arising from Correspondence:** Nil

**10. Regional Representative Report:**

As per the report provided at the AGM immediately preceding this meeting.

**11. General Business:**

11.1 Saturday 7 November: Annual Full Council and AGM – Motions moved listed below.

11.1.1 "That NTCOGSO request the Northern Territory Government to review the transition of NT School age children into the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and implement dedicated, specialist staff resources to work with schools and families to support NDIS transitions leveraging significant Commonwealth funding to support young Territorians with disabilities to access therapeutic services.

**Moved:** Noelene Armstrong

**Seconded:** Richelle Kent

**Carried.**

11.1.2 "That NTCOGSO request the Department of Education create (or implement) an appropriate functional assessment tool and support letter template for teachers and school staff to provide to families / carers to communicate school concerns when seeking a developmental assessment from medical staff in relation to their child.

**Moved:** Noelene Armstrong

**Seconded:** Richelle Kent

**Carried.**

11.1.3 "That NTCOGSO request the Department of Education fund students based on enrolment and not attendance.

**Moved:** Tabetha Stephenson

**Seconded:** Erica Garcia

**Carried.**

11.1.4 "That NTCOGSO request the Department of Education create (or implement) an appropriate functional assessment tool and support letter template for teachers and school staff to provide to families / carers to communicate school concerns when seeking a developmental assessment from medical staff in relation to their child.

**Moved:** Shani Carson

**Seconded:** Noelene Armstrong

**Carried.**

11.1.5 "That NTCOGSO request the Department of Education introduce funding for students with additional needs so that students who do not attract individual funding, can be grouped together to receive funding from the Department of Education to support the cumulative impact of implementing classroom adjustments for multiple students.

**Moved:** Noelene Armstrong

**Seconded:** Richelle Kent

**Carried.**

11.2 Amendment to General Meeting Minutes 9 September 2019: Removal of Motion at 11.1.3 from Minutes as Motion listed here incorrectly. Motion came from the floor at 2019 Full Council meeting.

11.3 Feedback from Members

Discussion on:

DoE enrolment forms regarding ICSEA information – Occupation.

Voluntary contributions – matching requests for VC's to actual projects and promoted to families.  
SWaN's – Funding support an issue – should match funding per students as per a Special School setting.

Funding on attendance and not an enrolment an issue for all

Additional funding and support should be provided for those schools with a high number of SwaN's.

12. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday, 15 February 2021 (initially set as 8 February)

13. **Meeting Close:** 6:40pm