



MacDonnell

Regional Council

MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2025 AT
10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:37AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Audrey Turner

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Tristan Robertson, Member Carol Peterson and Chairperson Audrey Turner

Dyson Wheeler – Attended from 10:44am

Member Roderick Kantamara attended from 11:00 am

Councillors:

Deputy President Dalton McDonald, and Councillor Tommy Conway,

Councillor Jason Minor attended via teams.

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Shae Thompson – Coordinator Governance, Sarah Grant – Coordinator Community Safety, Mark O'Bryan – Area Manager Council Services, and Gemma Rule – Council Services Coordinator.

Guests:

Serina Wheeler and Veronica Dixon – Community Members

Jessica Scrutton – NTG department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development – via Teams from 11:00am

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny and Member Rosalind Dixon.

Absentees:

NIL.

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

MLLA2025-001 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance; and
- b) noted the apologies from President Roxanne Kenney and Member Rosalind Dixon.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

MLLA2025-002 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Audrey Turner)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MLLA2025-003 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 30th of October 2024 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

MLLA2025-004 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Audrey Turner)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

MLLA2025-005 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

MLLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

MLLA2025-007 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress on the action item regarding new goal posts for the football oval;
- b) noted that the CEO has had a conversation with the minister who has indicated that they will investigate goal posts for the Mount Liebig oval and the Finke oval; and
- c) closed this item.

9.2 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

MLLA2025-008 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dyson Wheeler)

That the Local Authority:

- a) provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan;
- b) agreed to provide its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure on the poster provided prior to the next meeting; and
- c) agreed to discuss the communities priorities at the next meeting.

9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Northern Territory Government (NTG) and invested in projects and development to benefit and improve the community.

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. e.g. park fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. e.g. trailers, graders, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures/stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities, e.g. sporting venues, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation; upgrade of women's or men's sheds /shelters.
- Festivals or other events – to be conducted only within the Local Authority area LAPP has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

At risk funds are funds that may include unallocated funds and/or funds that have been allocated but remains unspent.

MLLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Acquittal and Certification (as attached) of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;
- b) noted that at the previous meeting, the available funds was not accurate;
- c) noted the deficit of \$9,371.14 that will be repaid first as a priority;
- d) noted that \$17,363.13 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- e) noted the progress on their current projects as follows:
 - 2181 Additional sorry camp - will be located in the vacant area between the oval and Kelly road, it should include shade shelters and a water tap. Members were advised that \$40-45,000.00 would be required. This item was moved to the wishlist;
 - 2186 Solar Lights for the Cemetery – lights and cement have been ordered. They should arrive in Alice Springs in 2 weeks. Mark will transport them to Mount Liebig. This project was kept open;
 - 2184 Plaque at Rec Hall – kept open and discussed unveiling the plaque at the same event as the opening of the new basketball court.
 - 2187 Music equipment has been ordered and is expected to arrive in Alice Springs this month. This project was kept open; and
 - 2188 Sporting Equipment for the Youth Board – Youth board to discuss further at their next meeting. This project was kept open.
- g) approved to close the following projects:
 - 2182 Music Equipment for Youth– Closed this project and returned unused funds as the project has been completed;
 - 2183 Caged 4WD trailer – Closed this project and returned unused funds as

- the project has been completed; and
- 2185 Plaque for Night Patrol – Closed this project and returned unused funds as the family did not give permission for this to proceed.

9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MacDonnell Regional Council grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority. These funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

MLLA2025-010 RESOLVED(Dalton McDonald/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$1,918.88 were spent on the New Years / Christmas events;
- b) decided that the \$2,000.00 for the barbeque for the unveiling of the plaque at the Youth Centre will also be a celebration of the opening of the new basketball court and will be delayed until the basketball court is completed.
- c) added the remaining unallocated funds of \$81.12 to the \$2,000.00 of funds for the barbeque; and
- d) noted that the funds for the BBQ will be held through until the next financial year in the case that the basketball court is not finished before the 30th June 2025. This will not affect the discretionary funds allocation for the 2025-26 financial year.

9.5 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

MLLA2025-011 RESOLVED(Dyson Wheeler/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Mount Liebig.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Mt Liebig across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

MLLA2025-012 RESOLVED(Audrey Turner/Dyson Wheeler)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attached report; and
- b) raised that they would like additional roads graded. This was an operational matter and members will provide information on where these roads are to the Council Services Coordinator.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety, Children's and Youth Services.

MLLA2025-013 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report; and**
- b) noted that Felistus Mutanga has been successful in her application as the Childcare Team Leader and has relocated to Mt Liebig; and**
- c) noted that the Childcare Centre is expected to open before the end of the month.**

10.3 ROADS, FLEET AND WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary of the Fleet, Roads and Waste Management situation for the community of Mt Liebig.

MLLA2025-014 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the Fleet, Roads and Waste Management Report.

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

11.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2025 in the Mt Liebig Local Authority community.

MLLA2025-015 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Roderick Kantamara)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 January 2025.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 GERNERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

MLLA2025-016 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Dyson Wheeler)

That the Local Authority discussed the following matters:

- a) the gate needs fixing at Warren Creek and Roderick would like a fence – this matter is operational and was referred to the CSC;**
- b) the BBQ at warren creek needs a hot plate, gas fittings and gas bottles – this is operational and has been reported to housing by the CSC;**

- c) solar lights need replacing at Warren Creek – CSC update – this is in progress; and
- d) the fence for the childcare centre is a colour-bond panel fence which prevents community members from being able to see if children are inside and if they are safe. This matter was referred to the Area Manager Mark OBryan to follow up.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on matters that members may have regarding non-council services.

MLLA2025-017 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters of Non-Council Business.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL, 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:07 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 12 February 2025 and are UNCONFIRMED.