



MINUTES OF THE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN
THE HERMANNSBURG COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2025 AT
10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.50AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Nicholas Williams

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /
NOMINATIONS**

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Nicholas Williams, Reggie Lankin, Marion Swift and Alfie Inkamala

Councillors:

Councillor Maryanne Malbunka, Councillor Mark Inkamala and President Roxanne Kenny.

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart - CEO, James Walsh – Manager Project Management Office, Stuart Millar – Manager Council Services, Shae Thompson – Coordinator Governance, Thersa Peeke – Coordinator Children’s Services, June Crabb – Coordinator Governance, and Liz Scott – Manager Community Safety

Guests:

Zyeallah Fenton – Department of Housing, Community and Development – NT Government.

James Smith – Services Australia

Raima Barker – Services Australia

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: Nil.

Absentees:

Daryl Kantawara

ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES

HLA2025-075 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Reggie Lankin)

The local Authority:

- a) noted the attendances; and
- b) noted the first absence of Daryl Kantawara.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

3.5.1 VACANCIES IN THE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (the Authority) and to apprise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

It is noted that:

- a) Alfie Inkamala's membership on the Hermansburg Local Authority was ratified at the Ordinary Council Meeting in December 2024.
- b) Maryanne Malbunka was accepted as a Councillor at the Ordinary Council Meeting in October 2024.

HLA2025-076 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that two vacancies are currently available on the Authority; and
- b) called for community nominations to fill the vacancies.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

HLA2025-077 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Hermansburg Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRM PREVIOUS MINUTES

HLA2025-078 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th of November 2024 were adopted as an accurate record of proceedings by a resolution of Hermansburg Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

HLA2025-079 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

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

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HLA2025-080 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

HLA2025-081 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

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

8 DEPUTATION / GUEST SPEAKERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Services Australia attended to discuss the provision of services in Hermannsburg.

HLA2025-082 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the local Authority noted that Services Australia would like advice from the community on the following matters:

- how best to deliver services in Hermannsburg;
- how services can be delivered during staff shortages due to cultural commitments;
- operating protocol during cultural business; and
- integrating new staff into the service.

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.

HLA2025-083 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Roxanne Kenny)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that there are 5 street names to be decided by the Local Authority;
- b) discussed using plant, tree or animal names as using the names of people may cause issues in the community as it will not be possible to represent all families; and
- c) kept the item open for discussion at the next meeting.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Northern Territory Government and invested in projects 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 LAMP has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

HLA2025-084 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Marion Swift)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Acquittal and Certification (as attached) of the Hermannsburg Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;
- b) noted that \$68,706.89 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- c) reopened Project 2235 – YB Project and returned \$354.55 to unallocated as these funds were not used – and closed this project;
- d) 2153 – Allocated an additional \$5000.00 to the scoreboard project for installation;
- e) 2154 – Water Bottle Refill Stations – Purchase orders for installation costs have been raised and they will be installed by contractors;
- f) 2155 – Two Bin Trailers – Purchase orders are being processed;
- g) 2156 – School Bus Stop – Supplies have been delivered. Civil team to install. This project was closed and the unspent funds of \$5,425.62 were returned to unallocated funds;
- h) Industrial Fans for Recreation Hall – allocated an additional \$5000 – the name and scope of this project was changed to Industrial Fans for the Basketball Court. These will be caged and installed with a timer switch. This project will be investigated to determine the requirements;
- i) discusses the wishlist items; and
- j) decided to hold the unallocated funds until more money is received.

9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

HLA2025-085 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds allocation;
- b) noted that there are \$3000.00 unallocated;
- c) noted that these funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2025; and
- d) decided to defer allocation of these funds until the next meeting.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2024 in the Hermannsburg Local Authority community.

HLA2025-086 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Marion Swift)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 31st December 2024.

10.2 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.

HLA2025-087 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority:

- accepted the presentation on the community infrastructure plan.
- provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan;
- added a men's cultural centre behind the men's shed;
- added toilet, shower and laundry; and
- agreed to meet at a later date to determine its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure so that further recommendations can be added to the plan at the next LA meeting.

10.3 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT - HERMANNSBURG JANUARY 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2025-088 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Marion Swift)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

10.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2025-089 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

10.5 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.

HLA2025-090 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Nicholas Williams)

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

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide members with an opportunity to discuss matters of General Council Business.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted and discussed the following items that will be followed up with the CSC and Area Manager:

- **bins at the school sometime are not emptied; and**
- **new wheelie bins don't fit the old stands and there is a need for new bins and stands at the new houses.**

9 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

12.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A representative provides necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority noted and discussed the matters raised at the previous meeting as follows:

- **Lutheran Church – members were advised that federal funding does not cover paying for utilities.**
- **Water over Finke Road Crossing – This matter has been flagged with project officers from NTG and for future funding. Member Nicholas Williams advised that he had seen surveyors working at the crossing.**

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL, 2025

11 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:23 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 30 January 2025 and are UNCONFIRMED.