



MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:35AM after a minutes silence and prayer said in memory of Kumanjay Kelly.

**1.1 NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON**

**MLLA2024-038 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Carol Peterson)**

That members nominated Roderick Kantawara as Acting Chair for the meeting held 19 September 2024.

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Acting Chair Roderick Kantawara

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Carol Peterson, Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Roderick Kantamara, Member Rosalind Dixon and Member Tristan Robertson

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Jason Minor and Councillor Tommy Conway

Council Employees:

Keith Hassett - Director Council Services, Gemma Rule – Council Services Coordinator, Katie Fuller – HR Generalist, Emma Boughton – Coordinator Youth Services and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Ruth Tahere – Project Manager (via Teams)

Guests:

Zyeallah Fenton-Woods – Representative Chief Minister and Cabinet (via Teams)

### **3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Chairperson Audrey Turner and Councillor Dalton McDonald

Absentees:

Nil

### **3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES**

**MLLA2024-039 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Tristan Robertson)**

That members:

- a) noted the attendance to the meeting; and
- b) accepted the apologies received from Chair Audrey Turner and Councillor Dalton McDonald.

### **3.3 Resignations**

NIL

### **3.4 Terminations**

NIL

### **3.5 Nominations**

#### **3.5 NOMINATIONS TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY**

**MLLA2024-040 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Carol Peterson)**

That members:

- a) accepted the nomination received from Youth Board Chair – Dyson Wheeler; to cover the available vacancy; and
- b) recommended that Council endorse the nomination.

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**MLLA2024-041 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Rosalind Dixon)**

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

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MLLA2024-042 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Carol Peterson)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 9 July 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**

**MLLA2024-043 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jason Minor)**

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

### **6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**MLLA2024-044 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)**

That members provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- a) MRC's CEO to write to the CEO of Central Land Council to attend a Local Authority meeting to talk to members about funding for Outstations.
- b) Gas bottles – Members asked if Council Services could investigate getting additional gas bottles for houses as the gas bottles that are currently connected are smaller than the previous gas cylinders and do not last long. Most often members do not always have the means of getting them filled or taking them to be filled. Members noted that Council Services will investigate getting additional gas bottles available for community households.
- c) Signs for Mens Area
- d) Members noted that a grant has been received for Solar lights at Outstations.
- e) Noted that a Grader Operator position is available.

### **6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**MLLA2024-045 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)**

That members provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- a) Waitlist for Housing – Members requested that on behalf of resident Desma Kantawara, that the NTG Representative follow up on her application for housing in Mt Liebig, submitted in 2018. Zyeallah Fenton-Woods from NTG will follow up on her application
- b) Housing Maintenance issues – Members advised that there is very little follow up on maintenance issues and it takes some time before contractors are available. Members request that Housing attends a Local Authority meeting.
- c) Noted that a poster will be placed in Community with the contact numbers for NTG Housing.

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**MLLA2024-046 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Carol Peterson)**

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

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**MLLA2024-047 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Carol Peterson)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.1 FIRST CIRCLES LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The First Circles Leadership Program is an NT Government flagship program aimed to help identify, mentor and support Aboriginal emerging leaders from remote communities across the Northern Territory.

Nominations for the 2025 program are now open and close 31 October 2024.

**MLLA2024-048 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tommy Conway)**

That the Local Authority noted the information on the First Circles Leadership Program.

### **8.2 ABORIGINAL PEAK ORGANISATION - NT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Aboriginal Peak Organisation Northern Territory (APO NT) is seeking assistance in identifying Aboriginal educators with history or experience of education within MRC's communities who may be interested in or associated with the Independent Aboriginal Education Peak Body which is being established.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority notes and considers the presentation by APO NT.

**Minute Note: Representatives from APO NT did not attend this meeting.**

## **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS REGISTER**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) 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 LAPP has been provided for.  
Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

**MLLA2024-049 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Roderick Kantamara)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted that \$928.86 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) approved to close Project 2182 – Solar lights at the Sorry camp;
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as follows:
  - 2183 – Caged 4WD Trailer with spare tyres, noting that the trailer had been ordered.
  - 2184 – Plaque at Rec Hall
  - 2185 – Plaque for Night Patrol
    - Members agreed for Emma Boughton, Coordinator Youth Services be assigned Projects 2184 and 2185, follow up with families on wording and to organise a bbq to include the families for the unveiling of both plaques.
  - 2395 – Infrastructure at the Airport – no decisions made.
- c) discussed and determined to keep all wishlist items;
- d) created two new Projects:
  - Additional Sorry Camp, allocating \$9,500.00 towards the project, noting that the Coordinator Council Services and Team Leader will inspect the area, take a photo for its coordinates to follow up and an application for a lease be submitted to CLC.  
Members requested quotes be presented at the next meeting for a shade structure and solar lights.
  - Music Equipment for Youth, allocating \$5,000.00

**9.2 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.

**MLLA2024-050 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) discussed the spending of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds;
- b) accepted the 2024/2025 funding allocation;
- c) allocated \$2,000.00 towards a BBQ for the unveiling of the plaques;
- d) allocated \$1,000.00 towards a Community BBQ for Sorry Business;
- e) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2025.

## **10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **MLLA2024-051 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report;
- b) noted and accepted the data from Children's Services as follows:
  - Onboarding of Team Leader ongoing. Awaiting visa approval.
  - Ngurratjuta Mums and Bubs program may be integrated into the Early Childhood Program.

### **10.2 MT LIEBIG COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **MLLA2024-052 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

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

### **10.3 FLEET, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ROADS REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the management of the Waste facility, Roads and Fleet for MacDonnell Regional Council within the community of Mt Liebig.

#### **MLLA2024-053 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tommy Conway)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the report for the Mt Liebig community.

### **10.4 PEOPLE AND CAPABILITIES REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing diversity and employee distribution among communities. Attached is the latest HR Demographic report which will represent the current staff details of MRC including number of employees based in Alice Springs and MRC Communities and monthly staff turnover.

#### **MLLA2024-054 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jason Minor)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the People and Capabilities report.

## **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCE REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 August 2024 in the Mt Liebig Local Authority community.

#### ***MLLA2024-055 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Rosalind Dixon)***

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Expenditure report as at 31 August 2024; and
- b) were advised that a follow up with finance will be sought and advice relating to the chart discrepancies will be available at the next Authority meeting.

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2**

### **12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Under item 6.2, members of the Authority have an opportunity to table matters that they wish to discuss at General Council Business.

#### ***MLLA2024-056 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Tristan Robertson)***

That the Local Authority

- a) noted that the CEO will continue to request the attendance of CLC and NTG Housing to the Local Authority meetings; and
- b) that other matters raised were noted as operations of Council and will be undertaken by the relevant departments.

## **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3**

### **13.1 GENERAL NON COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet provides any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government Services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

#### ***MLLA2024-057 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Rosalind Dixon)***

That the Local Authority noted the matters raised at item 6.3 will be followed up by the Department of Chief Minister's Representative.

## **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER, 2024**

## **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:12 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the unconfirmed minutes of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 19 September 2024.