



MINUTES OF THE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN
THE HERMANNSBURG COUNCIL OFFICE ON
TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:37 AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Nicholas Williams

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Nicholas Williams, Member Maryanne Malbunka and Member Reggie Lankin

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Mark Inkamala

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Jake Potter – Fleet Manager, James Walsh – Area Manager, Megan Baliva – Governance Assistance, Max Baliva – Council Service Coordinator, June Crabb - Coordinator Governance Compliance Officer (via teams), Thersa Peeke – MacKids Coordinator.

Guests:

Tomas King - Representative Chief Minister and Cabinet, Katharine O'Donoghue - Representing Member for Gwoja Office and Jared Anderson (via Teams) , Karana Bhuta – Representative from the Desert Knowledge Australia.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Marion Swift, Member Daryl Kantawara

Absentees:

Member Evance Pareroultja, Member Conrad Ratara

3.1, 3.2 & 3.3 ATTENDANCE/ APOLOGIES/ ABSENTEES

HLA2024-038 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Nicholas Williams)

That members:

- a) noted that Conrad Ratarara's membership has been terminated as he has missed two consecutive Authority meetings;
- b) agreed that the membership for Evance Pareroultja be revoked as he is unable to attend meetings; and
- c) noted that two vacancies are now available on the Authority.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

Member Evance Pareroultja and Member Conrad Ratarara

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

HLA2024-039 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

HLA2024-040 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Roxanne Kenny)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority accepts the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 4 April 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

HLA2024-041 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Mark Inkamala)

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

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

HLA2024-042 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Mark Inkamala)

Noted that the members have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business about bin clamps not fitting the bin. Council Services have taken this on board and actioning solutions.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

HLA2024-043 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Mark Inkamala)

Noted that the members have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business

- a) **During wet weather the community of Hermannsburg is isolated as the creeks tend to hold water for a large period of time. This can cut access to living essentials and fuel supplies due to safety reasons and the community highly recommends to have a sealed airstrip.**
- b) **Both President Roxanne Kenny and Belinda Urquhart (CEO) have written to NTG housing and DILP regarding housing issues. No response was received.**

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HLA2024-044 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Nicholas Williams)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority:

- a) **noted the Conflict of Interest policy; and**
- b) **did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.**

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 DKA AND PENANGKE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Desert Knowledge Australia has now developed a draft version of Ntaria Workforce Development Plans to present for members to review.

HLA2024-045 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority noted and discussed the draft presentation of the Workforce Development Plan.

8.2 FIRST NATIONS 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.

HLA2024-046 RESOLVED (Reggie Lankin/Nicholas Williams)

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

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2024-047 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;
- b) approves the closure of any completed actions: HLA2024-018; HLA2024-035; and
- c) New Action - CEO Belinda Urquhart & President Roxanne Kenny - to write to the Minister regarding housing issues and about having at least one representative at every Local Authority meeting.

9.2 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 LAPF has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

HLA2024-048 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes that \$11,239.29 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG.
- b) accepts the 2023/2024 funding allocation of \$95,000.00, acknowledging that these funds must be spent by end June 2025.
- c) allocates \$1,818.18 to cover the deficit to Project 2403 – BBQ Trailer. Project needs to reopen to allocate funds then members agree to close this project.
- d) considers adding a Project - Cemetery Road Closure to the wish list, noting the current estimated cost of \$110,000.00 includes subdivision, surveying, easements and fencing.

- e) noted the wish list items will remain on the list.
- f) notes completion and closes the following projects:
 - 2382 – Redevelopment of Softball Complex, returning \$2,111.39 to unallocated funds; and
 - 2393 – Cracker Dust, returning \$1,432.00 to unallocated funds.
- g) 2153 – waiting for contractors to transport scoreboard to community.
- h) 2154 – location for bubblers: near the new club sporting facility, school, Rec Hall.
- i) 2156 – allocated an additional \$5000 to add a concrete base and a safety fence with signage to keep children from running towards the bus.
- j) 2405 – waiting on NTG to do subdivision of lots to allow MRC to put permanent fencing.
- k) 2406 – MRC will hand this program back to NIAA to run. This project will be closed at the next LA meeting and funds returned to unallocated.
- l) New project: Two (2) bin trailers and allocates \$35,000.

Wishlist items:

- a) Vehicle repair shed – preferred location near dump.
- b) Shade structure – for cultural business – waiting on CLC permissions.

9.3 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.

HLA2024-049 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority:

- a) discusses the spending of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds;
- b) accepts the 2024/2025 funding allocation; and
- c) acknowledges that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2024.
- d) discussed consideration of a Tidiest Yard Competition and Xmas Lights Competition which will be determined at the next LA meeting.

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.

HLA2024-050 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report.

10.2 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.

HLA2024-051 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the People and Capabilities report.

10.3 FLEET, ROADS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2024-052 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Roxanne Kenny)

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report for the Hermannsburg Community.

10.4 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2024-053 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Council Services report for the Hermannsburg Community.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2024-054 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Nicholas Williams)

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Expenditure report as at 31 August 2024.

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.

HLA2024-055 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the matters raised at item 6.2; and
- b) notes that any action items arising from these discussions will be moved to the action register for Council to respond.

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.

HLA2024-056 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority notes and discusses the matters raised at item 6.3.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER, 2024

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:50 pm.

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