



MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN  
MOUNT LIEBIG ON TUESDAY 9 JULY 2024 AT 10:30 AM

**1 MEETING OPENED**

The meeting was declared open at 11:13 am.

**2 WELCOME**

Welcome to Country - Alison Anderson

**3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Attendance/Apologies/Absentees

**Local Authority Members**

Chairperson Audrey Turner, Carol Peterson, Jeffrey Wheeler, Roderick Kantamara, Tristan Robertson and Rosalind Dixon

**Councillors**

Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Cr Tommy Conway and Cr Jason Minor - via Teams

**Council Staff**

Belinda Urquhart - Chief Executive Officer, Jake Potter - Manager Fleet and Infrastructure, Jessica Kragh - Youth Services Manager, Stuart Millar - Council Services Area Manager, Gemma Rule - Council Services Coordinator, Courtney Organ - Media Coordinator, Emma Hacche - Admin Youth Services, Anya Riley - Executive Assistant to the President and CEO, Megan Baliva - Governance Trainee and June Crabb - Governance Coordinator via Teams.

**Guests**

Hon. Chansey Paech - Minister for Local Government,  
Alison Anderson and Greg Drew - Representatives Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation,

Tomas King - Representative Chief Minister and Cabinet,  
Katharine O'Donoghue - Representing Member for Gwoja Office and  
Jared Anderson - Community Resident

### Apologies

Nil

### Absentees

Nil

### **MLLA2024-21 - RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)**

**That the Authority noted the attendance of all members to this meeting.**

Minute Note: The CEO to discuss with Councillor Minor his attendance in person to future Local Authority meetings.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	3.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Nominations for Local Authority Memberships
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper highlights any changes to the Local Authority membership.

One vacancy is available on the Authority as the membership of Norma Dixon was revoked due to Ms Dixon being absent from two consecutive Local Authority Meetings.

### **MLLA2024-22 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Audrey Turner)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:**

- a) welcomed Rosalind Dixon to the Authority;**
- b) noted that one vacancy is still to be filled; and**
- c) called for community nominations to open for 28 days.**

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

### **MLLA2024-23 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tommy Conway)**

**That the Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.**

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### **MLLA2024-24 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Audrey Turner)**

That the minutes of the Authority meeting held on 13th of May 2024 was adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

## 6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Notification of General Business Items

### **MLLA2024-25 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

That the Mount Liebig Local Authority noted that members did not raise any matters for discussion in General Council Business.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Notification of Matters Raised in General Non-Council Business items

### **MLLA2024-26 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Audrey Turner)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business and noted:

- a) that the CEO will invite the Minister of Housing and the CEO of Central Land Council to the next Local Authority meeting to discuss Outstations, in particular: Maintenance, Fencing, LED Street lighting and Renovations.
- b) welcomed Alison Anderson and Greg Drew from Ngurratjuta to speak about the Local Decision-Making agreement.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Acceptance of Agenda

### **MLLA2024-27 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Roderick Kantamara)**

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

## 7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Conflict of Interest

### **MLLA2024-28 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Carol Peterson)**

That the Authority noted the Conflict-of-Interest Policy.

## 8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Menzies School of Health Research
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Representatives from the Menzies School of Health Research are presenting a project titled 'Mapping the landscape of Oral Health Service in Central Australia'. The purpose is to seek support from the Local Authority in working with Community members through interviews and focus group discussions.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) notes the information shared by the Representatives; and
- b) provides feedback to supporting the research around access to oral health care for Community Members.

**Minute Note: Representatives from Menzies School of Health Research did not attend this meeting.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	8.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Information on the Community Alcohol Plan

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Representatives from NT Health's Harm Minimisation Unit is presenting information to members on understanding the interim alcohol protected area opt-out model and the options available on whether their community would continue being a dry community or to allow alcohol back into community.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority notes and discusses the presentation from the Harm Minimisation Unit on Community Alcohol Plans.

**Minute note: That representatives from the Harm Minimisation Unit on Community Alcohol Plans did not attend this meeting.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	8.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Authority Review
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Representative from the Local Government Unit within the Northern Territory Government are presenting to the members the changes to the Local Authority and the Local Authority Project funding guidelines.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Mt Liebzig Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation on the Local Authority Review.

**Minute Note: The presenter of the Local Authority Review did not attend this meeting.**

## 9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Authority Projects
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### 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.

*It is important to note that 'at risk funds' are funds that may include unallocated funds and funds allocated to projects, however, remains unspent.*

**MLLA2024-29 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Audrey Turner)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$928.86 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted that the 2023/2024 LA project funds of \$27,100.00 have been received and acknowledges that the funds must be spent by end June 2025;
- c) noted that Project 2189 – 4WD Trailer and Generator was closed and the underspend of \$1,250.00 returned to unallocated;
- d) accepted that the funds for the multi-Sport facility be returned to unallocated, and the Project removed as it did not qualify for LA Project funding;
- e) noted and accepted the progress as follows:
  - Project 2182 - Solar lights at Sorry Camp, noting that the base stations were still with MG Electrical and a follow will be conducted in having the parts released and bought out to community; and
  - did not make any decisions at this meeting to Project 2395 - Infrastructure at Airport
- f) requested the following new projects:
  - Caged 4WD trailer with spare tyres, allocating \$12,000.00, noting that the trailer would be for the community to use.
  - Plaque for the Rec Hall, engraved to commemorate Kumanjay Jackson, allocating \$1,000.00.
  - Plaque for the Night Patrol, allocating \$1,000.00 and members to advise the CSC on what is to be engraved.
- g) discussed all wishlist items with no further decisions made.
- h) added the following items to the wishlist:
  - Expansion of the Cemetery requesting that Tech Services seek the relevant leases and approvals to expand the boundary of the cemetery.
  - Solar lighting at the Softball and Football Oval.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

**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.

**MLLA2024-30 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Tommy Conway)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds; and
- b) did not make any decisions to allocate any 2024/2025 funds at this meeting.

## 10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Service Delivery Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Stuart Millar, SD Area Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

#### **MLLA2024-31 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Audrey Turner)**

**That the Authority noted and accepted the Service Delivery Report for the community of Mount Liebig.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Community Services Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

#### **MLLA2024-32 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Dalton McDonald)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Technical Services Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Ruth Tahere, Project Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the management of Technical Services for MacDonnell Regional Council within the community of Mt Liebig

#### **MLLA2024-33 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Tommy Conway)**

**That the Authority noted and accepted the Technical Services Report for the community of Mt Liebig**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.4
<b>TITLE:</b>	People and Capabilities Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Katy Nagahawatte, HR Generalist - Administration

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing vacancies to help generate local community engagement and direct involvement in supporting Council's strategic goals of Developing Communities and being a Supportive Organisation.

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

#### **MLLA2024-34 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Dalton McDonald)**

**That the Authority noted and accepted the Peoples and Capabilities report for the Community of Mt Liebig**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.5
<b>TITLE:</b>	Income and Expenditure Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 April 2024 in the Local Authority community.

#### **MLLA2024-35 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 30 April 2024.**

## **11 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	11.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	General Council Business
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

#### **MLLA2024-36 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Audrey Turner)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted that no General Council Business matters was raised during this meeting.**



<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	11.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	General Non-Council Business
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

## 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.

### **MLLA2024-37 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) **discussed the matters raised at item 6.3, noting that the following will be moved to Councils' Action Register:**
  - **Invite the Minister of Housing to discuss housing, maintenance, repairs, LED streetlights and renovations to community and outstations.**
  - **Invite CLC to discuss funding and grants available to community.**
- b) **accepted the information on Local Decision Making shared by Alison Anderson and Greg Drew from Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Corporation.**

Minute Note: The Authority accepted the impromptu presentation from Alison Anderson and Greg Drew after item 8.3

## **12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 19 September 2024

## **13 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting concluded at 12:46 pm.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the unconfirmed minutes of the Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th July 2024.