



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD
IN THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON
TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:34AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON

WLA2024-047 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)

That members nominated Member Colin Craig as Acting Chair of this meeting.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Member Colin Craig

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Colin Craig, Member Pamela Abbott and Member Terry Abbott

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny and Councillor Mark Inkamala

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, James Walsh – Project Manager, Kaisa Suumann – Coordinator Youth Boards, Courtney Organ – Coordinator Media, Ada Williams – Coordinator Council Services and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Guests:

Ruth Katarintja – Youth Board Member

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Nil

Absentees:

Chair Billy Porter and Member Howard Abbott

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

WLA2024-048 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Colin Craig)

That members:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) recorded the first absence without notice of Members Billy Porter and Howard Abbott from the meeting; and
- c) noted one vacancy on the Authority.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

WLA2024-049 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

WLA2024-050 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the Local Authority meeting held 11 July 2024 as a true and correct 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

WLA2024-051 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Pamela Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole 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

WLA2024-052 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

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

- a) **Grading of the Road.**
Members were advised that a Grading Contractor will be engaged to grade the road into community before Christmas.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION

That members did not raise any matters for Non-Council Business at this point.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

WLA2024-053 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Pamela Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

WLA2024-054 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Pamela Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 YOUTH BOARD REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report outlines the recommendations put forward by the Wallace Rockhole Youth Board during their meeting on 1st of October 2024. It seeks feedback and discussion from the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority on these proposals.

WLA2024-055 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the Local Authority:

- 1) received and noted the minutes from the Wallace Rockhole Youth Board meeting held on 1st of October 2024;
- 2) considered the key points raised by the Youth Board for discussion and provided the following feedback:
 - a) Proposed football oval near the racecourse:
Members agreed to discuss a location for a football oval and will inform Council at the next Authority meeting to determine the feasibility of the area and if a permit would be required from CLC.
 - b) Cracks in the basketball court:
Project Management team will organise a Contractor to quote on fixing the court and will present this quote at the next LA meeting.
 - c) Youth program for school holidays or permanent establishment:
Members did not consider this request at this time.
 - d) Equipment for movie nights:
Members agreed to allocate Project funds of \$1,000.00
 - e) Sports equipment for school holidays:
Members agreed to allocate Project funds of \$500.00

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.

WLA2024-056 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$7,980.57 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- b) noted that \$16,400.00 is the 2023/2024 funding allocation received from NTG, that must be spent by end June 2025;**
- c) noted and accepted the progress on their project as follows:**
 - **2223 – Upgrade to Gordon Ida Park, noting that the water bubbler had been installed and the Civil team were waiting on cement for the fence;**
- d) noted the following discussions on the wishlist items:**
 - **the football oval and the Basketball Court had been addressed during the Youth Board report;**
 - **the wall at Levi Penham Park will be removed and replaced with sand;**
 - **that Council is looking to upgrade the playground equipment more suited to younger children and as a safety precaution, a flying fox will not be installed. This item will be removed from the wishlist.**
- e) created two new Projects:**
 - **Movie equipment and supplies to include snacks, power card, projector, screen, bean bags, mats, stand and speaker, allocating \$1,000.00**
 - **Sporting equipment, allocating \$500.00**

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.

WLA2024-057 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) **noted the spending of their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds;**
- b) **noted the error in the budget and confirmed that the allocation noted was for tools and equipment for each household;**
- c) **agreed on the Bunnings quote of \$1,997.01 for fruit trees to allocate to each community residence; and**
- d) **allocated the remaining funds at this time being \$377.90 towards fertilizer for the trees.**

9.4 HR DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT AND POSITION VACANCY 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.

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.

WLA2024-058 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Terry Abbott)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Peoples and Capabilities report for the Community of Docker River.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES - WALLACE ROCKHOLE LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Wallace Rockhole across the area of Local Government Council Services.

WLA2024-059 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Services Report

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

WLA2024-060 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted 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 items that they wish to discuss at General Council Business.

WLA2024-061 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted that the matters raised at item 6.2 were discussed at that point.

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 regarding 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.

WLA2024-062 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority:

- a) did not raise any matters for discussion at item 6.3; and**
- b) requested a follow up to the Old Power Station.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:35am.

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