



MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:44AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON

MLLA2023-054 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tristan Robertson)

That members of the Authority nominated Member Audrey Turner as Chairperson of the meeting held 15 November 2023.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Audrey Turner

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Audrey Turner, Member Carol Peterson, Member Jeffrey Wheeler and Member Tristan Robertson

Councillors:

Councillor Dalton McDonald, Councillor Tommy Conway and President Roxanne Kenny (via Teams)

Council Employees:

Aaron Blacker – Director Technical Services, Kitty Comerford – Manager Property and Tenancies, Liz Scott – Manager Community Safety, Stuart Millar – Area Manager Service Delivery, Shae Thompson – Coordinator Service Delivery, Emma Boughton – Coordinator Youth Services

Guests:

Dyson Wheeler – Youth Board Chairperson
Bruce Fyfe - Department Chief Minister and Cabinet

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Councillor Jason Minor and Member Roderick Kantamara

Absentees:

Chairperson Neil Peterson and Member Norma Kelly

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

MLLA2023-055 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That members:

- a) noted the attendance and accepted the apologies received from Member Roderick Kantamara and Councillor Jason Minor; and**
- b) noted the absence without notice of Member Norma Kelly, agreeing that the membership be terminated, should Ms Kelly fail to attend the next LA meeting.**

3.3 Resignations

3.3.1 RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is that the Local Authority is advised of any members that have submitted a written resignation of their membership to the Authority.

MLLA2023-056 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and received the letter from Neil Peterson; and**
- b) accepted his resignation to the Mt Liebig Local Authority.**

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 VACANCIES TO THE MT LIEBIG 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 resignation received from Chairperson Neil Peterson has resulted in a vacancy on the Authority.

MLLA2023-057 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) noted that a vacancy is available on the Authority; and**
- b) called for community nominations to open to fill the vacancy.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

MLLA2023-058 RESOLVED(Dalton McDonald/Jeffrey Wheeler)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MLLA2023-059 RESOLVED(Tristan Robertson/Tommy Conway)

That the Minutes of the Local Authority meeting held 30 August 2023 be adopted as a resolution of the Mt Liebig Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

MLLA2023-060 RESOLVED(Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the Mt Liebig 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

MLLA2023-061 RESOLVED(Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

Members raised matters for discussion in General Council Business as follows:

- a) Youth Program**

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

MLLA2023-062 RESOLVED(Carol Peterson/Jeffrey Wheeler)

Members raised matters for discussion in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- a) Reporting housing repairs**
- b) Police attendance**
- c) Unauthorised access on back roads**

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

MLLA2023-063 RESOLVED(Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

MLLA2023-064 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority did not declare a conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

MLLA2023-065 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received and closed action: MLLA2023-039 – Offer members the opportunity to resign.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

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. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

\$21,610.22 is unallocated funds available to the Local Authority to spend on Community Infrastructure Projects.

It is important to note that \$39,510.22 are funds that are at risk of being returned to NTG. This amount is from funds committed to current Projects but remains unspent as well as unallocated funds.

MLLA2023-066 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) Noted that \$39,510.22 is funds at risk of being returned to NTG

- b) **Noted that the 2022/2023 funds allocation from NTG is still to be received**
- c) **Agreed to move Project 2563 – Solar lights for Entrance Rd and Airstrip Rd to the wishlist to await a follow up from DTS who will consult with DIPL and CLC regarding those areas and noted that the Solar light for the area at the airstrip will be moved to a new project.**
- d) **Noted and accepted the progress of their projects and kept open:**
 - **2182 – Solar lights at Sorry Camp, noting that MG Electrical has the parts that are missing from the lights**
 - **2189 – Trailer with Generator**
 - **Modular Stage and Speakers, allocating an additional \$10,000.00**
- e) **Created a new project called Infrastructure at the airstrip, allocating all remaining funds towards a 4m x 4m Shade Shelter, concrete flooring, aluminum seating and a Stealth Solar light.**

9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

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 2022 and 30 June 2023.

MLLA2023-067 RESOLVED(Carol Peterson/Audrey Turner)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) **Noted that at the August 2023 meeting, members allocated their Discretionary funds to Christmas, New Year and Easter celebrations**
- b) **Allocated their funds as follows:**
 - **\$1,500.00 towards Christmas**
 - **\$1,500.00 towards New Year**
 - **\$1,000.00 towards Easter**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

MLLA2023-068 RESOLVED(Jeffrey Wheeler/Audrey Turner)

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

10.2 SCD - LA REPORT MT LIEBIG

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

MLLA2023-069 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

10.3 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT - MT LIEBIG

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of works completed in Mt Liebig by Technical Services

MLLA2023-070 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the Technical Services report

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 September 2023 in the Local Authority Community

MLLA2023-071 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority notes and accepts the expenditure report as at 30 September 2023.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss with Council the General Business matters raised at item 6.2.

MLLA2023-072 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Audrey Turner)

That the Mount Liebig Local Authority noted the matters raised for discussion at item 6.2 as follows:

- a) Youth Board Project**
Youth Services submitted a proposal from the Youth Board to paint a mural. The Director Technical Services recommended that Youth Services provide a scope of works including costs and present these as an official Youth Board report to the Authority. Members agreed that the request for a mural be noted in the Projects wish list.
- b) Members noted that the Outstations discussion would be moved to Non-Council Business requesting the Director Technical Services reapply to Remote Housing for funding of Willy Wagtail Outstation.**
- c) Childcare**
Members requested the Childcare facility be upgraded and opened as soon as possible.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

MLLA2023-073 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Tommy Conway)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3;
- b) noted the updates from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet as follows:
 - Members noted that the Representative was still waiting on a response from Housing regarding their delay in responding to maintenance requests
 - Agreed to follow up to determine what needs to be done to reinstate funding to Willy Wagtail Outstation
 - The Representative noted that Contractors, Visitors and Pastoralists were using the back roads through community and advised that both MRC and NTG will send an email to CLC regarding permits and signage.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13 MARCH 2024

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:56 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 15 November 2023 and was confirmed Wednesday, 13 March 2024.