



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN
DOCKER RIVER ON THURSDAY 9 MAY 2024 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENED

The meeting was declared open at 10:37am

DRLA2024-16 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Burke/Denise Brady)

That members of the Authority nominated Winsome Newberry as Acting Chairperson.

2 WELCOME

Welcome to Country - Acting Chair Winsome Newberry

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Local Authority Members

Member Winsome Newberry, Member Anne-Marie Burke and Member Denise Brady

Councillors

Councillor Marlene Abbott

Councillor Abraham Poulson attended via Teams

Council Employees

Aaron Blacker - Director Technical Services, Damian Ryan - Area Manager, Service Delivery, Ainsley Roscrow - Acting Manager, Children's Services, Kaisa Suumann - Coordinator Community Engagement & Projects, Stephen Trindle - Council Services Coordinator and June Crabb - Minute Taker

Brian Robinson - Executive Manager, People and Capabilities attended via Teams with a special appearance from Belinda Urquhart - Chief Executive Officer

Guests

Priscilla Abbott - Docker River Resident

Tomas King - Representative from Department Chief Minister and Cabinet

David Kerrin - Assistant Director, Remote Engagement for National Indigenous Australians Agency
 Kyla Mamic - Assistant Principal, Docker River School
 Kerri Mobbs - Business Manager, RN Employment
 Katharine O'Donoghue - Representative from Office of Chansey Paech, Member for Gwoja (attended via Teams)

Apologies

Member Rosina Kunia

Absentees

Chair Ruby James

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance/Apologies/Absentees

DRLA2024-16 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Burke/Denise Brady)

That the Authority:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies received from Member Rosina Kunia; and
- c) noted the absence without any notice of Chairperson Ruby James.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper highlights any changes to the Local Authority membership.

DRLA2024-17 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) welcomed new members Anne-Marie Burke and Denise Brady;
- b) received the nomination submitted from Priscilla Abbott and requests that Council endorse the nominee;
- c) noted that one vacancy is still available on the Authority; and
- d) called for community nominations to remain open for 28 days to fill the vacancy.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

DRLA2024-18 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Burke/Denise Brady)

That the Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

DRLA2024-19 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Denise Brady)

That the minutes of the Authority meeting held on Wednesday, 31 January 2024 be adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Notification of General Business Items

DRLA2024-20 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Anne-Marie Burke)

That the Docker River Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- a) Night Patrol and Women's Night Patrol, noting that the Manager will address the matter to facilitate discussions with youth on the services that Community Safety offers and opportunities to teach young people how to keep their community safe.
- b) Sporting events
- c) Community meetings

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

DRLA2024-21 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Burke/Denise Brady)

That the Docker River Local Authority notes that members provides notice of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- a) Sports and Recreation Programs
- b) Local Decision Making

ITEM NUMBER:	6.3
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

DRLA2024-22 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Marlene Abbott)

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

7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

DRLA2024-23 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Anne-Marie Burke)

That the Authority noted the Conflict of Interest Policy.

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	NT Electoral Commission
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NT Electoral Commission (NTEC) is an independent government agency responsible for the impartial conduct of Northern Territory Legislative Assembly and Local Government elections. Our work aligns to a four-year cycle, with the next Legislative Assembly election scheduled for August 2024 and Local Government elections scheduled for August 2025.

That the Docker River Local Authority notes and accepts the online presentation from the NTEC Representatives.

Minute note: Representatives from NTEC were an apology to the meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	8.2
TITLE:	Information on the Community Alcohol Plan
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

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.

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

Minute Note: Representatives from NT Health's' Harm Minimisation Unit were not in attendance to the meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	8.3
TITLE:	National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Representatives are attending to provide a brief overview on the National Indigenous Australians Agency, (NIAA) with a purpose to starting a positive and strong working connection to key people in Community.

DRLA2024-26 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Burke/Denise Brady)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the information shared by the NIAA Representatives.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Action Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DRLA2024-27 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) **accepted the progress report on the action from the minutes of the previous meeting as received; and**
- b) **kept open action DR2024-014, noting that the CEO had invited CLC and MRC were now waiting on a response.**

ITEM NUMBER:	9.2
TITLE:	Youth Board Report
AUTHOR:	Kaisa Suumann, Coordinator Community & Engagement Project

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) has set itself a goal to support youth leadership development in all our 13 communities. To develop and support our young leaders, the Council is in the process of developing and maintaining Youth Boards across the MacDonnell region. Youth Boards are committees of young people aged between 12-25 who are engaged to represent young people in communities within the MacDonnell Region.

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Docker River Local Authority on the Docker River Youth Board’s recommendations to the Local Authority.

DRLA2024-28 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Anne-Marie Burke)

That the Local Authority:

- a) received and noted the minutes of the Docker River Youth Board from the 1st of February 2024 meeting;
- b) discussed the Youth Board’s recommendation to install a shade cover at Tjungu park, noting that a new project will be created for this item.
- c) re-assigned repairing the tap at Tjungu Park to Technical Services due to the work being an operational matter.

Minute note: Director of Technical Services advised that his team would arrange for a Contractor to look into whether the tap at Tjungu could be repaired. It was also noted that Tenders are currently being sought for supply and installation of 21 Steel Shade Shelters.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.3
TITLE:	Local Authority Projects
AUTHOR:	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. 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.

The funds at risk are made up of unallocated funds as well as funds allocated to current projects however remain unspent. If these funds are not spent; and the goods or services received by 30 June 2024, it may jeopardise future funding allocations for the community.

DRLA2024-29 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Anne-Marie Burke)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$48,360.15 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG.
- b) closed Project 2125 - Shade Shelter for Parks, returning the funds of \$12,641.20 to unallocated.
- c) considered the request for additional funding to Project 2128 – Fence around Lasseter Park and agreed instead to purchase and install a temporary fence.

Project to be closed at the next meeting following the purchase and delivery of the fence and any remaining funds will be returned to unallocated.

- d) noted and accepted the progress on their projects and kept open:
 - 2126 - Bench Seating, noting that a PO has been raised;
 - 2129 - Solar lights, allocating an additional \$10,000.00 and to source Contractors to complete installation.
- e) create two new projects:
 - Install a shade shelter at Tjungu Park with a sandy floor, allocating \$20,000.00 and noting that a new shade shelter had been delivered for a previous project that has since closed and the shelter is now reassigned to this project.
 - Mobile water trailer, allocating the remaining funds to the project.
- f) moved to the wishlist:
 - Relocate the playground equipment at Lasseter Park to an area that is level and safe for children. Tech Services to seek quotes.
 - Fencing around Oval. CSC to measure for Tech Services to source quotes.
 - BBQ at Eagle Park. CSC to source quotes

ITEM NUMBER:	9.4
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	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.

DRLA2024-30 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Burke/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds;
- b) noted that a Purchase Order was not raised for the Christmas celebration and the funds have been returned for reallocation;
- c) allocated the funds of \$1,181.81 to a Community event; and
- d) acknowledged that any funds remaining after 30 June 2024 will be returned to MRC.

10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Service Delivery Report
AUTHOR:	Damien Ryan, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DRLA2024-31 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Burke/Denise Brady)

That the Authority noted and accepted the Service Delivery Report for the community of Docker River.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Community Services Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

DRLA2024-32 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Anne-Marie Burke)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
TITLE:	Technical Services Report
AUTHOR:	Ruth Tahere, Housing Remote Maintenance Officer Admin 3

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DRLA2024-33 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Burke/Denise Brady)

That the Authority noted and accepted the Technical Services Report for the community of Docker River.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.4
TITLE:	People and Capabilities Report
AUTHOR:	Katy Nagahawatte, Administration Officer

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.

DRLA2024-34 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Denise Brady)

That the Authority:

- a) noted the Peoples and Capabilities report for the Community of Docker River; and
- b) noted that an amendment be made to the report to indicate that the Authority has an active Chairperson.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.5
TITLE:	Income and Expenditure Report
AUTHOR:	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DRLA2024-35 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Burke/Denise Brady)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 March 2024.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	General Council Business
AUTHOR:	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.

DRLA2024-36 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Burke/Denise Brady)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

a) noted the following matters:

- **Night Patrol, noting this matter was discussed at item 6.2 and an action raised for the Manager of Community Services to address.**
- **Sporting events**
- **Community meetings.**

Members discussed the prospect of MRC facilitating a meeting with community members to discuss additional support at sporting events and engaging in opportunities for community youth in teaching them to be responsible, more specifically in Community Safety.

Members noted that community would need to lead the meeting, with MRC available to assist and facilitate.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DRLA2024-37 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie Burke/Denise Brady)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the matters raised at Item 6.3; and
- b) closed action NT Police noting that NT Police and an Officer are stationed at Warakurna as part of the Cross Border Justice Scheme.
- c) NTG will report and confirm Housing Reference Group members and schedule.
- d) Members reported multiple housing and homeland issues and were advised that all maintenance and complaints have to be reported to NT Housing on 1800 104 076 and not to MRC.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 24 July 2024

13 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 1:04pm

This page and the 9 preceding pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 9 May 2024 and were confirmed Wednesday, 24 July 2024.