



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN WALLACE
ROCKHOLE ON THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENED

The meeting was declared open at 10.35am

2 WELCOME

Welcome to Country - Chairperson Billy Porter

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Local Authority Members

Billy Porter - Chairperson, Terry Abbott - Member,
Pamela Abbott - Member, Colin Craig - Member,

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny,

Council Employees

Keith Hassett - Director Service Delivery, James Walsh Area Manager Service Delivery, Jake Sellers - Coordinator 6 Mac-Youth, and Damien Ryan - Governance Officer.

Guests

Bruce Fyfe - Representative Department Chief Minister and Cabinet, Ross Nowland - Senior Small Business Champion.

Apologies

Cr Bobby Abbott, Howard Abbott - Member, Amanda Abbott – Member.

Absentees

Cr Mark Inkamala

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 3.1 |
| TITLE: | Attendance/Apologies/Absentees |

WLA2024-1 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Authority:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies received from Members Cr Bobby Abbott, Howard Abbott, Amanda Abbott; and
- c) noted absences without notice Councillor Mark Inkamala

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 4.1 |
| TITLE: | MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct |

WLA2024-2 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Authority notes the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 5.1 |
| TITLE: | Confirmation of Previous Minutes |

WLA2024-3 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Pamela Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Authority confirm the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th October 2023 be adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 6.1 |
| TITLE: | Acceptance of Agenda |

WLA2024-4 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority notes that the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 6.2 |
| TITLE: | Notification of General Business Items |

WLA2024-5 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Colin Craig)

Notes that members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

1. Road Maintenance Highway turn-off to Community

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 6.3 |
| TITLE: | Notification of Matters Raised in General Non-Council Business items |

WLA2024-6 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Pamela Abbott)

Notes that members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

1. Contractors visiting Community

7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 7.1 |
| TITLE: | Conflict of Interest |

WLA2024-7 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Authority

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) no members declared any conflict of interest with the meeting Agenda

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NT Electoral Commission 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.

WLA2024-8 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Roxanne Kenny)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from the NTEC Representatives.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

WLA2024-9 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority recommends Action WLA2023-047 remains open.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 9.2 |
| TITLE: | Local Authority Projects |
| AUTHOR: | June Crabb, Governance Officer |

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.

WLA2024-10 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the progress on their projects
- b) approves to close Project 2221 Boundary Fence and return \$10,462.35 to unallocated funds
- c) approves closure Project 2224 Community Hall, return \$6,000.00 to unallocated funds.
- d) allocates balance of unspent funds to Project 2223 to
 - Complete Fence
 - Install drinking fountain
 - invest in playground equipment

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 9.3 |
| TITLE: | Local Authority Discretionary Funds |
| AUTHOR: | June Crabb, Governance Officer |

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.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and improve Community development.

WLA2024-11 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) notes the spending of their previous allocations;
- b) discusses to spend the remaining balance of \$3,464.13 before 30 June 2024;
- c) Invests \$400.00 in power cards for Community Hall use; and
- d) allocates the balance of discretionary funds towards home improvements. (garden tools, tree planting, etc)

10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 10.1 |
| TITLE: | Service Delivery Report |
| AUTHOR: | Ellen Fitzgerald, Administration Officer |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

WLA2024-12 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority notes and accepts the Service Centre Delivery report.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 10.2 |
| TITLE: | Income and Expenditure Report |
| AUTHOR: | Osman Kassem, Finance Manager |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2023 in the Local Authority community.

WLA2024-13 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority notes and accepts the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 December 2023.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 11.1 |
| TITLE: | General Business |
| AUTHOR: | June Crabb, Governance Officer |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, the Members of the Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

WLA2024-14 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Roxanne Kenny)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.2.

- a) Road maintenance from highway turn-off to community - Currently has Grader working on the community access road, Director to arrange a refresher Traffic Management Course for Wallace Rockhole civil team.
- b) Mac Youth's Jake Sellers presented Gudjela Rural Holiday program - Local Authority approved a two week holiday program delivered in Wallace Rockhole community during the mid-year school holiday break. The program to be conducted as Afternoon/Evening Session for up to 20 school age participants.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

WLA2024-15 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.3
- b) Contractors coming into community and not signing in at the MRC office - Bruce Fyfe Representative Department Chief Minister and Cabinet to follow up with all Northern Territory Alice Springs Government Departments based in Alice Springs
- c) MacDonnell Regional Council CEO Belinda Urquhart to write and invite Minister Chansey Paech to the next Wallace Rockhole Local Authority meeting
- d) notes and accepts any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Representative.
 - Invite interested community leaders to apply for upcoming Aboriginal Leadership and Governance Forum NT Treaty Symposium in Alice Springs 4-5 April 2024
 - Mr Ross Nowland Senior Small Business Champion presented to the Local Authority.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

24 April 2024

13 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 12.15pm

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the Confirmed Minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held on 7 March 2024.