



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN WALLACE
ROCKHOLE ON THURSDAY 23 MAY 2024 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENED

The meeting was declared a provisional meeting and opened at 10:37am.

WLA2024-16 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That members of the Authority nominated Member Colin Craig as Acting Chairperson for the meeting held 23 May 2024.

2 WELCOME

Welcome to Country - Member Colin Craig

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance/Apologies/Absentees

Local Authority Members

Member Colin Craig

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Bobby Abbott and Councillor Mark Inkamala

Council Employees

Aaron Blacker - Director Technical Services, James Walsh - Area Manager, Service Delivery, Kaisa Suumann - Coordinator Community Engagement Project and June Crabb - Governance Officer

Guests

Patrina McMasters - Representative NT Health and Katharine O'Donoghue - Member for Gwoja Office attended via Teams

Apologies

Chair Billy Abbott, Members Terry Abbott and Howard Abbott

Absentees

Members Pamela Abbott and Amanda Abbott

WLA2024-17 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Mark Inkamala)

That the members of the provisional meeting for the Wallace Rockhole Authority, by majority vote, made the following recommendations to Council and:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies received from Members Billy Porter, Terry Abbott and Howard Abbott; and
- c) noted the absences without any notice given of Members Pamela Abbott and Amanda Abbott.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

WLA2024-18 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Billy Porter)

That members of the provisional meeting for the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority approves the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 7 March 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Minute Note: The minutes for the 7 March 2024 Authority meeting was not resolved as the meeting held 24 April 2024 was a provisional meeting.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Notification of General Business Items

WLA2024-19 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the members of the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority did not raise any matters for discussion in General Council Business.

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

WLA2024-20 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Mark Inkamala)

That members of the provisional meeting for the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority did not raise any matters for discussion in General Non-Council Business.

ITEM NUMBER:	6.3
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

WLA2024-21 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Bobby Abbott)

That members of the provisional meeting for the Wallace Rockhole 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

WLA2024-22 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Mark Inkamala)

That members of the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest Policy.

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
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.

WLA2024-23 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Colin Craig)

That members of the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted and discussed the presentation from the Harm Minimisation Unit on Community Alcohol Plans.

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.

WLA2024-24 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation:

- a) that the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received was noted;
- b) kept open Action WLA2023-047 - Possibility to engage a Local Resident as a Sports and Rec Officer until a response is received on whether any type of funding is available; and
- c) approved to close Actions WLA2024-014 – Arrange a refresher Traffic Management Course and Invite Minister Paech.

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 this report is to seek feedback from the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority on the Wallace Rockhole Youth Board's recommendations to the Local Authority.

WLA2024-25 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Bobby Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note:

- a) that the minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Youth Board from the 10th of April 2024 meeting was received;
- b) that the following recommendations of the Youth Board are moved to the wish list for future consideration;
 - create a 60m AFL oval/ ground across from the Community Hall;
 - notes that Tech Services to investigate a solution to repairing the cracks in the ground of the Basketball Court;
 - notes that Service Delivery to look into repairing the wall at Levi Penhem Park and whether CDP can assist; and
 - notes that before quotes are sourced, the Youth Board Coordinator discuss with the Area Manager, the potential risks of having a Flying Fox with a monkey swing installed at Gordon and Ida Abbott's Park.

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.

WLA2024-26 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Bobby Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted that \$24,384.15 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted that Project funds for 2023/2024 is yet to be released;
- c) noted and accepted the progress on their projects as follows:
 - 2223 - Upgrade to Gordon and Ida Park, noting that the fence was on order and actioned as a priority;
- d) acknowledged and agreed to add the Youth Board recommendations to the wishlist.

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.

WLA2024-27 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Bobby Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the allocations and current spending of the Discretionary funds;
- b) noted that quotes and the Purchase Order for yard improvements will be raised by Service Delivery.

10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Service Delivery Report
AUTHOR:	James Walsh, SD Area Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

WLA2024-28 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, noted and accepted the Service Delivery Report for the community of Wallace Rockhole.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the management of Technical Services for MacDonnell Regional Council within the community of Wallace Rockhole.

WLA2024-29 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, noted and accepted the schedule of works by Technical Services' Grader team for the community of Wallace Rockhole.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
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

WLA2024-30 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, noted and accepted the Peoples and Capabilities report.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.4
TITLE:	Income and Expenditure Report
AUTHOR:	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The expenditure report shows spending until 29 February 2024 in the Local Authority community.

WLA2024-31 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Bobby Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 29 February 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.

WLA2024-32 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Bobby Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority did not raise any matters for discussion at item 6.2

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.

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.

WLA2024-33 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) did not raise any matters for discussion at item 6.3
- b) kept open NTG actions - Lease to the old power station and Contractors not signing in, until a response is received from the Representative.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11 July 2024

13 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 11:35am.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the confirmed minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 23 May 2024.