



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.32AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIR

DRLA2026-27 RESOLVED (Brett Stockmen/Rosina Kunia)

That members nominated Abraham Poulson as Acting Chair of the Local Authority meeting.

2 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Abraham Poulson and the meeting was declared provisional.

Minute Note: Quorum was achieved at 10:55am after Member Winsome Newberry entered the meeting via Teams from Areyonga.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Rosina Kunia and Member Brett Stockman.

Via Teams: Member Winsome Newberry entered the meeting at 10:55am

Councillors

Via Teams: President Roxanne Kenny and Councillor Abraham Poulson.

Council Employees

Council Services Coordinator Stephen Trindle

Via Teams A/Director Council Services Stuart Millar, Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg, Governance Coordinator Shae Millar

Guests

Via Teams:

Donna Lemon – Manager of Community Development – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development – NTG.

Katharine O'Donoghue – Member for Gwoja Chansey Paech's Office entered the meeting at 11:22

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to acknowledge the attendance and to table, for the Authority's record, any apologies received from Members for this meeting.

DRLA2026-28 RESOLVED (Brett Stockmen/Rosina Kunia)

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

- a) noted the Member's attendance;
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Ruby James and Member Priscilla Abbott; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Membership of the Local Authority
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

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).

At the meeting held 4 February 2026, members of the Docker River Local Authority appointed Priscilla Abbott as Chairperson, effective until February 2027.

DRLA2026-29 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Brett Stockmen)

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

- a) noted the attendance at the previous meeting;
- b) noted that two vacancies are currently available; and
- c) called for community nominations to remain open to fill these vacancies.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report contains all of the details about the MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct Policy.

DRLA2026-30 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Brett Stockmen)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted the Council Code of Conduct.

Minute Note: The previous minutes were confirmed after all other reports were completed at 11:30am so that they could be approved after quorum was achieved.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Docker River Local Authority Meeting held 29 April 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

DRLA2026-31 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Abraham Poulson)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Docker River Local Authority Meeting held 29 April 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda papers are submitted for acceptance by the Members for this Local Authority Meeting.

DRLA2026-32 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Abraham Poulson)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and agreed that the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, were received for consideration at this meeting.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the minimum standard of behaviour expected of the Local Authority in relation to declaring personal or family financial interest that may impact on the performance of their roles and ability to make objective decisions.

DRLA2026-33 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Brett Stockmen)

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

- a) **noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- b) **that members declared no conflicts of interest.**

Minute Note: Member Winsome Newberry entered the meeting via Teams from Areyonga at 10:55am and quorum was achieved.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Projects Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Northern Territory Government (NTG) and invested in projects and development 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.

At risk funds are funds that may include unallocated funds and/or funds that have been allocated but remains unspent.

DRLA2026-34 RESOLVED (Brett Stockmen/Winsome Newberry)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$47,522.67 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) closed Project 2122 and returned \$21,648.00 to unallocated funds;
- c) noted the project updates provided by the Project Management Office as follows:
 - 2125 'Bases for the Solar Lights' - the bases have been delivered to Docker River and the lights will be installed around the parks and the cemetery. Kept this project open to pay for any additional costs.
 - 2128 'Maintenance and Flood Management to Lasseter Park' - the PMO has been looking into a storm water system for the park but has found that this solution will not work due to varying ground levels of the surrounding areas. The PMO is now investigating pumps that can handle sand and dirt in the water.
 - 2126 'Upgrades to the Cemetery' - individual plinths for each grave are expensive. The PMO is now investigating using long concrete plinths that will span several graves such as those used in the Alice Springs Cemetery. Individual plaques would be affixed to these plinths. There is a shade shelter in Docker River that has not been installed. The PMO will get some quotes and investigate if this can be erected at the cemetery.
 - 2127 'Sports Uniforms' - Outback Stores have recently supplied football uniforms, these will be removed from this project. The PMO has been working with CSC Stephen Trindle to order softball uniforms of the correct sizes; and
- d) created a new project 'Solar System and Generator' for the NTG funded laundry and amenities block after Power & Water notified the PMO that it is not possible to connect mains power to this facility. All remaining funds including those returned from closed project 2122 were allocated to this project.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

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.

DRLA2026-35 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Brett Stockmen)

That the Local Authority

- a) noted the spending of their 2025/26 Discretionary funds;
- b) accepted the allocation of \$4,000.00 for the 2026/27 financial year;
- c) did not allocate any funds at this meeting; and
- d) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2027.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Council Services LA Report
AUTHOR:	Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DRLA2026-36 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Services report.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety in Docker River

DRLA2026-37 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Safety report

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to give Members the opportunity to discuss General Council Business items.

DRLA2026-38 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Brett Stockmen)

That the Local Authority added BMX pump track to the Community Infrastructure Plan.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	Non-Council Business
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters relating to Non-Council Business.

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

- Roads outside of MRC's area
- Education
- Health
- NT Police
- Land Management
- Other services provided by external stakeholders

DRLA2026-39 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the updates on previous matters as follows:
 - **Housing Maintenance – Housing have noted that tenants are not reporting issues using the 1800 number and residents are encouraged to make use of this number. They will be provided with a reference number that will enable tracking of issues. Housing are trying to implement a new way to communicate with residents. Docker River recently had a HRG meeting which was attended by 8 or 9 representatives from Housing and this was well received. Donna will look into any outcomes from this meeting that would be of interest to the Local Authority. Members elected to keep this matter open.**
 - **Damaged and Lost Power Cards – kept this item open for an update at a future meeting of the Local Authority. The Local Authority stated that the process for obtaining replacement cards is very complicated and difficult for community members;**
- b) **were informed that Housing are looking into working with CAAMA radio to provide key messages to people in community. This was well received. The representative asked members to provide any ideas regarding key messages to the Governance team who will communicate these to the Housing, Local Government and Community Development team; and**
- c) **Donna Lemon offered to make enquiries regarding the BMX Pump track.**

Minute Note: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed at this point of the meeting so that they could be confirmed by a quorum of members.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:35 am.

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