



**MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
HAASTS BLUFF COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025 AT 10:30 AM**

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:48AM as a provisional meeting.

1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIR

HBLA2025-001 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)

**That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority by majority vote,
nominated Douglas Multa as Acting Chair for this meeting.**

2 WELCOME

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Douglas Multa , Member Simon Dixon, Member Kieran Multa (arrived at 11:17am)

Interim Members – Liza Mulda and Jessica Moora

Councillors:

Deputy President Dalton McDonald

Jason Minor via Teams from the Papunya Office

Council Employees:

Ken Satour – A/Director Council Services, James Walsh – Project Management Office,
Stuart Miller – Area Manager, Simon Walmby – Council Services Coordinator and June
Crabb – Governance Coordinator

Ruth Tahere – Project Management Officer, Matt Virgona – A/Manager Youth Services
attended via Teams

Guests attended via Teams:

Sharon Troncoso – Clinical Nurse Specialist, Trachoma Unit

Jessica Scrutton – Regional Project Officer, Department Housing, Local Government and
Community Development

Katharine O'Donoghue – Representative from the Member for Gwoja

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Councillor Tommy Conway

Absentees:

Member Jennicka Inkamala, Member Derek Egan, Member Randall Butler and Member Martin Jugadai

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

HBLA2025-002 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Simon Dixon)

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

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apology received from Councillor Tommy Conway; and
- c) noted the absences without notice from Members Derek Egan, Randall Butler and Martin Jugadai.

Minute Note: Members agreed that if Member Randall Butler did not show for the meeting, he would be marked as absent.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

3.4 MEMBERSHIPS TERMINATED

HBLA2025-003 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Simon Dixon)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council:

- a) revoked the membership of Jennicka Inkamala as she no longer lives in community; and
- b) revoked the memberships of Randall Butler and Martin Jugadai as they missed two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

3.5 Nominations

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HBLA2025-004 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Douglas Multa)

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

- a) accepted the nominations received from Ms Liza Mulda and Ms Jessica Moora;
- b) agreed that the nominees be made interim members of the Authority for this meeting; and
- c) requested that Council endorse the nominations.

Minute Note: Quorum was achieved with the members acceptance of Liza Mulda and Jessica Moora as provisional members for this meeting.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

HBLA2025-005 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Simon Dixon)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

HBLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Dalton McDonald)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority accepts the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 25th of March 2024 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

HBLA2025-007 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Douglas Multa)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HBLA2025-008 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

HBLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Douglas Multa)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 NT TRACHOMA PROGRAM & INDIGENOUS EYE HEALTH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the presentation from the Public Health Unit and Indigenous Eye Health is to provide information on the Trachoma Program.

HBLA2025-010 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Douglas Multa)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the presentation from the Trachoma Unit; and
- b) agreed to support the unit's visits on educating community about Trachoma.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

HBLA2025-011 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority:

- a) **accepted the consultation and provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan;**
- b) **provided its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure; and**
- c) **noted the following from the PMO Manager:**
 - **A Project through the Department of Social Services, to create a safe space for families inside the Rec Hall. The Shade Structure outside the Rec Hall will also benefit with an upgrade to include soft fall and seating.**
 - **A Community Benefit fund has been received and will go towards replacing the playground outside the Council depot. Members asked to have the playground relocated to the Basketball Court, noting the request will be moved to the action register for the PMO Office to provide a response regarding the location.**

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER

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.

HBLA2025-012 RESOLVED(Kieran Multa/Simon Dixon)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Acquittal and Certification of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;
- b) noted that \$23,490.20 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office; and kept open:
 - 2386 – Garden Shed with tools for Cemetery.
 - 2392 – Trees around the Park, noting that native trees were not available in Central Australia, therefore members agreed for any Australian trees to be ordered.
- d) closed the completed projects as follows;
 - 2146 – Trevor Carpark, returning the underspend of \$3,000.00 to unallocated, noting to prioritise the installation of the signs;
 - 2390 – Modular Stage, returning the underspend of \$6,759.00 to unallocated, noting that the Area Manager will collect the components from Areyonga;
 - 2391 – Upgrade the Umpire box, returning \$2,852.82 to unallocated, noting that the Civil Team will initiate the installation.
- e) excluding the 2024/2025 Project funds yet to be received from NTG, members committed the remaining funds anticipated to be \$37,610.33 to a Healthy Community event.

9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

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.

HBLA2025-013 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Kieran Multa)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds;
- b) noted that \$1,481.12 were funds returned by Council as they were not spent by 30 June 2024;
- c) discussed and assigned the full allocation of \$4,000.00 towards band equipment, noting that members to prioritise the list of equipment and provide it to the CSC; and
- d) noted that the discretionary funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2025.

9.4 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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.

HBLA2025-014 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Haasts Bluff.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HBLA2025-015 RESOLVED(Kieran Multa/Simon Dixon)

That the Local Authority of Haasts Bluff noted and accepted the Council Services report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES LA SNAPSHOTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

HBLA2025-016 RESOLVED(Dalton McDonald/Simon Dixon)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2025 in the Haasts Bluff Local Authority community.

HBLA2025-017 RESOLVED(Dalton McDonald/Kieran Multa)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure report as at 31 January 2025.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

HBLA2025-018 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Kieran Multa)

That the Local Authority discussed the following matters relating to General Council Business:

- a) **Funding for renovations to homes on outstations.**
Member Douglas Multa asked if Council receives funding to renovate homes on outstations in particular Browns Bore.
- b) **Sealing the Road from the turnoff into Haasts Bluff.**
PMO Manager will follow up with the Fleet Manager of options that may be available to seal the road and a response will be brought to the next Authority meeting.
- c) **Councillor Dalton McDonald requested a discussion be raised at the next Council meeting to remind Councillors of their responsibilities that should be undertaken within their ward. This request was made after Member Douglas Multa expressed his disappointment that the Elected Members of the Ward were not being proactive and not sharing the views of their constituents.**

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members can discuss matters in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government. This may include:

- NT Housing
- Roads outside of MRC's Area
- Education
- NT Health

HBLA2025-019 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Kieran Multa)

That the Local Authority noted and discussed the matters raised as follows:

- a) **Funding for renovations to homes on Outstations.**
Member Douglas Multa requested if there was funding available for renovations to homes on outstations, in particular Browns Bore.
- b) **Permanent Nurse for Haasts Bluff**
Members advised that two days per week for the clinic to open was not enough and community wanted a permanent nurse or at the very least a nurse who attended more often.
Members asked the Representatives from the Member for Gwoja's' office to advocate on their behalf and NTG to follow up with a response to the possibility of a more permanent solution, or extend the days the clinic is open, with longer hours.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 14 MAY, 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:17 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 6 March 2025 and were confirmed on the 14th October 2025.