



MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE HAASTS BLUFF COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority was declared open at 10.53 AM.

1.1 NOMINATION OF ACTING CHAIR

HBLA2025-020 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Tommy Conway)

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

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Douglas Multa.

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Douglas Multa and Member Simon Dixon

Councillors:

Via Teams: Member Jason Minor and Member Tommy Conway

Council Employees:

Damien Ryan – Area Manager Council Services, Sheree Sherry – Chief Financial and Information Officer, James Walsh – Manager Project Management Office, Ryan Rosenberg – Project Administration Officer, Stuart Millar – Area Manager Council Services, Simon Walmsby – Council Services Coordinator Haasts Bluff, and Shae Millar – Governance Coordinator.

Via Teams: Sai Project Management Officer, and June Crabb – Governance Coordinator.

Guests:

Jeff Hulcombe – Ngurratjuta - Junior Ranger Program Coordinator.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny, Member Kieran Multa, Member Liza Multa, CEO Belinda Urquhart, Ken Satour – Director Council Services.

Absentees:

Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Member Jessica Moora and Member Derek Egan.

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / ABSENTEES

HBLA2025-021 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Jason Minor)

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

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) noted and accepted the apologies from President Roxanne Kenny, Member Kieran Multa, Member Liza Multa, CEO Belinda Urquhart and Director Ken Satour; and
- c) noted the absences without notice of Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Member Jessica Moora and Member Derek Egan.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 VACANCIES IN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

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).

HBLA2025-022 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Simon Dixon)

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

- a) noted that the memberships of Liza Multa and Jessica Moora were endorsed at the April Ordinary Council Meeting;
- b) noted that there is still 1 vacancy in the Haasts Bluff Local Authority; and
- c) called for community nominations to remain open to fill this vacancy.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

RECOMMENDATION

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

HBLA2025-023 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Douglas Multa)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 6th of March 2025 will be presented at the next Local Authority meeting.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

HBLA2025-024 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HBLA2025-025 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Simon Dixon)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

HBLA2025-026 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Simon Dixon)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 REMOTE HOUSING - REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND TENANCY TEAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This section provides an opportunity for representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to provide the Local Authority with updates regarding Remote Housing programs, repairs, maintenance and tenancy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepts the updates from Remote Housing representatives; and
- b) raises matters relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community.

Minute Note: No representative attended the meeting.

8.2 THE JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM - NGURRATJUTA/PMARA NTJARRA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the presentation from Ngurratjuta / Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation is to introduce aspects of the Junior Ranger Program, including its rationale, approach to planning and progress.

HBLA2025-027 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Simon Dixon)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted and accepted the presentation from Ngurratjuta / Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation.

8.3 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Every four years, people living in the Northern Territory elect representatives to serve on their Local Government Council. Local Government is the level of government most connected to your community, and the 2025 Local Government Elections will be your chance to stand up and represent your local area.

HBLA2025-028 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Simon Dixon)

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

- a) urged all eligible residents to ensure they are enrolled to vote;
- b) encouraged community members to consider nominating as candidates; and
- c) noted that nominations open Friday 11 July to Thursday 31 July.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HBLA2025-029 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Jason Minor)

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

- a) noted the update on the action item 'Playground Relocation' and moved this to the Local Authority Project Register;
- b) noted the update on the action item 'Outstation Funding for Renovations' and that Ngurratjuta will be taking on the maintenance of outstations and closed this item; and
- c) noted the update on the action item 'Sealing Road from Turnoff into Haasts Bluff and closed this item.

9.2 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The MacDonnell Regional Council develops Community Infrastructure plans for each community every five years. These plans are created in consultation with the Local Authority to record the community's priorities for the future development of their Infrastructure.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

HBLA2025-030 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and provides the following priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure:

- A fence around the oval
- Water taps at the oval
- A stage facility near the church – like the one at Papunya
- Lights at the oval to play at night
- A new rec hall near the basketball court.

9.3 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.

HBLA2025-031 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Simon Dixon)

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

- a) noted that \$23,490.20 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted the progress on their current projects as of the as follows:
 - Project 2145 'Community Healthy Event' is still in the planning stage.
 - Project 2386 Garden Shed with Tools for Cemetery' the shed has been completed and the tools have been ordered.
 - Project 2392 'Trees Around the Park' the CSC is looking into options for ordering trees and the Area Manager has delivered the Growasis product to community, these will help to keep the new plants alive while they are becoming established. Members requested that some trees be planted at the church carpark.
- c) accepted the unallocated funds currently available to spend;
- d) created a new project 'Playground Near Basketball Court' [taken from the action item 'Playground Relocation'] and allocated \$23,000.00 noting that:
 - A grant has been received for the installation of this park.
 - \$23,000.00 is required in addition to the grant to complete this project.
 - If the Local Authority chooses not to allocate this money the project will

not go ahead and the grant money will be returned to the Northern Territory Government.

- the Local Authority has received it's 2024-2025 project funds; and
- e) added 'Fence Around Church carpark to the wishlist. This would be similar to the fence around the church. Around 1m high chain mesh fence.

9.4 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.

HBLA2025-032 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Simon Dixon)

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

- a) noted that \$3,816.36 has been spent on band equipment from Rock City Music in Alice Springs and the invoice has been received;
- b) noted that there are \$183.64 remaining of the discretionary funds; and
- c) made a request to the CEO that she hold this money through to the next financial year to be added to the 2025-2026 discretionary funds allocation as the remaining funds are insufficient to provide any significant benefit to the community.

9.5 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.

HBLA2025-033 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Haasts Bluff as of 24 April 2025.

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 Council Services.

HBLA2025-034 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Simon Dixon)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted and accepted the Council Services report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety, Aged and Disability Services, Youth Services and Children Services.

HBLA2025-035 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Jason Minor)

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

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Nil

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.

HBLA2025-036 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Simon Dixon)

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

- a) members would like Councillors to attend Local Authority meetings in person where possible as opposed to via Teams;
- b) members requested that Council staff find out whether there are funerals in community before they travel out and were advised that staff check with the CSC through the area manager before they come out; and
- c) Members requested that all service providers check in at the Council Office when they enter community and were advised that this is currently the correct process and that they should advise council if they notice that a particular service provider is not doing this and Council will follow up with that provider. The Local Authority was also advised that many service providers are doing the right thing by checking in.

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

HBLA2025-037 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority discussed the matter of Non-Council Business 'Permanent Nurses for Haasts Bluff' and expressed dismay that there has not been a reply from Minister of Health Steve Edgington as yet.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 7 AUGUST, 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:40 pm.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the minutes of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday 3 June 2025 and are UNCONFIRMED.

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