



MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
HAASTS BLUFF COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.00AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF ACTING CHAIR

HBLA2025-39 RESOLVED (Garrard Anderson/Dalton McDonald)

That members nominated Kieran Multa as Acting Chair of the Local Authority meeting.

2 WELCOME

Meeting opened by Acting Chairperson Kieren Multa.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Douglas Multa and Member Kieran Multa

Councillors

Councillor Dalton McDonald and Councillor Garrard Anderson

Via Teams: Councillor Lynn Ward

Council Employees

CEO Belinda Urquhart, Area Manager Damien Ryan, and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Project Management Office Acting Manager Ruth Tahare

Guests

Tutuma Jack Local Authority Nominee

Tammy Stephens Ngurratjuta

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.

HBLA2025-40 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Garrard Anderson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received for this meeting from Simon Dixon, Liza Multa and President Roxanne Kenny; and
- c) recorded the Members second consecutive absences, without notice, for Jessica Moora and Derek Egan.

Minute note: Douglas Multa requested that a prayer is said at the beginning of future Local Authority meetings.

4 NOMINATIONS AND CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Vacancies in the Local Authority
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, 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).

HBLA2025-41 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority:

- a) congratulated Councillors Dalton McDonald, Garrard Anderson and Lynn Ward on their election to Council and welcomed them to the Local Authority;
- b) congratulated returning President Roxanne Kenny;
- c) noted that Maryanne Malbunka has been elected as Deputy President;
- d) decided that the role of chairperson would be rotated among members;
- e) accepted the nomination received from Tutuma Jack; and
- f) revoked the memberships of Derek Egan and Jessica Moora as they have been absent from 2 consecutive meetings without notice; and
- g) called for community nominations to remain open to fill the two 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.

HBLA2025-42 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held 3 June 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

HBLA2025-43 RESOLVED (Garrard Anderson/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the following previous Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meetings as true and correct records of the proceedings:

- Haasts Bluff Local Authority meeting held 6th March 2025
- Haasts Bluff Local Authority meeting held 3rd June 2025.

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.

HBLA2025-44 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Garrard Anderson)

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.

HBLA2025-45 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Kieran Multa)

That the Local Authority members:

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

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Project 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.

HBLA2025-46 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Kieran Multa)

That the Local Authority:

- a) **acknowledged that \$45,263.08 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- b) **noted the progress on their current projects as follows:**
 - **Project 2142 'Playground Near the Basketball Court' that the playground furniture should arrive in November and a contractor will be organised to install it.**
 - **Project 2145 'Community Healthy Event' is scheduled for February.**
 - **Project 2392 'Trees Around the Park' Area Manager Damien Ryan is sourcing quotes from Geoff Myers for mature citrus trees that will be planted in the growasis pots to give the trees the best chance of survival;**

- c) closed completed project 2386 'Garden Shed with Tools for Cemetery' and returned used funds to unallocated;
- d) noted that there are \$1,200.00 of unallocated funds; and
- e) received updates on the following major projects:
 - The shade area near the office has been completed and includes a solar barbeque and outdoor kitchen.
 - The water connection for the basketball court has been delayed as difficulties were encountered with the water line and the Project Management Office is working with Power and Water on a solution.
 - The PMO will work on organising installation of the cold water dispenser that is currently in community.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, 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.

HBLA2025-47 RESOLVED (Garrard Anderson/Kieran Multa)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that Council approved the Local Authorities recommendation to carry over the unused 2024/2025 Discretionary funds into the new financial year;
- b) noted that the Local Authority has received the 2025/2026 Discretionary Funds and has \$4,183.64 available;
- c) allocated \$2,183.64 to power cards of equal value for each occupied house in Haasts Bluff. These would be distributed by the CSC for Christmas and signed for by the occupants of each house;
- d) allocated \$2,000.00 to a community Christmas celebration barbeque which will be organised by Area Manager Damien Ryan;
- e) acknowledged that this is the final Local Authority meeting for this year; and
- f) accepted that these funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2026.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	MRC Position Vacancies Report
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

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.

HBLA2025-48 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Haasts Bluff as of 9th October 2025.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Council Services Report
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2025-49 RESOLVED (Garrard Anderson/Kieran Multa)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attached Council Services report; and
- b) noted that more local staff are needed.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
TITLE:	Community Services Report
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2025-50 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report; and
- b) noted that more staff are needed.

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.

HBLA2025-51 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Garrard Anderson)

That the Local Authority raised that they would like new vehicles and plant for the

Council Services team rather than getting equipment that has been previously used in other communities. This will be followed up as an operational matter.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	General Non-Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2025-52 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Garrard Anderson)

That the Local Authority were presented with a letter from the Minister for Health Steve Edgington regarding the matter of the permanent nurse for Haasts Bluff.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:51 am.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday 14 October 2025 and are UNCONFIRMED.