



MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
HAASTS BLUFF COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 9 APRIL 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.50AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON

HBLA2026-01 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Lynn Ward)

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

2 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Douglas Multa. After the acceptance of Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawarra as provisional members, quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Douglas Multa and Member Kieran Multa.

Provisional Members Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawara

Councillors

Via Teams: Councillor Lynn Ward

Council Employees

Area Manager Council Services Damien Ryan and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg

Guests

Via Teams: Adele McCorkindale – Department of Local government, Housing and Community Development

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.

HBLA2026-02 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Simon Dixon, Member Liza Multa, Member Tutuma Jack, Councillor Dalton McDonald, President Roxanne Kenny, CEO Belinda Urquhart, and Deputy CEO and Director Council Services Keith Hassett for this meeting; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, from this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Vacancies in 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).

HBLA2026-03 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged the current membership on the Authority;
- b) officially acknowledged Tutuma Jack after his membership was confirmed at the Council meeting on the 31 October 2025;
- c) confirmed that two vacancies were available;
- d) considered nominations from Shannon Palmer, Lynda Lechleitner, Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawarra;
- e) approved the nominations and provisional membership of Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawarra;
- f) noted that Garrard Anderson has resigned as an Elected Member of Council; and
- g) were advised that a by-election for the Luritja Pintubi ward will be held.

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.

HLA2026-04 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

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 14 October 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

HLA2026-05 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held 14 October 2025 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.

HLA2026-06 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

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.

HBLA2026-07 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Kathleen Dixon)

That the Local Authority members:

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

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Census Engagement Team - ABS
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Census Engagement Team are attending the Local Authority Meeting to introduce their staff, provide information about the Census, outline employment opportunities, gain community support for the Census and seek input regarding the best approach to ensure participation is maximised.

HBLA2026-08 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that the Census Engagement Team were an apology for today's meeting;
- b) accepted information provided by MRC about the importance of the census;
- c) raised that members would like the Census team to ensure that people in sorry camps are counted in the Census; and
- d) requested posters, notifying community members of the dates that their community will be counted, be distributed to the Council for publication on notice boards.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Introduction to the Regional Plan
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Local Authority with the opportunity to contribute to the development of MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) Regional Plan.

It is important that Local Authorities are consulted during the development of the Regional Plan to ensure that the priorities and needs of residents across the region are accurately represented

HBLA2026-09 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

That the Local Authority:

- a) reviewed the information presented; and
- b) provided feedback to MacDonnell Regional Council to ensure local needs and community priorities are reflected in the development of the Regional Plan as follows:
 - Prioritise maintenance of machinery and equipment and the provision of PPE.
 - Shade and fruit trees and a community garden producing edible fruits and vegetables.
 - Increased cooperation between the Council and the school to get the young people involved in community initiatives so that they can become leaders of the future.
 - Reduce the number of dogs in the community through animal management.
 - Improved traffic management to slow drivers down in community – additional speed bumps.
 - Prioritise the employment of unemployed people over people who already have work.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, 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.

HBLA2026-10 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)**That the Local Authority**

- a) noted the Project Funding Acquittal and Certification [attached] as at 30 June 2025;
- b) were advised that the 2025-26 LAPF of \$20,900.00 has been received and is

included in the budget consideration;

c) acknowledged that \$45,263.08 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;

d) noted the progress on their current projects as supplied by the Project Management Office as follows:

- project 2142 'Playground near Basketball Court' builders have been engaged and will be installing the playground in May. This playground is primarily funded through grant funding, and the Project Management Office is looking into costings for a shade shelter.
- Project 2145 Community Healthy Event' the Deputy CEO and Director of council Services is in communication with Costa's team about setting a date which is expected to be toward the end of this year.
- Project 2392 'Trees Around the Park' the Council services Coordinator is obtaining new quotes. Bush Bananas, Bush Potatoes and plums are options that are being investigated;

e) noted that there are \$25,752.75 of unallocated funds;

f) created a new project 'additional electrical work for the water dispenser'. This would allow the water dispenser to refrigerate the water. Allocated \$5,000.00 to this project;

g) added 'Shade Shelter for Eastern side of the Oval' to the wishlist. The PMO advised that the current unallocated funds would be insufficient. However, as projects are completed, the returned funds may be enough to make up the shortfall. The PMO will seek quotes to present at a future meeting. Requested that the PMO investigate designs that will provide maximum shade at all times of the day; and

h) were advised by Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg that speed bumps are not funded by Local Authority Project Funding and that the Project Management Office would investigate options for two new speed bumps in the community. Area Manager Damien Ryan will get photos of the desired location.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
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.

HBLA2026-11 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted that no purchase orders have been raised for the funds previously allocated;
- b) noted that the Local Authority has \$4,183.64 of available discretionary funds;
- c) noted that the next Local Authority meeting is on the 1 July 2026;
- d) allocated all available funds to purchasing music equipment for the community. This will be stored at the Council office or Rec Hall. Member Keiren Multa will source a quote from local supplier Rock City Music; and
- e) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2026.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Council Services LA 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 Service Delivery.

HBLA2026-12 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Services report as tabled at the meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Youth and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Youth Services and Community Safety

HBLA2026-13 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Safety and Youth Services report.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
TITLE:	Aged Care and Children's Services Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Aged Care and Children's Services

HBLA2026-14 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Aged Care and Children's Services 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.

HBLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

That the Local Authority:

- a) raised that Council Services machinery is not being maintained and were advised that this would be addressed as an operational matter; and
- b) were advised of the polling dates for the upcoming Local Government By-election as follows:
 - Haasts Bluff – 15 April – 12:30pm to 2:30pm
 - Papunya – 16 April – 8:15am to 12:15pm
 - Mount Liebig – 16 April – 2:00pm to 4:30pm
 - Kintore – 14 April – 10:00am to 2:30pm
 - Mbunghara – 17 April – 10:15am to 11:15am

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	Non-Council Business Items
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

That the Local Authority raised the following matters of Non-Council business:

- a) that the community needs a permanent clinic in Haasts Bluff;
- b) that the community needs mobile phone reception;
- c) this was supported by a discussion about emergency situations in which travel to Papunya for a medical emergency can be hampered by weather and access to reliable vehicles and that this situation is made more perilous when residents are unable to contact emergency services due to a lack of mobile phone reception.

Minute Note: Due to technical difficulties Adele McCorkindale was unable to participate in the discussion of Non-Council business.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 1 JULY, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:26 pm.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the minutes of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 9 April 2026 and were confirmed on the 1 July 2026.