MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE HAASTS BLUFF COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2026 AT 10:30 AM

UNCONFIRMED

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.45AM and quorum was achieved.

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON - *Councillor Liza Multa*

HBLA2026-31 **RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Simon Dixon)**

That Members nominated Liza Multa as Acting Chair of the Local Authority meeting.

2 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Acting Chairperson Liza Multa.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	**3.1**
TITLE:	**Attendance, Apologies and Leave**

Local Authority Members

Member Douglas Multa, Member Simon Dixon, Member Kieran Multa, Member Liza Multa, Member Tutuma Jack and Member Kathleen Dixon.

Councillors

Via Teams: Councillor Dalton McDonald

Council Employees

CEO Belinda Urquhart, Governance Coordinator Shae Millar

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenburg

Guests

Via Teams:

Adele McCorkindale – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community

Development.

Katharine O'Donohue –The Office of the Member for Gwoja Chansey Paech

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.

HBLA2026-32 **RESOLVED (Tutuma Jack/Kieran Multa)**

That the Local Authority:
- **a) noted the Member's attendance;**
- **b) accepted apologies received from Member Daphne Kantawarra, Councillor Lynn Ward and Councillor Tommy Conway; and**
- **c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.**

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	**4.1**
TITLE:	**Local Authority Membership**
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).

HBLA2026-33 **RESOLVED (Tutuma Jack/Kieran Multa)**

That the Local Authority:
- **a) reviewed attendance at the previous meeting;**
- **b) noted that there are no vacancies on the Authority; and**
- **c) acknowledged that memberships will be revoked if members are absent without notice from two consecutive meetings.**

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.

HBLA2026-34 **RESOLVED (Kathleen Dixon/Kieran 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 1 July 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

HBLA2026-35 **RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Tutuma Jack)**

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held 1 July 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.

HBLA2026-36 **RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Kieran 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.

HBLA2026-37 **RESOLVED (Liza Multa/Kathleen Dixon)**

That the Local Authority:
a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
b) that members declared no conflicts of interest.

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	**10.1**
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.

HBLA2026-38 **RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Tutuma Jack)**

That the Local Authority:

a) noted the responses to matters raised at previous meetings as follows:

- **received an update from Ben Mooney at Easyweb, noted that the helpdesk number will be displayed on a poster at the Council Office and closed this item;**
- **noted that Governance sent an email to mobile.services@nt.gov.au outlining why mobile coverage is a priority for the community and seeking information about any future plans to extend coverage to Haasts Bluff. The email was forwarded to the Digital Inclusion Team by Katrina Oliver, and this item remains open pending a response;**
- **closed the item NTG roads with the understanding that representatives from NTG understand that this is an ongoing concern and that the improvements after the recent grading have been undone by wet conditions;**
- **closed the item outstation roads noting that they have been graded and are currently in a serviceable condition; and**

b) did not raise any new matters of Non-Council business.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	**11.1**
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 remain unspent.

HBLA2026-39 **RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Tutuma Jack)**

That the Local Authority

a) acknowledged that $15,585.78 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
b) noted the progress on their current project 2142 'Playground near Basketball Court' the posts for the shade structure have been installed and the shade sail is due to be installed within the next 2 weeks;
b) closed completed project 2143 'Additional Electrical Work for the Water Dispenser' and returned the unused funds to unallocated;
c) closed completed project 2145 'Community Healthy Event' after a successful event and allocated the remaining funds of $23,362.03 to a new project 'Healthy Community Event' for a future event;
d) closed project 2392 'Trees Around the Park' and returned the unused funds to unallocated; and
d) added 'planting project' to the wish-list noting that planting bush foods will require that council work with the Ngurratjuta CDP to create irrigation infrastructure to make this a viable project.

ITEM NUMBER:	**11.2**
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.

HBLA2026-40 **RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Kathleen Dixon)**

That the Local Authority:

a) noted that there are $4,000.00 of unspent funds;
b) allocated $2,000 toward power cards to be distributed evenly between each occupied house within Haasts Bluff; and
c) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2027.

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	**12.1**
TITLE:	**Council Services - Haasts Bluff LAR**
AUTHOR:	**Prisca Mufambisi, Senior Admin Officer**

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

HBLA2026-41 **RESOLVED (Liza Multa/Kathleen Dixon)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted and accepted the Council Services report;**
b) **praised the CSC for his hard work in the community;**
c) **raised that the firebreaks need to be redone; and**
d) **notified council staff that there are 2 upcoming funerals. The first will be on 13 November and no date has been set for the second funeral.**

ITEM NUMBER:	**12.2**
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.

HBLA2026-42 **RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Tutuma Jack)**

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

ITEM NUMBER:	**12.3**
TITLE:	**Youth Services and Community Safety Report**
AUTHOR:	**Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report provides an update on the delivery of Youth Services and Community Safety services in Haasts Bluff.

HBLA2026-43 **RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Kieran Multa)**

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

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	**13.1**
TITLE:	**General Council Business**

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority discussed that they would like the local Ngurratjuta team to work with the MRC team to achieve positive results in the community.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2027

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:38 am.

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