MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE HAASTS BLUFF COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.04AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF ACTING CHAIR

HBLA2026-17 **RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Simon Dixon)**

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

2 WELCOME

Liza Multa welcomed the attendees to the meeting and quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

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

Local Authority Members

Member Simon Dixon, Member Liza Multa and Member Tutuma Jack.

Councillors

Councillor Dalton McDonald and Councillor Tommy Conway.

Via Teams: Councillor Lynn Ward

Council Employees

Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety Libby Taylor, Area Manager Stuart Millar, Council Services Coordinator Simon Walmby and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Guests

Adelle McCorkindale and Malavika Manoj – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

Via Teams:

Kellie Brahim – General Manager – Primary Health Care – Central Australia – NT Health.

Kofi Berko – The office of Marion Scrymgour MP.

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.

HBLA2026-18 **RESOLVED (Liza Multa/Tutuma Jack)**

That the Local Authority:

a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
b) tabled apologies received from Member Keiren Multa, Member Douglas Multa, Member Daphne Kantawarra, Member Kathleen Dixon and President Roxanne Kenny for this meeting; and
c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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

HBLA2026-19 **RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Simon Dixon)**

That the Local Authority:

a) congratulated Cr Conway on his election to the Luritja Pintubi Ward;
b) acknowledged Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawarra as Official Members of the Authority;
c) noted that there are no vacanices in the Local Authority; and
d) noted the attendance at the meeting held 9 April 2026.

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.

HBLA2026-20 **RESOLVED (Liza Multa/Tutuma Jack)**

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 9 April 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

HBLA2026-21 **RESOLVED (Tutuma Jack/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held 9 April 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.

HBLA2026-22 **RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Tutuma Jack)**

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.

HBLA2026-23 **RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Tutuma Jack)**

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

Minute Note: The Non-Council Business report was delivered at 11:17am after the Conflict of Interest report to allow the meeting guests to leave the meeting after their presentations.

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.

HBLA2026-24 **RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Simon Dixon)**

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 supplied by the Project Management Office [PMO];**
   - **2142 'Playground near the Basketball Court' the PMO has received a quote for the shade shelter and will proceed with this.**
   - **2143 'Additional electrical work for the water dispenser' Council is waiting on electricians to carry out work.**
   - **2145 'Community Healthy Event' the dates are yet to be announced.**
   - **2392 'Trees Around the Park' the CSC has been having trouble obtaining quotes due to the availability of native trees and bush foods. The CSC will go to the supplier to request quotes in person.**
c) **noted the unallocated balance is currently at $20,752.75 available to expend; and**
d) **did not create any new projects at this meeting.**

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, 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.

***HBLA2026-25* RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tutuma Jack)**

That the Local Authority:
a) **noted the spending of the previous year's Discretionary Funds;**
b) **accepted the 2026/27 funding allocation of $4,000.00;**
c) **did not allocate any funds at this meeting; and**
d) **acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2027.**

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Council Services LAR
AUTHOR:	Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer

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

***HBLA2026-26* RESOLVED (Tutuma Jack/Simon Dixon)**

That the Local Authority:
a) **noted and accepted the Council Services report; and**

b) requested that the fence around the new park be a pool fence style fence and gate.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
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.

***HBLA2026-27* RESOLVED (Liza Multa/Lynn Ward)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted and accepted the Community Safety and Youth Services report;**
b) **decided that Member Simon Dixon will meet with the Coordinator and the Haasts Bluff Community Safety team to discuss what the community would like the team to do more of;**
c) **suggested some activities that the Youth Services team could provide:**
   - **Music activities**
   - **Red Dust**
   - **AFL activities**
   - **Softball**
   - **Basketball;**

d) **noted that the Youth Team will be doing some training at the end of July that will involve learning to umpire and coach basketball and football, first aid training, planning and programming; and**
e) **noted that Youth Services is currently recruiting for a new Team Leader for Haasts Bluff as the local team have declined to apply for this position.**

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

***HBLA2026-28* RESOLVED (Tutuma Jack/Liza 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.

***HBLA2026-29* RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)**

That the Local Authority:

a) was informed that the Council will be closed on Monday for a Council holiday for NAIDOC week;
b) was congratulated on the awards that Haasts Bluff received at the National Tidy Town Awards; and
c) did not raise any matters of general Council business.

Minute Note: The Non-Council Business report was delivered at 11:17am after the Conflict of Interest report to allow the meeting guests to leave the meeting after their presentations.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	Non-Council Business Items
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

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

***HBLA2026-30* RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tutuma Jack)**

That the Local Authority:

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

- **Kellie Brahim advised that the clinic is currently opened twice a week by staff from the Papunya Clinic and emergencies are responded to through the Papunya Clinic. The main obstacle to opening the clinic in Haasts Bluff more often is a shortage of permanent nurses. This has been an issue since the beginning of COVID. NT health is working toward solving this by trying to recruit and train local people. A team from NT Health will visit the community next Tuesday to discuss employment and training opportunities. This was welcomed by the Local Authority. NT Health will communicate with Ngurratjuta before the visit. The Local Authority requested that NT Health speak with Jillian Kantawarra who was previously a nurse and find out if she is interested in returning to nursing.**
- **Requested that Governance communicate connectivity issues to Ben Mooney at EasyWeb. People are being cut off during long phone calls. This is particularly an issue when contacting Centrelink as there are often**

long wait times on these phone calls which can last for more than 2 hours. In addition, connectivity is affected during storms.

- **Requested that the NTG representatives seek information on whether there are any plans to provide mobile coverage in Haasts Bluff; and**

b) discussed the following new matters raised for Non-Council business;

- **Requested the grading schedule for the Namatjira Kintore Link Road and the Kintore Road between Tanami Road and Papunya**
- **Requested that the roads contractors be asked to contact Ngurratjuta prior to working on these roads to facilitate employment of local people to work on local roads.**
- **Requested that Ngurratjuta be informed that the outstation roads are not in a good condition and require grading.**

Minute note:

- Kellie Brahim left the meeting after her presentation at 11:37am.
- Adele McCorkindale and Malavika Manoj left the meeting after their presentation at 11:49am.
- The Local Authority Project report followed this report.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:46 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 1 July 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.