



MINUTES OF THE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN
THE HERMANNSBURG COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:42AM

2 WELCOME – Chair Nicholas Williams

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /
NOMINATIONS**

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Nicholas Williams, Member Marion Swift, Member Alfie Inkamala, Member Daryl Kantawara and Member Reggie Lankin

Councillors:

Councillor Maryanne Malbunka and Councillor Mark Inkamala

Council Employee

Keith Hassett – Director Council Services, Stuart Millar – Area Manager, Max Baliva – CSC Hermannsburg and June Crabb – Governance Coordinator (Minute Taker)

Guests:

Chanston Paech – Member for Gwoja and Katharine O'Donoghue – Representative from the Member for Gwoja Office.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny and Member Taryn Williams

Absentees:

Nil

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

HLA2025-038 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Marion Swift)

That members:

- a) noted the attendance; and

- b) accepted the apologies received from President Roxanne Kenny and Provisional Member Taren Williams.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 VACANCIES IN THE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (the Authority) and to appraise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act).

HLA2025-039 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Nicholas Williams)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that there is one vacancy on the Authority;
- b) agreed that Taren Williams was approved as a provisional member at the previous Authority meeting, noting the nomination attached;
- c) considered and approved the nomination received from Patrick Oliver; and
- d) requested that Council endorse the nominations.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

HLA2025-040 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Daryl Kantawara)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRM PREVIOUS MINUTES

HLA2025-041 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 2 April 2025 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

HLA2025-042 RESOLVED (Reggie Lankin/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HLA2025-043 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Marion Swift)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

HLA2025-044 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Marion Swift)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority did not declare a 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: Matters raised at this point was noted in Non-Council Business.

8.2 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.

HLA2025-045 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)

That the Local Authority:

- 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 reported in previous meetings.

HLA2025-046 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

- That the Local Authority noted and accepted the progress on the action item**

- a) closed - street names as they had been submitted to the Place Naming Committee;
- b) closed - clearing of the cemetery as it was an operational matter that would be completed once the grader team are next in community;
- a) noted that the signs prohibiting illegal dumping of waste had been ordered with members advising that illegal dumping was still prevalent in community and did not think that cameras or fines would be much of a deterrent. Members asked that the Project Management Office consult with the NT Environmental Protection Authority to check what advice and assistance could be given to curb and prevent illegal dumping in Hermannsburg.

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.

Priority projects discussed at the previous meeting included upgrading the Softball Oval and a Gymnasium.

HLA2025-047 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the updates from the Project Management Office regarding the Community Infrastructure Plan; and
- b) advised the following:
 - amend number 6 on the Priority list to 'Realign Goal Posts' and not the footy oval or fence.
 - Investigate the ownership of the toilet block on lot 55 and assess what would be needed to make the toilet block functional.
 - add to the priority list - a historical mural to the fence that's alongside the road driving into community, noting that Red Hot Arts had delivered this type of project in previous communities.

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.

HLA2025-048 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority:

- a) **accepted the 2024/2025 Project Funding allocation of \$95,000.00;**
- b) **noted that \$62,617.95 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;**
- c) **determined the progress on their current projects as at the 13th June 2025 as follows:**
 - **closed 2151 – Repair lights at the oval, returning \$589.46 to unallocated funds;**
 - **kept open:**
 - **2152 – Change room site, noting that the lease is with CLC awaiting approval;**
 - **2153 – Scoreboard, noting that this project will use the same contractor as Project 2152;**
 - **2154 – Water bottle refill stations, waiting on a response from a contractor;**
 - **2155 – Bin Trailers, noting that the trailers are waiting to be registered before they will be delivered to community**
 - **2157 – Industrial fans for Basketball Court, noting that a Contractor has been secured and expected to commence works approximately early August.**
- c) **did not discuss the priority of the current wishlist; and**
- d) **created a new project – allocating \$95,000.00 towards a Shade Shelter with cement flooring, large enough to fit 200 people and located behind lot 142**

9.4 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

HLA2025-049 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Marion Swift)

That the Local Authority:

- a) **noted that \$1,567.09 was spent at Trophy Central for the May Sports Weekend;**
- b) **noted that a total of \$2,567.09 of discretionary funds were spent in the financial year 2024-2025 with all invoices received;**
- c) **noted that \$1,432.91 of unspent discretionary funds was returned to MacDonnell Regional Council;**
- d) **accepted the \$4,000.00 discretionary funds for the financial year 2025-2026;**
- e) **noted that these funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2026; and**
- f) **did not allocate any funds at this meeting.**

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.

Active open positions within the Org Structure as at 26 June 2025.

HLA2025-050 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Hermannsburg.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Hermannsburg across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

HLA2025-051 RESOLVED (Reggie Lankin/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority of Hermannsburg 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 Service and Children Services

HLA2025-052 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Daryl Kantawara)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attached Community Services Report; and
- b) provided feedback to the CEO, recommending, that when sports weekends are held, to allow the Safety Officers from the communities to attend, as any issues that may arise are best handled by these staff from their respective community.

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Nil

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide members with an opportunity to discuss general Council Matters.

HLA2025-053 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Nicholas Williams)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority raised and discussed items of General Council Business as follows:

- issued an invite to the Youth Board to attend a Local Authority meeting.
- asked the possibility of a work experience program with Council during the School holidays.
- requested an update on the Splashpad.
- requested a security assessment be done on the Childcare centre due to a number of break-ins that's been happening.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members are given the opportunity to raise and discuss general matters of Non-Council Business.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority discussed the Non-Council Business raised as follows:

- Housing/Maintenance/Tenancy**
- Members inquired why a Housing Representative had not attended any of their meetings and has asked Mr Chansey Paech - Member for Gwoja to draft a letter to the Hon. Steve Edgington, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development.**
Mr Paech assured members that he will provide Council with the letter to bring for members approval. Mr Paech also agreed to inquire about having Free to Air Television installed in community houses.
- Chair Nicholas Williams advised that the Top Shop was currently being renovated leading to a more modern, efficient and well-maintained store.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER, 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:30 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 9 July 2025 and are UNCONFIRMED.