



MINUTES OF THE HERMANSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
HERMANSBURG COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.45AM

2 WELCOME

The attendees were welcomed by Chairperson Nicholas Williams and the meeting was declared provisional.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Nicholas Williams (Chairperson), Member Reggie Lankin, Member Daryl Kantawara and Member Marion Swift.

Councillors

Deputy President Maryanne Malbunka

Council Employees

Executive Manager Aged and Children's Services Ainsley Roscrow, Area Manager Stuart Millar, Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenburg.

Guests

Member for Gwoja Chansey Paech

Katharine O'Donoghue from Chansey Paech's office

Shelly Beatie and Adele McCorkindale from the Department of Local Government and Community Development

Ra Sim from Rattlepod Landscapes – Left after presentation at 11:27am.

Haley Coulthard, Donna McNamara, Nessa Sim from Hermansburg Potters. – Left after presentation at 11:27am.

Bernadette Sheilds and Sharon Hayes from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Arrived at 11:20am and left after presentation at 12:05pm.

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.

HLA2026-01 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Councillor Mark Inkamala, President Roxanne Kenny, Member Alfie Inkamala, and Member Patrick Oliver for this meeting; and
- c) recorded the first Member absence, without notice, of Member Taren Williams from this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Membership of 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).

HLA2026-02 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Reggie Lankin)

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the current membership of the Local Authority; and
- b) acknowledged that 2 consecutive absences without notice will result in a termination of membership.

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.

HLA2026-03 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Daryl Kantawara)

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and 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 Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting held 7 October 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

HLA2026-04 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Reggie Lankin)

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting held 7 October 2025 will be presented and confirmed at the next meeting.

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.

HLA2026-05 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted 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.

HLA2026-06 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Reggie Lankin)

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) Chairperson Nicholas Williams declared a conflict of interest with the matter regarding school rubbish collection to be tabled during the General Council Business report.

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Hermannsburg Pottery Building Project
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

HLA2026-07 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and

- a) accepted the information presented by Rattlepod Landscapes;
- b) were informed that the Hermannsburg potters are planning on building a new larger building that will allow them to have more room for existing artists, new artists, increased production and better tourism facilities;
- c) noted that Rattlepod Landscapes and the Hermannsburg Potters are currently working toward selecting a site for the new facility which involves community and stakeholder consultation;
- d) expressed support for the project and the Hermannsburg Potters;
- e) suggested that Top Shop, Tjuwanpa RAES and the Youth team be added to the list of stakeholders to be consulted;
- f) suggested the 10 April 2026 as a preferable date for the community consultation meeting;
- g) suggested that the reduction of the movement of tourists through residential areas be considered when selecting a site;
- h) suggested the old park across from the shop as a possible location where tourists could come in to purchase fuel and supplies and at the same time could visit the Hermannsburg Potters;
- i) suggested the old store as a possible location that could be shared with the SNP program which would use the kitchen infrastructure;
- j) were advised that, at the completion of the project, the old facility could be used for collaboration with the school;
- k) were advised that there would be a garden with outdoor seating for community members to come and enjoy;
- l) advised the EON are working with organisations within Hermannsburg over the next 5 years to create edible gardens; and
- m) noted that Rattlepod Landscapes will continue to consult with the community and members regarding the building of the new Hermannsburg Pottery building.

Minute Note: 11:20 am Sharon Hayes and Bernadette Sheilds entered the meeting.

Minute note: Ra Sim, Haley Coulthard, Donna McNamara, Nessa Sim left the meeting after their presentation at 11:27am.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.2
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.

HLA2026-08 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the information provided by the Census Engagement Team as follows
 - that all dwellings and people in the community and surrounding out-stations will be counted;
 - that the census will be happening on the 11 August with the remote communities to be counted before this date over a period of 4 weeks;
 - during this Census the ABS will be employing local aboriginal people to improve participation;
 - people can apply for Census jobs online and can receive assistance to do this from the Census team and job providers;
 - more people counted leads to more funding for communities;
 - many organisations and government agencies use the population information to allocate funding including church organisations;
 - the individual data collected during the census is confidential and will not be provided to other organisations;
 - the information is not shared with police, Housing, Centrelink or the Tax Office;
 - if people are in Alice Springs at the time of Census they can declare that their usual place of residence is Hermannsburg;
 - the census team advised that they would be in community before the next Local Authority meeting to advise members about removing barriers to employment with the ABS and to talk to people who are interested in joining the team;
 - team leader positions and a member position should begin on the 18 May;
 - these positions can be done outside of work hours if people who are employed elsewhere would like to apply for work with ABS; and
- b) advised that the members would prefer if people who have local knowledge and can speak local languages were employed to work in Hermannsburg.

Minute Note: 11:20 am Sharon Hayes and Bernadette Sheilds entered the meeting

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

HLA2026-09 RESOLVED (Reggie Lankin/Daryl Kantawara)

That the Local Authority:

- a) reviews the information presented;
- b) provides feedback to MacDonnell Regional Council to ensure local needs and community priorities are reflected in the development of the Regional Plan as follows:
 - More collaboration with other providers / organisations to enhance the capacity and broaden the scope of programs. For example, EON are working with the school and Tjuwanpa to create edible gardens in the school and the wider community. It would be good if MRC could work with them as well. Another example would be to include other organisations in MRC events such as sports carnivals, healthy community events, etc. This will enable a more cohesive effort toward achieving outcomes for the community.
 - Youth services collaborating with the school regarding behavioural consequences. This has begun in Hermannsburg and has proved to be successful in effecting behavioural change in youth.
 - Increased shade and green areas planted with shade trees.
 - Explore more funding for community safety to expand their hours to prevent break ins.
 - Organise working bees in the community to assist with maintaining public areas like the football oval so that people can have an opportunity to give back to the community and generate a sense of community and empowerment
 - Add Community Hall to the community infrastructure plan:
- c) Requested that MRC advocate for
 - Nursing home and Palliative care – for when people are unable to provide the level of care needed in their own homes but do not wish to send their family members away to Alice Springs where they will be separated from family and Country
 - Bitumin Airstrip – due to roads being cut off during rain periods. Food and medical supplies need to be delivered and people need access to medevacs. The airstrip services Hermannsburg, Areyonga, Wallace Rockhole and out-stations.

Minute note: requested that MRC communicate with Bill Yan [as the roads minister] and Marion Scrymgour to determine if the contractors working on the Mareenie road could be utilised to bitumen the airstrip as they will be working in the area and this may be an efficient option.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Action Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as raised in previous meetings.

HLA2026-10 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that the updates to the actions as follows:
- Closed ‘Work Experience Program’ noting that the school will contact MRC directly to organise future work experience arrangements.
 - Moved ‘Toilet Block on lot 55’ to the Wishlist with the PMO to investigate costs.
 - Kept open ‘Signs for Illegal Dumping’ as the Director of Council Services reviews the report from the NTEPA noting that an update will be provided at the next meeting.
 - Kept open the ‘Waterpark Update’ and requested that MRC write again to request an update from NTG. In addition, the Local Authority requested an outline of the timeline once NTG approval is received.
 - Kept open ‘Cemetery Clean Up’ and noted that Chansey Paech will write to Tjuwanpa to ask if they can use the funding that they receive from the commonwealth for community projects to assist with this matter. Mr Paech will also send a copy of the correspondence to the Local Authority.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
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.

HLA2026-11 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Project Funding Acquittal and Certification (attached) as at 30 June 2025;
- b) acknowledged that \$65,685.18 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- d) were advised that the 2025-26 LAPF Funding of 90,300.00 has been received and is reflected in the budget consideration;
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as presented by the Project Management Office:
 - Project 2152 ‘Changeroom Site’ - Has been hampered by the recent weather but should be completed by early June.
 - Project 2153 ‘Scoreboard’ - The scoreboard is up and the electrical work will be done when electricians attend.
 - Project 2154 ‘Water Bottle Refill Station’ – The PMO have been waiting for the changerooms to be completed to a sufficient level and then all stations will be installed by a contractor. This should be done in the next 2 months.
 - Project 2158 ‘Shade Shelter with Cement Flooring’ – PMO have received a quote that is within budget and now are waiting for lease approval from CLC. The PMO submitted the lease application in November;
- d) closed the new project ‘Maintenance and Registration of the Bin Trailers’ as MRC will cover the ongoing costs and returned the funds to unallocated;
- e) Created a new project ‘Upgrade the Football Oval’ which will involve realigning the goal posts, a new fence on the existing fenceline and installing 2 taps. Allocated all remaining funds to this project including the returned funds from the closed project; and
- f) added Toilet Block on Lot 55 to the wishlist from the action item of the same name. The PMO will investigate the associated costs and present them at a future meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.4
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.

HLA2026-12 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$1,805.99 was spent on the Christmas Celebration;
- b) expressed appreciation to Deputy President Maryanne Malbunka for all her

work organizing, transporting goods and facilitating the Christmas celebration [see attached photos];

- c) noted that the money allocated to the Youth Board is yet to be spent and will be discussed at their first scheduled meeting in 2 weeks time; and
- d) acknowledged that all 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:	Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HLA2026-13 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the attached Council Services report.

Minute note: The chairperson mentioned an organisation called Stride that specialise in reducing buffel grass.

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 services for Community Safety and Youth Service.

HLA2026-14 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Youth Services and Community Safety report;
- b) highlighted that the Youth team would benefit from support from leadership staff; and
- c) raised that the Local Authority would like the community safety hours increased and acknowledged that more funding would be required.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
TITLE:	Aged 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.

HLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted Hermannsburg Aged Care and Children's Services report;
- b) raised that members are concerned about losing the FAFT program and requested that MRC look into absorbing the program into the Childcare program; and
- c) members suggested that the Childcare program employ the young women in the community that already look after young children in their homes.

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.

HLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority:

- a) received a complaint from the school regarding rubbish collection and noted that this would be handled by the area manager; and
- b) discussed that Council Services need more employees and noted that the area manager would work with the Hermannsburg team to achieve this.

Minute note: Chairperson Nicholas Williams exited the meeting at 1:38pm while the complaint from the school was discussed and re-entered the meeting at 1:47pm for the remaining discussion of items raised during this report.

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.

HLA2026-17 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)

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

- a) that at the previous meeting the representative from Housing stated that there would be a day-long Pop-up station near Top Shop where people could come and raise matters relating to maintenance. The Local Authority would like to be advised when this will occur;
- b) people are reporting maintenance issues on the 1800 number that are not being attended to and when they ring up again there is no record of the matter being reported. Members suggested a reference number system at the point of complaint so that jobs can be easily tracked and to make it easier for residents check the status of their reports;
- c) asked if emergency houses could be available for short term accommodation during emergencies such as when out-stations are cut off during rain events;
- d) that pest control is not being provided;
- e) that there is mould in the bathroom at Nicholas Williams house;
- f) that there is a dangerous electrical issue at house 359; and
- g) that there are water pressure issues in many of the houses in the community. At times the water pressure is low and at other times the water pressure is so high that pipes burst.

Minute note: The Chairperson advised that the school achieved an attendance of 130 students on the day of this meeting.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2:05 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 25 March 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.