



MINUTES OF THE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
HERMANNSBURG COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.00AM

2 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Chairperson Nicholas Williams and quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Nicholas Williams (Chairperson), Member Daryl Kantawara, , Member Patrick Oliver and Member Alfie Inkamala.

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Maryanne Malbunka, Councillor Mark Inkamala.

Council Employees

CEO Belinda Urquhart, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety Services Libby Taylor, Area Manager Stuart Millar, Governance Coordinator Shae Millar and Governance Coordinator June Crabb

Via Teams: Project Manager Ryan Rosenberg

Guests

Donna Lemon and Shanya McAdam Bray from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

Vishnu Khanal – Menzies School of Health Research

Via Teams: Cherisse Buzzacott from 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.

HLA2026-18 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance;
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Marion Swift, Member Reggie Lankin and Member Taren Williams; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, for 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).

HLA2026-19 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Nicholas Williams)

That the Local Authority:

- 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.

HLA2026-20 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)

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 Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting held 25 March 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

HLA2026-21 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority confirmed the following unconfirmed minutes of the previous Hermannsburg Local Authority Meetings as a true and correct record of the proceedings:

- HLA Meeting 7 October 2025
- HLA Meeting 25 March 2026

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.

HLA2026-22 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Nicholas Williams)

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.

HLA2026-23 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority Members:

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

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Menzies School of Health Research
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Vishnu Khanal from the Menzies School of Health Research will present a summary of an ongoing digital health project entitled, '*Optimizing Digital Solutions to Improve Access to Comprehensive Primary Health Care Services in Remote Indigenous Communities*', which is scheduled for completion at the end of 2026.

Vishnu Khanal will also be seeking in-principle support from the Local Authority to continue activities beyond the current project period.

HLA2026-24 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Patrick Oliver)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the information presented; and
- b) provided in-principle support for the continuation of the described activities beyond the current project period in the Hermannsburg community.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
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.

HLA2026-25 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the following updates regarding the action items:
 - 'signs for illegal dumping' – the procurement process has begun and the CSC and the Local Authority Chairperson will be consulted on the installation location. Clean up efforts by the Civil team at the public area of the waste facility are being hampered by continual illegal dumping. The Local Authority suggested putting signs up in the community asking the community to comply with the requirements for disposing of rubbish. The CEO will have a meeting with the Council Services team regarding this matter. This will be followed up weekly until the issue has been resolved. Kept this item open until the signs have been installed.
 - 'Waterpark Update' – The CEO and the President will be travelling to Canberra and will be advocating for progress on this project and closed

this item.

- ‘Cemetery Clean-up’ – closed this item as Council has followed up with Tjuwanpa who will be responsible for the clean-up.
- ‘Airstrip’ – closed this item as the council has put in for a grant to bitumen the airstrip.
- ‘FAFT’ – closed this item as the school has funding for this program.

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.

HLA2026-26 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged that there are no funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted the progress on their current projects as presented by the Project Management Office as follows:
 - Project 2153 ‘Scoreboard’ kept open for the electricians to complete the installation;
 - Project 2154 ‘Water Bottle Refill Stations’ requires more funds for installation. The Local Authority decided to transfer \$5,000.00 from project 2158 to this project.
 - Project 2158 ‘Shade Shelter with Cement Flooring’ transferred \$5,000.00 from this project to project 2154 [mentioned above] as this will leave sufficient funds to complete this project
 - Project 2381 ‘Upgrade the Football Oval’ the goal posts have been realigned, the installation of the fence and 2 taps is in progress.
- c) closed completed project 2152 ‘Change Room Site’ once all invoices have been received;

- d) added the following items to the Wishlist:
- a cage around the power box for the Football Oval lights
 - Solar light above the gate at the Airstrip; and
- e) changed wishlist item 'Toilet block on lot 55' to 'Toilet Block on Sesame Street'.

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.

HLA2026-27 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of the discretionary funds to date;
- b) noted that the Youth Board has spent the majority of the allocated funds and will be spending the balance by the end of the financial year
- c) allocated the remaining funds of \$194.01 to Youth Services to pay for power for the basketball lights; 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 LAR
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 Council Services.

HLA2026-28 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Oliver)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Council Services report; and
- b) raised that people are dumping rubbish in inappropriate places and misusing the waste facility. Discussed having a community organised BBQ to educate the community with the assistance and participation of Council Staff.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
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.

HLA2026-29 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Nicholas Williams)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Aged Care and Children's Services report; and
- b) requested that the Aged Care team check food preferences with clients to ensure that their weekend packs don't include food that the clients don't like. This will be followed up as part of normal operations.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
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 services for Community Safety and Youth Service.

HLA2026-30 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Daryl Kantawara)

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

HLA2026-31 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority raised the following matters:

- a) discussed the progress of the road that has been blocked off to protect old grave sites. A letter has been written to NTG to get permission to close off the road permanently. This needs to be done officially in order to protect this area in the future. Updates will be provided as they arise.
- b) reached an agreement with the representative from Marion Scrymgour's office to hold the opening of the new change rooms on the 4th of August;

- c) requested that a one way traffic drop off area near the school be established and were informed that Council will be required to ascertain if the land at the proposed exit is available for this purpose. Updates will be provided as they arise; and
- d) requested that Council Services investigate barriers around the bus stops to prevent kids from running onto the road.

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.

HLA2026-32 RESOLVED (Patrick Oliver/Nicholas Williams)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the updates on previous matters as follows:
 - Closed the item 'Pop-up Stall' after requesting 2 weeks notice prior to visits to community by NT Housing.
 - Closed the item 'Housing Maintenance Issue Reference Number' noting that NT Housing has begun using this system.
 - Closed the item 'Emergency Housing' noting that Census information is used to determine funding for housing.
 - Closed the item 'Pest Control' noting that this is being rolled out in Hermannsburg on 24 June 2026.
 - Kept open 'Mould at Nicholas Williams House' noting that this issue has not been fixed and there is no ventilation in the bathroom.
 - Kept open 'Dangerous Electrical Issue at lot 359' noting that the Housing Maintenance team are having trouble contacting the tenants and are unable to do any work on the house without the tenant being present.
 - Kept open 'Uneven Water Pressure' noting that the NTG representatives will be taking photos of water leaks in the community. Members stated that the water pressure was previously managed by periodically opening a valve; and
- b) raised the following new matters of Non-Council business:
 - that there are significant maintenance issues at Lot 139 including a leaking roof.
 - There are empty housed waiting years for renovations and this is resulting in vandalism of these houses.
 - Requested information about how long the wait list is for new tenants to be assigned houses, particularly for Roxanne Kenny.
 - Requested housing alternatives be provided for single men and single women with children to live in, ie. flats / units. They requested that the community be consulted about where these are built to ensure that they are built with cultural needs in mind.
 - Raised that outstation houses at Merral Outstation are not being maintained

to a liveable standard. The bathroom floods, the ablution block does not shelter the washing machine from weather and dust damage and there are snakes getting into the house.

- Raised that some people have more than one house and that this is unfair for people waiting for housing.
- Raised that the community would like an audit of the fences in the community and that some of the yards are too large and difficult to maintain.

Minute Note: Nicolas Williams discussed that the school has been cooperating with the Youth Services team to work on disciplinary issues and that Nicholas is working towards assisting youth to travel for participation in sport.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:28 pm.

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