



MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.58AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Audrey Turner

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Roderick Kantamara, Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Tristan Robertson,
Member Rosalind Dixon, Member Carol Peterson and Member Audrey Turner

Councillors:

Nil

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart - CEO, Sai Katam - Officer Project Management Office, Mark O'Bryan –
Area Manager Council Services , Bradley Horn – A/Council Services Coordinator and

Via Teams – Ruth Tahare – A/Manager project Management Office.

Guests:

Jennifer Newman and Fred Masters – Department of Social Services Digital Connectivity
Project, Jeff Holcombe – Ngurratjuta Junior Ranger Program, and

Via Teams – Benjamin Humm – Remote Housing Repairs Maintenance and Tenancy Team.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Councillor Jason Minor, Deputy Dalton McDonald, President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Member Dyson Wheeler, Councillor Tommy Conway

3.1 & 3.2 ATENDANCE / APOLOGIES / ABSENTEES

MLLA2025-018 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Rosalind Dixon)

That members:

- a) noted the attendance**
- b) noted and accepted the apologies from Councillor Jason Minor, Deputy President Dalton McDonald and President Roxanne Kenny; and**
- c) noted the absences without notice of Member Dyson Wheeler and Councillor Tommy Conway.**

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

3.5.1 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the current membership of the Local Authority and to record the attendance at the previous meeting.

MLLA2025-019 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that there are no vacancies currently available on the Local Authority; and**
- b) noted the attendance of members at the previous meeting.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

MLLA2025-020 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Rosalind Dixon)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MLLA2025-021 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th of February 2025 were adopted as an accurate record of proceedings by a resolution of Mt Liebig Local Authority.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

MLLA2025-022 RESOLVED(Rosalind Dixon/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

MLLA2025-023 RESOLVED(Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

MLLA2025-024 RESOLVED(Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority declared no 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.

MLLA2025-025 RESOLVED(Jeffrey Wheeler/Roderick Kantamara)

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the updates from Remote Housing representatives as follows:
 - The plumber contracted to perform maintenance in Mount Liebig is SDA plumbing
 - This has improved the timeline for repairs; and
- b) raised that Lot 82 [Member Tristan Robertson's House] requires plumbing repairs in the shower, repairs to the screen door and repairs to the security light.

8.2 THE DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the presentation from the Department of Social Services is to provide information about the Digital Connectivity Project

MLLA2025-026 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the presentation from the Department of Social Services; and
- b) provided feedback on the installation of the Wi-Fi System in Mount Liebig as follows:
 - agreed that the wifi installation should proceed in Mount Liebig
 - requested that the wifi be installed at the CDP office run by Ngurratjuta. Ngurratjuta needs to be aware and permission sought for this.

8.3 THE JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM - NGURRATJUTA/PMARA NTJARRA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the presentation from Ngurratjuta / Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation is to introduce aspects of the Junior Ranger Program, including its rationale, approach to planning and progress.

MLLA2025-027 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Rosalind Dixon)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation from Ngurratjuta / Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation.

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.

MLLA2025-028 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Audrey Turner)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the update on the action item 'Childcare Fencing' and closed this item.

9.2 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

MLLA2025-029 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority:

- provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC

2025-26 Regional Plan;

- **agreed to provide its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure plan before the next meeting on the poster that will be left with the CSC; and**
- **added community laundry with toilets and showers to the community plan to be located between the football oval and the basketball court.**

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.

MLLA2025-030 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) **noted that \$5,278.76 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;**
- b) **noted the progress on their current projects as at the 10th April 2025;**
- c) **decided that project 2188 'Sporting Equipment for the Youth Board' would be closed and the funds returned to unallocated if it was not allocated and a PO raised before the next Mount Liebig Local Authority meeting;**
- d) **accepted the unallocated funds currently available to spend;**
- e) **determined that no further allocations would be made at this meeting in order to hold over the remaining funds until the next allocation is received; and**
- f) **approved to close project 2187 'Music Equipment for the Church' once the invoice from Stanes Transport has been received.**

9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

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.

MLLA2025-031 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that all remaining funds have been allocated to the BBQ for the unveiling of the plaque and the opening of the basketball court; and
- b) that these funds will be held over in the case that this event does not take place before the end of the financial year.

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.

MLLA2025-032 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Roderick Kantamara)

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

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Mt Liebig across the area of Local Government Council Services.

MLLA2025-033 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Rosalind Dixon)

That the Local Authority that the 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, Children's Services and Youth Services.

MLLA2025-034 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Rosalind Dixon)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report for Mount Liebig Community.

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2025 in the Mt Liebig Local Authority community.

MLLA2025-035 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 March 2025.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 GERNERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

MLLA2025-036 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters relating to General Council Business.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on matters that members may have regarding Non-Council Services.

MLLA2025-037 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters of Non-Council General Business.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 23 JULY, 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:39 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 30 April 2025 and were confirmed on the 23rd July 2025.