



**MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 23 JULY 2025 AT 10:30 AM**

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.47AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Audrey Turner

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Audrey Turner, Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Rosalind Dixon and Member Carol Peterson.

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny

Via Teams: Councillor Tommy Conway and Deputy Dalton McDonald

Council Employees:

CEO Belinda Urquhart, Director Keith Hassett, Area Manager Damien Ryan, Council Services Coordinator Bradley Horn, Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Manager of Project Management Ruth Tahere and Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg.

Guests:

Tammy Stephens Communications Manager – Ngurratjuta

Via Teams: Tomas King – Department of Housing, Community Development and Local Government.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Roderick Kantamara, Member Tristan Robertson and Member Dyson Wheeler.

Absentees:

Councillor Jason Minor.

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS

MLLA2025-038 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Audrey Turner)

That members:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) noted and accepted the apologies from Roderick Kantamara, Tristan Robertson and Dyson Wheeler; and
- c) noted the absence without notice of Councillor Jason Minor.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

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.

MLLA2025-039 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Carol Peterson)

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

MLLA2025-040 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Audrey Turner)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MLLA2025-041 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th of April 2025 were adopted as an accurate record of proceedings.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

MLLA2025-042 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Audrey Turner)

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

MLLA2025-043 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Rosalind Dixon)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

MLLA2025-044 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Rosalind Dixon)

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.

MLLA2025-045 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that Tomas King from the Department of Housing, Community Development and Local Government attended the meeting and will pass on any matters raised to the Remote Housing team; and
- b) raised that Audrey Turner has been unsuccessfully applying for a house to live in for over 8 years.

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.

MLLA2025-046 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that voters enrolment closed on the 22nd of July;
- b) encouraged community members to consider nominating as candidates;

- c) noted that nominations are open until Thursday 31st July;
- d) noted that polling dates will be advertised in community; and
- g) noted and accepted the Information for Candidates for the 2025 Local Government Elections.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

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.

MLLA2025-047 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority reiterated that the community laundry with toilets and showers to be located between the football oval and basketball court is the first priority on the Community Infrastructure Plan.

9.2 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.

MLLA2025-048 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) received the 2024/2025 Project funds allocation of \$30,700.00;
- b) noted that \$6,790.19 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as follows:
 - 2184 – Plaque at the Rec Hall - to be unveiled when the basketball court is opened which should be happening in October. The basketball Court

- should be completed in in the next 6 weeks. This will include larger sports lights, a water bubbler and 2 grandstands with shade.
- 2186 – Solar Lights for the Cemetery – the lights have been collected from Amoonguna. Waiting on the completion of works on the fence-line before the civil team install the lights.
- 2188 – Sporting Equipment for the Youth Board – allocated an additional \$24.45 to cover the overspend;
- d) accepted the unallocated funds currently available to spend; and
- e) Created a new project - Area of Cultural Significance Exclusion Zone Signs – these will be large signs using inclusive terms so that they can be used to restrict access to men’s areas, women’s areas and cultural areas. Allocated \$5,000.00 to acquire as many signs as possible within this budget; and
- f) were advised of the following about the wishlist items.:
 - a minimum spend for a new playground would be \$70,000.00 with a preference for \$100,000.00 to be allocated to allow for variables;
 - mature trees cannot be purchased in Alice Springs, smaller ones can be purchased, but these cost money and are often damaged by children.

9.3 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.

MLLA2025-049 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$1,918.88 of 2024/25 discretionary funds were spent with invoices received;
- b) noted that the remaining \$2,081.12 of 2024/25 funds were allocated to the BBQ for the unveiling of the plaque and the opening of the basketball court and that these funds are carried over to this financial year;
- c) received the 2025/26 discretionary funds allocation of \$4,000.00;
- d) decided not to allocate any discretionary funds at this meeting; and
- e) noted that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2026.

9.4 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.

MLLA2025-050 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Mount Liebig as of 11 July 2025.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Mr Liebig across the area of Local

Government Service Delivery.

MLLA2025-051 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority of Mt Liebig noted and accepted the attached 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.

MLLA2025-052 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the attached Community Services Report.

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Nil

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.

MLLA2025-053 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Tommy Conway)

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.

MLLA2025-054 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) **raised that the section of the Kintore road from Papunya to Kintore is very rough and were advised that Tomas King would look into the grading schedule;**
- b) **raised that continuous road grading has lowered the road elevation, leading to significant water pooling; and**
- c) **were introduced to Tammy Stephens Communications Manager – Ngurratjuta who has opened the family centre in Mount Liebig which will be open once a week in Mount Liebig and advised that there will be a hair salon open next**

week in Papunya and that there are some projects happening with the Junior Rangers, Justice Reinvestment and CDP.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER, 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:14 pm.

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