



MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2024 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:37am

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Audrey Turner

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Audrey Turner, Member Roderick Kantamara, Member Tristan Robertson, Member Rosalind Dixon and Dyson Wheeler

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny via Teams, Councillor Dalton McDonald and Councillor Tommy Conway

Council Employees:

Ken Satour – A/Director Council Services, Stuart Miller – Area Manager, Gemma Rule – Council Services Coordinator, Kaisa Suumann – Coordinator Youth Board, Shayan Saberi – Youth Services, Shae Thompson and June Crabb – Coordinators Governance

Via Teams – Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Liz Scott – Manager of Community Safety and Kitty Comerford – Manager Property and Infrastructure.

Guests:

Roderick Daniel and Cedric Stevens (Mt Liebig residents)  
Jessica Scrutton – Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Representative  
Ben Hump – NTG Housing, Nick Rickard and Evie Roads – CLC Representatives  
Mardi Haselton and Jeketi Kachigunda - NIAA Representatives,  
Patrina McMasters and Danielle Woods – NT Health  
Tin Truck Representatives Glendle Schrader, and Louise Wellington and Dr David Scrimgeour both attended via Teams

### **3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Member Jeffrey Wheeler

Absentees:

Member Carol Peterson and Councillor Jason Minor

### **3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES**

**MLLA2024-058 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Tristan Robertson)**

**That members:**

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies received from Member Jeffrey Wheeler; and
- c) recorded the first absence without notice given of Member Carol Peterson; and the absence of Councillor Jason Minor

### **3.3 Resignations**

NIL

### **3.4 Terminations**

NIL

### **3.5 Nominations**

NIL

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**MLLA2024-059 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Dyson Wheeler)**

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

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MLLA2024-060 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Roderick Kantamara)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority accepts the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 as an accurate record of the proceedings.**

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

### **6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

**MLLA2024-061 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Audrey Turner)**

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

## **6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION**

That members did not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business

## **6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION**

That members did not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**MLLA2024-062 RESOLVED(Tommy Conway/Rosalind Dixon)**

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

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**MLLA2024-063 RESOLVED(Tommy Conway/Rosalind Dixon)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.1 TIN TRUCK AND ASSOCIATES**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Tin Truck and Associates wish to present to Council information regarding the project "Communities wanting to transition Health Clinics to Aboriginal Community Control".

**MLLA2024-064 RESOLVED(Dalton McDonald/Dyson Wheeler)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and considered the presentation by Tin Truck and Associates;
- b) requested that a meeting of community members from Mt Liebig, Haasts Bluff and Papunya be organised to discuss the project.

Minute note: The Chair accepted the impromptu presentation from Representatives of Central Land Council.

### **8.2 CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL - FUNDING UPDATE**

**MLLA2024-065 RESOLVED(Tommy Conway/Rosalind Dixon)**

That members:

- a) noted the information shared by the Representatives of Central Land Council as follows:
  - new funding of \$120 million is available and will be shared between the four NT Land Council regions;
  - noted that based on 639 houses being the number of occupied outstation homes, the CLC region will receive \$15 million per year for three years;
  - noted that CLC's Homelands Reference Group (HRG) provides

recommendations to the Joint Steering Committee as to which outstations should receive funding;

- noted that the final decision allocating funds to outstations is determined between the Joint Steering Committee, Land Council and Northern Territory Government;
- requested that Terrence Abbott, being a Homelands Reference Group Representative be invited to the next CLC meeting to answer questions relating to outstations within the Western Desert region;
- noted that three years of funding is available for outstations and 10 years of funding for communities;
- noted that rules applies to which outstations would receive the funding; and

- b) noted that the NT Government will publish the Regional Work Plan with all the information relating to the outstation funding.

## **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 YOUTH BOARD REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report outlines the recommendations put forward by the Mt Liebig Youth Board during their meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2024. It seeks discussion and feedback from the Mt Liebig Local Authority on these proposals.

#### **MLLA2024-066 RESOLVED (Dyson Wheeler/Rosalind Dixon)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) received and noted the minutes from the Mt Liebig Youth Board meetings held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2024;
- b) reviewed the following Youth Board recommendations and provided feedback as follows:
  - noted that a grant has been awarded to upgrade the Basketball Court, to include installing a shade structure and water bubbler, widening and resurfacing the court. If any funds remain, Council will install bench seating. Should these funds not be enough to cover the seats, the Youth Board can return to the Authority to resubmit the request for funding towards the bench seats.
  - agreed to allocate \$1,000.00 towards Sports equipment, noting that the equipment will be stored at the Rec Hall in the keeping of the Team Leader Youth Services.
- c) agreed to move items #6, #7 and #8 of the recommendation to the Projects wishlist;
- d) noted that the CEO is in the process of seeking grant funding to install new AFL goal posts in Finke as well as Mt Liebig.

## 9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects 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 LAPP has been provided for. Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

### **MLLA2024-067 RESOLVED(Roderick Kantamara/Dyson Wheeler)**

#### **That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted that \$928.86 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- b) closed project 2395 – Infrastructure at Airstrip, returning \$26,610.22 to unallocated funds;**
- c) noted the progress on their current projects:**
  - **2181 – New Sorry camp, noted that the coordinates had been submitted to Council to determine if a lease is required and gave feedback that the infrastructure be the same as the existing sorry camp;**
  - **2182 – Music equipment for Youth, noted one quote submitted, waiting on an additional quote;**
  - **2183 – 4WD Trailer, noting that the trailer is currently being constructed;**
  - **2184 – Plaque for Rec Hall and 2185 – Plaque for Night Patrol, noted that the Coordinator Youth Services had been in contact with families and both projects were still being finalised;**
- d) created three new projects as follows:**
  - **From the wishlist – Solar lights for the Cemetery, allocating \$20,000.00 for four lights to be placed at each corner;**
  - **Music equipment for Church, allocating \$15,000.00**
  - **Sporting equipment for the Youth Board as per their recommendation.**
- e) discussed the priority of the wishlist items and added new items from the Youth Board's recommendation:**
  - **Wii Sports console or a Playstation 5 for the Rec Hall;**
  - **Equipment for Girls nights to include makeup, hair dyes and hair straightener;**
  - **Disco ball and disco outfits for the Rec Hall.**

### **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.

#### **MLLA2024-068 RESOLVED(Dyson Wheeler/Audrey Turner)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) **accepted the 2024/2025 funding allocation,**
- b) **acknowledges that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2025;**
- c) **agreed to keep the allocation for the BBQ for unveiling the Plaques;**
- d) **chose not to proceed with the allocation for Sorry Business, returning these funds for reallocation; and**
- e) **allocated \$1,000.00 each towards Christmas and New Year.**

### **9.4 PEOPLE & CAPABILITIES REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing diversity and employee distribution among communities. Attached is the latest HR Demographic report which will represent the current staff details of MRC including number of employees based in Alice Springs and MRC Communities and monthly staff turnover.

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.

#### **MLLA2024-069 RESOLVED(Audrey Turner/Rosalind Dixon)**

**That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Peoples and Capabilities report for the Community of Mt Liebig.**

### **9.5 ROADS, FLEET AND WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the management of Roads, Fleet and Waste Management for MacDonnell Regional Council within the Mt Liebig community.

#### **MLLA2024-070 RESOLVED(Jeffrey Wheeler/Rosalind Dixon)**

**That the Authority noted and accepted the report for the community of Mt Liebig.**

## **10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT AND SNAPSHOT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **MLLA2024-071 RESOLVED(Dalton McDonald/Roderick Kantamara)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority 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 and Youth Services.

#### **MLLA2024-072 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Dyson Wheeler)**

That the Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report for Mount Liebig Community;
- b) noted that a Childcare Team Leader has been appointed and expected to start in community after her induction on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

## **11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

### **11.1 FINANCE REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 September 2024 in the Mt Liebig Local Authority community.

#### **MLLA2024-073 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Finance Report as at 30 September 2024.

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2**

### **12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Under item 6.2, members of the Authority have an opportunity to table matters that they wish to discuss at General Council Business.

#### **MLLA2024-074 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Local Authority noted that no matters for discussion was raised at item 6.2.

## **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3**

### **13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet provides any necessary updates in regard to Northern Territory Government Services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

#### **MLLA2024-075 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Audrey Turner)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that CLC provided an update on funding;
- b) noted that members did not raise any matters at item 6.3
- c) noted the introduction from NT Health on the Community Alcohol Plan;
- d) noted that any issues regarding NT Services for Housing or for Outstations will be relayed to the relevant Authorities.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2025**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:37 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 30 October 2024 were confirmed on 12 February 2025.