MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.58AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON

MLLA2026-01 **RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Dalton McDonald)**

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and nominated Tristan Robertson as Acting Chair of the Local Authority Meeting.

2 WELCOME

Acting Chair Tristan Robertson welcomed the attendees to the meeting and the meeting was declared provisional.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	**3.1**
TITLE:	**Attendance, Apologies and Leave**

Local Authority Members

Member Tristan Robertson.

Councillors

Via Teams: Councillor Dalton McDonald and Councillor Lynn Ward

Council Employees

Executive Manager Children's and Aged Care Services Ainsley Roscrow, Acting Area Manager Council Services Rhiannon Collie, Council Services Coordinator Bradley Horn, Governence Coordinator Shae Millar

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg

Guests

Via Teams:

Adele McCorkindale – Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

Katharine O'Donoughue – Member for Gwoja's Office [Left the meeting at 11:20am]

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.

MLLA2026-02 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)**

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig 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 Member Audrey Turner, Member Carol Peterson Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Roderick Kantamara, Member Dyson Wheeler, Member Rosalind Dixon, President Roxanne Kenny and CEO Belinda Urquhart for this meeting; and
c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, 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).

MLLA2026-03 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)**

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

a) were reminded of the by-election required to fill the existing vacancy on the Council for a member from the Luritja Pintubi Ward and that polling will be held in Mt Liebig on Thursday 16 April from 2:00pm to 4:30pm;
b) noted that there are no vacancies on the Local Authority; and
c) 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.

MLLA2026-04 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)**

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig 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 Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held 8 December 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

MLLA2026-05 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)**

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held 8 December 2025 will be tabled for confirmation at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

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.

MLLA2026-06 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)**

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and confirmed 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.

MLLA2026-07 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)**

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

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:	**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.

MLLA2026-08 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)**

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

a) noted that the Census Engagement Team did not attend this meeting; and
b) discussed the importance of maximum participation in the Census for funding for programs that benefit the community; and
c) were advised that Census jobs could be applied for through Ngurratjuta.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	**10.1**
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.

MLLA2026-09 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)**

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

a) noted the Project Funding Acquittal and Certification [attached] as at 30 June 2025;

b) acknowledged that $16,216.96 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;

c) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the project management office as follows:

- **Project 2186 'Solar Lights for the Cemetery' – The footings have been installed. The installation is on hold until more Civil Team staff are available.**
- **Project 2189 'Area of Cultural Significane Exclusion Zone Sigs' – PMO requested confirmation of how many signs are required. The signs are around $500 each. The Local Authority advised that at least 4 signs are required. These will be acquired with further consultation expected if further signs are required.**
- **Project 2420 'Basketball Court Upgrade – inc Switchboard and 2 New water Bubbler' allocated $15,000.00 additional funds for water bubbler installation costs.**
- **Project 2421 'Purchase and Install one new Beehive' The PMO requested clarification about purchasing bee handling equipment along with the beehive and the Local Authority decided to discuss this at the next meeting;**

d) were advised that the 2025-26 LAPF Funding of $33,100.00 has been received and is reflected in the budget consideration;

e) were advised that the purchase and installation of the wish-list item 'Solar BBQ' would be between $45,000.00 - $50,000.00; and

f) requested an update from the Project Management Office about the status of the frame for the plaque for Kumantjai Jackson that will allow it to be attached to the wall.

Minute Note: Katharine O'Donoghue left the meeting at 11:20 .

ITEM NUMBER:	**10.2**
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.

MLLA2026-10 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)**

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

a) accepted that $1,593.02 was spent on the barbeque for the memorial for Kumantjai Jackson and the opening of the new basketball court;
b) noted that $2,000 was allocated for Christmas and New Years Eve events with no purchase orders raised;
c) acknowledged that $1,740.33 was spent on the Easter celebration;
d) noted that this is the final meeting for the current financial year;
e) decided to allocate the remaining funds of $2,684.77 using a Local Authority Discretionary Funds Allocation Letter so that other members could be consulted; and
f) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 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 Mt Liebig across the area of Local Government Council Services.

MLLA2026-11 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)**

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted and accepted the attached report.

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 Services

MLLA2026-12 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)**

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

a) noted and accepted the Community Safety and Youth Services report;
b) requested that the Community Safety team prioritise getting kids home safely at night and ensure that they are patrolling as much as possible during their shifts; and
c) requested that the youth team address inappropriate behaviours outside the rec-hall. These will be followed up as operational matters.

ITEM NUMBER:	**11.3**
TITLE:	**Children's Services Report**
AUTHOR:	**Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Children's Services.

MLLA2026-13 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)**

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted and accepted the Children's Services 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.

MLLA2026-14 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)**

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and did not raise any matters of general Council business.

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.

MLLA2026-15 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)**

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and raised the following matters of Non-Council business:

a) **that Tristan Robertson has 2 broken doors on the outside of his house and that he has reported this through the 1800 number numerous times with no result. Adele McCorkindale advised that Housing has a new system in place where a reference number can be requested when reporting issues. This will assist in tracking the progress of maintenance issues. Adele also advised that the HRG Meeting would be in Mount Liebig on the 16 April and advised that Tristan raise this matter with the representatives from Housing.**
b) **were advised that pest control will be rolled out in all communities with dates to be advised;**
c) **the CSC raised that community members are being supplied power over and above what they have pre-paid for and that they are then accumulating large power bills;**
d) **Adele advised that at the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting members were advised that they could contact Bill Yan's office for assistance. [Governance will seek clarification from Adele about whether the Member for Namitjira Bill Yan is the appropriate contact rather than the member for Gwoja]; and**
e) **Member Tristan Robertson advised that he had contacted Power and Water directly and was able to make an agreeable arrangement directly with them.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 15 JULY, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:07 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 2026 and were confirmed on 8 October 2026.