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

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.47AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON

MLLA2026-16 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

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

2 WELCOME

The attendees were welcomed by Roderick Kantamara and the meeting was declared provisional.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

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

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny and Councillor Lynn Ward.

Council Employees

CEO Belinda Urquhart, A/Director Council Services Stuart Millar, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety Libby Taylor, Council Services Coordinator Tinashe Mutanga and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg.

Guests

Shelly Beatie – Manager Community Development – Department of Housing, Local

Government and Community Development, NTG.

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.

MLLA2026-17 **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 Member's attendance;**
b) **tabled apologies received from Councillor Tommy Conway, Councillor Dalton McDonald, Member Audrey Turner, Member Carol Peterson and Member Rosalind Dixon; and**
c) **recorded the first absence, without notice, of Member Dyson Wheeler 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).

MLLA2026-18 **RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

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

a) **were informed that Councillor Tommy Conway was elected to Council in the recent by-election;**
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.

MLLA2026-19 **RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)**

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 15 April 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

MLLA2026-20 **RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Tristan Robertson)**

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and read the unconfirmed minutes of the following Mt Liebig Local Authority meetings and will confirm them at the next meeting:

- **Mount Liebig Local Authority meeting held 18 December 2025**
- **Mount Liebig Local Authority meeting held 15 April 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.

MLLA2026-21 **RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

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

MLLA2026-22 **RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

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.

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.

MLLA2026-23 **RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Lynn Ward)**

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

a) acknowledged that there are no funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
b) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the project management office as follows:
  - **Project 2186 'Solar Lights for the Cemetery' – the PMO is working with the CSC and expects installation to be completed in the coming weeks.**
  - **Project 2189 'Area of Cultural Significance Exclusion Zone Signs' - a quote for sign posts has been requested. The Local Authority Members will advise Council Services of where the signs will be installed.**

- **Project 2420 'Basketball Court Upgrade – inc Switchboard and 2 New Water Bubblers' - the water bubblers have been plumbed in and an electrician is being organised to finish installation which should occur next month.**
- **Project 2421 'Purchase and Install One New Beehive' - Members advised that they would like the necessary beehive accessories purchased as part of this project and the PMO will work with Stuart Millar to ascertain what is required. An additional $5,000.00 was allocated to this project;**

c) **created a new project '3 x Caution Horse / Camel Road Signs' - the PMO to work with Stuart Millar on design choices and allocated $5,000.00 to this project; and**

d) **removed 'Wii Sports or PlayStation for the Rec Hall', 'Beauty Supplies' and 'Disco Ball and Outfits' from the wish-list as Youth Services is purchasing similar items.**

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.

MLLA2026-24 **RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Tristan Robertson)**

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

a) **accepted the spending of the 2025/26 discretionary funds;**
b) **received the discretionary funds for the new financial year;**
c) **did not allocate any funds at this meeting; and**
d) **acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2027.**

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.

MLLA2026-25 **RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

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

report.

ITEM NUMBER:	**11.2**
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 Services

MLLA2026-26 **RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)**

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; and**
b) **requested that the Community Safety team include the area near the store in their patrol as children have been vandalising the petrol bowser. This will be followed up as part of normal operations.**

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.

MLLA2026-27 **RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Roderick Kantamara)**

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.

MLLA2026-28 **RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

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

a) **that one of the solar lights in the sing-along area is not working and that it stopped working after heavy rain at the beginning of the year; and**
b) **that the generator on the trailer is failing to start.**

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.

MLLA2026-29 **RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

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 [Lot 82] has reported that his screen door is broken and the security light is not working multiple times using the 1800 number with no result; and**
b) **that many fences at houses in the community are in need of repair after damage by a large number of camels in the community at the beginning of the year.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:47 am.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 15 July 2026 and were confirmed on 8 October 2026.