



MINUTES OF THE PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE PAPUNYA
COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:38AM

1.1 NOMINATION FOR ACTING CHAIR

PLA2026-19 RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Justine Stockman)

That members nominated Garrard Anderson as Acting Chair for this meeting.

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Alison Anderson, Member Garrard Anderson, Member Justine Stockman and Member Ashley Robertson

Via Teams: Member Sarah Stockman

Councillors

Councillor Lynn Ward and Councillor Tommy Conway

Via Teams: Councillor Dalton McDonald and President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Ainsley Roscrow – Executive Manager Aged & Children's Services, Max Baliva – Acting Area Manager and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Via Teams: Shae Thompson – Governance Coordinator and Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Office

Guests

Via Teams:

Representatives DLGHCD - Donna Lemon, Shanaya McAdam-Bray and Paumea McKay

Representatives Hon. Marion Scrymgour MP – Cherisse Buzzacott and Ciaran Dunne

Apologies

Chairperson Graham Poulson and Member Karen McDonald

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.

PLA2026-20 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Chairperson Graham Poulson and Member Karen McDonald for this meeting; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Membership
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, 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).

Member Graham Poulson was nominated at the April 2026 meeting as Chairperson for a 12-month term

PLA2026-21 RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that a vacancy on the Authority is currently available;
- b) welcomed Garrard Anderson and Ashley Robertson as their nomination was endorsed at Council's April meeting; and
- c) called for community nominations to remain open to cover the remaining vacancy.

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.

PLA2026-22 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority 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 Papunya Local Authority Meeting held 1 April 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

PLA2026-23 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Papunya Local Authority Meeting held 1 April 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

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.

PLA2026-24 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Alison Anderson)

That the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, be 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.

PLA2026-25 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members did not declare any conflicts of interest.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Action Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a running list of the Local Authority action items as raised in previous meetings.

PLA2026-26 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Justine Stockman)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the updates to the actions as follows:

- a) closed all current actions - Draft a letter to the Ministers inviting them to a Council meeting, Organise a trip to the Barunga and Opening of the WMF facility noting that the incoming CSC will be informed to action this request.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, 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.

PLA2026-27 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Ashley Robertson)

That the Local Authority:

- received the Project funding acquittal and certification as at 30 June 2025;**
- acknowledged that \$127,712.00 is funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office;**
- considered allocating the current balance of \$207,677.34 towards Community Infrastructure Projects and determined the following:**
 - rename the Project - Outdoor Chapel to Cemetery extension, fencing and Outdoor Chapel, allocating \$135,000.00 to include extending and surveying the existing cemetery, fencing around the extension and installing the outdoor chapel.**
 - agreed to add the following to the wishlist for the PMO Office to source quotes for consideration at the next Authority meeting:**
 - Assess the condition and operational status of the football oval lights and provide quotes for any required repairs or replacement works.**
 - Installation of fencing around the oval.**
- created a new project – Scoreboard, allocating all remaining funds, currently at \$72,677.00.**

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, 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.

PLA2026-28 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority:

- noted the updates on the current spending of its discretionary funds;**
- acknowledged that all funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th 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 Papunya across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

PLA2026-29 RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Justine Stockman)

That the Local Authority 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.

PLA2026-30 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Justine Stockman)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Safety and Youth Services report

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
TITLE:	Aged Care Services Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Aged Care Services

PLA2026-31 RESOLVED (Ashley Robertson/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Aged Care report for Papunya.

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.

PLA2026-32 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority noted and discussed the matters raised and recommends that Council considers providing financial assistance and support for:

- a) five young people to participate in a trip to the Mt Isa Rodeo with Ngurratjuta from 7–9 August 2026; and
- b) a youth trip to attend the Gurindji Freedom Day Festival, commemorating the anniversary of the Wave Hill Walk-Off, from 21–23 August 2026.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	Non-Council Business
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

- Roads outside of MRC's area
- Education
- Health
- Police
- Land Management

PLA2026-33 RESOLVED (Justine Stockman/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority noted that an update on the roads will be presented at the next meeting.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:43 am.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Papunya Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 11 June 2026 and were confirmed 16 September 2026.