



MINUTES OF THE SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
SANTA TERESA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:42AM

2 WELCOME – Chairperson Louise Cavanagh

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Louise Cavanagh, Member Agnes Alice, Member Leonie Young, Member Camilla Hayes and Member Robert Kopp

Councillors:

Councillor Andrew Davis and Councillor Lisa Sharman

Councillor Patrick Allen telephoned into the meeting.

Council Employees:

Ken Satour – Acting Director Council Services, Victor Morgan – Acting Area Manager, James Walsh – Manager Project Management, Lewis Gittoes – Council Services Coordinator, Ryan Rosenberg – Administration, Project Management Office and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Attending via Teams – Ruth Tahere and Sai Katam – Coordinators, Project Management Office

Guests:

Ellie Kamara – CEO Atyenhenge Atherre Aboriginal Corporation and via Teams - Benjamin Humm – NT Housing Representative

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Nil

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 VACANCIES ON THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

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).

The membership of Camilla Hayes was endorsed at the Council meeting held 15 April 2025.

STLA2025-018 RESOLVED (Leonie Young/Agnes Alice)

That the Local Authority:

- a) welcomed Camilla Hayes as a member of the Authority;**
- b) considered and accepted the nomination received from Marie Mulladad; and**
- c) called for community nominations to fill the remaining vacancy.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

STLA2025-019 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

STLA2025-020 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Agnes Alice)

That the Minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority of 26 March 2025 be adopted by a resolution of Santa Teresa Local Authority.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

STLA2025-021 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Robert Kopp)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

STLA2025-022 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Leonie Young)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

STLA2025-023 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Leonie Young)

That the Santa Teresa 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.

STLA2025-024 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the updates from Remote Housing representatives; and
- b) raised matters relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community as follows:
 - Lot 1398 – Member Leonie Youngs property being on a sinkhole, noting that an Engineer would be assigned to assess the property and provide a response back to Housing.

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.

STLA2025-025 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Agnes Alice)

That the Local Authority:

- a) urged all eligible residents to ensure they are enrolled to vote;
- b) encouraged community members to consider nominating as candidates; and
- c) noted that nominations open Friday 11 July to Thursday 31 July.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

STLA2025-026 RESOLVED (Leonie Young/Robert Kopp)

That the Local Authority noted the update on the action item 'Invite Member for Namatjira, Hon. Bill Yan' and closed this item.

9.2 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

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.

Priority projects discussed at the previous meeting included upgrading the Softball Oval and a Gymnasium.

STLA2025-027 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Agnes Alice)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that a meeting had taken place in determining their priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure plan; and
- b) agreed that the toilet block be their number one priority.

9.3 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.

STLA2025-028 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Leonie Young)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the 2024/2025 Project funding allocation of \$79,900.00;
- b) acknowledged that \$24,692.79 are funds currently *at risk of being returned*;
- c) allocated \$32.00 to cover the overspend to Project 2207 and closed project;
- d) accepted the progress on their current projects as at the 28th May as follows:
 - 2204 – Front entrance project, allocated \$7,655.00 to the project to cover the active Purchase order;

- 2205 – Bin Trailers, noting that they were nearing completion; and
- 2206 – Shade and seating at cemetery.

- e) did not consider allocating funds to the Youth Board;
- f) discussed the priority of the wishlist items and determined the following:
 - removed Solar lights at the entrance; and added
 - install Solar lights on the road to the Mens Shed.
- g) created a new project from the wishlist: Mural with historical timeline on the fence along the road into community, allocating \$101,848.40 to the project noting that the PMO Office will evaluate the requirements for this project, including associated costs, how long it will take and what details needs to be addressed.

9.4 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.

STLA2025-029 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Robert Kopp)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted that the 2024/2025 Discretionary funds have all been allocated; and
- b) noted an invoice is yet to be received from AAAC for the Easter celebration.

9.5 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.

Active Open Positions in the MRC Org Structure and approved by Managers: 16 May 2025.

STLA2025-030 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Leonie Young)

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Santa Teresa.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Santa Teresa across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

STLA2025-031 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Robert Kopp)

That the Local Authority of Santa Teresa 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 Services and Youth Services for Santa Teresa.

STLA2025-032 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Louise Cavanagh)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report; and
- b) asked when a Childcare Centre Team Leader would be appointed to their centre.

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Nil

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members of the Authority raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

STLA2025-033 RESOLVED (Leonie Young/Robert Kopp)

That the Local Authority did not raise matters in General Council Business.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members have the opportunity to raise matters for discussion in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and external Stakeholders. This may include:

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

STLA2025-034 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Leonie Young)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepts any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- b) noted that the issue with the horses will be removed from the register; and
- c) did not discuss any further matters.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER, 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:18 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 4 June 2025 and were confirmed on the 3rd September 2025.