



MINUTES OF THE SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
SANTA TERESA COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2022 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:40AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON

STLA2022-055 RESOLVED (Cr Ellis/Lisa Sharman)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority nominated Member Louise Cavanagh as Chairperson for the meeting held Wednesday, 7 December 2022.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Member Louise Cavanagh

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Agnes Alice, Member Louise Cavanagh and Member Robert Kopp

Councillors:

Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Ellis and Councillor Patrick Allen and President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – Director Service Delivery, Aaron Blacker – Director Technical Services, Ken Satour – Area Manager Service Delivery and June Crabb – Governance Officer

Guests:

Eric Turner – Representative, Department Chief Minister and Cabinet,
Annie Young – Community Resident, Brother Mark Fordyce – and
Daniel Measures – Liaison Officer of Bill Yan, Member for Namatjira

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Emma Hayes and Member Phillip Alice

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

STLA2022-056 RESOLVED (Cr Ellis/Lisa Sharman)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and accepted the attendance and apologies to the meeting.

Absentees:

NIL

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the changes to the membership of the Local Authority.

A vacancy was created at the 12 November 2020 meeting when the membership of Charlie Lynch was revoked for being absent from two consecutive meetings and subsequently a second vacancy occurred at the 18 February 2021 meeting when Nora Hayes-Wheeler resigned her membership from the Local Authority.

It was noted that the Santa Teresa Local Authority is yet to appoint a Chairperson to the Authority.

STLA2022-057 RESOLVED (Robert Kopp/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) accepted the nomination received for Chairperson from Louise Cavanagh;**
- b) appointed the nominee Louise Cavanagh as Chairperson of the Santa Teresa Local Authority.**

STLA2022-058 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Cr Ellis)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted that two vacancies were available on the Local Authority;**
- b) acknowledged the verbal nomination received from resident Annie Young;**
- c) requested that Ms Young submit a written nomination form;**
- d) recommended that community nominations open to cover the remaining vacancy.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

STLA2022-059 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Cr Ellis)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

STLA2022-060 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Cr Ellis)

That the Minutes of the Santa Teresa Local Authority held on the 13 October 2022:

- a) be amended to include that President Roxanne Kenny attended the meeting;**
- and**
- b) adopted as a resolution of Santa Teresa Local Authority.**

Note: A minutes' silence was held in remembrance of Central Land Council Chairman Kunmanara Hoosan, a true leader and a passionate advocate in the campaign against domestic violence and for raising the age of criminal responsibility.

A letter of condolence on behalf of MRC's CEO and staff was read, offering words of comfort and support to Mr Hooson's family and to the residents of his home community – Aputula.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

STLA2022-061 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Cr Ellis)

That the Santa Teresa 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

STLA2022-062 RESOLVED (Cr Ellis/Patrick Allen)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority did not provide notification of matters to be raised at General Council Business.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

STLA2022-063 RESOLVED (Cr Ellis/Patrick Allen)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority did not provide notification of matters to be raised at General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

STLA2022-064 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Cr Ellis)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

STLA2022-065 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Cr Ellis)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

NIL

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 FUTURE OF THE BASICS CARD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Albanese Labor Government has delivered its election promise to abolish the Cashless Debit Card (CDC).

Labor aims to move to a voluntary scheme of income management for those who want that assistance to manage their family budget and wants to ensure that changes are based on community consultations, for example the ability to use the card for on-line purchases.

Territorians have been subject to compulsory income management for well over a decade and it's necessary that consultations on the Basics Card is not rushed.

STLA2022-066 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Patrick Allen)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted the correspondence from Senator McCarthy on the Future of the Basics Card.

9.2 FEDERAL DIRECT ENROLMENT UPDATE - TRIAL FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Australian Electoral Committee (AEC), as part of their Indigenous Electoral Participation Program, will be trialling a Federal Direct Enrolment Update (FDEU). The trial will take place in approximately 60 locations across Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia.

The aim of the FDEU trial is to make voting more accessible for First Nations peoples and to increase engagement with the electoral process.

STLA2022-067 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Cr Ellis)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority received and noted AEC's Federal Direct Enrolment Update – Trial for People living in Remote Communities.

9.3 ACTION REGISTER - SANTA TERESA LA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

STLA2022-068 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received;
- b) kept open action STLA2022-048 – Organise a meeting with Community to discuss the cemetery; and
- b) approves the closure of action STLA2022-053 – Invite a AAAC Representative to the meeting.

9.4 YOUTH BOARD PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Youth Boards can be a great way for young people to engage in the decision making process for their community. Involving young people benefits their community by building their skills and knowledge to grow, learn, develop and lead.

Young people can develop these strengths when they are connected to programs that have effective youth engagement strategies.

STLA2022-069 RESOLVED (Cr Ellis/Patrick Allen)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted the 27 October 2022 minutes submitted by the Santa Teresa Youth Board;
- b) discussed the request from the Youth Board to create a soccer ground next to the rec hall, noting that the Director of Technical Services will present an overview on the location at the next Authority meeting; and
- c) noted that Service Delivery will ensure that the grass is cut around the rec hall as per the request from the Youth Board.

9.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

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. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas,

seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.

- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

Santa Teresa Local Authority has committed all available funds of \$41,396.56 to invest in new Community projects and there is **nil balance to allocate**.

The above funds includes the release of the 2020/2021 project grant from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet that must be expended (with goods received) by 30 June 2023 or risk being forfeited by the Department.

It is to be noted that NTG community infrastructure project grant of \$50,000.00 committed for Grandstand seating and shading must be acquitted by 30 June 2023.

This project has been noted as part of the NTG Grant.

STLA2022-070 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Cr Ellis)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) approved the closure of two projects:
 - 2203 – Solar lights, returning the underspend of \$4,414.54 to unallocated funds
 - 2205 – Church Project, returning the underspend of \$20,000.00 to unallocated funds

- b) noted and accepted the progress of their projects as follows and kept open Projects;
 - 2204 - Front entrance project, requesting that fencing be a priority and noted that irrigation is on hold due to the restrictions placed by Power and Water
 - 2206 – Shade and Seating at Cemetery, noting that CLC have been invited to meet with MRC to discuss extending the lease and have not provided a response
 - 2207 – Projector, Youth Board until projector has been installed
 - 2208 – Water Refill Station – noting that a Contractor will not be available until after the New Year
 - 2209 – Santa Teresa Memorial Garden, noting the plinth with names of the founding families was still in progress and accepting the following quotes for gardening supplies:
 1. B & S Mitre 10 – Quote 154386 for \$468.70
 2. Geoff Miers Garden Solutions – Quote for \$397.10
 3. Go Green irrigation – Quote #73 for \$1,765.50
 - NT Grant – Grandstand seating and shading, noting that Technical Services will investigate options for a grandstand.

- c) noted that an invoice had not been received for the PO of \$1,700.00 raised against Project 2202 – Youth Space Greening

- d) created a new project named Solar light for Cross, allocated \$20,000.00 and noted that the logistics in gaining access to the cross for equipment be investigated prior to project start.

9.6 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June 2023.

STLA2022-071 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Patrick Allen)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary funds; and**
- b) chose to spend their funds towards the following:**
 - 1. \$2,000.00 towards a community Christmas festivities**
 - 2. \$2,000.00 towards Easter celebration**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATORS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

STLA2022-072 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Patrick Allen)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority accepted the attached report, noting a relieving Council Services Coordinator will be in community from the 12 December to the end of January 2023.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

STLA2022-073 RESOLVED (Cr Ellis/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted the Community Services report and raised the following concerns:

- 1. Staff being directed to work while attending Sorry Business**
- 2. Staff being directed to attend work while in isolation for Covid**

Local Authority members raised concerns that they had been compelled to attend to work duties while in Sorry Business as well as during isolation for Covid 19.

Members requested that this concern be raised at the December Council Meeting and to ensure that Cultural Awareness training be mandatory and that staff should be educated on significant matters relating to Aboriginal culture.

Belinda Urquhart, Director Service Delivery assured the Authority that the matter will be raised at the Council meeting and reinforced the commitment to the Authority that 'Any staff member who is attending Sorry Business, other Culturally Sensitive Business or has been directed to self-isolate, is not required to attend work.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31stOctober 2022 in the Local Authority community.

STLA2022-074 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Patrick Allen)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31st October 2022.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss with Council the General Business matters raised at item 6.2.

Additionally, the members are asked to discuss and give feedback on the following matters:

- a) LA meetings to be held in an outdoor space starting April 2023.
- b) LA meetings to be recorded for minute taking purposes.
- c) How can MRC assist the Local Authority members to achieve Quorum?
- d) Is there any suggestions from the Local Authority to encourage members to attend and participate in the meetings?

STLA2022-075 RESOLVED (Cr Ellis/Patrick Allen)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted that no matters was raised for discussion at Item 6.2;
- b) agreed that a meeting could be held outdoors;
- c) agreed that recording a meeting would be decided on the day of the meeting;
- d) suggested that notice for the meetings be provided well in advance; and
- e) that the email sent to CLC in relation to the issue of the horses be presented at the next Authority meeting.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to the services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

STLA2022-076 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted that no matters were raised at Item 6.3;
- b) noted that the next Housing Reference Group meeting is scheduled for 24 January 2023; and
- c) was informed that the Northern Territory Government had allocated funding to AAAC to undertake a Strategic Plan for the Santa Teresa Community. The

Representative from the Department Chief Minister and Cabinet advised that AAAC would benefit from attending a Local Authority meeting as some of the points of discussions may relate to the Strategic Plan. The Representative would follow up with AAAC and invite them to the next Authority meeting.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:25 pm.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the minutes of the Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 7 December 2022 and were CONFIRMED on 8 Feb 2023.