



MINUTES OF THE SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
SANTA TERESA COUNCIL OFFICE ON
TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:30AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Louise Cavanagh

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

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

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Patrick Allen and Councillor Andrew Davis

Council Employees:

Ken Satour – Area Manager, Jake Potter – Manager Fleet, Lewis Gittoes – Coordinator Council Services

Via Teams – Kitty Comerford – Manager Housing

Guests:

Jessica Scrutton – NTG Representative and Ellie Kamara – CEO Santa Teresa Enterprises (AAAC)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Nil

Absentees:

Councillor Aloyischois Hayes

3.1, 3.2 & 3.3 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

STLA2024-059 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Agnes Alice)

That members:

- a) noted the attendance;**
- b) recorded the absence without notice of Cr Aloyischois Hayes.**

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.

The vacancies on the Authority were created due to the dismissal of members for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

STLA2024-060 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Robert Kopp)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted that three vacancies are available on the Local Authority; and**
- b) called for community nominations to remain open for 21 days to fill the vacancy.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

STLA2024-061 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Louise Cavanagh)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES

STLA2024-062 RESOLVED (Leonie Young/Patrick Allen)

That the Minutes of the Santa Teresa Local Authority of 31 July 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Santa Teresa Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

STLA2024-063 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Leonie Young)

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

STLA2024-064 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Robert Kopp)

That members provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- a) Solar lights need replacing
- b) Streetlight in Eastside and other dark areas
- c) Sign advising Tourists against taking photos.

Minute Note: Members were advised that these matters were operational and would be undertaken by Council.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

STLA2024-065 RESOLVED (Robert Kopp/Leonie Young)

That members provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- a) Horses
- b) Road
- c) Sealing the airstrip

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

STLA2024-066 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Agnes Alice)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

STLA2024-067 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Agnes Alice)

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 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS FUNDS REPORT

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 currently allocated all available Project funding

STLA2024-068 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Agnes Alice)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that all project funds have been allocated to projects;
- b) notes the progress on the projects as follows:
 - 2206 – Shade and seating at Cemetery, noting that the shade shelter purchased in 2022 would be installed in the extension and a completely new shade structure installed in the existing cemetery. Council Services advised that the structure that is already in the cemetery is in poor condition with no roof and it would be beneficial to remove that one and erect a new shade structure. Members agreed.
 - 2207 – Cemetery extension and fencing.
 - 2407 – Youth Space front fence, waiting on Brother Mark to give an update.
- d) closed the following completed projects:
 - 2204 – Front entrance project, returning \$7,655.52 to unallocated;
 - 2209 – Santa Teresa Memorial Garden, returning \$763.96 to unallocated;
 - 2396 – Resurfacing benches, returning \$850.00 to unallocated;
 - 2397 – Painting the benches, returning \$433.95 to unallocated;
 - 2408 – Solar lights outside Rec Hall, returning \$26,431.97 to unallocated.
- e) Created a new project – 2 x Bin Trailers, allocating \$35,000.00
- f) Added to the wishlist:
 - Mural with Historical timeline; and
 - Sculptures from Men’s Shed.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY 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 2025.

STLA2024-069 RESOLVED (Robert Kopp/Agnes Alice)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that no allocations were made at previous meetings;
- b) discussed allocating funds for community events at this meeting as follows:
 - allocated \$1,000.00 towards AAAC’s Christmas lights competition; and
 - allocated \$2,000.00 towards the Christmas Community dinner that AAAC is organising.

9.3 PEOPLE & CAPABILITIES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing vacancies to help generate local community engagement and direct involvement in supporting Council's strategic goals of Developing Communities and being a Supportive Organisation.

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.

STLA2024-070 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Peoples and Capabilities report for the Community of Santa Teresa.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 SANTA TERESA COUNCIL SERVICES - LA REPORT AND SNAPSHOT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

STLA2024-071 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Louise Cavanagh)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Services Report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of the Community Services program. It is noted that a report for Youth Services and Community Safety was not available at this time.

STLA2024-072 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Leonie Young)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Children's Services report; and**
- b) accepted the Community Safety and Youth Services reports tabled at the meeting.**

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

11.1 FINANCE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 September 2024 in the Local Authority Community.

STLA2024-073 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 30 September 2024.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted the General Business Items raised at Item 6.2 were addressed as operational.

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.

STLA2024-074 RESOLVED (Leonie Young/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at item 6.3 and accepted the updates as follows:

- **Horses**

Members were advised that CLC had discussed moving the horses to Yam Bore and that they would get people to identify their own horses and then possibly cull the rest.

Members advised that Phillipson's Bore would be a better location and that the horses needed to be fenced in.

Members agreed that it was not an ideal solution as people would then leave gates unlocked.

Members were again urged to attend the Horse Committee meetings and voice their concerns as MRC did not have the resources to cover the issue with the horses.

- **Road**

The NTG Representative advised that DIPL had presented to the CLC Delegates regarding the sealing of the road. The Representative will follow up for further details.

- **Housing**

Members advised that their phone calls to the repairs line were going unanswered and they requested an update on their maintenance requests that had already been submitted.

Members were informed of the restructuring of the Departments.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2024

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:02 pm.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 and confirmed Wednesday, 26 March 2025.