



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 23 JULY 2026 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10.28AM

**1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIR**

**WLA2026-28 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Maryanne Malbunka)**

**That Members nominated Terry Abbott as Acting Chair of the Local Authority Meeting.**

**2 WELCOME**

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Member Terry Abbott and quorum was achieved.

**3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>3.1</b>                             |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Attendance, Apologies and Leave</b> |

Local Authority Members

Member Pamela Abbott and Member Terry Abbott

Councillors

Deputy President Maryanne Malbunka and Councillor Mark Inkamala

Council Employees

Area Manager Council Services Damien Ryan, Council Services Coordinator Kiarah Abbott, and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg

Guests

Local Authority Nominee Amanda Abbott

Community members Danielle Trindle and Cameron Abbott

Shelly Beatie, Adele McCorkindale and Malavika Manoj as Representatives from the 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.

#### **WLA2026-29 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance;
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Edward Craig, Member Howard Abbott, President Roxanne Kenny, CEO Belinda Urquhart and A/Director of Council Services Stuart Millar; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.

## **4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>4.1</b>                                   |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Membership of the Local Authority</b>     |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>      | <b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b> |

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 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).

#### **WLA2026-30 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) approved the nominations received from Nadeen Williams and Amanda Abbot;
- b) noted that all vacancies have been filled; and
- c) acknowledged that 2 consecutive absences without notice will result in a termination of membership.

## **5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>5.1</b>                                |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct</b> |

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report contains all of the details about the MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct Policy.

#### **WLA2026-31 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>6.1</b>                              |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b> |

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides the minutes of the previous Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held 6 May 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

#### **WLA2026-32 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)**

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the following Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meetings as a true and correct record of the proceedings:

- WRLA Meeting held 5 February 2026
- WRLA Meeting held 6 May 2026

## **7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>7.1</b>                  |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Acceptance of Agenda</b> |

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda papers are submitted for acceptance by the Members for this Local Authority Meeting.

#### **WLA2026-33 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)**

That the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, were received for consideration at this meeting.

## **8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>8.1</b>                  |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Conflict of Interest</b> |

### **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.

#### **WLA2026-34 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Maryanne Malbunka)**

**That the Local Authority Meeting:**

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members declared no conflicts of interest.

**10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS****10.1 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

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| <b>TITLE:</b>  | <b>Non-Council Business Items</b>            |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b> | <b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b> |

**WLA2026-35 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Maryanne Malbunka)**

**That the Local Authority :**

- a) Noted the updates on previous matters as follows
  - ‘Reopen the Store’: Negotiations are underway between CLC and Outback Stores. Members stated that they believe that Billy Porter still has the lease and is waiting for CLC to contact him so that this can be signed over. Members also stated that accommodation for a store manager needs to be available before the store can reopen.
  - ‘Parking in the Disused Power Water Compound’ Member Terry Abbott was unaware of what has happened with this matter. He would like a written agreement stating that he has a right to use this facility. Adele McCorkindale stated that she would continue to follow up on this matter.
  - ‘Housing Maintenance / Lease Agreement’ members stated that they no longer wished to pursue the lease agreement with NT Housing and that they need assistance with organising maintenance and residential rights issues. They stated that there have been disagreements about who has the right to live in some of the houses and that some houses are empty that could be lived in by people waiting for housing. Members requested training to assist community members to perform their own maintenance. They also requested help setting up a system where residents can pay money into a community controlled fund that can be used for maintenance. The NTG representatives suggested that employment provider Tjuwanpa could be involved through the provision of training and funding through community projects; and
- b) raised that they would like the entrance road to the community sealed.

**11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>11.1</b>                                  |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Action Register</b>                       |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>      | <b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b> |

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

**WLA2026-36 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

**That the Local Authority accepted the update on the action item ‘Rec Hall Lease’ and kept this item open.**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>11.2</b>                               |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Local Authority Project Register</b>   |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>      | <b>June Crabb, Coordinator Governance</b> |

### **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.

### **WLA2026-37 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) acknowledged that \$12,034.77 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- b) accepted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office as follows:**
  - **Project 2221 ‘Plumbing Repairs’** were advised that the quote received for fixing the plumbing issues in the rec hall bathrooms is around \$7,000.00. The members decided to allocate an additional \$8,500.00 to this project. They stated that they would also like the plumbers to investigate the status of the isolation valve and replace this if necessary so that the system can be shut off when the facility is not in use to prevent unnecessary wear on the pipes.
  - **Project 2222 ‘Moveable Bench Seating’** The seating was sent in multiple shipments with the final piece has arriving in Alice Springs last week. The items will be delivered to Wallace Rockhole by Area Manager Stuart Millar next week. The civil team will construct the seating; and
- c) closed completed Project 2223 ‘Upgrade to Gordon Ida Park’ once all invoices have been received and returned the unused funds to unallocated.**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>11.3</b>                                  |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Local Authority Discretionary Funds</b>   |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>      | <b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b> |

**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.

**WLA2026-38 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

That the Local Authority:

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

**12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>12.1</b>                                                  |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Council Services LA Report - WaPrewsepallace Rockhole</b> |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>      | <b>Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer</b>       |

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

**WLA2026-39 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

**13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>13.1</b>                     |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>General Council Business</b> |

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to give Members the opportunity to discuss General Council Business items.

**WLA2026-40 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Maryanne Malbunka)**

That the Local Authority requested that the Area Manager find out when the fire breaks will be graded.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER, 2026**

**95 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 11:45 am.

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