



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD
IN THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON
THURSDAY 24 JULY 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.23 AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Colin Craig

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Colin Craig, Member Ruth Katarintja, Member Terry Abbott and Member Pamela Abbott

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Maryanne Malbunka and Councillor Mark Inkamala.

Council Employees:

Chief Financial and Information Officer Sheree Sherry, Area Manager Stuart Millar, Council Services Coordinator Ada Williams and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg.

Guests:

Nil

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Nil

Absentees:

Member Howard Abbott

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS

WLA2025-037 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Ruth Katararintja)

That members:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) noted that there were no apologies;
- c) noted the absence without notice of Member Howard Abbott for this meeting.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the membership of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

As stated in Council's Policy - *MC01-CP 8.1 Appointed Members*:

8.1.1 – Appointing Members – local authorities

- a. Eligibility – anyone can be nominated from the local authority area, including MRC employees and youth board members.
- b. Nominations – when there is a vacancy on a local authority, the Council will give notice and there will be 21 days for nominations to be submitted.

8.1.3 – Revocation of membership – the Council will determine when membership of either the local authority or a council committee can be revoked.

WLA2025-038 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Colin Craig)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the current vacancy on the Local Authority; and
- b) called for community nominations to remain open to fill this vacancy.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

WLA2025-039 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Pamela Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRM PREVIOUS MINUTES

WLA2025-040 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes as accurate records of proceedings for the following meetings:

- a) the Local Authority meeting held on the 20th March 2025; and
- b) the provisional Local Authority meeting held on the 20th of May 2025.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

WLA2025-041 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

WLA2025-042 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

WLA2025-043 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 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.

WLA2025-044 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Noted that voter enrolment closed on the 22nd of July;
- b) encouraged community members to consider nominating as candidates; and
- c) noted that nominations are open until Thursday 31 July;
- d) noted that the polling dates will be advertised in community; and
- e) noted and accepted the Information for Candidates for the 2025 Local Government Council Elections.

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.

WLA2025-045 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the update on the action item 'Housing Maintenance' that NT Housing will not maintain the houses unless residents start paying rent; and
- b) expressed interest and requested information on the process of transferring the lease to NTG and starting rent payments in order to have the houses in Wallace Rockhole maintained by NT Housing.

9.2 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is a follow-up for the Local Authority and community members to share updates on possible new development ideas for the community. It also looks at how these ideas can support the Community Infrastructure Plan which helps guide improvements to things like roads, facilities and services that will benefit the community.

The goal is to work together towards a stronger, well-planned future for all community.

Priorities raised at the previous meeting includes:

- Repair the surface of the Basketball Court
- Reconnect water to the public toilets
- Football oval on the other side of the orchard

WLA2025-046 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority:

- a) decided that the number one priority on the Community Infrastructure Plan [CIP] is to reconnect water to the public toilets in the campground, noting that the issue may be connected to plumbing issues in the Rec Hall; and
- b) added the following projects to the CIP:
 - Public laundry
 - Upgrades to the Rec-Hall – Insulation.

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.

WLA2025-047 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the Local Authority:

- a) received the 2024/25 Project Funds Allocation of \$16,400.00;
- b) noted the current availability of funds stands at \$31,340.27;
- c) noted that \$22,533.86 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- d) noted the progress on their current project 2223 – Upgrade to Gordon Ida Park – the quotes for the gates have been received and the gates will be ordered in the coming weeks. The Area manager has completed a stock-take of the parts currently in community which has been supplied to the Project Management Office in order to assess the materials still required for the civil team to finish the fencing;
- d) closed completed project 2227 and returned the unused funds to unallocated;
- e) requested that the PMO provide a list of projects and prices to consider at the next meeting along with photos of projects from other communities; and
- f) made the following updates to the wishlist:
 - removed Football oval near the racecourse
 - added small flat area with smaller goal posts inside the park fence to provide a space for kids to kick a football and requested that the PMO investigate the associated costs;
 - added sturdy 'moveable bench seating' for inside the Rec-Hall to the wishlist and requested that the Project Management Office investigate options.

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.

It is to be noted that any outstanding Purchase Orders in which the invoice has not been received will be carried over to the next financial year.

WLA2025-048 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending on their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds;
- b) noted that an invoice is yet to be received for the fruit trees and that \$1,997.01 will be deducted from the current financial year;
- c) noted that the citrus trees are currently in quarantine
- d) received the 2025/26 Discretionary Funds allocation of \$4,000.00;
- e) noted that there are \$2,002.99 remaining funds;
- f) decided not to allocate any money at this meeting; and
- g) noted that these funds must be spent with invoices received by 30 June 2026.

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.

WLA2025-049 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Pamela Abbott)

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Wallace Rockhole as of the 11 July 2025.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

WLA2025-050 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the Local Authority of Wallace Rockhole:

- a) noted and accepted the Council Services report; and**
- b) requested that Council Services investigate whether the lack of water to the orchard is connected to the broken pipe at the rec hall.**

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Nil

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

WLA2025-051 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters relating to General Council Business.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on matters that members may have regarding non-council services.

WLA2025-052 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority raised and discussed the following matters of General Non-Council Business:

- a) the grass needs cutting in the yard of the old power station to reduce the fire**

- hazard; and
- b) requested that NTG ensure that the yard of the clinic be maintained, specifically grass cutting; and
- c) requested information on why the bore that originally supplied water to the orchard was decommissioned.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER, 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:40 am.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 24 July 2025 and were confirmed on the 23 October 2025.