



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD
IN THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY 20 MAY 2025
AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open as a provisional meeting at 10.55AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Colin Craig

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Colin Craig, Member Ruth Kataraintja, Member Terry Abbott

Councillors:

Councillor Mark Inkamala

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Stuart Millar – Area Manager Council Services, Sai Katam – Project Management Officer, and Shae Millar – Governance Coordinator.

Via Teams: Ruth Tahere – Project Management Officer.

Guests:

Ralf Abbott – Traditional Owner

Via Teams: Katharine O'Donoghue – Office of Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: President Roxanne Kenny, Member Howard Abbott and Member Pamela Abbott.

Absentees: Councillor Maryanne Malbunka

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / ABSENCES

WLA2025-021 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) noted and accepted the apologies from President Roxanne Kenny, Member Howard Abbott and Member Pamela Abbott; and
- c) noted the absence without notice of Councillor Maryanne Malbunka.

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.

WLA2025-022 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted that Billy Porters membership was revoked at the last meeting due to his being absent without notice from two consecutive meetings;
- b) noted that this has resulted in a vacancy on the Local Authority; and
- c) called for community nominations to open.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

WLA2025-023 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRM PREVIOUS MINUTES

WLA2025-024 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on the 20th of March 2025 be presented at the next Local Authority meeting.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

WLA2025-025 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

WLA2025-026 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

WLA2025-027 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and 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.

WLA2025-028 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- 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 reported in previous meetings.

WLA2025-029 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted and accepted the progress on action item 'Sport and Rec Officer' and closed this item;**
- b) noted the update on the grader schedule and closed this item; and**
- c) noted the advice from the PMO on the tap at the cemetery and closed this item.**

9.2 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

WLA2025-030 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and

- a) added the following items to the Community Infrastructure Plan**
 - repair the surface of the basketball court**
 - reconnect water to the public toilets [meter and lease]**
 - football oval on the other side of the orchard; and**
- b) agreed to meet before the next meeting to discuss additional priorities to add to the plan.**

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.

WLA2025-031 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted and accepted the project report as at the 16th April 2025;
- b) noted that \$22,968.19 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- c) noted the progress on their current project 2223 Upgrade to Gordon Ida Park – the civil team is waiting for the PMO to provide new gates so that they can finish the fence. The old gates could be used if necessary but they are not in good condition. This is the final stage of this project. The PMO team will follow up;
- d) closed the finished project 2226 Movie Equipment and Supplies and returned the unused funds to unallocated
- e) decided to close the following finished projects once the invoices have been received and return any unspent funds to unallocated:
 - project 2227 Sporting Equipment
 - project 2228 Easter Celebrations for Youth; and
- f) discussed and determined that the PMO will look into the feasibility of the wishlist item 'football oval'.

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.

WLA2025-032 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the spending on their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds;
- b) noted that no invoice has been received for the fruit trees for residences and that the Area Manager will work with the CSC on this item;
- c) noted that there are \$86.40 remaining that were allocated to this item; and
- d) holds the remaining funds until the invoice has been received.

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.

WLA2025-033 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Wallace Rockhole.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

WLA2025-034 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted and accepted the Council Services report;**
- b) noted that Colin Craig informed the Local Authority that the street lights are all working;**
- c) noted that the area manager will work with the civil team to ensure that they have the materials to fix potholes; and**
- d) noted that the CEO requested that the civil team prioritise reducing the fuel load to prevent fires.**

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

WLA2025-035 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and did not raise any matters of general Council business.

12 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

12.1 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.

WLA2025-036 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the update on the matter 'Lease for the Old Power Station' and closed this matter;**
- b) noted the update on the housing matter and closed this item; and**
- c) noted that the CEO will make enquiries regarding the maintenance of houses in Wallace Rockhole.**

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 24 JULY, 2025

14 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:56 am.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday 20 May 2025 and are were confirmed on the 24 July 2025.