



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2025 AT 10:30  
AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10.34 AM

**2 WELCOME**

The meeting was declared open by Chairperson Colin Craig and quorum was achieved.

**3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE**

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

Local Authority Members

Chairperson Colin Craig, Member Terry Abbott and Member Ruth Katararintja

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny and Deputy President Maryanna Malbunka.

Council Employees

Director Council Services Keith Hassett, Area Manager Stuart Millar, Council Services Coordinator Ada Williams and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Ryan Rosenberg

Guests

From 10:47 am to 11:05 am Peta-Lee Cole-Manolis and Faith Choudhary from Penangke Cultural Consultants

**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.

**WLA2025-53 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) **noted the Member's attendance;**

- b) accepted apologies received from Member Pamela Abbott, Member Howard Abbott and Councillor Mark Inkamala; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.

#### **4 NOMINATIONS AND CURRENT MEMBERSHIP**

<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**

This 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).

**WLA2025-54 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Ruth Katararintja)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) congratulated returning President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Maryanne Malbunka and Councillor Mark Inkamala on their re-election;
- b) noted that there is currently 1 vacancy on the Local Authority;
- c) called for community nominations to remain open to fill this vacancy; and
- d) acknowledged that 2 consecutive absences without notice will result in a termination of membership.

#### **5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

<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.

**WLA2025-55 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)**

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

#### **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

<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 24 July 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

**WLA2025-56 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held 24 July 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

## **7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

<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.

**WLA2025-57 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Ruth Katarintja)**

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

## **8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

<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.

**WLA2025-58 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)**

That the Local Authority Members:

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

## **9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>9.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Community Alcohol Planning Engagement</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Representatives from Penangke Cultural Consultants have expressed interest in attending the Local Authority meeting to begin a consultation process regarding Community Alcohol Planning.

### **WLA2025-59 RESOLVED (Ruth Katarintja/Colin Craig)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted and accepted the information provided by Penangke Cultural Consultants;
- b) decided that they would like Penangke Cultural Consultants to move forward with the consultation process with Wallace Rockhole community; and
- c) identified Council Services Coordinator Ada Williams as the contact person who is able to let the community know when meetings are to take place.

## **10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>10.1</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.

### **WLA2025-60 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Ruth Katarintja)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) closed the Housing Maintenance action item as this will now be a matter for the Central Land Council;
- b) moved the action item 'No Water to the Orchard' to Local Authority Projects in order to allocate funds to fixing the copper pipe in the Rec-Hall which may restore water to the orchard; and
- c) created a new item 'Rec Hall Lease' and requested that MRC investigate options for taking over the lease for the Rec Hall in order to have MRC take over maintenance of the building.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Local Authority Project Register</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, 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.

#### **WLA2025-61 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Ruth Katararintja)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) acknowledged that \$38,933.86 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted that there are \$31,405.94 unallocated funds;
- c) allocated an additional \$16,000.00 to the current project 2223 'Upgrade to Gordon Ida Park' to cover the cost of contractor installation of the fencing due to complications caused by the fencing materials. Hardy Fencing will have preference if the quote is competitive as they are an indigenous company and can be requested to allow members of the civil team to work with them to improve their fencing skills;
- d) created a new project 'Plumbing Repairs' and allocated \$7,000.00 to fix the coper pipe in the Rec-Hall and to go toward a plumbing audit and repairs to the public toilets / showers with preference for stainless steel toilet bowls;
- e) created a new project from the wishlist item 'Moveable Bench Seating' and allocated \$8,000.00 to purchasing 4 HDPE bench seats; and
- f) removed small football area from the wish-list as this will be achieved by the civil team with no cost to the Local Authority.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>10.3</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.

#### **WLA2025-62 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted that the invoices have been received for the fruit trees for a total of \$1,273.97 which was less than expected;
- b) acknowledged that there are \$2,726.03 remaining discretionary funds;
- c) noted that this is the final Local Authority meeting for 2025;
- d) allocated \$1,200.00 to a BBQ for Christmas to be held around the second

- week of December, with a \$700.00 purchase order to be raised for Milner Meats and a \$500.00 purchase order to be raised for Woolworths; and
- e) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2026.

## **11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>11.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>MRC Position Vacancies Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

### **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.

### **WLA2025-63 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Ruth Katarintja)**

That the Local Authority accepted the attached list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Wallace Rockhole as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>11.2</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Council Services LA Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Ellen Fitzgerald, Administration Officer</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

### **WLA2025-64 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

That the Local Authority of Wallace Rockhole noted and accepted the attached Council Services report.

## **12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>12.1</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.

### **WLA2025-65 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Ruth Katarintja)**

**That the Local Authority did not raise any matters of General Council Business.**

### **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters relating to Non-Council Business.

**WLA2025-66 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Ruth Katararintja)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) closed previous matter 'Grass at the Old Power Station' as this has been resolved;
- b) kept open 'Clinic Grounds Maintenance' and 'Decommissioned Bore' as the representative of NTG has been unable to provide updates for this meeting due to staff shortages; and
- c) requested that NTG advise the Local Authority about who is running the Wallace Rockhole GBM.

### **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - 2026

### **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:00 pm.

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