MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10:30 AM

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1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.47 AM

2 WELCOME

The attendees were welcomed by Chairperson Colin Craig and quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	**3.1**
TITLE:	**Attendance, Apologies and Leave**

Local Authority Members

Member Colin Craig (Chairperson), Member Pamela Abbott and Member Terry Abbott.

Councillors

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

Council Employees

Area Manager Stuart Millar, Governance Coordinator Shae Millar,

Via Teams: Manager Housing, Facilities and Project Management Office Jake Potter.

Guests

Via Teams:

Manager Community Development Shelly Beattie from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

Katharine O'Donoghue from the Office of Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

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.

WLA2026-01 **RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;**
b) **tabled apologies received from Member Ruth Katakarintja and Council Services Coordinator Ada Williams; and**
c) **recorded the first Member absence, without notice, of Howard Abbott for this meeting.**

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	**4.1**
TITLE:	**Membership of the Local Authority**
AUTHOR:	**June Crabb, Coordinator Governance**

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).

WLA2026-02 **RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **advised that Edward Craig has submitted an expression of interest to join the Local Authority; and**
b) **conditionally approved his nomination, subject to the nomination form being received.**

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	**5.1**
TITLE:	**MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct**

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

WLA2026-03 **RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	**6.1**
TITLE:	**Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report provides the minutes of the previous Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held 23 October 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

WLA2026-04 **RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held 23 October 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	**7.1**
TITLE:	**Acceptance of Agenda**

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

WLA2026-05 **RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Colin Craig)**

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	**8.1**
TITLE:	**Conflict of Interest**

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.

WLA2026-06 **RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)**

That the Local Authority members:
a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
b) that members declared no conflicts of interest.

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10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	**10.1**
TITLE:	**Development of the Regional Plan**
AUTHOR:	**Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The purpose of this paper is to provide the Local Authority with the opportunity to contribute to the development of MacDonnell Regional Council's Regional Plan.

It is important that Local Authorities are consulted when MRC develops its Regional Plan to ensure that the priorities of the residents of the region are represented in the plan.

WLA2026-07 **RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **accepted the presentation of excerpts from the previous MRC Regional Plan; and**
b) **contributed the following priorities for their community:**
   - **more training for the Council Services team – particularly machinery training**
   - **requested that sealing the entrance road be added to the current community infrastructure plan**
   - **advised that the football oval on the other side of the orchard is no longer a priority.**

ITEM NUMBER:	**10.2**
TITLE:	**Action Register**
AUTHOR:	**Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance**

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

WLA2026-08 **RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)**

That the Local Authority accepted the update that it is likely that MRC will be able to take on the lease for the Rec Hall and kept this item open for a further update at the next meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	**10.3**
TITLE:	**Local Authority Project Register**
AUTHOR:	**June Crabb, Coordinator Governance**

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.

WLA2026-09 **RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

That the Local Authority:

a) acknowledged that $22,093.76 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG; and

b) accepted the progress on their current projects as provided by the project management office as follows:

- **project 2221 Plumbing Repairs – the plumbers have identified some extensive repairs required on 7 of 8 toilets within the community, with more plumbing items expected to be added to the quote. Once all quotes for these works are received, the Housing Facilities and Project Management team will investigate how these works will be prioritised and paid for.**
- **project 2222 Moveable Bench Seating – there has been a delay in ordering the bench seating as the items had been out of stock and MRC is waiting on the supplier to submit the required supplier form before the order can proceed.**
- **project 2223 Upgrade to Gordon Ida Park – Hardy Fencing have been delayed due to demands on their services. It is expected that they should be beginning work in February or March with assistance from the civil team .**

ITEM NUMBER:	**10.4**
TITLE:	**Local Authority Discretionary Funds**
AUTHOR:	**June Crabb, Coordinator Governance**

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.

WLA2026-10 **RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted the spending on their current allocations;**
b) **allocated the remaining funds of $1,042.74 toward an Easter celebration to be organised by members of the community; and**
c) **acknowledged that these funds must be spent with the goods and invoices received by 30 June 2026.**

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	**11.1**
TITLE:	**Council Services LAR**
AUTHOR:	**Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer**

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

***WLA2026-11* RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

That the Local Authority:
a) **noted and accepted the attached Council Services report; and**
b) **identified that the Council Services team needs an additional line trimmer and were advised that the procurement process for this has already begun.**

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	**12.1**
TITLE:	**General Council Business**

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

***WLA2026-12* RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

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

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	**13.1**
TITLE:	**Non-Council Business Items**
AUTHOR:	**Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters

relating to Non-Council Business.

WLA2026-13 **RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted the updates on previous matters as follows:**
   - **closed the item regarding Clinic Grounds Maintenance as clinic staff have advised that this will be maintained moving forward.**
   - **kept open the item 'decommissioned bore' so that members can use a map, to be supplied by Shelly Beattie, to identify the bore referred to in this item. This will enable more information to be presented at the next Local Authority meeting.**
   - **accepted the advice that the most recent lease of the Wallace Rockhole GBM was held by NIAA and this expired in June 2025. No organisation currently holds the lease. The members stated that this building could possibly be used for accommodation for staff for the community store and closed this item;**

b) **requested that Ms Beattie communicate with CLC and NTG Housing to initiate steps toward signing a lease agreement that would allow households to begin paying rent so that NTG can take over maintenance of the houses;**

c) **requested that Ms Beattie seek advice on whether Terry Abbott can park his trucks inside the yard of the disused Power and Water Corporation compound; and**

d) **raised that it is a high priority for the community to have the store reopened. It is reported that this is causing people to move away from the community and that this population decline is contributing to many issues that may include reduced participation in community culture, less youth in the community and reduced youth services. This information will be passed on to the CEO who will communicate the matter to the NTG.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 6 MAY, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:42 am.

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