



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.32AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON

WLA2026-14 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and nominated Terry Abbott as Acting Chair of the Local Authority Meeting.

2 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Terry Abbott and the meeting was declared provisional.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Terry Abbott

Councillors

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

Council Employees

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

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg.

Guests

Via Teams:

Adele McCorkindale – Project Officer Community Development – 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.

WLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Maryanne Malbunka)

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

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Pamela Abbott, Member Howard Abbott and Member Edward Craig for this meeting; and
- c) recorded the Member absences of Collin Craig and Ruth Katakarinja for this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Membership of the Local Authority
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, 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).

WLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Maryanne Malbunka)

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

- a) noted that Edward Craig's membership was approved at the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 20 March 2026;
- b) revoked the membership of members Colin Craig and Ruth Katakarinja as they have verbally notified the Governance team and members that they are unable to attend future Local Authority meetings as they no longer reside in Wallace Rockhole;
- c) noted that there are now 2 vacancies on the Authority;
- d) called for community nominations to open to fill these vacancies; and
- e) acknowledged that 2 consecutive absences without notice will result in a termination of membership.

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.

WLA2026-17 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Terry Abbott)

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.

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 5 February 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

WLA2026-18 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

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

- a) read over the minutes from the previous Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held 5 February 2026; and
- b) agreed to confirm these minutes as a true and correct record of the proceedings at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

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.

WLA2026-19 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Terry Abbott)

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

WLA2026-20 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Terry Abbott)

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

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

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Census Engagement Team - ABS
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Census Engagement Team are attending the Local Authority Meeting to introduce their staff, provide information about the Census, outline employment opportunities, gain community support for the Census and seek input regarding the best approach to ensure participation is maximised.

WLA2026-21 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

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

- a) noted that the Census Engagement Team did not attend the meeting;
- b) discussed the importance of maximum participation in the census for funding for programs in the community;
- c) were advised that census information is private and is not shared with other organisations or government departments;
- d) discussed the positive outcomes that could be facilitated when local people are hired to work with the census team, highlighting that local people can explain the census to people in language and have local knowledge about hazards [dogs] and where people can be found; and
- e) were advised that anyone wishing to join the census team can apply with the assistance of Tjuwanpa.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
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.

WLA2026-22 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and accepted the update on the action item 'Rec Hall Lease' and kept this item open for a further update once the consultation process has been completed.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
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.

WLA2026-23 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

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

- a) accepted the 2024/25 LAPF Funding Acquittal and Certification;
- b) acknowledged that \$12,034.77 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;

- c) noted the unallocated funds currently available includes the 2025/26 allocation of \$15,600.00;
- d) accepts the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office as follows:
 - Project 2221 'Plumbing Repairs' - The plumbers are yet to provide a final quote for the works that need to be done to the toilets. This quote is expected to be expensive. The PMO will work with the Housing Facilities team to investigate prioritising and paying for these repairs.
 - Project 2222 'Moveable Bench Seating' – the benches have arrived in Alice Springs and the PMO will work with Council Services to have them delivered and installed in Wallace Rockhole;
 - Project 2223 'Upgrade to Gordon Ida Park' Hardy fencing have constructed the fence. However, some parts of the fence require more work. Hardy fencing will be coming out to complete this work.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
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.

WLA2026-24 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Roxanne Kenny)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted the spending of their 2025/26 Discretionary funding.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Council Services Report
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.

WLA2026-25 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Maryanne Malbunka)

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

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.

WLA2026-26 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

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

- a) that the entrance road has been graded and members were satisfied with the result;
- b) that the new line trimmer should be delivered to the Civil Team soon; and
- c) that there are a number of potholes in the community and that the Area Manager will organise some ready-mix for the Civil Team to resolve this issue as part of normal operations.

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.

WLA2026-27 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Terry Abbott)

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

- a) notes the updates on the previous matters as follows:
 - That the decommissioned bore belongs to the community and members should consult with CLC regarding funding to reactivate the bore and closed this matter.
 - Kept open 'Housing maintenance / Lease Agreement' with the understanding that this matter has been raised with the Darwin office.
 - Kept open 'Parking in the Disused Power and Water Compound' noting that Adele McCorkindale is making enquiries.
 - Kept open 'Reopen Store' noting that a response is yet to be received from NTG; and
- b) did not raise any new matters of Non-Council business.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 30 JULY, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:07 am.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 6 May 2026 and were confirmed on 23 July 2026.