



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD  
IN THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2022 AT 10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting opened at 10:37 AM and declared a provisional meeting.

**1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON**

**WLA2022-053 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority nominated Colin Craig as Chairperson for the meeting held 19 October 2022.**

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Acting Chairperson Colin Craig

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Pamela Abbott, Member Terry Abbott and Member Colin Craig

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees:

Sabine Wedemeyer – Director Community Services, Ada Williams – Coordinator Council Services and June Crabb – Governance Officer

Guests:

Eric Turner - Project Development Officer, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet and Zach Dettmann – Graduate Policy Officer, Department Chief Minister and Cabinet.

### **3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

#### Apologies:

Chairperson Billy Porter, Member Howard Abbott, Councillor Bobby Abbott and Councillor Mark Inkamala

#### Absentees:

NIL

### **3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES**

#### **WLA2022-054 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Terry Abbott)**

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

### **3.3 Resignations**

NIL

### **3.4 Terminations**

NIL

### **3.5 Nominations**

NIL

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **WLA2022-055 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Terry Abbott)**

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote noted the Council Code of Conduct.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority held as a provisional meeting on the 13 April 2022 and 8 September 2022, be adopted as a resolution of Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

*A provisional meeting cannot resolve a meeting held with quorum.*

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

### **6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

#### **WLA2022-056 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

### **6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **WLA2022-057 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

That the members of the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority did not raise any matters for discussion at General Council Business.

### **6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**WLA2022-058 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

That the members at the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority did not raise any matters for discussion at General Non-Council Business.

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**WLA2022-059 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Terry Abbott)**

That the members at the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**WLA2022-060 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

That the members at the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote did not declare a conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.1 LOCAL DECISION MAKING**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Local Decision Making enables Wallace Rockhole to get NT Government agencies to the table to present full information about issues that residents could then make informed decisions on.

**WLA2022-061 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Terry Abbott)**

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

- a) noted the presentation on Local Decision Making; and
- b) requested that the Representative return and discuss Local Decision Making at a meeting with a majority of members are present.

## **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.

**WLA2022-062 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and kept the Action – Community Development Consultant open.

## 9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects 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. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

**There is currently \$12,400.00 of unallocated funds from the 2021/2022 project funds grant that must be expended (*with goods received*) by 30 June 2023.**

*Project funds from 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 were fully allocated to Infrastructure projects within the Community.*

### **WLA2022-063 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note the updates to their projects as follows:

a) Created three new projects:

- Upgrade to Gordon Ida Park, allocating \$6,000.00 towards the upgrade to include irrigation, plants and established trees. CSC to obtain quotes to present at next meeting.
- Community Hall, allocating \$6,000.00 to the project and requesting that a prepaid power meter be installed.  
Director Community Services advised that MRC will look into who is responsible for the hall and discussed the possibility that the hall could be used for Sports and Recreation for the youth and that a grant might be available through CAYLUS. An update will be provided for at the next Local Authority meeting.
- Grade fire breaks – requesting that the fire breaks be maintained around the entire perimeter of the community starting from the turnoff into Wallace Rockhole. Members requested that MRC contact Tjuwanpa and liaise with them to assist with grading and the use of their grader.

b) Kept open:

- Project 2221 – Boundary Fence; and
- Project 2222 – BBQ Trailer – with an amendment to the previous minutes to keep the project open and retain the funds until the registration for the trailer is paid.

### **9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

#### **WLA2022-064 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Terry Abbott)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and elected to discuss the spending of their 2022/2023 Discretionary fund at a later date.**

### **10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

#### **10.1 CSC REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Finke across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

#### **WLA2022-065 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Terry Abbott)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to note and accept the Council Service Delivery report.**

### **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

#### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 September 2022 in the Local Authority community.

#### **WLA2022-066 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council that the expenditure report as at 30 September 2022 was accepted.**

### **12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2**

#### **12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss with Council the General Business matters raised at item 6.2

#### **WLA2022-067 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority**

vote, made a recommendation to Council that:

- a) there were no matters raised for discussion at item 6.2; and
- b) Grading the fire breaks and Power to the Community Hall were discussed and created as new projects.

### **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3**

#### **13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

##### **WLA2022-068 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Terry Abbott)**

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

- a) there were no matters raised for discussion at item 6.3;
- b) members acknowledged that the Representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet will return to the next meeting to discuss Local Decision Making.

### **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2023**

#### **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 11:31 am.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 19 October 2022 and was confirmed Wednesday, 25 January 2023.