



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2024 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.35am.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Acting Chairperson Winsome Newberry

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Rosina Kunia and Acting Chair Winsome Newberry

Councillors:

Councillor Marlene Abbott (via Teams) and Councillor Abraham Poulson (via Teams)

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Gina Lacey – Director Community Services, Stephen Trindle – Council Service Coordinator, Kaisa Suumann – Project and Engagement Coordinator, June Crabb – Governance Officer (via Teams) and Damien Ryan – Governance Officer.

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Dept of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

Denise Brady, Ann-Marie Burke and Delisha Namatjira – Community Members.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny, Chairperson Ruby James and Kathleen Abbott – Manager Service Delivery

Absentees:

Nil

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

DRLA2024-001 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attendance to the meeting; and
- b) noted and accepted the apologies received from President Roxanne Kenny, Chairperson Ruby James and Kathleen Abbott – Manager Service Delivery.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NOMINATIONS TO DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY 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).

DRLA2024-002 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted the four vacancies available on the Local Authority;
- b) accepted the nominations of Denise Brady and Ann-Marie Burke and asks that Council endorses these nominations;
- b) called for community nominations to remain open for a further 28 days to fill these vacancies; and
- c) encouraged members to seek suitable applicants to nominate.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

DRLA2024-003 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

DRLA2024-004 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority meeting held 11 October 2023 be adopted as a resolution of the Docker River Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

DRLA2024-005 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

DRLA2024-006 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/ Marlene Abbott)

That members raised the following matters for discussion at this point:

1. Youth Board Wish List to be discussed
2. Mobile Bench Seating to be used around Basketball courts and AFL oval
3. Water to cemetery

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

DRLA2024-007 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Marlene Abbott)

That members raised the following matter for discussion at General Non-Council Business:

1. Water to Outstations

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

DRLA2024-008 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Abraham Poulson)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

DRLA2024-009 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Abraham Poulson)

That the Docker River Local Authority did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 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. Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.

DRLA2024-010 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the progress of their projects as follows:

- 2155 – Shade Shelter for parks, noting that MRC is waiting for contractors to submit quotes

- 2128 – Fencing around playground and Lasseter park, noting that the Project is delayed while MRC receives a Survey's report to ensure water is directed away from Lasseter Park. The Parks is below the surrounding ground level and floods after rain
- 2129 – Solar lights to post and entry into Docker River, noting that the Solar lights have arrived now need to be installed.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000.00 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money to benefit everybody.

DRLA2024-011 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Rosina Kunia)
That the Docker River Local Authority notes the update provided regarding its Discretionary Funding.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 SCD - DOCKER RIVER LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

DRLA2024-012 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)
That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the Service Delivery report.

MINUTE NOTE: The Local Authority members enjoyed the new SNAPSHOT layout provided by Area Manager Kathleen Abbott and delivered by CSC Stephen Trindle. An overview of the services delivered by the Civil Team was provided.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

DRLA2024-013 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)
That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

MINUTE NOTE: Director Community Services Gina Lacey reported on Children's Services, Community Safety, Youth Services along with the easy to read SNAPSHOT. She expressed the need for community members to look at the jobs on offer through all Community Services as there are vacancies needing to be filled.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2023 in the Local Authority Community.

DRLA2024-014 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Winsome Newberry)
That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 December 2023.

MINUTE NOTE: The CEO introduced the new financial pie charts to the LA members explaining where the Docker River money comes from and how the MRC Council spend the money on the community.

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.

DRLA2024-014 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)
That the Docker River Local Authority noted discussion regarding the matters raised at Item 6.2 as follows:

1. Youth Board Wish list presented by Kaisa Suumann Coordinator Community Engagement Project
2. Placement of Water Bubbler or Water tap closer to the Softball and AFL grounds, property ownership needs to be worked through as MRC cannot install infrastructure without land ownership agreement
3. Opportunity to secure funding to build Men's and Women's change rooms and toilets near Softball and AFL grounds
4. Bench seating, Project created for seating at the basketball court and to allocate \$20k. The project is for CSC Steve Trindle and his Civil Team to arrange quotes to purchase and placement of stands and security.
5. Project to be added to current wish list – water tank to be installed at the Cemetery. CSC to investigate the possibility and report back.

MINUTE NOTE: Councillor Marlene Abbott left the meeting at 12.15pm.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 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 the services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

DRLA2024-015 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)
That the Docker River Local Authority:
1. discussed the matters raised at item 6.3 as follows:

- Water to Outstations raised by Councillor Marlene Abbott was addressed by Bruce Fyfe who explained there were no further commitments to outstations at this time. This question has been raised before and he explained there is no current funding for water or electricity upgrades in outstations. MRC only receives funding for Wataru Outstation.
 - LA advised water pressure check has been completed by Power and Water.
 - Feral Horses in the community are now starting to create a health issue. CEO will invite the Central Land Council to attend a community meeting to discuss the horses and horse issues generally.
 - The issue re no Police stationed in Docker River will be taken up and a report provided at the next meeting; and
2. Noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9 May 2024

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12.30pm.

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