



MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN HAASTS BLUFF ON  
WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2024 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENED**

Meeting opened 11.30am

**2 WELCOME**

Welcome to Country - Chairperson Simon Dixon

**3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**Local Authority Members**

Simon Dixon - Member, Kieran Multa Member, Provisional Member Jennicka Inkamala,

**Councillors**

President Roxanne Kenny (via Teams) , Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Councillor  
Councillor Tommy Conway (via Teams)

**Council Employees**

Aaron Blacker - Director Technical Services, James Walsh - Area Manager Service Delivery,  
Emily McBride - Manager Aged & Disability Services, Jake Sellers Coordinator Youth  
Services, June Crabb - Governance Officer (via Teams) and Damien Ryan - Governance  
Officer.

**Guests**

Anna Eggerton - NTEC, Skye Haigh - Ekistica, Levina Phillips - Centre for Appropriate  
Technology, Bruce Fyfe - Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet,

**Apologies**

Belinda Urquhart - MRC Chief Executive Officer, Derek Egan - Member, Douglas Multa –  
Member and Jason Minor - Councillor

**Absentees**

Members' Martin Judgadai and Randall Butler

## Resignations

Roseranna Larry

## Local Authority Nominations

Jennicka Inkamala

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Attendance

### **HBLA2024-1 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) noted that Simon Dixon was appointed as Acting Chairperson for the 20th March 2024 meeting;
- b) noted the attendance;
- c) accepted the apologies received from Members Derek Egan, Member Douglas Multa;
- d) noted absences without notice of Members Randall Butler, Martin Jugadai and Councillor Jason Minor;
- e) noted and accepted the resignation received from Roseranna Larry; and
- f) requests that Council endorse Jennicka Inkamala as a member to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority.

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

### **HBLA2024-3 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Tommy Conway)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### **HBLA2024-4 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)**

That members of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority did not resolve the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd November 2023 as the meeting held 20 March 2024 was a provisional meeting.

## 6 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Notification of General Business Items

### **HBLA2024-5 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted that members raised the following matters for discussion.

- a) Healthy Community Event.
- b) Maintenance Memory Mountain to community Road

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Notification of Matters Raised in General Non-Council Business items

### **HBLA2024-6 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Non - Council Business as follows:

- a) Roads
- b) Housing

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Acceptance of Agenda

### **HBLA2024-7 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

## 7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Conflict of Interest

### **HBLA2024-9 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that no members declared a conflict of interests with the meeting Agenda.

## 8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	CfAT - Keeping Places Project
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Centre for Appropriate Technology (CfAT) is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander controlled business, based in Alice Springs and has been operating for over 40 years.

Representatives are in community to inform members of the project to design and construct Keeping Places for object and artefact storage.

### **HBLA2024-10 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) noted the presentation on the Project – Keeping Places; and
- b) provided feedback to the Representatives on locations, designs and employment.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	8.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	NT Electoral Commission
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NT Electoral Commission (NTEC) is an independent government agency responsible for the impartial conduct of Northern Territory Legislative Assembly and Local Government elections. Our work aligns to a four-year cycle, with the next Legislative Assembly election scheduled for August 2024 and Local Government elections scheduled for August 2025.

### **HBLA2024-11 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation from the NTEC Representatives.

## 9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Action Register
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

**HBLA2024-12 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received;
- b) and approved the closure of completed action - Write to CLC

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Authority Projects
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

**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.

It is important to note that \$5,478.38 are funds that are at risk of being returned to NTG. This amount is from funds committed to current projects but remains unspent, as well as unallocated funds.

**HBLA2024-13 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority by majority vote, made the following recommendations and:

- a) noted that \$5,478.38 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) approves to close the following projects:
  - 2143 - Solar lights for Sorry Camp, returning \$1,845.33 to unallocated funds;
  - 2145 - Church Pews
  - 2147 - Spencer Coffin Trolley and move to wishlist for future consideration, returning the budget of \$1,000.00 to unallocated funds;
  - 2148 - Church Lectern, noting the safety concerns raised.
- c) notes and accepts the progress on their projects to keep open;
  - 2146 - Trevor Carpark;
  - 2386 - Garden Shed with tools for Cemetery;
  - 2390 - Modular Stage, allocating an additional \$2,000.00 to complete;
  - 2391 - Softball Commentary Box, noting the change of name; and
  - 2392 - Trees around Park.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

#### 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.

#### **HBLA2024-14 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote made the following recommendations:

- a) noted that no Purchase orders was raised for Christmas and New Year celebrations;
- b) discussed to spend the balance of \$4,000.00; and
- c) acknowledged that any unspent funds will be returned to MRC if not expended before 30 June 2024.
- d) allocated the funds to be used to provide a meat tray for all community households (CSC to advise how many houses); and
- e) any remaining balance to be available for other community events.

## 10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Service Delivery Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Ellen Fitzgerald, Administration Officer

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

#### **HBLA2024-15 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Kieran Multa)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the Service Delivery Report for the community of Haasts Bluff.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Community Services Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Gina Lacey – Director Community Services

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

#### **HBLA2024-16 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	People & Capabilities Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing vacancies to help generate local community engagement and direct involvement in supporting Council's strategic goals of Developing Communities and being a Supportive Organisation.

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.

### **HBLA2024-17 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority

- a) accepted the report recognising the vacant positions within the Community; and
- b) supports to encourage community residents to apply.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.4
<b>TITLE:</b>	Income and Expenditure Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2023 in the Haasts Bluff Local Authority community.

### **HBLA2024-18 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 December 2023.

## **11 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	11.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	General Business
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under item 6.2, Members of the Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

### **HBLA2024-20 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the matters raised at Item 6.2; and

- b) received the Healthy Community Event (June 2024) information from Area Manager James Walsh
- c) MRC Grader crew are due in the area and will carry out maintenance to the road from Memory Mountain into the Haasts Bluff community.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	11.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	General Non-Council Business
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet provides any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government Services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

**HBLA2024-22 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)**

**That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:**

- a) noted and discussed the matters raised at Item 6.3.
  - Housing update, 10 new or replacement homes, 17 bedrooms to be completed by December 2024.

**12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY, 13 JUNE 2024, OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL OFFICE**

Thursday, 13th June 2024

**13 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting concluded at 1.30pm

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the unconfirmed Minutes of the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held on 20th March 2024.