



MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN MOUNT LIEBIG ON
WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2024 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENED

The meeting was declared open at 10.40am

MLLA2024-1 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That members of the Mt Liebig Local Authority nominated Member Audrey Turner as Chairperson for the meeting held 13 March 2024.

2 WELCOME

Welcome to Country - Chairperson Audrey Turner

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Local Authority Members

Chairperson Audrey Turner, Member Carol Peterson, Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Roderick Kantamara, Member Tristan Robertson.

Councillors

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

Council Employees

Aaron Blacker - Director Technical Services, (via Teams) Stuart Millar Service Delivery - Area Manager, Liz Scott - Manager Community Safety & Library Services, (via Teams) Emma Boughton - Coordinator MacYouth, Shae Thompson - MRC Council Services Coordinator, Jaco Boschi - MacSafe Coordinator and Damien Ryan - Governance Officer.

Guests

Dyson Wheeler - Chairperson Mt Liebig Youth Board, Bruce Fyfe - Regional Manager, Department Chief Minister and Cabinet

Apologies

Nil

Absentees

Member Norma Kelly, Councillor Jason Minor

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance

MLLA2024-2 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Tristan Robertson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance; and
- b) records the absence without notice of Member Norma Kelly and Councillor Jason Minor.

ITEM NUMBER:	3.2
TITLE:	Resignations of Local Authority Members
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise the Local Authority of any members that have submitted a written resignation of their membership to the Authority.

MLLA2024-3 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Roderick Kantamara)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted that no resignations were received from the Local Authority.

ITEM NUMBER:	3.3
TITLE:	Local Authority Nominations
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper highlights the changes to the Local Authority membership and discusses any nominations received.

It is noted that the Chairperson for the Mt Liebig Local Authority is yet to be appointed.

MLLA2024-4 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Tristan Robertson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) noted one vacancy is available on the Local Authority;
- b) discussed and appointed Audrey Turner as Chairperson of the Mt Liebig Local Authority;
- c) accepted and approved the nomination received from Rosalind Dixon to fill the one vacancy; and

- d) requests that Council endorse Ms Dixon as a member of the Mt Liebig Local Authority.

ITEM NUMBER:	3.4
TITLE:	Dismissal of Local Authority Membership
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recognises the memberships being revoked by the Local Authority in accordance with para. 4.16 of Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure noted below.

MLLA2024-5 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Tristan Robertson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted that member Norma Kelly is dismissed for missing two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

MLLA2024-6 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MLLA2024-7 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority resolved the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2023 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

MLLA2024-8 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Tristan Robertson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	6.2
TITLE:	Notification of General Business Items

MLLA2024-9 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Roderick Kantamara)

Notes that members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- a) MacDonnell Regional Council Grader Team in Mt Liebig.
- b) Who is responsible for grass cutting in community.
- c) Lighting at cemetery.
- d) Waste collection.

ITEM NUMBER:	6.3
TITLE:	Notification of Matters Raised in General Non-Council Business items

MLLA2024-10 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Jeffrey Wheeler)

Notes that members provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- a) Power use at community Church.

7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

MLLA2024-11 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

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

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	NT Electoral Commission
AUTHOR:	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.

MLLA2024-12 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Tristan Robertson)

That members noted the presentation from the Representatives from the Northern Territory Electoral Commission.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Projects
AUTHOR:	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 \$36,093.86 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.

MLLA2024-13 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Tommy Conway)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress on their projects;
 - 2182 - Solar Lights at Sorry Camp, awaiting parts for completion.
 - 2189 - Trailer with Generator, return \$1250.00 to unallocated funds.
 - 2395 - kept open, LA to decide on location for Infrastructure.
- b) closed Project 2565: Modular Stage and Speakers - and return \$165.00 to unallocated funds.
- c) noted that \$36,093.86 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG; and
- d) create a new project Multi Sport Facility - Basketball Stadium, allocating remaining funds to project.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	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.

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

MLLA2024-14 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Audrey Turner)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds for Christmas and New Year;
- b) approved to purchase \$200.00 Power cards to be used for Church functions; and
- c) allocated the balance being \$941.45 towards Easter community celebrations.

10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Service Delivery Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2024-15 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Tommy Conway)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the Service Delivery Report.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Community Service Mt Liebig Local Authority Report
AUTHOR:	Jenny Murnik, Coordinator Administration

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

MLLA2024-16 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Tristan Robertson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
TITLE:	Income and Expenditure Report
AUTHOR:	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2024-17 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Tommy Conway)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 December 2023.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.4
TITLE:	People and Capabilities Report
AUTHOR:	Brian Robinson, Executive Manager, People and Capabilities

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

MLLA2024-18 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Tommy Conway)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the People and Capabilities Report.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	General Business
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2024-19 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Roderick Kantamara)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.2.

- a) MRC Grader team will be in Mt Liebig to work on Outstation roads, community roads and firebreaks from the 8th June 2024. Grader team are due to work in community for 9 days.

- b) Grass cutting in community, open public areas are the responsibility of Civil team, no work can be done within housing yards.
- c) Solar Lights for Cemetery to be added to the Projects wish list.
- d) Rubbish recently not picked up as the Waste management facility was flooded after recent rain. Civil team have cleaned up household rubbish since waste facility has been reopened.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Under item 6.3, members were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised and discussed in General Non-Council Business.

MLLA2024-20 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Roderick Kantamara)

That the Mt Liebzig Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the matters raised at Item 6.3;
- b) \$200.00 from Local Authority Discretionary Funds to be allocated towards Power cards for use in the Church;
- c) noted that any actions raised will be followed up with at the next Local Authority meeting; and
- d) noted that the Representative from Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet reported the back road to Haasts Bluff is to have "No Entry" signs installed by Central Land Council. Reminded residents that grass and weeds inside yards need to be attended to by the residents.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5 JUNE 2024 - AS AN OUTDOOR MEETING

13 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 1.00pm

These are the unconfirmed Minutes of the Mt Liebzig Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2024.