



MINUTES OF THE SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
SANTA TERESA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2024 AT
10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.40AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Cr Sharman

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Louise Cavanagh, Member Agnes Alice, Member Robert Kopp,

Councillors:

Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis and Councillor Aloyischois Hayes and President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees:

Ken Satour – Acting Director Service Centre Delivery, James Walsh - Area Manager, Thersa Peeke – Coordinator Children’s Services, Lauren Taylor – Aged Care and Disability Damien Ryan – Governance Officer.

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet and Ellie Kamara – CEO, Atyenhenge Atherre Aboriginal Corporation

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Nora Hayes Wheeler

Absentees:

Member Emma Hayes, Member Graham Hayes

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

STLA2024-001 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Robert Kopp)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance and accepted the apology received from Member Nora Hayes Wheeler**
- b) noted the absence without notice of Member Emma Hayes, & Member Graham Hayes from the meeting.**

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the changes to the membership of the Local Authority.

The membership of Mr P. Alice was revoked as he failed to attend two consecutive Local Authority meetings without notification provided. Consequently, a vacancy was created due to the dismissal.

STLA2024-002 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Patrick Allen)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) notes that one vacancy is available on the Local Authority; and**
- b) calls for community nominations to remain open for 21 days to fill the vacancy.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

STLA2024-003 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Patrick Allen)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority note the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

STLA2024-004 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Lisa Sharman)

That the members of the Santa Teresa Local Authority adopt the minutes of meeting held 1st November 2023 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

STLA2024-005 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Andrew Davis)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

STLA2024-006 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Agnes Alice)

That members of the Santa Teresa Local Authority have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- a) Abandoned Cars within the community
- b) Healthy Communities Event

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

STLA2024-007 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Agnes Alice)

That members of the Santa Teresa Local Authority provide notification of the following matter to be raised in General Non-Council Business:

- a) Feral Horses in Community

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

STLA2024-008 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Robert Kopp)

That members of the Santa Teresa Local Authority note the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

STLA2024-009 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Robert Kopp)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority declare no conflicts of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 NT ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the Northern Territory Aboriginal Investment Corporation (NTAIC) is to work with Aboriginal Territorians to achieve economic, social and cultural impact through innovative approaches to investments, beneficial payments and other financial assistance.

Minute Note: The Northern Territory Aboriginal Investment Corporation sent an apology and will attend a future Local Authority meeting.

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.

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.

Santa Teresa Local Authority has \$39,008.16 of unallocated funds to spend on Community Infrastructure Projects.

\$59,873.92 are funds that are at risk of being returned to NTG. This amount includes funds committed to current Projects but remains unspent as well as unallocated funds.

STLA2024-010 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$59,873.92 of unspent funds is at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- b) noted and accepts the progress of their projects and kept open:**
 - **Project 2204 Front Entrance project**
 - **Project 2206 waiting response from Central Land Council**
- c) approved to close the following projects:**
 - a) Project 2205 Solar Light for Cross,**
 - **Grandstand seating and shading;**
 - **Youth Space Greening, returning \$1,750.00 to unallocated funds**
 - **Bluetooth Speaker, returning \$45.00 to unallocated funds**
- d) create a new project for Youth Space front fence and commit \$3,000.00**
- e) create a new project to install 4 x Stealth Green Frog Systems solar lights at community entrance commit \$39,000.00**

9.2 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 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 2023.

STLA2024-011 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Andrew Davis)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority

- a) discusses the balance of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds; and**
- b) commit the balance (\$2,249.82) to the Santa Teresa Sports weekend**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 SCD LA REPORT SNAPSHOT - SANTA TERESA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

STLA2024-012 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and accepted the Service Delivery report.

10.2 PEOPLE & CAPABILITIES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The People & Capabilities Report contains staff demographics and statistics, recruitment analytics, and summarises any projects undertaken by the P&C Team for Council.

STLA2024-013 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the People & Capabilities Report.

10.3 COMMUNITY SERVICE SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

STLA2024-014 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Andrew Davis)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority accepted the Community Services report, noting the following matter raised:

- Concerns with Youth fighting.**
Members requested that youth workers separate the youth involved and take them aside instead of penalizing all youth by closing Recreation Hall.
Members noted that Theresa Peeke, Coordinator Children's Services will discuss with Jessica Kragh – Manager Youth Services.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Income and Expenditure report shows the financial situation until 31 December 2023 in the Santa Teresa Local Authority Community.

STLA2024-015 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Phillip Alice)

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

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.

STLA2024-016 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority notes and discusses General Business Item raised at Item 6.2

- a) Abandoned Cars within community,
 - Residents need to sign permission sheet at MRC office,
 - MRC CSC will mark cars to be removed and arrange the removal when enough cars have been identified.
 - MRC will not remove cars within lot boundary
- b) Healthy Community Event to be held in Santa Teresa March

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 the services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

STLA2024-017 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority notes and discusses the Non-Council Business items raised at item 6.3;

- a) Feral Horses in Community
MRC CEO writes to Central Land Council and request a meeting with the Local Authority to achieve a solution to feral horses in the Santa Teresa community.
- b) Community Housing
Santa Teresa Local Authority request NT Housing officers attend Local

Authority meetings: and

- c) notes and accepts any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet as follows:
- Overgrown trees and scrub at Yam Creek – Suggested that MRC could cut down the trees and scrub as required
 - Santa Teresa Housing update
 - 17 new or replacement homes (65 bedrooms) are complete
 - Construction of five modular homes (19 bedrooms) and a block home (5 bedrooms) is underway, and should be completed by May 2024
 - Room to Breathe Program works have been completed on 16 homes, achieving an additional 18 bedrooms
 - A further nine homes (12 additional bedrooms) are planned
 - By September 2024, 24 new bedrooms are expected to be built
 - By December 2024, 7 bedrooms are expected to be renovated under the Room to Breathe program

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 15TH MAY 2024

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1.30 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 28 February 2024 and are UNCONFIRMED.