



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN WALLACE
ROCKHOLE ON THURSDAY 11 JULY 2024 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENED

The meeting opened at 10.30am. At the commencement of the meeting a full quorum was not achieved but with the late arrival of an additional member the quorum was achieved.

Members did not nominate an Acting Chairperson for this meeting.

2 WELCOME

Keith Hassett, Director Council Services welcomed all to the meeting.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance/Apologies/Absentees

Local Authority Members

Member Colin Craig, Member Terry Abbott, Member Howard Abbott (arrived at 10.26am) and Member Pamela Abbott.

Councillors

Councillor Mark Inkamala.

Council Employees

Keith Hassett - Director Council Services, James Walsh – Council Services Area Manager, Kitty Comerford – Manager Property and Tenancy, Ada Williams – Council Services Coordinator and Barbara Newland – Manager Governance (via Teams).

Guests

Ken Lechleitner, representative from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.
The Hon Chanston Paech, Attorney-General and Minister for Local Government.

Apologies

President Roxanne Kenny and Chairman Billy Porter.

Absentees

Member Amanda Abbott

WLA2024-34 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the Authority:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies received from Chairman Billy Porter; and
- c) noted absences without notice of Member Amanda Abbott.

Minute Note: The Authority was advised that Mr Bobby Abbott is no longer an Elected Member of MRC and consequently is no longer a member of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

WLA2024-35 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the Authority notes the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

WLA2024-36 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the minutes of the Authority meetings held on 7 March 2024 and 23 May 2024 be adopted as true and correct records of the proceedings.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Notification of General Business Items

Minute Note: There were no matters raised in General Council Business.

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

Minute Note: There were no matters raised in General Non-Council Business.

ITEM NUMBER:	6.3
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

WLA2024-37 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority notes that the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

WLA2024-38 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the Authority noted the Conflict of Interest Policy.

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Review
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Representative from the Local Government Unit within the Northern Territory Government are presenting to the members the changes to the Local Authority and the Local Authority Project funding guidelines.

Minute Note: There was no presentation regarding the Local Authority Review.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Action Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

WLA2024-39 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received; and
- b) keeps Action Item WLA2023-047 open until such time as advice is received regarding the funding proposal.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Projects
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

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.

WLA2024-40 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) notes that \$16,877.15 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) notes that \$16,400.00 is the 2023/2024 funding allocation received from NTG, that must be spent by end June 2025;
- c) accepts to remove Water bubbler from the wishlist as it is included in Project 2223;
- d) notes and accepts the progress on their project as follows:
 - the fencing supplies have been received
 - the water bubblers are in Alice Springs awaiting delivery
 - upgrading of the playground equipment is yet to be completed; and
- e) will consider the allocation of the 2023-2024 project funds at its next meeting

ITEM NUMBER:	9.3
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

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.

WLA2024-41 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) notes spending of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds; and
- b) acknowledges the new allocation of funds to spend prior to June 2025; and
- c) allocates \$2,000 of this funding to the purchase of plants for community gardens.

10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Council Services Report
AUTHOR:	Ellen Fitzgerald, Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Wallace Rockhole across the area of Local Government Council Services.

WLA2024-42 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the Authority notes and accepts the Council Services Report for the community of Wallace Rockhole.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Technical Services Report
AUTHOR:	Ruth Tahere, Project Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the management of Technical Services for MacDonnell Regional Council within the community of Wallace Rockhole.

WLA2024-43 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Mark Inkamala)

That the Authority notes and accepts the Technical Services Report for the community of Wallace Rockhole.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
TITLE:	People and Capabilities Report
AUTHOR:	Katy Nagahawatte, HR Generalist - Administration

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.

WLA2024-44 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Pamela Abbott)

That the Authority notes and accepts the Peoples and Capabilities report as presented at the community LA meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.4
TITLE:	Income and Expenditure Report
AUTHOR:	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 May 2024 in the Local Authority community.

WLA2024-45 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority notes and accepts the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 May 2024.

Minute Note: The Governance Manager undertook to discuss the chart on page 48 – WHERE THE MONEY WAS SPENT with the Manager Finance to review the anomalies.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	General Council Business
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under item 6.2, Members of the Authority have an opportunity to table items that they wish to discuss at General Council Business.

Minute Note: There were no matters raised at Item 6.2

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

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.

WLA2024-46 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) notes that no matters were raised at Item 6.3; and
- b) notes the following discussion in relation to the existing items:
 - the DCMC representative asked for more information in relation to “Lease of the Old Power Station” – the feedback provided was that the Authority wanted to know who the leaseholder was – if its PWC what is the intended use and if they don’t intend using it is it possible that the lot be handed back to the community?
 - The item “Contractors not signing in” can be closed as the situation is now ok.
- c) new issues were subsequently raised as follows:
 - there is no insulation in community houses – the Hon Chancy Paech advised that the Director of Housing should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Authority and that he needs to allow enough time to inspect/visit houses with the community members; and
 - concerns were raised about the poor standard of food in the community store and the lack of fresh produce to which the Hon Chancey Paech responded by saying that the CEO should write to the Chief Minister about food security concerns.

Minute Note: The Manager Governance pointed out to members of the Authority that there was now a vacancy on Council due to the departure of Mr Bobby Abbott. She urged Members to consider a nomination coming from within the Wallace Rockhole community and asked that this be discussed within the community.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 16 October 2024.

13 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 11.25am.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the unconfirmed minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 11 July 2024.