



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2022 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was postponed at 11:00AM to reconvene at 11:14AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Ruby James

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Ruby James, Member Mervyn De Rose, Member Priscilla Abbott, Member Rosina Kunia and Member Winsome Newberry

Councillors:

Councillor Abraham Poulson and Councillor Marlene Abbott

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – Director Service Centre Delivery, Keith Hassett – Contracts and Projects Manager, James Walsh – Essential Services Mentor, Stephen Trindle – Coordinator Council Services and June Crabb – Governance Officer

Guests:

Matt Adams-Richardson – Department Chief Minister and Cabinet (attended via zoom)
Katharine O'Donoghue – Gwoja Electorate Office (attended via zoom)

Congress Representatives:

Catherine Satour – Transition Project Officer
Alex Craig – Contracts Manager/In-House Lawyer
Dorethea Randall – Remote Health Board member
Dr Sam Heard – Medical Director
David Busuttil – General Manager Business Services

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Member Rita Okai

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

DRLA2022-018 RESOLVED(Rosina Kunia/Mervyn De Rose)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance and apologies to the meeting; and
- b) noted the absence of Rita Okai from the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

3.4 TERMINATION

DRLA2022-019 RESOLVED(Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and agreed that the membership of Rita Okai be revoked for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 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).

A vacancy exists on the Local Authority as a result of a membership being revoked at the 15 October 2020 meeting due to a member being absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

DRLA2022-020 RESOLVED(Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that a second vacancy was created due to a membership being terminated; and
- b) called for community nominations to remain open for a further 21 days to fill the two vacancies.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

DRLA2022-021 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

DRLA2022-022 RESOLVED(Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Minutes of the Docker River Local Authority of 11 May 2022 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

DRLA2022-023 RESOLVED(Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the Docker River 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

DRLA2022-024 RESOLVED(Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That members noted the matter to be discussed in General Council Business

1. Healthy Community Day

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION

That members did not raise any matters to be discussed in General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

DRLA2022-025 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Mervyn De Rose)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

DRLA2022-026 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Mervyn De Rose)

That the Docker River Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 CAAC TRANSITION TO THE KALTUKATJARA HEALTH SERVICE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Executive and Transition team formally engage with the Kaltukatjara Local Authority, providing an information update about the transition implementation and allow for questions and community discussion.

DRLA2022-027 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Priscilla Abbott)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the information shared by the CAAC representative; and
- b) requests that Congress organise a meeting with Community to discuss the transition and to answer any questions the community may have.

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.

There is current balance of \$6,713.55 uncommitted funds available to spend on the community project.

It is noted that Docker River has received their full allocation for the 2021/2022 Project funds grant that has since been allocated to current projects.

DRLA2022-028 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that Docker River had received their full allocation of the 2021/2022 project funds;
- b) approves the closure of Project 2127 – Street Lighting, returning the underspend of \$5,000.00 to unallocated funds.
- c) agreed to close Eastside Playground as an active project, electing instead to move it over to the wishlist and returning the underspend of \$52,500.00 to unallocated funds.
- d) created the following new projects:
 - Fencing around playground and Lasseter Park, committing \$30,000.00 to the project, noting that the CSC will take measurements and source quotes.
 - Solar light to post at entry into Docker River, committing \$5,000.00 to the project and noting that quotes for the light will be sourced by the Coordinator Service Delivery.
- e) noted and accept the progress of their projects and kept open:
 - Project 2121 – BBQ Trailer and trees for Eagle Park, noting that the trailer

had been used at various community events. The members agreed for the CSC to source quotes for the trees.

- Project 2122 – Scoreboard, noting that it was awaiting delivery to community.
- Project 2125 – Shade shelter for parks, requesting that Service Delivery follow up with Technical Services on this project

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.

This money cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

DRLA2022-029 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2021/2022 Discretionary Funds;
- b) noted and accepted the release of their discretionary fund for the year 2022/2023; and
- c) chose to allocate their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds of \$4,000.00 at a later date.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update on Council delivered services in Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

DRLA2022-030 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Abraham Poulson)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides and update on Community Services program delivery.

DRLA2022-031 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Abraham Poulson)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31st August 2022 in the Local Authority Community.

DRLA2022-032 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31st August 2022.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised for discussion at item 12.1 - General Business.

DRLA2022-033 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

That the Docker River Local Authority discussed the items raised at Item 6.2.

1. Healthy Community Event

The Local Authority were informed that MRC will be hosting a healthy community event in all 13 of their communities with activities, workshops and talks planned throughout the day. The focus of the event is to promote healthy lifestyle choices that encourages healthy practices and it is recommended that all community participate.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Representatives from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet attends the Local Authority meetings to present any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

The members noted that the DCM&C were unavailable at the last meeting to provide update on the non-council business. The action register will be updated when response are received from the DCMC.

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

DRLA2022-034 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Ruby James)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that no discussion items was raised at Item 6.3; and,
- b) noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Representative and:
 - Closed action – Draft Community use plan; and
 - Kept open action – Options for a Domestic Violence Service. The Representative advised that he will follow up on the service and inform the CSC and MRC's Governance team of a response.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2:27 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 12 October 2022 and were confirmed Wednesday, 19 July 2023.