



MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.52AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR

MLLA2023-001 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Norma Kelly)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority nominated member Norma Kelly as the Acting Chair of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Members present were welcomed to the meeting.

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Audrey Turner, Carol Peterson, Jeffrey Wheeler, Norma Kelly and Roderick Kantamara arrived at 11:20am

Councillors:

Councillor Jason Minor

Council Employees:

Chris Kendrick, Directorate Corporate Services, Stuart Miller, Area Manager Service Delivery, Shae Thompson, CSC and Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer

Guests:

Eric Turner, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton MacDonald and member Tristan Robertson

Absentees:

Chair Neil Peterson

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES

MLLA2023-002 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Norma Kelly)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted attendance, apologies and absentees to the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

MLLA2023-003 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Jason Minor)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MLLA2023-004 RESOLVED (Norma Kelly/Carol Peterson)

That the Minutes of the Mt. Liebig Local Authority meeting held 9 November 2022 be adopted as a resolution of the Mt Liebig Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

MLLA2023-005 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

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

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

MLLA2023-006 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted that the members have provided notification of matters and discussed General Council Business as follows:

- a) Shade shelter with concrete floor and a park be built at the Willy wagtail Outstation, matter to be refer to Service Delivery for further follow up at the next meeting.
- b) Some solar lights are not functional in the community and in response, Stuart mentioned that the battery to the non-functional lights will be replaced soon.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

MLLA2023-007 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted that the members have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

MLLA2023-008 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

MLLA2023-009 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 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 to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023.

MLLA2023-010 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Jason Minor)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) discussed the spending of its 2022/2023 noting the remaining funds is just above \$2,000.00;
- b) approved the request received from Youth Board to purchase the equipment for game nights and painting activities and bean bags for Wati/Kungka rooms costing \$500 from Kmart; and
- c) noted that the funds must be expended before 30 June 2023 with invoice received.

9.2 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 currently \$21,797.44 unallocated funds available to spend on Community projects.

These funds must be spent (with goods received) by 30 June 2023.

MLLA2023-011 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Norma Kelly)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress of their projects as follows and kept project open;
 - Project 2182, Solar Lights – Solar lights have been picked up from Amoonguna and awaiting delivery of some of the parts,
 - Project 2183, Storage/Musical equipment – kept project open,
 - Project 2184, Shade Shelter at Sorry Camp – Kept project open until completion,
 - Project 2185, Water Trailer – This is due to be delivered, keep project open,
 - Project, Replace fence at the basketball court – Original quotes were too expensive, measurement of the court has been done and awaiting to receive cost effective quotes from the supplier,
 - Project 2186, Garden Shade at the Cemetery, Shade has been erected,
 - Project, Stage with Power – Kept project open.
- b) approved the request received from Youth Board to repair some musical equipment and or purchase possible upgrades with estimated cost of \$900.

9.3 MT LIEBIG YOUTH BOARD'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Mt Liebig Local Authority on Mt Liebig's Youth Board's recommendations to the LA. The development of Youth Boards in MRC communities has been supported by MRC's Governance and Compliance Department and Youth Services Department. MRC is not resourced to establish Youth Boards in all communities without Community Support and assistance from Stakeholders.

MLLA2023-012 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Norma Kelly)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- 1) received and noted the Mt Liebig Youth Board's meeting minutes from the 01/12/2022 attached to this report;
- 2) discussed and decided on the Youth Board's idea from their 27/09/2022 meeting about building a shelter and a toilet block for the basketball court and suggested that it would incur higher costs and does not have enough funding available;
- 3) approved on Youth Board's funding request for a \$500 Kmart purchase order to buy equipment for game nights and painting activities and bean bags for wati/kungka rooms from discretionary fund;
- 4) approved Youth Board's funding request for a \$900 Rock City Music purchase order to repair some music equipment and/or purchase possible upgrades from project funds;
- 5) discussed Youth Board's suggestion from their 27/09/2022 meeting to get new goal posts for footy oval and noted that goal posts have been fixed; and
- 6) provided an update to the Youth Board about the progress of repairing the basketball court's fence that the Basketball fencing is in process of getting a quotes.

9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Local Authority on the structure and assembly of the Local Authority meeting Agenda to best meet the needs of the community and to ensure that their regional councils' planning, prioritising, funding and delivery of services and infrastructure is being met.

The intention is that LA's should be able to set their own agendas and conduct their own meetings, while recognising the role of Councils in managing administration and building capacity.

Following this report is an attachment of a meeting Agendas' Table of Contents and the subjects highlighted are a prerequisite for an Agenda.

The Local Authority is asked to discuss what they would like to see included in a meeting agenda and provide examples of good practices.

MLLA2023-013 RESOLVED (Norma Kelly/Jason Minor)

That the Local Authority:

- a) reviewed and discussed the contents of a meeting agenda; and
- b) did not identified any additions or deletions that members would like to make to the current agenda.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

MLLA2023-014 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Audrey Turner)

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

10.2 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATORS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

MLLA2023-015 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt. Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2023 in the Local Authority Community

MLLA2023-016 RESOLVED (Norma Kelly/Jason Minor)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 January 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.

Additionally, the members are asked to discuss and give feedback on the following matters:

- a) Consultation on the Redevelopment of MRC's 2023/2024 Regional Plan.
- b) LA meetings to be held in an outdoor space starting April 2023.
- c) LA meetings to be recorded for minute taking purposes.
- d) How can MRC assist the Local Authority members to achieve Quorum?
- e) Is there any suggestions from the Local Authority to encourage members to attend and participate in the meetings?

MLLA2023-017 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Carol Peterson)

That the Mount Liebig Local Authority:

- a) **discussed and provided feedback on the Development of the 2023/2024 Regional Plan and made a recommendation to include the following;**

- Additional Sorry camps
- Solar lights for the original and additional Sorry Camps
- Water be supplied to the Sorry camp
- Tap at the Cemetery
- Shade be built at the Playground
- Grandstand and Shade be built at the Footy Oval
- More public bins be provided at different location of the community
- New stage be built at the Sorry Camp
- Basketball Stadium be built in the community similar to Haasts Bluff/Papunya

- b) approved for a meeting to be held outdoors;
- c) did not accept that the Local Authority meetings be recorded;
- d) discussed how to assist MRC in achieving quorum;
- e) noted that the item raised at 6.2 were addressed in item 6.2.

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 services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

MLLA2023-018 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items that were raised at 10.2 as follows:
 - airstrip and runway be sealed
 - main road leading to Airstrip be sealed
 - discussed that the buses and trucks uses the road and more investment in the road infrastructure are necessary

and in response, Eric (DCM&C) mentioned that the discussion will be forwarded to DIPL for their attention on the matter discussed.

- b) noted that there were no updates on the exiting actions regarding housing from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet and kept the actions open for Enock (DCM&C) to address at the next meeting.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 17 MAY, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:51 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 1 March 2023 and were confirmed Wednesday, 10 May 2023.