



MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
HAASTS BLUFF COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was postponed to 11:34 and declared open.

1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON

HBLA2023-001 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Martin Jugadai)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority chose Member Randall Butler as Chairperson for the meeting held 12 April 2023.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Member Martin Jugadai

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Simon Dixon, Member Roseranna Larry, Member Douglas Multa, Member Kieran Multa, Member Randall Butler and Member Martin Jugadai

Councillors:

Nil

Council Employees:

Keith Hassett – Director Service Centre Delivery, Stuart Millar – Area Manager Service Delivery, Kelly Ryan – Essential Services Officer and June Crabb – Governance Officer.

Guests:

Nil

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Derek Egan, Deputy President Dalton McDonald and President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Councillor Jason Minor

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

HBLA2023-002 RESOLVED(Randall Butler/Kieran Multa)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) **noted the attendance to the meeting;**
- b) **accepted the apologies received from Member Derek Egan, Deputy President Dalton McDonald and President Roxanne Kenny; and**
- c) **requested an explanation on why their Ward Councillors were not attending the Authority meetings in person.**

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 MEMBERSHIP TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to note the current membership of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority and provide a notice to the Authority and community regarding the membership.

The Haasts Bluff Local Authority has seven (7) members and at the last meeting held 21 July 2022, four of the seven members were noted as absent without permission.

Local Authorities can dismiss the membership if the member is absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

To avoid their membership being dismissed, members who were absent at the previous meeting must attend the meeting being held on the 12 April 2023 or send an apology that is acceptable to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority is yet to appoint a Chairperson to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority.

HBLA2023-003 RESOLVED(Kieran Multa/Martin Jugadai)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority elected to choose a Chairperson by ballot for future Local Authority meetings.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

HBLA2023-004 RESOLVED(Martin Jugadai/Randall Butler)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

HBLA2023-005 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Martin Jugadai)

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held 10 March 2022 and the provisional meeting held 21 July 2022 be adopted as a resolution of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

HBLA2023-006 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Randall Butler)

That the Haasts Bluff 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

HBLA2023-007 RESOLVED(Kieran Multa/Martin Jugadai)

That the General Council Business matters raised was discussed at this point:

1) Ward Councillors.

Members expressed disappointment that Ward Councillors were not attending the Authority meetings and requested that the CEO of MRC speak with the Ward Councillors to ask that they make a concerted effort to attend the meetings in person rather than calling in via video. This is due to the internet link being extremely weak and that during every meeting, there seems to always be issues with video connection and audio capability.

2) ABA funding

Members asked that Technical Services consult with Member Douglas Multa regarding ABA funding for Homelands.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

HBLA2023-008 RESOLVED(Randall Butler/Martin Jugadai)

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

1) NTG funding for Outstations

2) Telstra Services

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HBLA2023-009 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Simon Dixon)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

HBLA2023-010 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Simon Dixon)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 HAASTS BLUFF YOUTH BOARD'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Haasts Bluff Local Authority on Haasts Bluff 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.

HBLA2023-011 RESOLVED(Martin Jugadai/Simon Dixon)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) **Received and noted the Haasts Bluff Youth Board's meeting minutes from the 10th of August 2022 and 29th of September 2022;**
- b) **Discussed the Youth Board's suggestions to move the water fountain next to the basketball court, noting that the Area Manager Service Delivery will investigate this option or source other alternative solutions; and**
- c) **Discussed the Youth Board's idea of moving the kids play area, noting that members preferred the play area be near to the Basketball Court and requested that the Coordinator and the Youth Board work with the Area Manager Service Delivery on the logistics towards setting this up.**

9.2 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.

HBLA2023-012 RESOLVED(Martin Jugadai/Randall Butler)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) **reviewed the contents of a meeting agenda; and**
- b) **discussed that members did not identify any additions or deletions that they**

would like made to the current agenda.

9.3 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.

The Haasts Bluff Local Authority have allocated their 2021/2022 project funds to community projects.

Currently there is a deficit of \$999.66 that will need to be repaid.

HBLA2023-013 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Randall Butler)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the progress of their projects and kept open:

- a) Project 2143 – Solar lights for Sorry Camp;
- b) Project 2145 – Church Pews; and
- c) Project 2146 – Trevor carpark, noting that the Area Manager Service Delivery will liaise with members on the design for the Trevor carpark sign.

Members noted that quotes will be sourced for the following:

- d) Project 2147 – Church Pulpit oil works and Spencer Coffin trolley.
- e) Project 2148 – Church Lectern.

HBLA2023-014 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Randall Butler)

That members noted completion and closed Project 2142 – Outdoor fitness equipment, returning the underspend of \$3,143.84 to unallocated funds.

HBLA2023-015 RESOLVED(Martin Jugadai/Simon Dixon)

That members noted the deficit of \$999.66 and accepted that funds be allocated to cover the overspend.

9.4 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money must 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.

HBLA2023-016 RESOLVED(Kieran Multa/Roseranna Larry)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) discussed the spending of their 2022/2023 Discretionary fund;**
- b) allocated \$3,000.00 towards musical equipment; and**
- c) the balance towards a community barbecue.**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HBLA2023-017 RESOLVED(Martin Jugadai/Kieran Multa)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the report on Council delivered services across the Haasts Bluff area.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

HBLA2023-018 RESOLVED(Roseranna Larry/Simon Dixon)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HBLA2023-019 RESOLVED(Randall Butler/Simon Dixon)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 March 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 noting that the previous LA meeting was held in July 2022.
- e) Is there any suggestions from the Local Authority to encourage members to attend and participate in the meetings?

RECOMMENDATION

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) noted the matters raised were discussed at item 6.2
- b) approved for a meeting to be held outdoors;
- c) accepted that the Authority meetings be recorded for minute taking purposes; and
- d) noted to assist MRC in achieving quorum, members requested meeting notices in advance.

HBLA2023-020 RESOLVED (Roserranna Larry/Kieran Multa)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority discussed and provided feedback on the Development of the 2023 / 2024 Regional Plan noting the following ideas that the community could achieve:

- New Rec Hall by the Basketball Court
- Playground by the Basketball Court
- Mobile phone, internet and wifi services
- Trees around the two Softball fields
- Fencing around sacred trees
- Plaques for sacred trees
- More space for workshop
- Street lights in dark areas
- Shaded areas around playgrounds
- Airstrip sealed
- Cemetery sign
- Community bus
- Complete renovation of Church interior

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet will be in attendance to provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

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.

HBLA2023-021 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) noted that a Representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet was not in attendance at the meeting; and
- b) noted the Non-Council Business matters raised at Item 6.3 and discussed as follows:
 - **Outstation funding.**
Members requested what funding is available to Outstations.
 - **Telstra Services.**
Members requested that NTG draft a letter to Telstra to inquire when mobile and wifi services will be available as the community has been waiting many years and have had no definitive response. Members are anticipating a reply from an NTG Representative regarding this issue.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 15 JUNE, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:53 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 12 April 2023 and were confirmed Wednesday, 13 September 2023.