



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD
IN THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared a provisional meeting and opened at 10:32 AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Billy Porter

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Billy Porter, Member Terry Abbott and Member Colin Craig

Councillors:

Councillor Mark Inkamala

Council Employees:

Aaron Blacker - Acting CEO, James Walsh - Area Manager Service Delivery, Lizzinna Ford - Customer Engagement Officer and June Crabb – Governance Officer.

Guests:

Tethloach Ruey – Project Officer, Charles Darwin University and Bruce Fyfe – Regional Manager, Department Chief Minister & Cabinet.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Pamela Abbott, Member Howard Abbott, Member Amanda Abbott, Councillor Bobby Abbott and President Roxanne Kenny

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

WLA2023-039 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority made a recommendation to Council that the attendance and apologies to the meeting were noted and accepted.

Absentees:

NIL

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

WLA2023-040 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that the minutes of the provisional meeting held 5 April 2023 be taken as read and accepted with the following amendment:

- a) item 3.1 & 3.2 – Attendance/Apologies was moved by Member Pamela Abbott, noting that Chairperson Billy Porter was an apology to the meeting.**

- b) that the Ordinary meeting held 25 January 2023 were not confirmed as the meeting held on the 12 July 2023 was a provisional meeting.**

Note that an Ordinary meeting can only be resolved by a meeting with full quorum.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

WLA2023-041 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Colin Craig)

That the Wallace Rockhole 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

WLA2023-042 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That members of the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted that no matters was raised for discussion at General Council Business.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

WLA2023-043 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That members of the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted that no matters was raised for discussion at General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

WLA2023-044 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

WLA2023-045 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 ELECTORAL AWARENESS FOR THE 2023 FEDERAL REFERENDUM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is an independent Federal Agency that operates under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the reason for this paper is to provide information on the activities being undertaken by the AEC in relation to the upcoming Federal Referendum.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority notes and provides feedback on the presentation from the Australia Electoral Commission.

Note that the AEC Representatives were not in attendance to the meeting.

8.2 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Northern Territory Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade has contracted Charles Darwin University to run a skills development project in the Tourism Industry. The skills development program aims to create economic opportunities and training in the community.

WLA2023-046 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Billy Porter)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that:

- a) the presentation introduced by the Representative from CDU was accepted; and
- b) provided feedback on the opportunities for community members to train and develop skills.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 WALLACE ROCKHOLE YOUTH BOARD REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) has set itself a goal to support youth leadership development in all our 13 communities. In order to develop and support our young leaders, the MRC is in the process of developing Youth Boards across the MacDonnell region. MRC is currently working on developing a Youth Board in Wallace Rockhole.

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority on Wallace Rockhole Youth Board's below recommendations to the LA.

WLA2023-047 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council to note:

- 1) that the Wallace Rockhole Youth Board's meeting minutes from the 16th of May 2023 were received; and**
- 2) that members agreed on the Youth Board's funding request for \$100.00 to Intersport to get some AFL balls for the young people in the community to use.**
- 3) that members requested the possibility of engaging a Local resident as a Sports and Recreation Officer for Wallace Rockhole.**

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 \$1,921.80 of unallocated funds from the 2021/2022 project funds grant that must be expended (*with goods received*) by 30 June 2023.

WLA2023-048 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council to note:

- a) that the following projects were kept open**
 - **2221 – Boundary Fence until completion**
 - **2223 – Upgrade to Gordon & Ida Park, noting one fencing quote of**

\$39,688.00 was over budget, requesting that the perimeter of the park be measured for the fence and additional quotes be sought.

- **2224 – Community Hall, noting that Service Delivery will follow up with Power and Water on their lack of response to the lot owners inquiry to changing the service to the hall to a prepaid meter box.**

b) approved the closure of Project 2225 – Grade fire breaks.

c) requested that the grid closest to the turnoff into Wallace Rockhole be cleared, noting that Technical Services will investigate who is responsible.

9.3 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 and 30 June.

WLA2023-049 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council:

- a) that the expenditure of their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds was noted;**
- b) that the new allocation of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds was discussed; and**
- c) that \$100.00 be allocated to the Youth Board for the purchase of all surface footy balls from Intersport.**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATORS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of council delivered services in Wallace Rockhole across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

WLA2023-050 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority made a recommendation to Council that the Council Services Report was accepted.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2023 in the Local Authority community.

WLA2023-051 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note:

- a) that the expenditure report as at 30 June 2023 was accepted; and
- b) that members were advised that employees rate of pay is determined by MRC's Enterprise Agreement in line with the Fair Work Commission.

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.

It is to be noted that at the Council Meeting held 30 June 2023 – the Elected Members agreed to reschedule Local Authority Meetings should Sorry Business be happening within Community.

WLA2023-052 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council to note:

- a) that no General Business items were raised for discussion; and
- b) that the agreement from Council to reschedule Local Authority meetings should Sorry Business be happening in community.

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.

WLA2023-053 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council:

- a) to note that no Non Council Business matters was raised;
- b) to keep open Action item – Clinic, being advised that DCM&C will suggest to NT Health to consider contacting MRC's Area Manager Service Delivery to discuss the option of engaging his team in contract work around the clinic.

- c) To close Action item – Local Decision Making.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:50 am.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 12 July 2023 and were confirmed Wednesday, 18 October 2023.

