



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was held as a Teams Meeting and declared open at 10:35am

1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIR

DRLA2023-034 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Rosina Kunia)

That the members by unanimous vote nominated Winsome Newberry as Acting Chair of the meeting held Wednesday, 19 July 2023.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Winsome Newberry

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Rosina Kunia and Member Winsome Newberry

Councillors:

Councillor Marlene Abbott and Councillor Abraham Poulson who attended via Teams

Council Employees:

Keith Hassett - Director Service Centre Delivery, Kathleen Abbott – Area Manager Service Delivery, Stephen Trindle – Council Services Coordinator, Megan Baliva – Administration Assistant HR, and June Crabb – Governance Officer

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Regional Manager, LGCATRG Department Chief Minister and Cabinet

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Chairperson Ruby James

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

DRLA2023-035 RESOLVED(Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

That members noted the attendance and accepted the apology received from Chairperson Ruby James.

Absentees:

NIL

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

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).

Two vacancies exists on the Local Authority as a result of their membership being revoked at the 15 October 2020 meeting and the 12 October 2022 meeting as these members were absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

Additionally, two more members had their membership dismissed at the 13 April 2023 meeting for their absence without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

DRLA2023-036 RESOLVED(Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) **noted that the dismissal of Priscilla Abbott and Meryvyn De Rose was endorsed by Council at their 30 June 2023 meeting;**
- b) **called for community nominations to remain open for a further 28 days to fill the four vacancies; and**
- c) **encouraged members to seek suitable applicants to nominate.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

DRLA2023-037 RESOLVED(Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

DRLA2023-038 RESOLVED(Rosina Kunia/Abraham Poulson)

That members of the Authority adopted the unconfirmed minutes of the Local Authority meetings as a resolution of the Docker River Local authority as follows:

- a) The Ordinary meeting held on the 12 October 2022; and
- b) The Provisional meetings held on the 1 February 2023 and 13 April 2023.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

DRLA2023-039 RESOLVED(Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

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

DRLA2023-040 RESOLVED(Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

Noted that members did not provide notification of matters to be discuss in General Council Business.

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

Noted that members provided notice to discuss the following item in General Non-Council Business:

- a) Outstations

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

DRLA2023-041 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

DRLA2023-042 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

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

Note: Representatives from the Australian Electoral Commission were not in attendance to the meeting.

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 Docker River Local Authority notes and provides feedback on the presentation from the Australia Electoral Commission.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 DOCKER RIVER 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 setting up Youth Boards across the MacDonnell region. MRC is currently in the process of developing a Youth Board in Docker River community.

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

DRLA2023-043 RESOLVED(Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

That the Local Authority:

- 1) Received and noted the Docker River Youth Board's meeting minutes from the 21st of June 2023 attached to this report;**
- 2) Considered and declined the request for a swimming pool or water park due to other financial commitments; and**
- 3) Agreed to move the Youth Board's proposal of a scooter/bike/skateboard park to the project wish list for future consideration.**

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. 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.

Docker River Local Authority (The Authority) has allocated all of its Local Authority project funds to spend on the community projects.

DRLA2023-044 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress of their projects to keep open:
- 2122 – Score Board;
 - 2125 – Shade Shelter for Parks, noting that Contractors will be appointed once their availability allows;
 - 2128 – Fencing around Playground and Lasseter Park, noting that additional quotes are being sought; and
 - 2129 – Solar light to entry post, with members agreeing to one light being affixed to the Welcome sign and the other four lights along the road leading into community.

9.3 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.

DRLA2023-045 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that the Local Authority forfeited their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds allocation of \$4,000.00; and
- b) discussed and agreed to allocate \$1,850.00 of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds towards Guernsey's.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

DRLA2023-046 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

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 an update on Community Services program delivery.

DRLA2023-047 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

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

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 DOCKER RIVER LA EXPENDITURE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

DRLA2023-048 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 30 June 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.

In collaboration with the Department of Education, MRC are asking members what type of Childcare facility would be more suited for their community. The survey tabled at this meeting will assist MRC in advocating for your choice.

DRLA2023-049 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Marlene Abbott)

That no matters were raised for discussion in General Business.

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.

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.

DRLA2023-050 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority discussed and noted following Non-Council Business matters:

- a) Outstations, advising that MRC receives funding for Wataru only and noted that the Representative will follow up with Territory Families regarding the Tjuntinanta Outstation being without water.**
- b) Noted that the NPY WC Youth programs have not had many services run for since February 2023 and will discuss this with NIAA.**
- c) Noted that horses are causing damage and problems for community, suggesting that MRC approach CLC on behalf of the Traditional Owners.**
- d) Agreed to advise DIPL that the new houses that are replacing BER do not have insulation and are very cold.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:16 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 19 July 2023 and were confirmed 11 October 2023.