



MINUTES OF THE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN  
THE HERMANNSBURG COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2023 AT 10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was held as a provisional meeting and declared open at 10:51AM

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Nicholas Williams

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Nicholas Williams, Member Marion Swift, Member Maryanne Malbunka and Member Daryl Kantawara

Councillors:

Councillor Mark Inkamala

Council Employees:

Aaron Blacker – Director Technical Services, Brian Robinson – Acting Director Community Services, Amandeep Kaur – Manager Aged Care, Iryna Mustiats – Manager Children's Services, James Walsh – Area Manager, Max Baliva – CSC Hermannsburg, June Crabb – Governance Officer and attending via Teams, Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, MRC

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Regional Manager, Department Chief Minister and Cabinet, Trude Blizzard and Donna Champs – Power and Water Representatives and attending via Teams, Katharine O'Donoghue – Member for Gwoja's office

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Member Evance Pareroultja, Member Reggie Lankin, President Roxanne Kenny and Councillor Bobby Abbott

Absentees:

Member Conrad Ratara

### **3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES**

**HLA2023-045 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Maryanne Malbunka)**

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

- a) noted the attendance and accepted the apologies received from Members Reggie Lankin, Evance Pareroultja, President Roxanne Kenny and Councillor Bobby Abbott.
  
- b) noted the absence without notice of Member Conrad Ratara, noting that a letter will be sent advising that a second absence without notice to the November meeting may jeopardise his membership on the Authority.

### **3.3 Resignations**

NIL

### **3.4 Terminations**

NIL

### **3.5 Nominations**

NIL

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**HLA2023-046 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Daryl Kantawara)**

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote, noted the Council Code of Conduct.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the meeting held 8 June 2023 was not resolved as the meeting held 16 August 2023 was conducted as a provisional meeting.

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

### **6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

**HLA2023-047 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Maryanne Malbunka)**

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote, noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

## **6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Noted that at this point, members did not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business

## **6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Noted that at this point, members did not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**HLA2023-048 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Daryl Kantawara)**

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote, noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**HLA2023-049 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Daryl Kantawara)**

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and did not declare a conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.1 REMOTE PREPAYMENT POWER METERS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Power and Water has recently started to replace prepayment meters in remote communities with 4G mobile network cover.

Within the MacDonnell Regional Council area, Power and Water expect that this will affect 11 of the 13 communities with a few locations to be assessed for the strength of the mobile network.

The Power and Water engagement team will be onsite during the roll out to explain the changes to customers.

**HLA2023-050 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)**

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council that the information received from the Representatives of Power and Water Corporation was noted and accepted.

### **8.2 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.

### **HLA2023-051 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Nicholas Williams)**

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted that a Representative from the Australia Electoral Commission did not attend the meeting.

## **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 ACTION REGISTER**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

### **HLA2023-052 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Mark Inkamala)**

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

- a) note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received.
  
- b) approve the closure of any completed actions as follows:
  - HLA2022-086 – Signs for residential areas.
  - HLA2023-043 – Draft letters to Government re. upgrading Larapinta Road.

### **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.

As part of Hermannsburg's 2021/2022 Project funds grant, the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet released an allocation of \$95,000.00 towards Community projects.

***The Local Authority has \$11,241.00 of unallocated funds to invest in the community projects.***

### **HLA2023-053 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Maryanne Malbunka)**

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

- a) Note that the NTG Grant for \$50,000.00 for the Softball upgrade was closed out, however Project 2382 – Redevelopment of the Softball Complex remains active and quotes from Tech Services have been sought. Construction will begin once procurement has been finalized.
- b) Move to the wish list, Project 2384 – Create a mural for the second hand shop, noting that the Youth Team are still to submit quotes and designs for consideration.
- c) Note and accepted the progress on their projects to keep open:
  - 2156 – School bus stop, noting that concrete for the base is still to be purchase.;
  - 2381 – Shade Shelter over Stage.
  - 2382 – Redevelopment of the Softball Complex, noting the request from members to have cracker dust placed within the Diamond infield, around the bases and pitcher’s mound.
  - 2235 – Youth Board project, noting that the Pool table was waiting to be collected from Toll’s Alice Springs yard.
- d) Create a new project named Scoreboard and in anticipation of the 2023/2024 commitment of Project funds, allocate \$40,000.00 towards the project.

### 9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUND

#### 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.

#### **HLA2023-054 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Marion Swift)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note that the funds will be allocated at a later date.**

## **10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 SCD - CSC REPORT FOR HERMANSBURG**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **HLA2023-055 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Nicholas Williams)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note that the Service Delivery Report was accepted.**

## **10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

#### **HLA2023-056 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Daryl Kantawara)**

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note that the Community 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.

#### **HLA2023-057 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Maryanne Malbunka)**

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

- a) the expenditure report as at 30 June 2023 was accepted.
  
- b) MRC report back to members on the overspend of the MacYouth funds, noting that the comment given referred to the school holidays as the reason.

## **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

#### **HLA2023-058 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Marion Swift)**

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted:

- a) that no matters for discussion was raised at item 6.2.
  
- b) that the following points were moved to the Projects wish list:
  - Public Address system for the Footy Oval;
  - New Shade Shelter for Mens Business;
  - Squaring of goal posts;
  - Install viewing mounds;
  - Carpark for the Cemetery; and
  - Colourbond fencing.

## **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 the services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

#### **HLA2023-059 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)**

That the provisional meeting of the Hermannsburg Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted:

- a) that no matters for discussion in Non-Council Business was raised at Item 6.3.
  
- b) to keep open the progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet as follows:
  - Streetlights in Outstations.
  - Street names in the new sub-division, noting that members were concerned that the roads did not have names and members had received no response to their request for the street names to be in language.
  - Driveways concreted.
  
- c) to follow up on the members requests:
  - Additional 'No Entry' signs added to the tracks that leave Larapinta Drive, noting DIPL and CLC will be advised of the request.
  - Hard water filters.
  
- d) to approve the closure of issues addressed by the DCMC representative:
  - Housing
  - Finke River Crossing and Speed sign
  - Local Decision Making.

## **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER, 2023**

### **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:08 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 16 August 2023 and were confirmed Wednesday, 8 November 2023.