



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD
IN THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:30AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Billy Porter

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Billy Porter, Member Pamela Abbott and Member Terry Abbott

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Bobby Abbott and Councillor Mark Inkamala

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, James Walsh – Area Manager Service Delivery,
Kaisa Suumann – Coordinator Community Engagement and June Crabb – Governance
Officer

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Representative Department Chief Minister and Cabinet and Ralph Abbott –
Wallace Rockhole Resident.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Colin Craig, Member Howard Abbott and Member Amanda Abbott

Absentees:

Nil

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

WLA2023-054 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

WLA2023-055 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Terry Abbott)

That members adopted the unconfirmed minutes of the Local Authority meetings as a resolution of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority as follows:

- a) The Ordinary meeting held on the 25 January 2023; and
- b) The Provisional meeting held on the 12 July 2023.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

WLA2023-056 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Pamela Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

WLA2023-057 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Bobby Abbott)

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

- a) Grid at the turn-off, noting that the clearing of the grid will be done by Akron in due course.
- b) Compactor for pot holes, noting that the Service Delivery Area Manager will check what maintenance it may need.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

WLA2023-058 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Bobby Abbott)

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

- a) People not signing in
- b) Lease on the Old Power and Water compound
- c) Fence at Clinic

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

WLA2023-059 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

WLA2023-060 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 WALLACE ROCKHOLE YOUTH BOARD PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) has set itself a goal to support youth leadership in all our 13 communities. In order to 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.

Youth Boards are an important platform for MRC administration, the elected Council members and Local Authorities to engage with young people about council services, programs and strategic direction.

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

WLA2023-061 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Pamela Abbott)

That the Local Authority:

- a) discussed and approved the Youth Board's recommendation to allocate Discretionary funds towards the purchase of another swing at the park.
- b) discussed the recommendation to build a 60m football oval near the race course with a source for drinking water, noting that this item will be moved to the Projects wishlist for a scope of works done.

- c) noted that the fence at the park would be repaired and the request for a water bubbler moved to the wishlist for further investigation that would involve Power and Water determining if a water line was nearby and the costs associated with the installation.

9.2 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

WLA2023-062 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) notes the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received and kept open:
- Action – Engage a Sports and Rec Officer.
- b) closed the action Community Development Officer, noting that a new action will be opened for the Representative from Department Chief Minister to follow up with.

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.

WLA2023-063 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Billy Porter)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress of their projects;
- 2221 - Boundary Fence, noting that one section had not been completed as it was located in a cultural area. Approval to access that area was given and a plan will be put in place to finish the fence.
 - 2223 – Upgrade to Gordon Ida Park, noting that a request was made by the CEO to the DCMC Representative to source alternative options of funding.

- **2224 – Community Hall, noting that the power box meter had been installed and the project kept open until the invoice is received.**

9.4 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.

WLA2023-064 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Mark Inkamala)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) approved to allocate \$490.00 to the Youth Board for a swing at the park; and**
- b) agreed to allocate their remaining funds at a later date.**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 DTS LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Technical Services delivered in Wallace Rockhole.

WLA2023-065 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted and accepted the Technical Services report

10.2 SCD WALLACE ROCKHOLE LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Wallace Rockhole across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

WLA2023-066 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Bobby Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted and accepted the Service Delivery report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 August 2023 in the Local Authority community.

WLA2023-067 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 August 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.

WLA2023-068 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Mark Inkamala)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) noted the General Business matters raised were discussed at Item 6.2;
- b) raised additional matters for discussion as follows:
 - **Meeting room hire**

Members raised the matter of external stakeholders hiring MRC's meeting rooms in communities voicing their concerns that MRC were undercutting local Aboriginal businesses who were losing out on revenue. The CEO advised that a conflict of interest would arise as some of the Authority members were also financial beneficiaries of the Uruna Aboriginal Corporation. Members instructed that there had been a clear lack of consultation regarding external stakeholders operating in community and requested that when a request to hire meeting rooms or premises comes through, MRC refers them back to community to ensure commercial opportunities can be explored through the Uruna Aboriginal Corporation. Members were informed that they could invite Tjuwanpa or other stakeholders working in the community to the next Authority meeting to explain their scope of work.
 - **Governance Training for the Authority**

Cr Abbott asked about Governance Training for the community and the framework for Quality Assurance. Members were advised that there is a good possibility for members to undertake professional development training early next year.
 - **Discount on fees and charges to hire MRC's plant and equipment.**

Members were advised that the fees and charges were set in line with financial regulations and the equipment was not available to just anyone without the proper paperwork, insurances and assessments done.

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.

WLA2023-069 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at item 6.3 as follows:
 - **Members requested that all Contractors and Visitors sign in at the Office.**
 - **Requested that the Representative investigate who was consulted on the lease to the old Power Station.**

- **Members requested that an invitation be extended to Minister Paech to attend the next LA meeting.**
- **Noted that the Representative will invite Ross Nowland to discuss Business plans for Aboriginal Development.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2024

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:38 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 18 October 2023 and was confirmed Thursday, 7 March 2024.