



MINUTES OF THE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN
THE HERMANNSBURG COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:30AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Nicholas Williams

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

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

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny and Councillor Mark Inkamala

Council Employees:

Aaron Blacker – Director Technical Services, James Walsh – Area Manager Service Delivery, Max Baliva – Coordinator Council Services, Jake Sellers – Coordinator Youth Services, Valentina Orain – Coordinator Community Safety, William McKenzie – Youth Engagement Officer, Annie Press – Team Leader Children’s Services and June Crabb – Governance Officer

Guests:

Leo Malbunka – Youth Board member, Alex Vaughan and Merit MacDonald – Representatives from Arid Lands Environment Centre

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Evance Parerouttja

Absentees:

Councillor Bobby Abbott and Member Conrad Ratara

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

HLA2023-060 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Marion Swift)

That members noted:

- a) the attendance and accepted the apologies received from Member Evance Pareroultja;
- b) the second absence without notice of Member Conrad Ratara; and
- c) acknowledged that a letter sent to Mr Ratara advising of his first absence had not received a response.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

3.4 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

HLA2023-061 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority approved to revoke the membership of Mr Conrad Ratara for his absence from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

HLA2023-062 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Daryl Kantawara)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

HLA2023-063 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Nicholas Williams)

That the:

- a) Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on the 8 June 2023; and
- b) Minutes of the Provisional meeting held on the 16 August 2023 be adopted as a resolution of the Hermannsburg Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

HLA2023-064 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Reggie Lankin)

That the Hermannsburg 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

HLA2023-065 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Reggie Lankin)

That members did not raise any matters for discussion at this point.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

HLA2023-066 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)

That members provided notification and raised the following matter to be discussed in General Non-Council Business:

a) Lutheran Church.

Members requested help with sourcing additional funding to assist with the payment of bills and utilities for the Church, as they were struggling to pay them. Members also asked if the Authority could allocate funds to help with these costs.

Although a Lutheran Church, the community were responsible for the upkeep and received very little funding, having to rely heavily on donations.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HLA2023-067 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

HLA2023-068 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Maryanne Malbunka)

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

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 INFORMATION ON BUFFEL GRASS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Arid Lands Environment Centre (ALEC) Representatives are attending the Authority meeting to present information on the NT buffel grass weed declaration, how that impacts the region and what can be done.

HLA2023-069 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Marion Swift)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the presentation;**
- b) discussed and agreed that Council endorse the members acceptance in declaring buffel grass a weed.**

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.

HLA2023-070 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority:

- a) noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received; and
- b) approved to close Action – HLA2023-057 – Overspend to MacYouth funds.

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.

The Local Authority has \$70,301.39 of unallocated funds to spend on community infrastructure projects that must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2024.

It is noted that \$154,075.98 of unspent funds must be spent immediately or risk being returned to NTG.

HLA2023-071 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Reggie Lankin)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority:

- a) approved to close NTG Grant Project – Construction of the Softball Dugout;
- b) approved to close Project 2235 – Youth Board project, returning \$7,761.37 to unallocated funds;
- c) noted that \$154,075.98 of unspent funds is at risk of being returned to NTG;
- d) noted and accepted the progress on their projects as follows:
 - Project 2153 – Scoreboard, noting and accepting the design;
 - Project 2156 – School Bus Stops, noting the quote will be updated to reflect supply of materials only;

- Project 2381 – Shade structure over slab, noting the shade structure under construction;
 - Project 2382 – Redevelopment of the Softball Complex, accepting quote 0331 from T & D Fencing for \$67,013.32 excl. GST and allocating an additional \$5,300.00 to the project.
- e) created the following new project:
- Cracker dust, allocating \$10,000.00, requesting the civil team to tidy the existing surface of the softball field before the cracker dust is laid.
- f) Moved to the wishlist the following items:
- BBQ trailer and quotes to be sourced.
 - Drinking water trailer and quotes to be sourced.
 - Shade structures and seating at Kuprilya Springs, requesting to investigate the possibility of building the structures.
- Members noted the following:
- Technical Services will explore whether Kuprilya Springs falls within Council’s boundary. If it does, Technical Services will source quotes for a 10 x 10 metre shade structure and a smaller 3 x 3 meter structure to cover a base that is already located onsite.
Should the site be outside of Council’s boundary, Technical Services will investigate what needs to happen so that the structures can be erected, and also write a letter to support the construction.

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.

HLA2023-072 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Reggie Lankin)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority:

- a) noted that no allocations was made at their August 2023 meeting;
- b) discussed the spending of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds as follows:
 - \$1,000.00 to help with the cost of utilities for the Church; and
 - \$3,000.00 to the Sports weekend in May 2024.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE HERMANSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

HLA2023-073 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

10.2 SCD LA REPORT - HERMANNSBURG

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2023-074 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report

10.3 TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of works completed in Hermannsburg by Technical Services.

HLA2023-075 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Reggie Lankin)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted and accepted the Technical Services report

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2023-076 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Mark Inkamala)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 30 September 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

HLA2023-077 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Marion Swift)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted that no matters were raised at Item 6.2.

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.

HLA2023-078 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Marion Swift)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority:

- a) noted the apology received from Bruce Fyfe, Representative of the Department Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- b) noted that in relation to the matter raised at item 6.3 – Church, that the NTG Representative assist with the possibility of finding funding or grants to help the community with paying for the utilities to the Church.
- c) noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- d) approved the closure of issues as follows:
 - Driveways
 - No entry signs
 - Hard water filters
 - Finke River Crossing & Larapinta Drive

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 24 January 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:37 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 8 November 2023 and was confirmed Thursday, 25 January 2024.