



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2020 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:47am

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Ruby James

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members: attended at the Docker River Council office via videolink
Member Ruby James (Chair), Member Winsome Newberry, Member Pricilla Abbott, Member Rosina Kunia and Member Mervyn De Rose

Councillors: attended at their respective community Council offices via videolink
Cr Selina Kulitja, Cr Marlene Abbott and President Cr Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees: attended at their respective Council offices via videolink
Simon Murphy (Director Technical Services), Stephen Trindle (CSC) and Robert Rabotot (Governance Office)

Guests: attended at the department office via videolink
Enoch Menge (Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Services)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: Member Barnaby Kunia

Absentees: Nil

Attendance, Apologies and Absentees

DRLA2020-033 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)
That the Docker River Local Authority noted the attendance and apologies of the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

Nil

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following the termination of a member at the meeting of 6 February 2020, a vacancy in the Docker River Local Authority is open and as a consequence a call for nominations is recommended. In the event of a vacancy, a new member will be nominated and appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act, Ministerial Guidelines and Council Policy 111 Local Authorities.

Council appoints Local Authority members under the *Local Government Act 2008*.

DRLA2020-034 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Selina Kulitja)

That the Docker River Local Authority call for community nominations to be opened to fill the vacancy.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

DRLA2020-035 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)

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

Member Pricilla Abbott arrived at meeting 10:52am

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

DRLA2020-036 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Selina Kulitja)

That the Minutes of the Docker River Local Authority of 6 February 2020 be adopted as a resolution of the Docker River Local Authority.

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

6.1 That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting

6.1 Acceptance of the Agenda

DRLA2020-037 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Pricilla Abbott)

That the Docker river Local Authority received the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business

6.2 Notification of General Business Items

DRLA2020-038 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)

That the Papunya Local Authority provided notification of matters to be raised in general business.

6.3 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items

DRLA2020-039 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Selina Kulitja)

That the Docker River Local Authority members provided notification of matters to be raised in general business as follows:

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

DRLA2020-040 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mervyn De Rose)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

DRLA2020-041 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mervyn De Rose)

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

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE NEW GUIDELINE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development is providing the Local Authorities an overview of some of the proposed changes to the Local Government Act and the Guideline relating to Local Authorities and is asking for comments and feedback of the proposed changes.

DRLA2020-042 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Marlene Abbott)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the deputation and provided comments and feedback on the proposed changes.

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.

DRLA2020-043 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Marlene Abbott)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of the previous meetings as received.

DRLA2020-044 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

Action Item 1 – Sport infrastructure funding (Raised 19 April 2018)

- a) Action item remains open due to COVID19 restrictions as contractors cannot travel**

DRLA2020-045 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)
Action Item 2 – Kunapula funding (Raised 6 February 2020)
a) Action item remains open

DRLA2020-046 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Mervyn De Rose)
Action Item 3 – Revocation letter (Raised 6 February 2020)
a) Close action item

DRLA2020-047 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Pricilla Abbott)
Action Item 4 – Invite Manager NPY Women’s Council (Raised 6 February 2020)
a) Action item to remain open until MRC has resolved the matter with NPY

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the NT Government Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Services for investing in local government community infrastructure projects.

There is currently a total un-committed balance of \$21,975.42 to allocate in this community. \$0.00 is from the 2018/19 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2020. \$21,975.42 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

DRLA2020-048 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)
That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the progress of their projects.

DRLA2020-049 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)
Information Bay and Scoreboard (2025)
a) Project to remain open
b) Docker River Local Authority request that the projects be separated as:
1. Information Bay
2. Score Board

DRLA2020-050 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Selina Kulitja)
Shade shelters for Parks (2027)
a) Project to remain open

DRLA2020-051 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mervyn De Rose)
Eastside New Playground (2028)
a) Project to remain open

DRLA2020-052 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)
BBQ Trailer and trees at Eagle Park (2029)
a) Project to remain open

9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money must 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.

All funds have been allocated. However, due to COVID-19 preventative measures, activities such as a community BBQ cannot be endorsed by MRC until the current circumstances have changed.

DRLA2020-053 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)

That the Docker River Local Authority

- a) **Noted and discussed the allocation of their 2019/20 Discretionary Funds**
- b) **Docker River Local Authority request that the \$2,148.77 be distributed evenly amongst all Docker River Aboriginal houses for Power Cards in lieu of holding a community BBQ**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

DRLA2020-054 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Selina Kulitja)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report prepared by Docker River Council Services Coordinator Stephen Trindle.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2020 in the Local Authority community.

DRLA2020-055 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2020.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

We are now discussing the matters raised as follow:

DRLA2020-056 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Selina Kulitja)

That the Docker River Local Authority did not raises Items at 6.2.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Housing and Community Development will be in attendance 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.

We are now discussing the matters raised as listed below:

DRLA2020-057 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Mervyn De Rose)

That the Docker River Local Authority

- a) could not discuss any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development due to technical difficulties**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 29 JULY, 2020

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:14pm.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 2020 and were confirmed on Wednesday, 5 August 2020.

CONFIRMED MINUTES