



MINUTES OF THE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
HERMANNSBURG COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2022 AT 10:30AM

Prior to the commencement of the meeting a minute's silence was held in remembrance of the passing of community members.

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.42.00am

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country was delivered by President Kenny.

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Nicholas Williams (Chair), Evance Pareroultja, Marion Swift, Maryanne Malbunka, Reggie Lankin and Darryl Kantawara.

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny and Councillor Mark Inkamala.

Council Employees:

Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Compliance, Belinda Urquhart, Director Service Centre Delivery and Max Baliva, Council Service Coordinator.

Guests:

Eric Turner, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Jimmy Cocking, Principal Consultant for Northern Possibilities, Stephanie Harrison, Consultant Pandanus Evaluation, Bob Durnan, Office of Warren Snowden MP and Matthew Adams-Richardson, Office of Warren Snowden MP.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

The apology provided by Cr Bobby Abbott was noted.

Absentees:

Nil.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Appointments to Local Authorities have been affected by changes introduced in the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) implemented on 2 July 2021 and this paper reflects those changes.

The Hermannsburg Local Authority (the Authority) revoked the membership of Ivan Emitja and Katherine Mocketarinja at the 25 March 2021 meeting and Cassie Williams and Cliff Raggett at the 19 May 2021 meeting because they had each been absent from two (2) consecutive meetings.

The passing of Mr Kantawara created a fifth vacancy on the Authority.

Since then, the Local Authority has received nominations from Daryl Kantawara who was endorsed at the December 2021 Council meeting and from Conrad Ratara. The Local Authority is being asked to approve the nomination to the Authority of resident Conrad Ratara.

HLA2022-001 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority:

- a) welcomes Bobby Abbott as a Councillor to Ljirapinta ward;**
- b) notes that the membership of previous Councillor Braydon Williams has been revoked;**
- c) notes that Mr Daryl Kantawara was endorsed as a member of the Hermannsburg Local Authority at the Council meeting – 17 December 2021;**
- d) accepts the nomination of Mr Conrad Ratara to the Authority and recommends that Council approves this nomination; and**
- e) determines to reduce the membership of the Authority to 7 appointed members only.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

HLA2022-002 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Daryl Kantawara)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

HLA2022-003 RESOLVED (Reggie Lankin/Marion Swift)

That the Minutes of the Hermannsburg Local Authority of:

- a) 12 February 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Hermannsburg Local Authority; and
- b) 19 May 2021 held as a Provisional Meeting be adopted as a resolution of Hermannsburg Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

HLA2022-004 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

HLA2022-005 RESOLVED (Reggie Lankin/Mark Inkamala)

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

- The MacYouth Logo
- Local Cemetery
- Softball Diamond
- Bollards

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

HLA2022-006 RESOLVED (Reggie Lankin/Mark Inkamala)

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

- Water pressure
- Water drainage
- Relocation of sign
- Housing – rent, repairs and maintenance

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HLA2022-007 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority meeting:

1. notes the Conflict of Interest policy; and
2. notes that no conflicts of interest were declared.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 NT STRATEGIC WATER PLAN CONSULTATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its December 2021 meeting Council resolved to work with the NTG and water consultants to provide Local Authorities with the opportunity to engage in the consultation process in relation to the NT Strategic Water Plan. Mr Cocking, Independent Consultant with Northern Possibilities is presenting today to commence the engagement process.

***HLA2022-008* RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)**

That the Hermansburg Local Authority discusses the recently released NT Strategic Water Plan Directions Paper and any key water security issues from the perspective of the Hermansburg community.

8.2 POWER AND WATER COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Power and Water Corporations' (PWC) 'Water Demand - Remote' unit has contracted the Darwin-based company Pandanus Evaluation to conduct remote community consultations. Consultants from Pandanus Evaluation will ask the LAs for permission to visit the community and consult on behalf of PWC.

***HLA2022-009* RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the presentation by Pandanus Evaluation Consultant (PEC) on behalf of Power Water Corporation (PWC);**
- b) discusses and provides feedback on the ways PWC can improve their services to remote customers; and**
- c) agrees to the PEC visiting Hermansburg between the 10th and the 13th April.**

8.3 LOCAL DECISION MAKING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) plays a vital role in the economic, social and environmental development of the Northern Territory (NT) to deliver outcomes for all Territorians.

It is responsible for overseeing or coordinating major government strategies as well as positioning the NT to achieve those priorities.

***HLA2022-010* RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)**

That the Hermansburg Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the presentation;**
- b) provides feedback to developing Local Decision Making strategies and practices; and**
- c) welcomes Mr Turner returning to Hermansburg to engage with community members.**

Minute note: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.20pm and resumed at 1.00pm.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2022-2023 REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services*.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2022-23 Regional Plan.

HLA2022-011 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Hermansburg Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the report; and**
- b) provides guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2022-23 Regional Plan.**

9.2 MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On 13 October 2021 the Chief Health Officer (CHO) issued COVID-19 Directions (No.55) 2021 (the Direction) in which it was announced that it was mandatory for certain workers in the Northern Territory to have received COVID-19 vaccine to be able to continue working in the same role. This Direction also applied to the Elected Members of MRC and the Appointed Members of MRC's Local Authorities.

HLA2022-012 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Reggie Lankin)

That the Hermansburg Local Authority:

- 1. notes the report Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination for Local Authority Members;**
- 2. notes that appointed Authority Members will not be able to attend future meetings of the Authority unless they are fully vaccinated; and**
- 3. urges all appointed Authority Members to provide evidence of their vaccination status as soon as possible and before the next Authority meeting.**

9.3 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2022-013 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Daryl Kantawara)

That the Hermansburg Local Authority closes the only outstanding action being HLA2021-045.

9.4 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 have released an allocation of \$95,000.00 towards Community projects.

There is a current balance of \$126,799.52 unallocated funds to invest in projects.

\$31,799.52 is from the 2020/2021 project funds grant and must be fully expended by 30 June 2022

\$95,000.00 is from the 2021/2022 project funds grant and must be fully expended by 30 June 2023.

The project funds from 2019/2020 grant were fully allocated to Infrastructure projects within the community.

HLA2022-014 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority:

- a) notes the release of the allocation for the 2021/2022 Project funds;
- b) notes and accepts that the 2019/2020 project funds were fully allocated;
- c) notes the correction to the invoice received on Project Safe Spaces for the commitment of tools and equipment as \$2,422.18; and
- d) approves the closure of Project 2154 which has been completed;
- e) notes and accepts the progress on their projects as follows:
 - Project 2151 – The water trailer is now operating. 100 new trees are to be ordered, additional mulch and protective guards to be placed around the trees to increase their chances of survival. This should ensure that the remaining project funds are fully expended.
 - Project 2152 – The CSC was asked to ensure that the cracker dust is of the same size as that in Alice Springs. The remaining funds will be spent on the installation of the grandstand.
 - Project 2153 – An additional \$5,000 was allocated to this project for the installation of the shade shelters. LA member Daryl Kantawara was given permission to decide the location of the shelters.
 - Project 2155 – This project is to be closed with the remaining funds being returned to the pool of un-allocated funds. Cr Mark Inkamala undertook to

find out from the CLC who was responsible for the maintenance of the ablution block.

- Project 2156 – The Director Service Centre Deliver is to obtain quotes for the Bus Stops with pre-approval being given to purchase them if the quotes were in excess of the funds currently committed – in this instance additional funds will be allocated.
- Project 2157 – The CSC is to measure the length of the fencing required with LA member Daryl Kantawara given permission to show the CSC where the fence is to be located. Pre-approval was given to purchase the fencing if the quotes were in excess of the funds currently committed – in this instance additional funds will be allocated.

f) new projects were assigned as follows:

- Naming of the Park – The Chair is to consult on the correct naming of the Park using MRC branded signage with funds of \$2,000 being committed.
- Drainage of the Softball Park – Technical Services is to deliver a scope of works to the next meeting of the Authority to improve the drainage to cope with bad weather. Funds of \$50,000 were committed.
- Signage for the Cultural Area – branded MRC signage is to be erected stating “Cultural Area – Keep Out”. Funds of \$2,000 were committed.
- Shade Shelter over stage slab – this is to be erected to create greater amenity for the conduct of events. The possibility of including adequate insulation is to be considered. Funds of \$25,000 were committed.

9.5 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.

HLA2022-015 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority allocates the remainder of its 2021/2022 Discretionary funds as follows:

- \$3,000 towards a sports weekend in the planning stages for trophies and a barbecue.
- \$1,000 towards Easter eggs and a community barbecue – with LA Member Maryanne Malbunka to advise the CSC of the requirements.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2022-016 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority notes and accepts the attached report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES HERMANSBURG REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the Community Services program delivery.

HLA2022-017 RESOLVED (Evance Pareroultja/Reggie Lankin)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the Community Services report;
- b) discusses and provides feedback on the logo for MacYouth.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2022 in the Local Authority community.

HLA2022-018 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Marion Swift)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority notes and accepts the expenditure report as at 31 January 2022.

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

HLA2022-019 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Mark Inkamala)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority notes and discusses the General Business items raised at Item 6.2 as follows:

- Cemetery maintenance – MRC is to resume maintenance of Cemetery #3.
- MRC is asked to install bollards on the Roambenka Road side of the Recreation Hall.
- The Chair is asked to liaise with MacYouth regarding the possible creation of a mural for the 2nd hand shop with the LA to consider future funding for this project.

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.

HLA2022-020 RESOLVED (Reggie Lankin/Evance Pareroutja)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 as follows:
 - The matter regarding the community's water pressure has been taken on by Jimmy Cocking and will be included in his report to the NTG – this is regularly checked by the CSC – no further action.
 - Water drainage – the Authority asked that the “Slow down” sign be relocated as it was too close to the waterway and did not provide enough time to drive appropriately – taken on by the CMC rep.
 - Housing issues including rent and repairs and maintenance – the concerns of members were taken on by the CMC rep.
- b) notes and accepts that the action currently recorded was not raised by the Hermannsburg LA but rather by the Haasts Bluff LA and is to be closed.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE, 2022

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 3.08pm.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the minutes of the Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2022 and were CONFIRMED at the Hermannsburg Local Authority meeting held 8 June 2022.

CONFIRMED