



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN DOCKER RIVER ON  
WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST 2024 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENED**

The meeting was declared open at 10:45 am.

**DRLA2024-38 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Denise Brady)**

**That members of the Authority held a provisional meeting and nominated Member Winsome Newberry as Acting Chairperson for the meeting held 7th of August 2024.**

**2 WELCOME**

Welcome to Country - Nominated Chairperson Winsome Newberry

**3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Attendance/Apologies/Absentees

**Local Authority Members**

Winsome Newberry - Nominated Chair, Rosina Kunia, Denise Brady and Priscilla Abbott

**Councillors**

President Roxanne Kenny and Councilor Abraham Poulson

**Council Employees**

Belinda Urquhart - Chief Executive Officer, June Crabb - Governance Officer via teams,  
Damian Ryan - Area Manager, Kaisa Suumann - Community Engagement coordinator,  
Stephen Trindle - Council Service Coordinator, Megan Baliva - Governance Trainee

### Guests

Lesley Anderson - Remote Sargent NT Police and Katherine O'Donoghue - Representative of Deputy Chief Minister office (via Teams)

### Apologies

Councillor Marlene Abbott and Chair Ruby James

### Absentees

Member Ann-Marie Burke

### **DRLA2024-39 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Winsome Newberry)**

That the Authority:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies received from Members Marlene Abbott and Ruby James; and
- c) noted and accepted Priscilla Abbott as a member of the Docker River Local Authority

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	3.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Nominations for Local Authority Memberships
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper highlights any changes to the Local Authority membership.

### **DRLA2024-40 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Denise Brady)**

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that Council supported the recommendation of the Authority at their June 2024 OCM and endorsed the membership of Priscilla Abbott;
- b) noted that Priscilla's Nominations was accepted at the LAM on 7th of August 2024.
- c) noted that one vacancy remains on the Authority; and
- d) called for community nominations to remain open for 28 days to fill the vacancy.

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

### **DRLA2024-41 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Denise Brady)**

That the Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### ***DRLA2024-42 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Winsome Newberry)***

That the minutes of the Authority meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 to be adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

## 6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Notification of General Business Items

### ***DRLA2024-43 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Denise Brady)***

That the Docker River Local Authority noted that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- Excessive amounts of Rubbish within the community. Members suggested to have a tidy yard competition.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Notification of Matters Raised in General Non-Council Business items

### ***DRLA2024-44 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Denise Brady)***

That the Docker River Local Authority noted that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- a) To invite DIPL to community to discuss housing maintenance and repairs.
- b) NT Police discussion - remote issues.
- c) Horse issue in community - Chief Minister's Office

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Acceptance of Agenda

### ***DRLA2024-45 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Denise Brady)***

That the Docker River Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

## 7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Conflict of Interest

### ***DRLA2024-46 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)***

That the Authority noted the Conflict of Interest Policy.

## 8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	First Nations Leadership Program
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The First Circles Leadership Program is an NT Government flagship program aimed to help identify, mentor and support Aboriginal emerging leaders from remote communities across the Northern Territory.

Nominations for the 2025 program are now open and close 31 October 2024.

### ***DRLA2024-47 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)***

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted the information on the First Circles Leadership Program; and
- b) noted that nominations for 2025 closes on 31st of October 2024.

## 9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Action Register
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

#### **DRLA2024-48 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)**

**That the Docker River Local Authority:**

- a) noted and accepted the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received;
- b) noted that Belinda will follow up with DIPL to visit community to discuss housing issues.
- c) kept open the previous actions:
  - wild horses in community, noting members contact Environmental Health and request that the Member for Gwoja’s office pressure CLC to take action;
  - noted that the Community Safety Manager did not attend the meeting.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Youth Board Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Kaisa Suumann, Coordinator Community & Engagement Project

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Docker River Local Authority on the Docker River Youth Board’s recommendations to the Local Authority.

Docker River Youth Board is an MRC committee of young people aged between 12-25 who represent young people of Docker River community to the MacDonnell Regional Council.

#### **DRLA2024-49 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Winsome Newberry)**

**That the Docker River Local Authority:**

- a) received and noted the minutes of the Docker River Youth Board from the 9th of May 2024 meeting;
- b) discussed the recommendations of the Youth Board and declared the following:
  - allocated \$1,000.00 towards purchasing equipment for movie nights to include a project, portable projector screen, Bluetooth speaker, 12 x foldable chairs and storage container, totalling \$650.00

- c) declined the proposal to purchase a PlayStation 5 totalling \$1,151.00, with members suggesting instead to bring quotes for a Wii Sports console and games.
- d) requested that Tech Service investigate repairing the fence between the Council office and the Rec Hall.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Authority Projects
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### 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. e.g. park fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. e.g. trailers, graders, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures/stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities, e.g. sporting venues, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation; upgrade of women’s or men’s sheds /shelters.
- Festivals or other events – to be conducted only within the Local Authority area LAPP has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

*It is important to note that ‘at risk funds’ are funds that may include unallocated funds and funds allocated to projects, however, remains unspent.*

#### **DRLA2024-50 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)**

**That the Docker River Local Authority:**

- a) noted that \$31,233.15 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) received the new 2023/2024 LA funding allocation of \$47,100.00, acknowledging that the funds must be spent by end June 2025;
- c) accepted the progress and kept open projects as follows:
  - 2126 – Bench seating at Basketball Court;
  - 2127 – Shade shelter at Tjungu Park;
  - 2129 – Solar light at entrance; and
  - 2570 – Mobile Water trailer, accepting quote 9337 for \$25,531.00 and allocating an additional \$15,000.00.

- d) requested two new Projects created:
  - Movie equipment for Youth Board, allocating \$1,000.00
  - new park location and structures, installing a shade shelter, bbq, seating and fencing, allocating the remaining funds towards the project.
- e) approved to close completed projects:
  - 2125 – Shade shelter for parks; and
  - 2128 – Fencing around Lasseter Park, returning \$26,941.82 to unallocated funds.
- f) added fencing around Eagle Park and Fence repairs.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.4
<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each financial year, MacDonnell Regional Council grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority. These funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (*with goods received*) between 1 July and 30 June.

#### **DRLA2024-51 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)**

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds;
- b) noted the new 2024/2025 allocation and acknowledges that the funds are to be spent by 30 June 2025.
- c) requested that Council not penalise the Authority due to the Purchase Orders not being raised for the Community event and reinstate \$1,181.81 to the 2024/2025 financial years' funding allocation.
- d) in anticipation of Council agreeing to return the funds, members allocated \$1,181.81 towards a tidiest yard competition with vouchers awarded for either the Docker River Store or Milner Meats in the following denominations:
  - First prize - \$500
  - Second prize - \$300
  - Third prize - \$200
- e) agreed to act as judges for the competition.

## 10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Service Delivery Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Damien Ryan, Area Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Docker River across the area of Local Government Council Services.

#### ***DRLA2024-52 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Denise Brady)***

**That the Authority noted and accepted the Council Services Report for the community of Docker River.**

Minute Note: Docker River will have a Vet visit in November

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Community Services Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

#### ***DRLA2024-53 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Rosina Kunia)***

**That the Docker River Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Technical Services Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Ruth Tahere, Project Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the management of Technical Services for MacDonnell Regional Council within the community of Docker River.

#### ***DRLA2024-54 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Rosina Kunia)***

**That the Authority noted and accepted the Technical Services Report for the community of Docker River.**



<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.4
<b>TITLE:</b>	People and Capabilities Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Katy Nagahawatte, HR Generalist - Administration

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing vacancies to help generate local community engagement and direct involvement in supporting Council’s strategic goals of Developing Communities and being a Supportive Organisation.

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply

***DRLA2024-55 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)***

**That the Authority noted and accepted the Peoples and Capabilities report for the Community of Docker River.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.5
<b>TITLE:</b>	Income and Expenditure Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 May 2024 in the Local Authority community.

***DRLA2024-56 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Winsome Newberry)***

**That the Docker River Local Authority notes and accepts the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 May 2024.**

**11 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	11.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	General Council Business
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Under item 6.2, Members of the Authority have an opportunity to table items that they wish to discuss at General Council Business.

**DRLA2024-57 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)**

**That the Docker River Local Authority discusses the matters raised at Item 6.2, noting that a recommendation had been made in the Discretionary funds report.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	11.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	General Non-Council Business
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet provides any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government Services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

**DRLA2024-58 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)**

**That the Docker River Local Authority:**

- a) **discussed the matters raised at Item 6.3 and noted:**
- b) **action will be taken to Invite DIPL to community so that members can ask questions about housing issues/ inquiries.**
- c) **Northern Territory Police:**
  - **Lesley Anderson is the only remote Sergeant, but she is also based in Warakurna.**
  - **can be called on duty by the Superintendent in Darwin.**
  - **due to personal safety Sargeant Anderson cannot enter properties by on her own.**

**12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

3rd of October 2024

**13 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting concluded at 12:58 pm.

This page and the preceding 9 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2024 and were confirmed Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024.