



MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
WEDNESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 11:27AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

Member Roderick Kantamara opened the meeting with a prayer at 11.27am.

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Neil Peterson (Chair)

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Neil Peterson, Member Carol Peterson, Member Jeffrey Wheeler,  
Member Norma Kelly, Member Roderick Kantamara, Member Audrey Turner

Councillors:

Councillor Jason Minor and Councillor Peter Turner

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart (Director Service Centre Delivery), Keith Hassett (Area Manager, Service  
Centre Delivery), Luke Wallace (Acting Team Leader, MacYouth) and  
June Crabb (Governance Officer).

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe (Acting Regional Director, Department Chief Minister and Cabinet) and  
Swastika Aryal (Family Health for Waltja Aboriginal Corporation)

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Councillor Dalton McDonald

Absentees:

Nil

### **3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES**

#### **MLLA2021-048 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Peter Turner)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:**

- a) Noted the attendance to the meeting; and**
- b) Accepted the apology given that Councillor MacDonald was attending Sorry Business.**

### **3.3 Resignations**

Nil

### **3.4 Terminations**

Nil

### **3.5 Nominations**

#### **3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

A vacancy has been created on the Mt Liebig Local Authority, following the election of Mt Liebig resident Peter Turner as a Councillor of MacDonnell Regional Council for the Luritja Pintubi Ward.

*An elected member cannot hold a position of appointed member on the local authority, thus, a call for nominations is recommended to fill the vacancy of an appointed membership to the Mt Liebig Local Authority.*

New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*, Ministerial Guidelines and Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure, MC02-P2.

Council appoints Local Authority members based on the recommendations of the Local Authority.

#### **MLLA2021-049 RESOLVED (Norma Kelly/Jason Minor)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:**

- a) Approved the nomination of Tristan Robertson to fill the vacancy created following the election of an appointed member to the Councillor position; and**
- b) Recommended that Council endorse the nominee, Tristan Robertson to the Mt Liebig Local Authority.**

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **MLLA2021-050 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Norma Kelly)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.**

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MLLA2021-051 RESOLVED(Neil Peterson/Audrey Turner)**

**That the Minutes of the Mt Liebig Local Authority of 2 June 2021, held as a Provisional Meeting, be adopted as a resolution of Mt Liebig 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**

**MLLA2021-052 RESOLVED(Jason Minor/Peter Turner)**

**That the Mt Liebig 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 COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**MLLA2021-053 RESOLVED(Jason Minor/Peter Turner)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority provided notification that no matters were raised for General Council Business.**

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

### **6.3 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**MLLA2021-054 RESOLVED(Jason Minor/Peter Turner)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority provided notification that no matters were raised for General Non-Council Business.**

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**MLLA2021-055 RESOLVED(Neil Peterson/Peter Turner)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.**

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**MLLA2021-056 RESOLVED(Neil Peterson/Peter Turner)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.**

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.1 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

#### **MLLA2021-057 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Norma Kelly)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:**

- a) Noted and accepted the presentation;**
- b) Provided feedback to developing Local Decision Making strategies and practices.**

The Chair, Neil Paterson accepted the impromptu presentation from the Representative of Waltja – Swastika Aryal.

### **8.2 WALTJA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**

Waltja Tjutanguku Palyapayi Aboriginal Corporation (Waltja) is an Aboriginal controlled community-based organisation, grounded in strong culture and relationships.

Waltja's foundation is on the leadership of strong Aboriginal women, with a focus on families and supporting community self-management and self-determination.

#### **MLLA2021-058 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Norma Kelly)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation.**

## **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 ACTION REGISTER**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **MLLA2021-059 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Norma Kelly)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:**

- a) noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;**
- b) Kept open action 'Trailer mounted water tank' until the next Local Authority meeting when the Local Authority would be shown a photo of a similar trailer built for Haasts Bluff;**
- c) Approved the closure of actions 'Grade Community roads', 'Grade Community entrance road', 'Invite CLC Representative to discuss land clearing permits'; and**
- d) Noted that Community Services be informed that the Childcare centre needed attention as the inside was unhygienic and disorganised. Toys needed to be replaced and the centre inside and out needed to be kept in a tidy condition.**

## 9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet for investing in local government community infrastructure projects.

There is total un-committed balance of \$26,630.55 from the 2020/2021 Project funds to allocate in this community and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

### **MLLA2021-060 RESOLVED(Neil Peterson/Jason Minor)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress of their projects;
- b) Kept open Project 'Stage' requesting that Storage/Equipment be included in the project and to get a quote for music equipment;
- c) Kept open Project 'Solar Lights, committing \$881.56 to cover the overspend to the project; and
- d) Opened a new Project from the wishlist item named 'Shade Shelter at Sorry Camp'.

**Note:** Shade shelter at Childcare was requested, however the CSC Mt Liebig advised that the Childcare already had a shade shelter but it had been removed as children were climbing up to jump on it.

## 9.3 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.

### **MLLA2021-061 RESOLVED(Audrey Turner/Norma Kelly)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and discussed the spending of its 2021/2022 Discretionary Funds.

## 9.4 2021-22 MRC REGIONAL PLAN

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Council meeting held on 25 June 2021, the 2021-22 MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) Regional Plan was approved.

The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *'to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services'*.

MRC will continue to strive towards the goals of Developing Communities, Healthy Communities, Empowered Communities and A Supportive Organisation, and the objectives that sit beneath these goals.

The Regional Plan has been printed and will be brought out to all MRC communities shortly. It is available on the MRC website here:

<https://www.macdonnell.nt.gov.au/uploads/misc/2021-22-MRC-Regional-Plan.pdf>

**MLLA2021-062 RESOLVED (Neil Peterson/Peter Turner)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the report presenting the 2021-22 MRC Regional Plan.**

**10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

**10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**MLLA2021-063 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Roderick Kantamara)**

**That the Mt. Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the report Service Delivery report.**

**10.2 MOUNT LIEBIG COMMUNITY SERVICE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

**MLLA2021-064 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)**

**That the Mount Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.**

**11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

**11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2021**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2021 in the Local Authority Community.

**MLLA2021-065 RESOLVED (Neil Peterson/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 30 June 2021.**

**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 Mount Liebig Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business 12.1.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Mount Liebig Local Authority notes and discusses the General Business Items raised at Item 6.2.**

Note: No discussion items was raised at item 6.2.

### **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3**

#### **13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department Chief Minister and Cabinet will be in attendance to provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members of the Mount Liebig Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business 13.1.

#### **MLLA2021-066 RESOLVED(Roderick Kantamara/Neil Peterson)**

**That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:**

- a) Noted that no Non-Council Business items was raised at item 6.3;**
- b) Noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Representative of the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet; and**
- c) Noted closure of action, 'NT Housing'.**

#### **1. Covid 19 Vaccination.**

The Representative advised that Mt Liebig was doing well in residents being vaccinated but more encouragement was needed.

The Representative acknowledged that the Department of Health had not provided clear information to Community residents on the vaccine when it first became available, however with a lot more data was now available.

The Representative prevailed upon the Local Authority to urge family and friends to become vaccinated. With the borders set to be reopened well before Christmas, it would only be a matter of time before communities are exposed to travellers from other states.

### **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER, 2021**

### **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 2.43 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 29 September 2021 and was confirmed Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.