



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD  
IN THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
THURSDAY, 20 MAY 2021 AT 10:25AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:25 AM

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Ken Porter

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Chair Ken Porter, Member Bobby Abbott, Member Terry Abbott, Member Pamela Abbott,

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny and Cr Mark Inkamala

Council Employees:

Jeff MacLeod (Chief Executive Officer), Keith Hassett (Manager Service Delivery), Ada Williams (Council Service Coordinator Wallace Rockhole), Jeff Tan (Coordinator Communications and Engagement), June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer)

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe (Regional Manager Local Government and Community Development), Eric Turner (Department Chief Minister and Cabinet), Mathew Adams-Richardson (Office of Warren Snowden), Kate Seong (NT Trachoma Nurse), Bronwyn Stageman (NT Trachoma Nurse), Walter Bathern (Community Engagement Officer, Indigenous Eye Health), Michael Smith (Australian Bureau Statistics), Daniel Abbott (Local Authority Nominee) and Colin Craig (Local Authority Nominee)

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Councillor Braydon Williams

Absentees:

Nil

### **3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES**

#### **WLA2021-021 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Bobby Abbott)**

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.

The Local Authority noted the absence of Councillor Williams from the last two Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meetings and requested that the Councillor provide an explanation as to why he did not attend the meetings of 18 March 2021 and 20 May 2021.

### **3.3 Resignations**

Nil

### **3.4 Terminations**

Nil

### **3.5 Nominations**

#### **3.5.1 NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY**

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

At the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting of 18 March 2021, it was noted that Colleen Abbott and Whitney Abbott had been absent from two consecutive Local Authority Meetings and as a consequence, the Local Authority voted to rescind their membership from the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

Two nominations have since been received from Colin Craig and Daniel Abbott.

#### **WLA2021-022 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:**

- a) Noted and accepted the nomination of Colin Craig;**
- b) Noted and accepted the nomination of Daniel Abbott; and**
- c) Recommended that Council appoint the two nominees to the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.**

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **WLA2021-023 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.**

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **WLA2021-024 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority of 18 March 2021, held as a Provisional Meeting be adopted as a resolution of Wallace Rockhole 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**

**WLA2021-025 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Pamela Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole 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**

**WLA2021-026 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority provided notification of the following matters to be raised in General Business.**

1. Roads and Entrance Grid.
2. Backhoe.
3. Cemetery.
4. Rubbish tip.
5. Campground update.

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

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

**WLA2021-027 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Pamela Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority provided notification of no matters to be raised in Non-Council Business.**

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**WLA2021-028 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.**

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**WLA2021-029 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Pamela Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.**

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.1 INDIGENOUS EYE HEALTH, NT TRACHOMA PROGRAM**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

IEH started in 2008 with the goal of improving Indigenous Eye Health. The NT Trachoma Program started in 2009 and is committed to eliminating blinding trachoma from remote communities in the NT.

Trachoma prevalence continues to be above 5% for the Central Australian region which means the spreading of infection of Trachoma could continue to stay high or even increase if not addressed by screening and treatment.

#### **WLA2021-030 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Pamela Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:**

- a) Noted the deputation; and**
- b) Agreed to continue supporting the NT Trachoma Program to deliver screening and treatment services provided by the Trachoma Nursing team.**

#### **WLA2021-031 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:**

- a) Accepted the impromptu presentation from Michael Smith, Representative from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.**

## **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.

#### **WLA2021-032 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Bobby Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:**

- a) Noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;**
- b) Keep open until a response is received - Action 'Community Development Consultant' requesting that the CEO present to the Executives and Directors of the Northern Territory Government Departments, the proposal of having one integrated plan, developed and approved by the Community; and**
- c) Closed Action 'Repeal of the Wallace Rockhole Community Government (Litter) By-Law as the matter will be finalised at the Special Council Meeting on May 28 2021.**

### **9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

There is a total un-committed balance of \$0.00 to allocate in the community  
\$0.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.  
\$0.00 is from the 2020/21 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

**WLA2021-033 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:**

- a) **Noted and accepted the progress of their projects and close completed projects;**
- b) **Kept open Project 2127 – Replace Sliding doors at the Community Rec Hall. Quote received from Alice Sheds & Structures for \$41,500.00. CSC Wallace Rockhole requested to seek additional quotes;**
- c) **Kept open Project 2128 – Tidy Town Signs; and**
- d) **Kept open 2129 – Stealth type Solar Lights/Upgrade to BBQ, recommitting from four (4) Stealth type Solar Lights to two (2) Stealth type Solar Lights.**

**9.3 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community 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.*

An important strategy in the Regional Plan asks each Local Authority to guide the input into their Community Infrastructure Plan to meet a 2020-21 Regional Plan objective that MRC's infrastructure meets community needs.

**WLA2021-034 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:**

- a) **Noted and accepted the report; and**
- b) **Provided feedback towards the Wallace Rockhole Infrastructure Plan.**

**9.4 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community. The Local Authority must decide how to commit the funds to best benefit everybody. Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June of that financial year.

During the Ordinary Council meeting on 30 April 2021 a resolution was made to reinstate \$3,181.82 in funds due to an operational error.

Consequently there is a current balance of \$2,052.11 to spend before 30 June 2021

**WLA2021-035 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:**

- a) **Noted the spending of their 2019/20 Discretionary Fund;**
- b) **Noted and discuss the spending of their 2020/2021 Discretionary Fund; and**
- c) **Committed the balance of \$2,052.11 towards a Community Celebration to be held after the return of the Local Authority Members from the Tidy Towns Award ceremony; and**
- e) **Requested that the CSC Wallace Rockhole raise the Purchase Order through the Wallace Rockhole Store.**

## **9.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSISTANCE WITH THE REGIONAL PLAN**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community 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 to meet the objectives of the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

### **WLA2021-036 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Mark Inkamala)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:**

- a) Noted and accepted the report; and**
- b) Provided guidance and support for MRC staff to meet the objectives of the MRC 2020-21 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 Wallace Rockhole across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

### **WLA2021-037 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report prepared by Ada Williams, Council Services Coordinator, Wallace Rockhole.**

## **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2021**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

### **WLA2021-038 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Pamela Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 30 April 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 Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

### **WLA2021-039 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:**

- a) Noted the General Business items raised at Item 6.2; and**
- b) Requested that Service Delivery follow up on these matters raised at 6.2**

#### **1. Roads/Entrance Grid.**

The Local Authority has raised the request that the internal road have the potholes fixed, roadside edges maintained regularly and the entrance grid cleaned out especially after rain.

#### **2. Backhoe.**

The Backhoe needs parts replaced and serviced as the bucket does not tilt back far enough when widening holes.

#### **3. Cemetery.**

The Local Authority have asked the team that when maintaining the cemetery, they limit using machinery as it creates a mess and additional work for the team.

#### **4. Rubbish Tip.**

The Local Authority have requested that the rubbish tip be cleaned up.

#### **Campground update.**

The Chair, Ken Porter announced that a grant had been approved towards an upgrade to the Campground. He advised that the cabins in the Campground will be removed and replaced as Powered Service Sites.

The Local Authority resolved at the 18 November 2021 meeting to amend the item Campground update to read that Minister Chanston Paech said there was a possibility that a grant would be available to upgrade the campground. The grant has not been approved as recorded in these minutes.

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

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

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

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

#### **WLA2021-040 RESOLVED (Ken Porter/Pamela Abbott)**

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- b) Noted and accepted the presentation on the Local Government Elections;
- c) Requested that MRC Council write to the Department of Health on behalf of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority to request an upgrade to the Fence around the Clinic.
- d) Closed Action – Chief Ministers Representative.

### **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 2021**

### **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:21 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 20 May 2021 and was confirmed Thursday, 18 November 2021.