



**MINUTES OF THE MILIKAPITI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILIKAPITI
COUNCIL BOARDROOM ON TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

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1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

1.1 Welcome and Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 10:26 am.

The Chair welcomed members and guests.

1.2 Present

Chair	Loretta Cook	In Person
Member	Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri	In Person
Member	Loretta Cook	In Person
Member	Roy Farmer	In Person
Member	Christine Joran	In Person
Member	Trevor Wilson	In Person
Member	Edwina Moreen	In Person
Mayor	Lynette De Santis	In Person
Councillor	Pius Tipungwuti	In Person
Staff		
Acting Chief Executive Officer	Heidi Dorn	In Person
Chief Financial Officer	Jayesh Vasandani	In Person
Community Engagement Manager	Bill Toy	In Person
Projects and Contracts Manager	Salman Samee	Teleconferencing
Acting Governance Coordinator	Lauren Davidson	In Person

1.3 Apologies

Apologies from members who were absent from the meeting

MLA/54 RESOLUTION

Moved: Edwina Moreen

Seconded: Christine Joran

That the Milikapiti Local Authority members accept the apologies from Thomas Puruntatameri, Jed Leach and Jeffrey Ullungura

CARRIED

1.4 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Nil

1.5 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

1.5.1 Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting held on 16 February 2026

MLA/55 RESOLUTION

Moved: Lynette De Santis

Seconded: Edwina Moreen

That the minutes of the Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting held on 16 February 2026 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

MLA/56 RESOLUTION

Moved: Christine Joran

Seconded: Roy Farmer

That the Milikapiti Local Authority:

- 1. Receive and note the report.**
- 2. Review the attached list of outstanding Action Items and approve completed items for closure.**

CARRIED

3 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics – 2026 Census Presentation

MLA/57 RESOLUTION

Moved: Trevor Wilson

Seconded: Loretta Cook

That the Milikapiti Local Authority:

- 1. Receives the presentation regarding the 2026 Census; and**
- 2. Notes the information provided regarding Census processes and employment opportunities.**

CARRIED

3.2 Presentation – Dani Eveleigh (DNA People & Culture / Charles Darwin University Research Project)

MLA/58 RESOLUTION

Moved: Lynette De Santis

Seconded: Edwina Moreen

That the Milikapiti Local Authority endorses the proposed community engagement and refers Ms Eveleigh to the Tiwi Land Council to obtain the necessary permits and approvals to proceed with the research.

CARRIED

3.3 Presentation by Neighbourhood Watch NT (NHWNT) - Scam and Cyber Security Tour

MLA/59 RESOLUTION

Moved: Christine Joran

Seconded: Roy Farmer

That the Milikapiti Local Authority receives and notes the presentation by CEO Veronica Larson, Neighbourhood Watch NT (NHWNT), and endorses the proposed community engagement, and refers NHWNT to the Tiwi Land Council to obtain the necessary permits and approvals to proceed with the training in community.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 Milikapiti Local Authority Finance Report as of 31 March 2026

MLA/60 RESOLUTION

Moved: Edwina Moreen

Seconded: Christine Joran

That the Milikapiti Local Authority receives and notes this report for information.

CARRIED

5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1.1 Milikapiti Local Authority Project Listing - Mar 2026

MLA/61 RESOLUTION

Moved: Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri

Seconded: Trevor Wilson

That the Milikapiti Local Authority receives, notes and updates the Approved Projects Summary as on 31st March 2026.

CARRIED

Action

CEO to arrange procurement of six (6) give-way signs, including posts and hardware, for installation by the Town Services team.

5.1.2 Milikapiti Local Authority Project Listing - Mar 2026

MLA/62 RESOLUTION

Moved: Christine Joran

Seconded: Edwina Moreen

That the Milikapiti Local Authority approves the allocation of \$1,500 from the Local Authority Project Funding for a Territory Day BBQ.

CARRIED

5.1.3 Milikapiti Local Authority Project Listing - Mar 2026

MLA/63 RESOLUTION

Moved: Lynette De Santis

Seconded: Roy Farmer

That the Milikapiti Local Authority approves the allocation of \$4,000 from the Local Authority Project Funding for the installation of speed bumps within the community.

CARRIED

5.2 Tiwi Cultural Festival 2026 – Financial Contribution

MLA/64 RESOLUTION

Moved: Christine Joran

Seconded: Loretta Cook

That the Milikapiti Local Authority approves a financial contribution of \$5,000 toward the 2026 Tiwi Cultural Festival, and requests that the contribution be formally acknowledged in festival promotional material and at the event.

CARRIED

Meeting closed for lunch break at 12:14 pm.

Meeting reopened at 1:04 pm.

5.3 Milikapiti Local Authority Nomination for Takaringuwi (Male) Skin Group

MLA/65 RESOLUTION

Moved: Loretta Cook

Seconded: Edwina Moreen

That the Milikapiti Local Authority:

- 1. Reviews the applications received for the Takaringuwi (Mullet) Male representative; and**
- 2. Recommends the successful nominee to Council for formal appointment at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 April 2026.**

CARRIED

6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Other Business

MLA/66 RESOLUTION

Moved: Loretta Cook

Seconded: Trevor Wilson

That the Milikapiti Local Authority:

- 1. Endorses a monthly community meeting to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00am, out the front of the Council office, with the first meeting to be held on 12 May 2026; and**
- 2. Supports the use of TEEBA Radio to broadcast important community notices and upcoming events.**

CARRIED

Action

Communications Officer to prepare and provide a radio announcement (blurb) for broadcast on TEEBA Radio to support community notices and upcoming events.

7 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 21 July 2026

8 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 1:24 pm.