



## **AGENDA**

# **AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 2025**

The Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Amoonguna Council Office on Thursday 2 October 2025 at 10:30 PM.

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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### **3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE**

**ITEM NUMBER** 3.1  
**TITLE** Attendance, Apologies and Leave

#### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to acknowledge the attendance and to table, for the Authority's record, any apologies received from Members for this meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) notes the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tables apologies received for this meeting;
- c) records the Member absences, without notice, for this meeting; and
- d) receives requests for future leave of absence.

#### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The Authority can choose to accept the apologies as presented, or not accept them. Apologies that are not accepted will be recorded as absent without notice.

## 4 **NOMINATIONS AND CURRENT MEMBERSHIP**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Membership of the Local Authority
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### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
 Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
 Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
 Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (the Authority) and to apprise the Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority:

- notes the current membership of the Amoonguna Local Authority;
- welcomes newly Elected Councillor Veronica Lynch and returning Councillors Patrick Allen and Andrew Davis to the Authority;
- notes that Lisa Sharman is no longer an Elected Member;
- congratulates Roxanne Kenny as returning President of Council;
- congratulates Maryanne Malbunka for her appointment to Deputy President;
- notes that there are no vacancies on the Local Authority.

### **BACKGROUND**

The chart below shows the current membership of the Local Authority and their attendance at the previous meetings:

<b>Appointed Members Amoonguna LA</b>	<b>Meeting Attendance 2-July-2025</b>
Theresa Alice	<b>Absent</b>
Lawrence Webb	Present
Samantha Stuart	Present
Sharon Alice	Apology
Rhekita Stuart	Apology
Paul Williams	Apology
Henry Oliver (endorsed June 2025 OCM)	Present

<b>Elected Members Rodinga Ward</b>	
Cr Lisa Sharman	Present
Cr Patrick Allen	Present via Teams
Cr Andrew Davis	Present

The Local Authorities are made up of local members. They have four (4) Local Authority meetings per year and discuss things like council service delivery, project funding, project ideas and progress, finances etc.

Functions of the Local Authority (Local Government Act 2019 section 78):

- To involve local communities more closely in issues related to local government; and

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- b) To ensure that local communities are given an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government; and
- c) To allow local communities a voice in the formulation of policies for the locality as well as policies for the area and the region; and
- d) To take the views of local communities back to the council and act as advocates on their behalf; and
- e) To contribute to the development of the relevant regional plan; and
- f) To make recommendations to the council in relation to:
  - (i) The council's budget; and
  - (ii) The part of the council's area within which the local authority performs its functions; and
- g) To perform other functions assigned to the local authority by the Minister, in accordance with any guidelines that the Minister may make.

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure, para.4.14: Nominations and Appointments states:

- a) nominations will be tabled at the next local authority meeting and considered. A recommendation on the nominations to Council will be recorded and presented with the nomination forms at the next Council meeting.
- b) in the case that there is a nomination, or nominations submitted but no timely local authority meeting (that is before the next council meeting), nominations will still be presented to the next Council meeting. The Council may appoint based on the submitted nominations.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

If Local Authorities do not maintain their membership numbers, their ability to make quorum for their meetings is impaired and they may not be able to commit funds to Community projects and events.

### **CONSULTATION**

The Local Authority

### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments to this report.

## **5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

**ITEM NUMBER** 5.1

**TITLE** MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report contains all of the details about the MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct Policy.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

### **MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct**

#### **Interests of the Council and Community come first**

A member must act in the best interests of the community, its outstations and the Council.

#### **Honesty**

A member must be honest and act the right way (with integrity) when performing official duties.

#### **Taking care**

A member must be careful to make good decisions (diligence), and must not be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, when performing official duties.

#### **Respect/Courtesy**

A member must be respectful to other members, council staff, constituents and members of the public.

#### **Conduct towards council staff**

A member must not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of council staff.

#### **Respect for culture**

A member must respect different cultures, families and language groups (cultural diversity) and not be unfair towards others, or the opinions of others, because of their background.

#### **Conflict of interest**

A member must, if possible, avoid conflict of interest between the member's private interests (family, other job, business etc.) and duties.

Where a conflict exists, the member must inform the Council, Local Authority or Council Committee and not take part in the discussion or vote.

#### **Respect for private business**

A member must not share private (confidential) information that they heard as a member, outside of meetings.



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A member must not make improper use of confidential information to gain a benefit or to cause harm to another.

### **Gifts**

A member must not ask for or encourage gifts or private benefits from anyone who might want to do business with or obtain a benefit from Council.

### **Accountable**

A member must be able to show that they have made good decisions for the community, and have allocated the Council's resources carefully and to benefit the region.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.

## **ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

The Code of Conduct Policy helps Council to ensure that the:

- MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) exercises strong and accountable governance;
- constituents of MRC are aware of the behaviours they can expect from members.

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**ITEM NUMBER**            6.1  
**TITLE**                      Acceptance of Agenda

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides the minutes of the previous Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 2 July 2025 to be approved by the Authority

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 2 July 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.**

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Minutes AMLA 2 July 2025



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 2025 AT 10:30 AM

**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10.30AM

**1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON**

**AML2025-036 RESOLVED** (Henry Oliver/Lisa Sharman)

That members nominated Lawrence Webb as Acting Chairperson of the Local Authority meeting.

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Lawrence Webb.

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Henry Oliver, Member Samantha Stuart and Member Lawrence Webb

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Lisa Sharman and Councillor Andrew Davis.

*Via Teams:* Councillor Patrick Allen

Council Employees:

Director of Council Services Ken Satour, Director of Community Services Keith Hassett, Council Services Coordinator Tammy Sheilds, Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenburg, Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

*Via Teams:* A/Manager Project Management Office Ruth Tahere

Guests:

Marc Watson – Officer in Charge Alice Springs Police Station, Phillip Alice - Aboriginal Community Police Officer and Amoonguna Traditional Owner, Matthew Nelson - Aboriginal Liaison Police Officer, Aisley Gorey - Aboriginal Liaison Police Officer.

*Via Teams:* Jessica Scrutton - Regional Project Officer, Delivery and Regional Priorities – Southern Region - Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

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Melissa Hope – Community Development Officer Central Land Council – Entered the meeting at 10:39am.

### 3.2 Apologies/Absentees

#### Apologies:

Member Rhekita Stuart, Member Sharon Alice, Member Paul Williams and Area Manager Council Services Damien Ryan.

#### Absentee:

Member Theresa Alice

### 3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES

**AML2025-037 RESOLVED** (Henry Oliver/Samantha Stuart)

That members:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) noted and accepted the apologies from Member Rhikita Stuart, Member Sharon Alice, Member Paul Williams and Area Manager Damien Ryan; and
- c) noted the absence without notice of Member Theresa Alice.

### 3.3 Resignations

NIL

### 3.4 Terminations

NIL

### 3.5 Nominations

#### 3.5.1 MEMBERSHIP OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY

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

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (the Authority) and to apprise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

**AML2025-038 RESOLVED** (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the members present at the previous meeting;
- b) officially welcomed Henry Oliver to the Authority;
- c) noted that there are no vacancies on the Amoonguna Local Authority; and
- d) decided to wait until more members are present before nominating a permanent Chairperson.

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**AML2025-039 RESOLVED** (Lisa Sharman/Henry Oliver)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

**Minute Note:** Mellisa Hope – CLC entered the meeting at 10:39am.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

**AML2025-040 RESOLVED** (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

## **6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

### **6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

**AML2025-041 RESOLVED** (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)

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

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**AML2025-042 RESOLVED** (Lisa Sharman/Samantha Stuart)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**AML2025-043 RESOLVED** (Lisa Sharman/Samantha Stuart)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

**Minute Note:** Jessica Scrutton invited representatives from the NT Police to the Local Authority meeting at the request of members.

## **8.1a NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE UPDATE**

**AML2025-044 RESOLVED** (Henry Oliver/Lisa Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority raised and discussed the following items relating to police matters:

- a) Marc Watson informed members that the police are aware that there have been issues with young people 'running amok', people driving around dangerously within the community and grog running;
- b) raised that young people from other communities are stealing cars from Alice Springs and driving them to Amoonguna. They are driving those cars dangerously within the community, ramming fences and doing doughnuts on the softball oval and were informed that the police are planning to use road spikes on roads that lead into the community. Members were asked that if they can identify any of the perpetrators, could they make a statement to police or possibly get footage on their phones. Marc Watson asked if members can identify back roads that are being used and requested that Phillip Alice could work with members to map out where those roads are and notify the Viper team. Marc Watson advised that the traffic unit could come



out and do drug and alcohol testing on drivers in Amoonguna and this was well received;

- c) raised that the dogs are attacking other dogs and were advised that this is not a police matter and should be raised with animal welfare. Members were also advised that if the dogs are being aggressive towards humans, the police should be called;
- d) raised that they are concerned about show weekend as extra people will be staying in the community and requested an extra police presence;
- e) raised that the young people in community had been threatened by gangs of youths from other communities and that there may be violence including the use of weapons at the Alice Springs Show. The Local Authority was advised that there would be an extra police presence at the event with metal detectors and police asked to be advised if anyone was aware that a particular person has a weapon;
- f) raised that the wait times for police attendance is long. Marc Watson informed the Local Authority that there will be 15 more officers arriving in Alice Spring next week and that it is hoped that this will improve response times. He asked that when community members call 000 they take care to describe the seriousness of the incident to ensure that police understand the urgency of the situation;
- g) Phillip Alice informed the Local Authority that NT police are working on employing language speakers to work in communications in Alice Springs so that community members will be able to speak to people in their own language when reporting incidents;
- h) members advised that trouble was coming from the same kids repeatedly and asked about punitive action that can be taken and were advised that diversion programs are preferred. Members suggested that kids and families be sent back to their own communities. They advised that the old ways of disciplining children have disappeared and that children have no respect for their parents or police and that they would like this addressed. Marc Watson advised that any changes in the law and the introduction of new programs / curfews on how these issues are addressed would have to be taken up with the local member;
- i) members requested that the member for Namatjira be invited to the next Local Authority meeting; and
- j) Councillor Lisa Sharman advised that she would speak to people in the Titjikala Community and request that they do not bring any problems to the Amoonguna Community.

**Minute Note:** NT Police representatives Marc Watson, Phillip Alice, Matthew Nelson and Ainsley Gorey left the meeting at 11:12 am.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.1 REMOTE HOUSING - REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND TENANCY TEAM**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This section provides an opportunity for representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to provide the Local Authority with updates regarding Remote Housing programs, repairs, maintenance and tenancy.

**AML2025-045 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority raised the following matters relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community:

- a) that fences and gates within the community are in need of repair resulting in people being unable to lock dogs in or out of their yards. This has led to issues with aggressive dogs. The CSC will do an audit of the fences that need fixing including lot numbers and provide this information to Jessica Scrutton who will raise the issue with NT Housing; and
- b) requested information about whether the Local Authority or Council can make any laws regarding how many dogs can be at each house in Amoonguna.

**Minute Note:** Keith Hassett left the meeting at 11:20 am.

## 8.2 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Every four years, people living in the Northern Territory elect representatives to serve on their Local Government Council. Local Government is the level of government most connected to your community, and the 2025 Local Government Elections will be your chance to stand up and represent your local area.

**AMLA2025-046 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) urged all eligible residents to ensure they are enrolled to vote;
- b) encouraged community members to consider nominating as candidates;
- c) noted that nominations open Friday 11 July to Thursday 31 July; and
- d) noted that voting will happen in Amoonguna on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August from 9:45 am to 1:45 pm and that posters will be up in the community to keep people informed.

## 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.

**AMLA2025-047 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the updates on the listed action items as follows:

- a) Boral will be resealing all internal community roads and that this will begin in September. Members enquired about turning points for the school bus in community that they would like sealed to reduce dust. Ken will follow up to see if this can be catered for;
- b) the speed bumps will be installed after the roads have been resealed;
- c) kept open 'Lights at Football Oval and Lease on Land Next to Basketball Court'; and
- d) kept open 'Electricity Top-up Options'.

### 9.2 PRIORITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The MacDonnell Regional Council develops Community Infrastructure plans for each community every five years. These plans are created in consultation with the Local Authority to record the community's priorities for the future development of their Infrastructure.

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The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

The Priority list from the previous meeting includes:

- Waste facility upgrades
- Sporting complex
- Water park

**AMLA2025-048 RESOLVED** (Lisa Sharman/Henry Oliver)

**That the Local Authority agrees to provide additional priorities for the Community Infrastructure Plan for Amoonguna after today's meeting.**

### 9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Northern Territory Government (NTG) and invested in projects and development 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 LAPF has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

'At risk funds' are funds that may include unallocated funds and/or funds that have been allocated but remains unspent.

**AMLA2025-049 RESOLVED** (Samantha Stuart/Henry Oliver)

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) accepted the 2024/2025 Project Funding allocation of \$33,500.00;
- b) noted that \$17,600.04 are funds *at risk*;
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as follows:
  - project 2103 Bin Trailers – these have been delivered to Alice Springs, are in the process of being registered and should be delivered to Amoonguna in the next 2 weeks.
  - project 2104 lights in community, the location has been selected, and they should be installed in the coming weeks.
  - Project 2106 Community Sporting Event – the event was a success, and this project will be closed once all invoices have been received;
- d) noted the updates on the major projects as follows:
  - The shade structures that have been installed and solar lights will be added.
  - Funding has been received for a new playground which will be ordered in the coming weeks; and
- e) discussed the wishlist items and decided to wait until more members are

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available before allocating funds to any new projects.

#### 9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY 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.

##### **AML2025-050 RESOLVED (Samantha Stuart/Lawrence Webb)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$894.12 was spent on the memorial service;
- b) noted that \$3,934.71 of the 2024-2025 funds were spent with all invoices received;
- c) accepted the \$4,000.00 discretionary funds for the financial year 2025-2026;
- d) allocated \$1,000.00 to a NAIDOC week celebration for young people run in conjunction with the Youth Services program; and
- e) noted that these funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2026.

#### 9.5 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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.

Active Open Positions in the MRC Org Structure and approved by Managers: 18 June 2025.

##### **AML2025-051 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Amoonguna.

#### 10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

##### 10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Amoonguna across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

##### **AML2025-052 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attached Council Services report; and
- b) thanked Tammy Shields for her work in the role of Council Services Coordinator for Amoonguna.

##### 10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety, Aged and Disability Services and Youth Services.

**AML2025-053 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attached Community Services Report; and
- b) asked if there were any position vacancies in Community Services and were advised that all positions are currently filled.

**11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

*Nil*

**12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with an opportunity to discuss general Council Matters.

**AML2025-054 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Henry Oliver)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority did not raise any items of General Council Business.

**13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

A representative provides necessary updates regarding Northern Territory Government services.

Members are given the opportunity to raise and discuss general matters of Non-Council Business.

**AML2025-055 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters of Non-Council Business.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER, 2025**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:20 pm.

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## **7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

**ITEM NUMBER**        7.1  
**TITLE**                Acceptance of Agenda

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda papers are submitted for acceptance by the Members for this Local Authority Meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, be received for consideration at this meeting.**

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report outlines the minimum standard of behaviour expected of the Local Authority in relation to declaring personal or family financial interest that may impact on the performance of their roles and ability to make objective decisions.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- b) that members declare any conflicts of interest.**

### **BACKGROUND**

Conflicts of interest arise when members are influenced, or appear to be influenced, by personal interests when doing their jobs. The perception of a conflict of interest – the way it seems to the public - can be as damaging as an actual conflict, because it undermines public confidence in the integrity and fairness of MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC).

Under the *Local Government Act*, not declaring a conflict of interest or improperly disclosing information can lead to imprisonment.

### **Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:**

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

- Example: Council has advertised for a contractor for irrigation of a football oval. A member is employed by a company which has tendered for the contract. This may affect, or it may reasonably be suspected that it could affect, their ability to make an unbiased or fair decision when the contract choice is considered by Council.

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

- Example: A contractor tendering for a Council contract for road works offers to seal the road to a member's house. The member would not be seen as impartial or fair when choosing the contractor for the job.

Information and Opportunities

- Example: a member may know a lot of information about tenders for contracts coming up in the MRC area before the tenders are made public. Conflicts can arise if the member gives this information to a friend or relative working for a company so they can have a better chance of winning the contract.

Undue Influence

- Example: a member tries to pressure a hotel in Alice Springs into providing free accommodation, because they are a member of Council.

### **Declaring a Conflict of Interest**

As soon as practical after a member becomes aware of a conflict of interest in a matter that has come up or is about to come up before or during a meeting (council, local authority or council committee), the member must disclose or tell the relevant interest to the meeting and to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MRC.

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Details of members' interests and the nature of those interests will be recorded in the relevant Register of Interests published on the Council's website and to be available for any member of the public to look over at the Council's public office.

In addition, if a member enters into a personal or business relationship with another member or Council employee that could result in a conflict of interest, then this relationship must be reported to the President and CEO. A file note will be made and recorded on the relevant Register of Interests.

### **Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not**

If a member is unsure whether or not they have a conflict of interest, they should give full details to the CEO or seek independent legal advice.

The CEO does not have a responsibility to decide whether or not a member has a conflict of interest in a matter. The responsibility for determining whether a member has a conflict of interest is up to the individual member.

### **If you do have a Conflict of Interest**

After a member has disclosed the nature of the interest, the member must not, without approval from the Minister:

- be present during any discussion of the meeting when the matter is being discussed
- take part in any decision related to the matter
- Influence another member in their decision.

Members will not become involved in the promotion or endorsement of products and/or services unless this has been approved in line with Council's policies and Code of Conduct.

### **Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest**

Any person may make a complaint that a member has or may have failed to disclose or tell of a conflict of interest. All complaints should be directed to the MRC CEO.

### **ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

- the business of Council is conducted with efficiency, fairness, and integrity; and
- members act in the best interests of Council and do not seek personal or family gain when performing their duties or use their public office for personal gain.

## **9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE</b>	ORVAC and Thrive Studies - Menzies School of Health
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides the opportunity for the representative of the Menzies School of Health Research to provide a brief update on the ORVAC study led by Dr Bianca Middleton, and to introduce the THRIVE study, also led by Dr Bianca Middleton.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) **accepts the information provided by the representative of the Menzies School of Health Research; and**
- b) **considers the request for MSHR staff to visit Amoonguna community to invite families to participate in the THRIVE study.**

### **BACKGROUND**

The ORVAC study, which has been recruiting across the Northern Territory since 2018 is now coming to a close. ORVAC has been looking at whether an extra dose of the rotavirus vaccine can help improve protection against gastroenteritis for First Nations babies.

The THRIVE study is looking at how we can provide extra protection for First Nations babies against RSV infection, a virus that can cause serious breathing problems and is a leading cause of hospitalisation for First Nations children. This new study aims to find out whether giving a dose at 6 months of the RSV immunisation can help offer longer-lasting protection.

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Members must consider the proposal for staff from the Menzies School of Health Research to visit the community to invite community members to participate in the study.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **CONSULTATION**

The Local Authority.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

## **9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Hoops 4 Health - Hoops 4 Wealth Program
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an opportunity for a representative from the Hoops 4 Health organisation to provide an overview of the Hoops 4 Wealth program, answer the Local Authority's questions and to seek approval to deliver the financial literacy program.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) accepts the presentation from the Hoops 4 Health representative; and**
- b) considers the request for approval to deliver the financial literacy program.**

### **BACKGROUND**

Hoops 4 Health is a First Nations-led organisation based in the Northern Territory, dedicated to improving the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through sport, education, and culturally safe programs. Hoops 4 Health uses basketball and community engagement as vehicles to address systemic challenges such as financial exclusion, discrimination, and limited access to tailored support services.

One of the organization's key initiatives is the Hoops 4 Wealth program, which provides financial capability support through a culturally safe and dynamic model, grounded in Hoops 4 Health's 3 Rs framework: Regulate, Relate, and Reason. The program prioritises urban Aboriginal communities and low-income individuals in Darwin, Palmerston, and Alice Springs, integrating basketball, group learning, and incentives to build trust, improve skills, and strengthen community connections. A complete overview is attached to this report

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Members must consider the proposal from the Hoops 4 Health organisation to deliver a financial literacy program in the community.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **CONSULTATION**

The Local Authority.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Hoops for Health Introduction papers**



## INTRODUCTION

Hoops 4 Health is a pioneering First Nations-led organisation based in the Northern Territory of Australia, dedicated to improving the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through sport, education, and culturally safe programs. Established with a vision to empower individuals and families, Hoops 4 Health uses basketball and community engagement as vehicles to address systemic challenges such as financial exclusion, discrimination, and limited access to tailored support services.

One of the organisation's key initiatives is the Hoops 4 Wealth program, which provides transformative financial capability support through a culturally safe and dynamic model, grounded in Hoops 4 Health's 3 Rs framework: Regulate, Relate, and Reason, stemming from Dr Bruce Perry's Neuro-Sequential Model. The program prioritises urban Aboriginal communities and low-income individuals in Darwin, Palmerston, and Alice Springs, integrating basketball, group learning, and incentives to build trust, improve skills, and strengthen community connections.

Delivered primarily in-person, with hybrid support, the program includes intensive workshops, long-term engagement, and a Champion workforce development pathway. This approach addresses systemic challenges such as financial exclusion, systemic discrimination, and the lack of culturally tailored support for Aboriginal communities and low-income individuals. By focusing on holistic approaches that integrate financial literacy, emotional regulation, and community connection, Hoops 4 Wealth aims to bridge critical gaps in financial capability, emotional wellbeing, and workforce development.

Research highlights that financial literacy programs tailored to cultural contexts significantly improve community outcomes. The need for such programs is pressing, with First Nations Peoples being much more likely to live in poverty than non-Indigenous Australians. According to the University of NSW's Centre for Social Impact, severe financial stress is present for half the First Nations population in Australia, compared with one in ten in the broader Australian population. Furthermore, fundamental limitations in legislation and severe underfunding of Prescribed Body Corporates and Aboriginal Land Councils limit the capacity of First Nations Peoples to leverage land-based assets to achieve their cultural, social, environmental, and economic aspirations.

To ensure the program remains relevant and impactful, Hoops 4 Wealth incorporates action research as a continuous cycle of planning, delivering, observing, and reflecting. Facilitators document key insights, participant feedback, and engagement levels throughout each session using the Hoops 4 Wealth Money Journal. This approach allows for real-time adaptation and refinement of content, fostering shared learning, cultural responsiveness, and ongoing improvement. By combining financial capability, emotional wellbeing, and workforce development, Hoops 4 Wealth aims to drive lasting positive change for individuals and communities across the Northern Territory.



## HOOPS 4 WEALTH SERVICE MISSION

To re-empower First Nations families and communities across the Northern Territory to make informed, confident financial decisions that build resilience, independence, and prosperity for generations to come. Through culturally grounded coaching, practical tools, and family-centred approaches, Hoops 4 Wealth supports the development of stronger communities built on financial wellbeing and self-determination.

### Hoops 4 Wealth Re-Empowerment Model

#### Family-Centred Coaching

We engage extended families in conversations about money, responsibilities, and shared goals — building strength across generations, not just for individuals.

#### Tools and Resources for Real Change

We provide easy-to-use, culturally adapted resources on:

- Budget creation and money tracking
- Managing scams and debts
- Setting and reaching savings goals
- Understanding banking services
- Identifying needs vs wants
- Managing gambling and addiction risks
- Good Humbug vs Bad Humbug Management Plans
- And much more

#### Culturally Informed Workshops

We deliver sessions in local community settings, adapting to cultural protocols, family structures, and seasonal/community life rhythms.

#### Individual and Family Support

Families and individuals can access one-on-one or small group support to work through personal financial challenges with dignity and confidentiality.

#### Focus on Informed Decision-Making

We don't tell people what to do — we give them the knowledge, skills, and support to make their own empowered choices.

#### Building Local Champions

We mentor local leaders and family champions who can support ongoing conversations about money management within their own extended networks.

## **9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Alcohol Planning Engagement
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Representatives from Penangke Cultural Consultants have expressed interest in attending the Local Authority meeting to begin a consultation process regarding Community Alcohol Planning.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority notes and accepts the information provided by Penangke Cultural Consultants.**

### **BACKGROUND**

Penangke Cultural Consultants has a contract with NTG to engage the local community (Traditional Owners, Leaders and community members/cohorts) to carry out 'Community Alcohol Planning' (CAP) relating to Interim Alcohol Protected Area Opt-Out, as per the Liquor Act legislation (in effect Feb 2023 and set to finish Feb 2027).

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Penangke Cultural Consultants can be engaged to act as a local consultant in the early decision-making process and provide other optional services that may include:

- assisting with a Community Alcohol Plan
- developing an Alcohol Reference Group
- harm reduction planning
- demand reduction planning and strategy discussions
- support with accessing the CLS Grant that aims to assist with measures that respond to alcohol related harm including well-being and diversion.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

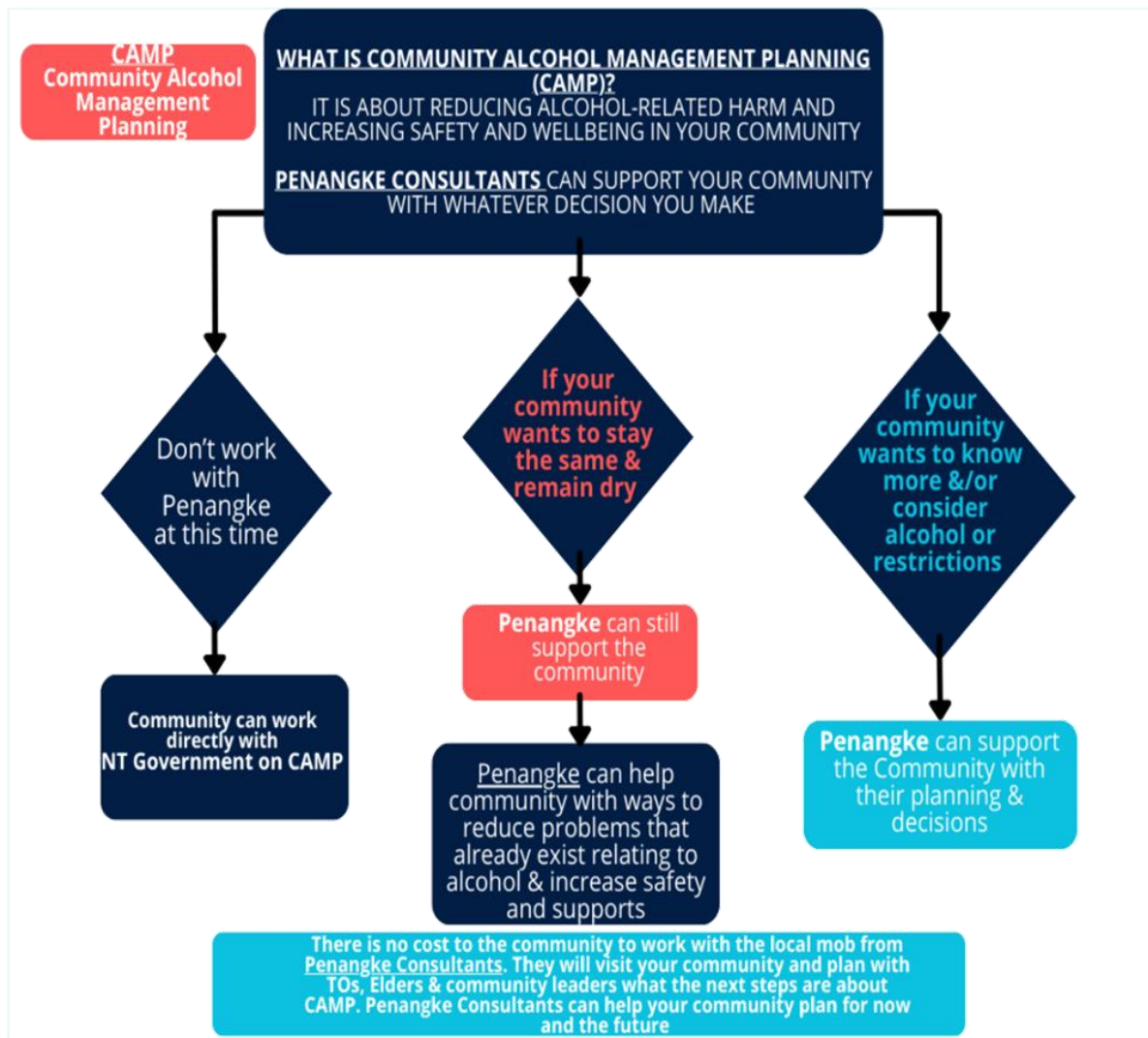
Nil.

### **CONSULTATION**

The Local Authority.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Penangke Community Alcohol Management Planning Flyer



Supporting Aboriginal Communities with their decisions around community safety, reducing alcohol related harm, alcohol management and restrictions.



## **10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Introduction to the Regional Plan
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Local Authority with the opportunity to contribute to the development of MacDonnell Regional Council's Regional Plan.

It is important that Local Authorities are consulted when MRC develops its Regional Plan to ensure that the priorities of the citizens of the region are represented in the plan.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) accepts the presentation of excerpts from the previous MRC Regional Plan;**
- b) discusses ideas for the 2026-27 regional plan; and**
- c) agrees to consider ideas to put forward at the next meeting of the Local Authority.**

### **BACKGROUND**

Each year MacDonnell Regional Council produces a regional plan to serve as a roadmap for strategic growth and development. The plan outlines how MRC will continue to support and strengthen our communities across all sectors. It outlines not only where we are headed, but how we plan to get there – together.

The PowerPoint presentation provides members with an opportunity to consider key issues affecting MRC's communities, including such important matters as employment, infrastructure, etc., etc.

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

The Local Authority may provide feedback at the presentation of this report. Alternatively, members have the opportunity to discuss the ideas presented with others in the community and present their ideas at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

In considering the Regional Plan there will often be a financial impact. This is considered when the budget for 2026-27 is developed.

### **CONSULTATION**

The Local Authority

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan selected pages**





# Our Workforce

**Total employees: 418**

**% Indigenous**  
Community based: 95%  
Head office Alice Springs: 5%

**Gender Balance**

53% Male  
47% Female

**Division of Labour**

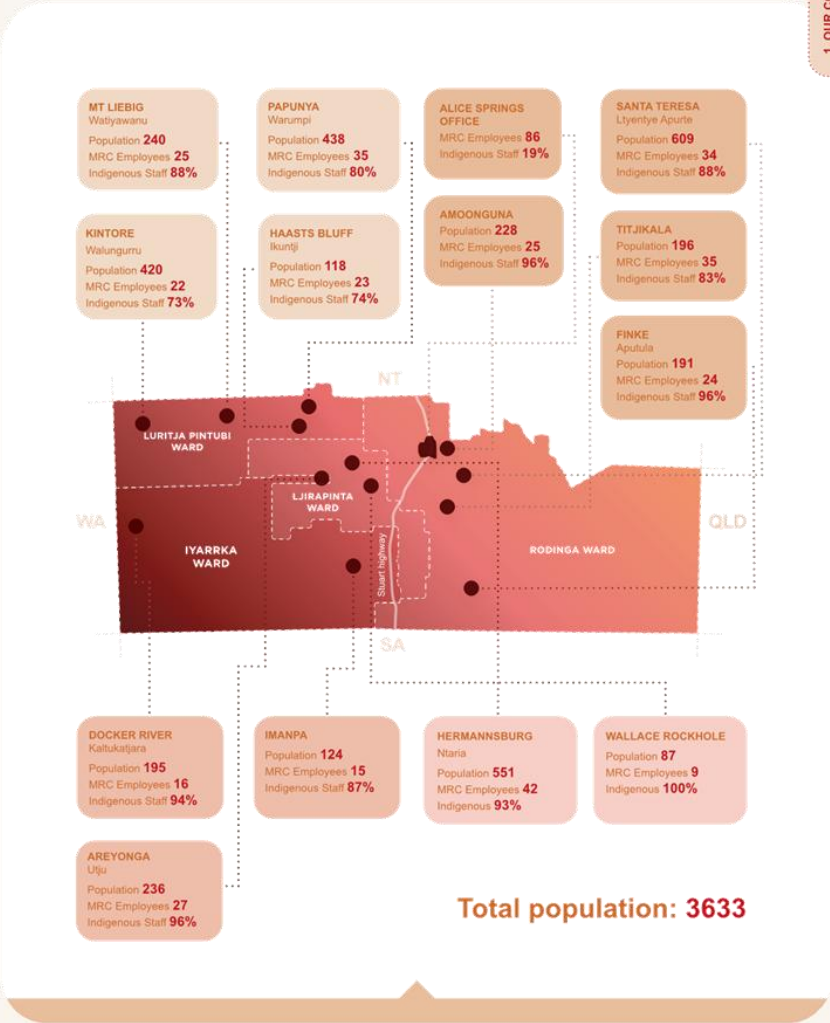
27% Casual  
38% Full time  
35% Part time

**MRC Experience Statistics**

Average 4.0  
Maximum 17.0  
Median 3.0  
Minimum 0.0  
Years at MRC

**Min/Max Age Statistics**

Average 41  
Maximum 80  
Median 40  
Minimum 17  
Years of age



Population figures shown are from ABS 2021 Census.



2. OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

# Our Vision

Many voices,  
one dream,  
building a quality  
desert lifestyle

# Our Values

- Open**  
We will build strong relationships and seek feedback and input on our work
- Accountable**  
Our work must be transparent and accountable to MacDonnell Regional Council residents
- Respectful**  
We will respect and support our diverse cultures and heritage
- Inclusive**  
We will value and incorporate local knowledge, experience and perspectives into the work we do
- Innovative**  
We will seek new ideas and ways to achieve our outcomes and improve our services

# Our Mission

To improve the lives of  
Council residents  
by delivering valued and  
relevant services

This Strategic Plan comes from the people of our region and is for the future of the people of our region.

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2. OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

Our  
Goals & Objectives

1

Developing communities

MRC'S infrastructure meets community needs

Create employment opportunities

Increase Aboriginal employment opportunities

Support local Aboriginal enterprise

2

Healthy communities

Support active and healthy lifestyles

Improve environmental health outcomes

Support community and cultural events

3

Empowered communities

Young people are empowered to be engaged representatives

Local Authority and Council members are trained and empowered in their roles to lead into the future

Local Authority and Council members, constituents and stakeholders are engaged and informed

4

A supportive organisation

Support new employees

Support the development and advancement of our staff

Improve efficiencies through our use of technology

Support staff safety and wellbeing

Staff are empowered to inform MRC decision-making

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Attachment 10.1 MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan selected pages



# Our Services

Services offered by MacDonnell Regional Council by Community

	AMOONGUNA	AREYONGA	DOCKER RIVER	FINKE	HAASTS BLUFF	HERMANSBURG
Council Infrastructure						
Municipal Services						
Libraries						
Outstations						
Swimming Pools						
Airstrip Maintenance						
Australia Post						
Centrelink						
Power Maintenance						
Water Maintenance						
Sewerage Maintenance						
Early Learning Centres						
Youth Services						
Community Safety						
Aged and Disability Services						
School Nutrition						
Sport and Recreation						

Not offered Offered

	IMANPA	KINTORE	MOUNT LIEBIG	PAPUNYA	SANTA TERESA	TITJIKALA	WALLACE ROCKHOLE
Council Infrastructure							
Municipal Services							
Libraries							
Outstations							
Swimming Pools							
Airstrip Maintenance							
Australia Post							
Centrelink							
Power Maintenance							
Water Maintenance							
Sewerage Maintenance							
Early Learning Centres							
Youth Services							
Community Safety							
Aged and Disability Services							
School Nutrition							
Sport and Recreation							

Not offered Offered

## 10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**ITEM NUMBER** 10.2  
**TITLE** Action Register  
**AUTHOR** June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
 Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
 Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
 Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Local Authority notes the progress on the actions as received.**

### BACKGROUND

Date/Meeting	Responsible Officer/Directorate	Description
Amoonguna 02/07/2025	Council Services	Fences and Gates
<b>AMLA2025-045</b> - Members raised the following matter relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community a) that fences and gates within community are in need of repair resulting in people being unable to lock dogs in or out of their yards. This has led to issues with aggressive dogs. The CSC will do an audit of the fences and gates that need fixing and provide the house lot numbers to Jessica Scrutton who will raise this matter with NT Housing.  10/07/2025 - This information has been emailed to Jessica Scrutton, NTG Representative. <b>Recommend moving this matter to Non-Council Business</b>		

## Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting 2 October 2025 – Agenda

Date/Meeting	Responsible Officer/Directorate	Description
<b>Amoonguna 02/07/2025</b>	Council Services	<b>Fences and Gates</b>
<p><b>AMLA2025-045</b> - Members raised the following matter relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community.</p> <p>b) requested information on whether the Local Authority or Council could make laws regarding how many dogs can be kept at each house in Amoonguna.</p> <p><b>10/07/2025 - Response from Governance.</b></p> <p>Regional Councils in the NT do not have By-Laws and Councils would require a by-law to manage local matters that would also include animal management. Creating by-laws is a complex and costly process that requires expert legal advice, public consultation and ministerial approval. Councils have limited resources and they instead like to focus on the delivery of essential services .</p> <p><b>Recommend closing action.</b></p>		

Date/Meeting	Responsible Officer/Directorate	Description
<b>Amoonguna 23/04/2025</b>	Chief Financial Officer	<b>Speed bump at corner of Cedar and Mulga St</b>
<p><b>AMLA2025-034</b> - Members would like an additional speed bump to be located near the corner of Cedar and Mulga St.</p> <p><b>27/04/2025 Response from Manager Transport Infrastructure and Fleet</b></p> <p>We are waiting on a quote from Boral to reseal the roads in Amoonguna. We are hoping to have this completed or committed by the end of the financial year.</p> <p><b>18/06/2025 Update from Jake Potter Manager Transport Infrastructure and Fleet</b></p> <p>Boral has ceased operations in Alice Springs. We have approached another road sealing company [Downer] for a quote. We have the funds so, as soon as we get the quote and scope-of-work, we can move forward with this project.</p> <p><b>02/07/2025 AMLA2025-047</b> – Boral will be resealing all internal community roads and that this will begin in September. Members enquired about turning points for the school bus in community that they would like sealed to reduce dust. Ken will follow up to see if this can be catered for.</p> <p><b>10/07/2025 – Update from Ken Satour, Area Manager</b></p> <p>Ken Satour and Jake Potter will travel out to Amoonguna next week to see if the turning points for buses can be added to the planned works.</p> <p><b>22/09/2025 – Update from Jake Potter Manager Transport Infrastructure and Fleet</b></p> <p>The road resealing will be completed on the 23 September. Jake will add an additional speed bump for Cedar and Mulga when the new ones are re-installed.</p> <p>The bus turnaround will have to wait until the next stage of capital works in the community when we look at widening the roads and adding guttering.</p>		

## Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting 2 October 2025 – Agenda

Date/Meeting	Responsible Officer/Directorate	Description
Amoonguna 02/07/2025	Council Services	<b>Football lights and lease on land next to the Basketball Court</b>
<b>AMLA2025-047</b> - Keith Hassett, Director Council Services advised that he will speak with the CEO regarding reaching out to the Member for Namatjira, the Hon. Bill Yan to discuss funding for the lights at the football oval. He will also seek information about the lease of the land next to the basketball court.		
<b>2/07/2025 - Decision of the Authority is to keep the action open.</b>		

Date/Meeting	Responsible Officer/Directorate	Description
Amoonguna 02/07/2025	Chief Executive Officer	<b>Electricity top-up options</b>
<b>AMLA2025-047</b> - Keith Hassett, Director Council Services will investigate the feasibility of selling power top-ups at the Council office to support residents with accessible electricity top-up options.		
<b>2/07/2025 - Decision of the Authority is to keep the action open.</b>		

### ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

### CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

### ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

## **10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Project Register
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Northern Territory Government (NTG) and invested in projects and development 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 LAPF has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

*At risk funds'* are funds that may include unallocated funds and/or funds that have been allocated but remains unspent.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledges that \$19,644.55 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) notes the progress on their current projects as provided by the project management office;
- c) closes any completed projects returning unused funds to unallocated;
- d) notes that there are \$33,500.00 unallocated funds;
- e) considers the PMO's proposal to allocate \$17,000.00 as a contribution toward a new playground [see attached images]; and
- f) discusses the priority of the wish-list items.

### **BACKGROUND**

Members of the Local Authority allocates project funds to support community and sporting infrastructure, open space developments and community priorities. These projects are intended to assist communities to improve community amenity through the provision of social and community facilities.

Local Authorities must formally resolve each initiative for which this funding will be used.

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<b>Project 2103</b>	<b>Bin Trailers (2)</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
<b>18-Sep-24</b>	Res.047 - New Project established September 2024, \$35,000 allocated.	\$35,000.00
13-Feb-25	Res.009 - Project kept open.	
25-Feb-25	PMO update - estimated delivery time 4 months - should be arriving before July meeting.	
2-Jun-25	Invoice received from Modern Trailers	<b>-\$26,636.36</b>
31-Jul-25	Invoice received from Napa Auto Parts - Battery Chargers	<b>-\$309.20</b>
5-Sep-25	PO raised with Steve's Electrix Pty Ltd - GPO's and Inlets.	<b>-\$505.35</b>
<b>22-Sep-25</b>	<b>PMO update</b> - Trailers ready to go - Delivery to be arranged. <b>Recommend closing this project once all invoices have been received.</b>	
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$7,549.09</b>
<b>Project 2104</b>	<b>Stealth Lighting for Sorry Camp Shade Structures</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
<b>18-Sep-24</b>	Res.068 - created a new project – 2 x Stealth lighting for each of the Shade Structures at the Sorry Camp, allocating \$14,378.41.	\$14,378.41
13-Feb-25	Res.009 - Project kept open.	
28-Feb-25	Invoice received from Green Frog Systems.	<b>-\$4,740.00</b>
28-Feb-25	Invoice received from Green Frog Systems.	<b>-\$475.00</b>
10-Mar-25	Invoice received from Bunnings.	<b>-\$63.37</b>
11-Mar-25	PMO update - lights are in community waiting to be installed by Civil Team.	
2-Jul-25	Res.049 - lights are in community, the location has been selected, and they should be installed in the coming weeks.	
<b>22-Sep-25</b>	<b>PMO update</b> - Lights have been installed - no further costs. <b>Recommend closing this project and returning unused funds to unallocated.</b>	
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$9,100.04</b>

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<b>Project 2106</b>	<b>Community Sporting Event</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
<b>23-Apr-25</b>	Res.028 - Allocated \$7,000.00 to a new project 'Community Sporting Event' for young people to be run in conjunction with the Youth Services School Holiday Program.	\$7,000.00
24-Jun-25	Invoice received from K-Mart Alice Springs	<b>-\$1,675.19</b>
25-Jun-25	Invoice received from Jacksons Drawing Supplies	<b>-\$120.85</b>
25-Jun-25	Invoice received from Bunnings	<b>-\$136.19</b>
25-Jun-25	Invoice received from Alice Springs Cinema	<b>-\$590.91</b>
26-Jun-25	Invoice received from Woolworths	<b>-\$455.60</b>
26-Jun-25	Invoice received from Woolworths	<b>-\$517.75</b>
25-Jun-25	Invoice received from Milner Meats	<b>-\$392.08</b>
26-Jun-25	Invoice received from Creative Gist & Awards	<b>-\$34.55</b>
27-Jun-25	Invoice received from Woolworths	<b>-\$276.84</b>
2-Jul-25	Res.049 - the event was a success, and this project will be closed once all invoices have been received.	
3-Jul-25	Invoice received from K-Mart Alice Springs	<b>-\$37.27</b>
2-Sep-25	Invoice received from Intersport Alice Springs	<b>-\$272.70</b>
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$2,490.07</b>
<b>Budget consideration</b>		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$19,139.20
	Unallocated funds	\$33,500.00
	<b>Total unspent funds</b>	<b>\$52,639.20</b>

	<b>WISHLIST ITEMS</b>	
19-Jun-24	<b>BMX Track</b>	
28-Nov-24	Scope requested to build a BMX Track at the back of Lot 69/70 Traditional Owners and neighbouring houses will need to be consulted about the location of the BMX track.	
28-Nov-24	<b>Pool Table for the Rec Hall</b> Added to the wishlist from Youth Board Recommendations	
28-Nov-24	<b>Bike Rack</b> Added to the wishlist from Youth Board Recommendations	
28-Nov-24	<b>Lights for the Oval</b> Added to the wishlist from Youth Board Recommendations	
13-Feb-25	<b>Pit Toilet at the Sorry Camp</b> The PMO will source quotes	
13-Feb-25	<b>Shade structure at the sorry camp</b> Added to the wishlist from the Action Register.	
13-Feb-25	<b>Water Trailer for Sorry Camp</b> Added to the wishlist from Project 2101	

## **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

### **Examples of unacceptable purposes for Expenditure include:**

- Purchase of vehicles and fuel expenses.
- Payment of salaries, cash prizes or recurrent operating costs of Council.
- Meeting costs and payments to Local Authority members.
- Sponsorship by way of uniforms, travel costs and allowances.
- Purposes that are not related to local Government Services and that should be addressed by another Government agency.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The purchase of any product or service must comply with MRC's Procurement Policy.

Funds from the Grant must be fully expended within two years of receipt of funding. Failure to expend the funds may result in the funds being returned to the Northern Territory Government.

## **CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team  
Project Management Office

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 images of new playground furniture





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S5072U Kingston Play Unit  
Equipment Illustration - View 1

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## 10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**ITEM NUMBER** 10.4  
**TITLE** Local Authority Discretionary Funds  
**AUTHOR** Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
 Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
 Goal 03: Empowered Communities

### 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.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- notes that \$915.65 were spent on the NAIDOC week celebrations for young people;
- notes that this is the final Local Authority meeting for 2025;
- discusses allocating the remaining balance of \$3,084.35 at this meeting; and
- acknowledges that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2026.

### BACKGROUND

**Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:**

Community Christmas and New Year's Festivities Community BBQ's Sports weekends  
 Naidoc Celebration Youth Board

Date		2025/2026 Discretionary funds	Budget \$4,000.00
02-Jul-25	Allocated \$1,000.00 to a NAIDOC week celebration for young people run in conjunction with the Youth Services Program. \$915.65 was spent at Kmart, Mad Harry's, Woolworths and Cakes for You.		
		<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$3,084.35</b>

### ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Local Authorities decide how to best spend this money to broadly benefit the community. The Local Authority is responsible for consulting with community members to ensure that community priorities are considered when allocating discretionary funds.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The use of funds must be approved at a Local Authority meeting with a full quorum, or a form signed by more than half of the active Local Authority members.

Failure to spend the funds within the financial year (1 July to 30 June) will result in these funds being returned to MacDonnell Regional Council.

### CONSULTATION

The Local Authority

## **11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 11.1  
**TITLE** Council Services LA Report  
**AUTHOR** Ellen Fitzgerald, Administration Officer

### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority Notes and accepts the attached report.**

### **BACKGROUND**

Nil

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION**

Keith Hassett – Director Council Services  
Ken Satour – Area Manager  
Victor Morgan – Council Services coordinator

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1 Council Services LA Report





# Council Services - Amoonguna



**95% First Nations  
Employees in SCD**



**5 Area Manager  
Visits to  
Community**



**460 Council  
Office  
Hours of  
Service**

## Snapshot



**2428 Litres Fuel  
Usage Total**



**16 Vehicles and Plant in  
Use**



**38 Street Lights Operational  
0 Street Lights  
Non-Operational**



**1 Sport Grounds  
Maintained**



**11 Toolbox Talks  
Completed**



**123 Bins Emptied  
Weekly**



**2 Centrelink  
Agents**



**4 Parks & Playgrounds  
Inspections**



### **Animal Management**

- Vets visited Amoonguna on 19 August 2025. They conducted treatments on all the animals and vaccinate all the dogs in the community. They reported 90% of the dogs in the community are in good health. They confirm we have two horses and one pig

### **Internal Road Maintenance**

- The road crew and the civil team removed all the speed hump and all the loose branches around the community, a head of preparation for the road resealing.
- Boral has started delivering the aggregate to the community. Boral has commenced work and will be running their own traffic management in the community.

### **Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces**

- Civil crew had been focusing on grass cutting, slashing and whipper snipping
- Picking up rubbish around the community and playground
- The civil team have also been focusing on removed all the speed hump and Broken branches have been removed from open spaces and parks
- We are waiting for the funding to be allocated for the new playground equipment at Stuart Park

### **Sports Grounds**

- Basketball courts the civil team we will continue to hose the court and remove all the gravity on the floor and wall
- Basketball hoops were broken civil team welded it and re-installed
- Softball area is in good condition
- Oval is in good condition, the fence around the oval needs to be upgraded

### **Waste Management**

- Wheelie bins are emptied twice a week Monday and Thursdays; we will continue to follow this schedule.
- General waste pit - Rubbish is compacted and covered weekly
- Hard rubbish is carried out once a week.
- The Waste facility is maintained on a regular basis inside and out. We continue to have problems of illegal dumping at the front.
- Ongoing works at the front where the drop off bays are, fencing and signage requires repairs.
- The new wheelie bins were delivered to the community on 14/08/2025.
- Civil team provide resident with their new wheelie bins

### **Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction**

- Slashing, scrapping, mowing and whipper snipping grass has continued around the community.
- ESO continues to maintain the grass at all power water sites. Weed poisoning will get underway this week.

### **Other Community Updates**

- Recycling has been launched in Community it has been operating for few weeks and has had an overwhelming response from community. A lot of community members of all ages are collecting cans and bottles, our community looking forward cleaner environment and Community.
- Children's Grounds are bringing in an orange truck that is solar powered equipped with washing machines and dryers for community members to use. Children's Ground would like to offer the service to other communities too.





## **11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 11.2  
**TITLE** Community Services - Aged Care Report  
**AUTHOR** Annaliza Rivera, Administrator Officer

### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Aged Care.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority notes and accepts the attached Community Services Report for Aged Care.**

### **BACKGROUND**

All Community Services programs are delivered in line with funding requirements.

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **CONSULTATION**

Ainsley Roscrow - Executive Manager of Aged and Children's Services  
Emma Hacche - Compliance Coordinator of Aged Care Services  
Community Services – Aged Care Coordinators

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Community Services Aged Care - Amoonguna LAR June August 2025



## Local Authority Report Aged Care Amoonguna June - August 2025



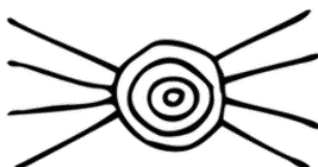
5 Staff in the Amoonguna team  
100% Community-based Employees are  
Aboriginal



Stakeholders' engagement  
Continued regular meetings with the  
clinic manager re updates of clients.



**Transport provided:**  
**96**



**Client Interactions: 159**  
This includes client checks  
and client visits to the Aged  
Care Centre



**Personal Care provided: 167**  
This Includes...  
Shower & Toilet assistance,  
Laundry loads, Tablet Reminders.



**Client numbers: 11**



**Meals provided: 1359**  
Breakfast, lunches & Hampers



### Updates



Services continue to run smoothly with a great team.

In July we held our NAIDOC event in Amoonguna. We brought clients and community children together to align with this years theme which was 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy'



### NAIDOC Celebrations July 2025





## **11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 11.3  
**TITLE** Community Services - Youth and Community Safety Report  
**AUTHOR** Annaliza Rivera, Administrator Officer

### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety and Youth Services.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority notes and accepts the attached Community Services Report.**

### **BACKGROUND**

All Community Services programs continue to be delivered in line with funding requirements.

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **CONSULTATION**

Libby Taylor - Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety  
Sarah Grant - Coordinator of Community Safety Services  
Youth and Community Safety - Team Leaders and Admin

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Community Services Youth & Community Safety - Amoonguna LAR June August 2025



# Local Authority Youth Services Amoonguna June - August 25



**Employees**  
8 staff  
100% Aboriginal



**Activities**  
120 activities  
466 hours



**Engagements**  
115 Participant  
1930 engagement



**Bush / Town Trip**  
1



**School Support**  
14



**Training**  
1 Staff Training



**Youth Board**  
0



**Sport**  
57



**Events**  
0

## Highlights

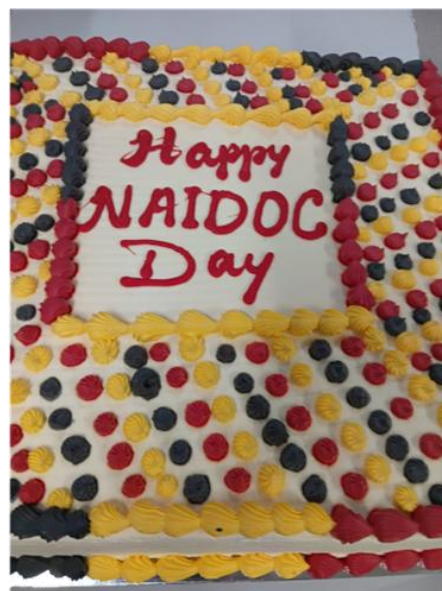


- **Celebrating NAIDOC week**– oung people actively took part in activities such as smoking ceremonies and cultural programs that celebrated culture, history, and identity—emphasising their vital role in the journey toward reconciliation and recognition.
- **Organised Amoonguna Sports day** – An event filled with spirit, culture, and friendly competition. Over 100 young people, families, and community members came together for a day of connection, teamwork, and good old-fashioned fun.
- **Youth Program** : The Youth Program hosted a series of engaging activities including a community BBQ, hair dying sessions, and pizza making. These initiatives provided safe, fun spaces for young people to connect, express themselves, and build positive relationships .



#### NAIDOC weeks activities

1. Celebrate culture with temporary hair dye.
2. Cake cutting session with Youth and community.



To keep kids active, challenged, and entertained, organised a rock climbing session at the YMCA



Face painting on Amoonguna Sports day





# Local Authority

## Amoonguna MacSafe Community Safety June - August 2025



- 5 Staff in the Amoonguna Team
- There are Casual vacancies
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal
- 359 Hours Patrolled
- 1365 Hours Worked
- Work: 6 hour shifts Mon-Fri Between 6pm - Midnight



227 Engagements  
with young people



113 Engagements  
with over 18's



127 Young people  
taken home



13 Training  
Hours with MacSafe  
Coordinator



24 Are you okay?  
Checks



No Community  
gatherings

### Highlights



- The Coordinator has visited Amoonguna four times in this reporting period, providing staff with training and support.
- Amoonguna welcomed a new Casual Community Safety Officer Jackson Kopp to the team, and farewellled Casual Community Safety Officer Salbena Cleary.
- The Team Leader continues to provide training and support to new Casual Community Safety Staff.
- Staff farewellled Community Safety Manager Liz Scott, as she commences her journey into retirement.



Liz Scott Manager Community Safety's farewell at Alice Springs Office





## **11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 11.4  
**TITLE** MRC Position Vacancies Report  
**AUTHOR** Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority accepts the attached list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Amoonguna as of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

### **BACKGROUND**

The MacDonnell Regional Council embraces its role as a significant employer for people wishing to live and work in our remote communities. It is a priority for MRC to provide meaningful employment opportunities for local people.

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **CONSULTATION**

Keheli Nagahawatte (Katy), People and Capabilities Operations Coordinator

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 MRC positions Vacant 15 September 2025



## Position Vacancies

### Amoonguna

Position #	Service	Description	Type	Weekly Hours
401305	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Part-time	20
403104	MacYouth	Youth Services Officer	Part-time	19
403112	MacYouth	Youth Services Officer	Part-time	9.5
500104	Council Serv	Team Leader Amoonguna Store	Full-time	38

Table data derived from XLOne Position Vacancy Report of Active Open Positions in the MRC Org Structure and approved by Managers: 15/09/2025



## **12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 12.1  
**TITLE** General Council Business

### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to give Members the opportunity to discuss General Council Business items.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the matters raised; and
- b) notes that any action items arising from these discussions will be moved to the action register for Council to respond.

### **BACKGROUND**

Nil

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION**

Nil

### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

### **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 13.1  
**TITLE** Non-Council Business Items

#### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters relating to Non-Council Business.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority notes and discusses the matters raised.**

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development provides updates in regard to Northern Territory Government Services.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**NEXT MEETING – 22 JANUARY 2026 – TO BE CONFIRMED**