



AGENDA

AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2026

The Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Amoonguna Council Office on Thursday 22 January 2026 at 10:30 AM.

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15 MEETING CLOSED

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; and**
- c) records the Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.**

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 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE Membership of the Local Authority
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

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:

- a) welcomes newly elected Councillor Matthew Palmer to the Local Authority;
- b) considers nominating a chairperson of the Authority for assigned period;
- c) notes that there is one vacancy on the Local Authority after Theresa Alice’s membership was revoked due to 2 consecutive absences without notice; and
- d) calls for community nominations to remain open to fill this vacancy.

BACKGROUND

The chart below shows members attendance at the previous meeting held 2 October 2025:

Appointed Members Amoonguna LA	Meeting Attendance 2 October 2025
Lawrence Webb	Present
Samantha Stuart	Apology
Sharon Alice	Apology
Rhekita Stuart	Present
Paul Williams	Absent
Henry Oliver	Apology
Theresa Alice	Revoked

Elected Members Rodinga Ward	
Cr Patrick Allen	Present
Cr Andrew Davis	Present
Cr Veronica Lynch	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):

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

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 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the following Amoonguna Local Authority meetings as a true and correct record of the proceedings:

- 1) Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 2 July 2025; and**
- 2) Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 2 October 2025.**

ATTACHMENTS

1. AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 2.7.2025 - MINUTES [8 pages]
2. AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 2.10.2025 - MINUTES [10 pages]



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 Rosenberg, 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 23rd 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 the 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

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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.

AMLA2025-045 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 21st 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 are 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.

AMLA2025-050 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.

AMLA2025-051 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.

AMLA2025-052 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.

AMLA2025-053 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.

AMLA2025-054 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.

AMLA2025-055 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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MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 2025 AT 10:30 PM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.31 AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF ACTING CHAIR

AML2025-56 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Veronica Lynch)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote nominated Rhekita Stuart as Acting Chair for this meeting.

2 WELCOME

Acting Chair Rhikita Stuart.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Lawrence Webb and Member Rhekita Stuart.

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis and Councillor Veronica Lynch

Council Employees

CEO Belinda Urquhart, Council Services Coordinator Victor Morgan, Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg, Customer Service Officer Roselene Rankine, and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Guests

Robyn Enever and Gloria Baliva from the Menzies School of Health.

Michelle Krauer and Aaron Hyde from Hoops 4 Health.

Entered at 11am: Peta-Lee Cole-Manolis and Raymond Walters form Penangke Cultural Consultants

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.

AML2025-57 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lawrence Webb)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Henry Oliver, Samantha Stuart and Sharon Alice; and
- c) recorded member absences, without notice for Paul Williams and Theresa Alice.

4 NOMINATIONS AND CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Membership of the Local Authority
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

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).

AML2025-58 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the current membership of the Amoonguna Local Authority;
- b) welcomed newly Elected Councillor Veronica Lynch and returning Councillors Patrick Allen and Andrew Davis to the Authority;
- c) noted that Lisa Sharman is no longer an Elected Member;
- d) congratulated Roxanne Kenny as returning President of Council;
- e) congratulated Maryanne Malbunka for her appointment to Deputy President;
- f) recommended that Theresa Alice's membership be terminated on the grounds that she has been absent from two consecutive meetings without notice;
- g) noted that this termination of membership results in a vacancy in the Local Authority; and
- h) called for community nominations to open to fill the vacancy.

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.

AML2025-59 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Patrick Allen)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AML2025-60 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lawrence Webb)

The provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 2 July 2025 will be presented at the next Local Authority meeting.

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.

AML2025-61 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Andrew Davis)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted that the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, were received for consideration at this meeting.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	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.

AML2025-62 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lawrence Webb)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members declared no conflicts of interest with the agenda.

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	ORVAC and Thrive Studies - Menzies School of Health
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

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.

AMLA2025-63 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

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

Minute Note: Peta-Lee Cole-Manolis and Raymond Walters from Penangke Cultural Consultants entered the meeting at 11am.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.2
TITLE:	Hoops 4 Health - Hoops 4 Wealth Program
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

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.

AMLA2025-64 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Rhekita Stuart)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) accepted the presentation from the Hoops 4 Health representatives; and
- b) approved the request to deliver the financial literacy program in Amoonguna.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.3
TITLE:	Community Alcohol Planning Engagement
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

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.

AMLA2025-65 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Rhekita Stuart)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) **noted and accepted the information provided by Penangke Cultural Consultants;**
- b) **requested that Penangke Cultural Consultants do not move forward with the consultation process in Amoonguna; and**
- c) **requested that the CEO seek more information regarding the options for communicating with the NTG on Community Alcohol Management Planning.**

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Introduction to the Regional Plan
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

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.

AMLA2025-66 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Veronica Lynch)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted that the Regional Plan will be discussed at the next Local Authority meeting.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2025-67 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted that the CSC has done an audit on the fences and gates in need of repair and has passed this information on to Jessica Scrutton and moved this item to Non-Council Business;
- b) noted that Local Authorities are unable to make laws regarding the number of dogs at each house and closed this item;
- c) noted that the bus turning circle will be considered during the next stage of capital works where Council will investigate widening the roads and adding guttering and closed this item;
- d) were advised that Council is seeking information from the Member for Namatjira's office regarding the football lights and the lease on the land next to the basketball court and moved this item to Non-Council Business; and
- e) kept open electricity top-up options until more advice can be received from Power and Water.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

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.

AMLA2025-68 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lawrence Webb)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) acknowledged that \$19,644.55 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) closed the following completed projects returning unused funds to unallocated once all invoices have been received:
 - project 2103 Bin Trailers

- project 2104 Stealth Lighting for Sorry Camp Shade Structure
- project 2106 Community Sporting Event
- c) created a new project ‘New Playground Furniture’ and allocated \$17,000.00 as a co-contribution toward \$120,000.00 worth of new playground furniture [see attached images]. This will be installed as a replacement for damaged existing furniture. This co-contribution is a requirement of receiving the balance of funding for this project from the Community Benefit Grant from the NTG;
- d) requested that the PMO investigate the cost of installing a toilet, shower and laundry block in the community; and
- e) determined that the Local Authority will discuss allocating money toward the maintenance of the bin trailers at the next meeting.

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

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.

AML2025-69 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Rhekita Stuart)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted that \$915.65 were spent on the NAIDOC week celebrations for young people;
- b) noted that this is the final Local Authority meeting for 2025;
- c) did not discuss allocating the remaining balance of \$3,084.35 at this provisional meeting;
- d) were reminded that discretionary funds can be allocated between meetings by filling out a discretionary funds letter which can be accessed through the Council Services Coordinator; and
- e) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2026.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AML2025-70 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lawrence Webb)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted and accepted the attached report.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Community Services - Aged Care Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2025-71 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted and accepted the attached Community Services Report for Aged Care.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
TITLE:	Community Services - Youth and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2025-72 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted and accepted the attached Community Services Report.

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

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.

AMLA2025-73 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Rhekita Stuart)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and accepted the attached list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Amoonguna as of 15th September 2025.

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2025-74 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Rhekita Stuart)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and did not raise any matters of Council Business.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	General Non-Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2025-75 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Rhekita Stuart)

AMLA2025-76

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and did not raise any matters of Non-Council Business.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:21 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 2 October 2025 and are UNCONFIRMED.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
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

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	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.

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

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Central Land Council 50th Anniversary Celebration
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 Central Land Council would like to hold a community barbeque at Amoonguna in March or April 2026 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act [NT] 1976. During this event, CLC plan to unveil a plaque outside the hall marking its significance in land rights history. They will also be unveiling a sign nearby with images from early meetings, a quote from the first CLC chair Wenten Rubuntja and some text to provide context. Representatives from CLC are attending the Amoonguna Local Authority meeting to gain feedback on the content of the plaque and the sign.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepts the presentation from the Central Land Council Representative; and**
- b) provides feedback on the text and images to be used on the commemorative plaque and sign that will be displayed at the hall in Amoonguna.**

BACKGROUND

2026 marks the 50th anniversary of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act [NT] 1976. This landmark legislation established the four NT Land Councils and is the legislation under which they still operate. For the CLC this journey began at Amoonguna, where its delegates met at least once in 1976. For this reason, Amoonguna is significant to the history of the CLC and will be the location where a celebration barbeque lunch will be held in March or April. The CLC holds footage of one of these early meetings and will be projecting some of this footage at the hall. They also wish to unveil a plaque outside the hall to mark its significance in land rights history in addition to an informative sign that will display images and text as presented at this meeting.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Local Authority members may wish to refer approval of images and names to particular families within the community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Introduction to the Regional Plan
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 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 residents 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%

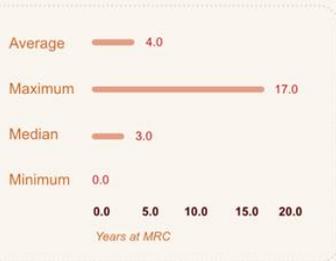
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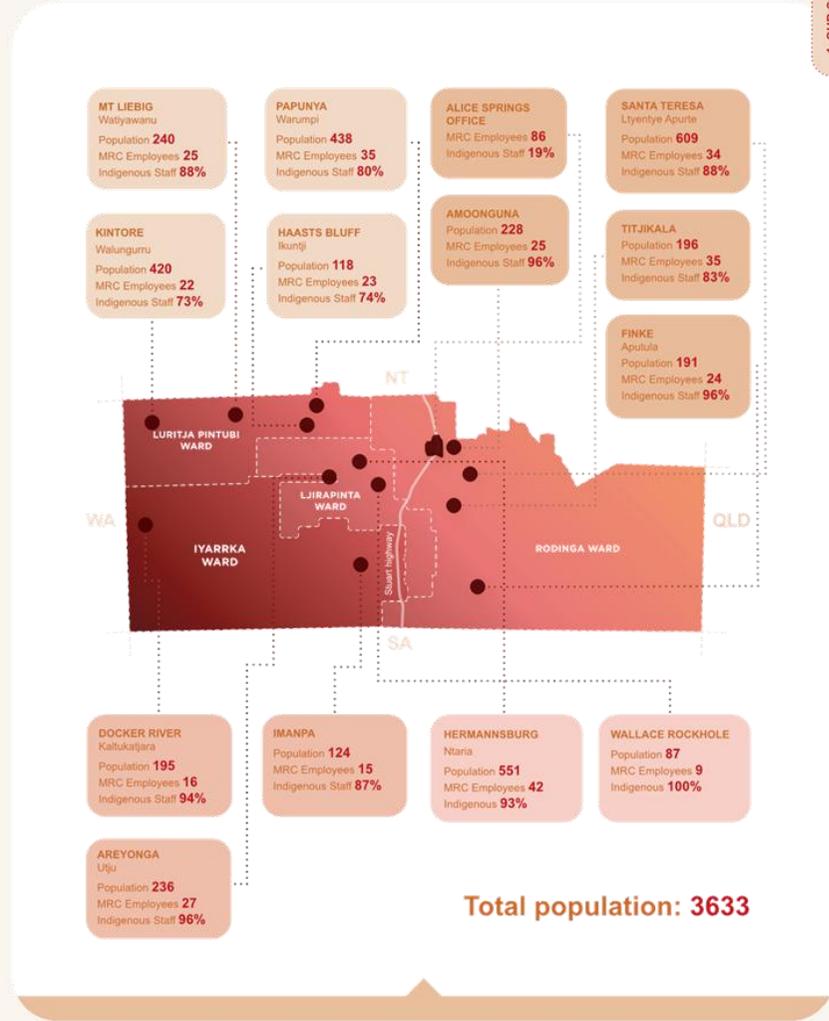
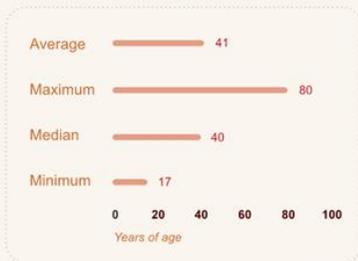
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MRC Experience Statistics



Min/Max Age Statistics



Population figures shown are from ABS 2021 Census

Our Vision

Many voices,
one dream,
building a quality
desert lifestyle

Our Mission

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

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

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

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

Our Services

Services offered by MacDonnell Regional Council by Community

	AMOONGUNA	AREYONGA	DOCKER RIVER	FINKE	HAASTS BLUFF	HERMANSBURG
Council Infrastructure	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered
Municipal Services	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered
Libraries	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered
Outstations	Not offered	Not offered	Offered	Not offered	Offered	Offered
Swimming Pools	Not offered	Offered	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered
Airstrip Maintenance	Not offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered
Australia Post	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Not offered
Centrelink	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered
Power Maintenance	Not offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Not offered
Water Maintenance	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered
Sewerage Maintenance	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Not offered	Offered
Early Learning Centres	Not offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered
Youth Services	Offered	Offered	Not offered	Not offered	Offered	Offered
Community Safety	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered
Aged and Disability Services	Offered	Offered	Not offered	Offered	Offered	Offered
School Nutrition	Not offered	Offered	Not offered	Offered	Offered	Offered
Sport and Recreation	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered

Not offered
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	IMANPA	KINTORE	MOUNT LIEBIG	PAPUNYA	SANTA TERESA	TITJIKALA	WALLACE ROCKHOLE
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10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE Action Register
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

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 action item.

BACKGROUND

Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject
Amoonguna Local Authority 23/04/2025	Council Services	Electricity top up options
<p>AMLA2025-047 – Power top ups 23 Apr 25 - 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.</p> <p>2 Jul 25 - Decision of the Authority is to keep the action open</p> <p>2 Oct 25 AMLA2025-67 kept open electricity top-up options until additional advice can be received from Power and Water.</p>		

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

ITEM NUMBER	10.3
TITLE	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

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- 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 LAMPF 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 \$18,593.75 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) makes recommendations on current project 2102 'New Playground Furniture';**
- d) closes any completed projects returning unused funds to unallocated;**
- e) receives information provided by the PMO regarding the cost associated with installing a toilet, shower and laundry block;**
- f) notes that there are \$35,093.75 unallocated funds; and**
- g) discusses the priority of the wish-list items.**

BACKGROUND

Members of the Local Authority allocate 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.

Project 2102		New Playground Furniture	\$
		Status	Committed
2-Oct-25	Res.068 - created a new project 'New Playground Furniture' and allocated \$17,000.00 as a co-contribution toward \$120,000.00 worth of new playground furniture [see attached images]. This will be installed as a replacement for damaged existing furniture. This co-contribution is a requirement of receiving the balance of funding for this project from the Community Benefit Grant from the NTG;		\$17,000.00
	underspend or (overspend)		\$17,000.00

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$17,000.00
	Unallocated funds	\$35,093.75
	Total unspent funds	\$52,093.75

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

PROJECTS CLOSED 2025-26

Project 2103		Bin Trailers (2)	\$
		Status	Committed
18-Sep-24	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		-\$26,636.36
31-Jul-25	Invoice received from Napa Auto Parts - Battery Chargers		-\$309.20
5-Sep-25	Invoice received from Steve's Electrix Pty Ltd - GPO's and Inlets.		-\$505.35
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Trailers ready to go - Delivery to be arranged - good to close project.		
2-Oct-25	Res.068 - Project closed - funds to be returned to unallocated - all invoices have been received.		-\$7,549.09
	underspend or (overspend)		\$-

Project 2104		Stealth Lighting for Sorry Camp Shade Structures	\$
		Status	Committed
18-Sep-24	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.		-\$4,740.00
28-Feb-25	Invoice received from Green Frog Systems.		-\$475.00
10-Mar-25	Invoice received from Bunnings.		-\$63.37
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.		
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Lights have been installed - no further costs - project to be closed.		
2-Oct-25	Res.068 - Project closed - funds returned to unallocated.		-\$9,100.04
	underspend or (overspend)		\$-

Project 2106	Community Sporting Event	\$
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Status		Committed
23-Apr-25	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	-\$1,675.19
24-Jun-25	Invoice received from K-Mart Alice Springs	-\$37.27
25-Jun-25	Invoice received from Jacksons Drawing Supplies	-\$120.85
25-Jun-25	Invoice received from Bunnings	-\$136.19
25-Jun-25	Invoice received from Alice Springs Cinema	-\$590.91
25-Jun-25	Invoice received from Sport Power	-\$545.45
26-Jun-25	Invoice received from Woolworths	-\$455.60
26-Jun-25	Invoice received from Woolworths	-\$517.75
26-Jun-25	Invoice received from Milner Meats	-\$392.08
26-Jun-25	Invoice received from Creative Gist & Awards	-\$34.55
27-Jun-25	Invoice received from Woolworths	-\$276.84
2-Jul-25	Res.049 - the event was a success, and this project will be closed once all invoices have been received.	
2-Sep-25	Invoice received from Intersport Alice Springs	-\$272.70
23-Sep-25	All PO's have been fulfilled and invoices received - this project can be closed.	
2-Oct-25	Res.068 - Project closed - funds returned to unallocated.	-\$1,944.62
	underspend or (overspend)	\$-

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

There are no attachments to this report.

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
- Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

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:

- a) notes that no funds were allocated at the previous meeting;
- b) discusses allocating the remaining balance of \$3,084.35 at this meeting; and
- c) 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

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.	-\$915.65
Available Funds		\$3,084.35

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 LAR
AUTHOR Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior 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 Service Delivery

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the attached Council Services report.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Keith Hassett – Director Council Services
Ken Satour – Area Manager
Roselene Rankine – Acting Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

1 Council Services LAR



Council Services - Amoonguna



**98% First Nations
Employees in SCD**



**10 Area Manager
Visits to
Community**



**570 Council
Office
Hours of
Service**

Snapshot



**3139 Litres Fuel
Usage Total**



**16 Vehicles and Plant in
Use**



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



**1 Sport Grounds
Maintained**



**12 Toolbox Talks
Completed**



**123 Bins Emptied
Weekly**



**1 Centrelink
Agents**



**4 Parks & Playgrounds
Inspections**



**5669 bottles filled since
refill station was
installed**

Internal Road Maintenance

- The replacement speed bumps have been collected, and we are in the process of installing them back onto the roads. Will upload some photos once civil crew start this project.

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Civil crew picking up rubbish around the community and playgrounds
- Grass cutting, slashing and whipper snipping, ongoing.
- We received the new park, waiting for contractors to disassemble the old park, so then its ready for the new one to be installed at Stuart Park.

Sports Grounds

- Civil team will continue to hose the basketball courts, remove any graffiti and remove any graffiti where is necessary
- Softball oval is in good condition
- Football Oval is in good condition but fencing needs updating, very old.

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 very well 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.

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

Other Community Updates

ESO Project

ESO has taken the initiative to build an undercover shade and storage shed for our machinery, he has completed one, but has plans to do more.



Orange Sky Truck

Children’s Grounds providing orange sky truck that is solar powered equipped with washing machines and dryers for community members to use, service is provided every Friday from 9am-5pm



11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.2
TITLE Community Services - Aged Care Services 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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the attached Aged Care Services report.

BACKGROUND

All Community Services programs continue to be 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 - Senior Coordinator Quality Compliance & Strategy Aged Care Services.
Ashton Rogers – Senior Coordinator Operations Aged Care Services.
Coordinators and Admin.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Aged Care Services Report Amoonguna



Local Authority Report Amoonguna Aged Care Services Sept-Dec 2025



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

Stakeholders' engagements: 4 Reported
Allied Health & Dementia Australia



Lifts provided: 45



Client Interactions: 26

This includes client welfare
checks and client engagement at
the Aged Care Centre



Personal Care provided: 206

Including:
shower & toilet assistance, laundry
loads, tablet reminders



Active Clients:

2 CHSP
9 NATSI



Training:

Toolbox talks: R U OK Day & Clinical
We are gearing up to begin Cert III early 2026



Meals Provided

Breakfast, lunches
& Hampers: 1366



Updates



- Services continue to run smoothly with a dedicated team.
- Clients have enjoyed trips out, including a picnic at Emily Gap
- Amoonguna was part of the Quality Review Audit which took place in early September. The review was a great success, and we would like to acknowledge the hard work of our Amoonguna staff who played a vital part in the process.
- We held our client Christmas party at the beginning of December. Clients enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the centre and were all provided with gifts which had been generously gifted from Operation Secret Santa - Aged Care NT



Clients enjoying a trip
to Emily Gap



Christmas Party 🎄



11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.3
TITLE Community Services - Youth and Community Safety 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

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 Youth and Community Safety Services reports.

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 of Youth and Community Safety.
Sarah Grant - Senior Coordinator of Community Safety.
Coordinators and Admin.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Youth and Community Safety Services reports Amoonguna



Local Authority Youth Services

Amoonguna September - December 25



Employees

7 staff
100% Aboriginal



Activities

131 activities
283 hours



Engagements

95 Participant
2095 engagement



Bush / Town Trip

0



School Support

2



Training

0 Staff Training



Youth Board

1



Sport

80



Events

0

Highlights



- **School Holiday Program**– Amoonguna Youth Services runs a two-week school holiday program during September and October, designed to engage youth in fun, educational, and active experiences. The program offers a wide variety of activities, including disco night, a dodgeball competition between local groups, indoor soccer, arts and crafts, cooking classes, and computer time. These activities are not only enjoyable but also help young people develop new skills, stay active, and connect with others.
- **Youth Board meeting:** A successful 2nd Amoonguna Youth Board meeting was held on 19th of November 2025, with 4 Youth Board members returning from the previous meeting this year April, showing growing consistency and engagement. Members completed Lesson 2 of the Future Leaders Program, focusing on communication skills such as listening, body language and speaking confidently. Youth Board members also provided feedback on ongoing Youth Programs and shared ideas for upcoming school holiday activities.



Youth are participating in a game of dodgeball, which promotes physical activity and engagement within youth services.

Girls are enjoying food during School Holiday Breakfast program



The children are engaged in their drawing activity, a great way for them to express their creativity.





Local Authority

Amoonguna Community Safety September - December 2025



- 5 Staff in the Amoonguna Team
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal
- 612 Hours Patrolled
- 1 424 Hours Worked
- Work: 6 hour shifts Mon-Fri Between 6pm - Midnight



93 Engagements with young people



8 Engagements with over 18's



77 Young people taken home



19 Training Hours with MacSafe Coordinator



13 Are you okay? Checks



No Community gatherings

Highlights



- The coordinator has visited Amoonguna a few times in this reporting period, providing staff with training and support. They work closely together to provide a good service.
- Amoonguna Casual Community Safety Officer Jackson Kopp became a permanent part time worker.
- The Team Leader continues to provide training and support to the Community Safety Staff, while going through training to be a supervisor for the onboarding of certificate III in community safety.
- The team want to add some shade structure in front of the office and requested the help from the civil team.
- All staff had a break over Christmas with the Service being closed 22 December - 2 January.



Clint Williams and the other Team Leaders attending training in town, to be able to supervise the oncoming certificate III, which will roll out next year.

Civil team and the community safety team, looking at adding some shade structure on the verandah.



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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the updates on previous matters; and
- b) raises and discusses new matters of Non-Council business.

BACKGROUND

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

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Amoonguna Local Authority 2/07/2025	NTG – Jessica Scrutton	Moved from Action Register	Fences and Gates
<p>AMLA2025-045 – Fences and Gates Members advised 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.</p> <p>10 July 2025 – Response from Governance This information has been emailed to Jessica Scrutton, NTG Representative.</p> <p>7/8/2025 Governance emailed Jessica Scrutton for a response.</p> <p>2 Oct 2025 AMLA2025-67 noted that the CSC has done an audit on the fences and gates in need of repair and has passed this information on to Jessica Scrutton and moved this item to Non-Council Business;</p> <p>7/1/2026 Governance emailed Tomas King and requested a response.</p>			

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Amoonguna Local Authority 2/07/2025	NTG – Jessica Scrutton	Moved from Action Register	Funding of Football Lights and Lease Land near Basketball Court
AMLA2025-047 – Funding for football lights and lease on the land next to the basketball court			
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.			
2 July 2025 - Decision of the Authority is to keep the action open.			
2 Oct 2025 AMLA2025-67			
Were advised that Council is seeking information from the Member for Namatjira’s office regarding the football lights and the lease on the land next to the basketball court and moved this item to Non-Council Business;			
8/10/2025 CEO update			
The CEO has a meeting with Minister Yan and will update the Local Authority at the next meeting.			

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.