



AGENDA

IMANPA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2026

The Imanpa Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Imanpa Council Office on Tuesday 24 March 2026 at 10:30 AM.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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14 NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2026

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;**
- 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 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 report provides an overview of the current membership of the Authority, identifies existing vacancies and records attendance at the previous meeting. It also informs members of recent legislative changes to appointment procedures introduced under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the current membership of the Imanpa Local Authority;
- b) tables any nominations received to cover the one vacancy; and
- c) calls for community nominations to remain open.

BACKGROUND

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

Member Lesley Luckey has not attended a meeting since October 2024.

Appointed Members Imanpa LA	Meeting Attendance 19 November 2025
Chairperson Kathleen Luckey	Apology
Member Lesley Luckey	Absent
Member Gary Mumu	Present
Member Janie [Shelia] Bulla	Present
Member Tanya Luckey	Absent
Member Roslyn McCormack	Present
Vacant	

Elected Members Iyarrka	
Cr Abraham Poulson	Present
Cr Peter Wilson	Apology

Local Authorities Overview:

Local Authorities are composed of community members and convene **four times per year** to discuss:

- Council service delivery
- Project funding and progress
- Community project ideas

Functions of Local Authorities (as per the Local Government Act 2019, Section 78):

- Engage communities in local government issues
- Provide a platform for community opinions
- Influence local, regional, and area-wide policy development
- Represent and advocate for community views to the council
- Contribute to regional planning
- Make recommendations on council budgets and local matters
- Carry out additional functions as assigned by the Minister

This framework ensures that Local Authorities act as a conduit between communities and Council, fostering inclusive governance and informed decision-making

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 Imanpa Local Authority Meeting held 19 November 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the provisional meeting held 19 November 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. IMANPA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 19.11.2025 - MINUTES [1 pages]

MINUTES OF THE IMANPA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE IMANPA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared a provisional and opened at 10:37AM

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Gary Mumu, Member Janie Bulla and Member Roslyn McCormack

Councillors

Councillor Abraham Poulson

Council Employees

Mark O'Brien – Manager Projects and Contracts, Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Office and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Guests

Dion Collins – Consultant Ross Planning

Apologies

Chairperson Kathleen Luckey and Councillor Peter Wilson

Absentees

Members Tanya Luckey and Lesley Luckey

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.

ILA2025-53 RESOLVED (Janie Bulla/Roslyn McCormack)

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

- a) nominated Member Gary Mumu as Acting Chairperson for this meeting;**
- b) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;**
- c) tabled apologies received from Chair Kathleen Luckey and Councillor Peter Wilson; and**
- d) recorded the first absence, without notice provided, by Members Lesley Luckey and Tanya Luckey.**

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Membership of the Local Authority
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the current membership of the Authority, identifies existing vacancies and records attendance at the previous meeting. It also informs members of recent legislative changes to appointment procedures introduced under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

ILA2025-54 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Roslyn McCormack)

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that:

- a) the current membership of the Imanpa Local Authority was noted;
- b) any nominations received to cover the one vacancy will be tabled at the next meeting; and
- c) the call for community nominations will remain open.

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.

ILA2025-55 RESOLVED (Gary Mumu/Janie Bulla)

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote 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 Imanpa Local Authority Meeting held 20 October 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

ILA2025-56 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Gary Mumu)

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to note:

- a) that the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Imanpa Local Authority Meeting held 20 October 2025 was read;
- b) an amendment to the minutes to record the attendance of Mark O'Bryan – Area Manager; and
- c) that the minutes be confirmed at the next Authority meeting when a quorum is present.

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.

ILA2025-57 RESOLVED (Gary Mumu/Janie Bulla)

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, was 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.

ILA2025-58 RESOLVED (Tanya Luckey/Roslyn McCormack)

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

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members did not declare any conflicts of interest.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
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.

ILA2025-59 RESOLVED (Gary Mumu/Abraham Poulson)

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

- a) **noted the update to keep open Lot number for the Church, moving this matter to Non-Council Business; and**
- b) **closed the Entrance Rd action, noting that members will be informed if and when funding will be available to seal the road.**

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, 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.

ILA2025-60 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)

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

- a) **that \$11,818.66 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG was acknowledged;**

- b) that the progress on their current project as provided by the Project Management office to Project 2162 – Imanpa Master Plan:
 - accepted the information provided by the Consultant from Ross Planning;
 - approved the anticipated visit from the Ross Planning Consultant to discuss the upgrade of the Sporting infrastructures with community members; and
 - advised the need for Solar lights to be added to the project;
- d) that there were no unallocated funds available at this time; and
- e) added fruit trees to the wishlist.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
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.

ILA2025-61 RESOLVED (Gary Mumu/Janie Bulla)

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

- a) agreed not to go ahead with the allocation to the uniforms or the softball equipment at this time;
- b) chose instead to reassign the funds of \$2,500.00 towards a Community Christmas Party with Member Roslyn McCormack to organise:
 - BBQ Meat
 - Salads
 - Woolworths
 - Toys for kids Christmas
 - Gas Bottle
 - that Governance send a poster to the CSC announcing the event.
- b) did not allocate the remaining funds of \$1,500.00 at this meeting; and
- c) acknowledged that the funds must be spent with the invoices received by 30 June 2026.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Youth and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Community Safety

ILA2025-62 RESOLVED (Gary Mumu/Janie Bulla)

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that the Community Safety report was noted and accepted.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Council Services LAR
AUTHOR:	Ellen Fitzgerald, Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ILA2025-63 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Gary Mumu)

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that the Council Services report tabled at this meeting was noted and accepted.

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.

ILA2025-64 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority advised that fruit trees for around community will be moved to the Projects wishlist.

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.

ILA2025-65 RESOLVED (Gary Mumu/Janie Bulla)

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council of the following matters raised for Non-Council Business:

- a) **Old Store**
This building, located next to the existing store was originally used as the Community Store, before operations were relocated to its current premises. It later functioned as an Art Gallery, but the building has since fallen into disrepair and is now unsafe. Members are unsure as to who may hold the lease, and have asked if this can be investigated.
- b) **Members asked if the community laundry, located next to the existing store, could be bought up to standard and made useable. Members have asked if NTG could liaise with Outback Stores on whether they hold the lease to that block and what would it take to bring the laundry up to code and fitted out.**
- c) **Request the Lot number for the Church on Waterhole Rd, to carry out repairs and upgrades.**
- d) **Closed the actions – Power meters and Housing maintenance**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:07 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Imanpa Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 19 November 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.

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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

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Remote Water Team
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 Remote Water Team are holding a community water meeting in Imanpa on 26 March 2026. The representatives are attending the Local Authority meeting to introduce team members and to seek advice on any water concerns or issues within the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **accepts the presentation from the Remote Water Team; and**
- b) **provides feedback on the water concerns and issues within Imanpa.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Remote Water Team is made up of water quality, infrastructure and engagement experts from across the NT Government including Housing, Health, Water Security and Power and Water.

The team is delivering community water information forums to engage with communities, raise community awareness and share information about water quality, security and Infrastructure investment.

The Remote Water Team hopes to hold a forum in Imanpa on 26 March 2026.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The community water information meetings provide community members with an opportunity to raise and discuss any water issues, questions or concerns with people who have expertise on water in remote communities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to 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 (MRC) Regional Plan.

It is important that Local Authorities are consulted during the development of the Regional Plan to ensure that the priorities and needs of residents across the region are accurately represented

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) reviews the information presented; and**
- b) provides feedback to MacDonnell Regional Council to ensure local needs and community priorities are reflected in the development of the Regional Plan.**

BACKGROUND

Each year, MacDonnell Regional Council produces a Regional Plan that serves as a roadmap for strategic growth and development. The plan outlines how MRC will continue to support and strengthen its communities across all sectors. It identifies not only the direction in which the Council is heading, but also the strategies and actions that will be undertaken to achieve these outcomes in partnership with the community.

The accompanying PowerPoint presentation provides members with an opportunity to consider key issues affecting MRC communities, including matters such as employment, infrastructure, and other priority areas.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Local Authority may provide feedback during the presentation of this report. Alternatively, members may choose to discuss the ideas presented with others in the community and provide their feedback 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

There are no attachments to this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	10.2
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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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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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 LAMP 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) notes the Project Funding Acquittal and Certification [attached] as at 30 June 2025;**
- b) notes that the available funds include the 2025/2026 Project Funding grant of \$22,800.00;**
- c) acknowledges that \$5,068.66 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- d) notes the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management office; and**
- e) 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.

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

Project 2162	Imanpa Master Plan	\$
	Status	Committed
3-Jul-25	Res.030 – Created a new project - Imanpa Master Plan and allocated all remaining funds to this project, requesting that quotes be obtained to create the master plan with the first stage of the plan to focus on improvements to the sports grounds including fencing, seating and a commentary box.	\$31,978.91
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Have had a preliminary meeting with Ross planning - have been sourcing quotes for what has been requested - to be presented at next meeting.	
20-Oct-25	Res.046 - approved the quote for \$27,000.00 for Ross Planning to visit Imanpa, do an audit on the current sport and recreation facilities, meet with community members and develop a plan for the upgrades as part of project 2162.	
20-Oct-25	Res.046 - closed completed project 2161 Purchase of Water Trailer and moved the unused funds to project 2162 Imanpa Master Plan.	\$3,839.75
24-Oct-25	Balance of PO raised with Ross Planning.	-\$20,250.00
12-Nov-25	Progress payment made to Ross Planning	-\$6,750.00
19-Nov-25	Res.060 - Noted progress and accepted the information provided by the Consultant from Ross Planning and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approved the anticipated visit from the Consultant to discuss the upgrade of the Sporting infrastructures with community members; and • advised the need for Solar lights to be added to the project. 	
1-Dec-25	PMO update - Trying to arrange a time Ross Planning to come to community to meet stakeholders, site visit and further consultation.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$8,818.66
Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$8,818.66
	Total un-allocated funds	\$22,800.00
	Total unspent funds	\$31,618.66

RAISED	WISH-LIST	ASSIGNED
18-Jul-24	Heavy duty trailer and chainsaw for collecting firewood.	
19-Nov-25	Fruit trees for around the community	

PROJECTS CLOSED 2025-26		
Project 2161	Purchase of Water Trailer	\$
	Status	Committed
2-May-24	Res.031 – Created a new project and committed remaining funds towards the purchase of a water trailer	\$12,379.75
18-Jul-24	Res.050 - Technical Services Directorate presented 3 quotes: 1. Heavy duty water trailer with a petrol-powered pump- \$19,646; 2. Heavy duty water trailer with a petrol-powered pump and a chilled water unit - \$20,796; 3. Heavy duty water trailer with a pump, chilled water unit, solar panel and a battery - \$23210,00. The members will make a decision at the next meeting when there is full quorum.	
10-Oct-24	Res.066 - allocated an additional \$11,000.00, and accepted the costs on a Heavy-Duty water trailer with a pump, chilled water unit, solar panel and battery, quoted at \$23,210.00	\$11,000.00
13-Jan-25	PMO updated - quote has been obtained - \$26,000 - additional funds of \$,5000 required, approx 4 months.	
19-Feb-25	Res.011 – Approved the quote for the water trailer and allocated an additional \$5,000.	\$5,000.00
30-Apr-25	Partial invoice received from Pump and Power Centre for 50% deposit.	-\$12,270.00
26-Mar-25	Balance of invoice from the Pump and Power Centre.	-\$12,270.00
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Trailers ready to go - have been delivered - good to close project.	
20-Oct-25	Res.046 - closed completed project 2161 Purchase of Water Trailer and moved the unused funds to project 2162 Imanpa Master Plan.	-\$3,839.75
	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
Imanpa Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 LAPF Acquittal and Certification

Local Authority Project Funding 2024-25 Certification

Council Name: MacDonnell Regional Council
 Local Authority Name: Imanpa

Income and Expenditure for the period ending 30 June

Total Grant Income:	\$	62,407.10
Total Project Expenditure:	\$	26,588.44
Surplus/(Deficit):	\$	35,818.66

Answering 'No' to any question requires a written explanation with this certification

expenditure shown in this Local Authority Project Funding certification has been actually incurred and project reports submitted are in accordance with:

- the projects submitted by the Local Authority; Yes No
- the Northern Territory Buy Local Plan; Yes No
- the LAPF funding guidelines; and Yes No
- the *Local Government Act* and the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulation* Yes No

Certification and Project Report prepared by : Zubair Ali 28/08/2025

The local authority projects reported formed part of the agenda and minutes of:

- Council's ordinary council meeting; and Yes No
- Local Authority meeting Yes No

Laid before the Council at a meeting (held/ to be held on) 25/09/2025
 Copy of minutes attached to this certification Yes TBA

Laid before the Local Authority at a meeting (held/ to be held on) _____
 Copy of minutes attached to this certification Yes TBA

Project Report completed and attached Yes No

Chief Executive Officer or ~~Chief Financial Officer~~: *[Signature]* 28/08/2025

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY
 CERTIFICATION ACCEPTED & RECONCILED Yes No

Comments: _____

Grants Officer sign/date: _____

Manager, Grants Management sign/date: _____



10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.3
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 \$2,233.97 was spent on the Community Christmas party;
- b) extends appreciation to Member Roslyn McCormack for her hard work organizing the Christmas Party;
- d) recognizes that the next meeting is scheduled for 7 May 2026;
- e) chooses to allocate the remaining funds of \$1,766.03 at this meeting; and
- f) acknowledges that the funds must be spent with the invoices 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 fund		
Date	Description	Budget - \$4,000.00
3-Jul-25	Res.031 - Allocated \$2,500.00 to the purchase of football uniforms, softball uniforms and softball equipment (Imanpa Giants)	
20-Oct-25	- Members nominated Jordan and Eliza from NPY Women’s Council Youth Service to assist with ordering the items.	
28-Oct-25	Update from Governance team: The funds allocated are insufficient to order these items. We have spoken to the people at Intersport and they have advised that football and softball uniforms are \$60 - \$65 each and shorts are an additional \$40 - \$45 each. [The order form is attached]. A softball kit could be purchased for within \$2,000.00.	
Recommend the Local Authority consider the priority of the items requested.		

19-Nov-26	<p>chose instead to reassign the funds of \$2,500.00 towards a Community Christmas Party with Member Roslyn McCormack to organise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chickens/Ham • Salads • Woolworths • Toys for kids Christmas • Gas Bottle 	<p>-\$2,233.97</p>
Remaining Balance \$		1,766.03

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Local Authorities decide how best to 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

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.1
TITLE Council Services LAR
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 Imanpa across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Council Services report

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Keith Hassett – Director Council Services
Mark O'Bryan – Manager Commercial Services

ATTACHMENTS

To be tabled at the meeting.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.2
TITLE Youth and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR Annaliza Rivera, 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 provides an update on the delivery of Community Safety for Imanpa

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Safety report.

BACKGROUND

The Community Safety 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
and Administration

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Community Safety Imanpa LAR December - February 2026



Local Authority Report

Imanpa

Community Safety

December 2025 - February 2026



- 4 Staff in Imanpa Team
- There is a Part-Time vacancy
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal

- 202 Hours patrolled
- Work: 6 hour shifts Mon - Fri
- Between 6pm - Midnight



183 Engagements with young people



205 Engagements with over 18's



216 Young people taken home



26 hours Training



123 Are you okay? Checks



2 Community gathering

Updates



- The Community Safety Team had three Coordinator visits in this reporting period to provide training and support to the Team.
- Ashley Wiseman attended a supervisor training Cert III Local Government (Night Patrol) in Alice Springs to assist in the training and support of the Community Safety Staff.
- The Community Safety Coordinator provides ongoing training under the Learning Management System (LMS) Online portal to the Imanpa team, on all community visits.
- The training consists of 8 Modules relevant to the Community Safety Program.
- The Community safety program did not operate for a period over the Xmas New Year period.
- Our Team Leader Ashley Wiseman won an Award for his work ethic to Community safety service working for 14 years.

**Ashley Wiseman receives an award for his length of service
14 years working in the Community Safety program**



Team leader Ashley Wiseman undertaking Learning Management System Training (LMS) through the online portal



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 business outside of the Council area.

This may include:

- Housing and Maintenance
- Education
- Health
- NT Police
- Land Management

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepts the updates on the matters raised at previous meetings; and
- b) notes 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/Director	Section	Subject
Imanpa Local Authority 03/07/2025	NTG	Non-Council Business	Demolish the old store
ILA 2025-036 – Demolish the old store			
<p>b) raised that the community would like the old store building demolished as it is unstable and members are worried that kids may be harmed</p>			
5/11/2025 - Update from Tom King, Director Community Development CA			
Members are asked to provide additional information:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store location • Who operated the store prior • What are the lease arrangements in place 			
19/11/2025 – Res.65			
This building, located next to the existing store was originally used as the Community Store, before operations were relocated to its current premises. It later functioned as an Art Gallery, but the building has since fallen into disrepair and is now unsafe. Members are unsure as to who may hold the lease, and have asked if this can be investigated.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Imanpa Local Authority 19/11/2025	NTG	Non-Council Business	Community Laundry
ILA 2025-65 – Community Laundry			
<p>Members asked if the community laundry, located next to the existing store, could be bought up to standard and made useable. Members have asked if NTG could liaise with Outback Stores on whether they hold the lease to that block and what it would take to bring the laundry up to code and fitted out.</p>			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Imanpa Local Authority 19/11/2025	NTG	Non-Council Business	Lot number for Church
ILA 2025-65 – Lot number for Church			
<p>Members request the Lot number for the Church on Waterhole Rd, to carry out repairs and upgrades.</p>			

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.