



AGENDA

DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

MONDAY 28 JULY 2025

The Docker River Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Docker River Council Office on Monday 28 July 2025 at 10:30 AM.

Belinda Urquhart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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14 NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

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

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

That members:

- a) notes the attendance; and
- b) accepts the apologies to the meeting.

3.2 ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

That members agrees to record the absences without notice to this meeting.

3.3 RESIGNATIONS

NIL

3.4 TERMINATIONS

NIL

3.5. NOMINATIONS/MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER	3.5.1
TITLE	Membership of the Local Authority
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning

**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 current membership of the Local Authority and to record the attendance at the previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **notes that the Local Authority currently has full membership;**
- b) **notes the attendance of members at the previous meeting; and**
- c) **notes two absences without notice will result in an automatic dismissal of membership**

BACKGROUND

The chart below shows the current membership of the Local Authority:

Appointed Members Docker River	Attendance at the 30 April meeting
Chair Ruby James	Present
Member Winsome Newberry	Apology
Member Rosina Kunia	Present
Member Denise Brady	Absent
Member Priscilla Abbott	Present
Member Selinda Lily De Rose	Apology
Member Brett Stockman	Present

Elected Members IYARRKA WARD	
Cr Marlene Abbott	Present
Cr Abraham Poulson	Apology
President Roxanne Kenny	Present

Members are reminded of the following section of the Local Authority Meeting Procedure which reads as follows:

4.13. Absence without permission

- 4.13.1. At the first meeting that an appointed or elected local authority member is absent from the meeting without permission, members of a local authority must resolve that the member is absent without permission.
- 4.13.2. The CEO must notify the member, in writing, of the resolution within 7 days of the resolution passed.

- 4.13.3. The notification to the member must include a copy of the minutes and a statement that if the member is absent without permission from the next Local Authority Meeting, the member may be disqualified.
- 4.13.4. If the member is absent from the next local authority meeting without permission, a local authority must resolve that the member is absent from the meeting without permission and may disqualify the member.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Members are reminded that failure to attend meetings where no apology has been received may result in the termination of membership.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

4. MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**ITEM NUMBER** 4.1**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 Docker River 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.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Confirm Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning



The Local Authority resolve the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meeting held 22 May 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd of May 2025 be adopted as an accurate record of proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 DRLA Minutes 22 May 2025 - Unconfirmed



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 22 MAY 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.20AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Ruby James

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Ruby James, Member Brett Stockman and Member Rosina Kunia.

Via Teams: Member Priscilla Abbott [arrived 11:30].

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny.

Via Teams: Councillor Marlene Abbot.

Council Employees:

Damien Ryan – Area Manager Council Services and Shae Millar – Governance Coordinator.

Via Teams: Ruth Tahere – Project Management Officer.

Guests:

Jessica Scrutton - Project Officer, Department of Housing, Local Government, and
Community Development.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Councillor Abraham Poulson, Member Selinda Lily De Rose, Member Winsome Newberry,
Belinda Urquhart – CEO, and Ken Satour – Director Council Services.

Absentees:

Member Denise Brady

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May 2025

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / ABSENTEES**DRLA2025-020 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)****That members:**

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) noted and accepted the apologies from Councillor Abraham Poulson, Member Selinda Lily De Rose, Member Winsome Newberry, Belinda Urquhart – CEO and Ken Satour – Director Council Services; and
- c) noted the absence without notice of Member Denise Brady.

3.3 Resignations**NIL****3.4 Terminations****NIL****3.5 Nominations****NIL****3.5.1 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the current membership of the Local Authority and to record the attendance at the previous meeting.

DRLA2025-021 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Brett Stockmen)**That the Local Authority:**

- a) officially welcomed Brett Stockman to the Local Authority after his nomination was endorsed by Council on the 15th of April;
- b) noted that the Local Authority currently has full membership; and
- c) noted the attendance of members at the previous meeting.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT****DRLA2025-022 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)****That the Docker River Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.**

Minute Note: Priscilla Abbott joined the meeting at 11:30am.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****DRLA2025-023 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)****That the Minutes for the Local Authority meeting held on the 13 March 2025 were adopted by a resolution of Docker River Local Authority.**

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

DRLA2025-024 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)

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

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

DRLA2025-025 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Brett Stockmen)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

DRLA2025-026 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Brett Stockmen)

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

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepts the updates from Remote Housing representatives; and
- b) raises matters relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community.

Minute Note: No representative attended the meeting.

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.

DRLA2025-027 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)

That the Local Authority:

- a) urged all eligible residents to ensure they are enrolled to vote;

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- b) encouraged community members to consider nominating as candidates; and
- c) noted that nominations open Friday 11 July to Thursday 31 July.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

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.

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.

DRLA2025-028 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Brett Stockmen)

That the Local Authority

- a) Provided the following items to be added to the Community Infrastructure Plan:
 - Laundromat
 - Ablution block
 - Football oval grand stand and stage
 - BMX track
 - Water Park
 - Playground equipment; and
- b) agreed to meet before the next meeting to generate more ideas for the plan.

9.2 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.

DRLA2025-029 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Priscilla Abbott)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$41,542.87 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;

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- b) discussed project 2122 and decided that if a solution can be found to divert water from pooling in the playground area, the PMO can go ahead with the installation of the fence around the playground at its current location and that the new shade structure should be built inside the fence;
- c) discussed project 2129 and decided that the contractor has installed the solar lights too close to the road and that the PMO will work on rectifying this;
- d) noted the update on project 2570 Mobile Water Trailer that the purchase order has been raised and that delivery is expected in 3 months;
- e) did not close any projects;
- f) provided the following feedback on the Youth Board recommendations:
 - The sports equipment and the gaming console should be provided for in the budget of Youth Services.
 - The painting Project will be paid for out of discretionary funds.
 - The uniforms for men and women will be added to the wishlist along with a container to store them in so that the uniforms can be cared for and used on more than one occasion; and
- g) noted and accepted that the unallocated funds are insufficient to open any new projects from the wishlist.

9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

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.

DRLA2025-030 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Brett Stockmen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that no purchase orders were raised for an Easter celebration;
- b) noted that there is \$699.00 remaining of discretionary funds;
- c) allocated the remaining funds to the Youth Board Painting Project at the Rec Hall; and
- d) noted that these funds must be spent before 30 June 2025.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 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.

DRLA2025-031 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Docker River.

10.2 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

DRLA2025-032 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)

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That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Services report.

10.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety in Docker River.

DRLA2025-033 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Brett Stockmen)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Nil

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 GERNERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

DRLA2025-034 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters relating to General Council Business.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members can discuss matters in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government. This may include:

- NT Housing
- Roads outside of MRC's Area
- Education
- NT Health

DRLA2025-035 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Brett Stockmen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the updates from Jessica Scrutton regarding the housing issues and closed these matters;
- b) noted that no date has been set for the Condition Assessment Audit of all houses in Docker River;
- c) noted that permission will be required from residents for the pest control team when they come out to treat the houses in June;
- d) raised that Priscilla Abbott would like a larger house, Jessica Scrutton has passed on Priscilla's details to the housing team and suggests that Priscilla

- check with NT Housing to find out the status of her application and also that she also take this matter up with the Housing Reference Group – Jessica Scrutton will provide advice on when the next HRG meeting will be held;
- e) raised that there appears to be no one living in house 126 [Green House on the corner] and were advised that if a tenant has their name on the rent agreement and is paying their rent that house will remain in their name. Jessica will raise the matter with NT Housing; and
- f) noted that the Area Manager passed on the following information from the clinic:
- On the 28th – 29th May Hearing Australia will be in the community
 - On the 2nd - 6th June the dieticians will be in the community
 - On the 10th – 12th June Allied Health will have occupational and physical therapists in the community.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 30 JULY, 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:50 pm.

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6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority notes the that the papers were received for consideration at the meeting

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interests



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority Meeting:

- 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.

8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	2025 Local Government Elections
REFERENCE	-
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:

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **urges all eligible residents to ensure they are enrolled to vote;**
- b) **encourages community members to consider nominating as candidates;**
- c) **notes that nominations close Thursday 31st July; and**
- d) **notes and accepts the Information for Candidates for the 2025 Local Government Council Elections.**

BACKGROUND

In the Northern Territory, it is compulsory for eligible voters to vote in all government elections including Federal, Territory and local government elections. If you do not vote, you may receive a fine.

If you are not yet enrolled to vote, visit www.aec.gov.au to enrol online or download a paper enrolment form.

Voting is important as it lets you, your family and your community have a say about who represents you.

Becoming an elected Councillor is a valuable opportunity to help shape the future of your community. Councillors play a vital role in influencing decisions that affect local services, infrastructure, and community well-being. By nominating, you also contribute to building a stronger, more diverse Council that truly represents the people it serves. That's why we need individuals like you to step forward.

To be eligible to nominate, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be enrolled in the local government area you wish to represent
- Complete a nomination form
- Be nominated by at least one other enrolled voter in the same local government area
- Provide a recent head-and-shoulders photograph

Key Dates:

- **Nominations open: Friday, 11 July 2025**
- **Nominations close: 12 noon, Thursday, 31 July 2025**
- **Election Day: Saturday, 23 August 2025**
- **Results Declared: Monday, 8 September 2025**

Nomination forms are available from your local Council office

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nominations can only be lodged after the notice inviting nominations is open and before 12 noon on Thursday, 31 July 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Local Authority Members

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1** Presentation to Candidates
- 2** Nomination Form Local Government Candidates



You love your community, Why not nominate?

Information for Candidates for the 2025 Local Government Council Elections



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Local Government Elections

Every four years, residents vote at an election to decide who will represent them on their local council.

- ▶ The next Local Government Council elections are on Saturday 23 August 2025 (Early and Mobile Voting starts 11 August).
- ▶ Nominations open Friday 11 July and close 12 noon on Thursday 31 July 2025



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Councillors are just people who care

You could be a local government councillor if:

- ▶ You're a good listener
- ▶ You care about others
- ▶ You're ready to learn
- ▶ You want to work collaboratively with other councillors to help your town, suburb or community

You don't have to know everything **from day one.**



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Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)

- ▶ LGANT is the peak body for local government Councils in the Northern Territory.
- ▶ Membership based organisation.
- ▶ We represent 17 of the 18 local government councils.

Shires



Municipals



Regional Councils



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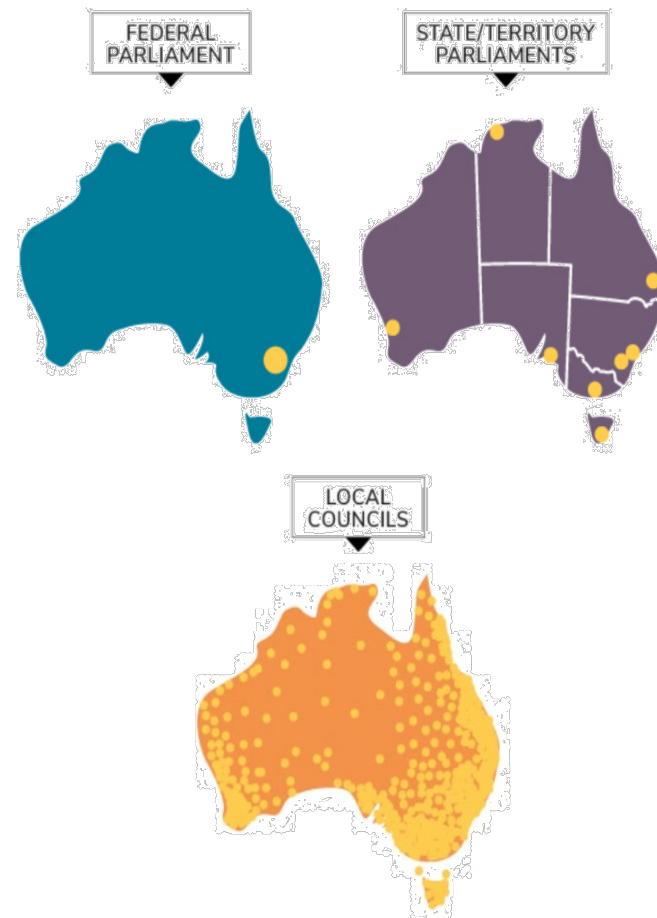
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Local Government Councils

There are 3 levels of government in Australia:

- ▶ Federal Government
- ▶ State or Territory Government (NTG)
- ▶ Local Government (councils)

Local government is **closest to the people.**



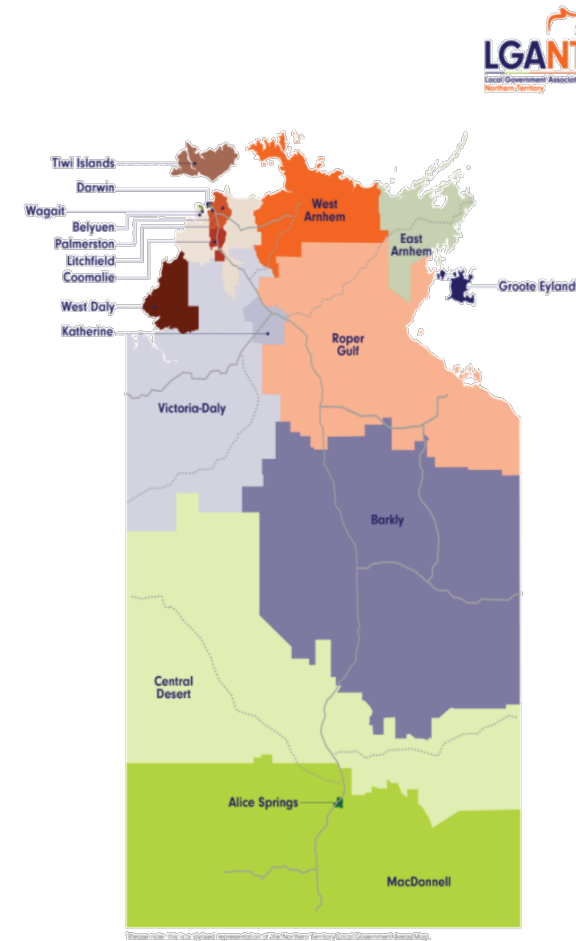
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Local Government Councils

The local government sector in the NT employs around 3,000 Territorians.

- ▶ Often the largest employer in remote and regional areas.
- ▶ Councils in the NT also manage, and control assets and infrastructure valued at \$2.57 billion, and are responsible for over 13,000 kilometres of roads, and receive and spend over \$505 million annually.



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What Do Councils Do?

Councils have many responsibilities, for example:

- ▶ Cemeteries
- ▶ Manage local roads
- ▶ Waste/rubbish
- ▶ Recreation facilities
- ▶ Community events
- ▶ Programs such as youth support, sport and childcare.

Councils operate under the **Local Government Act 2019**



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Local Decision Makers

Becoming an elected member of your local council is a great opportunity to guide the future of your community.

Elected members (councillors) work together to:

- ▶ Make good choices about how to use limited resources to provide community services, programs and infrastructure.
- ▶ Determine what policies are needed to ensure the community's objectives are met.



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Your role as a Councillor

- ▶ Talk with the community about issues and concerns
- ▶ Read council agendas and business papers to prepare for attendance at meetings
- ▶ Work collaboratively with other councillors to make decisions at council meetings
- ▶ Review council plans, policies and budget information
- ▶ Represent council on other committees



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Collaboration

Councillors must work together with other council members

- ▶ You don't have to agree on everything
- ▶ But you must talk about problems and work together to agree on a plan
- ▶ Councillors are directly responsible for only ONE staff member; the CEO

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Taking the Next Step

Too many people who would be good councillors don't nominate.

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Our Local Government Councils are stronger when:

- ▶ There is a strong competition for Council positions; and
- ▶ The pool of candidates represents the diversity of the local community.

Diversity comes in many forms including backgrounds, experiences, culture, age and gender.



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Number and diversity of nominees

During the 2021 local government elections, less than two people (on average) nominated for each council position.

Some sectors of the community were under-represented in the pool of nominees.

- ▶ Female Candidates (30% of nominees)
- ▶ Under 35 years of age (6% of nominees)



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Professional Development

- ▶ Newly elected councillors are not expected to have all of the skills, knowledge and experience of an effective council member from day one.
- ▶ The Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development provides online resources and training for all councillors.
- ▶ Councils have induction programs for new councillors.
- ▶ Your elected member colleagues, CEO and Council staff will assist and support you.



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Allowances

Councillors DO NOT receive a salary.

- ▶ Councillors receive allowances which recognise the commitment involved in being a councillor. These allowances are set every year by the NT Remuneration Tribunal.
- ▶ This includes funding for professional development.
- ▶ Councils also have their own policies regarding allowances and expenses related to council duties.
- ▶ Check with the council on its policies.



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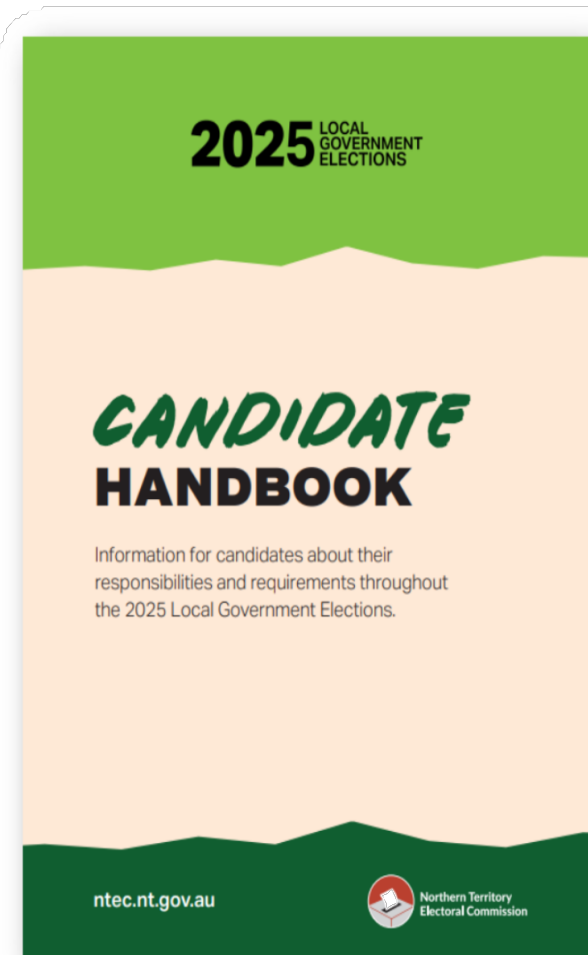
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Planning YOUR Campaign

Make a plan

- ▶ An effective campaign does not need to cost a lot of money.
- ▶ Tell YOUR story. Who you are and why you are a candidate.
- ▶ Start early. Many people vote well before Election Day

Refer to NTEC's "Candidate handbook" for further information regarding campaigning and advertising.



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You should consider nominating for Council if:

- ▶ You are passionate about your community;
- ▶ You want to make a difference;
- ▶ You are someone who likes to get things done;
- ▶ You are a good listener and are willing to learn;
- ▶ You want a rewarding challenge.

For more details about eligibility, please refer to section 47 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

You don't need a big resume.
Just big reasons.



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Northern Territory
Electoral Commission

Nomination form

Local government elections

1 Nomination for

To the returning officer for
(Name of local government council (and ward) in which you are nominating)

I am nominating for the following position/s:

Ordinary council member ☐ and/or Mayor ☐ (please tick ✓)

You must be enrolled in the local government council area in which you are nominating; however, you do not need to be enrolled in the ward if the council is divided into wards.

2 Candidate details (as on the electoral roll)

Given name/s Surname/Family name
 Residential address Suburb State Postcode
 Date of birth Sex (please tick ✓)
 Female ☐ Male ☐ Non-binary ☐
 Postal address (if different)

3 Name to appear on the ballot paper

I request the following name to appear on the ballot paper.

Given name/s* Surname/Family name

4 Candidate contact details (details will be publicly released where permission is given e.g. on NTEC website)

Telephone business hours	<input type="text"/>	Authorised for public release
Telephone after hours	<input type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile phone	<input type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Own website/blog	<input type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

5 Other contact details (optional)

Campaign manager/alternate contact person
 Residential address
 Postal address (if different)
 Phone Email

6 Nominee photograph

You must submit a nominee photograph that is a recent full faced vertical portrait of the nominee's head and shoulders. By submitting the nominee photograph, you are consenting to it being published on the ballot paper and on the NTEC website.

☐ I have submitted a nominee photograph

7 Nominators to complete

A nominator must be enrolled in the local government area for which the candidate is nominating.

Only one nominee is required, however you may include additional nominators.

I, as an elector on the electoral roll for the Local Government Area of

Insert candidate name

Hereby nominate

for election named in section 1.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, if writing is not legible, we cannot accept the nominator details.

	Name and signature	Date of birth	Address on electoral roll
1	Name		
	Signature		
2	Name		
	Signature		
3	Name		
	Signature		

8 Candidate declaration of eligibility (Part 4.2, Division 3 - Local Government Act 2019)

To be eligible to hold office as a member of a council under Division 3 of the *Local Government Act 2019* I declare that I:

- am enrolled as an elector in respect of a place of residence within the area of the local government council named above;
- have a principal place of residence within the area of the local government council named above;
- do not hold a judicial office (justice of the peace excepted) (that is, I am not a Justice of the High Court, Judge of the Federal Court, Supreme Court Judge, Local Court Judge or the President, a Deputy President or an ordinary member of NTCAT);
- am not bankrupt;
- am not sentenced to a term of imprisonment of one year or more for an offence against the law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory;
- am not a staff member of the council named above;
- am not a staff member of the local government subsidiary of which the council named above is a constituent council of the local government subsidiary;
- am not indebted to the council for rates or surcharge (and failed to discharge the debt within 6 months after the debt became due and payable);
- am not certified mentally unfit to carry out the functions of a member;
- am not disqualified from managing a corporation under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) or the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (Cth);
- am not disqualified under section 40 of the *Associations Act 2003* from being an officer of an incorporated association;
- am not a member of the Commonwealth House of Representatives or the Senate;
- am not a member of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly;
- am not determined by NTCAT to be unfit to be a council member under section 133 of the *Local Government Act 2019* following conviction of an offence under the Act or another act demonstrating that I am unfit to be a council member);
- am not incapable of holding a local government office under section 89(3) of the *Criminal Code Act 1983* (that is, I have not been found guilty of offences of corrupt and improper practices at elections within the last 2 years).

Insert given name and surname

I, solemnly and sincerely declare that I am eligible in accordance with Division 3 of the *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)* for election in the capacity for which I am nominating. I consent to be nominated as a candidate and, if elected, to act in the position for which I am nominated.

It is an offence to provide misleading information to an authorised officer in connection with an election (see regulation 74(2) of the *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021*).

Signature of candidate

Date

9

Lodging your nomination

The nomination form and photo must be lodged with the NT Electoral Commission after the opening of nominations and before 12 noon on the day nominations close.

How to lodge your nomination:

- Via the NTEC website: completed nomination forms and photos can be uploaded on the NTEC website (www.ntec.nt.gov.au).
- In person by attending an NTEC office, appointments can be made by emailing nominations.ntec@nt.gov.au or calling 1800 698 683.

Candidates are encouraged to call to confirm receipt of a nomination if not delivered in person.

**Important**

The onus is on you, the candidate, to ensure you are qualified to stand as a candidate in accordance with Part 4.2, Division 3 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

You are encouraged to lodge your nomination as early as possible within the specified timeframe i.e. do not leave it until the day nominations close. **Late nominations will not be accepted.**

NT Electoral Commission use only

Photograph supplied: Yes ☐ No ☐

Date nomination received

Time nomination received

Receiving officer name

Receiving officer signature

8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Remote Housing - Repairs, Maintenance and Tenancy Team
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 02: Healthy Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepts the updates from Remote Housing representatives; and
- b) raises matters relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community.

BACKGROUND

The Director for Remote Housing has requested that representatives from the Repairs and Maintenance/Remote Tenancy team have an ongoing deputation to attend Local Authority Meetings to provide updates and receive feedback from the community.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Issues raised at this time may be followed up by representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development at the request of the Local Authority.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Community Infrastructure Planning
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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.

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.

Members discussed the following priorities at their previous meeting:

- Laundromat
- Ablution block
- Football oval, grandstand and stage
- BMX track
- Water Park
- Playground equipment

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority continues to provide its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure plan.

BACKGROUND

MacDonnell Regional Council maintains 4 Goals which it sees as critical to its success. They are:

- Goal #1 Developing Communities
- Goal #2 Healthy Communities
- Goal #3 Empowered Communities
- Goal #4 A Supportive Organisation

The reason for having these Goals is so that we can fulfil the vision of MacDonnell Regional Council: ***"many voices, one dream - building a quality desert lifestyle"***.

The Local Authority is able to make a significant contribution towards the attainment of these Goals by providing direction in relation to the projects it sees as important for the members of its community.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Local Authority should consider what projects will be of benefit to the community and prioritise the projects that will provide the greatest improvements in the quality of life for the residents within their Local Authority area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Local Authority is now able to pool 4 years of funding in order to facilitate the completion of larger projects that will create significant positive change to the quality of lives of the residents of the community.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

Local Authority members

Project Management Office

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Local Authority Project Register
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Northern Territory Government (NTG) and invested in projects and development to benefit and improve the community.

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. e.g. park fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. e.g. trailers, graders, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures/stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities, e.g. sporting venues, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation; upgrade of women's or men's sheds /shelters.
- Festivals or other events – to be conducted only within the Local Authority area LAPF has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes that \$76,372.87 are funds *at risk*;
- b) accepts the 2024/2025 Project funding allocation of \$47,100.00
- c) notes the progress on their current projects as of the 18th July 2025;
- d) closes any completed projects once invoices are received;
- e) considers and provides feedback on the recommendations of the Youth Board; and
- f) discusses and determines the priority of the wishlist items.

BACKGROUND

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

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

Project 2122 New park location and structures, shade shelter, bbq, seating & fencing		\$
Status		Committed
7-Aug-24	Res.050 - New project established for New park location and structures, shade shelter, bbq, seating & fencing - all remaining funds allocated.	58,041.82
25-Feb-25	PMO update - structure currently on community - quote from DSB Construction \$20,776 ex GST for installation. Balance of funding for solar BBQ? Or fencing or seating - but not both? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar BBQ's are \$8,314 ex GST inc installation. Bench seating \$16,810 ex GST - customisable park furniture - options attached. \$2,098 alternative option for park seating - with a table - could buy two of these. Will need a new concret base (could be \$8,420 + \$5,000 for Docker) and will need pricing to deliver and install at Docker River. Need to specify what area is to be fenced to get a quote - could be beyond budget. Depends on purpose of fencing. 	
13-Mar-25	Res.012: accepted the quote from DSB Construction to install the Shade Structure over the park; o noted as a priority for the PMO office to source quotes for fencing around the playground only; o removed the solar bbq due to the cost; and o did not make any decisions on their preference for seating.	
11-Apr-25	PMO update - Quotes obtained - feedback from CSC is that the community doesn't want the park in the allocated area - are discussing leaving the playground where it is and installing stormwater treatment infrastructure and then installation will be at existing location.	
7-May-25	Purchase order raised with DSB Construction NT incl. labour, materials, travel, mobilisation and accommodation.	- 21,648.00
13-May-25	PMO update - Decision yet to be made on location.	
22-May-25	Res.029 - The meeting decided that if a solution can be found to divert water from pooling in the playground area, the PMO can go ahead with the installation of the fence around the playground at its current location and that the new shade structure should be built inside the fence.	
underspend or (overspend)		\$ 63,393.82

Project 2129 Solar light to post at entry into Docker River		\$
Status		Committed
12-Oct-22	Res.028 – Created new project and committed \$5,000.00 to the project noting that quotes for the light will be sourced by the Coordinator Service Delivery.	5,000.00
1-Feb-23	Res.046 - Altogether 5 large size lights will be installed and one of them will be installed at the sign to 'Welcome to Docker River' and committed all remaining funds which is \$26,718.55 (after deduction from project 2122) to this project.	26,718.55
13-Apr-23	Res.062 – MG Electrical are currently in community and will be approached to quote on the installation.	

5-Jul-23	Waiting on quotes for the five (5) lights from Green Frog.	
25-Sep-23	Invoice received from Green Frog for 8 x Stealth Solar lights.	- 26,239.60
11-Oct-23	Solar lights to post and entry into Docker River, noting that the lights had been ordered and will be installed once they arrive in community.	
31-Jan-24	Res.010 - noted that the Solar lights have arrived now need to be installed - expected completion end of Feb 2024.	
9-May-24	Res.029 - allocating an additional \$10,000.00 and to source Contractors to complete installation.	10,000.00
3-Oct-24	Res.071 - noted that Infrastructure and Projects have been assigned to source contractors	
25-Feb-25	PMO update - additional funds required as quotes received for installation have come in at \$32,000 - request funds from 2127 be allocated to this project.	
13-Mar-25	Res.012 - Accepted the reallocation of \$20,000.00 from Project 2127 and noted and accepted the quote received from Harvey Development for \$35,200.00.	20,000.00
8-Apr-25	Invoice received from Harvey Developments Pty Ltd	- 32,000.00
11-Apr-25	PMO update - Works completed - recommend close project when invoice received has been processed.	
13-May-25	PMO update - Uncertainty around where the lights have been located - to be discussed with contractor.	
22-May-25	Res.029 - The contractor has installed the solar lights too close to the road and the PMO will work on rectifying this.	
	underspend or (overspend)	3,478.95

Project 2570 Mobile water trailer		\$
Status		Committed
9-May-24	Res.029 – Mobile water trailer, allocating the remaining funds to the project.	9,981.20
7-Aug-24	Res.050 - Accepted quote 9337 for \$25,531.00 and allocated an additional \$15,000.00.	15,000.00
25-Feb-25	PMO update - updated quote received for \$26,000 - requires additional funding of \$7,000 to cover delivery and contingencies.	
13-Mar-25	Res.012: PO received and accepted the quote from Pump and Power for \$25,531.00; and in anticipation of receiving their 2024/2025 project funding, members agreed to allocate an additional \$7,000.00 to cover delivery and contingencies.	
11-Apr-25	PMO update - If \$2,140 is allocated it should cover the PO - recommend doing that - to proceed with raising PO.	
28-May-25	PO raised with Pump and Power Centre.	- 24,540.00
	underspend or (overspend)	441.20

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$ 40,313.97
	Total unallocated funds	\$ 49,240.90
	Total	\$ 89,554.87

Wishlist Items		
Date	Item	Assigned
9-May-24	Res.029 - Fencing around oval – Area Manager and CSC to measure and inform TS to be able to seek quotes.	
7-Aug-24	Res.050 - Fencing around Eagle Park and repairs	
22-May-25	Res.029 – Feedback to the Youth Board Uniforms for Men and Women will be added to the wishlist along with a container to store them in so that the uniforms can be cared for and used on more than one occasion.	

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.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 9.3
TITLE Local Authority Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE -
AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning

**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:

- notes the spending of your 2024/2025 Discretionary funds;
- receives the 2025/2026 funding allocation of \$4,000.00;
- discusses allocating these funds; and
- notes that these funds must be spent with invoices received before 30 June 2026.

BACKGROUND

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

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

Date	2025/2026 Discretionary funds	Commitment/ Expenditure
1-Jul-25	Approved funds	\$4,000.00
1-Jul-25	Available funds	\$4,000.00
Date	2024/2025 Discretionary funds	Commitment/ Expenditure
1-Jul-24	Approved funds	\$5,181.81
7-Aug-2024	The CEO approved to return the funds of \$1,181.81 that were forfeited to Council as they were not spent within the 2023/2024 financial year. Amount available for the 2024/2025 Discretionary funds is \$5,181.81	5,181.81
7-Aug-2024	Res.051 – Allocated \$1,181.81 towards a tidiest yard competition with vouchers awarded from either the Docker River Store or Milner Meats in the following denominations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First prize - \$500 Second prize - \$300 Third prize - \$200 Members agreed to judge the competition.	- \$902.58
14-Aug-2024	Members signed a Discretionary funds letter allocating \$4,000 towards an 8KVA Generator with electric start	- \$3,580.23

13-Mar-25	Allocated remaining funds to Easter BBQ No Purchase orders raised	-
22-May-25	Allocated remaining \$699.00 to the Youth Board Painting Project at the Rec-Hall. Invoice received for \$634.95	- \$634.95
	Remaining funds	\$ 64.05

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

Docker River Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	MRC Position Vacancies Report
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Docker River as of the 18 July 2025.

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Katie Fuller, P&C Operations Manager, MRC
Keheli Nagahawatte (Katy), P&C Generalist, MRC

ATTACHMENTS:

1 MRC positions vacant 18 July 2025



Position Vacancies

Docker River

Position #	Service	Description	Type	Weekly Hours
400551	MacKids	Educator – Early Learning	Part-Time	27.35
401104	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Part-Time	20
501222	SCD	Team Leader Works	Full-Time	38
501223	SCD	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19
501224	SCD	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19
501225	SCD	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19
501228	SCD	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19

Table data derived from XLOne Position Vacancy Report of Active Open Positions in the MRC Org Structure as at: 18/07/2025



10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE Council Services report
REFERENCE -
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 Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority of Docker River Note and accept the attached report

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Ken Satour – A/Director Council Services
Mark O'Bryan – Area Manager
Stephen Trindle – Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Council Services LA Report



Council Services Docker River



**100% First Nations
Employees in
Council Services**



**6 Area Manager
Visits to
Community**



**Council Office's
480 Hours of
Service**

Snapshot



**1833 Litres Fuel
Usage Total**



**18 Vehicles and Plant in
Use**



**122 Bins Emptied
Weekly**



**40 Operational
Street lights
4 Non-Operational**



**1 Sport Grounds
Maintained**



**11 Australia Post
Deliveries**



**6 Parks &
Playgrounds
Inspections**



3 Water Tests



9 Generator Services



**11 Hours of
Maintenance
completed at Airstrip**

Animal Management

- The horse problem has seemed to be getting lesser at this stage.
- We have a problem with dogs. There are some houses in Docker that have 5-10 dogs. This is causing a problem with safety. There are a lot of new borns.
- Had to dispose of 3 dead dogs in the last month
- There needs to be a educational program put in place to try and reduce the amount of dogs in community

Cemetery Management

- Cemetery is part of an ongoing maintenance we attend to this for a general tidy up once a fortnight as part of this we are getting some trees to plant out there.
- We are still waiting for the showing device.
- The cemetery will need a touch up with cutting of grass and general tidy up of paper and flowers that have been blown by the wind

Internal Roads Maintenance

- Fire breaks have been maintained by civil team.
- There are a few pot holes that need fixing
- Some speed hump sections need replacing
- New signs will need to be put up around the community

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Maintenance of Parks and open spaces are constantly worked on by civil team.
- Waiting on projects management to come and see what can be done in the relocation of Lasseter Park.
- Tjunga and Eagle parks need a good going over in relation to replacing the soft fall in the play equipment areas.

Sports Grounds

- Football oval will need a grade again as well as the softball oval.
- Still waiting on the shade shelter to be put up at the oval.
- Need materials to be able to repair the fence around the football oval.
- Both ovals are being used regularly by the youth team from NPY for activities and games

Waste Management

- We are now on the second level in our tip.
- Capping of the tip is done twice a week.
- Bins still get emptied twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays
- The bays have been constructed and are in use it is just a matter of waiting for the signs and educating community members on the correct way to use them
- We are in desperate need of more bins we have none in community

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Weed and fire hazard management around Docker river is ongoing
- There are a few trees that need trimming around the oval and at the works depot.
- We have 2 trailers on site as firefighting units these are operational



10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.3
TITLE Community Services Report
REFERENCE -
AUTHOR Annaliza Rivera, Administrator Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety in Docker River.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services Report

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Ainsley Roscrow – A/Director Community Services
Liz Scott – Manager Community Safety

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Community Services Docker River LAR January - April 2025



MacDonnell
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Local Authority

Docker River
Community Safety
January - April 2025



- 3 staff in the Docker River Team
- 1 Permanent & 2 casual vacancies
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal
- 342 Hours Patrolled
- 1,117 Hours Worked
- Work: 6 hour shifts Mon-Fri Between 6pm - Midnight



**561 Engagements
with young people**



**434 Engagements
with over 18's**



**21 Young people
taken home**



**10 Training
Hours**

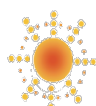


**79 Are you okay?
Checks**



**No Community
gatherings**

Highlights



- The Coordinator has visited Docker River twice in this reporting period.
- Training has been provided in the new MRC IT operating system. Staff are now able to print, scan and send their timesheets and other documents.
- We are hoping that we can find at least two new Community workers to help support our Night Patrol team.

Team members Kennedy and Thaddeus prepare to go out Patrolling



CSC Steve joins the Docker MacSafe Team for a BBQ catchup.



12. GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	General Council Business
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority raises and discusses matters relating to General Council Business.

BACKGROUND

Members discuss matters of General Business that are raised in regards to Council Services within the community.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

13. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE General Non-Council Business
REFERENCE -
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members can discuss matters in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government. This may include:

- NT Housing
- Roads outside of MRC's Area
- Education
- Health
- Land Management

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and discusses the matters raised.

BACKGROUND

Date raised	Issue	Detail
12-May-25	Digital Connectivity Project – Update From DCP team Fred Masters and Jen Newman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site survey has been completed at the Council Office. • Installation works are expected to be completed by 15 May. • The department will send out a notification when the Wi-Fi is connected. • The Digital Literacy Kiosk will be installed after this. • The team thanks MRC and the LA for their support and engagement. • Please reach out with any addition questions. <p>Recommend to close action.</p>

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Docker River Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

Next Local Authority Meeting – 22nd October 2025