



AGENDA

DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2026

The Docker River Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Docker River Council Office on Wednesday 29 April 2026 at 10:30 AM.

Belinda Urquhart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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14 NEXT MEETING – 22 JULY 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; and**
- c) records the Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

At the meeting held 4 February 2026, members of the Docker River Local Authority appointed Priscilla Abbott as Chairperson, effective until February 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority;

- a) notes an additional vacancy created following the revocation of Selinda De Rose’s membership due to being absent from two consecutive meetings;
- b) acknowledges the two vacancies and calls for community nominations to fill these positions; and
- c) reminds members that failure to provide notice of absence may result in their membership being at risk.

BACKGROUND

The chart below shows the attendance of members at the previous meeting held 4 February 2026.

Appointed Members Docker River LA	Meeting Attendance 04 February 2026
Ruby James	Present
Winsome Newberry	Absent
Rosina Kunia	Present
Priscilla Abbott	Present
Brett Stockman	Present
Selinda Lily De Rose	Revoked
VACANT	
Elected Members Iyarrka Ward	
Cr Abraham Poulson	Present via Teams
Cr Peter Wilson	Present

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.

All members must attend at least 75% of the Local Authority meeting to qualify for the meeting allowance.

For non-employees of Council, the allowance is usually paid on Friday, after a meeting. For Local Authority Staff, you may be eligible for the allowance at the next scheduled pay date of MRC.

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 Docker River Local Authority Meeting held 4 February 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Docker River Local Authority Meeting held 4 February 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 4.2.2026 - MINUTES [1 pages]

MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was postponed to 11:22AM before being declared open

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Priscilla Abbott, Member Rosina Kunia and Member Brett Stockman

Councillors

Councillor Peter Wilson

Via Teams: Councillor Abraham Poulson and President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees

Keith Hassett – Director Council Services, Ainsley Roscrow – Executive Manager Aged and Children Services, Victor Morgan – Area Manager and June Crabb – Governance Coordinator

Via Teams: Jake Potter - Manager Housing and Project Management Office

Guests

Alice Honner – Senior Engagement Officer and David Kerrin – Assistant Director Remote Engagement, NIAA Representatives

Via Teams: Shelly Beattie – Manager, Community Development, Housing and Local Government and Peta-Lee Cole-Manolis – Cultural Consultant, Penangke Consultancy

Apologies

Nil

Absent

Member Winsome Newberry and Member Selinda De Rose

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.

DRLA2026-01 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Ruby James)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member’s attendance at this meeting;**
- b) noted that no apologies were received for this meeting;**
- c) resolved that the absence of Member Winsome Newberry without notice received, be recorded as her first non-attendance; and**

- d) recorded Selinda De Rose as absent from her second Authority meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

In accordance with good Governance practices, Docker River's first Local Authority meeting in 2026 will include the selection of a chairperson for a 12-month term.

DRLA2026-02 RESOLVED (Brett Stockmen/Rosina Kunia)

That the Local Authority;

- a) noted the selection of a new Chairperson for a 12-month term and appointed Priscilla Abbott to fill the role;
- b) acknowledged and thanked former Chairperson Ruby James, for her commitment and hard work on the Docker River Local Authority;
- c) accepted that the membership of Selinda De Rosa be revoked for her absence from two consecutive Authority meetings; and
- d) noted two vacant positions and called for community nominations to 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.

DRLA2026-03 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Local Authority 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 Docker River Local Authority Meeting held 22 October 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

DRLA2026-04 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Priscilla Abbott)

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

- a) the Ordinary meeting held 22 October 2025; and
- b) the Provisional meeting held 28th July 2025

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.

DRLA2026-05 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Priscilla Abbott)

That the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, be 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.

DRLA2026-06 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

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

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Community Alcohol Planning Engagement
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DRLA2026-07 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the information provided by Penangke Cultural Consultants.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Introduction to the Regional Plan
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Local Authority with the opportunity to contribute to the development of MacDonnell Regional Council’s (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

DRLA2026-08 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Brett Stockmen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) reviewed the information presented;
- b) provided the following feedback to MacDonnell Regional Council to ensure local needs and community priorities are reflected in the development of the Regional Plan:
 - Employment opportunities
 - Improvements to Cemetery, Waste Management, and Infrastructure
 - Focus on skill development, training opportunities, leadership and well-being for local staff
 - Advocate for stronger collaboration between MRC and external stakeholders to enhance service deliver across Essential Services, Education, Roads and Housing.

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.

DRLA2026-09 RESOLVED (Brett Stockmen/Priscilla Abbott)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged that \$62,702.87 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management office and resolved to keep the following projects open:
 - 2124 – Bin Trailer, noting that once they arrive in Alice Springs, they will be registered and undergo the necessary safety checks, before being dispatched to community;
 - 2125 – Bases for the Solar lights – requested that the solar lights be distributed between the Cemetery and the three parks.
- c) made the following decisions in relation to Project 2122 – New Park Location and Structures:
 - noted that the cost of temporarily relocating the playground equipment, diverting the water from the park when it floods, or installing stormwater treatment measures exceeded the Authority’s budget;
 - noted that Council Services and the Project Management Office will re-assess the park and the playground equipment and determine the required course of action;
 - closed the Project, re-assigning the balance of \$56,113.67 to a new project;
- d) created two new projects:
 - Upgrades to the Cemetery - source quotes for shade, seating, plaques and repairing the existing fence or quote to install a new fence (with no funds allocated at this point).
 - New Playground, accepting the reassigned funds of \$56,113.67 to the project and determined:

- **Playground to be installed near the former Aged Care building, noting that Council will require the relevant lot number to investigate the lease for that area.**

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, 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.

DRLA2026-10 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Priscilla Abbott)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending towards the Community Christmas Party;
- b) noted the available funds and allocates these funds as follows:
 - \$1,000.00 towards a Easter Community Celebration including cake;
 - removed the uniforms from the Project wishlist and allocated \$2,000.00 towards Men’s AFL Uniforms and Ladies Multi-Sports uniforms.
- c) noted that these funds will be forfeited if not spent with invoices received by 30 June 2026.

Minute Note: A delegate was not selected by the members to take the lead on the design, logo, quotes to be sourced, sizing or storage for the uniforms.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Council Services LA Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DRLA2026-11 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Brett Stockmen)

That the Local Authority of Docker River noted and accepted the Council Services report tabled at this meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Youth and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DRLA2026-12 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Priscilla Abbott)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Community Safety Report; and
- b) accepted the update on the Childcare Centre

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.

DRLA2026-13 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters for discussion

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

- Roads outside of MRC's area
- Education
- Health
- Police
- Land Management

DRLA2026-14 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Manager from Community Development, Housing and Local Government in attendance to the meeting;
- b) noted the update to the current issue regarding Housing:
 - DLI undertook community consultation on the new modular designs, including providing tenants with a sample of the build materials. The NTG Representative's understanding is that all affected tenants signed to acknowledge and agree to the proposed materials and design of the buildings.
The list of signatures has been requested and will be provided to the Local Authority members once received.
Members advised that they were not aware of the consultation and had not signed any agreement.
- c) Members requested that a Housing Representative visit community to engage with residents and assess housing conditions, noting that several properties had sustained considerable damage from feral camels and have been unoccupied for several months, despite having active tenancies.
The affected properties included:
 - Lot 124
 - Lot 153
 - Lot 160
 - Lot 162
- d) Member Ruby James has requested a follow up to her maintenance requests for Lot 139 regarding the issues around her toilet, air-conditioner and water leaks.

Minute Note: Chair Priscilla Abbott has requested an update on the status of her housing application.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:53 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 4 February 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

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

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

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

Information and Opportunities

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

Undue Influence

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

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

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

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

If you do have a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

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

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Census Engagement Team - ABS
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 Census Engagement Team are attending the Local Authority Meeting to introduce their staff, provide information about the Census, outline employment opportunities, gain community support for the Census and seek input regarding the best approach to ensure participation is maximised.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **notes and accepts the information provided by the Census Engagement Team;**
and
- b) **provides advice on ways to improve participation within the community.**

BACKGROUND

Every 5 years the Australian Bureau of Statistics [ABS] conducts a Census to count the population and housing for the Australian government to make informed decisions to distribute GST funding to each State and Territory for housing, education, and essential services like roads etc. This means that more participation in the Census leads to better funding for communities

This year's Census will be held in August. It will provide employment opportunities for people in communities as members of the community will be employed to assist Census staff.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Any information that the Local Authority can provide that will assist the ABS team to increase community engagement could lead to increased funding for services within the community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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 LAMPF has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) receives the 2024/25 Project Funding acquittal and Certification;**
- b) notes that the unallocated funds of \$48,141.20 includes the 2025/26 LAMPF allocation of \$ 44,800.00**
- c) acknowledges that \$47,522.67 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) closes completed projects and returns unused funds.**

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 <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 concrete base (could be \$8,420 + \$5,000 for Docker) and will need pricing to deliver and install. ▪ 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accepted the quote from DSB Construction to install the Shade Structure over the park; • noted as a priority for the PMO office to source quotes for fencing around the playground only; • removed the solar bbq due to the cost; and • 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 inc 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.	
28-Jul-25	Res.044 - The meeting noted the quote of \$55,000.00 to remove playground, build up the park area and reinstall playground was too excessive and members instead, requested that the contractor be contacted to provide a revised quote to uplift the playground and move it away from where the water is pooling.	
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Revised quote from contractor is still excessive \$45,000 - additional funds will need to be allocated to this project	

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22-Oct-25	Res.056 - New Park location, allocating an additional \$19,719,85 to this project.	19,719.85
1-Dec-25	PMO update - Trying to source a quote for relocation and fencing that comes within budget. Original location within a flood zone. Res.009 - The meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> noted that the cost of temporarily relocating the playground equipment, diverting the water from the park when it floods, or installing stormwater treatment measures exceeded the Authority's budget; noted that Council Services and the Project Management Office will reassess the park and the playground equipment and determine the required course of action; closed the Project, re-assigning the balance of \$56,113.67 to a new project. 	- 56,113.67
WAITING ON DSB CONSTRUCTION INVOICE TO COME THROUGH		
underspend or (overspend)		-

Project 2124		Bin Trailer	\$
		Status	Committed
28-Jul-25	Res.044 - New Project established July 2025, One bin trailer, allocating \$18,000.00 to the project.		18,000.00
26-Aug-25	PO raised with Mordern Trailers Pty Ltd.		
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Trailer ready to go - are currently in production - expect delivery by the end of the year.		
22-Oct-25	Res.056 - Bin Trailer still in production.		
1-Dec-25	PMO update - Supplier has advised that due to delays the trailer won't be available until Feb next year.		
4-Feb-26	Res.009 - The LA noted that once the trailer arrives in Alice Springs, it will be registered and undergo the necessary safety checks, before being dispatched to community.		
4-Mar-26	Invoice received from Napa Auto Parts for batteries		- 154.60
4-Mar-26	Invoice received from Modern Trailers Pty Ltd.		- 13,990.91
20-Mar-26	Invoice received from Steve's Electrix for additional work on Bin Trailer.		- 334.69
underspend or (overspend)			3,519.80

Project 2125		Bases for the Solar Lights	\$
		Status	Committed
28-Jul-25	Res.044 - New Project established July 2025, Bases for the Solar lights, allocating \$10,000.00 and agreeing that the Civil team will remove the solar lights at the entrance to Docker River as they had been installed too close to the road, that the CSC and the Civil team liaise with community on where to install them.		10,000.00
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Project at a standstill - considering ordering new bases with Civil team to relocate and install.		

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22-Oct-25	Res.056 - noting that the six lights will be distributed evenly between the three parks.	
1-Dec-25	PMO update - The Civil Team will be dismantling and relocating the lights in the New Year.	
4-Feb-26	Res.009 - The LA requested that the solar lights be distributed between the Cemetery and the three parks.	
	underspend or (overspend)	10,000.00

Project 2128		New Playground	\$
		Status	Committed
4-Feb-26	Res.009 - New Playground, accepting the reassigned funds of \$53,113.67 to the project and determined:		56,113.67
	o Playground to be installed near the former Aged Care building, noting that Council will require the relevant lot number to investigate the lease for that area.		
	underspend or (overspend)		56,113.67

NEW		Upgrades to the Cemetery	\$
		Status	Committed
4-Feb-26	Res.009 - New Project established Upgrades to the Cemetery - source quotes for shade, seating, plaques and repairing the existing fence or quote to install a new fence (with no funds allocated at this point).		
	underspend or (overspend)		\$

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	69,633.47
	Total unallocated funds	48,141.20
	Total	177,774.67

RAISED	WISH-LIST	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 and repairs around Eagle Park	
22-May-25	Res.029 – Uniforms for 22 x AFL men’s and 18 x Multi-Sports uniforms for women and Storage 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.	Currently assigned Discretionary funds, however members will be asked to consider allocating funds in the 2026/27 FY

PROJECTS CLOSED 2025-26

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 it	
28-Jul-25	Res.044 - The project was closed, returning \$3,478.95 to unallocated noting that they had been built too close to the road and were a safety concern.	- 3,478.95
underspend or (overspend)		-

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
3-Oct-24	Res.071 - noted that Manager Fleet will take this project on board.		
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.		
25-Jun-25	Invoice received from Pump and Power Centre - 50%		- 12,270.00
28-Jul-25	Res.044 - The meeting allocated \$5,000.00 towards freight costs, noting that it is expected in Alice Springs within the next month and will be delivered out to Docker River once it is registered.		5,000.00
23-Aug-25	Invoice from Pump and Power Centre - remaining 50%.		- 12,270.00
1-Sep-25	Invoice received from Central Desert Transport.		- 1,400.00
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Trailer is currently in production - expect delivery by the end of the year.		
29-Sep-25	invoice received from Central Desert Transport		- 700.00
22-Oct-25	Res.056 - Project closed and funds returned to unallocated.		- 3,341.20
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

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 2024/25 LAPF Acquittal and Certification

Local Authority Project Funding 2024-25 Certification

Council Name: MacDonnell Regional Council
 Local Authority Name: Docker River

Income and Expenditure for the period ending 30 June

Total Grant Income:	\$	171,758.15
Total Project Expenditure:	\$	48,285.28
Surplus/(Deficit):	\$	123,472.87

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~~  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 10.2
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 the spending towards the Community Easter Celebration;
- c) recommend that the funds of \$887.74 allocated for the uniforms be returned for reallocation; and
- d) is reminded that unspent funds will be forfeited if not used 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
22-Oct-25	Res.057 - allocated \$2,000.00 towards a Community Christmas BBQ with the CSC to organise	
11-Dec-25	PO raised for Community BBQ. Currently waiting on the invoice from Docker River store	
18-Jan-26	Invoice received	-1,000.00
4-Feb-26	Res.10 – Allocated \$1,000.00 towards a Community Easter celebration to be organised by Priscilla Abbott	
10-Mar-26	Discretionary funds letter signed allocating additional funds of \$600.00 to the Easter event Invoices received	- 1,855.10
4-Feb-26	Res.10 – Allocated the balance towards AFL Mens uniforms and Softball mixed uniforms. Note that no members volunteered to take the lead on this project.	
10-Mar-26	After allocating additional funds to the Easter celebration through a discretionary funds allocation letter, there are no longer sufficient funds for this item Recommend that the funds be returned and that members can reinstate the request once the 2026/27 allocation is received.	

Available funds	1,144.90
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ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the attached report.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Keith Hassett – Deputy Chief Executive Officer | Director Council Services
Victor Morgan – A/Area Manager
Stephen Trindle – Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

1 Council Services LAR



Council Services Docker River



100% First Nations Employees in Council Services



2 Area Manager Visits to Community



Council Office's 570 Hours of Service

Snapshot



2347 Litres Fuel Usage Total



18 Vehicles and Plant in Use



122 Bins Emptied Weekly



**39 Operational Street lights
5 Non-Operational**



1 Sport Grounds Maintained



12 Australia Post Deliveries



9 Parks & Playgrounds Inspections



3 Water Tests



7 Generator Services



8 Hours of Maintenance completed at Airstrip

Animal Management

- The horse problem has decreased immensely and the camels have disappeared.
- At this stage all domestic animals are healthy and ok.
- Looking forward to seeing Michelle's animal education programme to be delivered 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 shoring device.
- The grass has been cut and a general tidy up has been done.

Internal Roads Maintenance

- Fire breaks have been maintained by civil team.
- Service roads have been cleaned up after the rain.
- Some speed hump sections need replacing.
- New signs will need to be put up around the community.
- I am waiting on Cold mix to fix the potholes.

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Maintenance of Parks and open spaces are constantly worked on by civil team.
- New location of Lasseter Park will be nominated in the near future
- Civil team are working on grass cutting and general tidy up of the parks.
- Still catching up on grass cutting on open spaces.
- The lights to the entrance to Docker will be removed and placed around the community where needed.

Sports Grounds

- Football will be played at Docker in the near future so the football and softball grounds are getting a good going over.
- Waiting on the shade shelter to be put up at the oval.
- Fence around oval needs fixing.
- Some of the trees around oval need trimming.
- 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 are emptied twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays
- The steel drop off bay needs emptying it is at full capacity.
- New bins have been distributed around the community houses.

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 Water trailers on site which are operational.



11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.2
TITLE Youth and Community Services 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 services for Community Safety and Youth Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Safety and Youth Services report

BACKGROUND

Community Safety and Youth 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
Yarran Cavalier - A/Senior Coordinator of Community Safety
Coordinators and Admin

ATTACHMENTS

1 Community Safety Docker River LAR January - March 2026



Local Authority

Docker River
Community Safety
January - March 2026



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



149 Engagements with young people



117 Engagements with over 18's



112 Young people taken home



2 Training Hours



133 Are you okay? Checks



No Community gatherings

Highlights



- The coordinator has been unable to visit Docker River in this reporting period due to heavy rain and closed roads.
- Support for the team is provided on a regular basis via telephone contact.
- Training is provided on an ongoing basis in the new LMS (Learning management system) online training portal.
- We are looking for new applicants to help support our Community safety team.
- We say farewell to Kennedy Edimintja who has resigned his position in the Community Safety team and thank him for all his years of service and wish him well in the future.

Selwyn Burke Team Leader receives a length of service award for 9 years of work



Thanks for all your efforts Kennedy we will miss you



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
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 in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

- Roads outside of MRC’s area
- Education
- Health
- Police
- Land Management

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the updates on previous matters and closes these items; and
- b) raises and discusses new matters of non-Council business.

BACKGROUND

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

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Docker River Local Authority 22/10/2025	NTG	Raised at Non- Council Business	Housing Construction
<p>03/07/2025 DRLA 2025-63 Members requests clarification on whether brick houses can be constructed in Docker River community, and if not, they are seeking advice on the reasons and restrictions preventing this type of construction. Members were advised to raise their concerns regarding housing allocations, empty houses and transitional housing at their Housing Reference Group meetings.</p> <p>04/02/2026 DRLA2026-14 DLI undertook community consultation on the new modular designs, including providing tenants with a sample of the build materials. The NTG Representative’s understanding is that all affected tenants signed to acknowledge and agree to the proposed materials and design of the buildings. The list of signatures has been requested and will be provided to the Local Authority members once received. Members advised that they were not aware of the consultation and had not signed any agreement.</p>			

20-Feb-26 Update from Shelly Beattie – Manager of Community Development - Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

DIPL have advised that community consultation did occur in 2022, including viewing sample materials, and all affected tenants signed to acknowledge and agree to the proposed design, layout, and colours. NTG records verify that the process was completed as required, but due to privacy requirements we do not have permission to share individual signatory details.

Recommend closing this item.

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Docker River Local Authority 22/10/2025	NTG	Raised at Non- Council Business	Housing Maintenance

04-Feb-26 DRLA2026-14

Members requested that a Housing Representative visit community to speak with residents and assess their housing conditions, noting that four properties had sustained considerable damage from feral camels and have remained unoccupied for several months, despite being tenanted. The affected properties included:

- Lot 124
- Lot 153
- Lot 160
- Lot 162

20-Feb-26: Update from Shelly Beattie – Manager of Community Development - Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

Housing Property Services have reviewed each of the identified lots, with the following status updates:

Lot 124 – R&M raised 22/12/2025; no further issues reported.

Lot 153 – R&M raised 21/01/2026 and 05/02/2026; inspection completed 05/02/2026.

Lot 160 – R&M raised 04/02/2026.

Lot 162 – No contact received from the tenant regarding maintenance.

It appears that lack of tenant contact is contributing to delays in several cases. The Housing Property Services Manager will arrange for the Housing Maintenance Officer to attend community as soon as road access allows, with a request to review all listed dwellings and capture any unreported issues.

If we can continue encouraging tenants to report repairs directly by phoning **1800 104 076**, that will assist with timely responses.

In addition, Housing now have a new reporting system in which tenants reporting issues can request a reference number. This will assist with tracking the progress on issues that have been reported.

Recommend closing this item.

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Docker River Local Authority 22/10/2025	NTG	Raised at Non- Council Business	Ruby James Lot 139
<p>04-Feb-26 DRLA2026-14 Member Ruby James has requested a follow up to her maintenance requests on Lot 139 regarding the issues around her toilet, air-conditioner and water leaks.</p> <p>20-Feb-26 Update from Shelly Beattie – Manager of Community Development - Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development. There are currently no listed repairs or outstanding requests on record. Once access improves, the HMO will assess the toilet, air-conditioner, water leaks, and any other issues Ruby raises. They will ensure she is contacted directly before the visit to avoid any missed attendance.</p> <p>Recommend closing this item.</p>			

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.