



AGENDA

FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST 2025

The Finke Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Finke Council Office on Wednesday 13 August 2025 at 10:30 AM.

Belinda Urquhart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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14 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 this meeting.

3.2 ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

That members notes 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	Vacancies in the Local Authority
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:

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).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **welcomes Darryl Doolan to the Authority;**
- b) **notes the current membership of the Local Authority; and**
- c) **calls for community nominations to open to fill the remaining vacancy.**

BACKGROUND

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

It is important that an apology is received if you are unable to attend a meeting. Should an apology not be received, you may be recorded as absent. If you are again recorded as absent from the next Authority meeting, your membership will be automatically dismissed.

Appointed Members Finke LA	Attendance 21/05/2025
Chair Michael Ferguson	Present
Rosemary Matasia	Absent
Bridget Doolan	Present
Susan Doolan	Apology
Thomas Stuart	Present
Daryl Doolan	Nomination received
Vacant	

Elected Members Rodinga Ward	
Cr Patrick Allen	Present
Cr Lisa Sharman	Present
Cr Andrew Davis	Apology
President Roxanne Kenny	Present

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

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

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

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

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

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

When members attend at least 75% of a Local Authority meeting, they generally receive an allowance and for non-employees of Council, this is usually paid on the Friday after a meeting.

For Council staff, you may be eligible for the allowance at the next scheduled pay from MRC.

CONSULTATION

Finke 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 Finke 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 Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE -
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance



This report provides the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Local Authority meeting and is presented to members to accept as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority accepts the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 21 May 2025 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 FLA Draft Minutes - 21.05.2025



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:55AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON

FLA2025-019 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Bridget Doolan)

That members agreed that Thomas Stewart be Acting Chairperson for this meeting.

2 WELCOME

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Michael Ferguson – arrived at 11:26am, Member Thomas Stewart, Member Bridget Doolan and Darryl Doolan – Provisional Member

Councillors:

Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Lisa Sharman and President Roxanne Kenny who attended via Teams

Council Employees:

Ken Satour – Acting Director Council Services, Victor Morgan – Acting Area Manager Council Services and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance and Minute Taker

Guests:

Nil

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Susan Doolan

Absentees:

Member Andrew Davis and Member Rosemary Matasia

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3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations**3.5.1 VACANCIES IN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

FLA2025-020 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Thomas Stewart)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the current membership of the Local Authority;
- b) accepted the nomination received from Darryl Doolan; and
- c) called for community nominations to remain open to fill the remaining vacancy.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT****FLA2025-021 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Patrick Allen)**

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****FLA2025-022 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Thomas Stewart)**

That the Finke Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 12th of March 2025 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED****FLA2025-023 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Patrick Allen)**

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

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS****FLA2025-024 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Bridget Doolan)**

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

FLA2025-025 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Bridget Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority did not declare any 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.

Representatives from the Remote Housing team did not attend this 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.

FLA2025-026 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Bridget Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) urged all eligible residents to ensure they are enrolled to vote;
- b) agreed to encourage 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.

FLA2025-027 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Thomas Stewart)

That the Local Authority:

- a) provided its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure; and

- b) discussed the following ideas for long term project considerations:
 - Upgrades at the Football Oval to include Change rooms with toilets and showers
 - Commentary Box
 - Public toilet facilities
 - Laundry unit.

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.

FLA2025-028 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Bridget Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$5,897.18 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted the progress on their current projects as at 13 May 2025 as follows:
 - 2132 – Stealth Solar lights, noting that the lights are in community and waiting on the Civil team to install.
 - 2133 – Wash down Bay, accepting the quote from Blueprint Construction for \$9,867.00 to supply and install the concrete slab.
- c) discussed and determined the priority of the wishlist items and made the following decisions:
 - That the Area Manager conducts an assessment on what would be required to move the back net at the Softball field so that the Pitcher is not facing the sun.
 - From the Closed Projects – move Shade Cover over the front office playground to the wishlist.
 - Kept all other wishlist items open for future updates.
- d) did not close any projects; and
- e) created a new project - 2 x 3m Bench seats, concrete and Sporting equipment (list provided by the members and relayed to the PMO Office), allocating the current balance of the Project funds being \$6,797.18 to this project.

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.

FLA2025-029 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Thomas Stewart)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending on their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds;
- b) noted that a Purchase Order has been raised for the gardening kits; and
- c) noted the remaining balance of \$111.12 and chose not to allocate these funds.

9.4 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

FLA2025-030 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Bridget Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the update on the action item 'Fence Around Community Safety Office'; however advised that their concerns related to the absence of a barrier between the yarning circle and the carport. Members noted that aside from a few bushes, there was no safety measure in place to prevent incidents should a vehicle fail to stop when entering the carport. Members requested that the Manager for Community Safety be available at the next LA meeting to answer a questions relating to the services that they provide.
- b) noted the update on the action item 'Utilise Gym Equipment' and closed action.

9.5 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

Active open positions within the Org Structure as at 30 April 2025.

FLA2025-031 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Lisa Sharman)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Finke; and
- b) accepted that the vacancies available in Youth Services were inaccurate as Council is not funded for Youth programs in Finke.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

FLA2025-032 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Thomas Stewart)

That the Local Authority of Finke noted and accepted the Council Services report

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety, Aged Care and Children's Services.

FLA2025-033 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Lisa Sharman)

That the Local Authority of Finke noted and accepted the Community Services reports.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS**11.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

FLA2025-034 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Bridget Doolan)

That the Local Authority discussed the following matter relating to General Council Business:

- Request that the Aged Care Manager be available at the next Local Authority meeting to answer questions in relation to the School meals.

11 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**11.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on matters that members may have regarding non-council services.

FLA2025-035 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That the Local Authority provided additional feedback to the matters currently raised for Non-Council Business.

- Some residents have been waiting more than 12 months to have their air-conditioners repaired or serviced and it was not good enough. Members asked for an update for the next LA meeting.
- Members did not comment on the rent being too high and left this open for an update at the next meeting.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST, 2025**13 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:03 pm.

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UNCONFIRMED

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED
RECOMMENDATION**

That the Finke Local Authority notes the that the papers circulated 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 Finke 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	Remote Housing - Repairs, Maintenance and Tenancy Team
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

**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.

8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit
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:

This report aims to introduce the Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit (CAAFLU) and outline its vital role and services in meeting the unique legal needs of Aboriginal Communities in Central Australia.

Key approaches for consideration:

- Increase access to justice by delivering culturally safe and trauma-informed legal and social supports
- Provide early intervention and education on family violence and related issues
- Extend outreach to address unmet legal needs.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the information shared by the CAAFLU Representatives; and**
- b) supports community engagement by the CAAFLU representatives in providing legal and non-legal services that are available to residents.**

BACKGROUND

Established in 2000, CAAFLU provides culturally appropriate legal support with a strong focus on the prevention of family violence and the protection and empowerment of victims, by delivering accessible legal assistance, advocacy and community education. CAAFLU plays a key role in promoting safety, justice and healing within Aboriginal families and communities.

Additionally, CAAFLU's Client Services Officers provide non-legal client support to include housing applications, emergency relief, arranging interpreters etc.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

CAAFLU would like to strengthen their relationship with the community via regular visits and follow up with clients and community stakeholders. These dates need to be set in line with bush court meetings.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding has been received to extend CAAFLU's services to additional remote communities.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 CAAFLU Service Description



Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service (FVPLS) for Aboriginal victim-survivors of family, domestic and/or sexual violence (DFSV)

Who We Are

Established in 2000, CAAFLU is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO). We provide culturally appropriate, holistic, trauma-informed legal services and case-management support services to Aboriginal people experiencing domestic, family, and/or sexual violence (DFSV), predominantly women. Aboriginal women in the Northern Territory experience the highest rates of victimisation in the world. CAAFLU's role is essential, as the only organisation in Central Australia/the Barkly dedicated exclusively to assisting Aboriginal victim-survivors of DFSV and the only DFSV-specific legal service in the region.

CAAFLU is funded solely by the Commonwealth National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) as one of 16 specialist Family Violence Prevention and Legal Services (FVPLS) across Australia. FVPLS were established in response to the gap in access to culturally appropriate legal and support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victim-survivors of DFSV. Under the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap*, all governments have acknowledged that ACCOs are better for, and best placed to deliver services to, Aboriginal people. Access to FVPLS like CAAFLU is key to achieving Target 13: *By 2031, the rate of all forms of family violence and abuse against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children is reduced at least by 50%.*

As a DFSV ACCO, our solutions are specialist and community-led. CAAFLU's governance, leadership team and majority of staff are Aboriginal, mainly women, with connections to both Central Australia and the Barkly.

With offices in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) and Jurnkkurakurr (Tennant Creek), we also provide services in several remote communities including Ntaria (Hermannsburg), Yuendumu, Warrumpi (Papunya), Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa), Atitjere (Harts Range), Ali Curung, Kulumindini (Elliott) and other communities nearby.

What We Do

Our primary function is to provide Aboriginal victim-survivors of DFSV, particularly women, with culturally appropriate, high quality, confidential legal advice and casework, court representation, information, assistance, advocacy, support and referrals. Each lawyer works side-by-side with a Client Service Officer (CSO), which are identified positions, ensuring cultural safety is embedded in our unique wraparound model of service delivery.

CAAFLU's key areas of law are Domestic Violence Orders (DVOs), Victims of Crime Compensation, Child Protection and Family Law. Our CSOs provide a wide range of non-legal client support including assistance with housing applications, attending appointments, support/follow up throughout the legal process, arranging interpreters, safety planning and emergency relief (limited). We also deliver community-led early intervention and prevention programs (EIP), community legal education (CLE) and undertake policy and law reform work.

To avoid legal conflicts, CAAFLU does not assist perpetrators of DFSV. However, we do assist victim-survivors who have used force or violence and been misidentified as the primary perpetrator including DVO defendants.

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9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Action Register
REFERENCE -
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the updates to the actions raised during previous meetings.

BACKGROUND

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Finke Local Authority 04/12/2024	Community Safety	Raised at Local Authority Projects	Fence around Community Safety Office
FLA2024-65 expressed concern about the lack of fencing around the grounds of the Community Safety office. The CSC will take photos and make a drawing of the area and meet with Michael Ferguson and Liz Scott, Manager of Community Safety, to discuss the concerns. Liz will then present the results at the next Finke Local Authority meeting;			
12/03/2025 – Kept open to be addressed at the next Local Authority Meeting.			
16/05/2025 – Update from Manager Community Safety. Yarran Cavalier checked the MacSafe compound and found that there was an existing fence. Could the LA provide more information about what they are requesting? Why is the current fence not adequate?			
21/05/2025 – Res.030. Members advised that their concerns related to an absence of a barrier between the yarning circle and the carport. Members noted that aside from a few bushes, there was no safety measure in place to prevent incidents should a vehicle fail to stop when entering the carport. (Photos attached)			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Finke Local Authority 21/05/2025 LA2025-034 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Bridget Doolan)	Aged Care Manager	Raised at Community Services	School meals
That the Local Authority discussed the following matter relating to General Council Business: • Request that the Aged Care Manager be available at the next Local Authority meeting to answer questions in relation to the school meals.			

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Night Patrol Fence
- 2 Night Patrol fence.1





9. 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 \$19,949.91 are funds *at risk*;
- b) receives their 2024-25 Project funding allocation of \$26,900.00
- c) notes the progress on their current projects as at 30 July 2025;
- d) discusses and determines the priority of the wishlist items; and
- e) approves to close completed projects with no outstanding Purchase Orders raised.

BACKGROUND

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

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

Project 2132 Stealth Solar Lights		\$
Status		Committed
9-Sep-24	Res.024 - Allocated \$16,000.00 to place 2 x Stealth Solar lights on Putula St and 2 x Stealth Solar lights outside the Rec Hall.	\$ 16,000.00
22-Oct-24	Res.044 -Stealth Solar lights still to be ordered.	
28-Feb-25	Invoice received from Green Frog Systems.	-\$ 9,955.00
10-Mar-25	Invoice received from Bunnings.	-\$ 63.37
25-Feb-25	PMO update - the Civil Team will install once lights arrive.	
12-Mar-25	Res.011 - Noted Stealth solar lights and concrete have been delivered and are being stored at Amoonguna. CSC will be transporting out to community next week and the civil team will install them.	
21-May-25	Res.011 - Noted that the lights are in community and waiting on the Civil team to install.	
underspend or (overspend)		\$ 5,981.63

Project 2133 Wash Down Bay		\$
Status		Committed
9-Sep-24	Res.024 - Allocated \$10,000.00 to a wash down bay for work vehicles to be built within the landfill facility with a concrete base, noting that the CSC to mark out an area for the slab.	\$ 10,000.00
22-Oct-24	Res.044 -CSC to mark out the area for the slab.	
25-Feb-25	PMO update - intention was that vehicles would be washed with water trailer, so a water connection is not required. PMO will purchase and supply concrete for Civil Team to install.	
12-Mar-25	Res.011 - Clarified that a water connection is not necessary. CSC to provide specific location and meterage to PMO.	
11-Apr-25	PMO update - Foundation has been dug and awaiting concrete.	
21-May-25	Res.011 - Accepted the quote from Blueprint Construction for \$9,867.00 to supply and install the concrete slab.	
12-Jun-25	PO raised with Blueprint Construction.	-\$ 8,154.55
underspend or (overspend)		\$ 1,845.45

Project 2134 Bench Seats, Concrete and Sporting Equipment		\$
Status		Committed
21-May-25	Res.028 - created a new project - 2 x 3m Bench seats, concrete and Sporting equipment (list provided by the members and relayed to the PMO Office), allocating the current balance of the Project funds being \$6,797.18 to this project.	\$ 6,797.18

26-May-25	Invoice received from Felton Industries for bench seats.	-\$	1,938.00
4-Jun-25	PO raised with Intersport.		
5-Jun-25	Invoice received from Sports power.	-\$	890.90
27-Jun-25	Invoice received from Intersport.	-\$	1,707.34
	underspend or (overspend)	\$	2,260.94

Budget consideration			
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$	10,088.02
	Total un-allocated funds	\$	26,900.00
	Total unspent funds	\$	36,988.02

WISHLIST		
RAISED	ITEMS	ASSIGNED
22-Oct-24	New Goal posts for football oval – From Youth Board CEO Update: the CEO has had a conversation with the minister who has indicated that they will investigate goal posts for the Finke and Mount Liebig ovals.	CEO
22-Oct-24	Lights for the Football oval – From Youth Board	
22-Oct-24	Reorientation of the softball field – From Youth Board This will require a scope of works in consultation with NPY Women's Council.	PMO
10-Feb-25	CEO update - NPY CEO is currently on leave and the COO position is vacant. NPY will contact MRC when they have the capacity to discuss.	
26-May-25	An assessment was done by Victor Morgan, A/Area Manager and advised that the project may be too big for the Civil team to carry out as the existing structures are all concreted into the ground. If members choose to get contractors in, this work will require serious funding. (Photos attached)	
21-May-25	Res.028 – Moved Shade cover over the front office playground to the wishlist.	PMO

PROJECTS CLOSED 2025-26

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.

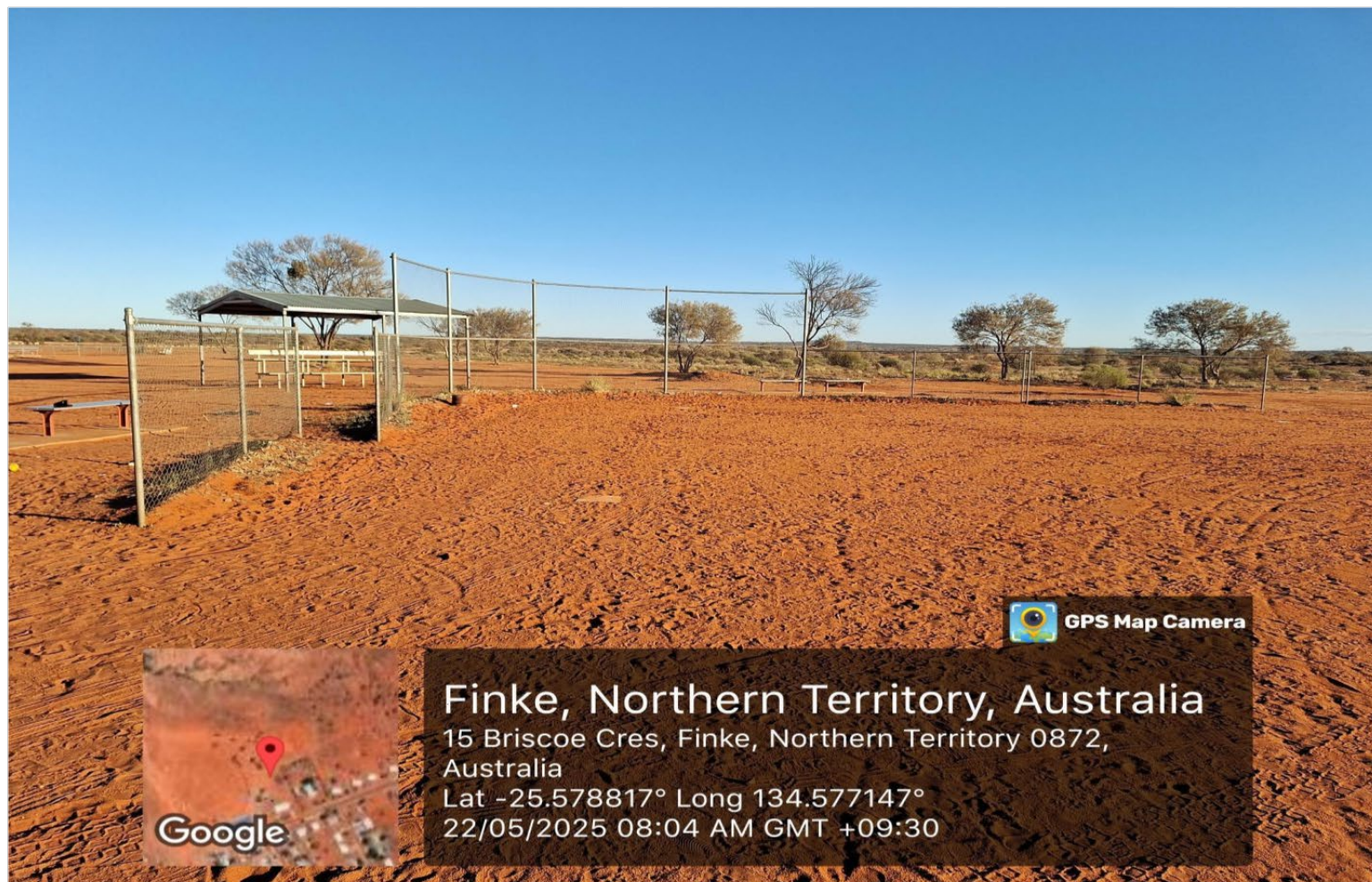
CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Softball oval
- 2 Softball oval.1





9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 9.3
TITLE Local Authority Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE -
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MacDonnell Regional Council grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority. These funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority:

- notes the spending on their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds;
- accepts the 2025/26 allocation of \$4,000.00;
- discusses allocating these funds at this meeting; and
- acknowledges that the funds must be spent with invoices received by 30 June 2026.

BACKGROUND

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

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

Date	2024/2025 Discretionary funds	Budget	
		\$	
1-Jul-25	2025/2026 Discretionary funds allocation	\$	4,000.00
	Funds available to spend	\$	4,000.00

Date	2024/2025 Discretionary funds	Budget	
		\$	
1-Jul-24	2024/2025 Discretionary funds allocation	\$	4,000.00
9-Sep-24	<i>Res.025 - The CEO approved to return \$2,117.26 that were funds forfeited from the 2023/2024 financial period.</i>		2,117.26
	Funds available to spend	\$	6,117.26
1-May-24	Gym equipment – Barbell, Dumbell set and Battle rope	-	727.27
9-Sep-24	Allocated \$500 towards a Community BBQ for the footy competition.	-	297.65
9-Sep-24	Allocated \$1000 towards a tidiest yard competition		
11-Dec-24	Vouchers raised for Aputula Store		
	Invoices received	-	940.77
11-Sep-24	Community BBQ – Tidy Yards and Christmas	-	899.70

22-Oct-24	Allocated \$465.00 towards the Youth Board for a range of Sports balls	- 422.64
12-Mar-25	Res.012 – Allocated the remaining funds of \$2,829.23 towards gardening tools kit for each house and wheelbarrows that will be kept at the Council office for community use.	
16-May-25	Bunnings quote received and Purchase Order raised.	
27-Jun-25	Invoices received	- 2,471.02
	Funds returned to MRC	\$ 358.21

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

Finke Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 9.4
TITLE MRC Position Vacancies Report
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:

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

Active open positions within the Org Structure as at 31 July 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority accepts the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Finke.

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 Positions Vacant - Finke



Position Vacancies

Finke

Position #	Service	Description	Type	Weekly Hours
401123	MacSafe	Senior Community Safety Officer	Part-Time	25
401124	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Part-Time	20
401125	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Part-Time	20
400304	MacKids	Educator Early Learning	Part-Time	19
400305	MacKids	Educator Early Learning	Part-Time	19
500225	Council Serv	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19
500201	Council Serv	Coordinator SCD	Full-Time	38
500203	Council Serv	Customer Service Officer	Full-Time	38

Table data derived from *XLOne Position Vacancy Report* of Active Open Positions in the MRC Org Structure as at: **31/07/2025**



10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Council Services Report
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:

This report provides an update of Council delivered services in Finke across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Council Services report

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Mark O'Bryan – Area Manager
Ellen Fitzgerald – A/Area Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Council Services report - Finke



Council Services - Finke



**95% First Nations
Employees in SCD**



**XX Area Manager
Visits to
Community**



**Council Office
480 Hours of
Service**

Snapshot



**4056 Litres Fuel
Usage Total**



**12 Vehicles and Plant in
Use**



**60 Bins Emptied
Weekly**



**25 Street Lights
Operational
2 Street Lights
Non-Operational**



**2 Sport Grounds
Maintained**



**4 Toolbox Talks
Completed**



**12 Australia Post
Deliveries**



**8 Generator Services
3 Water Tests**



**10 Hours of
Maintenance
completed at Airstrip**



**3 Parks &
Playgrounds
Inspections**

Animal Management

- A visit from Michelle, Animal Management coordinator is scheduled for 27th August
- Delivery of medication for worms, ticks, and mites is expected on that date

Cemetery Management

- The cemetery is well-maintained, including all fences and gates.
- Minor repairs to the fence have been carried out by the civil team.
- The water tank is currently in use.
- The civil team has been regularly cleaning the tank to prevent stagnant water.

Internal Roads maintenance

- All roads have been cleared of general and hard rubbish, ensuring safe and clean access throughout the area.
- Street signs audit will be conducted so that they are clean and clearly visible. Verges have been cut and are well-maintained, contributing to a tidy and presentable streetscape.

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Rubbish is removed, grass cut, weeds cleared, BBQ areas maintained, and fences and gates kept in good condition to ensure parks are clean, safe, and enjoyable for children and families.

Sports Grounds

- Football & Softball Seasons will be upon us shortly and all grounds will be ready to play on.
- Volleyball Court was mentioned to turn into Basketball Court for more usage awaiting Decision.
- Softball Court needs to be re-addressed in reversing nets & Court, more involved than predicted with large Nets re-positioned.
- Trees are still watered & maintained. Due to high winds every week lately rubbish spreads quickly.

Waste Management

- Bins are emptied twice a week.
- After each bin run, the waste facility is securely covered to prevent littering and control odors.
- Fencing and the community bays are kept in good working condition to ensure safety and proper use. The community bay is regularly emptied, and all rubbish is carefully sorted for appropriate disposal or recycling.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Weed Control & wiper Snipping are a high priority due to extreme heat.
- Streets are cleaned & loose debris collected on Tuesdays.
- Buildings and surrounding areas close to town maintained for hazards.



10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE Community Services Local Authority Reports
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:

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety, Aged Care and Children's Services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority of Finke notes and accepts the Community Services report.

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

MacYouth does not currently have a program running in Finke.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Ainsley Roscrow – A/Director Community Services
Emma Hacche– A/Manager Aged Care

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Community Services Snapshot



Local Authority MacKids Finke



June 2025



5 Employees
100% First Nation



10 - Enrolments



Training

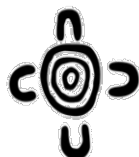
- Team Leader is working towards completing Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.
- 2 Educators will be enrolled in the upcoming Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care



Service Delivery
36 Hours



18 - Meals served



Vacancies
No Vacancies until
enrolments increase



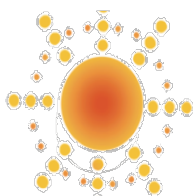
Support
23 Hours



**Stakeholder
Engagement**

- NPY Representative
- NT Health; Public Health Dietitian

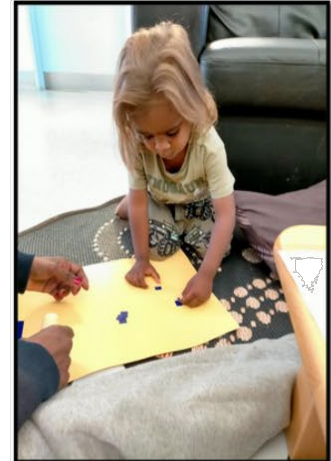
Highlights



The Acting Team Leader has officially been appointed as the permanent Team Leader. As a member of the local community, her appointment supports stronger community engagement and continuity in leadership within the service.



Local Authority MacKids Finke June 2025



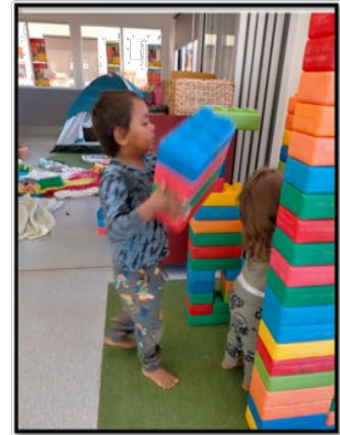
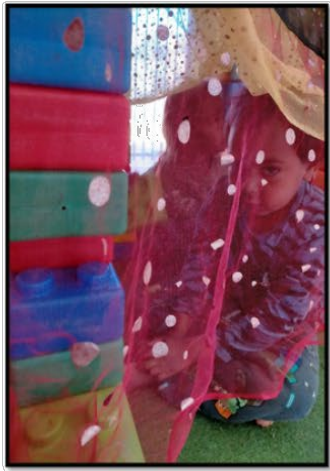
Children participated in a Very Hungry Caterpillar-inspired activity, exploring food sequencing while developing early literacy and numeracy skills.



Children engaged in letter recognition and fine motor skill development through a colouring activity focused on the letters C and G.



Local Authority MacKids Finke June 2025



Children demonstrated teamwork and problem-solving skills while building structures with large blocks, promoting spatial awareness and creativity.





Local Authority Report

Finke Community Safety June 2025



- 5 staff in the Finke team
- 1 P/PT CSO Vacancy
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal

- 62 Hours patrolled
- 209 Hours worked
- Work: 6 hour shifts Mon-Fri
- Between 6pm - Midnight



126 Engagements
with young people



152 Engagements
with over 18's



44 Young people
taken home



2 Training
Hours

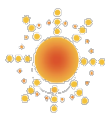


30 Are you okay?
Checks



1 Community
gathering

Highlights



- Community Safety Team Leader Mary Matasia has been doing ongoing IT training over the phone and in person with the Community Safety Coordinator.
- The Finke Community Safety team supported the Finke Desert Race Sports Carnival and over the course of the weekend the team broke into two groups to run the service from 6pm - 10pm and from 10pm - 2am on Friday - Saturday and Monday nights.



Local Authority Report Aged Care Services

**Finke
June 2025**



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



Client numbers:

CHSP - 7

NATSI - 2

Visitors - 1



Meals provided: 373

Breakfast, lunches & Hampers

Noting - SNP have reduced
numbers due to school holidays



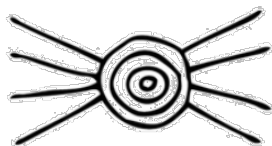
Personal Care provided: 9

This Includes...

Shower & Toilet assistance,
Laundry loads, Tablet Reminders.

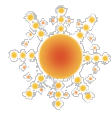


Transport provided: 13

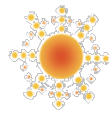


Client Interactions: 18

This includes client checks
and client visits to the Aged
Care Centre



Updates



Stakeholders' meetings

Continues contact with Finke school regarding the SNP and conversations with Finke clinic regarding Clients wellbeing.

Recruitment

- We welcomed a new team member in June - Junella Ferguson joined us as a Home Care Assistant (Casual)
- We are still in the process of recruiting a dedicated coordinator for Finke and Titjikala
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Challenges

- Occasional disruptions caused by low staff numbers and inclement weather leading to issues with freight of supplies.
- SNP - feedback from school, principal and students - the food is not liked. Snacks are not being provided as required. The Aged Care manager has been asked to be available for the Finke LA meeting in August to answer questions relating to this,



Welcome to the Finke Aged Care Team Junella



11. GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 11.1
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 Business.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Members discuss matters of General Business that they wish to raise in regards to Council Services within the community.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Finke Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

12. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	12.1
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:

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on matters that members may have regarding non-council services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority raises and discusses matters of General Non-Council Business.

BACKGROUND

Members can raise matters on services related to business outside of Council. This may include:

- NT Roads
- Education
- Health
- Land Management
- Housing

Date	Issue	Action
04/12/2024 21/05/2025	7 air conditioners in new houses were not working.	Members will provide lot numbers to CSC. This has been passed on to Jessica Scrutton to follow up. Res.035 – Members advised that they have been waiting more than 12 months for their air-conditioners to be repaired or serviced and it was not good enough. Members request an update at the meeting.
04/12/2024 21/05/2025	Elderly people paying high rents leaving little money left over for food.	Members will provide names and lot numbers to CSC. This has been passed on to Jessica Scrutton to follow up. Res.035 – Members did not comment on the rent being too high and left this open for an update at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Finke Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.