AGENDA

FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026

The Finke Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Finke Council Office on Wednesday 18 November 2026 at 10:30 AM.

Belinda Urquhart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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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;**
- **b) tables apologies received; 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 June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN
Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities
Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets
Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report is to acknowledge the attendance and membership on the Authority, highlight current vacancies, 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) **notes the current membership of the Authority;**
b) **calls for community nominations to remain open to fill the vacancy; and**
c) **notes that revocations may occur if members are absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.**

BACKGROUND
The chart below shows the attendance of the Local Authority at the previous meeting.

Appointed Members Finke LA	Meeting Attendance 12 August 2026
Michael Ferguson	Present
Rosemary Matasia	Apology
Bridget Doolan	Present
Susan Doolan	Present
Thomas Stewart	Apology
Darryl Doolan	Present
Vacant	

Elected Members Rodinga Ward	
Cr Patrick Allen	Present
Cr Andrew Davis	Present via Teams
Cr Veronica Lynch	Apology
Cr Matthew Palmer	Present
President Roxanne Kenny	Apology

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

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

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

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

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

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

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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 Finke Local Authority Meeting held 12 August 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Finke Local Authority Meeting held 12 August 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS
1. FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 12.8.2026 - MINUTES [1 pages]

MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.31AM

2 WELCOME

The attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Chairperson Michael Ferguson and quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	**3.1**
TITLE:	**Attendance, Apologies and Leave**

Local Authority Members

Member Michael Ferguson (Chairperson), Member Bridget Doolan, Member Susan Doolan and Member Darryl Doolan

Councillors

Councillor Patrick Allen and Councillor Matthew Palmer

Via Teams: Councillor Andrew Davis

Council Employees

Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety Services Libby Taylor, Area Manager Council Services Damien Ryan, Council Services Coordinator Bryan Forby, Governance Coordinator Shae Millar

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg

Guests

Adele McCorkindale and Malavika Manoj from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development – Left the meeting after their presentation at 10:53am.

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.

FLA2026-33 **RESOLVED (Darryl Doolan/Patrick Allen)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted the Member's attendance;**
b) **accepted apologies received from Member Rosemary Matasia, Member Thomas Stewart, Councillor Veronica Lynch, President Roxanne Kenny, CEO Belinda Urquhart and Shane Franey from Bill Yann's office; and**
c) **recorded no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.**

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4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report is to acknowledge the attendance and membership on the Authority, highlight current vacancies, and to apprise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

FLA2026-34 **RESOLVED (Darryl Doolan/Michael Ferguson)**

That the Local Authority;

a) noted the current membership of the Authority;
b) called for community nominations to remain open to fill the vacancy; and
c) noted that revocations may occur if members are absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

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.

FLA2026-35 **RESOLVED (Darryl Doolan/Bridget Doolan)**

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 Finke Local Authority Meeting held 10 June 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

FLA2026-36 **RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Michael Ferguson)**

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Finke Local Authority Meeting held 10 June 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

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.

FLA2026-37 **RESOLVED (Darryl Doolan/Michael Ferguson)**

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	**8.1**
TITLE:	**Conflict of Interest**

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

FLA2026-38 **RESOLVED (Darryl Doolan/Patrick Allen)**

That the Local Authority:
a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
b) that members declared no conflicts of interest.

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

10.1 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

AUTHOR:	**Shae Thompson, 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

FLA2026-39 **RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Patrick Allen)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted the updates on the previous items as follows:**
   - **The property contracts manager for Finke is reviewing the issues with swampy air-conditioners and will be actioning requests for inspections, repairs and replacements. Community members are reminded to please report any maintenance issues using the 1800 number. Stickers advertising the reporting number were distributed to members and left with the CSC to distribute to the community.**
   - **That a pop-up store will be run during the next 2 day visit from the tenancy team to Finke.**
   - **That the Gahn Heritage Trail Road and the road to Kulgura were both graded late in June**

b) **closed all previous items; and**

c) **raised the following new items:**
   - **Councillor Patrick Allen at lot 19 reported that his stove needed repairs/replacement in person to some representatives from Housing and is still waiting for this to be actioned.**
   - **Michael Furguson at lot 56 has also reported that his stove and air-conditioner are not working and is still waiting for this to be actioned.**

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	**11.1**
TITLE:	**Action Register**
AUTHOR:	**Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance**

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

FLA2026-40 **RESOLVED (Darryl Doolan/Susan Doolan)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted the update on the action item 'Water Trailer Maintenance' that one trailer is fully functional and that the second trailer is being repaired; and**

b) **closed this item.**

ITEM NUMBER:	**11.2**
TITLE:	**Local Authority Discretionary Funds**
AUTHOR:	**Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance**

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

***FLA2026-41* RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Bridget Doolan)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted the spending of their 2025/26 Discretionary funds;**
b) **received the discretionary funds of $4,000.00 for the current financial year;**
c) **discussed allocating these funds through a discretionary funds letter between meetings should the opportunity for a celebration of football results arise; and**
d) **acknowledged that the funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2027.**

ITEM NUMBER:	**11.3**
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.

***FLA2026-42* RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Patrick Allen)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted that there are no funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
b) **noted the available funds of $52,667.03 to spend on community projects;**
c) **closed completed project 2134 'Bench Seats, Concrete and Sporting Equipment' once all invoices have been received and returned the unused funds to unallocated; and**
d) **discussed the priorities of the wishlist items;**
e) **were advised that the Aboriginal Leadership Group agreed to fund new lights for the football oval and requested that the installation not interfere with the sports carnival on the long weekend in June next year; and**
f) **created a new project 'Large Grandstand with Shade'. This will be installed between the two current grandstands at the point indicated on the map during**

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the meeting. $50,000.00 was allocated to this project. This will be installed when the lights are installed.

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	**12.1**
TITLE:	**Council Services LA Report**
AUTHOR:	**Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer**

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

FLA2026-43 **RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Darryl Doolan)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted and accepted the Council Services report;**
b) **were informed that the civil team will be focussing on maintenance at the cemetery in the coming weeks;**
c) **requested that Council Services hold a community meeting requesting permission to remove the small internal fences around individual graves; and**
d) **stated that the Council Services Coordinator Bryan Forby is doing a great job.**

ITEM NUMBER:	**12.2**
TITLE:	**Community Safety Report**
AUTHOR:	**Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety in Finke

FLA2026-44 **RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Patrick Allen)**

That the Local Authority

a) **noted and accepted the Community Safety report.**
b) **received an explanation about the role of Community Safety Services;**
c) **requested that the hours of operation be changed to 8pm until 2am and that the Community Safety team confine their patrols to within the community. These requests will be followed up as part of normal operations.**

ITEM NUMBER:	**12.3**
TITLE:	**Aged Care and Children's Services Report**
AUTHOR:	**Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report provides an update on the delivery of Aged Care and Children's Services

FLA2026-45 **RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michael Ferguson)**

That the Local Authority of Finke noted and accepted the Aged and Children's Services reports.

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	**13.1**
TITLE:	**General Council Business**

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

FLA2026-46 **RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Patrick Allen)**

That the Local Authority were advised that the tipper truck and tipper trailer are back up plans to empty the rubbish bins should the rubbish truck break down and any further trailers would need to be purchased as part of a future Local Authority project.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:56 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 12 August 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.

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7 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.

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.

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.

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Non-Council Business
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN
Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities
Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets
Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

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

Members are strongly encouraged to report individual housing issues to NT Housing directly by calling their toll-free line on 1800 104 076.
Local Authority discussions will focus on boarder concerns that affect the wider community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

a) **notes the updates to the current matters from previous meetings;**
b) **accepts that individual housing matters should be raised via phone on 1800 104 076 or at HRG meetings where representatives from NT Housing are in attendance and are best placed to provide answers about these matters. All community members are welcome to attend these meetings; and**
c) **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
Finke Local Authority 12/08/2026	NTG	Raised at Non-Council Business	**Lot 19 Stove**
12/08/2026 FLA 2026-39 **Councillor Patrick Allen at lot 19 reported that his stove needed repairs/replacement in person to some representatives from Housing and is still waiting for this to be actioned.** **17/08/2026 Update from Adele McCorkindale – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.** Please be advised this has been issued to the Property Contract Officers [PCO] and works will be reviewed and raised accordingly. Follow up via the 180 104 076 number.			

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Finke Local Authority 12/08/2026	NTG	Raised at Non-Council Business	**Lot 56 Stove and air-conditioner**
12/08/2026 FLA 2026-39 **Michael Furguson at lot 56 has also reported that his stove and air-conditioner are not working and is still waiting for this to be actioned.** **17/08/2026 Update from Adele McCorkindale – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.** Please be advised this has been issued to the PCO and works will be reviewed and raised accordingly. Followup via the 180 104 076 number.			

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 11.1
TITLE Action Register
AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN
Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities
Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets
Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority discusses the action item and provides detail about the reason for this request.

BACKGROUND

Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject
Finke Local Authority 12/08/2026	Council Services	Internal Cemetery Fences
FLA2026-43 – Fences inside the cemetery Requested that Council Services hold a community meeting requesting permission to remove the small internal fences around individual graves.		

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS
Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Nil.

CONSULTATION
Executive Leadership Team.

ATTACHMENTS
There are no attachments to this report.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 11.2
TITLE Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN
Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities
Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets
Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable 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:

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- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. e.g. trailers, graders, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures/stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities, e.g. sporting venues, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation; upgrade of women's or men's sheds /shelters.
- Festivals or other events – to be conducted only within the Local Authority area 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 there are currently no funds at risk;
b) notes the progress on the projects as provided by the Project Management office; and
c) discusses the priorities of the wishlist items.

BACKGROUND
Members of the Local Authority allocates project funds to support community and sporting infrastructure, open space developments and community priorities. These projects are intended to assist communities to improve community amenity through the provision of social and community facilities.
Local Authorities must formally resolve each initiative for which this funding will be used.

Project 2135	Large Grandstand with Shade	$	
	Status	Committed	
12-Aug-26	Res.042 - Created a new project - Large Grandstand with Shade. This will be installed between the two current grandstands at the point indicated on the map during the meeting. $50,000.00 was allocated to this project. This will be installed when the lights are installed.	$	50,000.00
21-Sep-26	Invoice received from Felton Industries.	-$	28,349.00
20-Oct-26	Purchase Order raised with Central Desert Transport.	-$	1,580.02
	underspend or (overspend)	$	20,070.98

Budget consideration		
Balance of underspend or (overspend)	$	22,210.01
Total un-allocated funds	$	4,806.06
Total unspent funds	$	**24,877.04**

RAISED	WISH-LIST	ASSIGNED
13-Aug-25	**Reorientation of the Softball oval** The PMO Office advised that there has been no response from NPY regarding the reorientation of the Softball Oval and the PMO Office will continue investigating possible funding.	
13-Aug-25	**Shade cover over the front office** Quote sourced by the PMO Office came in at $13,000.00 and at the time of this meeting, the Authority did not have the funds available, agreeing that this remains on the wishlist.	
4-Mar-26	**Enclose the trusses under the Shade structure at Titji Park** The PMO Office will investigate materials and costs to be presented at the next meeting. The PMO Office has received a costing for panel ribbed ceiling and installation of around $45,000.00. The PMO is also investigating a mesh cover alternative which may be unsuitable as it can still b used to climb on the structure. Members advised that the Community Development Program (CLC) should be able to allocate some funds toward this item. Members and the PMO will follow up on this.	
10-Jun-26	Res.26 – Battery Powered Wheeled Line Trimmer to the wishlist with the PMO to investigate costs as a ride-on mower was deemed too expensive.	

PROJECTS CLOSED 2026-27

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**
5-Jun-25	Invoice received from Sportspower.	-$ **890.90**
27-Jun-25	Invoice received from Intersport.	-$ **1,707.34**
13-Aug-25	Res.044 - Noted that the Civil team will determine the locations at the oval and install them once the concrete has been purchased and in community.	
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Bench seats have been installed - project can be closed.	
1-Dec-25	PMO update - Concrete has been ordered and seats will be installed by the Civil Team.	
4-Dec-25	Invoice received from Bunnings for supply of concrete.	-$ **121.91**
4-Mar-26	Res.012 -Noted that all materials are in community and ready for installation by the Civil Team.	
10-Jun-26	Res.026 – Noted the progress on their current project 2134 – that this should be installed by the Civil Team before the next meeting.	
12-Aug-26	Res.042 – Closed completed project once all invoices have been received and returned the unused funds to unallocated.	
	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, or in the case of 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

There are no attachments to this report.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 11.3
TITLE Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN
Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities
Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets
Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable 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) discusses allocating their Discretionary funds at this meeting; and
b) acknowledges that the funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2027.

BACKGROUND
Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:
- Community Christmas and New Year's Festivities
- Community BBQ's
- Sports weekends
- Naidoc Celebration

When allocating funds towards BBQ's, Sporting equipment, Annual festivities or Community competitions, members are asked to consider the following:
- Date for event
- Who will be the main person responsible for organizing the event
- Where will the funds be spent
- Who will collect and store the purchases

Current Financial Year Funds Allocation

Date	2026/2027 Discretionary Funds	Budget $4,000.00

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.

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE Council Services_Finke LAR
AUTHOR Prisca Mufambisi, Senior Admin Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities
Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets
Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Council Services Report.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Keith Hassett – Deputy Chief Executive Officer | Director Council Services
Lewis Gittoes – Area Manager
Bryan Forby – Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

1 Council Services_Finke LAR

Council Services - Finke

95% First Nations Employees in SCD

Council Office 532 Hours of Service

Snapshot



1646 Litres Fuel Usage Total



12 Vehicles and Plant in Use



60 Bins Emptied Weekly



25 Street Lights Operational
3 Street Lights Non-Operational



2 Sport Grounds Maintained



14/14 Toolbox Talks Completed



6 Australia Post Deliveries



3 Water Tests



3 Generator Services



2 Hours of Maintenance completed at Airstrip



6 Parks & Playgrounds Inspections

Animal Management

- A veterinary visit was conducted in September, with 10 animals desexed and positive community participation.
- The next veterinary visit is scheduled for November and will focus on parasite treatment and an animal health census.

Cemetery Management

- Routine cemetery maintenance was undertaken during the reporting period, including the clearing of overgrown grass throughout the cemetery grounds.

Internal Roads maintenance

- Road sections damaged by recent rains will be repaired by the Civil Team, with works expected to commence shortly.
- All sealed roads will be swept of sand and debris following pothole repairs.

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Grass cutting is ongoing following recent rainfall and increased vegetation growth.
- The Civil Team continues routine litter collection and maintenance of public open spaces.

Sports Grounds

- The sports grounds experienced minimal use following the winter season.
- The community celebrated the success of the Aputula Crows, who finished the season at the top of the ladder for the fourth consecutive year.

Waste Management

- The Civil Team continues to manage waste services effectively, including household rubbish collections twice weekly.
- Finke's landfill compound remains well maintained.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Weed control was limited to the airstrip signal area and identified black spot locations during the reporting period.

Council Services Updates

- The Council workshop has been fully cleaned, with equipment and vehicles now stored under cover.
- A new fuel pod has been installed to provide diesel for all Council vehicles.


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12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.2
TITLE Community Safety report
AUTHOR Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities
Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets
Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Libby Taylor – Executive Manager of Youth and Community Safety
Yarran Cavalier – Coordinator of Community Safety

ATTACHMENTS

1 Community Safety Report Finke LAR August September 2026

Local Authority Report

Finke
Community Safety
August - September 2026

OPEN

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

- 258 Hours patrolled
- Work: 6 hour shifts
- Between 5pm -11pm Mon- Wed Fri and 8pm - 2am Tues - Thurs



529 Engagements with young people



743 Engagements with over 18's



147 Young people taken home



6 Training Hours



437 Are you okay? Checks



1 Community gathering

Highlights

- The Community Safety Team have started to operate the Night Patrol program on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 8pm until 2am as requested by community members.
- Community safety team members have been supporting one another in using the App to login nightly patrol reports.
- David Moneymoon one of our Casual Community safety staff members also supports Finke Community youth by driving the Community bus to Sports events when needed.
- The team have been working well together and operating through a roster arranged by the Team leader ,which enables all team members a chance to work across each fortnight.

Rodney Lambourne Senior Officer training David Moneymoon on the Community Safety App



Mary Matasia Team Leader Computer Training



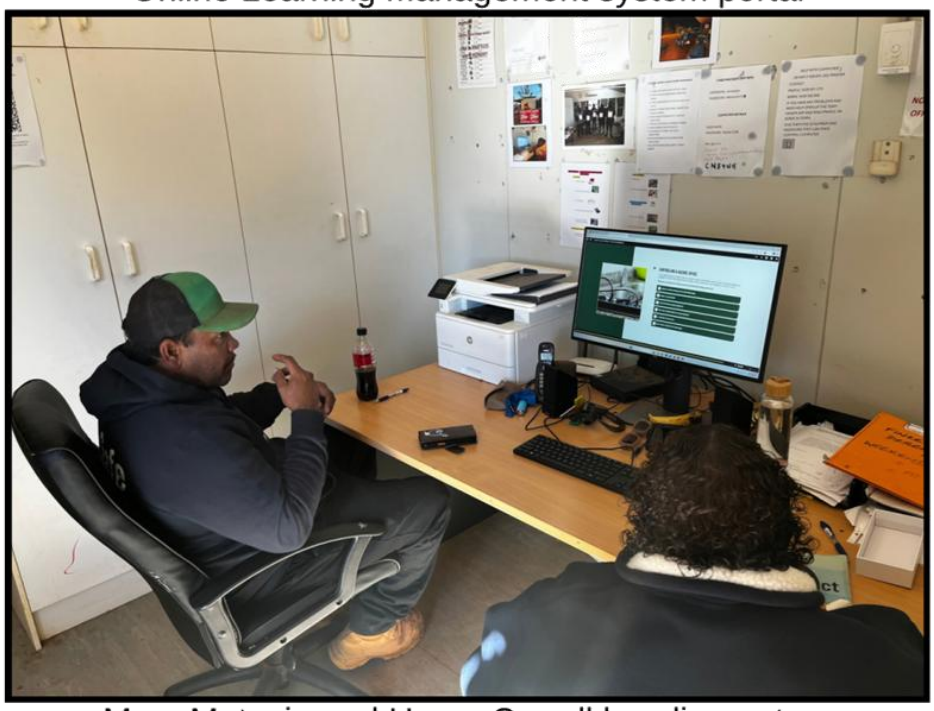
Kiara Lambourne Cleaning the Community Safety Vehicle



Henry Carroll Training on the Community Safety App



Rodney Lambourne and Mary Matasia Training with the Online Learning Management system portal



Mary Matasia and Henry Carroll heading out on Night Patrol duties



12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.3
TITLE Aged Care and Children's Services Report
AUTHOR Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities
Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets
Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Aged Care and Children's Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority of Finke notes and accepts the Aged and Children's Services reports.

BACKGROUND

All Aged Care and Children's Services programs continue to be delivered in line with funding requirements.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Ainsley Roscow – Executive Manager of Aged and Children's Services
Emma Hacche – Coordinator Compliance and Reporting
Aged Care Services
Narelle Shanahan - Coordinator Children's Services
And Administration

ATTACHMENTS

1 Aged and Children's Services Finke LAR August - September 2026

Local Authority Report Finke Aged Care Services August-September 2026

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

Stakeholders' engagements reported: 4



Lifts provided: 0



Client Interactions: 184
This includes client welfare checks and client engagement at the Aged Care Centre



Personal Care provided:
Including: **14**
shower & toilet assistance, laundry loads, tablet reminders



Active Clients: 6

Training:
Regular Tool Box Talks



Meals Provided
Breakfast, lunches & Hampers: **504**
SNP Meals delivered: **535**

Updates

- Sorry Business was observed following the passing of a client. During this period, essential services continued to be delivered respectfully, ensuring clients received ongoing support while staff remained mindful of community and cultural obligations.
- ·Clients continued to regularly attend the centre, participating in social interactions that support their independence, wellbeing, and connection to the community.
- ·Aged Care Employee Day was recognised, with certificates of appreciation presented to Finke Aged Care staff.
- ·Stakeholder engagement continued with the school to support the ongoing delivery of the School Nutrition Program (SNP).
- ·Staff remained focused on maintaining quality service delivery and supporting clients to remain engaged with both the centre and broader community activities.

Local Authority Report Finke Aged Care Services August-September 2026



David enjoying a cup of tea



Colleen receiving her lunch



Richard at the centre having a yarn with Team Leader Raylene and Home Care Assistant Virginia

Local Authority Report Finke Aged Care Services August-September 2026



Kevin receiving his lunch



Mowatji enjoying his lunch

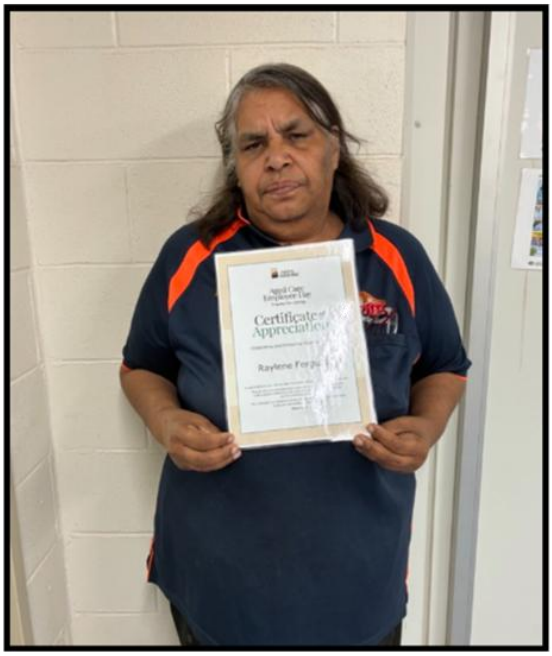


Richard enjoying his lunch

Local Authority Report Finke Aged Care Services August-September 2026



Staff recieving their Certificates of Appreciation



Local Authority Finke

August to September 2026



4 Employees
100% First Nation



11 - Enrolments



36 hours
Coordinator & Manager support



150
ServiceDelivery



75
Meals served



Training

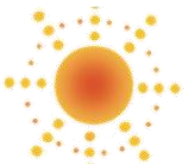
- Team Leader enrolled in Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.
- Team Leader attended face to face NAPCAN Training held in Council Chambers.



Stakeholder Engagement

Families
NPY Women's Council
Clinic Children's Nurse Visit
Hearing Australia
Department of Education

Highlights



The Team Leaders travelled to town for three days of NAPCAN training held at the Council Chambers.
Day 1-3 are focused on child protection, child safety, and creating safe communities for children, providing Team Leaders with important knowledge to support the safety and wellbeing of children across our Centres.

Local Authority Finke

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The children enjoyed helping prepare food, baking together, exploring colours, and caring for their soft toys during play.



Local Authority Finke

August to September 2026



Ainsley, Executive Manager of Aged and Children Services, talking with the Team Leaders about staffing ratios, service hours for each Centre, compliance requirements, and keeping children safe.



Local Authority Finke

August to September 2026



Senior Coordinator led a range of art and wellbeing activities with the team.



13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
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.

14 NEXT MEETING - 2027