



AGENDA

FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2026

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

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14 NEXT MEETING – 12 AUGUST 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Attendance, Apologies and Leave

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to acknowledge the attendance and to table, for the Authority's record, any apologies received from Members for this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the Member's attendance at this meeting;**
- b) tables apologies received for this meeting; and**
- c) records the Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE Local Authority Membership
AUTHOR 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 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;
- 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 meeting held 4 Mar 2026:

Appointed Members Finke LA	Meeting Attendance 4 March 2026
Michael Ferguson	Absent
Rosemary Matasia	Present
Bridget Doolan	Present
Susan Doolan	Present
Thomas Stewart	Present
Darryl Doolan	Absent
Vacant	

Elected Members Rodinga Ward	
Cr Patrick Allen	Absent
Cr Andrew Davis	Apology
Cr Veronica Lynch	Present via Teams
Cr Matthew Palmer	Present via Teams
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 4 March 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 4.3.2026 - MINUTES [1 pages]

MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.30AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF ACTING CHAIR

FLA2026-01 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Susan Doolan)

That members nominated Thomas Stewart as Acting Chair of the Local Authority meeting.

2 WELCOME

The attendees were welcomed by Thomas Stewart and quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Rosemary Matasia, Member Bridget Doolan, Member Susan Doolan and Member Thomas Stewart.

Councillors

Via Teams: Councillor Veronica Lynch and Councillor Matthew Palmer

Council Employees

Council Services Coordinator Bryan Forby

Via Teams: A/Director Council Services Jake Potter, Area Manager Council Services Damien Ryan, Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg, and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Guests- Via Teams

Shane Franey – Member for Namitjira, Bill Yan’s office

Dee [Adelle McCorkindale] – Project Officer Community Development – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development, NTG

Malavika Manoj – Project Officer Community Development – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development, NTG

Bernadette Sheilds – Australian Bureau of Statics Census Engagement Team

Bri Alexander – Manager, Digital and Community Engagement, CAAMA Radio

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.

FLA2026-02 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Bridget Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member’s attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Councillor Andrew Davis, President Roxanne Kenny, A/CEO Keith Hassett and Penangke Cultural Consultants; and
- c) recorded the Member absences, without notice, of Michael Ferguson, Darryl Doolan and Councillor Patrick Allen for this meeting.

Minute note: Due to inclement weather this meeting was attended by non-residents remotely

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).

FLA2026-03 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Rosemary Matasia)

That the Local Authority;

- a) welcomed returning Councillors Patrick Allen, Andrew Davis and duly elected Councillors Veronica Lynch and Matthew Palmer to the Finke Local Authority;
- b) accepted the following appointments of Council;
 - o Roxanne Kenny as President
 - o Maryanne Malbunka as Deputy President;
- c) called for community nominations to remain open to fill the vacancy;
- d) noted that memberships will be revoked 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.

FLA2026-04 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Rosemary Matasia)

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 13 August 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

FLA2026-05 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Susan Doolan)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Finke Local Authority Meeting held 13 August 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings with the amendment in the Non-Council Business report that the bicycles provided by Bill Yan’s office were donated by Northern Territory Police.

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.

FLA2026-06 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Thomas Stewart)

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.

FLA2026-07 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Susan Doolan)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members declared no conflicts of interest.

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Census Engagement Team - ABS
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2026-08 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Bridget Doolan)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the information provided by the Census Engagement Team as follows:

- A summary of what the census is.
- What the data is used for.
- How the census is carried out.
- That the individual information collected remains confidential and is not shared with other government agencies.
- Details about job opportunities working with the Census teams and were advised that interested people should visit their local employment service provider to get assistance with applying for jobs.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.2
TITLE:	CAAMA Radio
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The representatives from CAAMA Radio are seeking permission from the Local Authority to install metal signs within the community that will display the CAAMA Radio frequency and encourage community members and visitors to tune in to the radio.

CAAMA Radio is also seeking guidance about the most appropriate location for the sign, whether at the entrance to the community or another agreed place.

FLA2026-09 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Bridget Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) approved the installation of a CAAMA Radio sign within the community; and
- b) advised that they would like the sign to be near the entrance to the community. Members will advise the CSC Bryan Forby of their preferred location and MRC will work with CAAMA radio to ensure that the location is suitable.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.3
TITLE:	Community Alcohol Planning Engagement
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the information provided by Penangke Cultural Consultants.

Minute Note: Representative submitted an apology and did not attend the meeting.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Local Authority with the opportunity to contribute to the development of MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) Regional Plan.

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

FLA2026-10 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Rosemary Matasia)

That the Local Authority:

- a) reviewed the information presented;
- b) provided feedback to MacDonnell Regional Council to ensure local needs and community priorities are reflected in the development of the Regional Plan as follows:
 - members would like a more consistent Youth Program currently provided by NPY Women's Council
 - more interaction with head office staff
 - more training for employees
 - more full-time positions
 - Mobile water tank for use at the cemetery and shade trees and fruit trees added to the community infrastructure plan.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Action Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2026-11 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Bridget Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the updates to the actions as received; and
- b) reiterated that they would prefer a fence around the grounds of the community safety office;
- c) moved enclose the trusses under the shade structure at Titji Park to the project wish-list with the Project management office to investigate materials and cost.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
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.

FLA2026-12 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Rosemary Matasia)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledges that \$15,703.66 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) notes the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management office as follows:

- project 2131 New Solar Lights and Batteries – only 2 solar lights were operational. These have been installed. Closed this project and returned unused funds to unallocated once all invoices have been received.
- Project 2133 Wash Down Bay – reopened this project so that the invoices can be paid noting that this project will be closed and remaining funds returned to unallocated funds once all invoices have been received.
- Project 2134 Bench Seats, Concrete and Sporting Equipment – that all materials are in community and ready for installation by the Civil Team;
- d) approved that the Project Management Office pivots its major project from Community Orchard to Lights at the Football Oval possibly using solar power to circumvent the requirement for upgrades to Power and Water’s infrastructure; and
- e) created a new wishlist item from the action item ‘Enclose the Trusses’ under the shade structure at Titji Park noting that the PMO will investigate materials and costs to be presented at the next meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.4
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2026-13 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Rosemary Matasia)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that the funds have been returned as the events did not take place due to Sorry Business;
- b) allocated \$4,000.00 for the purchase of football guernseys for the Finke Crows football team; and
- c) acknowledged that the funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2026.

11. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
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.

FLA2026-14 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Bridget Doolan)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Aged and Children's Services Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Rosemary Matasia)

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

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
TITLE:	Youth And Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Rosemary Matasia)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Safety Report.

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2026-17 RESOLVED (Thomas Stewart/Bridget Doolan)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters of general Council business.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

This may include:

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

FLA2026-18 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Thomas Stewart)

That the Local Authority:

- a) closes the item 'Water Issues' as this matter has been resolved;
- b) were advised that there will be a team from housing in Finke on the 17 March to discuss maintenance and tenancy issues;
- c) advised that the airconditioners in the community are swampies, not functional and have been an issue for an extended period of time and that this is causing health issues for the residents including the very young and older people. This issue is a source of intense concern for residents.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 20 MAY, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:54 pm.

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

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

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

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

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

Information and Opportunities

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

Undue Influence

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

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

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

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

If you do have a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

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

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Action Register
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the updates to the actions as received; and
- b) re-considers the recommendation to install bollards as an alternative to fencing.

BACKGROUND

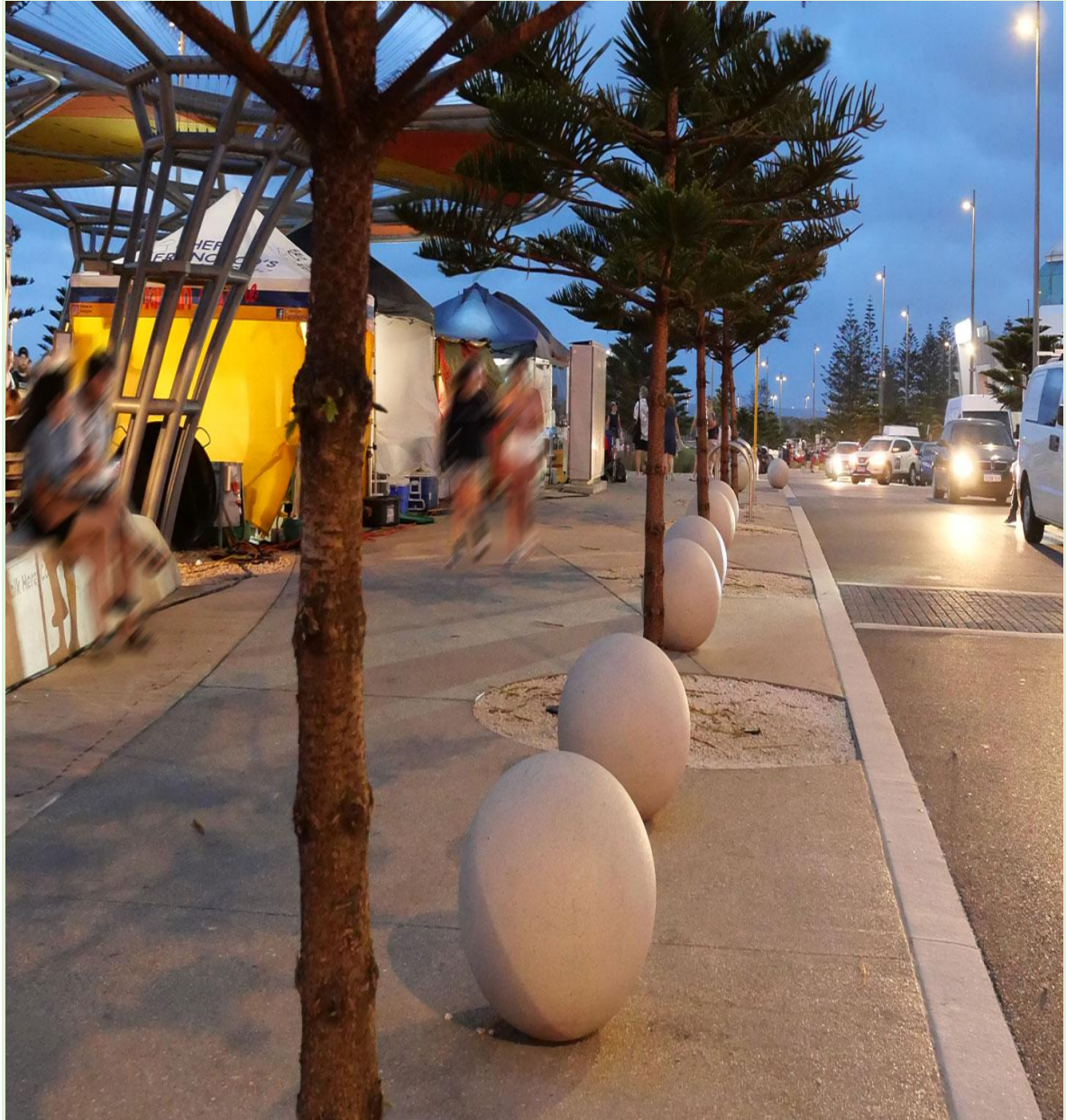
Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject
Finke Local Authority 04/12/2024	Libby Taylor/Council Services	Fence around Community Safety Office
FLA2024-65 – Fence the Night Patrol office		
<p>4 Dec 24 - Members expressed concern about the lack of fencing around the grounds of the Community Safety office. The CSC will take photos and make a drawing of the area and will 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.</p>		
12 Mar 25 – Decision of the Authority is to keep the action open		
<p>16 May 25 – update from Community Safety Manager 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?</p>		
<p>21 May 25 – 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.</p>		
<p>13 Aug 25 – Res.043 Members rejected the idea of bollards, preferring that a fence is put in place similar to the fence at the neighbouring property. Members noted that the Acting Director, Damien Ryan will take photos to include the preferred fence and forward these onto the PMO Office and Community Safety.</p>		
<p>20 Oct 25 – Update from Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety Members are reminded that consultation was done and a green fence proposed that was installed by the Civil crew and Night Patrol team.</p>		

Members are urged to reconsider installing bollards as a more suitable alternative to fencing, to align with service level guidelines and landscaping priorities.

4 Mar 2026 - Res.11

That the Local Authority stated that they would prefer a fence around the grounds of the community safety office.

7-May-26 – Members are asked to reconsider bollard spheres that can be painted by community. These can also be used as seating and look nicer than plain bollards



ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepts the 2024/25 Project funding acquittal and certification (attached);**
- b) notes the available funds of \$53,482.48 include the 2025/26 Project funds allocation of \$28,800.00**
- c) notes the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management office;**
- d) allocates \$815.45 to cover the deficit to 2133 – Wash down Bay and closes project; and**
- e) 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.

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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.028 - 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 for concrete slab.		
13-Aug-25	Res.044 - Noted completion and returning \$1,845.45 to unallocated.		-\$ 1,845.45
4-Feb-26	Invoice received from Blueprint Construction		-\$ 8,970.00
4-Mar-26	Res.012 - Reopened this project so that the invoices can be paid noting that this project will be closed and remaining funds returned to unallocated funds once all invoices have been received.		
		Additional funds required to cover deficit of the invoice from Blueprint Construction	
		underspend or (overspend)	-\$ 815.45

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
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

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4-Mar-26	Res.012 -Noted that all materials are in community and ready for installation by the Civil Team.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$ 2,139.03

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$ 1,323.58
	Total un-allocated funds	\$ 53,482.48
	Total unspent funds	\$ 54,806.06

RAISED	WISH-LIST	ASSIGNED
18-Jul-24	Heavy duty trailer and chainsaw for collecting firewood.	
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 investigate 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.	
13-Aug-25	Lights at the Football Oval Members noted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a commitment of \$250,000.00 from the Community Development Group - PMO Office has this project noted for the next round of grant funding - The Aboriginal Leadership Group are updated on a regular basis on the wishlist items of the Authorities - That the infrastructure for the existing power supply needs a major upgrade 	
4-Mar-26	Res.012: Approved that the Project Management Office pivots its major project from Community Orchard to Lights at the Football Oval, possibly using solar power to circumvent the requirement for upgrades to Power and Water's infrastructure. Noted that this matter will be moved over and included in the Community Infrastructure Plan.	
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.	

PROJECTS CLOSED 2025-26

Project 2131		New Solar Lights and Batteries	\$
		Status	Committed
13-Aug-25	Res.044 - created a new project - Install four new Solar lights and purchase two new batteries, noting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commits the remaining funds currently available to include the funds returned to unallocated at this meeting; • replace the batteries in the current solar light at Titji Park; • engage a contractor to install the solar lights as the community does not have the necessary equipment; and • agreed on the locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o install one solar light in each of the laneways starting across from the council office and continuing over to the next laneway. o an additional solar light in Titji Park, facing the tables/bbq. o one solar light at the entrance of community, coming from Kulgera 	\$ 34,727.08	
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Quotes were sought - best one from GSD - logistics to be determined - then PO will be issued.		
3-Nov-25	Invoice received from Green Frog Systems.	-\$ 2,417.00	
1-Dec-25	PMO update - Staffing issues and sorry business have caused delays to this project - don't see anything happening this year.		
1-Feb-26	Invoice received from GSD Solutions Pty Ltd	-\$ 7,627.60	
4-Mar-26	Res.012 - Closed this project and returned unused funds to unallocated once all invoices have been received.	-\$ 24,682.48	
underspend or (overspend)		-	

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.028 - Noted that the lights are in community and waiting on the Civil team to install.		
13-Aug-25	Res.044 - Noted that the lights are in community, chose not to install as originally allocated, and instead closed the	-\$ 5,981.63	

	<p>project to create a new project, returning the remaining \$5,981.63 to unallocated.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">underspend or (overspend)</p>	-
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ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Examples of unacceptable purposes for Expenditure include:

- Purchase of vehicles and fuel expenses.
- Payment of salaries, cash prizes or recurrent operating costs of Council.
- Meeting costs and payments to Local Authority members.
- Sponsorship by way of uniforms, travel costs and allowances.
- Purposes that are not related to local Government Services and that should be addressed by another Government agency.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The purchase of any product or service must comply with MRC’s Procurement Policy.

Funds from the Grant must be fully expended within two years of receipt of funding. Failure to expend the funds may result in the funds being returned to the Northern Territory Government.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.3
TITLE Local Authority Discretionary Funds
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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the spending of their 2025/26 Discretionary funds;
- b) notes the remaining balance and chooses to expend at this meeting; and
- c) acknowledges that the funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2026.

BACKGROUND

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

- Community Christmas, New Year’s and Easter Festivities
- Community BBQ’s
- Sports weekends / Trophies / Sports equipment
- Naidoc celebrations

Current Financial Year Funds Allocation

Date	2025/2026 Discretionary Funds	Budget \$4,000.00
13-Aug-25	Res.045 – allocates funds towards two competitions and a community bbq.	- 2,500.00
13-Feb-26	Funds returned for reallocation	2,500.00
4-Mar-26	Res.013 – allocated \$4,000.00 to the purchase of football guernseys for the Finke Crows football team	
1-May-26	Invoice received from Hot Stuff 4 the Sporting Buff	-\$ 3,600.00
	Available funds	\$ 400.00

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.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in the Finke community 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
Damien Ryan – Area Manager
Bryan Forby – Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

1 Council Services LAR



Council Services - Finke

March 2026 - May 2026



**95% First Nations
Employees in SCD**



**7 Area Manager
Visits to
Community**



**Council Office
480 Hours of
Service**

Snapshot



**1128 Litres Fuel
Usage Total**



**12 Vehicles and Plant in
Use**



**60 Bins Emptied
Weekly**



**24 Street Lights
Operational
3 Street Lights
Non-Operational**



**2 Sport Grounds
Maintained**



**6 Toolbox Talks
Completed**



**2 Australia Post
Deliveries**



**9 Generator Services
3 Water Tests**



**0 Hours of
Maintenance
completed at Airstrip**



**6 Parks &
Playgrounds
Inspections**

Animal Management

- The vet team has attended this month and door knocked all residences to check on the health of their dogs.
- A number of surgeries were performed to sterilize animals with owners' consent
- They report that all animals appear to be healthy and good natured.

Cemetery Management

- The civil team maintains the cemetery. There has been limited work performed as there have been no funerals during the month.

Internal Roads maintenance

- The streetscape has been cleared and sand moved to rectify issues with the wet weather.
- No major issues have occurred.

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Much work has been performed in grass cutting on all public space areas and streetscape.

Sports Grounds

- The sporting facility is functional and well-presented.
- The oval has been raked with the tractor and gang rake in preparation for the football season which commences in the first week of May.
- The softball pitch has been raked.

Waste Management

- A lot of effort has been made by a very slender civil works team to upgrade the appearance of the Drop-off area and the landfill areas, particularly along the fence lines.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- There has not been any spraying done but a lot of work has occurred to cut the grass which sprang up everywhere after the rain.



11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.2
TITLE Community Safety Report
AUTHOR Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of 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 requirements.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Community Safety Finke LAR - February April 2026



Local Authority Report

Finke

Community Safety
February - April 2026



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

- 283 Hours patrolled
- Work: 6 hour shifts Mon-Fri
- Between 8pm - 2am Mon-Thur
- Between 6pm - Midnight



140 Engagements with young people



229 Engagements with over 18's



145 Young people taken home



6 Training Hours



224 Are you okay? Checks



0 Community gathering

Highlights



- Community Safety Team Leader Mary Matasia is continuing training under the Learning Management System (LMS) Online portal.
- Community safety team members have been supporting one another in using the App to login nightly patrol reports.
- In response to community needs the service has started to operate up until 2am 4 days a week.
- There has been a launch of a new feedback QR code that will enable community members to login and give feedback about the service, this poster will be placed at community notice boards soon.
- The team have been working well together and operating through a roster arranged by the Team leader and other Community safety Staff, which enables all team members a chance to work across each fortnight.

Team leader Mary Matasia working through the Reporting Tablet logging in data for evening patrols.



Mary Matasia Rodney Lambourne and David Moneymoon
Training on the Reporting Tablet and Phone.



11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.3
TITLE Aged Care and Children's Services Report
AUTHOR Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

All Aged 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 – Senior Coordinator of Aged Care
Pavithra Devasurendra- Coordinator Children's Services
And Administration

ATTACHMENTS

1 Aged and Children's Services Finke LAR February April 2026



Local Authority MacKids Finke February - April 2026



4 Employees
100% First Nation



5 - Enrolments



37.5 hours Coordinator & Manager support



**Service Delivery
97.5 Hours**



45 - Meals served



Training

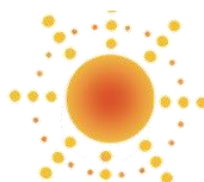
- Team Leader is enrolled in Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
- Team Leader attended the Team Leader Training in Head Office



Stakeholder Engagement

- NPY Representative
- Hearing Australia
- NT Health

Highlights



- The new Coordinator for Titjikala, Narelle Shanahan, commenced in April and has already demonstrated strong initiative by visiting the community and completing a thorough handover with Pavithra, who has since stepped down from the coordinator role.
- There have been some interruptions to service delivery due to the Team Leader's family commitments.
- 2 new enrolment was recorded during this reporting period.
- The Team Leader and new Coordinator are currently planning the next community open day in May. There has also been positive collaboration with NPY to ensure all required enrolment information for new children has been obtained.



Local Authority MacKids Finke February - April 2026



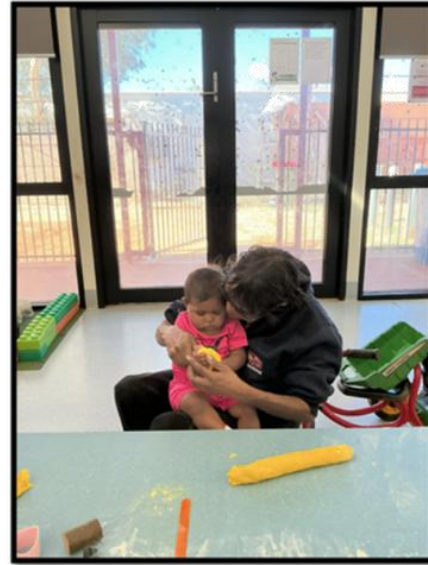
Children are engaging in imaginative play, quiet learning, and creative experiences in both indoor and flexible learning spaces. Activities such as role play, drawing, and shared play support creativity, early literacy, and social skills.

These experiences promote confidence, communication, and collaboration, by supporting children's sense of identity, wellbeing, and development as confident and involved learners.





Local Authority MacKids Finke February - April 2026



Children exploring creativity and developing fine motor skills through art and sensory play, supported by engaged educators in a nurturing learning environment.





Local Authority MacKids Finke February - April 2026



Staff and Team Leaders engaged in professional development training sessions held in the Council Chambers, focusing on c and program planning. Child safety, Risk Assessments





Local Authority Report Finke Aged Care Services Feb - Apr 2026

Aged Care
Services



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

Stakeholders' engagements:
NIAA, School, Parents, Clinic



Lifts provided: 59



Client Interactions: 68

This includes client welfare
checks and client engagement at
the Aged Care Centre



Personal Care provided: 89

Including:
shower & toilet assistance, laundry
loads, tablet reminders



Active Clients: 5



Training:

Toolbox Talks:
Covering updates to the new
Aged Care Standards
Cert III - Individual Support will
recommence mid may



Meals Provided

Breakfast, lunches
& Hampers: 780
SNP Meals delivered: 1002

Updates



- During the recent period of severe weather and associated road closures, the Aged Care team responded with flexibility and innovation to minimise service disruptions wherever possible. Priority was given to essential supports—particularly food preparation and meal delivery—to ensure clients' immediate needs continued to be met. Road closures affected freight deliveries and Allied Health visits, resulting in some unavoidable delays to non-essential services.
- clients have continued to attend the centre to enjoy a cup of tea, social interaction, and television time. This has been well received and continues to play an important role in supporting wellbeing.
- Staff are enrolled to complete First Aid training and will commence Certificate III in Individual Support training in the coming weeks.
- Our Home Care Coordinator Rosemary Matasia has attended a couple of school led meetings where SNP has been discussed and contribution forms completed



Local Authority Report Finke Aged Care Services Feb - Apr 2026



The heavy rain left its mark in the outside space of the Aged Care Centre!



Home Care Assistant Junella testing out the new toaster



Team Leader Raylene prepping delicious meals for Aged Care Clients and SNP students



Local Authority Report Finke Aged Care Services Feb - Apr 2026



Home Care Assistant
Junella on laundry duties



Home Care Assistants
Virginia and Junella on
food prep duties





Local Authority Report Finke Aged Care Services Feb - Apr 2026



Home Care Coordinator delivering lunch to the school
and to Aged Care client Kevin



HR Roadshow at the Aged Care Centre

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE General Council Business

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the matters raised; and
- b) notes that any action items arising from these discussions will be moved to the action register for Council to respond.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE Non-Council Business
AUTHOR 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 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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the updates on previous items;
- b) permits the ABS to hold a BBQ and Census information session in Finke sometime in July;
- c) is advised that NT Housing will be providing pest control for the Finke Community beginning Monday 22 June; and
- d) 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	Organisation	Subject
Finke Local Authority 04/03/2026	NTG	Issues with Swampy Air Conditioners
<p>04/03/2026 FLA 2026-18 advised that the air-conditioners in the community are swampies, not functional and have been an issue for an extended period of time and that this is causing health issues for the residents including the very young and older people. This issue is a source of intense concern for residents.</p>		
<p>25/05/2026 update from Dee McCorkindale Please remind community members to report all maintenance issues to the 1800 104 076 phone line. There is a process utilised by the HPS team and contractors that determines when a swampy is deemed no longer fit for purpose and then changed out for a split system air conditioner as previously advised.</p>		

In order to follow up on this particular matter, could Housing be provided with names and Lot numbers for the houses where very young and very old people are being affected by the failing air-conditioners.

Meeting	Organisation	Subject
Finke Local Authority 04/03/2026	NTG	Housing issues – rent and maintenance
<p>04/03/2026 FLA 2026-18 Were advised that there will be a team from Housing in Finke on the 17 March to discuss maintenance and tenancy issues</p>		
<p>27/03/2026– Update from Dee McCorkindale – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development Pop-Up Shop - The planned trip on 17/03/2026 did not proceed due to adverse road conditions. - We have tentatively scheduled a visit for the week of 06/04/2026. During this visit, we are hoping to hold an HRG meeting on 08/04/2026, and staff will also host a 'Pop-Up' stall for approximately three hours during the week.</p>		
<p>High Rent - Staff will be in Finke community during the week of 06/04/2026 and will be engaging with tenants throughout the visit. - Team members will be available at the 'Pop-Up' stall to answer any questions tenants may have about rent, maintenance, or other concerns. We will also discuss available safety nets for clients who may be eligible. - Tenants are encouraged to contact the Remote Housing Team on 8951 5252 for any enquiries relating to their accounts.</p>		

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Subject
Finke Local Authority 22/05/2026	Australian Bureau of Statistics	Information Session and BBQ
<p>22/05/2026 Request from ABS: The ABS would like Local Authority permission to hold a BBQ and information session about the Census in Finke in July this year.</p>		

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.