

## **AGENDA**

# HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025

The Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Haasts Bluff Council Office on Thursday 6 March 2025 at 10:30 AM.

Belinda Urquhart

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

#### 3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

#### That members:

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

#### 3.2 ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

That members notes the absentees to this meeting.

#### 3.3 RESIGNATIONS

NIL

#### 3.4 TERMINATIONS

NIL

#### 3.5 NOMINATIONS

NIL

#### 4. MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

**ITEM NUMBER** 4.1

TITLE MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct



#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report contains all of the details about the MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct Policy.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority notes the Council Code of Conduct.

#### **MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct**

#### Interests of the Council and Community come first

A member must act in the best interests of the community, its outstations and the Council.

#### **Honesty**

A member must be honest and act the right way (with integrity) when performing official duties.

#### Taking care

A member must be careful to make good decisions (diligence), and must not be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, when performing official duties.

#### Respect/Courtesy

A member must be respectful to other members, council staff, constituents and members of the public.

#### Conduct towards council staff

A member must not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of council staff.

#### Respect for culture

A member must respect different cultures, families and language groups (cultural diversity) and not be unfair towards others, or the opinions of others, because of their background.

#### **Conflict of interest**

A member must, if possible, avoid conflict of interest between the member's private interests (family, other job, business etc.) and duties.

Where a conflict exists, the member must inform the Council, Local Authority or Council Committee and not take part in the discussion or vote.

#### Respect for private business

A member must not share private (confidential) information that they heard as a member, outside of meetings.

A member must not make improper use of confidential information to gain a benefit or to cause harm to another.

#### **Gifts**

A member must not ask for or encourage gifts or private benefits from anyone who might want to do business with or obtain a benefit from Council.

#### **Accountable**

A member must be able to show that they have made good decisions for the community, and have allocated the Council's resources carefully and to benefit the region.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.

#### ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Code of Conduct Policy helps Council to ensure that the:

- MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) exercises strong and accountable governance;
- constituents of MRC are aware of the behaviours they can expect from members.

#### 5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**ITEM NUMBER** 5.1

**TITLE** Confirmation of Previous Minutes

REFERENCE -

**AUTHOR** Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority accepts the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Minutes Haasts Bluff LA meeting 25-03-2024





MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN HAASTS BLUFF ON WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2024 AT 10:30 AM

#### 1 MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened 11.30am

#### 2 WELCOME

Welcome to Country - Chairperson Simon Dixon

#### 3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

#### **Local Authority Members**

Simon Dixon - Member, Kieran Multa Member, Provisional Member Jennicka Inkamala,

#### Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny (via Teams), Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Councillor Councillor Tommy Conway (via Teams)

#### **Council Employees**

Aaron Blacker - Director Technical Services, James Walsh - Area Manager Service Delivery, Emily McBride - Manager Aged & Disability Services, Jake Sellers Coordinator Youth Services, June Crabb - Governance Officer (via Teams) and Damien Ryan - Governance Officer.

#### Guests

Anna Eggerton - NTEC, Skye Haigh - Ekistica, Levina Phillips - Centre for Appropriate Technology, Bruce Fyfe - Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet,

#### **Apologies**

Belinda Urquhart - MRC Chief Executive Officer, Derek Egan - Member, Douglas Multa – Member and Jason Minor - Councillor

#### **Absentees**

Members' Martin Judgadai and Randall Butler



#### Resignations

Roseranna Larry

#### **Local Authority Nominations**

Jennicka Inkamala

| ITEM NUMBER: | 3.1        |
|--------------|------------|
| TITLE:       | Attendance |

#### HBLA2024-1 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) noted that Simon Dixon was appointed as Acting Chairperson for the 20th March 2024 meeting;
- b) noted the attendance;
- accepted the apologies received from Members Derek Egan, Member Douglas Multa;
- d) noted absences without notice of Members Randall Butler, Martin Jugadai and Councillor Jason Minor;
- e) noted and accepted the resignation received from Roseranna Larry; and
- f) requests that Council endorse Jennicka Inkamala as a member to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority.

#### 4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

| ITEM NUMBER: | 4.1                                |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| TITLE:       | MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct |

#### HBLA2024-3 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Tommy Conway)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

#### 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

| ITEM NUMBER: | 5.1                              |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| TITLE:       | Confirmation of Previous Minutes |

#### HBLA2024-4 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)

That members of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority did not resolve the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd November 2023 as the meeting held 20 March 2024 was a provisional meeting.



## NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

| ITEM NUMBER: | 6.1                                    |
|--------------|--|
| TITLE:       | Notification of General Business Items |

#### HBLA2024-5 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted that members raised the following matters for discussion.

- a) Healthy Community Event.
- b) Maintenance Memory Mountain to community Road

| ITEM NUMBER: | 6.2  |
|--------------|--|
| TITLE:       | Notification of Matters Raised in General Non-Council Business items |

#### HBLA2024-6 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Non - Council Business as follows:

- a) Roads
- b) Housing

| ITEM NUMBER: | 6.3                  |
|--------------|----------------------|
| TITLE:       | Acceptance of Agenda |

#### HBLA2024-7 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

#### 7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

| ITEM NUMBER: | 7.1                  |
|--------------|----------------------|
| TITLE:       | Conflict of Interest |

#### HBLA2024-9 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that no members declared a conflict of interests with the meeting Agenda.

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#### 8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

| ITEM NUMBER: | 8.1                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| TITLE:       | CfAT - Keeping Places Project  |
| AUTHOR:      | June Crabb, Governance Officer |

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Centre for Appropriate Technology (CfAT) is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander controlled business, based in Alice Springs and has been operating for over 40 years.

Representatives are in community to inform members of the project to design and construct Keeping Places for object and artefact storage.

#### HBLA2024-10 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) noted the presentation on the Project Keeping Places; and
- b) provided feedback to the Representatives on locations, designs and employment.

| ITEM NUMBER: | 8.2                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| TITLE:       | NT Electoral Commission        |
| AUTHOR:      | June Crabb, Governance Officer |

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The NT Electoral Commission (NTEC) is an independent government agency responsible for the impartial conduct of Northern Territory Legislative Assembly and Local Government elections. Our work aligns to a four-year cycle, with the next Legislative Assembly election scheduled for August 2024 and Local Government elections scheduled for August 2025.

#### HBLA2024-11 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation from the NTEC Representatives.

#### 9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

| ITEM NUMBER: | 9.1                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| TITLE:       | Action Register                |
| AUTHOR:      | June Crabb, Governance Officer |

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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



#### HBLA2024-12 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received;
- b) and approved the closure of completed action Write to CLC

| ITEM NUMBER: | 9.2                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| TITLE:       | Local Authority Projects       |
| AUTHOR:      | June Crabb, Governance Officer |

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects 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. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

It is important to note that \$5,478.38 are funds that are at risk of being returned to NTG. This amount is from funds committed to current projects but remains unspent, as well as unallocated funds.

#### HBLA2024-13 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority by majority vote, made the following recommendations and:

- a) noted that \$5,478.38 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) approves to close the following projects:
  - 2143 Solar lights for Sorry Camp, returning \$1,845.33 to unallocated funds;
  - 2145 Church Pews
  - 2147 Spencer Coffin Trolley and move to wishlist for future consideration, returning the budget of \$1,000.00 to unallocated funds;
  - 2148 Church Lectern, noting the safety concerns raised.
- c) notes and accepts the progress on their projects to keep open;
  - 2146 Trevor Carpark;
  - 2386 Garden Shed with tools for Cemetery;
  - 2390 Modular Stage, allocating an additional \$2,000.00 to complete;
  - . 2391 Softball Commentary Box, noting the change of name; and
  - 2392 Trees around Park.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 9.3                                 |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| TITLE:       | Local Authority Discretionary Funds |
| AUTHOR:      | June Crabb, Governance Officer      |

#### **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.

#### HBLA2024-14 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote made the following recommendations:

- a) noted that no Purchase orders was raised for Christmas and New Year celebrations;
- b) discussed to spend the balance of \$4,000.00; and
- acknowledged that any unspent funds will be returned to MRC if not expended before 30 June 2024.
- d) allocated the funds to be used to provide a meat tray for all community households (CSC to advise how many houses); and
- e) any remaining balance to be available for other community events.

#### 10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

| ITEM NUMBER: | 10.1                                     |
|--------------|--|
| TITLE:       | Service Delivery Report                  |
| AUTHOR:      | Ellen Fitzgerald, Administration Officer |

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

#### HBLA2024-15 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Kieran Multa)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the Service Delivery Report for the community of Haasts Bluff.

| ITEM NUMBER: | 10.2                                     |
|--------------|--|
| TITLE:       | Community Services Report                |
| AUTHOR:      | Gina Lacey – Director Community Services |

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

#### HBLA2024-16 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 10.3                           |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| TITLE:       | People & Capabilities Report   |
| AUTHOR:      | June Crabb, Governance Officer |

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing vacancies to help generate local community engagement and direct involvement in supporting Council's strategic goals of Developing Communities and being a Supportive Organisation.

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

#### HBLA2024-17 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority

- a) accepted the report recognising the vacant positions within the Community; and
- b) supports to encourage community residents to apply.

| ITEM NUMBER: | 10.4                           |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| TITLE:       | Income and Expenditure Report  |
| AUTHOR:      | June Crabb, Governance Officer |

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2023 in the Haasts Bluff Local Authority community.

#### HBLA2024-18 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 December 2023.

#### 11 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED

| ITEM NUMBER: | 11.1                           |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| TITLE:       | General Business               |
| AUTHOR:      | June Crabb, Governance Officer |

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Under item 6.2, Members of the Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

#### HBLA2024-20 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

a) noted and discussed the matters raised at Item 6.2; and



- b) received the Healthy Community Event (June 2024) information from Area Manager James Walsh
- c) MRC Grader crew are due in the area and will carry out maintenance to the road from Memory Mountain into the Haasts Bluff community.

| ITEM NUMBER: | 11.2                           |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| TITLE:       | General Non-Council Business   |
| AUTHOR:      | June Crabb, Governance Officer |

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet provides any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government Services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

HBLA2024-22 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)

That the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the matters raised at Item 6.3.
  - Housing update, 10 new or replacement homes, 17 bedrooms to be completed by December 2024.

## 12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY, 13 JUNE 2024, OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL OFFICE

Thursday, 13th June 2024

#### 13 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 1.30pm

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the unconfirmed Minutes of the Provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held on 20th March 2024.

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

#### 6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority accepted the papers that were received for consideration at the meeting

#### 7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

**ITEM NUMBER** 7.1

TITLE Conflict of Interests



#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting:

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

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

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

#### Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

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

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

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

#### Information and Opportunities

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

#### Undue Influence

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

#### **Declaring a Conflict of Interest**

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

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

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

#### Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

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

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

#### If you do have a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

#### **Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest**

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

#### ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

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

#### 8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

**ITEM NUMBER** 8.1

TITLE NT Trachoma Program & Indigenous Eye Health

REFERENCE -

**AUTHOR** June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

#### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of the presentation from the Public Health Unit and Indigenous Eye Health is to provide information on the Trachoma Program.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### That the Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the presentation from the Trachoma Unit; and
- b) supports the unit's visits on educating community about Trachoma.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The NT Trachoma Program started in 2009 and is committed to eliminating trachoma from remote communities in the NT.

Trachoma is an infectious disease that can lead to trichiasis and blindness if not treated. With good hygiene and environmental measures, this disease can be prevented.

#### ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### **CONSULTATION**

Nil

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

#### 9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**ITEM NUMBER** 9.1

TITLE Regional Planning incorporating Community

Infrastructure Plans

REFERENCE -

AUTHOR James Walsh, Manager Project Management Office

#### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### That the Local Authority:

- provides guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan; and
- provides its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure.

#### **BACKGROUND**

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

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

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

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

#### ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

It is a requirement under Section 33(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* that all regional councils must have a plan for their area – the regional plan. Furthermore, s34(c) states that the Regional Plan must take into account the projects and priorities for the area identified by a local authority.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The projects and priorities established in the Regional Plan will be considered in determining the Budget for 2025-26.

#### **CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team Local Authority members Project Management Office

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Haasts Bluff Community Infrastructure Plan 2025

This is the Infrastructure plan from 2025 until 2030.



## Think BIG!!!

This community infrastructure plan will give the LA direction for projects for the next 5 years. Projects can be turned into Major Projects and pool funds as well as be broken down into parts to spread the funding over the 5 years.

We would also like the LA to give council some bigger projects they would like to see within the community. If there is grant funding that comes around, we can use the infrastructure plan to guide council in applying for special funding. This can be things that the LA cant afford but will benefit the community.



Haasts Bluff community receives approximately \$22,000 per year from the NTG and has two years to spend the funds. A clause in the LA funding guidelines called Major Projects means that the LA can join funds from two years of funding for larger projects. The LA will have 4 years to spend the funds rather than 2. These funds can be put towards achieving larger and more productive projects. Combining two years of funds will give the LA approximately \$44,000 for a project.

To join the funds a project plan must be submitted to the DCMC for approval. MRC Project Management Office will manage the project planning for all Major Projects.

These funds can also be joined with funding from other organisations like CLC and grants to achieve bigger projects otherwise not possible with just the LA funds.

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#### What can LAPF be used for?

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example park fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example trailers, graders, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures/stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities. For example 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.



# HAASTS BLUFF COMMUNITY NIAA Consultation Projects

Do you want to keep these projects and add them to the CIP?

Community garden/Farm



MacDonnell Regional Council is working with the Local Authority and Councilors to plan for future infrastructure needs at Haasts Bluff. Below are some current ideas. We want to hear from you as we plan for the next 5-10 years. An Infrastructure Plan that has the community's approval will guide investment and development with Local Authority Project Funding and will strengthen applications for any other funding that is available. At the moment, there is no allocated funding to pay for the infrastructure decided upon for these plans.

#### Shaded area x 2

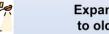


Playground

- Trees
- Seats



Dark area for Solar light/s (behind 46)



Expand council depot to old basketball court



Dark area for solar light/s (near sorry camp)

#### Garden

- · Trees and flowers
- Chairs
- Shade
- Tap





6 MARCH 2025

#### Telstra phone

number 93

Council office extension (in development)

**Outfield fencing** 

Fence around sacred trees

Replace barbed wire with Standard wire on boundary fence. 2.5km circumference



#### Fitness area

- Fitness centre
- · Basketball court
- Water
- · Power for music
- Trees

**Community Laundry** fixed and one washing machine added (run by CDP)

#### Off the map:

- · Cemetery entrance sign
- BMX track
- Sealed airstrip
- · Sorry camp shade



**Big Project:** More space for youth (eg. Rec Hall Extension)

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#### Priority list:

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Based off the new community infrastructure plan, we would request that all un allocated funds are allocated to the priority 1 project. If the project costs less than allocated, the funds will be returned and put towards priority 2 at the next meeting. This will prevent hold ups requesting more funds for a project.

This way we can get through projects faster and concentrate on the higher priority projects.



#### 9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**ITEM NUMBER** 9.2

TITLE Local Authority Project Register

REFERENCE -

**AUTHOR** Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning

#### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:**

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

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the Acquittal and Certification (as attached) of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;
- b) notes that \$23,490.20 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- c) notes the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office;
- d) closes any completed projects and returns any unused funds to unallocated;
- e) notes that there are \$24,998.51 of unallocated funds; and
- f) discusses and determines the priority of the wishlist items.

#### **BACKGROUND**

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



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

| Project 2146 | Trevor Carpark   | \$                |
|--------------|--|-------------------|
| <u> </u>     | Status   | Committed         |
| 21-Jul-22    | Res.032 - Decided to name the Church carpark as  | \$3,000.00        |
|              | "TREVOR carpark" and created new project, committing   |                   |
| 12-Apr-23    | <b>\$3,000.00</b> towards the logo, design and 3 x Disabled signs Res.013 - Area Manager Service Delivery will liaise with       |                   |
| 12-Api-23    | members on the design for the Trevor carpark sign.   |                   |
| 13-Sep-23    | Res.031 – Requested the design be created with the   |                   |
|              | colours of the Aboriginal flag   |                   |
| 13-Jan-25    | PMO update - Sign has been delivered - will check to see if it has been erected.   |                   |
|              | Recommend leave funds as is in case of   |                   |
|              | contingencies.   |                   |
|              |  |                   |
|              | underspend or (overspend)  | \$3,000.00        |
|              |  |                   |
| Project 2386 | Garden Shed with tools for Cemetery  | \$                |
|              | Status   | Committed         |
| 13-Sep-23    | Res.031 – Allocated \$5,000.00 and requested a shed  | \$5,000.00        |
|              | similar to Mt Liebig and that it be placed on the side of the Church.  |                   |
| 22-Dec-23    | Invoice Bunnings - various materials, tools, etc.  | -\$1,120.13       |
| 13-Jan-25    | PMO update - Pad base has been completed - shed not  | ψ1,120.10         |
| 10 0411 20   | yet erected - will follow up.  |                   |
|              |  |                   |
|              | underspend or (overspend)  | \$3,879.87        |
|              |  |                   |
| Project 2390 | Modular Stage  | \$                |
|              | Status   | Committed         |
| 13-Sep-23    | Res.031 – Allocated \$7,600.00 requesting to purchase a similar model to that of Areyonga  | \$7,600.00        |
| 20-Mar-24    | Res.013 – allocated an additional \$2,000.00 to complete.  | \$2,000.00        |
| 28-Aug-24    | Invoice received from Felton Industries for Stage.   | -\$2,841.00       |
| 13-Jan-25    | PMO update - Stage has been delivered to incorrect address - to be redirected - wait for project to be completed before closing. |                   |
|              |  | <b>A</b>          |
|              | underspend or (overspend)  | \$6,759.00        |
|              |  |                   |
| Project 2391 | Upgrade the Umpire Box   | \$                |
| 10.0         | Status   | Committed         |
| 13-Sep-23    | Res.031 – Allocated \$4,000.00 to upgrade the Umpire box.  | \$4,000.00        |
| 28-Oct-24    | Invoices received from Mitre 10 for outdoor decking.   | -\$1,147.18       |
| 13-Jan-25    | PMO update - To follow up receipt of supplies - to be installed using internal resources.  |                   |
|              | underenend er (everenend)  | <b>\$0.050.00</b> |
|              | underspend or (overspend)  | \$2,852.82        |
|              |  |                   |

| Project 2392 | Trees around the Park   | \$          |
|--------------|---|-------------|
|              | Status  | Committed   |
| 13-Sep-23    | Res.031 – Allocated \$4,000.00 and that quotes are sought.  | \$4,000.00  |
| 13-Jan-25    | PMO update - No trees are available in the Alice<br>Springs area. LA to consider alternative options -<br>possibly a green house? |             |
|              | underspend or (overspend)   | \$4,000.00  |
| Budget consi | deration  |             |
|              | Balance of underspend or (overspend)  | \$20,491.69 |
|              | Total un-allocated funds  | \$24,998.51 |
|              | Total unspent funds   | \$45,490.20 |

|           | WISHLIST  |          |
|-----------|---|----------|
| RAISED    | ITEMS   | ASSIGNED |
| 25-Mar-24 | Spencer Coffin Trolley – moved to wishlist for future |          |
|           | consideration.  |          |

#### ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

**Examples of unacceptable purposes for Expenditure include:** 

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

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

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

#### **CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team The Local Authority

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 LAPF Acquittal 2023-2024

## MacDonnell Regional Council

## CERTIFICATION OF 2024 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING

| cal Authority: Haasts Bluff File number: LGR2016/00104  |   |
|---|---|
| INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING LAPF Grant 2024  | \$30 JUNE 2024<br>\$22,000              |
| Other income/carried forward balance from 2022- 2023  | \$22,000                                |
| Other income/carried forward balance from 2021- 2022  | \$20,308.87                             |
| Total Income  | \$64,308.87                             |
| Total Expenditure   | \$14,830.49                             |
| Surplus/ (Deficit)  | \$49,478.38                             |
| We certify that the LAPF was spent in accordance with,  | *************************************** |
| the projects submitted by the Local Authority;  | Yes  No ロ                               |
| the LAPF funding guidelines;  | Yes ☐ No ☐                              |
| • the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulation; and  | Yes ☑ No □                              |
| • the Northern Territory Government's buy from Territory enterprise policy.   | Yes ☐ No ☐                              |
| <ul> <li>the NT Government's COVID19 Conditions of Contract were met:</li> <li>(If no to any questions above please provide a written explanation with this acquittal)</li> </ul> | Yes ☑ No □                              |
| Certification report prepared by.Osman Kassem   | /2024                                   |
| The local authority projects formed part of the agenda and minutes of   |   |
| Council's ordinary council meeting and local authority meeting.   | Yes  No □                               |
| Laid before the Council at a meeting (held/to be held on) 2.1/1.1.9./2024 Copy of minutes at  | tached ( <del>Yes</del> /TBA).          |
| Laid before the LA at a meeting (held/to be held on)/20 Copy of minutes attached  | ed <del>(Yes</del> /TBA).               |
| CEO or CFO Gurguhan   | 20/8/2024                               |
| DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY   | *************************************** |
| Grant amount correct:   | Yes □ No □                              |
| Balance of funds to be spent \$   |   |
| Date next certification/20  |   |
| CERTIFICATION ACCEPTED  | Yes □ No □                              |
| Comments  |   |
| Grants Officer  | /20_                                    |
| Manager Grants Program  | /20_                                    |
| Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet  | NORTHER                                 |

#### 9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**ITEM NUMBER** 9.3

**TITLE** Local Authority Discretionary Funds



REFERENCE -

**AUTHOR** Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning

#### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the spending of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds;
- b) notes that \$1,481.12 were funds returned as they were not spent by 30 June 2024;
- c) discusses allocating their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds; and
- d) notes that discretionary funds must be spent by 30 June 2025.

#### **BACKGROUND**

#### **Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:**

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

| Date      | 2023/2024 Discretionary Funds  | Budget \$  |
|-----------|--|------------|
| 1-Jul-23  | Approved Funds   | 4,000.00   |
| 20-Mar-24 | Allocated funds towards a meat tray for all community households.            |            |
|           | Purchase order raised and invoice received from Milner Meats for meat trays. | -2,518.88  |
|           | Funds Forfeited  | \$1,481.12 |

#### **Current Financial Year Funds Allocation**

| Date     | 2024/2025 Discretionary Funds | Budget \$ |
|----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
|          |                               |           |
| 1-Jul-24 | Approved Funds                | 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**

Haasts Bluff Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:
There are no attachments to this report.

# 9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**ITEM NUMBER** 9.4

TITLE MRC Position Vacancies Report

REFERENCE -

AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning

### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

### **BACKGROUND**

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

# ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### **CONSULTATION**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 MRC Position Vacancies Report Haasts Bluff



# Position Vacancies Haasts Bluff

| Position # | Service      | Description                     | Туре      | Weekly Hours |
|------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 400584     | MacKids      | Educator - Early Learning       | Part-Time | 27.3         |
| 401203     | MacSafe      | Senior Community Safety Officer | Part-Time | 25           |
| 401205     | MacSafe      | Community Safety Officer        | Part-Time | 30           |
| 402365     | MacCare      | Home Care Assistant             | Part-Time | 19           |
| 402366     | MacCare      | Home Care Assistant             | Part-Time | 19           |
| 402367     | MacCare      | Team Leader Home Care           | Full-Time | 38           |
| 403023     | MacYouth     | Youth Services Officer          | Part-Time | 19           |
| 403024     | MacYouth     | Youth Services Officer          | Part-Time | 19           |
| 403025     | MacYouth     | Youth Services Officer          | Part-Time | 9.5          |
| 403030     | MacYouth     | Youth Services Officer          | Part-Time | 9.5          |
| 403034     | MacYouth     | Senior Youth Services Officer   | Part-Time | 19           |
| 502102     | Council Serv | Customer Service Officer        | Part-Time | 19           |
| 502129     | Council Serv | Works Assistant                 | Part-Time | 19           |

Table data derived from XLOne Position Vacancy Report of Active Open Positions in the MRC Org Structure and approved by Managers: 13/02/2025



# 10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

**ITEM NUMBER** 10.1

TITLE Council Services report

REFERENCE -

**AUTHOR** Ellen Fitzgerald, Administration Officer

# LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority of Haasts Bluff notes and accepts the Council Services report.

### **BACKGROUND**

Nil

# ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

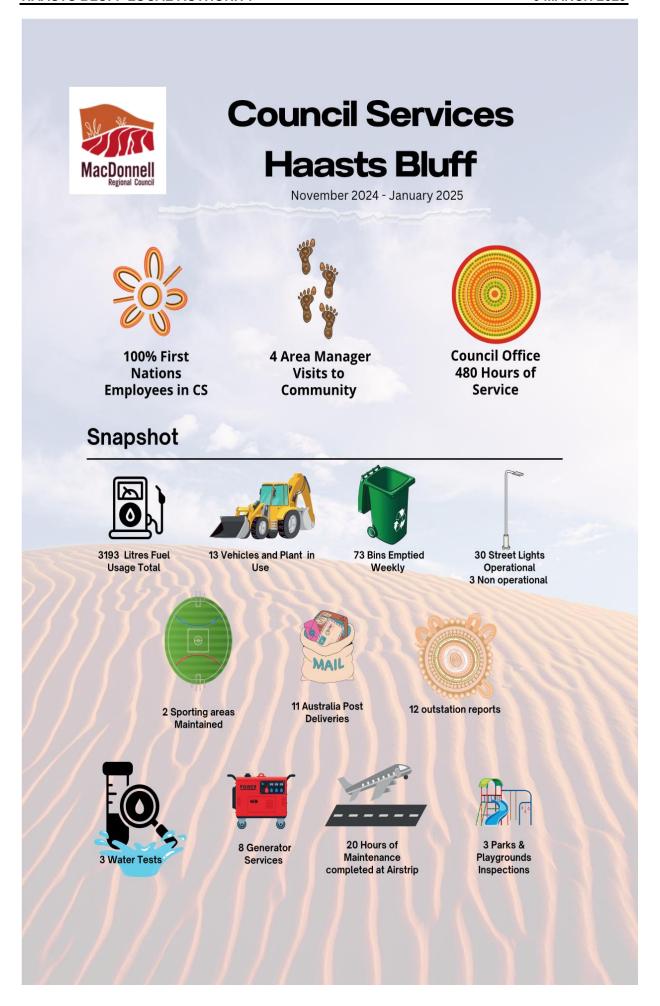
Nil

# **CONSULTATION**

Ken Satour – A/Director Council Services Stuart Millar – Area Manager Council Services Simon Walmby – Council Services Coordinator

# **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Council Services LA Report



### **Animal Management**

This report relates to the Community Dog Health Program performed for the MacDonnell Regional Council on the Haasts Bluff Community Dogs on 08-09 January, 2025. Procedures performed are summarised below:

|                   | Spayed | Castrated | Tick/Mange<br>Injection | Tick Spray | MPA* | Vaccinations | Euthanasias |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|------|--------------|-------------|
| Number of<br>Dogs | 0      | 0         | 39                      | 58         | 18   | 15           | 0           |
| Number of<br>Cats | 0      | 0         | 0                       | N/A        | 0    | N/A          | 0           |
| Total             | 0      | 0         | 39                      | 58         | 18   | 15           | 0           |

<sup>\*</sup> MPA is a contraceptive that delays heat/decreases libido for up to 6 months.

|             | Spayed | Castrated | Tick/Mange<br>Injection | Tick<br>Spray | MPA* | Vaccinations | Euthanasias |
|-------------|--------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|-------------|
| Ultily      | 0      | 0         | 17                      | 20            | 6    | 5            | 0           |
| Ngankiritja | 0      | 0         | 5                       | 8             | 0    | 0            | 0           |
| Total       | 0      | 0         | 22                      | 28            | 6    | 5            | 0           |

<sup>\*</sup> MPA is a contraceptive that delays heat/decreases libido for up to 6 months.

### **Cemetery Management**

- · Clean up of cemetery planned before next funeral in April.
- · New entry sign to be installed for cemetery
- · Photos of garden shed being constructed by civil staff

### **Internal Roads Maintenance**

 Water damage to back roads of Haasts Bluff, civil team will be repairing parts of the road for better access to and from outstations

# Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- · New Park sign will be installed
- New shade structure in park for future seating

# **Sports Grounds**

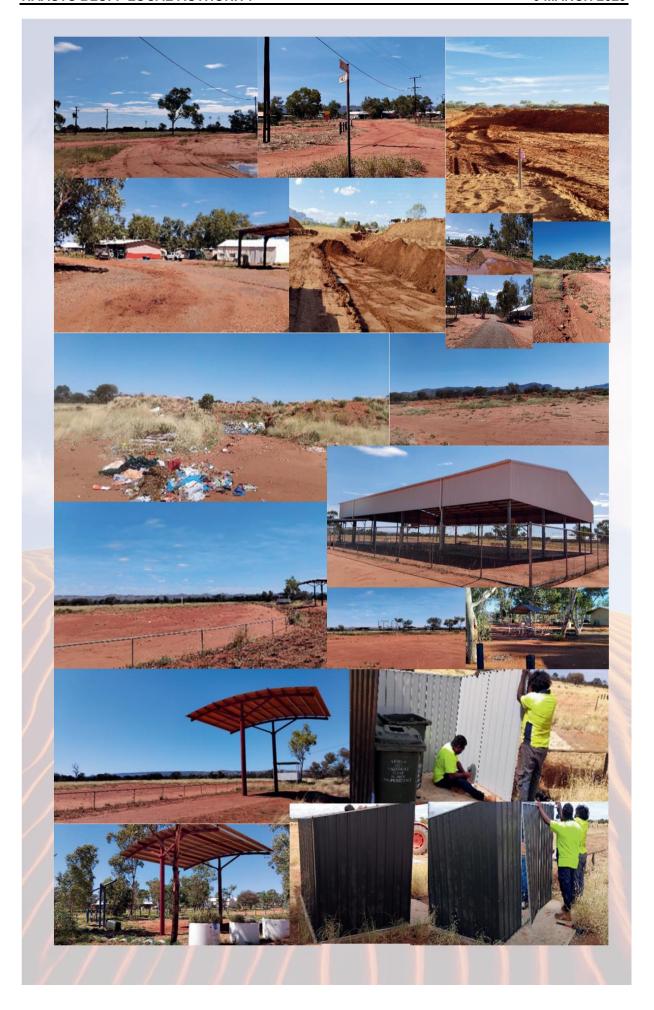
- Maintenance around oval have come to a stand still due to lack of staff
- New shade structure for future seating at Oval
- Softball and oval will be slashed again once civil staff have caught up to Local Authority Projects.
- Close up of new waste pits being dug out on the South side of fence line at our waste facility.
- Once established, directional signage will be placed at waste turn-off and separation bay signs will be installed.

## **Waste Management**

- New community drop off bays have been established at the dump.
- Signage will be placed in the new bays when civil staff complete community maintenance
- Rubbish is generally collected twice a week, after rain on the 14/2/25, there hasn't been
  access to waste facility for the past week

### **Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction**

• nil



# 10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

**ITEM NUMBER** 10.2

TITLE Community Services LA Snapshots

REFERENCE

**AUTHOR** Ellen Fitzgerald, Administration Officer

### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report.

### **BACKGROUND**

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

# ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

# **CONSULTATION**

Keith Hassett – A/Director Community Services Sharan Shain – Manager Aged Care Sarah Grant – A/Manager Community Safety Ainsley Roscrow – A/Manager Children's Services

# **ATTACHMENTS**:

1 Community Services report







Haasts Bluff MacSafe Community Safety November 2024 - December 2025



- OPEN
- · 3 Staff in the Haasts Bluff Team
- · 2 Casual, & 1 Senior Vacancy
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal
- 296 Hours Patrolled
- · 965 Hours Worked
- Work: 5-6 hour shifts Mon-Fri Between 5pm - 11pm



68 Engagements with young people



48 Engagements with over 18's



25 Young people taken home



4 Training Hours



26 Are you okay? Checks



No Community gatherings

# Challenges



- All MacSafe Coordinators are currently supporting an additional community whilst we recruit for a fourth Coordinator. This impacts on time spent in each community supporting and training staff.
- Team Leader has been on leave for two months, and will be resigning from their roles in Haasts Bluff

# Highlights



- Online training has been provided in the new operating system
   OneDrive SharePoint, staff are now able to print, scan and send timesheets and other documents.
- Sarah Grant MacSafe Coordinator is now supporting the Haasts Bluff Team, recruitment is underway for vacancies in the Team.







# Youth Services Ikuntji Nov 24 - Jan 25





Employees
2 staff
50 % Aboriginal



Activities 164 Activities 336Hours



Engagements 88 young people 430 Engagement



Bush Trip
1



School Support 2



Training 4



Youth Board 0



Sport 27



Events 1

# Challenges



- We are low on food budget
- We lost all our staff in January; their contracts were up for renewal, but none of the workers signed their new contracts.
- · Community unrest.

# Highlights \*

· Cultural obligations.



- New youth worker, Claudia, has been a huge help with program; especially over school holidays.
- Malcolm and Boof took some fellas on a hunting trip in December
- · Currently Advertising for Local Staff.









# Local Authority MacKids Haasts Bluff

November 2024 - January 2025



Haasts Bluff was closed during the reporting period with our Team Leader relocating to Haasts Bluff in late January



• 2 enrolments



• Team Leader studying towards Cert III Education & Care



• Interest from local community members in joining as Educators



 Maintenance on childcare Centre doors & window required

The Childcare Centre is cleaned and ready to re-open









# 11. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

**ITEM NUMBER** 11.1

**TITLE** Expenditure Report

REFERENCE -

**AUTHOR** Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2025 in the Haasts Bluff Local Authority community.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Expenditure report as at 31 January 2025.

### **BACKGROUND**

The attached Finance Report details the budget, variance, and actual expenditure on Council services in the community.

# ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Local Authority Project Funding is to be expended within 2 years of the receipt of the funding otherwise failure to do so may result in the Department withholding any future payments of Local Authority Project Funding or request unspent funding to be repaid.

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The attached report details the income and expenditure for the Local Authority which is part of the full Council's approved budget.

### **CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team Management Team

# ATTACHMENTS:

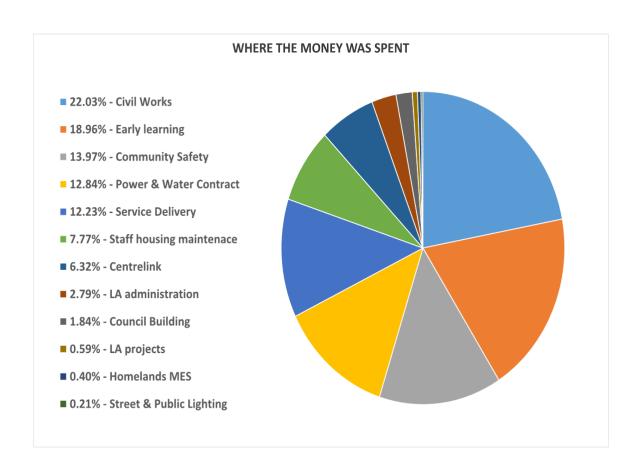
1 Haasts Bluff Expenditure Report - January 2025



### MacDonnell Regional Council Statement of Income & Expenditure as at 31 January 2025

003 Docker River

|  | Year to Date |                 |                                |           |                |   |  |
|--|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------|---|--|
| Description                                | Actual<br>\$ | Committed<br>\$ | Actual<br>+<br>Committed<br>\$ | Budget \$ | Variance<br>\$ | Comments  |  |
| EXPENDITURE                                |              |                 |                                |           |                |   |  |
| Employee costs                             | 473,968      | 6,304           | 480,271                        | 625,556   | 145,284        | Underspend across Council Services & Early<br>Learning  |  |
| Materials & Contracts                      | 129,232      | 145,140         | 274,372                        | 361,171   | 86,798         | Overspend on Buildings and Facilities Repairs &<br>Maintenance by \$28k, Contract Electrician by \$20k<br>as no budget line for Street Lighting |  |
| Operating lease and Information technology | 7,587        | 400             | 7,987                          | 18,303    | 10,315         | Underspend on building leases by \$8k as no expenditure   |  |
| Other Expenses                             | 67,312       | 461             | 67,773                         | 78,306    | 10,534         | No significant budget variances   |  |
| Capital WIP                                | 0            | 68,486          | 68,486                         | 0         | (68,486)       | Overspend as no budget line for Capital Project electical/plumbing work and meeting room upgrade  |  |
| Total Expenditure                          | 678,099      | 152,305         | 830,404                        | 1,083,335 | 252,932        |   |  |
| LA admin and project expenditure           | 11,272       | 0               | 11,272                         | 107,182   | 95,909         | Underspend on community infrastruture by \$96k  |  |



# 12. GENERAL BUSINESS

**ITEM NUMBER** 12.1

TITLE General Council Business

REFERENCE

AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning

# LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

# **BACKGROUND**

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

# ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

# **CONSULTATION**

Haasts Bluff Local Authority

# **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

# 13. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

**ITEM NUMBER** 13.1

TITLE General Non-Council Business

REFERENCE -

**AUTHOR** June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

# **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority notes and discusses the matters raised.

# **BACKGROUND**

Nil.

# ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **CONSULTATION**

Haasts Bluff Local Authority

# **ATTACHMENTS**:

There are no attachments to this report.

