



AGENDA

HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2026

The Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Haasts Bluff Council Office on Wednesday 1 July 2026 at 10:30 AM.

Belinda Urquhart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Attendance, Apologies and Leave

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the Member's attendance 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: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
 Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities
 Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets
 Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- congratulates Cr Conway on his election to the Luritja Pintubi Ward;
- welcomes Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawarra as official Members of the Authority;
- notes that there are no vacancies in the Local Authority; and
- notes the attendance at the meeting held 9 April 2026

BACKGROUND

The chart below shows the members who attended the Authority meeting on the 9 April 2026.

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

7 Appointed Members Haasts Bluff LA	Meeting Attendance 9/04/2026
Keiran Multa	Present
Simon Dixon	Apology
Liza Multa	Apology
Douglas Multa	Present
Tutuma Jack	Apology
Kathleen Dixon – endorsed May 2026	Provisional Member
Daphne Kantawarra – endorsed May 2026	Provisional Member
Elected Members Pintubi Luritja Ward	
Cr Dalton McDonald	Apology
Cr Lynn Ward	Present via Teams
Cr Tommy Conway	VACANT

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

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

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

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

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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

Council staff may receive the meeting allowance on the next scheduled pay date.

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 Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held 9 April 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held 9 April 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 9.4.2026 - MINUTES [9 pages]

MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
HAASTS BLUFF COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 9 APRIL 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.50AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON

HBLA2026-01 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Lynn Ward)

That members nominated Kieran Multa as Chair of this meeting of the Local Authority.

2 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Douglas Multa. After the acceptance of Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawarra as provisional members, quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Douglas Multa and Member Kieran Multa.

Provisional Members Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawara

Councillors

Via Teams: Councillor Lynn Ward

Council Employees

Area Manager Council Services Damien Ryan and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg

Guests

Via Teams: Adele McCorkindale – Department of Local government, Housing and Community Development

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.

HBLA2026-02 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;**
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Simon Dixon, Member Liza Multa, Member Tutuma Jack, Councillor Dalton McDonald, President Roxanne Kenny,**

- CEO Belinda Urquhart, and Deputy CEO and Director Council Services Keith Hassett for this meeting; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, from this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Vacancies in the Local Authority
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HLA2026-03 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged the current membership on the Authority;
- b) officially acknowledged Tutuma Jack after his membership was confirmed at the Council meeting on the 31 October 2025;
- c) confirmed that two vacancies were available;
- d) considered nominations from Shannon Palmer, Lynda Lechleitner, Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawarra;
- e) approved the nominations and provisional membership of Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawarra;
- f) noted that Garrard Anderson has resigned as an Elected Member of Council; and
- g) were advised that a by-election for the Luritja Pintubi ward will be held.

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.

HLA2026-04 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

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 Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held 14 October 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

HBLA2026-05 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held 14 October 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2026-06 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

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.

HBLA2026-07 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Kathleen Dixon)

That the Local Authority members:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) 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.

HBLA2026-08 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that the Census Engagement Team were an apology for today's meeting;
- b) accepted information provided by MRC about the importance of the census;
- c) raised that members would like the Census team to ensure that people in sorry camps are counted in the Census; and
- d) requested posters, notifying community members of the dates that their community will be counted, be distributed to the Council for publication on notice boards.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Introduction to the Regional Plan
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, 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

HBLA2026-09 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

That the Local Authority:

- a) reviewed the information presented; and
- 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:
 - Prioritise maintenance of machinery and equipment and the provision of PPE.
 - Shade and fruit trees and a community garden producing edible fruits and vegetables.

- Increased cooperation between the Council and the school to get the young people involved in community initiatives so that they can become leaders of the future.
- Reduce the number of dogs in the community through animal management.
- Improved traffic management to slow drivers down in community – additional speed bumps.
- Prioritise the employment of unemployed people over people who already have work.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, 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.

HBLA2026-10 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

That the Local Authority

- a) noted the Project Funding Acquittal and Certification [attached] as at 30 June 2025;
- b) were advised that the 2025-26 LAPF of \$20,900.00 has been received and is included in the budget consideration;
- c) acknowledged that \$45,263.08 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- d) noted the progress on their current projects as supplied by the Project Management Office as follows:
 - project 2142 'Playground near Basketball Court' builders have been engaged and will be installing the playground in May. This playground is primarily funded through grant funding, and the Project Management Office is looking into costings for a shade shelter.

- **Project 2145 Community Healthy Event'** the Deputy CEO and Director of Council Services is in communication with Costa's team about setting a date which is expected to be toward the end of this year.
- **Project 2392 'Trees Around the Park'** the Council services Coordinator is obtaining new quotes. Bush Bananas, Bush Potatoes and plums are options that are being investigated;
- e) noted that there are \$25,752.75 of unallocated funds;
- f) created a new project 'additional electrical work for the water dispenser'. This would allow the water dispenser to refrigerate the water. Allocated \$5,000.00 to this project;
- g) added 'Shade Shelter for Eastern side of the Oval' to the wishlist. The PMO advised that the current unallocated funds would be insufficient. However, as projects are completed, the returned funds may be enough to make up the shortfall. The PMO will seek quotes to present at a future meeting. Requested that the PMO investigate designs that will provide maximum shade at all times of the day; and
- h) were advised by Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg that speed bumps are not funded by Local Authority Project Funding and that the Project Management Office would investigate options for two new speed bumps in the community. Area Manager Damien Ryan will get photos of the desired location.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2026-11 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted that no purchase orders have been raised for the funds previously allocated;
- b) noted that the Local Authority has \$4,183.64 of available discretionary funds;
- c) noted that the next Local Authority meeting is on the 1 July 2026;
- d) allocated all available funds to purchasing music equipment for the community. This will be stored at the Council office or Rec Hall. Member Keiren Multa will source a quote from local supplier Rock City Music; and
- e) acknowledged that these 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:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2026-12 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Services report as tabled at the meeting.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Youth Services and Community Safety

HBLA2026-13 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Safety and Youth Services report.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2026-14 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Aged Care and Children's Services 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.

HBLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

That the Local Authority:

- a) raised that Council Services machinery is not being maintained and were advised that this would be addressed as an operational matter; and
- b) were advised of the polling dates for the upcoming Local Government By-election as follows:
 - Haasts Bluff – 15 April – 12:30pm to 2:30pm
 - Papunya – 16 April – 8:15am to 12:15pm
 - Mount Liebig – 16 April – 2:00pm to 4:30pm
 - Kintore – 14 April – 10:00am to 2:30pm
 - Mbunghara – 17 April – 10:15am to 11:15am

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	Non-Council Business Items
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters relating to Non-Council Business.

HBLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

That the Local Authority raised the following matters of Non-Council business:

- a) that the community needs a permanent clinic in Haasts Bluff;
- b) that the community needs mobile phone reception;
- c) this was supported by a discussion about emergency situations in which travel to Papunya for a medical emergency can be hampered by weather and access to reliable vehicles and that this situation is made more perilous when residents are unable to contact emergency services due to a lack of mobile phone reception.

Minute Note: Due to technical difficulties Adele McCorkindale was unable to participate in the discussion of Non-Council business.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 1 JULY, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:26 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 9 April 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.

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.

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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	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making

Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities

Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority

- a) acknowledges that \$45,263.08 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- b) notes the progress on their current projects as supplied by the Project Management Office;**
- c) notes the unallocated balance currently at \$20,752.75 available to expend; and**
- d) closes any completed projects;**

BACKGROUND

Members of the Authority allocate Project funds to support community and sporting infrastructure, open space developments and community priorities. These projects are intended to assist communities with improvements to community amenities 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 2142		Playground near Basketball Court	\$
Status		Committed	
3-Jun-25	Res.031 – created a new project ‘Playground Near Basketball Court’ [taken from the action item ‘Playground Relocation’] and allocated \$23,000.00 noting that: - A grant has been received for the installation of this park. \$23,000.00 is required in addition to the grant to complete this project. - If the Local Authority chooses not to allocate this money the project will not go ahead and the grant money will be returned to the Northern Territory Government. - the Local Authority has received it’s 2024-2025 project funds	\$	23,000.00
14-Oct-25	Res.046 - Noted that the playground furniture should arrive in November and a contractor will be organised to install it.		
31-Mar-26	PMO update - A contractor is currently being organised to install the playground equipment. It is anticipated that the LA funds will be used to provide a shade shelter after the playground is constructed.		
9-Apr-26	Res.010 - Builders have been engaged and will be installing the playground in May. This playground is primarily funded through grant funding, and the Project Management Office is looking into costings for a shade shelter.		
underspend or (overspend)		\$	23,000.00

Project 2143		Additional electrical work for the water dispenser	\$
Status		Committed	
9-Apr-26	Res.010 - created a new project ‘additional electrical work for the water dispenser’. This would allow the water dispenser to refrigerate the water. Allocated \$5,000.00 to this project.	\$	5,000.00
underspend or (overspend)		\$	5,000.00

Project 2145		Community Healthy Event	\$
Status		Committed	
13-Jan-25	Res.010 – New Project established - all remaining funds allocated.	\$	35,410.33
11-Apr-25	PMO update - Nothing has been resolved as yet.		
3-Jun-25	Res.031 – Noted that this project is still in the planning stage.		
22-Sep-25	Area Managers - To come back to meeting with plans scheduled for Feb 2026		
14-Oct-25	Res.046 - Noted that the ‘Community Healthy Event’ is scheduled for February.		
9-Apr-26	Res.010 - The Deputy CEO and Director of Council Services are in communication with Costa’s team about setting a date which is expected to be toward the end of this year.		
underspend or (overspend)		\$	35,410.33

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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 Springs area. LA to consider alternative options - possibly a green house?		
6-Mar-25	Res.012 – Noted that native trees were not available in Central Australia, therefore members agreed for any Australian trees to be ordered.		
13-May-25	PMO update - Nothing has been resolved as yet - still trying to source trees.		
3-Jun-25	Res.031 – Noted that the CSC is looking into options for ordering trees and the Area Manager has delivered the Grow as is product to community, these will help to keep the new plants alive while they are becoming established. Members requested that some trees be planted at the church carpark.		
22-Sep-25	PMO Update - to follow up to see if there are any established trees in Alice as seedlings don't survive.		
14-Oct-25	Res.046 - Noted that the Area Manager Damien Ryan is sourcing quotes from Geoff Myers for mature citrus trees that will be planted in the grow as is pots to give the trees the best chance of survival.		
2-Dec-25	PMO update - waiting on trees to be supplied		
9-Apr-26	Res.010 - The Council services Coordinator is obtaining new quotes. Bush Bananas, Bush Potatoes and plums are options that are being investigated.		
		underspend or (overspend)	\$ 4,000.00

Budget consideration			
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$	67,410.33
	Total un-allocated funds	\$	20,752.75
	Total unspent funds	\$	88,163.08

Raised	Wish-List Items Item	Assigned
25-Mar-24	Spencer Coffin Trolley Moved to Wish-List for future consideration	
03-Jun-25	Church Carpark Fence This would be similar to the fence around the Church. It would be a chain mesh fence around 1 meter high.	
9-Apr-26	Shade shelter for eastern side of the Oval. The PMO advised that the current unallocated funds would be insufficient. However, as projects are completed, the returned funds may be enough to make up the shortfall. The PMO will seek quotes to present at a future meeting. Requested that the PMO investigate designs that will provide maximum shade at all times of the day	

PROJECTS CLOSED 2025-26

Project 2386	Garden Shed with tools for Cemetery	\$
	Status	Committed
13-Sep-23	Res.031 – Allocated \$5,000.00 and requested a shed similar to Mt Liebig and that it be placed on the side of the Church.	\$5,000.00
22-Dec-23	Invoice Bunnings - various materials, tools, etc.	-\$1,120.13
13-Jan-25	PMO update - Pad base has been completed - shed not yet erected - will follow up.	
13-May-25	PMO update - Shed has been erected - will follow up on tools.	
1-Jun-25	PMO update - Tools have been collected - this project can be closed once the invoice is received.	
3-Jun-25	Res.031 – Noted that this project has been completed and the tools have been ordered.	
1-Jul-25	Invoice received from Bunnings.	-\$227.12
22-Sep-25	PMO Update - The tools have been collected and are in the community. This project can be closed.	
14-Oct-25	Res.046 - closed completed project 2386 'Garden Shed with Tools for Cemetery' and returned used funds to unallocated.	-\$3,652.75
	underspend or (overspend)	-

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Examples of unacceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

Funds from the grant must be fully expended within two years, or in the case of major projects, within four 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

There are no attachments to this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the spending on their previous Discretionary funds;
- b) accepts the 2026/27 funding allocation of \$4,000.00; and
- c) acknowledges that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2027.

BACKGROUND

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

- Community Christmas and New Year's Festivities
- Community BBQ's
- Sports weekends
- Naidoc Celebration
- Youth Board
- Community Competitions / Tidy Yards / Christmas Lights

Current Financial Year Funds Allocation

Date	2026/2027 Discretionary Funds	Budget \$
1-Jul-26	Approved Funds	\$ 4,000.00

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Previous Financial Year		
Date	2025/2026 Discretionary Funds	Budget \$
1-Jul-25	Approved Funds	\$ 4,183.64
14-Oct-25	Power Cards HBLA2025-47 allocated \$2,183.64 to power cards of equal value for each occupied house in Haasts Bluff. These would be distributed by the CSC for Christmas and signed for by the occupants of each house.	
30-Mar-26	No purchase orders raised.	
14-Oct-25	Community Christmas BBQ HBLA2025-47 allocated \$2,000.00 to a community Christmas celebration barbeque which will be organised by Area Manager Damien Ryan.	
30-Mar-26	No purchase orders raised.	
9-Apr-26	Res.11 – Allocated all available funds towards purchasing music equipment for the community. This will be stored at the Council Office or the Rec. Hall. Member Keiran Multa will source quote from local supplier; Rock City Music.	4,183.64
5-Jun-26	Invoice received	- 3,636.36
	Funds Returned	\$ 547.28

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Keith Hassett – Deputy Chief Executive Officer | Director Council Services
Stuart Millar – Area Manager
Simon Walmby – Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

1 Council Services LAR



Council Services Haasts Bluff



100% First Nations Employees in Council Services



14 Area Manager Visits to Community



Council Office 456 Hours of Service

Snapshot



2403 Litres Fuel Usage Total



13 Vehicles and Plant in Use



73 Bins Emptied Weekly



**30 Street Lights Operational
3 Non operational**



2 Sporting areas Maintained



12 Australia Post Deliveries



3 Parks & Playgrounds Inspections



3 Water Tests



8 Generator Services



20 Hours of Maintenance completed at Airstrip

Animal Management

- Every community receives 3 visits from the vets.
- The first visit for 2026 has already been completed.
 - The next two visits will be completed by 1st December 2026, dates below.
 - Visit 1 - Anti-parasitic and Animal Census Programs
 - Visit 2 - Comprehensive Animal Census and Anti-parasitic Program
 - Visit 3 - Mini animal-census and Antiparasitic Program

Community - Haasts Bluff	Dates 2026
1st visit - Completed	26th - 27th May
2nd visit	28th October
3rd visit	10th - 12th Nov

Cemetery Management

- Cemetery maintenance being carried out as required.
- New sign for entrance to cemetery to be installed by civil team.

Internal Roads Maintenance

- Civil team are maintaining internal roads with weekly sweeping, litter removal and grass cutting along verges.
- Potholes are being repaired as required.

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Fence to be erected around new park adjacent to basketball court.
- Civil team seeking input from local authority around what materials they would like the fence to be made from. Bollards, mesh, Colourbond etc.

Sports Grounds

- Sports ovals currently require grading including access roads and parking spaces.
- Additional slashing and weed spraying around ovals to be carried out by civil team

Waste Management

- Rubbish being collect twice per week with hard rubbish collected weekly or as required.
- Signs for separation bays have been delivered and are to be installed by civil team.
- Civil team awaiting repairs to backhoe so landfill can be capped properly, and site can be cleared and cleaned.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Roads and fire breaks around the community and outstations have recently been graded.
- Civil team are maintaining grass levels around community and spraying weed killer where required.
- Fuel loads around community are currently low and well maintained.



11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.2
TITLE Youth Services and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Youth Services and Community Safety services in Haasts Bluff.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Community Safety and Youth Services programs continue to be delivered in line with funding requirements.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Youth Services and Community Safety Haasts Bluff LAR March - May 2026



Local Authority

Haasts Bluff
Community Safety
March - May 2026



- Currently there are 4 Staff in the Haasts Bluff Team
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal
- Patrol Hours: 331
- Work: 6-hour shifts
- Mon-Fri 5pm - 11pm



161 Engagements
with young people



119 Engagements
with over 18's



130 Young people
taken home



8 Training Hours
with Coordinator



166 Are you okay?
Checks



1 Community
gatherings

Updates



- The Part-time team members have signed up for Cert 3 Training Community safety.
- The Cert 3 training will be run over the next six months.
- The Senior Community safety Officer Randall Butler has been involved in Computer training, learning how to send emails and attach documents.
- The Community safety staff have all received new uniforms.
- Darren Dixon and Randall Butler have completed their Annual Performance Review.

Darren Dixon completing his Annual Performance Review



Randall Butler computer training





Local Authority Youth Services Haasts Bluff March - May 26



Employees
4 Staff
100% Aboriginal



Activities
220Hours
Open



Engagements
35 Participants
180 Engagements



Bush / Town Trip
0



Art Craft
3



**Average
Participant Age**
9



Youth Board
1



Sport
60



Events
0

Highlights



- **Regular Activities of Youth Services** :Despite the absence of a Team Leader, staff have continued to work collaboratively to ensure programs operate effectively and provide engaging opportunities for the community. Team members have maintained service delivery and facilitated a variety of activities for participants, including cooking programs, dodgeball competitions, basketball games, and a range of other indoor and outdoor recreational activities.
- **Youth Board:** The Haasts Bluff Youth Board held its first meeting of the year on 16 April 2026 to discuss youth program activities, leadership development opportunities, and issues affecting young people in the community. Board members provided feedback on current youth programs, reviewed previous action items, and identified key community priorities. These priorities will be progressed through Council reporting processes to support ongoing planning and decision-making for youth initiatives.

Young people enjoyed spending the afternoon in the outdoor basketball area after a game of football.



Youth Services staff prepared food for participants in the cooking program.



Young people are attending Youth Board meetings and learning about leadership development.



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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Aged Care and Children's Services Report.

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Ainsley Roscow – Executive Manager of Aged and Children's Services
Emma Hacche – Senior Coordinator Quality, Compliance and Strategy of Aged Care Amal
Ahmed – Team Leader Haats Bluff Early Learning
And Administration

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Aged Care and Children's Services Haasts Bluff LAR March - May 2026



Local Authority Report Haasts Bluff Aged Care Services March-May 2026

**Aged Care
Services**



3 Staff in the Haasts Bluff team
66% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal

Stakeholders' engagements: 11
Includes: School Principal, Store Manager, NT Health and Congress



Lifts provided: 44



Client Interactions: 23
This includes client welfare checks and client engagement at the Aged Care Centre



Personal Care provided: 50
Including:
shower & toilet assistance, laundry loads, tablet reminders



Active Clients: 3



Training:
LMS and Toolbox talks



Meals Provided
Breakfast, lunches & Hampers: 955
SNP Meals delivered: 660

Updates



- Our Haasts Bluff Team Leader Amr continues with Higher Duties in the Coordinator role covering both Haasts Bluff and Papunya whilst we continue with recruitment efforts.
- Roads remained closed due to severe weather conditions at the start of this reporting period. As a result, there was delays with the food truck. We were able to arrange for our Senior Coordinator Operations to meet with the Haasts Bluff CSC to deliver essential food supplies. This ensured continuity of basic food access.
- We also saw several stakeholder cancellations due to road access issues. Despite these cancellations, essential service engagement continued, including a visit from Waltja Aboriginal Corporation and NT Health Dietitian
- Staff have continued to undertake training through the LMS and Toolbox talks – training has included Strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards and Falls Prevention in Home Care. Cert III training is starting to be rolled out across our communities with Haasts Bluff starting in the coming weeks.
- Clients have enjoyed actively participating in a range of culturally appropriate and wellbeing-focused activities, including painting and yarnning / social time



Local Authority Report Haasts Bluff Aged Care Services March-May 2026

Aged Care
Services

Clients attending the centre, actively engaging in and enjoying
services and activities





Local Authority Report Haasts Bluff Aged Care Services March-May 2026

Aged Care
Services

Daily routines of Aged Care staff, including cleaning duties, meal preparation, maintaining the vehicle to ensure safe and clean transport, and transporting clients to and from the centre,





Local Authority Haasts Bluff March - May 2026



4 Employees
75% First Nation



12 - Enrolments



6 hours
**Coordinator & Manager
support**



305.5
Service Delivery



141
Meals served



Training

- Team Leader enrolled in Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.
- Educator enrolled in Cert III Early Childhood Education and Care
- Team Leader and Educator attended face to face training at Bachelor.
- Team Leader attended the leadership training in Alice Springs.



Stakeholder Engagement

- Clinic Children's Nurse Visit
- NTG Environmental Health
- Families
- NT health Ophthalmologist

Highlights

- Team Leader attended leadership training in Alice Springs Council Chambers focusing on child safety, risk assessments, and program planning.
- The Team Leader visited Papunya Childcare to provide support during the Open Day, assisting and engaging with families, and community throughout the event.



Local Authority Haasts Bluff March - May 2026



Children engaged in a variety of learning experiences, including creative arts, fine motor activities, and collaborative play. Educators supported children's learning through positive engagement, promoting confidence, creativity, and wellbeing.



Local Authority Haasts Bluff March - May 2026



Children enjoyed outdoor sensory play, exploring natural materials and water through hands-on experiences. They engaged in fine motor activities, sensory play with foam, and creative painting, encouraging curiosity, creativity, coordination, and positive social interactions with peers and educators.



Local Authority Haasts Bluff March - May 2026



Children engaged in imaginative play using toy vehicles, explored cause-and-effect through colorful ball activities, and participated in small group learning.



Local Authority Haasts Bluff March - May 2026



The Team Leader, Amal Ahmed visited Papunya Childcare to provide support during the Open Day, assisting and engaging with families, and community throughout the event.



Local Authority Haasts Bluff March - May 2026



Staff and Team Leaders engaged in professional development training sessions held in the Council Chambers, focusing on child safety, risk assessments, and program planning.



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 Items
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters relating to Non-Council Business.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) discusses new matters raised for Non-Council business; and
- b) notes the response to matters raised at previous meetings.

BACKGROUND

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

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Subject
Haasts Bluff Local Authority 09/04/2026	NTG	Permanent Clinic / Mobile phone reception
09/04/2026 HBLA 2026-16 That the Local Authority raised the following matters of Non-Council business: a) that the community needs a permanent clinic in Haasts Bluff; b) that the community needs mobile phone reception; c) this was supported by a discussion about emergency situations in which travel to Papunya for a medical emergency can be hampered by weather and access to reliable vehicles and that this situation is made more perilous when residents are unable to contact emergency services due to a lack of mobile phone reception.		
11/06/2026 – Response from Dee McCorkindale – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development: Information taken from the Bushtel website regarding Haasts Bluff: In the vicinity of the Rec Hall. Available 24hrs, 7 days. Separate WiFi is provided and serviced by Activ8me, for support ring 13 22 88		
23/06/2026 Governance received the following information from Ben Mooney at EasyWeb EasyWeb installed 3 assets as part of the Regional Connectivity Project 18 months ago. These provide free WiFi in Haasts Bluff and have been funded for 5 years. The data suggests that this is being well used by the community. This service can be used to make WiFi calls but devices need to be set up to allow this. WiFi video calls using aps have been tested on this network and were found to be available and of high quality. EasyWeb are currently involved in the First Nations Community WiFi project. Utiy and Ngankirija Outstations are going to receive WiFi systems. They are currently building and configuring the systems with installation planned for later this year. They have been working with Ngurratjuta on community consultation. As well as connecting communities to goods and services not available locally, Easyweb's network provides a robust foundation for future social and economic development – from telehealth and remote learning applications, to cultural media channels, employment opportunities, government services, and improving communications during natural disasters such as bushfires and floods.		
Kellie Brahim – General Manager, Primary Health Care – Central Australia, NT Health - has agreed to attend the next Haasts Bluff LA meeting to discuss health service provision.		

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.