



AGENDA

HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2025

The Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Hermannsburg Council Office on Tuesday 7 October 2025 at 10:30 AM.

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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;**
- c) records the Member absences, without notice, for this meeting; and**
- d) receives requests for future leave of absence.**

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 **NOMINATIONS AND CURRENT MEMBERSHIP**

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Membership of the Local Authority
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LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- congratulates returning President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Maryanne Malbunka and Councillor Mark Inkamala on their re-election;**
- officially welcomes Taren Williams and Patrick Oliver to the Local Authority after their memberships were approved at the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 15 of July;**
- notes the current membership of the Local Authority; and**
- acknowledges that 2 consecutive absences without notice will result in a termination of membership.**

BACKGROUND

The chart below shows the current membership of the Local Authority and their attendance at the previous meeting:

Appointed Members Hermannsburg LA	Attendance at the meeting 9 July 2025
Nicholas Williams (Chair)	Present
Reggie Lankin	Present
Marion Swift	Present
Daryl Kantawarra	Present
Alfie Inkamala	Present
Taren Williams	Apology/Provisional
Patrick Oliver	Nomination received

Elected Members	
President Roxanne Kenny	Apology
Deputy President Maryanne Malbunka	Present
Cr Mark Inkamala	Present

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

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

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

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- 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.

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 Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting held 9 July 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting held 9 July 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 9.7.2025 - MINUTES [pages]

MINUTES OF THE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN
THE HERMANNSBURG COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:42AM

2 WELCOME – Chair Nicholas Williams

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Nicholas Williams, Member Marion Swift, Member Alfie Inkamala, Member Daryl Kantawara and Member Reggie Lankin

Councillors:

Councillor Maryanne Malbunka and Councillor Mark Inkamala

Council Employee

Keith Hassett – Director Council Services, Stuart Millar – Area Manager, Max Baliva – CSC Hermannsburg and June Crabb – Governance Coordinator (Minute Taker)

Guests:

Chanston Paech – Member for Gwoja and Katharine O'Donoghue – Representative from the Member for Gwoja Office.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny and Member Taryn Williams

Absentees:

Nil

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

HLA2025-038 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Marion Swift)

That members:

- a) noted the attendance; and
- b) accepted the apologies received from President Roxanne Kenny and Provisional Member Taren Williams.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 VACANCIES IN THE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2025-039 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Nicholas Williams)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that there is one vacancy on the Authority;
- b) agreed that Taren Williams was approved as a provisional member at the previous Authority meeting, noting the nomination attached;
- c) considered and approved the nomination received from Patrick Oliver; and
- d) requested that Council endorse the nominations.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

HLA2025-040 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Daryl Kantawara)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRM PREVIOUS MINUTES

HLA2025-041 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 2 April 2025 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

HLA2025-042 RESOLVED (Reggie Lankin/Maryanne Malbunka)

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

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HLA2025-043 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Marion Swift)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

HLA2025-044 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Marion Swift)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority did not declare a conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 REMOTE HOUSING - REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND TENANCY TEAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This section provides an opportunity for representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to provide the Local Authority with updates regarding Remote Housing programs, repairs, maintenance and tenancy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepts the updates from Remote Housing representatives; and
- b) raises matters relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community.

Minute Note: Matters raised at this point was noted in Non-Council Business.

8.2 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Every four years, people living in the Northern Territory elect representatives to serve on their Local Government Council. Local Government is the level of government most connected to your community, and the 2025 Local Government Elections will be your chance to stand up and represent your local area.

HLA2025-045 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)

That the Local Authority:

- a) urged all eligible residents to ensure they are enrolled to vote;
- b) encouraged community members to consider nominating as candidates; and
- c) noted that nominations open Friday 11 July to Thursday 31 July.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2025-046 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

- That the Local Authority noted and accepted the progress on the action item
 - a) closed - street names as they had been submitted to the Place Naming Committee;
 - b) closed - clearing of the cemetery as it was an operational matter that would be completed once the grader team are next in community;
 - a) noted that the signs prohibiting illegal dumping of waste had been ordered with members advising that illegal dumping was still prevalent in community and did not think that cameras or fines would be much of a deterrent.
Members asked that the Project Management Office consult with the NT Environmental Protection Authority to check what advice and assistance could be given to curb and prevent illegal dumping in Hermannsburg.

9.2 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The MacDonnell Regional Council develops Community Infrastructure plans for each community every five years. These plans are created in consultation with the Local Authority to record the community's priorities for the future development of their Infrastructure.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

HLA2025-047 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the updates from the Project Management Office regarding the Community Infrastructure Plan; and
- b) advised the following:
 - amend number 6 on the Priority list to 'Realign Goal Posts' and not the footy oval or fence.
 - Investigate the ownership of the toilet block on lot 55 and assess what would be needed to make the toilet block functional.
 - add to the priority list - a historical mural to the fence that's alongside the road driving into community, noting that Red Hot Arts had delivered this type of project in previous communities.

9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

HLA2025-048 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the 2024/2025 Project Funding allocation of \$95,000.00;
- b) noted that \$62,617.95 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- c) determined the progress on their current projects as at the 13th June 2025 as follows:

- closed 2151 – Repair lights at the oval, returning \$589.46 to unallocated funds;
- kept open:
 - 2152 – Change room site, noting that the lease is with CLC awaiting approval;
 - 2153 – Scoreboard, noting that this project will use the same contractor as Project 2152;
 - 2154 – Water bottle refill stations, waiting on a response from a contractor;
 - 2155 – Bin Trailers, noting that the trailers are waiting to be registered before they will be delivered to community
 - 2157 – Industrial fans for Basketball Court, noting that a Contractor has been secured and expected to commence works approximately early August.
- c) did not discuss the priority of the current wishlist; and
- d) created a new project – allocating \$95,000.00 towards a Shade Shelter with cement flooring, large enough to fit 200 people and located behind lot 142

9.4 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

HLA2025-049 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Marion Swift)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$1,567.09 was spent at Trophy Central for the May Sports Weekend;
- b) noted that a total of \$2,567.09 of discretionary funds were spent in the financial year 2024-2025 with all invoices received;
- c) noted that \$1,432.91 of unspent discretionary funds was returned to MacDonnell Regional Council;
- d) accepted the \$4,000.00 discretionary funds for the financial year 2025-2026;
- e) noted that these funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2026; and
- f) did not allocate any funds at this meeting.

9.5 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

Active open positions within the Org Structure as at 26 June 2025.

HLA2025-050 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Hermannsburg.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2025-051 RESOLVED (Reggie Lankin/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority of Hermannsburg noted and accepted the Council Services report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety, Aged and Disability Services, Youth Service and Children Services

HLA2025-052 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Daryl Kantawara)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attached Community Services Report; and
- b) provided feedback to the CEO, recommending, that when sports weekends are held, to allow the Safety Officers from the communities to attend, as any issues that may arise are best handled by these staff from their respective community.

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Nil

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide members with an opportunity to discuss general Council Matters.

HLA2025-053 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Nicholas Williams)

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority raised and discussed items of General Council Business as follows:

- issued an invite to the Youth Board to attend a Local Authority meeting.
- asked the possibility of a work experience program with Council during the School holidays.
- requested an update on the Splashpad.
- requested a security assessment be done on the Childcare centre due to a number of break-ins that's been happening.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members are given the opportunity to raise and discuss general matters of Non-Council Business.

That the Local Authority discussed the Non-Council Business raised as follows:

- a) Housing/Maintenance/Tenancy
- b) Members inquired why a Housing Representative had not attended any of their meetings and has asked Mr Chansey Paech - Member for Gwoja to draft a letter to the Hon. Steve Edgington, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development.
Mr Paech assured members that he will provide Council with the letter to bring for members approval. Mr Paech also agreed to inquire about having Free to Air Television installed in community houses.
- c) Chair Nicholas Williams advised that the Top Shop was currently being renovated leading to a more modern, efficient and well-maintained store.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER, 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:30 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 9 July 2025 and are UNCONFIRMED.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

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

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

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

Information and Opportunities

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

Undue Influence

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

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

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

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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.

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Head Health and Healing Project
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity for representatives from the Menzies School of Health Research to inform members about a new research project titled 'Head Health and Healing Project'. The project aims to Empower Indigenous women and the frontline workforce to respond to violence-related concussion through co-designed education and training.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the information presented by representatives of the Menzies School of Health Research regarding the Head Health and Healing Project.

BACKGROUND

Traumatic Brain Injury is a common injury from violence that has long lasting impacts on the brain. In response to recommendations received from the community and frontline services during a previous Traumatic Brain Injury research project the 'Head Health and Healing Project' has been designed to develop evidence-based, culturally relevant educational materials that raise awareness of concussion recognition, prevention, and management.

The wider project team includes local, national, and international researchers, local organisations, peak bodies, and advocates including Synapse Australia (the national brain injury organisation) as well as the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

This project will deliver valid, reliable, and community co-designed education resources and training modules that will be integrated into healthcare protocols.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

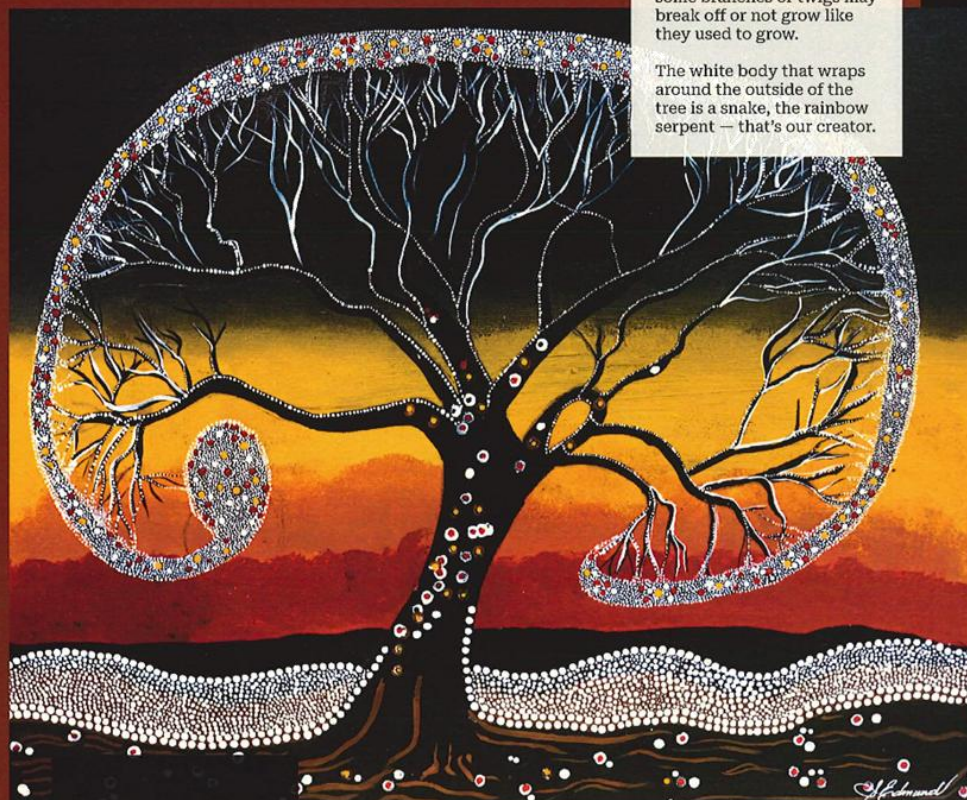
- 1 Brain Tree of Life poster
- 2 Head Health and Healing Information Sheet
- 3 Summary of the Priorities of the projects

This is the brain tree.

At the base of the painting you can see the tree trunk that comes up, that is the brain stem. It is strong and holds up our brain and sends messages between our brain and body.

Moving on from the trunk, the brain tree of life has strong branches, that branch out to smaller branches and twigs. The branches and the twigs are the neural pathways and synapses that connect to each other. They connect and allow different parts of the brain to speak to each other. Sometimes with brain injury from violence, some branches or twigs may break off or not grow like they used to grow.

The white body that wraps around the outside of the tree is a snake, the rainbow serpent — that's our creator.



All those dots you can see at the bottom of the painting, coming from the country and through the trunk, they're the neurons. That's the roots and our foundation, our basis for life including family and children. The neurons move everything up to and through the brain tree, knowledge, ancestral blood line, ancestral memory, the beginning, Dreamtime.

The dots or moving neurons can also represent other things that can affect the brain, like alcohol and drugs.

When I was painting this, I thought of my whole life, right from back even before I was even born. Back to my grandmother and my mother.

I chose to paint the tree because it goes through many seasons in life and it has to withstand a lot, like us women, because we've been so resilient in life.

We've gone through all the seasons. Autumn and winter, where twigs and branches can snap off. But fortunately, if we nurture our tree, it can grow back again to be strong.

BY SHARLENE EDMUND



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BRAIN TREE OF LIFE

Head Health and Healing - Empowering Indigenous women and the frontline workforce to respond to violence-related concussion through co-designed education and training

Background - Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a common injury from violence that has lasting impacts on the brain. Our research in 2022-23 (ARC DE210100639) found that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women felt they did not receive adequate information either in hospital or at their local community clinic to understand their injury, how physical violence changes brain function and strategies to manage daily symptoms. Furthermore, longstanding frontline workforce characteristics affect consistency of TBI education provided in rural and remote Australia, including: 1) high health workforce turnover; 2) lack of visiting neuropsychological services; and 3) low skills of the frontline workforce to ask about TBI and action appropriate referrals. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in central and northern Australia recommend community- led violence-related TBI education to raise TBI awareness as well as strengthen responsive supports for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. This project responds directly to this recommendation.

Aims - This project will deliver valid, reliable, and community co-designed TBI education resources and training modules that will be integrated into healthcare protocols. Our specific aims are to:

- Develop accessible, effective and credible, co-designed consumer-friendly education resources;
- Facilitate improved understandings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women's violence related TBI risk factors and TBI needs;
- Develop effective and culturally appropriate frontline workforce violence-related TBI training modules to ensure that staff are fully equipped to provide the necessary support during recovery.

Methods - This project consists of two phases:

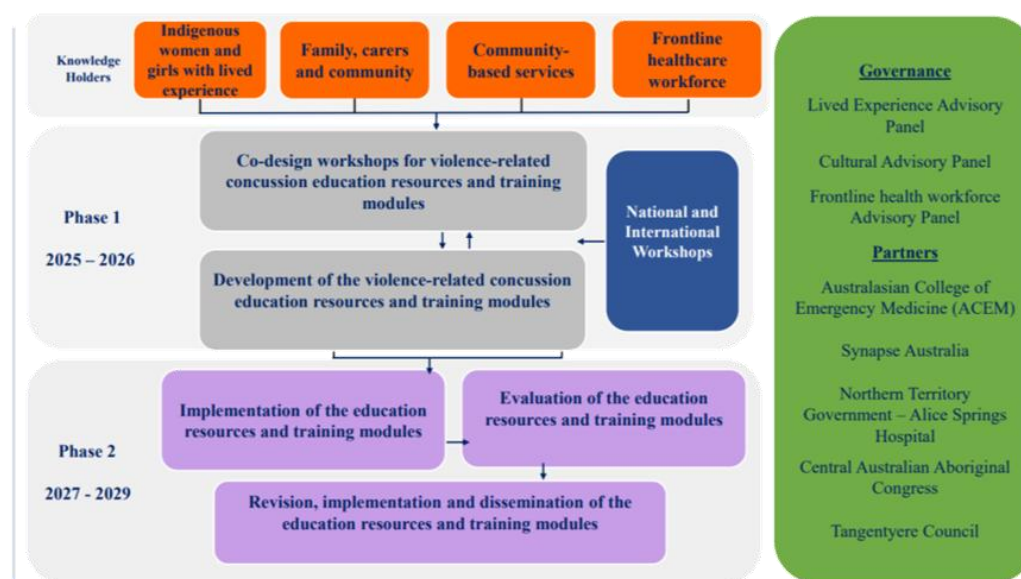
Phase 1 (0-24 months; 2025-26) - Co-design workshops and interviews for TBI education and training modules

Four participant groups will inform the education resources and training modules: a) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, aged 18+ who have experienced violence-related TBI; b) family members, c) community members, and d) frontline workforce. The content and training guidelines will be developed over three rounds of yarning workshops in Alice Springs and across five communities in Central Australia. To support research transferability to Indigenous women who experience violence-related TBI nationally and internationally, the initial content generated from Central Australian yarning workshops will be presented to Indigenous women in Townsville (Australia), Toronto (Canada) and Auckland (Aotearoa New Zealand).

Phase 2 (24-48 months; 2027-29) - Implementation and evaluation of the TBI education and training modules

A mixed method study will be conducted to gather community and workforce perceptions and information on the impacts of created education resources and training modules (e.g., knowledge and skills on the brain, TBI management, healthcare experiences, follow-up and service referrals). We will explore relevancy of the content, barriers and enablers to implement and upscale the resources and training and recommendations for improvement. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who have experienced violence-related TBI, family members and frontline staff who complete training and education modules will complete interviews over three timepoints. Health staff will also complete an online survey over three timepoints.

Figure 1. Overview of the project

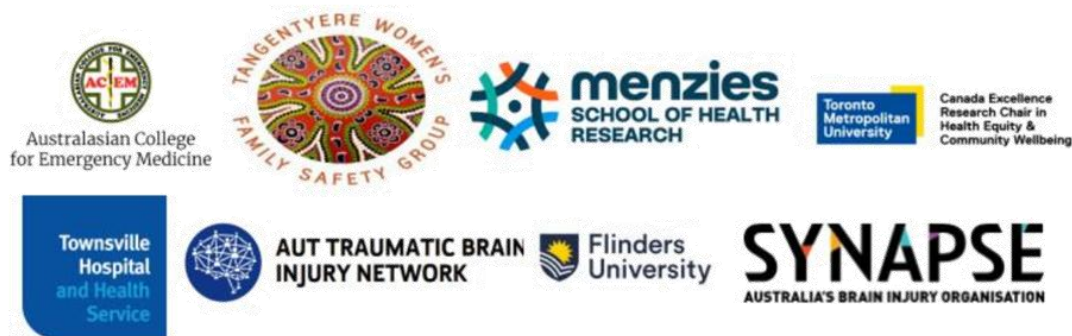


Governance and ethics - Strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander governance is an important aspect of co-design. The team will establish lived experience, cultural and frontline health workforce advisory panels. The research team will apply for ethics approval in mid-2025 through the NT Department of Health and Menzies School of Health Research Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) and Townsville Hospital and Health Service HREC. Appropriate approvals will also be secured for the women's learning circles in Toronto and Auckland.

Outcomes - The educational resources and frontline training modules will strengthen the accessibility, support and recovery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who have experienced violence-related TBI and their connection with the services provided in Alice Springs Hospital as well as in remote communities, thereby reinforcing the responses of all services in Central Australia. With senior leadership from national bodies including Australasian College of Emergency Medicine and Synapse Australia, it is envisaged that the outcomes will be implemented in other locations across Australia.

Funding - The project is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council via an Ideas Grant (2037339).

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Understanding the needs and priorities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who have experienced traumatic brain injury from violence:

A summary of the key findings

What is traumatic brain injury?

Ending violence against women and children is a national priority.^{1,2} Physical violence can generate injuries that affect brain function such as traumatic brain injury.³⁻⁵ Traumatic brain injury can occur through a range of violent behaviours including a direct blow to the head, a force transmitted from the body to the head, shaking of the body or the head, and receiving hits to the head by objects. Repeated hits to the head cause the brain to become swollen, stretched, bruised or torn. Traumatic brain injuries vary from mild (including concussion) to moderate and severe. These classifications are not related to the outcome – with growing recognition concussion can result in significant changes requiring complex and long-term supports for rehabilitation and recovery.⁶ The National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children (2022-32) and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan (2023-25) highlights the critical importance of health care systems as

well as community-based services, such as legal, housing and family violence services, incorporating traumatic brain injury into their practices and policies for working with women who have experienced physical violence.^{1,2}

Background to the project

A National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) project (APP1081947; 2015-18) the research team was involved in reviewed deidentified Northern Territory hospital admissions for traumatic brain injury (2005-17). This previous project found for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, the head injury incidence rate was almost 15 times that of non-Indigenous women. In relation to traumatic brain injury, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women presented to the hospital 5 times more often than non-Indigenous women (unpublished, refer to Bohanna et al., 2018 for more information about the project).⁷

This project aimed to:

- Understand the experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in hospital for traumatic brain injury from violence
- Identify the key supports and issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who had experienced traumatic brain injury from violence
- Understand what is important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who had experienced traumatic brain injury from violence and their families
- Identify the strengths and gaps in service delivery for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who had experienced traumatic brain injury from violence

Between January 2022 and December 2023, the research team completed interviews and focus groups with **four knowledge holders**: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who had experienced traumatic brain injury from violence as well as their family members, hospital staff and frontline community-based services.⁸⁻¹²

This is a summary of the key findings.



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Listening to the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women about traumatic brain injury from violence

Ways Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women sustain traumatic brain injury

Within the narratives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, violence-related traumatic brain injuries were not isolated experiences; they were repetitive, occurring over prolonged periods.⁸ Some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women reported hits to the head every two weeks from their partner while they were in a relationship where there was violence. This included Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men as well as non-Indigenous men.

A range of objects were used to inflict these injuries, including fists, axes, steel-capped boots, knives, steel, or wooden poles, or having their head being hit against a hard object such as hitting the floor. Household items such as cups, glass bottles, cans and drinking glasses were also used to cause injury. Some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women told us they had 'lost count' of the number times they had experienced head injuries from violence.

Some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women also said they had experienced non-fatal strangulation, or what was commonly referred to as choking, by their current or former partner. Non-fatal strangulation is also harmful to the brain because it reduces blood flow to the head, depriving the brain from oxygen and creating a toxic environment for brain cells.¹³ Mild oxygen deprivation through non-fatal strangulation, where there is no loss of consciousness experienced can also result in a brain injury.

Coral shared:

Black out, now suffering from memory loss, like finding hard to be telling a yarn. These are stories that have happened to me. But I can't remember it.

Kirra said about her own experience:

I notice short term memory problems in myself. I just blank out, I forget things. Sometimes someone is telling me something and then I feel lost. Other things, I put something somewhere, like, book, keys, phone. If I can't see it, I forget where I put it.

I have troubles keeping focused on one thing. I thought this was normal, it was old age. My daughter said, it's not okay and worries for me.

Katherine described the following experiences:

Any family ask me, you been drinking? Any little thing I do. It goes like that [Katherine stood up out of her chair and walked around the room], walking really stiff and I keep tripping. One little slide on the path, I'm so sloppy, I'm not even walking properly. I have to stay home.

Everyday changes from traumatic brain injury

The experience of traumatic brain injury is unique to each person but there were some common behavioural, emotional, physical and psychological symptoms Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women told us they experienced after their injury.

These included:

- Dizziness and headaches
- Memory troubles (like being more forgetful and missing appointments)
- Difficulty with attention, concentration and focus
- Troubles with problem solving and organisation
- Trouble with taking in information and thinking (sometimes described as 'mixed up thinking' by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women)
- Finding it hard to start a yarn or keep conversations going with family and friends (frequently described as 'losing the words or having the words disappear' or feeling like 'my brain went blank')
- Lack of awareness surrounding personal space
- Difficulty with controlling emotions (sometimes explained as inability to control anger or big mood swings)
- Feeling sad, depressed or anxious
- Balance and coordination troubles (stories were shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women about difficulties using public footpaths)
- Feeling tired more often

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women told us they were also living other injuries from violence including injuries to their jaws, eyes and cheek bones as well as damage to their teeth. Head, neck and facial issues left Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women living with and managing pain every day.

Family and community members also noticed changes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women that were important to them including:

- Spending more time alone
- Not talking as much to family as they used to
- Walking alone on the streets
- Personality changes, like becoming wild or difficulty controlling emotions

We often heard “she wasn’t like this before” from community members.

Aunty Ruby said:

Notice she becomes silent, prefers to be alone, forget things, speaking is different, mood swings. She used to be quiet and gentle. She now gets really angry.

Another community member said:

We have noticed in the community, the number of women who have had early onset dementia, it has increased. We know in our minds, it could have come from all the violence.



Access to healthcare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women following a traumatic brain injury from violence

Everyday barriers that can affect healthcare access

There were many factors that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women considered when deciding to access healthcare at the local hospital or community clinic. Sometimes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women felt they were unsafe or unable to go to the hospital or clinic because they were:⁹

- Worried about being reported to authorities as well as child removal by child protection services
- Managing and finding solutions to other priorities at the time including financial as well as housing and accommodation worries
- Experiencing coercive control including threats of violence from person who used violence (such as a current or former partner) if they did access healthcare. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women were often also prevented from accessing a working phone or transport

Low levels of awareness and knowledge of long-lasting harm that the brain can sustain from physical violence was another perceived reasons why Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women do not access healthcare after a head injury.

The characteristics of the injury – such as visibility of the injury as well as recollection of loss of consciousness also affected healthcare access. If there were no visible marks, blood or recalled loss of consciousness (or ‘blacking out’) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women often managed immediate symptoms (such as headaches and dizziness):

He come from behind me. I was standing in the kitchen making dinner. Then whack. I made sure I didn’t fall to the ground, so I didn’t go down. I held onto the bench. He didn’t knock me out, I saw stars. There was no blood. I had a headache for a few days. (Marlee)



Workforce barriers that can affect healthcare access



Lack of traumatic brain injury training and screening

Only a small number of frontline staff had completed traumatic brain injury training and education. Frontline staff self-reported they felt low levels of confidence to ask Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women about traumatic brain injury or to make informed decisions about how to include traumatic brain injury into their policies and practices.^{10,11}

Family violence and health screening protocols used by services did not directly ask Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women about traumatic brain injury. Lack of traumatic brain injury training and screening may lead to traumatic brain injury symptoms being misidentified as a mental health condition or long-term alcohol misuse, as one frontline worker told us:

As a service provider, you think, why did I not think about this earlier? Now that we are having this conversation, I can think of a few clients, one in particular who we thought had mental health issues and also had a long history of AOD [alcohol and other drugs], but it is likely that she was experiencing a brain injury after the years of violence she had suffered. But we didn't pick that up when we were working with her.

Lack of brain injury organisations and specialist services in regional and remote Australia

Lack of specialised brain injury services as well as neuropsychologists in regional and remote communities was seen as another barrier to supporting an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman who has experienced a traumatic brain injury from violence.

You get their medical histories and their police records, and they've just been basically pummelled within an inch of their life for all of their life in terms of re-occurring head injuries, re-occurring stabbings and assaults and you just look at the totality of it and go, how does this person even function at any level? But of course the problem is often being able to, there are really very few people who are specialised to give an opinion, such as [a] neuropsychologist, to come up here or work in this region so it's very hard to get a proper diagnosis.

Another frontline worker commented:

Like none of the women that we have, I don't know any who actually have a confirmed diagnosis of a TBI, like that would be the issue. So that's the difficulty for us as well, because they haven't actually been formally diagnosed with anything.

Qualities of remote primary healthcare

High turnover of the health workforce in remote primary healthcare community clinics as well as high workloads for primary healthcare professionals were also considered by frontline community-based services and hospital staff to contribute to violence-related traumatic brain injury being missed when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women presented to the community clinic:

The nurses in those communities, there might be nurses in there who haven't worked in those [communities], they fly in, fly out, they could be new nurses who miss the signs [of traumatic brain injury], because they're not as used to it.

No follow-up pathways for mild traumatic brain injury

Hospital staff and community-based services felt that existing remote healthcare pathways and follow-up care were not designed to design to all severity levels of traumatic brain injury. While Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women with many significant injuries were medically evacuated, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who experienced violence-related concussion received all their medical care in the community and were unaware of any specific follow-up support post-injury provided to their clients to determine if they were experiencing ongoing symptoms related to their traumatic brain injury.



Strategies to manage traumatic brain injury symptoms

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practiced activities to help with traumatic brain injury-related symptoms such as changes to memory:⁶

- Painting and weaving
- Listening to meditation music
- Completing puzzles and games

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women were connected with church and womens groups. A sense of belonging and social connections was important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women:

We go down each Tuesday, have a cup for tea and lunch, there is no judgement and it's a woman's only space. (Margaret).

Friends and family helped Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women with everyday tasks like shopping at the supermarket, paying bills and attending appointments:

Someone from the family talks to me on the phone when I'm at the shop so I don't forget. Sometimes my daughter or grandchildren will take a photo and send to me, "Don't forget that main ones, washing powder, meat. (Pat)

While commonly used strategies to manage traumatic brain injury-related symptoms can be beneficial for some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who have sustained traumatic brain injury from violence, for other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women these strategies were unable to be realistically implemented into everyday life. Experiencing homelessness can undermine the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to seek medical care, treatment for traumatic brain injury and to implement strategies to manage everyday traumatic brain injury symptoms.



I'm a frontline worker, what can I do?

Traumatic brain injury can affect an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman in many ways. It is important to be aware of the short- and long-term effects of traumatic brain injury that can change the way an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman acts, thinks and feels, to avoid misunderstanding her behaviour as not listening or misinterpreting symptoms as mental health conditions or long-term alcohol use. Difficulties following instructions, recalling information, attending scheduled appointments can be the after-effects of one or many injuries to the brain.

The short- and long-term effects of traumatic brain injury can be grouped into the following categories:

- Cognition – thinking, memory, reasoning, decision-making, planning
- Physical – vision, balance, coordination, other body injury, disability

- Communication – expressing emotions, ideas and thoughts as well as understanding information
- Feeling and emotions – depression, anxiety, aggression
- Identity and sense of self – personality, kinship and family roles, parenting, self-doubt

The medical records of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are unlikely to reflect their lived experience of violence-related traumatic brain injury due to the barriers that can affect their healthcare access and reporting of violence-related injuries.



It is important to:

- Work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in ways that provide support for a potential traumatic brain injury, even if a traumatic brain injury has not been confirmed
- Where possible, work in an indoor or outdoor space that is calm and quiet (such as reduced noise, reduced visual distractions, and the use of soft lighting)
- Allow extra time for someone to yarn or respond to questions
- Keep meetings short - it may be better to have a couple of meetings over several days than one long meeting
- Share information on brain health, symptoms to look out for and how to manage them
- Encourage and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to use memory aids (including calendars, timetables, reminders pm phone) if safe to do so – for some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women these tips are helpful – but this may not be useful for everyone, particularly women who do not have safe, stable accommodation or are living with violence
- Provide care that is empathetic and understanding to where they are coming from

About this summary

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9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 9.2
TITLE Community Alcohol Planning Engagement
AUTHOR Shae Thompson, 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

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Penangke Cultural Consultants has a contract with NTG to engage the local community (Traditional Owners, Leaders and community members/cohorts) to carry out 'Community Alcohol Planning' (CAP) relating to Interim Alcohol Protected Area Opt-Out, as per the Liquor Act legislation (in effect Feb 2023 and set to finish Feb 2027).

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Penangke Cultural Consultants can be engaged to act as a local consultant in the early decision-making process and provide other optional services that may include:

- assisting with a Community Alcohol Plan
- developing an Alcohol Reference Group
- harm reduction planning
- demand reduction planning and strategy discussions
- support with accessing the CLS Grant that aims to assist with measures that respond to alcohol related harm including well-being and diversion.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	9.3
TITLE	ORVAC and Thrive Studies - Menzies School of Health
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the opportunity for the representative of the Menzies School of Health Research to provide a brief update on the ORVAC study led by Dr Bianca Middleton, and to introduce the THRIVE study, also led by Dr Bianca Middleton.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **accepts the information provided by the representative of the Menzies School of Health Research; and**
- b) **considers the request for MSHR staff to visit Amoonguna community to invite families to participate in the THRIVE study.**

BACKGROUND

The ORVAC study, which has been recruiting across the Northern Territory since 2018 is now coming to a close. ORVAC has been looking at whether an extra dose of the rotavirus vaccine can help improve protection against gastroenteritis for First Nations babies.

The THRIVE study is looking at how we can provide extra protection for First Nations babies against RSV infection, a virus that can cause serious breathing problems and is a leading cause of hospitalisation for First Nations children. This new study aims to find out whether giving a dose at 6 months of the RSV immunisation can help offer longer-lasting protection.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Members must consider the proposal for staff from the Menzies School of Health Research to visit the community to invite community members to participate in the study.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Action Register
AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes that the updates to the actions; and
- b) closes completed actions

BACKGROUND

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Hermannsburg Local Authority 02/04/2025	Stuart Millar	Raised in General Council Business	Signs for illegal dumping
Action – Signs for illegal dumping.			
HLA2025-036 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Reggie Lankin)			
9 July 2025 - Signs for illegal dumping, placed along the road to the Waste Management Facility and behind the residential area close to the main road.			
30 June 2025 - Update from Stuart Millar:			
Technical Services have been supplied with the details and have ordered the signs.			
9 July 2025 – Kept open until signs are installed.			
Res.046 – Members asked that the PMO Office consult with the NT Environmental Protection Authority to check what advice and assistance could be given to curb and prevent illegal dumping in Hermannsburg.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Hermannsburg Local Authority 09/07/2025	Keith Hassett	Raised in Community Infrastructure Plan	Toilet Block on lot 55
Action - Ownership of the Toilet Block			
HLA2025-047 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Maryanne Malbunka)			
09 July 2025 – Investigate the ownership of the toilet block on lot 55 and assess what would be needed to make the toilet block functional.			

Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting 7 October 2025 – Agenda

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Hermannsburg Local Authority 9/07/2025	Fuller, Katie	General Business	Work experience Program
Action – Work experience program			
HLA2025-53 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Nicholas Williams)			
09 July 2025 - The Hermannsburg Local Authority:			
Asked about the possibility of a work experience program with Council during the School Holidays.			
15 September 2025 – Update from Katie Fuller, Executive Manager People & Capabilities			
While this is not planned, the P & C team can investigate opportunities for students in future school holidays.			
Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Hermannsburg Local Authority 9/07/2025	Urquhart, Belinda	General Business	Invite to Youth Board
Action– Invite the Youth Board Members			
HLA2025-53 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Nicholas Williams)			
09 July 2025 - The Hermannsburg Local Authority:			
issued an invite to the members of the Youth Board to attend a Local Authority meeting.			
18 September 2025 – Update from Kaisa Suumann, Coordinator Youth Boards:			
We are working towards getting members to join and will confirm with once the school has given us the permission and we can move forward with organising the consent forms.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Hermannsburg Local Authority 9/07/2025	Executive Manager Aged and Children's Services	General Business	Security assessment Childcare Centre
Action – Security Assessment for Childcare Centre			
HLA2025-53 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Nicholas Williams)			
09 July 2025 - The Hermannsburg Local Authority:			
requested a security assessment be done on the Childcare centre due to a number of break-ins that's been happening.			
16 September 2025 Update from Ainsley Roscrow, Executive Manager Aged & Children's Services:			
Thank you to the Local Authority for your concern about the security of our centre. After speaking with staff, we confirmed that there have been only 2 break-ins at Hermannsburg Childcare Centre in the past 6 months. Both incidents occurred in May. Because of this, we do not believe a security assessment is necessary at this time. Staff have been reminded to complete incident reports for any future break-ins so we can continue to monitor the situation.			
Recommend closing this action.			

Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting 7 October 2025 – Agenda

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Hermannsburg Local Authority 09/07/2025	Keith Hassett	Raised in Community Infrastructure Plan	Waterpark
Action - Splashpad/Water park			
HLA2025-053 RESOLVED (/Maryanne Malbunka/Nicholas Williams)			
09 July 2025 – Request an update on the Splashpad.			

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Children's Services Team

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledges that \$120,097.31 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- b) notes the progress on their current projects as of 22 September 2025;**
- c) notes completion and closes Project 2157 – Industrial fans, returning the balance of \$4,424.92 to unallocated;**
- d) discusses the priority of the wish-list items.**

BACKGROUND

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

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

Project 2152	Change Room Site Status	\$ Committed
2-Apr-25	Res.030 - Created the new project "Works undertaken to the Change room site", allocating the available funds totaling \$73,060.78, that also included the funds from Project 2154 and 2156.	\$73,060.78
13-May-25	PMO update - These funds will be used once the lease has been approved.	
9-Jul-25	Res. 048 - Noted that the lease is with CLC awaiting approval.	
22-Sep-25	PMO Update – Lease has been finalised – PO's have been raised.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$73,060.78

Project 2153	SCOREBOARD Status	\$ Committed
16-Aug-23	Res. 053 - Created a new project named Scoreboard, allocating \$40,000.00 to the project.	\$40,000.00
17-Oct-23	Invoice for Scoreboard from Aus Sport	-\$11,040.00
2-Nov-23	Invoice for Engineered drawings for scoreboard NJA Consulting	-\$950.00
8-Nov-23	Res.071 - Noted and accepted the design	
17-Jan-24	2nd Invoice for Scoreboard	-\$10,195.00
17-Jan-24	Final invoice for Scoreboard	-\$1,750.00
25-Jan-24	Res.012 - The scoreboard is yet to be delivered to community. There will also be fencing work, etc., to be completed.	
4-Apr-24	Res.029 - Keep Open and allocates \$5,000 to complete the project	\$5,000.00
8-Aug-24	Invoice received from DNA Steel Direct.	-\$1,087.29
17-Sep-24	Res.048 - Waiting for contractors to transport scoreboard to community.	
14-Nov-24	Res.068 - Noted that Contractors will transport the scoreboard to its location.	
10-Jan-25	PMO update: Quotation to be provided prior to the meeting for the installation of the scoreboard.	
30-Jan-25	Res.010 - Allocated an additional \$5000.00 to the scoreboard project for installation.	\$5,000.00
18-Feb-25	PO raised with Harvey Developments.	-\$15,695.00
25-Feb-25	PMO update - PO has been raised - will be installed when they are in community.	
9-Jul-25	Res. 048 - Noted that this project will use the same contractor as Project 2152	
22-Sep-25	PMO update – Scoreboard has been delivered – expect installation mid-October.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$9,282.71

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Project 2154	Water Bottle Refill Stations Status	\$ Committed
4-Apr-24	Res.029 - Hermannsburg Water Bottle refill station project and allocates \$35,000 – the Refill Stations to be located at the side of Rec Hall, Sporting club rooms, School.	\$35,000.00
26-Jul-24	Invoice received from Civiq Pty Ltd.	-\$15,360.00
26-Jul-24	Freight charge	-\$650.00
17-Sep-24	Res.048 - Location for bubblers: near the new club sporting facility, school, Rec Hall	
14-Oct-24	PO raised with Advanced Plumbing and Gas.	-\$3,762.00
22-Nov-24	Invoice received from AA Signs and Designs - coding incorrect - recoded to 2156 in Jan 25	
14-Nov-24	Res.068 - Noted that the PO for \$1,678.36 may have been miscoded as this was a purchase order raised for the bus stop project.	
10-Jan-25	PMO update: Need Advance Plumbing to do the installation - no more costs to be incurred. Recommendation - that underspend be returned to unallocated funds.	
30-Jan-25	Res.010 - Purchase orders for installation costs have been raised and they will be installed by contractors.	
25-Feb-25	PMO update - contractors planning to be in community week commencing 24.2.25. The club rooms are 12 months away from being completed - recommend project be closed and possibly reopened in 12 months time.	
2-Apr-25	Res.030 - Reassign \$10,000.00 to the new Project "Change room site", noting that \$5,228.00 was the remaining project funds.	-\$10,000.00
9-Jul-25	Res. 048 - Waiting on a response from a contractor.	
22-Sep-25	PMO Update – To be installed on completion of the Changerooms.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$5,228.00

Project 2155	Two Bin Trailers Status	\$ Committed
17-Sep-24	Res.048 – Created a new project - Two (2) bin trailers and allocates \$35,000.	\$35,000.00
10-Jan-25	PMO update: Quotations currently being sourced - PO's will be raised once quotes obtained.	
30-Jan-25	Res.010 - Purchase orders are being processed.	
3-Jun-25	Invoice received from Modern Trailers Pty Ltd.	-\$26,636.36
9-Jul-25	Res. 048 - Noted that the trailers are waiting to be registered before they will be delivered to community.	
25-Jul-25	Invoice received from Napa Auto Parts - Battery Chargers	-\$309.20
5-Sep-25	PO raised with Steve's Electrix Pty Ltd - GPO's and inlets. 22-Sep-25 No invoice received	-\$505.35
22-Sep-25	PMO Update - Trailers are ready to be transported to community. Delivery to be arranged.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$7,549.09

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Project 2157	Industrial Fans for the Basketball Court Status	\$ Committed
14-Nov-24	Res.068 - Established new project for Fans for the Recreation Hall - Allocated \$10,000 - agreeing to purchase the fans if the costs are under budget.	\$10,000.00
13-Jan-25	PMO update - Quote obtained from Steve's Electrix - recommend acceptance of quote - \$10,575.07	
13-Jan-25	PMO update - Recommend increase budget to cover contingencies - \$3,000.00	
30-Jan-25	Res.010 - allocated an additional \$5000 – the name and scope of this project was changed to Industrial Fans for the Basketball Court. These will be caged and installed with a timer switch. This project will be investigated to determine the requirements.	\$5,000.00
25-Feb-25	PMO update - currently requesting updated quotes for fans.	
13-May-25	PMO update - Quote has been obtained for \$20,420.14 ex gst. Will have to wait for 24/25 funding to come through to allocate additional funding.	
1-Jun-25	PMO update - external fans will be paid for by DSS funding - the internal fans will be covered by this funding - PO will be raised first week of June.	
9-Jul-25	Res. 048 - Noted that a Contractor has been secured and expected to commence works approximately early August.	
5-Aug-25	Invoice received from Steve's Electrix Pty Ltd	-\$10,575.08
22-Sep-25	PMO Update – Project complete, and all invoices received. Recommend closing this project.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$4,424.92

Project 2158	Shade Shelter with Cement Flooring Status	\$ Committed
9-Jul-25	Res. 048 - Created a new prooject - allocating \$95,000.00 towards a Shade Shelter with cement flooring, large enough to fit 200 people and located behind lot 142	\$95,000.00
22-Sep-25	PMO Update – Currently sourcing quotes.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$95,000.00

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$194,545.50
	Total un-allocated funds	\$589.46
	Total unspent funds	\$195,134.96

WISHLIST ITEMS		
Date	Items	Assigned
8-Nov-23	Shade Structures and seating at Kuprilya Springs requesting to investigate the possibility of building the structures. Technical Services will explore whether Kuprilya Springs falls within Councils' boundary. If it does, Technical Services will source quotes for a 10 x 10 metre shade structure and a smaller 3 x 3 metre structure to cover a base that is already located onsite. Should the structure be outside of Councils' boundary, Tech Services will investigate what needs to happen so that the structures can be installed and will write a letter to support the construction.	
14-Nov-24	Noted that members would have to discuss the infrastructure at Kuprilya Springs with CLC as it was not within Council's Boundary. The Project Manager agreed to investigate further on whether the land was freehold.	
25-Jan-24	Dedicated shed and compound for people to fix cars with their own tools Members to advise the most suitable location.	
25-Jan-24	Camping area Members to advise what they would like and where they would like the area to be.	
14-Nov-24	Agreed for the Projects Manager to consult with the Chairperson regarding a possible location.	
02-Apr-25	Streetlights near Rec-Hall Taken from Youth Board recommendations 19 March 2025. Install 2 solar-powered streetlights behind the recreation hall, near the oval and footpaths, to improve safety, especially during evening events and youth activities. LA requested that the Youth Board provide exact locations for the solar lights to the PMO.	

PROJECTS CLOSED 2025-26

Project 2151	Repair Lights at the Oval	\$
	Status	Committed
2-Apr-25	Res.030 - Created the new project "Repair the lights at the oval", accepting the quote from MG Electrical and allocating \$5,000.00 towards the project.	\$5,000.00
13-May-25	PMO update - Project has been completed - waiting on invoice to finalise the project.	
3-Jun-25	Invoice received from MG Electrical Services Pty Ltd.	-\$4,410.54
9-Jul-25	Res. 048 - Project closed - \$589.46 returned to unallocated.	-\$589.46
	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 of receipt of funding. Failure to expend the funds may result in the funds being returned to the Northern Territory Government.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- notes that the Local Authority currently has \$4,000.00 of unallocated discretionary funds;
- discusses to allocate these funds at this meeting; and
- acknowledges that all funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2026.

BACKGROUND

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

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

Current Financial Year Funds Allocation

Date	2025/2026 Discretionary Funds	Budget \$
1-Jul-25	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

The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.1
TITLE Council Services LA Report
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 Hermannsburg across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the attached report.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Keith Hassett – Director Council Services
Stuart Millar – Area Manager
Max Baliva – Council services coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Council Services LA Report



Council Services Hermannsburg

July - September



**100% First Nations
Employees in SCD**



**5 Area
Manager Visits
to Community**



**480 Council Office
Hours of Service**

Snapshot



**6719 Litres Fuel
Usage Total**



**19 Vehicles and
Plant in Use**



**350+ Bins
Emptied
Weekly**



**94 Street Lights
Operational
4 Street Lights
Non-Operational**



**2 Sport
Grounds
Maintained**



**12 Toolbox Talks
Completed**



**50 loads of
Rubbish to the
dump**



3 Water Tests



**16 Hours of
Maintenance
completed at
Airstrip**



**3 Parks &
Playgrounds
Inspections**

Animal Management

- Vet visited 15th of September 2025 for 2 days this is the last visit for the year

Cemetery Management

- Inspected Monthly
- Fence is in good condition
- Cemetery's needs slashing

Internal Road Maintenance

- Slashing of internal road has started the civil are managing to get on top of the slashing
- Awaiting on new battery operated equipment to arrive.
- Adding fill to corners of road

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Monthly Inspections have continually been done every month
- East side Park has been slashed
- Sandhill Has been slashed
- Central park slashed & tidy

Sports Grounds

- Softball area needs to be scaped & Buffel grass removed after recent rain.
- Football Oval is cleared, and footy season is over for the year.

Waste Management

- Rubbish collection occurs twice a week, Monday & Thursday
- Hard rubbish pick-up occurs when the civil team can get a chance.
- Continually cleaning up Separation bays

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Staff are out and about tackling the grass, whipper snipping grass around the Community working around all open areas and along the roads within the Community.
- Slashing grass At MRC Accommodation

Other

- Harvey Developments is working on the Footy change rooms,
- The Civil Works crew have been carted fill for the project
- Project 2153- Scoreboard - Steel ordered waiting to be fabricated/ Harvey Development to quote on fabrication.
- Project 2405- Signs for road closure - Installing when new fence is installed
- Commonwealth bank visit on 6th August helping support Customers
- Their next visit is 29th October 25
- New shade at Sandhill Basketball Courts installed by Pedersons



11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Ainsley Roscrow - Executive Manager Aged and Children's Services
Emma Hacche – A/Senior Coordinator Quality Compliance & Strategy
Coordinators and Admin

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Aged and Children's Services - Hermannsburg LAR June August 2025



Local Authority MacKids Hermannsburg

MacKids
growing strong in
mind, body & culture

June - August 2025



5 Employees
80 % First Nation



16 - Enrolments



Training

- Team Leader Enrolled with Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care.
- Educator enrolled in Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care



Service Delivery
293 Hours



156 - Meals served



Vacancies
2 Educators



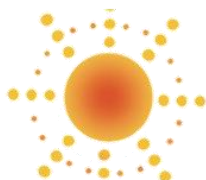
Support
42 Hours
Coordinator support



Stakeholder Engagement

- Congress
- Early Childhood Australia

Highlights



- Team Leader participated in a one-week Bachelor training to support professional growth.
- Team Leader successfully completed a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.
- One Team Leader and two Educators attended the Team Leader Training held at the MRC main office.



Local Authority MacKids Hermannsburg June - August 2025



Educators took part in Team Leader Training – July 2025.

- Sessions focused on leadership development, collaboration, and resource sharing.
- Training promoted team-building and stronger professional connections.





Local Authority MacKids Hermannsburg June - August 2025

MacKids
growing strong in
mind, body & culture



Children engaged in a variety of creative and sensory play experiences, including foam play, colourful ice exploration, and fabric painting. These activities supported fine motor development, problem-solving, social interaction, and self-expression, while fostering curiosity and creativity in a fun and supportive environment





Local Authority Report Aged and Disability

Hermannsburg
June-August 2025



3 Staff in the Ntaria team
100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal



Stakeholders' engagement
Regular contact with Clinical staff.
External stakeholders including Congress
Elder Care Support and Catholic Care.



Transport provided:
34



Client Interactions: 50
This includes client checks
and client visits to the Aged
Care Centre



Personal support provided:
14
Including: Shower & Toilet
Assistance, Laundry Loads,
Tablet Reminders



Client numbers: 20



Training
In August we held our first
Coordinator/TL training day in
town which included guest
speakers from Allied Health
and Desert Dieticians



Meals 1336
Which includes:
Breakfasts, lunches &
weekend Hampers

Updates

Services continue to run as smoothly as possible with limited staff. Our coordinator role for Ntaria still remains vacant and we hope to start interviews in the coming weeks.

In July we ran our NAIDOC event in Ntaria where clients enjoyed painting and a bbq held at the centre.

NAIDOC Celebrations July 2025



11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.3
TITLE Community Services - Youth and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety and Youth Service.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Libby Taylor – Executive Manager of Youth and Community Safety
Sarah Grant – Senior Coordinator of Community Safety
Coordinators and Admin.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Youth and Community Safety - Hermannsburg LAR June August 2025



Local Authority Report

Hermannsburg Community Safety June - August 2025



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

- 427 Hours patrolled
- 1,317 Hours worked
- Work 6 nights: Mon-Sat;
- 6.00pm-Midnight



954 Engagements
with young people



167 Engagements
with over 18's



687 Young people
taken home



Training
15 hours

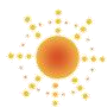


38 Are you okay?
Checks



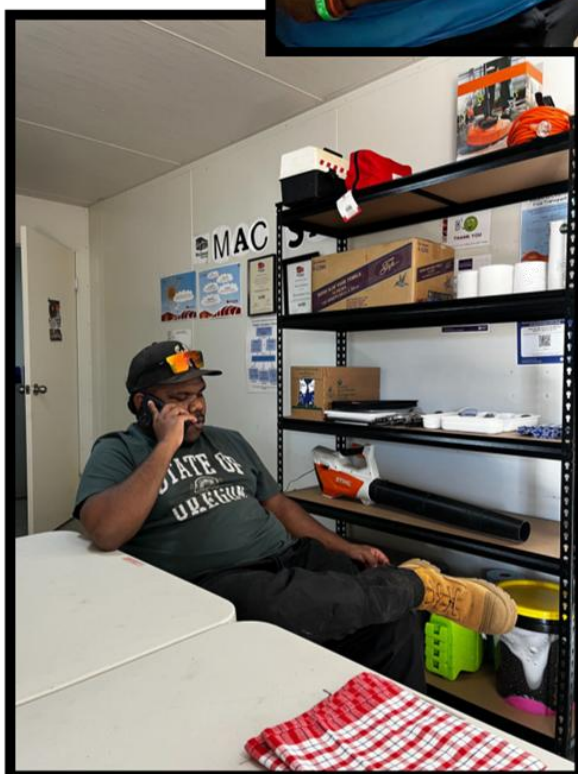
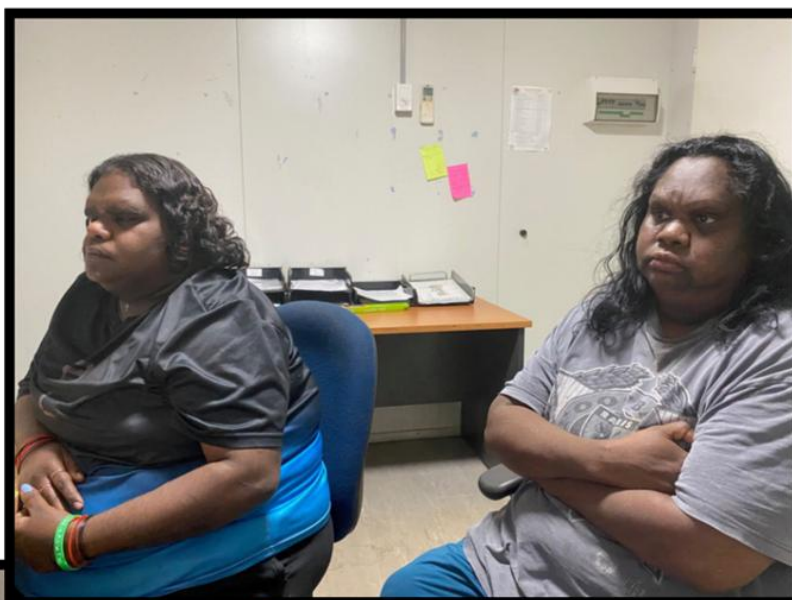
2 Community
gatherings

UPDATES



- The latest member of the Community Safety Team Natalie Inkamala had her online Induction and started work
- A team meeting and BBQ was held to discuss current staffing and roster system
- The Program supports the Youth Service helping transport young people from the Rec hall each night to get home safely.
- The office grounds were cleaned and shelves erected inside to clean up the internal and external space.

**Natalie Inkamala online Induction sitting
with Danielle Malbunka in support.**



**Team Leader Gilbert Smith
contacting staff members to
arrange a team meeting**



Local Authority Youth Services Hermannsburg June 25 - August 25



Employees

10 staff
100% Aboriginal



Activities

124 activities
355 hours



Engagements

282 Participants
3933 engagements



Bush/Town Trip

1



School Support

1



Training

0



Youth Board

1



Sport

79



Events

1

Highlights



- On 21st of August, Youth Services facilitated a Youth Board meeting, which included governance training on communication skills, youth feedback on holiday program planning & general program planning and feedback on infrastructure priorities.
- MacYouth Coordinator Reggie is upskilling staff with practical 4WD training—boosting safety, confidence, and outreach capacity within the Hermannsburg community.
- Youth Services also partnered with the Hermannsburg Football Club to run a full-day community event, featuring fun activities, a football competition, and a prize-giving ceremony to celebrate young participants.



Boys and girls playing with soft balls is a fun and inclusive part of the regular Youth Services program.

MacYouth partnered with the local Hermannsburg Football Association for a prize-giving ceremony that celebrated participants and brought the community together.



With Reggie leading the training, it's not just about learning to drive off-road—it's about building safety awareness and boosting confidence.

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and discusses the matters raised.

BACKGROUND

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

Meeting	Section	Subject
Hermannsburg Local Authority 09/07/2025	Non-Council Business	Letter to Minister Edgington re: request Housing Reps attend LA meetings
HLA2025-54 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Mark Inkamala)		
That the Local Authority discussed the Non-Council Business raised as follows: Housing/Maintenance/Tenancy a) Members inquired why a Housing Representative had not attended any of their meetings and has asked Mr Chansey Paech - Member for Gwoja to draft a letter to the Hon. Steve Edgington, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development. Mr Paech assured members that he will provide Council with the letter to bring for members approval. Mr Paech also agreed to inquire about having Free to Air Television installed in community houses.		

ATTACHMENTS:

Tabled at the meeting