



AGENDA

MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 23 JULY 2025

The Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Mount Liebig Council Office on Wednesday 23 July 2025 at 10:30 AM.

Belinda Urquhart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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14 NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2025**15 MEETING CLOSED**

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



3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / ABSENTEES / LEAVE OF ABSENCES

RECOMMENDATION

That members:

- a) note the attendance;**
- b) note and accept the apologies; and**
- c) note the absences without notice for this meeting.**

3.3 RESIGNATIONS

NIL

3.4 TERMINATIONS

NIL

3.5. NOMINATIONS/MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER	3.5.1
TITLE	Membership of the Local Authority
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the current membership of the Local Authority and to record the attendance at the previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes that the Mount Liebig Local Authority has full membership; and
- b) notes the attendance of members at the previous meeting.

BACKGROUND

The chart below shows the current membership of the Local Authority:

Appointed Members Mount Liebig LA	Attendance at the meeting 30 April 2025
Chair Audrey Turner	Present
Member Carol Peterson	Present
Member Jeffery Wheeler	Present
Member Roderick Kantamara	Present
Member Tristan Robertson	Present
Member Rosalind Dixon	Present
Member Dyson Wheeler	Absent

Elected Members Luritja Pintubi Ward	
Deputy President Dalton McDonald	Apology
Cr Tommy Conway	Absent
Cr Jason Minor	Apology

Members are reminded of the following section of the Local Authority Meeting Procedure which reads as follows:

4.13. Absence without permission

- 4.13.1. At the first meeting that an appointed or elected local authority member is absent from the meeting without permission, members of a local authority must resolve that the member is absent without permission.
- 4.13.2. The CEO must notify the member, in writing, of the resolution within 7 days of the resolution passed.
- 4.13.3. The notification to the member must include a copy of the minutes and a statement that if the member is absent without permission from the next Local Authority Meeting, the member may be disqualified.
- 4.13.4. If the member is absent from the next local authority meeting without permission, a local authority must resolve that the member is absent from the meeting without permission and may disqualify the member.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Members are reminded that failure to attend meetings where no apology has been received may result in the termination of membership.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Mount Liebig Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

4. MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority note the Council Code of Conduct.

MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct**Interests of the Council and Community come first**

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

Honesty

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

Taking care

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

Respect/Courtesy

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

Conduct towards council staff

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

Respect for culture

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

Conflict of interest

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

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

Respect for private business

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

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

Gifts

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

Accountable

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

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

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

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Confirm Previous Minutes
AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning



The Local Authority adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th of April 2025 be adopted as an accurate record of proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 MLLA Minutes 30 April 2025



MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.58AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Audrey Turner

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Roderick Kantamara, Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Tristan Robertson,
Member Rosalind Dixon, Member Carol Peterson and Member Audrey Turner

Councillors:

Nil

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart - CEO, Sai Katam - Officer Project Management Office, Mark O'Bryan –
Area Manager Council Services , Bradley Horn – A/Council Services Coordinator and

Via Teams – Ruth Tahare – A/Manager project Management Office.

Guests:

Jennifer Newman and Fred Masters – Department of Social Services Digital Connectivity
Project, Jeff Holcombe – Ngurratjuta Junior Ranger Program, and

Via Teams – Benjamin Humm – Remote Housing Repairs Maintenance and Tenancy Team.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Councillor Jason Minor, Deputy Dalton McDonald, President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Member Dyson Wheeler, Councillor Tommy Conway

3.1 & 3.2 ATENDANCE / APOLOGIES / ABSENTEES**MLLA2025-018 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Rosalind Dixon)**

That members:

- a) noted the attendance
- b) noted and accepted the apologies from Councillor Jason Minor, Deputy President Dalton McDonald and President Roxanne Kenny; and
- c) noted the absences without notice of Member Dyson Wheeler and Councillor Tommy Conway.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

3.5.1 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the current membership of the Local Authority and to record the attendance at the previous meeting.

MLLA2025-019 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that there are no vacancies currently available on the Local Authority; and
- b) noted the attendance of members at the previous meeting.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT****MLLA2025-020 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Rosalind Dixon)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**5.1 CONFIRM PREVIOUS MINUTES****MLLA2025-021 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th of February 2025 were adopted as an accurate record of proceedings by a resolution of Mt Liebig Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

MLLA2025-022 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

MLLA2025-023 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

MLLA2025-024 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority declared no 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.

MLLA2025-025 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Roderick Kantamara)

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the updates from Remote Housing representatives as follows:
 - The plumber contracted to perform maintenance in Mount Liebig is SDA plumbing
 - This has improved the timeline for repairs; and
- b) raised that Lot 82 [Member Tristan Robertson's House] requires plumbing repairs in the shower, repairs to the screen door and repairs to the security light.

8.2 THE DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the presentation from the Department of Social Services is to provide information about the Digital Connectivity Project

MLLA2025-026 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the presentation from the Department of Social Services; and
- b) provided feedback on the installation of the Wi-Fi System in Mount Liebig as follows:
 - agreed that the wifi installation should proceed in Mount Liebig
 - requested that the wifi be installed at the CDP office run by Ngurratjuta. Ngurratjuta needs to be aware and permission sought for this.

8.3 THE JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM - NGURRATJUTA/PMARA NTJARRA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of the presentation from Ngurratjuta / Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation is to introduce aspects of the Junior Ranger Program, including its rationale, approach to planning and progress.

MLLA2025-027 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Rosalind Dixon)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation from Ngurratjuta / Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation.

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.

MLLA2025-028 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Audrey Turner)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the update on the action item 'Childcare Fencing' and closed this item.

9.2 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

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

MLLA2025-029 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority:

- provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC

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2025-26 Regional Plan;

- agreed to provide its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure plan before the next meeting on the poster that will be left with the CSC; and
- added community laundry with toilets and showers to the community plan to be located between the football oval and the basketball court.

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.

MLLA2025-030 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)**That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted that \$5,278.76 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted the progress on their current projects as at the 10th April 2025;
- c) decided that project 2188 'Sporting Equipment for the Youth Board' would be closed and the funds returned to unallocated if it was not allocated and a PO raised before the next Mount Liebig Local Authority meeting;
- d) accepted the unallocated funds currently available to spend;
- e) determined that no further allocations would be made at this meeting in order to hold over the remaining funds until the next allocation is received; and
- f) approved to close project 2187 'Music Equipment for the Church' once the invoice from Stanes Transport has been received.

9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**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.

MLLA2025-031 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Carol Peterson)**That the Local Authority:**

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- a) noted that all remaining funds have been allocated to the BBQ for the unveiling of the plaque and the opening of the basketball court; and
- b) that these funds will be held over in the case that this event does not take place before the end of the financial year.

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.

MLLA2025-032 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Roderick Kantamara)

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

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

MLLA2025-033 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Rosalind Dixon)

That the Local Authority that the 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, Children's Services and Youth Services.

MLLA2025-034 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Rosalind Dixon)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report for Mount Liebig Community.

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2025 in the Mt Liebig Local Authority community.

MLLA2025-035 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 March 2025.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS**12.1 GERNERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

MLLA2025-036 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters relating to General Council Business.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on matters that members may have regarding Non-Council Services.

MLLA2025-037 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters of Non-Council General Business.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 23 JULY, 2025**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:39 pm.

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6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA



6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority notes that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interests



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority members:

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

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

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

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

Information and Opportunities

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

Undue Influence

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

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

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

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

If you do have a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

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

8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Remote Housing - Repairs, Maintenance and Tenancy Team
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 02: Healthy Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

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.

BACKGROUND

The Director of Remote Housing has requested that representatives from the Repairs and Maintenance/Remote Tenancy team have an ongoing deputation to attend Local Authority Meetings to provide updates and receive feedback from the community.

Items from previous meetings		
Date	Item	Details
30-Apr-25	Lot 82	Raised that Lot 82 [Member Tristan Robertson's House] requires plumbing repairs in the shower, repairs to the screen door and repairs to the security light.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Issues raised at this time may be followed-up by representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development at the request of the Local Authority.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	2025 Local Government Elections
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:

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **note that voters enrolment closed on the 22nd of July;**
- b) **encourages community members to consider nominating as candidates;**
- c) **notes that nominations are open until Thursday 31st July;**
- d) **notes that the polling dates will be advertised in community; and**
- g) **notes and accepts the Information for Candidates for the 2025 Local Government Elections.**

BACKGROUND

In the Northern Territory, it is compulsory for eligible voters to vote in all government elections including Federal, Territory and local government elections. If you do not vote, you may receive a fine.

If you are not yet enrolled to vote, visit www.aec.gov.au to enrol online or download a paper enrolment form.

Voting is important as it lets you, your family and your community have a say about who represents you.

Becoming an elected Councillor is a valuable opportunity to help shape the future of your community. Councillors play a vital role in influencing decisions that affect local services, infrastructure, and community well-being. By nominating, you also contribute to building a stronger, more diverse Council that truly represents the people it serves. That's why we need individuals like you to step forward.

To be eligible to nominate, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be enrolled in the local government area you wish to represent
- Complete a nomination form
- Be nominated by at least one other enrolled voter in the same local government area
- Provide a recent head-and-shoulders photograph

Key Dates:

- Nominations open: *Friday, 11 July 2025*
- Nominations close: *12 noon, Thursday, 31 July 2025*
- Election Day: *Saturday, 23 August 2025*
- Results Declared: *Monday, 8 September 2025*

Nomination forms are available from your local Council office

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nominations can only be lodged after the notice inviting nominations is open and before 12 noon on Thursday, 31 July 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Local Authority Members

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 LGANT presentation
- 2 Local Government Nomination Form



You love your community, Why not nominate?

Information for Candidates for the 2025 Local Government Council Elections



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Local Government Elections

Every four years, residents vote at an election to decide who will represent them on their local council.

- ▶ The next Local Government Council elections are on Saturday 23 August 2025 (Early and Mobile Voting starts 11 August).
- ▶ Nominations open Friday 11 July and close 12 noon on Thursday 31 July 2025



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Councillors are just people who care

You could be a local government councillor if:

- ▶ You're a good listener
- ▶ You care about others
- ▶ You're ready to learn
- ▶ You want to work collaboratively with other councillors to help your town, suburb or community

You don't have to know everything **from day one.**



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Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)

- ▶ LGANT is the peak body for local government Councils in the Northern Territory.
- ▶ Membership based organisation.
- ▶ We represent 17 of the 18 local government councils.

Shires



Municipals



Regional Councils



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Local Government Councils

There are 3 levels of government in Australia:

- ▶ Federal Government
- ▶ State or Territory Government (NTG)
- ▶ Local Government (councils)

Local government is **closest to the people.**



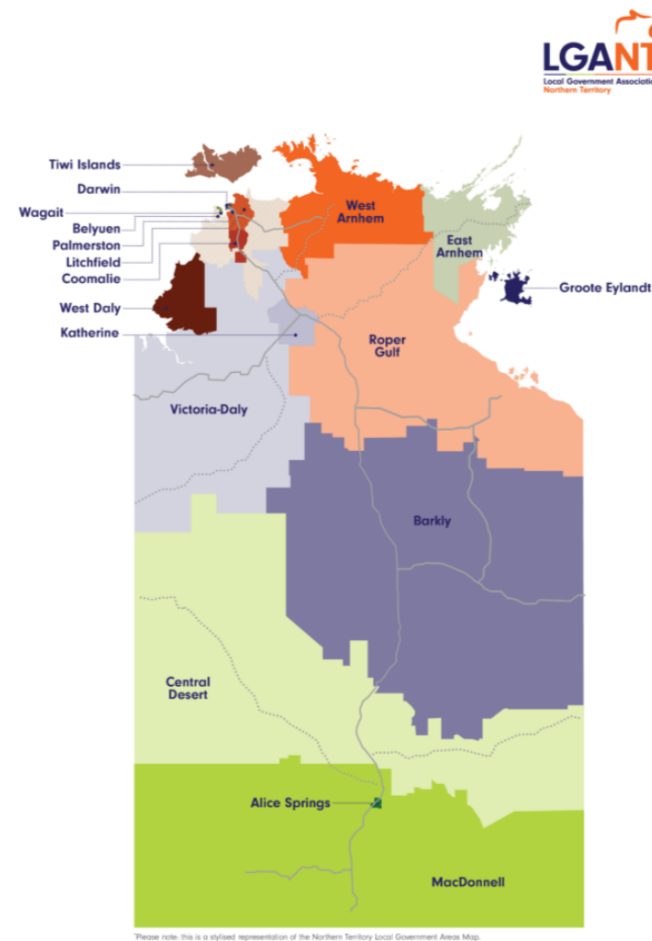
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Local Government Councils

The local government sector in the NT employs around 3,000 Territorians.

- ▶ Often the largest employer in remote and regional areas.
- ▶ Councils in the NT also manage, and control assets and infrastructure valued at \$2.57 billion, and are responsible for over 13,000 kilometres of roads, and receive and spend over \$505 million annually.



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What Do Councils Do?

Councils have many responsibilities, for example:

- ▶ Cemeteries
- ▶ Manage local roads
- ▶ Waste/rubbish
- ▶ Recreation facilities
- ▶ Community events
- ▶ Programs such as youth support, sport and childcare.

Councils operate under the **Local Government Act 2019**



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Local Decision Makers

Becoming an elected member of your local council is a great opportunity to guide the future of your community.

Elected members (councillors) work together to:

- ▶ Make good choices about how to use limited resources to provide community services, programs and infrastructure.
- ▶ Determine what policies are needed to ensure the community's objectives are met.



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Your role as a Councillor

- ▶ Talk with the community about issues and concerns
- ▶ Read council agendas and business papers to prepare for attendance at meetings
- ▶ Work collaboratively with other councillors to make decisions at council meetings
- ▶ Review council plans, policies and budget information
- ▶ Represent council on other committees



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Collaboration

Councillors must work together with other council members

- ▶ You don't have to agree on everything
- ▶ But you must talk about problems and work together to agree on a plan
- ▶ Councillors are directly responsible for only ONE staff member; the CEO



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Taking the Next Step

Too many people who would be good councillors don't nominate.

We encourage you to give it a go –
nominate today!

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Our Local Government Councils are stronger when:

- ▶ There is a strong competition for Council positions; and
- ▶ The pool of candidates represents the diversity of the local community.

Diversity comes in many forms including backgrounds, experiences, culture, age and gender.



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Number and diversity of nominees

During the 2021 local government elections, less than two people (on average) nominated for each council position.

Some sectors of the community were under-represented in the pool of nominees.

- ▶ Female Candidates (30% of nominees)
- ▶ Under 35 years of age (6% of nominees)

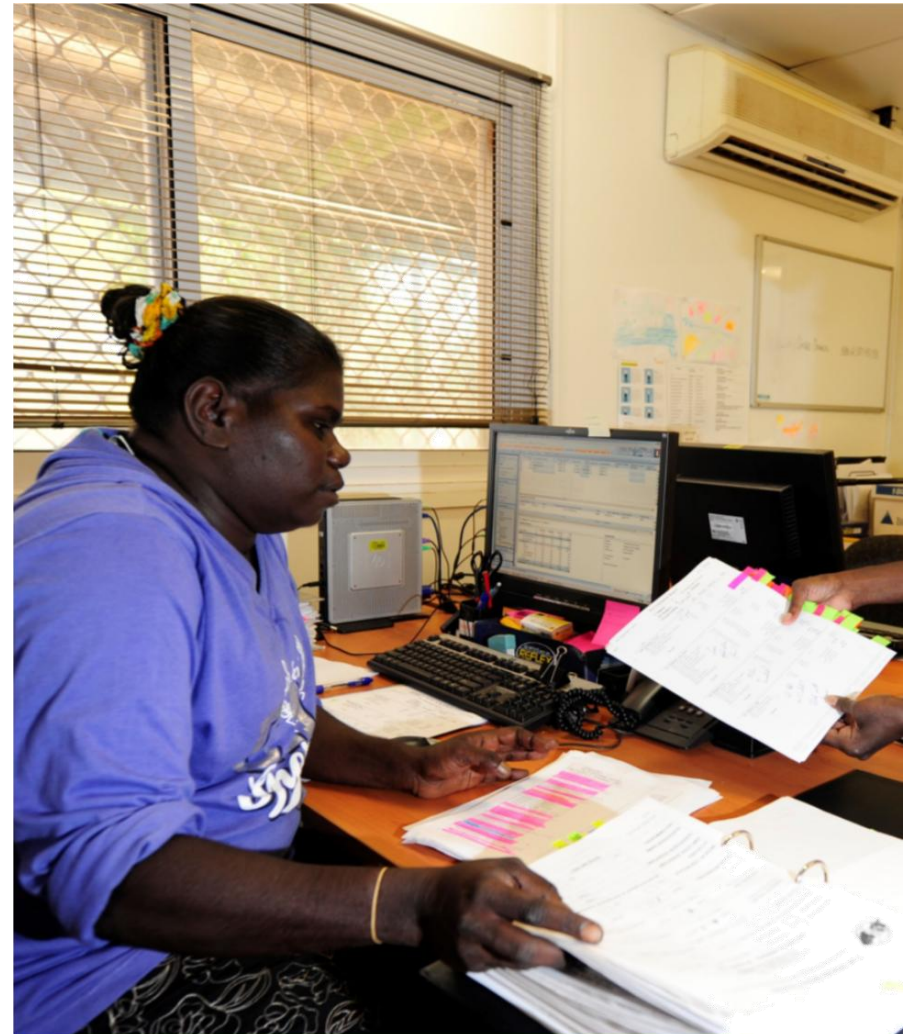


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Professional Development

- ▶ Newly elected councillors are not expected to have all of the skills, knowledge and experience of an effective council member from day one.
- ▶ The Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development provides online resources and training for all councillors.
- ▶ Councils have induction programs for new councillors.
- ▶ Your elected member colleagues, CEO and Council staff will assist and support you.



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Allowances

Councillors DO NOT receive a salary.

- ▶ Councillors receive allowances which recognise the commitment involved in being a councillor. These allowances are set every year by the NT Remuneration Tribunal.
- ▶ This includes funding for professional development.
- ▶ Councils also have their own policies regarding allowances and expenses related to council duties.
- ▶ Check with the council on its policies.



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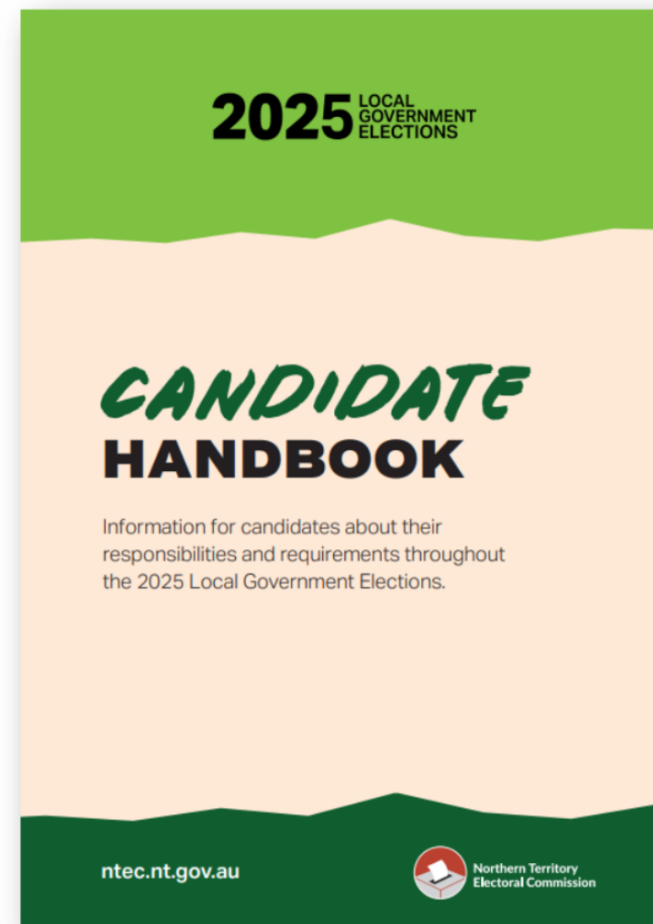
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Planning YOUR Campaign

Make a plan

- ▶ An effective campaign does not need to cost a lot of money.
- ▶ Tell YOUR story. Who you are and why you are a candidate.
- ▶ Start early. Many people vote well before Election Day

Refer to NTEC's "Candidate handbook" for further information regarding campaigning and advertising.



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You should consider nominating for Council if:

- ▶ You are passionate about your community;
- ▶ You want to make a difference;
- ▶ You are someone who likes to get things done;
- ▶ You are a good listener and are willing to learn;
- ▶ You want a rewarding challenge.

For more details about eligibility, please refer to section 47 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

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Northern Territory
Electoral Commission

Nomination form

Local government elections

1

Nomination for

To the returning officer for
Local government council Ward (if applicable)
(Name of local government council (and ward) in which you are nominating)

I am nominating for the following position/s:

Ordinary council member ☐ and/or Mayor ☐ (please tick ✓)

You must be enrolled in the local government council area in which you are nominating; however, you do not need to be enrolled in the ward if the council is divided into wards.

2

Candidate details (as on the electoral roll)

Given name/s Surname/Family name
 Residential address Suburb State Postcode
 Date of birth Sex (please tick ✓)
 Female ☐ Male ☐ Non-binary ☐
 Postal address (if different)

3

Name to appear on the ballot paper

I request the following name to appear on the ballot paper.

Given name/s* Surname/Family name

4

Candidate contact details (details will be publicly released where permission is given e.g. on NTEC website)

Telephone business hours	<input type="text"/>	Authorised for public release
Telephone after hours	<input type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile phone	<input type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Own website/blog	<input type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

5

Other contact details (optional)

Campaign manager/alternate contact person
 Residential address
 Postal address (if different)
 Phone Email

6

Nominee photograph

You must submit a nominee photograph that is a recent full faced vertical portrait of the nominee's head and shoulders. By submitting the nominee photograph, you are consenting to it being published on the ballot paper and on the NTEC website.

☐ I have submitted a nominee photograph

Page 1 of 3

7 Nominators to complete

A nominator must be enrolled in the local government area for which the candidate is nominating.

Only one nominee is required, however you may include additional nominators.

I, as an elector on the electoral roll for the Local Government Area of

Insert candidate name

Hereby nominate

for election named in section 1.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, if writing is not legible, we cannot accept the nominator details.

	Name and signature	Date of birth	Address on electoral roll
1	Name		
	Signature		
2	Name		
	Signature		
3	Name		
	Signature		

8 Candidate declaration of eligibility (Part 4.2, Division 3 - Local Government Act 2019)

To be eligible to hold office as a member of a council under Division 3 of the *Local Government Act 2019* I declare that I:

- am enrolled as an elector in respect of a place of residence within the area of the local government council named above;
- have a principal place of residence within the area of the local government council named above;
- do not hold a judicial office (justice of the peace excepted) (that is, I am not a Justice of the High Court, Judge of the Federal Court, Supreme Court Judge, Local Court Judge or the President, a Deputy President or an ordinary member of NTCAT);
- am not bankrupt;
- am not sentenced to a term of imprisonment of one year or more for an offence against the law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory;
- am not a staff member of the council named above;
- am not a staff member of the local government subsidiary of which the council named above is a constituent council of the local government subsidiary;
- am not indebted to the council for rates or surcharge (and failed to discharge the debt within 6 months after the debt became due and payable);
- am not certified mentally unfit to carry out the functions of a member;
- am not disqualified from managing a corporation under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) or the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (Cth);
- am not disqualified under section 40 of the *Associations Act 2003* from being an officer of an incorporated association;
- am not a member of the Commonwealth House of Representatives or the Senate;
- am not a member of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly;
- am not determined by NTCAT to be unfit to be a council member under section 133 of the *Local Government Act 2019* following conviction of an offence under the Act or another act demonstrating that I am unfit to be a council member);
- am not incapable of holding a local government office under section 89(3) of the *Criminal Code Act 1983* (that is, I have not been found guilty of offences of corrupt and improper practices at elections within the last 2 years).

Insert given name and surname

I, solemnly and sincerely declare that I am eligible in accordance with Division 3 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT) for election in the capacity for which I am nominating. I consent to be nominated as a candidate and, if elected, to act in the position for which I am nominated.

It is an offence to provide misleading information to an authorised officer in connection with an election (see regulation 74(2) of the *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021*).

Signature of candidate

Date

9

Lodging your nomination

The nomination form and photo must be lodged with the NT Electoral Commission after the opening of nominations and before 12 noon on the day nominations close.

How to lodge your nomination:

- Via the NTEC website: completed nomination forms and photos can be uploaded on the NTEC website (www.ntec.nt.gov.au).
- In person by attending an NTEC office, appointments can be made by emailing nominations.ntec@nt.gov.au or calling 1800 698 683.

Candidates are encouraged to call to confirm receipt of a nomination if not delivered in person.

**Important**

The onus is on you, the candidate, to ensure you are qualified to stand as a candidate in accordance with Part 4.2, Division 3 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

You are encouraged to lodge your nomination as early as possible within the specified timeframe i.e. do not leave it until the day nominations close. **Late nominations will not be accepted.**

NT Electoral Commission use only

Photograph supplied: Yes ☐ No ☐

Date nomination received

Time nomination received

Receiving officer name

Receiving officer signature

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Regional Planning Incorporating Community Infrastructure Plans
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 02: Healthy Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority provides additional priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure.

BACKGROUND

Priority projects discussed at the previous meeting

- Community laundry with toilets and showers to be located between the football oval and the basketball court.

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

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

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

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Local Authority should consider what projects will be of benefit to the community and prioritise the projects that will provide the greatest improvements in quality of life for the residents within their Local Authority area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Local Authority is now able to pool 4 years of funding in order to facilitate the completion of larger projects that will create significant positive change to the quality of lives of the residents of the community.

CONSULTATION

Local Authority members
Project Management Office

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
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) receives the 2024/2025 Project funds allocation of \$30,700.00;**
- b) notes that \$6,790.19 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;**
- c) notes the progress on their current projects;**
- d) approves to close any completed projects;**
- e) accepts the unallocated funds currently available to spend; and**
- f) discusses and determines the priority of the wishlist items.**

BACKGROUND

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

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

Project 2184		Plaque at Rec Hall	\$
		Status	Committed
9-Jul-24	Res.029 – Created a new project called Plaque for the Rec Hall, engraved to commemorate Kumanjay Jackson, allocating \$1,000.00.		\$1,000.00
30-Oct-24	Res.066 – Noted that the Coordinator Youth Services had been in contact with families and both projects were still being finalised.		
28-Jan-25	PMO update - To be referred to Youth Services and CEO - appropriate siting of plaques, etc.		
12-Feb-25	Res.084 – kept open and discussed unveiling the plaque at the same event as the opening of the new basketball court.		
	underspend remaining		\$1,000.00
Project 2186		Solar lights for the Cemetery	\$
		Status	Committed
30-Oct-24	Res.066 – Created a new project called Solar lights for the Cemetery, allocating \$20,000.00 for four lights to be placed at each corner.		\$20,000.00
13-Jan-25	PMO update - Quotes have been received - to be provided to meeting. All required parts to be ordered and delivered.		
28-Jan-25	PMO update - to be delivered about 18.3.2025 and then installed.		
12-Feb-25	Res.084 – Lights and cement have been ordered. They should arrive in Alice Springs in 2 weeks. Mark will transport them to Mount Liebig.		
28-Feb-25	Invoice received from Green Frog Systems.		-\$12,034.00
10-Mar-25	Invoice received from Bunnings.		-\$63.37
11-Apr-25	PMO update - Need to pick up lights from Amoonguna - expect installation when CSC appointed.		
1-Jun-25	PMO update - will be picked up and delivered to community first week June.		
	underspend remaining		\$7,902.63

Project 2188 Sporting Equipment for the Youth Board		\$
	Status	Committed
30-Oct-24	Res.066 – Agreed to allocate \$1,000.00 towards Sports equipment, noting that the equipment will be stored at the Rec Hall in the keeping of the Team Leader Youth Services.	\$1,000.00
13-Jan-25	PMO update - To be discussed further with the Youth Board at its next meeting 26.3.2025 - project to be kept open.	
12-Feb-25	Res.084 – Youth board to discuss further at their next meeting.	
30-Apr-25	Res.030 – Decided that the project would be closed and the funds returned to unallocated if it was not allocated and a PO raised before the next Mount Liebig Local Authority meeting.	
23-May-25	Invoice received from Intersport Alice Springs	-\$952.63
23-May-25	Invoice received from KMart	-\$44.55
24-Jun-25	PO raised with Sports Power	-\$27.27
14-Jul-25	No invoice received	
14-Jul-25	It is recommended that the Local Authority add \$24.45 to this project to pay for the overspend.	
	underspend remaining	-\$24.45
Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$8,878.18
	Total un-allocated funds	\$38,504.36
	Total unspent funds	\$47,382.54

Wishlist Items		
1-Mar-23	Upgrades to Cemetery Seek quotes for fencing, plaques and decorations	CS/HIP
1-Mar-23	Upgrade Playground equipment Seek quotes for new/upgrade equipment	CS
1-Mar-23	More trees around Park Seek quotes for mature trees	CS
10-May-24	Boundary fencing. Quotes and measurements required	
19-Sep-24	Signage for Men's area	
30-Oct-24	Wii Sports console or PlayStation 5 for the Rec Hall	
30-Oct-24	Beauty supplies to include hair products, accessories and cosmetics,	
30-Oct-24	Disco ball and disco outfits for the Rec hall	

PROJECTS CLOSED 2024-25		
Project 2181	Multi Sport Facility - Basketball Stadium Status	\$ Committed
13-Mar-24	Res.013 – Funding of \$600k has been received for a Multi Sport Facility - Basketball Stadium - The Director Infrastructure Services asked that the LA allocate any remaining funds to this project.	\$1,418.64
9-Jul-24	Res.029 – Accepted that the funds for the multi-Sport facility be returned to unallocated, and the Project removed as it did not qualify for LA Project funding.	-\$1,418.64
	underspend remaining	\$-
Project 2181	Additional Sorry Camp - Project Number used twice Status	\$ Committed
19-Sep-24	Res.049 – Created a new project called Additional Sorry Camp, allocating \$9,500.00 towards the project, noting that the Coordinator Council Services and Team Leader will inspect the area, take a photo for its coordinates to follow up and an application for a lease be submitted to CLC. Members requested quotes be presented at the next meeting for a shade structure and solar lights.	\$9,500.00
30-Oct-24	Res.066 – Noted that the coordinates had been submitted to Council to determine if a lease is required and gave feedback that the infrastructure be the same as the existing sorry camp	
12-Feb-25	Res.084 – Will be located in the vacant area between the oval and Kelly road, it should include shade shelters and a water tap. Members were advised that \$40-45,000.00 would be required. This item was moved to the wishlist.	-\$9,500.00
	underspend remaining	\$-
Project 2182	Solar lights Status	\$ Committed
7-Apr-21	Res.15 – Solar lights at Sorry Camp, commit \$5,000.00 and request the CSC Mt Liebig seek quotes for 2 x Solar lights from Greenfrog	\$5,000.00
12-Aug-21	2 x Stealth lights purchased.	-\$5,881.56
29-Sep-21	Res.60 – The Local Authority kept project open, and committed \$881.56 to cover the overspend.	\$881.56
19-Sep-24	Res.049 – Project closed.	
	Underspend remaining	\$-

Project 2182 Music Equipment for Youth - Project number used twice		\$
Status		Committed
19-Sep-24	Res.049 – Created a new project called Music Equipment for Youth, allocating \$5,000.00.	\$5,000.00
30-Oct-24	Res.066 – Noted one quote submitted, waiting on an additional quote	
25-Nov-24	Invoice received from Rock City Music.	-\$4,062.73
12-Feb-25	Res.084 –Closed this project and returned unusedfunds as the project has been completed.	-\$937.27
	underspend remaining	\$-
Project 2183 Caged 4WD trailer with spare tyres		\$
Status		Committed
9-Jul-24	Res.029 – Created a new project called Caged 4WD trailer with spare tyres, allocating \$12,000.00, noting that the trailer would be for the community to use.	\$12,000.00
19-Sep-24	Res.049 – Caged 4WD Trailer with spare tyres, noting that the trailer had been ordered.	
30-Oct-24	Res.066 – Noted that the trailer is currently being constructed.	
4-Nov-24	Invoice received from Centre Trailer Sales.	-\$6,590.00
12-Feb-25	Res.084 –Closed this project and returned unusedfunds as the project has been completed.	-\$5,410.00
	underspend remaining	\$-
Project 2185 Plaque for Night Patrol		\$
Status		Committed
9-Jul-24	Res.029 – Created a new project called Plaque for the Night Patrol, allocating \$1,000.00 and members to advise the CSC on what is to be engraved.	\$1,000.00
19-Sep-24	Res.049 – Members agreed for Emma Boughton, Coordinator Youth Services be assigned Projects 2184 and 2185, follow up with families on wording and to organise a bbq to include the families for the unveiling of both plaques.	
30-Oct-24	Res.066 – Noted that the Coordinator Youth Services had been in contact with families and both projects were still being finalised.	
12-Feb-25	Res.084 –Closed this project and returned unusedfunds as the family did not give permission for this to proceed.	-\$1,000.00
	underspend remaining	\$-

Project 2187 Music Equipment for the Church		\$
Status		Committed
30-Oct-24	Res.066 – Created a new project called Music equipment for Church, allocating \$15,000.00.	\$15,000.00
11-Feb-25	Invoice received from Better Music	-\$10,882.77
12-Feb-25	Res.084 – Music equipment has been ordered and is expected to arrive in Alice Springs this month.	
7-Mar-25	PO raised with Stanes Transport - invoice now received.	-\$189.00
30-Apr-25	Res.030 – Approved to close project 2187 'Music Equipment for the Church' once the invoice from Stanes Transport has been received.	-\$3,928.23
	underspend remaining	\$-
Project 2395 Infrastructure at the Airport - inc 4x4m shade shelter, concrete flooring, aluminium seating and Solar light		\$
Status		Committed
15-Nov-23	Res.066 – Created a new project called Infrastructure at the airstrip, allocating all remaining funds towards a 4m x 4m Shade Shelter, concrete flooring, aluminum seating and a Stealth Solar light.	\$26,610.22
30-Oct-24	Res.066 – Closed project, returning funds to unallocated.	-\$26,610.22
	underspend remaining	\$-

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.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 9.3
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:

- a) notes that \$1,918.88 of 2024/25 discretionary funds were spent with invoices received;
- b) notes that the remaining \$2,081.12 of 2024/25 funds were allocated to the BBQ for the unveiling of the plaque and the opening of the basketball court and that these funds are carried over to this financial year;
- c) receives the 2025/26 discretionary funds allocation of \$4,000.00;
- d) discusses allocating these funds; and
- e) notes that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2026.

BACKGROUND

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

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

Date	2024/2025 Discretionary Funds	Commitments/ Expenditure
	Total funds from 2024/2025 F/Y [allocated but not spent] carried over as approved by the Council [OCM2025-089].	\$2,081.12
1-Jul-25	Approved Funds	\$4,000.00
	Total funds for 25/26	\$6,081.12
1-Jul-25	Carried over the allocation of \$2,081.12 toward a BBQ memorial / celebration of the opening of the basketball court	-\$2,081.12
	Available funds	\$4,000.00

Date	2024/2025 Discretionary Funds	Commitments/ Expenditure
1-Jul-24	Approved Funds	\$4,000.00
19-Sep-24	Allocated \$2,000.00 towards a BBQ for the unveiling of the two Plaques.	-\$2,000.00
30-Oct-24	Youth Services will coordinate a bbq on the day that the plaques are unveiled.	
1-Feb-25	PO's yet to be raised.	
	This money is to be spent before 30 June 2025.	
12-Feb-25	Added the opening of the basketball court to this event.	
	Allocated remaining funds of \$81.12 to this event.	
	The CEO will hold these funds over until the basketball court has been finished in the case that it is not ready until after the end of the financial year. This will not affect the discretionary funds allocation for the next year.	-\$81.12
8-April-25	PO yet to be raised	
30-Oct-24	Res.067 Allocated \$2,000.00 for Christmas and New Years	
31-Dec-24	Invoice received from the store	-1,918.88
	Remaining Unallocated Funds	\$0.0

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

Mount Liebig Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 9.4
TITLE MRC Position Vacancies Report
AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority accepts the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Mount Liebig as of 11 July 2025.

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1 MRC positions vacant 11 July 2025



Position Vacancies

Mt Liebig

Position #	Service	Description	Type	Weekly Hours
401244	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Part-Time	20
403230	MacYouth	Youth Engagement Officer	Full-Time	38
403233	MacYouth	Youth Services Officer	Part-Time	9.5
502302	Council Serv	Customer Service Officer	Part-Time	19
502323	Council Serv	Works Assistant	Full-Time	38
502324	Council Serv	Works Assistant	Full-Time	38
502326	Council Serv	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19

Table data derived from XLOne Position Vacancy Report of Active Open Positions in the MRC Org Structure and approved by Managers: 11/07/2025



10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
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 Mr Liebig across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority of Mt Liebig notes and accepts the attached Council Services report.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Ken Satour – A/Director Council Services
Mark O'Bryan – Area Manager
Damien Ryan - Area Manager
Brad Horn – Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Council Services LA Report



Council Services

Mt Liebig

April '25 - June '25



**90% First Nations
Employees in SCD**



**7 Area Manager
Visits to
Community**



**Council Office
520 Hours of
Service**

Snapshot



**1867 Litres Fuel
Usage Total**



**17 Vehicles and Plant in
Use**



**75 Bins Emptied
Weekly**



**19 Street Lights Operational
0 Street Lights
Non-Operational**



**2 Sport Grounds
Maintained**



**9 Toolbox Talks
Completed**



**12 Australia Post
Deliveries**



**5 Generator
Services**



3 Water Tests



**21 Hours of
Maintenance
completed at Airstrip**



**4 Parks &
Playgrounds
Inspections**

Animal Management

- Animal Management Coordinator was on Community April 30, all houses visited
- Vets attended Community on June 11 and left on June 12; all homes were visited. No dogs were put down.

Cemetery Management

- The Solar lights have been picked up from Amoonguna and waiting on works to be completed at the cemetery and then lights can be installed, 1 for each corner.

Internal Road Maintenance

- At present the roads are in good condition with scheduled maintenance of sweeping to occur. Civil Team have been making positive inroads achieving maintained verges and reducing fuel around the community.

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Scheduled maintenance in place to reduce the weeds and control the rubbish level

Sports Grounds

- Scheduled maintenance is ongoing for the Football oval and Softball field. They are being slashed, sprayed and repairs carried out.

Waste Management

- Planned Community waste pick up occurs twice weekly and Hard rubbish once a week or more if there is a requirement for it.
- The Civil Team have been hindered of late by the very windy conditions and the added issue of dogs getting into unsecured bins.
- The waste facility fence is being damaged in several locations by people pushing them over and climbing on them.
- The Community needs to come together to not only reduce the rubbish in and around the community, as well the damage that is occurring around the community

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Scheduled maintenance and fuel clearing will continue in and around the community to help minimise both weeds and fire.
- Use of the Civil Team and council machinery is beneficial, and the key in achieving this.



10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE Community Services Report
AUTHOR Annaliza Rivera, Administrator 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, Children's Services and Youth Services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the attached Community Services Report.

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Ainsley Roscrow – A/ Director Community Services
Liz Scott - Manager of Community Safety
Rajan Khadka - A/Manager of Youth Services
Emma Hacche - A/Manager of Aged and Disability Services
Community Services Coordinators and Administration team

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Community Services Mt Liebig LAR April - June 2025



Local Authority Report

Mt Liebig
Community Safety
April - June 2025



- 6 Staff in the Mt Liebig Team
- There are no team vacancies
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal

- 358 Hours Patrolled
- 1,242 Hours Worked
- Work: 5-6 hour shifts Mon-Fri between 6.00pm - Midnight



195 Engagements
with young people



65 Engagements
with over 18's



108 Young people
taken home



34 Training Hours
with Coordinator



78 Are you okay?
Checks



No Community
gatherings

Highlights



- The Coordinator has visited Mt Liebig twice in this reporting period.
- Training has continued to be provided to the staff, in the new MRC IT operating system One Drive.
- The Team Leader and some of the staff are now checking emails, printing, scanning documents and sending timesheets.
- The Team Leader continues to provide training and support to new Casual Community Safety Staff.



Local Authority Youth Services Mt Liebig April - June 2025



Employees

5 staff
5 vacant positions



Activities

65 Activities
156 Hours



Engagements

77 young people
944 Engagement



Bush Trip

3



School Support

7



Training

1



Youth Board

1



Sport

19



Events

1

Highlights



- Mac Youth supported Ngurratjuta on the Junior Ranger Camp to New Haven.
- Mac Youth received sporting equipment as requested at the Youth Board.
- The new Basketball court is being used well.
- Currently recruiting for more Youth Services Officers.
- Staff attended 2 day first aid training.



Junior Ranger program at New Haven



Pool Competition



Show and Tell in the Rec Hall



Local Authority MacKids Mount Liebig

April - June 2025



5 Employees
80 % First Nation



19 - Enrolments



Training

- TL working towards Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care



Service Delivery
293 Hours



135 - Meals served



Vacancies
2 Educators



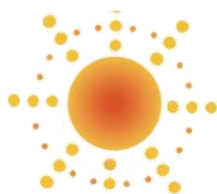
Support
44 hours
Coordinator Support



Stakeholder Engagement

- Mission Australia
- Clinic
- Department of Education
- Child Development team
- ACECQA
- ECY Regulatory Team

Highlights



- Our Team Leader is close to completing her Certificate and is looking forward to beginning her Diploma studies
- We are pleased to welcome more new children, as enrolments continue to increase.
- Successful and positive visit from the new ECY Regulatory team supporting compliance and safety in children's services



Local Authority MacKids Mount Liebig

April - June 2025



Encouraging children to gently explore their environment and supporting them in extending their play interests.



Using the home corner materials, eating health food and exploring colour and shape!

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE General Council Business
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:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority raises and discusses matters relating to general Council business.

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Mt Liebig Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

13. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE General Non-Council Business
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 feedback on matters that members may have regarding Non-Council Services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority raises and discusses matters of general Non-Council business.

BACKGROUND

Members can raise matters on services related to business outside of Council. This may include:

- NT Roads
- Education
- Health
- Land Management
- Housing

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Mount Liebig Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2025