



AGENDA

MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026

The Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Mount Liebig Council Office on Thursday 8 October 2026 at 10:30 AM.

Belinda Urquhart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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14 NEXT MEETING - 2027

15 MEETING CLOSED

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 02: Healthy Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Membership of the Local Authority
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **reviews the attendance at the previous meeting;**
- b) **notes that there are no vacancies on the Local Authority; and**
- c) **acknowledges that 2 consecutive absences without notice will result in a termination of membership.**

BACKGROUND

The chart below shows the attendance of the Local Authority members at the previous meeting:

Appointed Members Mount Liebig LA	Attendance at the meeting 15 July 2026
Chair Audrey Turner	Apology
Member Carol Peterson	Apology
Member Jeffery Wheeler	Present
Member Roderick Kantamara	Present
Member Tristan Robertson	Present
Member Rosalind Dixon	Apology
Member Dyson Wheeler	Absent

Elected Members Luritja Pintubi Ward	
Cr Dalton McDonald	Apology
Cr Lynn Ward	Present
Cr Tommy Conway	Apology

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

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

- a) To involve local communities more closely in issues related to local government; and
- b) To ensure that local communities are given an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government; and

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- 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 Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held 15 July 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Mt Liebig Local Authority Meetings as a true and correct record of the proceedings:

- Mount Liebig Local Authority meeting held 18 December 2025
- Provisional Mount Liebig Local Authority meeting held 15 April 2026.
- Provisional Mount Liebig Local Authority meeting held 15 July 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

1. MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING 8.12.2025 – MINUTES
2. MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING 15.4.2026 - MINUTES
3. MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 15.7.2026 - MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MOUNT
LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:09AM

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Audrey Turner (Chairperson), Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Tristan Robertson and Member Rosalind Dixon

Councillors

Councillor Dalton McDonald, Councillor Lynn Ward and President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Ainsley Roscrow – Executive Manager Aged and Children's Services, Damien Ryan – Area Manager, Lizzinna Ford – Customer Services and June Crabb – Governance Coordinator

Via Teams: Ruth Tahere – Project Management Office

Guests

Felix Meyer

Apologies:

Member Carol Peterson, Member Dyson Wheeler and Member Roderick Kantamara

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.

MLLA2025-55 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received for this meeting from Members Roderick Kantamara, Carol Peterson and Dyson Wheeler; and
- c) did not record any absences without notice, for this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Membership of the Local Authority
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2025-56 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Audrey Turner)

That the Local Authority:

- a) welcomed returning Councillor Dalton MacDonald and newly elected Councillor Lynn Ward to the Authority;
- b) was informed that Garrard Anderson has formally resigned as an elected member of Council resulting in a vacancy for the Luritja Pintubi Ward;
- c) noted that there are no vacancies on the Local Authority; and
- d) acknowledged that 2 consecutive absences without notice will result in a termination of membership.

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.

MLLA2025-57 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held 23 July 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

MLLA2025-58 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Mount Liebig Local Authority Meeting held 23 July 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2025-59 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Jeffrey Wheeler)

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2025-60 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Audrey Turner)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

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

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

MLLA2025-61 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged that \$20,282.56 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted that the following projects are a work in progress:
 - 2186 – Solar lights at the Cemetery; and
 - 2189 - Cultural Significance Exclusion signs.
- c) noted completion and closed:
 - 2184 – Plaque at Rec Hall, with \$959.09 returned to unallocated; and
 - 2188 – Sporting equipment with all funds fully expended.
- d) considered and accepted the following new project proposals:
 - Basketball Court upgrades - purchase and install two (2) new water bubblers and upgrade the Switchboard, allocating \$27,000.00 to the project.
 - Purchase and install one new beehive, allocating \$1,500.00.
- e) Added to the wishlist – Solar BBQ

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that the Local Authority currently has \$4,000.00 of unallocated discretionary funds;
- b) noted that this is the final Local Authority meeting for 2025;
- c) discussed the allocation of these funds and determined the following:
 - Members Jeffrey Wheeler and Tristan Robertson to organise and shop for a Community Christmas and a Community New Years event, allocating \$1,000.00 to each event; and
 - \$2,000.00 to an Easter Celebration
- d) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2026.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Council Services LA Report
AUTHOR:	Ellen Fitzgerald, Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2025-62 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the attached Council Services report.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Children's Services in Mt Liebig

MLLA2025-63 RESOLVED (Rosalind Dixon/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted Mt Liebig Children's Services report.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2025-64 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Rosalind Dixon)

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

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2025-65 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Local Authority noted that no matters were raised at this meeting.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	General Non-Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2025-66 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the updates from Tomas King – Department of Housing, Community Development and Local Government on the previous matters raised and closed these items; and
- b) did not raise any new Non-Council business matters.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 29 JANUARY, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:16 am.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held on Monday 8 December 2025 and are UNCONFIRMED.

UNCONFIRMED

MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MOUNT
LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.58AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON

MLLA2026-01 RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and nominated Tristan Robertson as Acting Chair of the Local Authority Meeting.

2 WELCOME

Acting Chair Tristan Robertson welcomed the attendees to the meeting and the meeting was declared provisional.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Tristan Robertson.

Councillors

Via Teams: Councillor Dalton McDonald and Councillor Lynn Ward

Council Employees

Executive Manager Children's and Aged Care Services Ainsley Roscrow, Acting Area Manager Council Services Rhiannon Collie, Council Services Coordinator Bradley Horn, Governance Coordinator Shae Millar

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg

Guests

Via Teams:

Adele McCorkindale – Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

Katharine O'Donoughue – Member for Gwoja's Office [Left the meeting at 11:20am]

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.

MLLA2026-02 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- f) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- g) tabled apologies received from Member Audrey Turner, Member Carol Peterson Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Roderick Kantamara, Member Dyson Wheeler, Member Rosalind Dixon, President Roxanne Kenny and CEO Belinda Urquhart for this meeting; and
- h) recorded no Member absences, without notice, from this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Membership of the Local Authority
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-03 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) were reminded of the by-election required to fill the existing vacancy on the Council for a member from the Luritja Pintubi Ward and that polling will be held in Mt Liebig on Thursday 16 April from 2:00pm to 4:30pm;
- b) noted that there are no vacancies on the Local Authority; and
- c) acknowledged that 2 consecutive absences without notice will result in a termination of membership.

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.

MLLA2026-04 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held 8 December 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

MLLA2026-05 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held 8 December 2025 will be tabled for confirmation at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-06 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and confirmed that the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, were received for consideration at this meeting.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-07 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- c) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and

- d) that members declared no conflicts of interest.

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-08 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted that the Census Engagement Team did not attend this meeting; and
- b) discussed the importance of maximum participation in the Census for funding for programs that benefit the community; and
- c) were advised that Census jobs could be applied for through Ngurratjuta.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

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

MLLA2026-09 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the Project Funding Acquittal and Certification [attached] as at 30 June 2025;
- b) acknowledged that \$16,216.96 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the project management office as follows:
 - Project 2186 ‘Solar Lights for the Cemetery’ – The footings have been installed. The installation is on hold until more Civil Team staff are available.
 - Project 2189 ‘Area of Cultural Significance Exclusion Zone Signs’ – PMO requested confirmation of how many signs are required. The signs are around \$500 each. The Local Authority advised that at least 4 signs are required. These will be acquired with further consultation expected if further signs are required.
 - Project 2420 ‘Basketball Court Upgrade – inc Switchboard and 2 New water Bubbler’ allocated \$15,000.00 additional funds for water bubbler installation costs.
 - Project 2421 ‘Purchase and Install one new Beehive’ The PMO requested clarification about purchasing bee handling equipment along with the beehive and the Local Authority decided to discuss this at the next meeting;
- d) were advised that the 2025-26 LAPF Funding of \$33,100.00 has been received and is reflected in the budget consideration;
- e) were advised that the purchase and installation of the wish-list item ‘Solar BBQ’ would be between \$45,000.00 - \$50,000.00; and
- f) requested an update from the Project Management Office about the status of the frame for the plaque for Kumantjai Jackson that will allow it to be attached to the wall.

Minute Note: Katharine O'Donoghue left the meeting at 11:20 .

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-10 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) accepted that \$1,593.02 was spent on the barbeque for the memorial for Kumantjai Jackson and the opening of the new basketball court;
- b) noted that \$2,000 was allocated for Christmas and New Years Eve events with no purchase orders raised;
- c) acknowledged that \$1,740.33 was spent on the Easter celebration;
- d) noted that this is the final meeting for the current financial year;
- e) decided to allocate the remaining funds of \$2,684.77 using a Local Authority Discretionary Funds Allocation Letter so that other members could be consulted; and
- f) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2026.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-11 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted and accepted the attached report.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-12 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and

- a) noted and accepted the Community Safety and Youth Services report;
- b) requested that the Community Safety team prioritise getting kids home safely at night and ensure that they are patrolling as much as possible during their shifts; and
- c) requested that the youth team address inappropriate behaviours outside the rec-hall. These will be followed up as operational matters.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Children's Services.

MLLA2026-13 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted and accepted the Children's Services Report.

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-14 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and did not raise any matters of general Council business.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and raised the following matters of Non-Council business:

- a) that Tristan Robertson has 2 broken doors on the outside of his house and that he has reported this through the 1800 number numerous times with no result. Adele McCorkindale advised that Housing has a new system in place where a reference number can be requested when reporting issues. This will assist in tracking the progress of maintenance issues. Adele also advised that the HRG Meeting would be in Mount Liebig on the 16 April and advised that Tristan raise this matter with the representatives from Housing.
- b) were advised that pest control will be rolled out in all communities with dates to be advised;
- c) the CSC raised that community members are being supplied power over and above what they have pre-paid for and that they are then accumulating large power bills;
- d) Adele advised that at the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting members were advised that they could contact Bill Yan's office for assistance. [Governance will seek clarification from Adele about whether the Member for Namitjira Bill Yan is the appropriate contact rather than the member for Gwoja]; and
- e) Member Tristan Robertson advised that he had contacted Power and Water directly and was able to make an agreeable arrangement directly with them.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 15 JULY, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:07 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MOUNT
LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.47AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON

MLLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and nominated Roderick Kantamara as Acting Chair of the Local Authority meeting.

2 WELCOME

The attendees were welcomed by Roderick Kantamara and the meeting was declared provisional.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Roderick Kantamara and Member Tristan Robertson.

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny and Councillor Lynn Ward.

Council Employees

CEO Belinda Urquhart, A/Director Council Services Stuart Millar, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety Libby Taylor, Council Services Coordinator Tinashe Mutanga and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg.

Guests

Shelly Beatie – Manager Community Development – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development, NTG.

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.

MLLA2026-17 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- i) noted the Member's attendance;**

- j) tabled apologies received from Councillor Tommy Conway, Councillor Dalton McDonald, Member Audrey Turner, Member Carol Peterson and Member Rosalind Dixon; and
- k) recorded the first absence, without notice, of Member Dyson Wheeler for this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Membership of the Local Authority
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-18 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) were informed that Councillor Tommy Conway was elected to Council in the recent by-election;
- b) noted that there are no vacancies on the Local Authority; and
- c) acknowledged that 2 consecutive absences without notice will result in a termination of membership.

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.

MLLA2026-19 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held 15 April 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

MLLA2026-20 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Tristan Robertson)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and read the unconfirmed minutes of the following Mt Liebig Local Authority meetings and will confirm them at the next meeting:

- Mount Liebig Local Authority meeting held 18 December 2025
- Mount Liebig Local Authority meeting held 15 April 2026.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-21 RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted that the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, were received for consideration at this meeting.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-22 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

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

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

MLLA2026-23 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Lynn Ward)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) acknowledged that there are no funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the project management office as follows:
 - Project 2186 'Solar Lights for the Cemetery' – the PMO is working with the CSC and expects installation to be completed in the coming weeks.
 - Project 2189 'Area of Cultural Significance Exclusion Zone Signs' - a quote for sign posts has been requested. The Local Authority Members will advise Council Services of where the signs will be installed.
 - Project 2420 'Basketball Court Upgrade – inc Switchboard and 2 New Water Bubblers' - the water bubblers have been plumbed in and an electrician is being organised to finish installation which should occur next month.
 - Project 2421 'Purchase and Install One New Beehive' - Members advised that they would like the necessary beehive accessories purchased as part of this project and the PMO will work with Stuart Millar to ascertain what is required. An additional \$5,000.00 was allocated to this project;
- c) created a new project '3 x Caution Horse / Camel Road Signs' - the PMO to work with Stuart Millar on design choices and allocated \$5,000.00 to this project; and
- d) removed 'Wii Sports or PlayStation for the Rec Hall', 'Beauty Supplies' and 'Disco Ball and Outfits' from the wish-list as Youth Services is purchasing similar items.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-24 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Tristan Robertson)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) accepted the spending of the 2025/26 discretionary funds;
- b) received the discretionary funds for the new financial year;
- c) did not allocate any funds at this meeting; and
- d) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2027.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-25 RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted and accepted the Council Services report.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-26 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Safety and Youth Services report; and
- b) requested that the Community Safety team include the area near the store in their patrol as children have been vandalising the petrol bowser. This will be followed up as part of normal operations.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Children's Services.

MLLA2026-27 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Roderick Kantamara)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted and accepted the Children's Services report.

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-28 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and raised the following matters of general Council business:

- a) that one of the solar lights in the sing-along area is not working and that it stopped working after heavy rain at the beginning of the year; and
- b) that the generator on the trailer is failing to start.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-29 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Jeffrey Wheeler)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and raised the following matters of Non-Council business:

- a) that Tristan Robertson [Lot 82] has reported that his screen door is broken and the security light is not working multiple times using the 1800 number with no result; and
- b) that many fences at houses in the community are in need of repair after damage by a large number of camels in the community at the beginning of the year.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:47 am.

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7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER 7.1
TITLE Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

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

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

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

Information and Opportunities

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

Undue Influence

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

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

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

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

If you do have a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

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

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Non-Council Business
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters that concerns community as a whole; in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

- Roads outside of MRC's area
- Education
- NT Health
- NT Police
- Land Management
- Other Service Providers

Members are strongly encouraged to report individual housing issues directly to NT Housing by calling their toll-free line on 1800 104 076.
Local Authority discussions will focus on broader issues that affect the wider community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) receives updates on the previous matters; and
- b) raises and discusses new matters of Non-Council business.

BACKGROUND

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

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Mount Liebig Local Authority 15/07/2026	NTG	Non-Council Business	Lot 82 maintenance
15 Jul 26 MLLA2026-29 That the Local Authority raised that Tristan Robertson [Lot 82] has reported that his screen door is broken and the security light is not working multiple times using the 1800 number with no result.			

21/07/2026 Response from Dee McCorkindale – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

Shelly Beattie the Community development team Director attended the meeting in person and supported Tristan Robertson and Geoffrey Wheeler to contact the 1800 104 076 number to report their R&M matters.

On return to office Shelly provided feedback to the Housing Property Services Director about the experience positives and negatives. This feedback was valued and the HPS team continue to work with our service providers to strengthen both accessibility and service delivery for tenants in remote communities.

Response -

While some of the questions asked during a call can appear repetitive, they form part of a structured process designed to ensure requests are accurately recorded, existing works are identified, and tenants receive the most up-to-date information available. In cases where an issue has been reported previously, our team will often undertake additional enquiries before creating a new request.

This allows us to determine whether a work order already exists and to engage directly with the contractor regarding attendance timeframes. By doing so, we can provide tenants with meaningful updates, minimise duplication, and ensure that limited remote maintenance funding is directed towards delivering works rather than administering duplicate requests.

As part of our customer service standards, callers are also offered the option of receiving a reference number for their request. Where this option is taken up, there can be a short delay while the system generates and allocates the relevant reference /work order number before it can be provided.

The Dept. Housing, Local Govt, Community Development (DHLGCD) Housing Property Services (HPS) team remain committed to improving the customer journey while ensuring maintenance requests are managed efficiently, transparently and in a manner that delivers the best outcomes for tenants and communities. Our aim is every caller receives a positive engagement with the department.

Any further discussion of matters relating to individual houses must be followed up outside of this meeting.

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Mount Liebig Local Authority 15/07/2026	NTG	Non-Council Business	Fence Maintenance
15 Jul 26 MLLA2026-29 That the Local Authority raised that many fences at houses in the community are in need of repair after damage by a large number of camels in the community at the beginning of the year.			
17/08/2026 Response from Housing Property Services provided by Dee McCorkindale – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development. The fencing issues have been assessed and are under consideration at this time.			

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 11.1
TITLE Action Register
AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority

- a) accepts the updates on the action items; and
- b) closes the resolved items.

BACKGROUND

Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject
Mount Liebig Local Authority 15/07/2026	Council Services	Solar light at sing-along
MLLA2026-28: Solar light at Sing-a-long not working Raised that one of the solar lights in the sing-along area is not working and that it stopped working after heavy rain at the beginning of the year. 21-Jul-26: Governance emailed MRC area managers and Tinashe 29-Sep-26 update from Council Services CLC has installed a fence and lights at the singalong area. Recommend closing this action.		

Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject
Mount Liebig Local Authority 15/07/2026	Council Services	Generator Trailer
MLLA2026-28 – Generator needs attention Raised that the generator on the trailer is failing to start. 21-Jul-26: Governance emailed MRC area managers and Tinashe 29-Sep-26 Update from Council Services The loss of the generator trailer key has delayed the assessment of the generator. Council Services has now located a spare key, allowing the assessment to proceed. A replacement key will also be cut. The next steps will be determined following the assessment.		

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	11.2
TITLE	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making

Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities

Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

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

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledges that there are no funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- b) notes the progress on their current projects as provided by the project management office;**
- c) closes any completed projects returning its unused funds to unallocated; and**
- d) discusses the priority of the wish-list items.**

BACKGROUND

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

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

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Project 2181		3 x Caution Horse/Camel Road Signs	\$
		Status	Committed
15-Jul-26	Res.023 – The PMO to work with Stuart Millar on design choices and allocated \$5,000.00 to this project.		\$5,000.00
	underspend remaining		\$5,000.00

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.009 – 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.		
23-Jul-25	Res.048 - the lights have been collected from Amoonguna. Waiting on the completion of works on the fence-line before the civil team install the lights.		
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Lights are currently being installed but not completed at this time.		
15-Apr-26	Res.009 – The footings have been installed. The installation is on hold until more Civil Team staff are available.		
15-Jul-26	Res.023 – The PMO is working with the CSC and expects installation to be completed in the coming weeks.		
	underspend remaining		\$7,902.63

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Project 2189 Area of Cultural Significance Exclusion Zone Signs		\$
	Status	Committed
23-Jul-25	Res.048 – Created a new project - Area of Cultural Significance Exclusion Zone Signs – these will be large signs using inclusive terms so that they can be used to restrict access to men’s areas, women’s areas and cultural areas. Allocated \$5,000.00 to acquire as many signs as possible within this budget.	\$5,000.00
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Indicative quotes have been sourced - to consult with members regarding wording.	
15-Apr-26	Res.009 – PMO requested confirmation of how many signs are required. The signs are around \$500 each. The Local Authority advised that at least 4 signs are required. These will be acquired with further consultation expected if further signs are required.	
11-May-26	Invoice received from TJ Signs.	-\$1,268.00
15-Jul-26	Res.023 – A quote for signposts has been requested. The Local Authority Members will advise Council Services of where the signs will be installed.	
3-Aug-26	Invoice received from Bluedust NT - poles and caps.	-\$569.00
	underspend remaining	\$3,163.00

Project 2420 Basketball Court Upgrade - inc Switchboard and 2 new water bubblers		\$
	Status	Committed
8-Dec-25	Res.061 – Created a new project - Basketball Court upgrades - upgrade the Switchboard and purchase and install two (2) new water bubblers, allocating \$27,000.00 to the project.	\$27,000.00
19-Dec-25	PO raised for Civiq Pty Ltd - bubblers.	
27-Jan-26	Invoice received from Steve's Electrix Pty Ltd - connect power.	-\$4,024.69
15-Apr-26	Res.009 – Allocated \$15,000.00 additional funds for water bubbler installation costs.	\$15,000.00
11-Feb-26	Invoice received from Civiq Pty Ltd - bubblers.	-\$21,145.20
15-Jul-26	Res.023 – The water bubblers have been plumbed in and an electrician is being organised to finish installation which should occur next month.	
17-Sep-26	Purchase Order raised with Homeland Electrical and Refrigeration	-\$9,090.00
	underspend remaining	\$7,740.00

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Project 2421 Purchase and Install one new Beehive		\$
	Status	Committed
8-Dec-25	Res.061 – Created a new project - Purchase and install one new beehive, allocating \$1,500.00.	\$1,500.00
15-Apr-26	Res.009 – The PMO requested clarification about purchasing bee handling equipment along with the beehive and the Local Authority decided to discuss this at the next meeting.	
15-Jul-26	Res.023 – Members advised that they would like the necessary beehive accessories purchased as part of this project and the PMO will work with Stuart Millar to ascertain what is required. An additional \$5,000.00 was allocated to this project.	\$5,000.00
	underspend remaining	\$6,500.00

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$30,305.74
	Total un-allocated funds	\$14,039.02
	Total unspent funds	\$44,344.76

Wishlist Items		
1-Mar-23	Upgrades to Cemetery Seek quotes for fencing, plaques and decorations	PMO
1-Mar-23	Upgrade Playground equipment Seek quotes for new/upgrade equipment	PMO
23-Jul-25	PMO advised that a minimum spend would be \$70,000.00 with a preference for \$100,000.00 for a new park.	
1-Mar-23	More trees around Park Seek quotes for mature trees	PMO
23-Jul-25	PMO advised that mature native trees cannot be purchased in Alice Springs. Smaller ones can be purchased but they have a cost. Before spending money the LA should consider whether they will be damaged by children.	
10-May-24	Boundary fencing. Quotes and measurements required	
23-Jul-25	Clarified that this was fencing around the entire community.	
08-Dec-25	Solar BBQ The PMO advised that a solar BBQ will cost between \$45,000.00 - 50,000.00	
15-Apr-26		

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Examples of unacceptable purposes for Expenditure include:

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

Funds from the Grant must be fully expended within two years or in the case of major projects, within four years of receipt of the first years' funding.

Failure to expend the funds may result in the funds being returned to the Northern Territory Government or future funding being delayed.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Project Management Office

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 11.3
TITLE Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes that no funds were allocated at the previous meeting;
- b) discusses allocating the remaining funds of \$4,000.00; and
- c) acknowledges that these funds must be spent, with goods received by 30 June 2027.

BACKGROUND

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

- Community BBQ's
- Sports weekends
- Naidoc Celebration
- Youth Board
- Community Christmas and New Year's Festivities
- Community competitions – Tidy yards / Christmas lights

Current Financial Year Funds Allocation

Date	2026/2027 Discretionary Funds	Budget \$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

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE 2609 - Council Services - Mt Liebig LAR
AUTHOR Prisca Mufambisi, Senior Admin Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Keith Hassett – Deputy Chief Executive Officer | Director Council Services
Victor Morgan – Area Manager
Tinashe Mutanga – Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

1 2609 - Council Services - Mt Liebig LAR



Council Services Mt Liebig



**86% First Nations
Employees in SCD**



**7893 bottles filled since
refill station was
installed**



**Council Office
463 Hours of
Service**

Snapshot



**1400 Litres Fuel
Usage Total**



**17 Vehicles and Plant in
Use**



**75 Bins Emptied
Weekly**



**18 Street Lights Operational
1 Street Lights
Non-Operational**



**2 Sport Grounds
Maintained**



**11/12 Toolbox Talks
Completed**



**10 Australia Post
Deliveries**



**4 Generator
Services**



6 Water Tests



**12 Hours of
Maintenance
completed at Airstrip**



**6 Parks &
Playgrounds
Inspections**

Animal Management

- Animal Management Coordinator visited the community in March 2026 and completed household visits across the community.
- Animal Management and Vet services are scheduled to visit the community from 24-26 November 2026

Cemetery Management

- Routine cemetery management continues, including ongoing fence maintenance and general cleaning of the area.
- A firebreak has been completed around the cemetery to assist with fire prevention and site protection.

Internal Road Maintenance

- Roads remain in good condition, with ongoing roadside cleaning and rubbish removal activities.
- Planned maintenance of road edges continues across the community.
- Despite recent rainfall and vegetation growth impacting operations, the Civil Team has completed roadside grass cutting and will continue regular maintenance to keep conditions under control.

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Public areas continue to be maintained, with grass cutting and litter collection undertaken by the Civil Team.
- Community awareness activities are ongoing to encourage the use of wheelie bins and improve waste management practices.
- Additional wheelie bins to be provided in the community to support cleaner public spaces.

Sports Grounds

- The football oval and softball field remain part of the Civil Team's planned maintenance schedule.
- Regular weed spraying and ground maintenance activities continue to maintain safe and usable sporting facilities.

Waste Management

- Scheduled community waste collection continues twice weekly, with hard rubbish collected once per week.
- Maintenance of the waste facility perimeter fence is ongoing, despite staffing constraints.
- Community members are encouraged to respect facility infrastructure and contact Council for assistance with any items at the waste site.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Civil works have continued to reduce natural fuel loads, with overgrown grass cut across key areas of the community.
- Ongoing mowing and vegetation management are helping maintain natural fuels at safe and manageable levels.
- Regular maintenance activities continue to support community fire mitigation efforts.



12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.2
TITLE Youth Services and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Libby Taylor - Executive Manager of Youth and Community Safety
Yarran Cavalier - Coordinator of Community Safety
Youth Coordinators and Admin

ATTACHMENTS

1 Youth and Community Safety Mt Liebig LAR - July August 2026



Local Authority Report

Mt Liebig
Community Safety
July- August 2026



- 4 Staff in the Mt Liebig Team
- There are no team vacancies
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal
- Hours Patrol 246
- Work: 5-6 hour shifts Mon-Fri between 6.00pm - Midnight



253 Engagements
with young people



120 Engagements
with over 18's



110 Young people
taken home



8 Training Hours
with Coordinator



114 Are you okay?
Checks



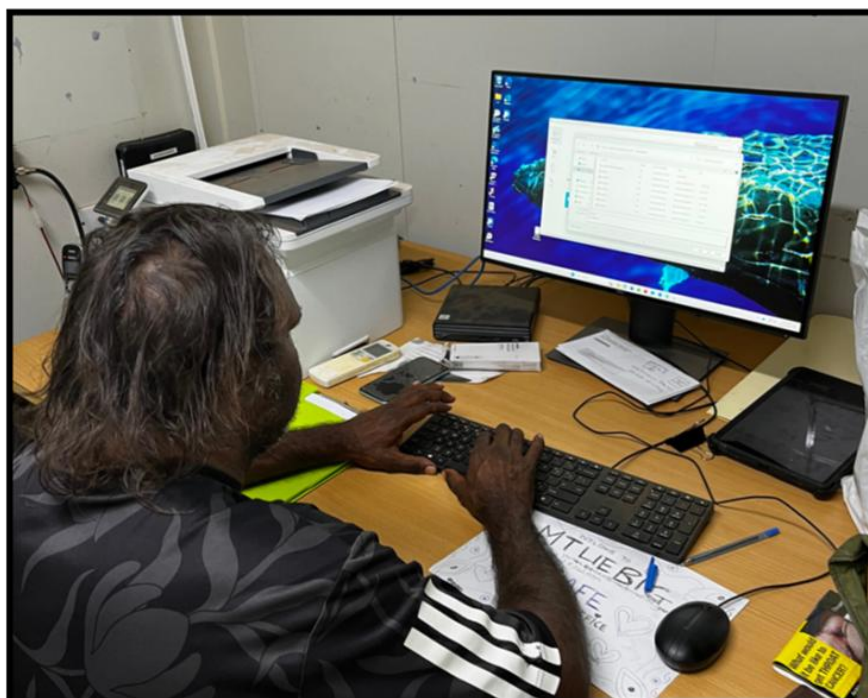
0 Community
gatherings

Highlights



- There was one visit to the Mt Liebig Community during this operating period.
- During this visit by the Southern Region coordinator trained the team with the I-Pad and other IT Equipment.
- The team also were trained in how to complete a Vehicle check using the Fleetio App and cleaned the vehicle inside and out.
- There has been a successful recruitment for the West Communities Coordinator position who will be able to maintain regular support for the program moving forward.

Jeffrey training on Computer



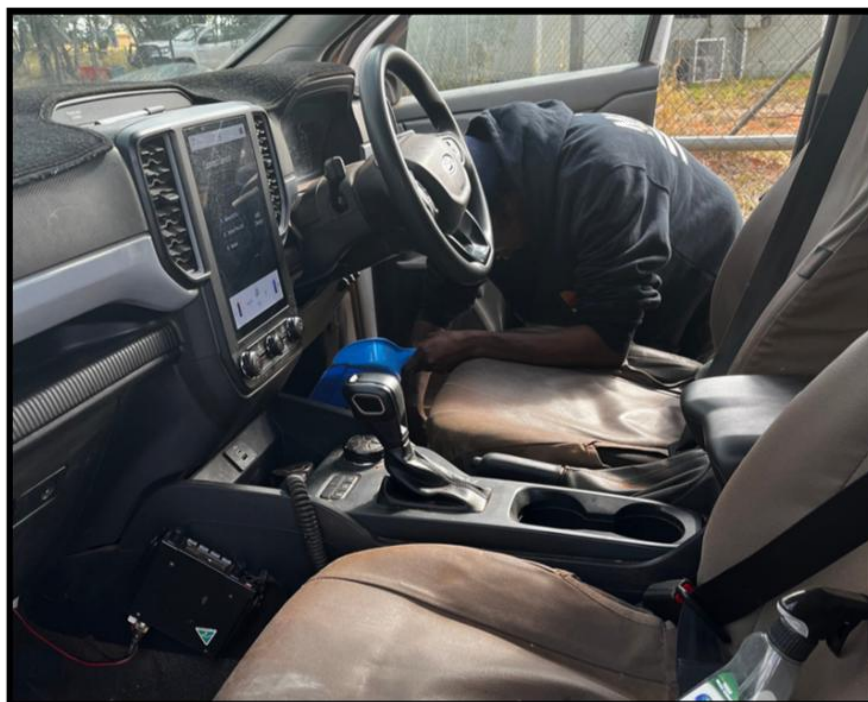
Jeffrey showing off his new Winter Jacket



Jeffrey on Night Patrol



Serinna Cleaning the Vehicle and doing a Fleetio check



Mt Liebig team on Patrol



Mt Liebig Kids out at night





Local Authority Youth Services Mt Liebig July-August 26



Employees

4 Staff
75% Aboriginal Staff



Hours

320 Hours
open



Engagements

60 Participants
311 Engagement



Bush Trip

0



Art Craft

6



Average Participant Age

13



Youth Board

0



Activities Delivered

80



Events

1

Highlights



- **Staff Contribution:** Due to unpredictable weather and occasional storms, Youth Services staff regularly arrive early to prepare the program area for the day.
- Following strong winds, staff worked together to collect rubbish, clear debris, and restore the grounds, ensuring a clean, safe and welcoming environment for children and community members.
- **Regular Girls Programs:** Youth Services runs regular Girls' Night sessions where girls enjoy painting, nail care, self-care activities, and women's yarns with Elder women. Staff also provide care bags with women's health and wellbeing items, creating a safe and welcoming space that promotes wellbeing, confidence, cultural sharing, and community connection.
- **Youth Engagement Activities:** Youth Services regularly delivers arts and crafts, basketball, and movie nights for children and young people. These activities encourage creativity, physical activity, teamwork, social connection, and provide a fun and safe space for participants to enjoy together.

Girls are playing basket ball which promote physical activity, teamwork, and confidence.



During the school holidays, youth participated in Men's Night activities where they practised playing the guitar, developed new skills in a positive and supportive environment.



Arts and crafts sessions allow children to express their creativity through painting and contribute to the growing community art gallery,.



Youth participated in regular basketball sessions where they practised their skills, stayed active, built confidence, and enjoyed playing together.



12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.3
TITLE Children Services Report
AUTHOR Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Children's Services.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Children's Services programs continue to be delivered in line with funding requirements

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Ainsley Roscow – Executive Manager of Aged and Children's Services
Felistus Mutanga – Team Leader Mt Liebig Learning
And Administration

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Children Services Mt Liebig July - August 2026



Local Authority Mt Liebig July - August 2026



4 Employees
75% First Nation



20 - Enrolments



30 hours

**Coordinator & Manager
support**



168

Service Delivery



84

Meals served



Training

- Team Leader & Educators attended face to face Child Safe Foundation Training.
- Team Leader completed Certificate III of Early Childhood Education and Care.
- 3 Educator enrolled in Cert III Early Childhood Education and Care



**Stakeholder
Engagement**

Families

NT Health, Mental Health Support

NT Health, Nutritionist

NTG Environmental Health

Highlights

- Team Leader and Educators successfully completed Child Safe Foundation Training; both online and face to face.
- Families are becoming more involved in the children's activity journal.
- Team Leader travelled once a week to Papunya support the program.



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Children building balance on rocking toys, navigating tricycles, practising tracing, and exploring creative materials.





Local Authority Mt Liebig July - August 2026



Children participated in a range of guided learning, creative exploration, and collaborative activities.



Local Authority Mt Liebig July - August 2026



Team Leaders and Educators completed the Child Safe Training Foundation Course 1 & 2, facilitated by the Executive Manager Aged and Children's Services.



13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE General Council Business

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
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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.