



AGENDA

PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY 24 JULY 2025

The Papunya Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Papunya Council Office on Thursday 24 July 2025 at 10:30 AM.

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

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

That members:

- a) notes the attendance; and
- b) accepts the apologies received for the meeting

3.2 ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

That members records the absences without notice to this meeting.

3.3 RESIGNATIONS

NIL

3.4 TERMINATIONS

NIL

3.5. NOMINATIONS/MEMBERSHIP

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| ITEM NUMBER | 3.5.1 |
| TITLE | Nominations to the Local Authority |
| REFERENCE | - |
| AUTHOR | Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance |

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the changes to the membership of the Local Authority.

Two vacancies on the Authority were created due to the dismissal of Sebastian Allen for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings and a resignation submitted by Sammy Butcher.

Council endorsed the nomination received from Garrad Anderson, subsequently, leaving one vacancy to fill on the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **notes the vacancy on the Local Authority;**
- b) **notes absences from two consecutive meetings results in instant dismissal from the Authority; and**
- c) **calls for community nominations to remain open until the vacancy is filled.**

BACKGROUND

The charts below shows the current membership of the Papunya Local Authority (*the Authority*) and its vacancies:

| 7 out of 8 Appointed Members | Attendance noted at the meeting held 3 April 2025 |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Chairperson Karen McDonald | Absent |
| Member Sarah Stockman | Present |
| Member Terrance Abbott | Absent |
| Member Graham Poulson | Present |
| Member Justine Stockman | Present |
| Member Sammy [Casey] Pearce | Absent |
| Member Garrad Anderson | Apology |
| VACANT | |
| Ward Councillors | |
| Councillor Jason Minor | Present |
| Councillor Dalton McDonald | Acting Chair |
| Councillor Tommy Conway | Present |
| | |
| President Roxanne Kenny | 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
- (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

Papunya 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 Papunya Local Authority notes the Council Code of Conduct.

MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct

Interests of the Council and Community come first

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

Honesty

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

Taking care

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

Respect/Courtesy

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

Conduct towards council staff

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

Respect for culture

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

Conflict of interest

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

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

Respect for private business

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

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

Gifts

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

Accountable

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

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

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

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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| ITEM NUMBER | 5.1 |
| TITLE | Confirmation of Previous Minutes |
| REFERENCE | - |
| AUTHOR | Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning |



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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Papunya Local Authority Meeting of 3rd April 2025 be adopted by a resolution of Papunya Local Authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 PLA Minutes 3 April 2025



MINUTES OF THE PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
PAPUNYA COUNCIL OFFICE AND VIA TEAMS ON THURSDAY 3 APRIL 2025 AT
10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open as a provisional meeting at 10.56AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR

PLA2025-019 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jason Minor)

That the Local Authority nominated Dalton McDonald as Acting Chair for this Meeting.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Dalton McDonald

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Via Teams from Papunya: Member Justine Stockman

Via Teams from Alice Springs: Member Graham Poulson and Member Sarah Stockman
Joined at 12:07pm.

Councillors:

Via Teams from Alice Springs: Deputy President Dalton McDonald and Councillor Tommy Conway.

Via Teams from Mount Liebig: Councillor Jason Minor.

Council Employees:

Via Teams from Alice Springs: Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Mark O'Byran - Area Manager
Council Services, James Walsh – Manager Project Management Office, and Shae
Thompson – Coordinator Governance.

Via Teams from Papunya: Rhiannon Collie – Council Services Coordinator Papunya

Via teams external: Ruth Tahare – Project Officer Project Management Office

Guests:

Via Teams external: Jenifer Newman and Fred Masters – Department of Social Services.

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2025

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny and Member Jarrard Anderson

Absentees:

Member Terence Abbott, Member Casey (Sammy) Pearce and Chairperson Karen McDonald.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the changes to the membership of the Local Authority.

Two vacancies on the Authority were created due to the dismissal of Sebastian Allen for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings and a resignation submitted by Sammy Butcher.

PLA2025-020 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Justine Stockman)

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

- a) noted the vacancy on the Local Authority; and
- b) called for community nominations to remain open until the vacancy is filled.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

PLA2025-021 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jason Minor)

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

Minute Note: Member Sarah Stockman joined the meeting at 12:07pm and quorum was achieved.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

PLA2025-022 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Sarah Stockman)

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That the Minutes of the Papunya Local Authority meeting of 5th February 2025 were adopted by a resolution of the Papunya Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

PLA2025-023 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Sarah Stockman)

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

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

PLA2025-024 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Jason Minor)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

PLA2025-025 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Jason Minor)

That the Papunya Local Authority did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 REMOTE HOUSING - REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND TENANCY TEAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

Minute Note: Representatives did not attend the meeting.

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

PLA2025-026 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Sarah Stockman)

That the Local Authority:

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- a) noted and accepted the presentation from the Department of Social Services;
- b) supported the installation of two units that will free Wi-Fi System in Papunya;
- c) noted that the wi-fi can be turned off at times nominated by the community;
- d) noted that there are content blockers so that people cannot access gambling sites and pornography;
- e) suggested the basketball court and the store as possible sites for the wi-fi systems; and
- f) noted that two Kiosks could be installed that can display content videos and suggested that these should be installed inside buildings to prevent damage.

8.3 NT TRACHOMA PROGRAM & INDIGENOUS EYE HEALTH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

Minute Note: Representatives did not attend the meeting due to technical issues.

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.

PLA2025-027 RESOLVED (Justine Stockman/Jason Minor)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the progress on the action items as follows:

- a) noted that the speed bumps have been ordered and kept this item open;
- b) noted that the exclusion signs are on order and will be installed by the civil team and kept this item open;
- c) noted that the CEO has followed up on the aged care item as an operational matter and closed this item;
- d) noted that the CEO has raised the reduced visibility on the corner of Kintore Road with DIPL and closed this item;
- e) noted that CDP has begun work on resurfacing the foot bridge across the creek and closed this item; and
- f) noted that the CEO requested that the CEO of CLC attend the next LA meeting and that it was agreed that he would instead attend the next Council meeting where Councillors will be able to raise any issues from their communities and report back to the Local Authorities 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.

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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.

PLA2025-028 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority discussed and accepted the following priorities that will be added to the regional plan and the community infrastructure plan for Papunya:

- softball lights;
- more trees;
- 4 playgrounds;
- a gathering Space;
- BMX track;
- replace old basketball court with fake grass for soccer; and
- tourist information centre near the police station.

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.

PLA2025-029 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$113,870.13 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- b) considered allocating 10% of its annual budget toward projects identified by the Youth Board;
- c) noted the recommendations of the Youth Board and were advised of the following:
 - the Sports Equipment, the Playstation 5 and the Equipment for the Ladies Night should all be covered through Youth Program funding.
 - the splash pad project that may be installed near or at the small football oval area will incorporate solar lights so at this stage this would not need

to be funded by the Local Authority;

- d) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office as follows:
 - 2192 Mature Established Trees - waiting for a response from Greg Drew from Ngurratjuta.
 - 2195 Healthy Communities Event – the PMO is working to coordinate multiple stakeholders in order to determine the timing of the event.
 - 2198 Trailer Bin – expected delivery time to Alice Springs is two months.
 - 2501 Windows and Seats for Church Restoration – moved this project to the wishlist and moved remaining funds of \$29,147.09 to project 2508 Sunday School.
 - 2505 Yarning Circle – Benches have arrived, the civil team has cleared the area and will install the benches and firepits once the weather improves.
 - 2508 Sunday School - Allocated funding from project 2501 so that this project can move forward;
- e) closed project 2506 Garden Shed with Tools for Cemetery and returned unspent funds to unallocated; and
- f) added the following items to the wishlist:
 - A playground on the East side.
 - Solar lights near the old recording studio.
 - Project 2501 Windows and Seats for Church Restoration.

9.4 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

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

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

PLA2025-030 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Justine Stockman)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$580.07 have been spent on supporting youth attending Cultural Business over three occasions;
- b) noted that the unspent funds are equal to \$33.54; and
- c) noted that these funds will be held for use in the next financial year.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 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.

PLA2025-031 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority:

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- a) accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Papunya; and
- b) noted that job posters will be displayed in multiple locations within the community.

10.2 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT - PAPUNYA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Papunya.

PLA2025-032 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Sarah Stockman)

That the Local Authority of Papunya:

- a) noted and accepted the Council Services report; and
- b) advised that there will be a sports weekend on the Kings birthday weekend.

10.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Services in Papunya.

PLA2025-033 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Sarah Stockman)

That the Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 28 February 2025 in the Papunya Local Authority community.

PLA2025-034 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Jason Minor)

That the Local Authority

- a) noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 28th February 2025; and
- b) requested that the CEO send an update on the timeline of the solar upgrades at Green Valley out-station to Sarah Stockman.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

PLA2025-035 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Graham Poulson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) raised and discussed that people are still driving on tracks within the community rather than using roads and that bollards are being installed near the small football oval to discourage this; and

- b) requested that the CEO follow up on the signs redirecting heavy traffic through the community.

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.

PLA2025-036 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Graham Poulson)

That the Local Authority raised and discussed matters of General Non-Council Business as follows:

- a) requested that a representative from the school be invited to provide the Local Authority with updates on how the school is running; and
- b) requested that police attend a future meeting to update members on matters within the community and were advised that the police have a standing invitation to attend Local Authority meetings.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 10 JULY, 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:34 pm.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the minutes of the Papunya Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 3 April 2025 and are UNCONFIRMED.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

**6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED
RECOMMENDATION**

That the Papunya Local Authority accepts the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting.

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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| 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 Papunya Local Authority Meeting:

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

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

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

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

Information and Opportunities

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

Undue Influence

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

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

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

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

If you do have a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

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

8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

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

**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 for 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.

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

The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

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| ITEM NUMBER | 8.2 |
| TITLE | 2025 Local Government Elections |
| REFERENCE | - |
| 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) **urges all eligible residents to ensure they are enrolled to vote;**
- b) **encourages community members to consider nominating as candidates;**
- c) **notes that nominations are open until Thursday 31 July;**
- e) **notes and accepts the Information for Candidates on 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 Information for Candidates for the 2025 Local Government Elections
- 2 Local Government Nomination Form
- 3 Voter enrolment 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.

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Municipals



Regional Councils



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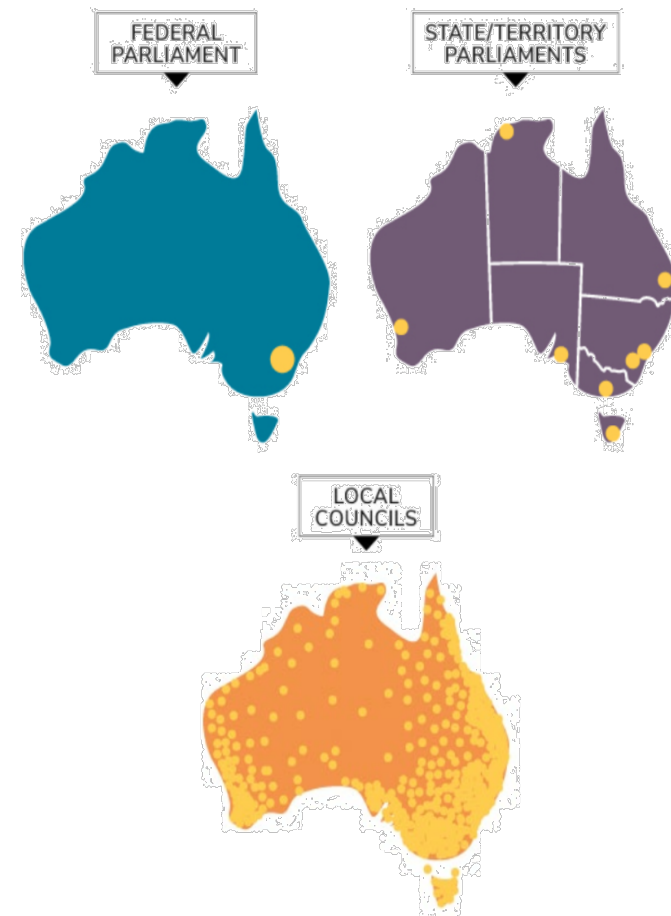
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Local Government Councils

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.**



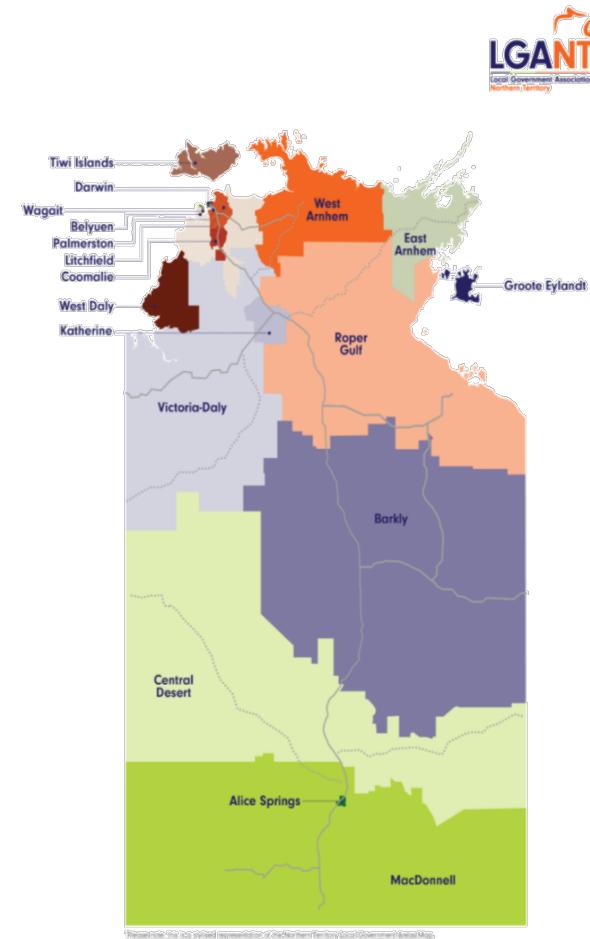
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Local Government Councils

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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Nominations

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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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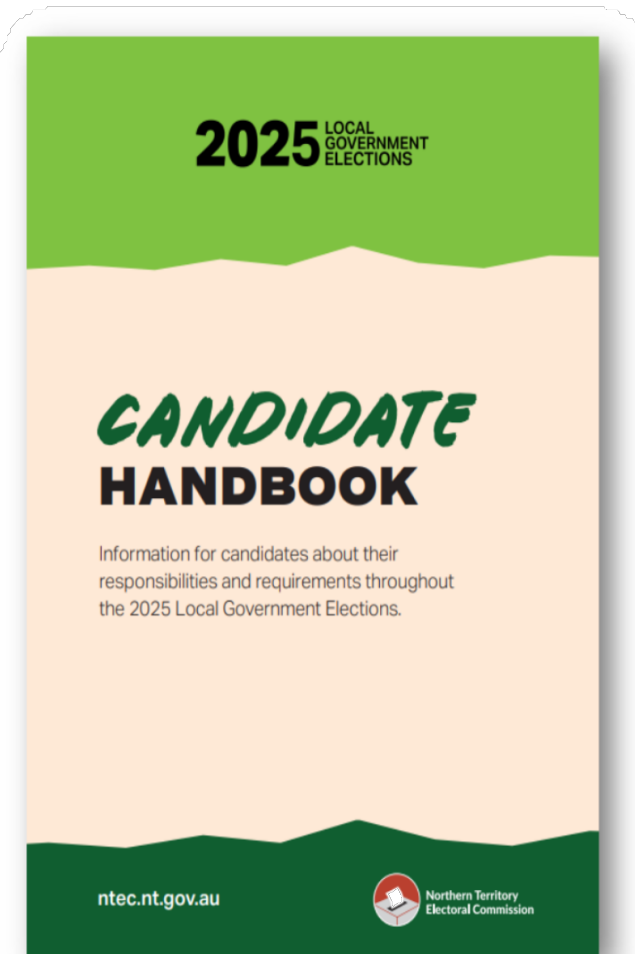
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Planning YOUR Campaign

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*.

You don't need a big resume.
Just big reasons.



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Councils shape our communities – **so they should reflect them.**

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Northern Territory
Electoral Commission

Nomination form

Local government elections

1 Nomination for

To the returning officer for
(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

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

8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| ITEM NUMBER | 8.3 |
| TITLE | The Junior Ranger Program - Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation |
| 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 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from Ngurratjuta / Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation.

BACKGROUND

Ngurratjuta / Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation was incorporated in August 1985 under the Aboriginal Corporations Act of 1976. Ngurratjuta's original purpose was to utilize gas royalty funds to build an active investment base to protect accumulated royalty funds. Today its role includes delivering programs such as Justice Reinvestment, managing child and family centers and now the junior ranger program.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Action Register
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 report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the progress on the action items that arose at previous meetings.

BACKGROUND

| Meeting | Officer/Director | Section | Subject |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Papunya Local Authority 31/11/2024 PLA2024-041 | Council Services | General Council Business | Speed bumps |
| That members requested speed bumps in Raggett St., Nyirritjukurrpa St., Bush St. and Phillipus St. | | | |
| 05/02/2025 update – Speed bump has been installed at Raggett St. | | | |
| 27/03/2025 update from Anthony Gore – Speed bumps have been ordered from a new supplier. | | | |
| 03/04/2025 The Local Authority – noted the progress and kept this item open | | | |
| 18/07/2025 update from Jake Potter – The new speed bumps have arrived. Rhiannon will organize to have them collected and installed. This will be completed by the next LA meeting. | | | |

| Meeting | Officer/Director | Section | Subject |
|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Papunya Local Authority 31/11/2024 PLA2024-041 | Manager Transport Infrastructure and Fleet | General Council Business | 6 Cultural Exclusion Zone signs |
| That members requested 6 signs for exclusion area for Men's Business. | | | |
| 27/03/2025 update from Jake Potter – The signs are on order. | | | |
| 03//04/2025 the local authority – noted the progress and kept open. | | | |
| 18/07/2025 update from Jake Potter – the signs have arrived. Rhiannon will pick these up and the civil team will install them before the next meeting. | | | |

| Meeting | Officer/Director | Section | Subject |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Papunya Local Authority 03/04/2025 PLA2025-035 | CEO | General Council Business | Heavy Traffic flow signs |
| That members requested that the CEO follow up on signs redirecting heavy traffic through the community. | | | |
| 17/07/2025 - Update from the CEO | | | |
| The signs have been ordered and they are on their way. | | | |

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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|--------------------|--|
| ITEM NUMBER | 9.2 |
| TITLE | Community Infrastructure Planning |
| REFERENCE | - |
| AUTHOR | Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning |

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 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.

Priority projects discussed at the previous meeting included upgrading the Softball Oval and a Gymnasium.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the updates from the Project Management Office regarding the Community Infrastructure Plan.

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

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 the quality of life for the residents within their Local Authority area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Local Authority is 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

Executive Leadership Team
 Local Authority members
 Project Management Office

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

| | |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| ITEM NUMBER | 9.3 |
| TITLE | Local Authority Project Register |
| REFERENCE | - |
| AUTHOR | June Crabb, Coordinator Governance |



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes that \$113,870.13 are funds *at risk*;
- b) accepts the 2024/2025 Project funding allocation of \$63,900.00;
- c) notes the progress on their current projects as at 30 June 2025;
- d) closes Project 2196 and returns the underspend of \$132.00 to unallocated funds; and
- e) discusses and determines the priority of the wishlist items.

BACKGROUND

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

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

| Project 2192 | | Mature established trees | \$ |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| | | Status | Committed |
| 10-Jul-24 | Res.028 – Created a new project called Mature established trees, allocating \$3,000.00. | | \$3,000.00 |
| 31-Oct-24 | Res.046 – Mature, established trees, noting that Member Terrence Abbott will take responsibility for the project to determine what plants and trees would be suitable in Papunya. It was noted that a joint effort between Ngurratjuta and Council to supply the plants for a Nursery could be considered | | |
| 13-Jan-25 | PMO update - meeting with NGUR to determine shared nursery option - no trees available in Alice Springs area - high maintenance costs in labour. | | |
| 5-Feb-25 | Res.010 – Native trees cannot be sourced from a commercial nursery. PMO will discuss with Greg Drew from Ngurratjuta about a shared nursery option. | | |
| 3-Apr-25 | Res.029 – Waiting for a response from Greg Drew from Ngurratjuta about a shared nursery option. | | |
| | | underspend remaining | \$3,000.00 |

| Project 2195 | | Healthy Community Event | \$ |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| | | Status | Committed |
| 31-Oct-24 | Res.028 – Created a new project called Healthy Community event, allocating \$45,000.00. | | \$45,000.00 |
| 13-Jan-25 | PMO update - Timeline yet to be decided. | | |
| 5-Feb-25 | Res.010 – Noted that the timeline will be decided when entertainment providers, Get Grubby, can be contacted. | | |
| 3-Apr-25 | Res.029 – The PMO is working to coordinate multiple stakeholders in order to determine the timing of the event. | | |
| | | underspend remaining | \$45,000.00 |

| Project 2196 | | Plaques to commemorate the Aboriginal Pastors | \$ |
|--------------|---|---|--------------------|
| | | Status | Committed |
| 10-Dec-21 | Res. 082 - Created a new project from wishlist item and named 'Plaques to commemorate the Aboriginal Pastors' | | |
| 10-Dec-21 | Res. 082 - Committed \$5,000.00 for the projects and requested that CSC seek quotes and with the aid of Pastor Graeme to provide the names and assist with writing the scripts for the plaques. | | \$5,000.00 |
| 16-Jul-24 | Invoices from Trophy Central for plaques. | | -\$350.00 |
| 11-Sep-24 | PO raised with Trophy Central for plaques. | | |
| 16-Jul-25 | PO has since been deleted | | 132.00 |
| 31-Oct-24 | Res.046 – Returned \$4,518.00 to unallocated noting that Pastor Graham will take possession of the plaques and the Civil team to install at the locations as advised by Pastor Graham. | | -\$4,518.00 |
| 10-Apr-25 | Project completed, underspend to be returned to unallocated. | | |
| | | underspend or (overspend) | \$ 132.00 |

| Project 2198 | | Trailer Bin | \$ |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Status | Committed |
| 31-Oct-24 | Res.046 – Created a new project called Trailer Bin, allocating \$18,000.00 for one bin. | | \$18,000.00 |
| 13-Jan-25 | PMO update - in final design stage - will be ordered as soon as finalised quotes are available. | | |
| 5-Feb-25 | Res.010 – Bin Trailer has been ordered, noting that the build time could take a few months. | | |
| 6-Feb-25 | PO raised with Modern Trailers Pty Ltd - approx 4 months delivery. | | -\$13,318.18 |
| | | underspend remaining | \$4,681.82 |

| Project 2505 | | Yarning Circle | \$ |
|--------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Status | Committed |
| 31-Aug-23 | Res.024 – Allocated \$20,000.00 to include a table, benches, fire pit and trees, within the MacSafe area. | | \$20,000.00 |
| 16-Nov-23 | Res.040 – The location within the MacSafe yard was not suitable and members agreed to advise of an alternative location at the next meeting. | | |
| 14-Mar-24 | Res.011 – Additional allocation of \$3,000.00 transferred to Project 2504 and location be moved from Night Patrol Area to the Old Softball space. | | -\$3,000.00 |
| 10-Jul-24 | Res.028 – Noted that the men's yarning circle be placed opposite the Power Station and the women's' yarning circle opposite the shade shelter that is between the Store and Council Building. CEO to confirm locations and Technical Services to follow up on whether the locations require leases. Noted that if a permit is not required at either site, members approved for the project to commence. | | |
| 12-Oct-24 | Invoices received from Bunnings - masonry bricks and mortar. | | -\$665.34 |
| 31-Oct-24 | Res.046 – Allocated an additional \$5,000.00 with members agreeing to purchase the customisable park furniture as per PFA's quote. | | \$5,000.00 |
| 26-Nov-24 | Invoice received from Enviro Plastics (Park Furniture). | | -\$16,600.00 |
| 13-Jan-25 | PMO update - Still waiting on delivery of benches. | | |
| 5-Feb-25 | Res.010 – has been shipped and should arrive before the end of February. Civil team to install. | | |
| 13-Jan-25 | PMO update - benches have arrived - waiting on installation. | | |
| 3-Apr-25 | Res.029 – Benches have arrived, the civil team has cleared the area and will install the benches and firepits once the weather improves. | | |
| 1-Jun-25 | PMO update - considering methods of installing benches and pits. | | |
| | | underspend or (overspend) | \$4,734.66 |

| Project 2508 | | Sunday School | \$ |
|--------------|---|---------------|-------------|
| | | Status | Committed |
| 16-Nov-23 | Res.040 – Discussed the wishlist items and moved Outdoor Chapel with side shutters for the Cemetery to a new project, allocating the remaining balance of funds to the project, requesting that Technical Services follow up on the tenure and provide quotes to a 12mx6m structure with concrete floor, side shutters and seating. | | \$76,259.71 |
| 14-Mar-24 | Res.011 – Noted that MRC is in negotiations with Central Land Council re. land agreement | | |
| 12-Jun-24 | Invoice received from Firmbuild. | | |
| 28-Jun-24 | PO raised in the name of Harvey Developments NT Pty Ltd. | | |
| 28-Jun-24 | PO raised in the name of Harvey Developments NT Pty Ltd. | | |
| 10-Jul-24 | Res.028 – Members asked to dissolve the project, however due to the tender being awarded and the Purchase order raised, work had commenced. Members instead agreed to have the Chapel installed next to the existing Church with Technical Services to follow up on land tenure through CLC noting the full support of the location given by Traditional Owners Ms Alison Anderson and Member Terrance Abbott. | | |
| 31-Oct-24 | Res.046 – Reconfirmed that the Chapel is to be installed next to the existing Church. | | |
| 13-Jan-25 | PMO update - LA to reconsider practicalities of location. Res.010 – reconfirmed that it will be installed next to the church advising members that the existing shade structure may be demolished to make way for the chapel. • noted that James Walsh - PMO will liaise with contractors to determine what demolition can be achieved within the existing budget and present the data at the next meeting; • noted the name of this project changed to Sunday School; • agreed that the design for the building be emailed to Member Sarah Stockman. | | |
| 25-Feb-25 | PMO update - location of structure was changed by members resulting in increased cost of shade structure installation \$81,386 and the demolition of the existing structure \$19,360 - will be requesting that the total project allocation be increased to \$110,000 - ie and extra \$33,740.29. | | |
| 3-Apr-25 | Res.029 – Allocated funding from project 2501 so that this project can move forward. | | \$29,147.09 |
| 13-May-25 | PMO update - contractors should be on community by the end of the month. | | |
| 6-Jun-25 | Invoice received from Harvey Development | | - 32,066.67 |
| 28-Jun-25 | Invoice received from Harvey Development | | - 59,521.05 |
| | underspend or (overspend) | | \$13,546.35 |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Budget consideration | | |
| | Balance of underspend or (overspend) | \$70,962.86 |
| | Total un-allocated funds | \$65,669.40 |
| | Total unspent funds | \$136,632.26 |

| LOCAL AUTHORITY WISHLIST | | |
|--------------------------|--|----------------|
| RAISED | ITEMS | ASSIGNED |
| 16-Nov-23 | Bikes and tyre kits for Youth Board Members acknowledged the Youth Board request for \$2,500.00 towards purchasing bikes and tyres kits, recommending that the youth board contact the Police Auction first to inquire if bikes could be donated. Members noted that they will consider approving the funding request once new project funds have been received. | YB Coordinator |
| 05-Feb-25 | Tennis Court Members suggested a tennis court could be built at the old basketball court. It was suggested that lines could be added to the existing basketball court to facilitate tennis. | |

PROJECTS CLOSED 2024-25

| Project 2193 Papunya Band Equipment and Instruments - Youth Board | | \$ |
|---|--|-------------|
| Status | | Committed |
| 10-Jul-24 | Res.028 – Created a new project called Band equipment and instruments for the Youth Board, allocating \$10,000.00. | \$10,000.00 |
| 31-Oct-24 | Res.046 – Noted that the Coordinator Youth Services Western Region was sourcing additional quotes. | |
| 30-Nov-24 | Invoice received from Rock City Music | -\$9,090.91 |
| 5-Feb-25 | Res.010 – Closed Project 2193 – Band equipment, returning \$909.09 to unallocated. | -\$909.09 |
| underspend remaining | | \$- |

| Project 2194 Softball Lighting | | \$ |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Status | | Committed |
| 10-Jul-24 | Res.028 – Created a new project called Softball lighting, allocating \$40,000.00. | \$40,000.00 |
| 31-Oct-24 | Res.046 – Returned \$40,000.00 to unallocated as the lighting was impractical and the community did not have the financial means to support a complete lighting system at this time. Members agreed to move this project to the wishlist. | -\$40,000.00 |
| underspend remaining | | \$- |

| Project 2241 Canteen Container | | \$ |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Status | | Committed |
| 2-Mar-23 | Res.014 - Created a new project naming it Canteen Container and committed \$25,000.00 to initiate the project. | \$25,000.00 |
| 31-Oct-24 | Res.046 – Returned \$25,000.00 to unallocated as a canteen was included in the proposed Sporting upgrades. | -\$25,000.00 |
| underspend or (overspend) | | \$- |

| Project 2501 Windows and seats for Church Restoration | | \$ |
|---|--|-------------|
| Status | | Committed |
| | Res. 015 - move over the \$10,000.00 Commitment from Project 2198 and the CSC seek quotes for seats based on a similar design to the Church in | \$10,000.00 |

| | | |
|-----------|--|---------------------|
| | Hermannsburg. | |
| 19-May-22 | Res.033 - Windows and seats for Church Restoration. Quotes has been received from the Correction Centre and samples of the seats were shown to members. The Local Authority agreed for 16 seats to be purchased, noting that freight and installation was not included in the quote. | |
| 2-Mar-23 | Res.014 - Windows have been identified as being costly and LA agreed to have just the seats and quotes are being organized. | |
| 31-Aug-23 | Noted that the windows were too costly, and requested that the CSC follow up with new quotes from the Dept. of Corrections for seats. | |
| 16-Nov-23 | Res.040 – Allocated an additional \$15,000.00 and requesting that new quotes be sought. | \$15,000.00 |
| 14-Mar-24 | Quote received from Felton Industries for the bench seats - PO to be processed for \$7,232.00. | |
| 14-Mar-24 | Res.011 – noted that a quote was pending. | |
| 22-Mar-24 | Invoice received from Felton Industries | -\$7,232.00 |
| 10-Jul-24 | Res.028 – Noted that the seats have been and installed and when received, quotes for the windows will be presented to the Authority. | |
| 31-Oct-24 | Res.046 – Allocated an additional \$20,000.00, to cover costs on the Invisigard Security Screens for the windows four fans that will be installed on a central beam. | \$20,000.00 |
| 13-Jan-25 | PMO update - has raised a purchase order with Steve's Electrix - expect to be installed 14.1.2025. | |
| 5-Feb-25 | Res.010 – Fans have been installed. An updated quote for the window screens has been obtained and a purchase order has been raised. Anticipated delivery before the end of March. | |
| 19-Feb-25 | Invoice received from Steve's Electrix. | -\$8,620.91 |
| 25-Feb-25 | PMO update - most recent quote is \$34,503 - an additional \$10,000 will need to be allocated to cover contingencies. | |
| 3-Apr-25 | Res.029 – moved this project to the wishlist and moved remaining funds of \$29,147.09 to project 2508 Sunday School. | -\$29,147.09 |
| | underspend or (overspend) | \$- |

| Project 2504 | | Car loading ramp | \$ |
|------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| | | Status | Committed |
| 31-Aug-23 | Res.024 – Allocated \$28,722.00, and requesting that MRC continue looking for a suitable location for a permanent ramp. | | \$28,722.00 |
| 10-Oct-23 | Payment 50% of Heeve Forklift Dock Ramp - Ramp Champ | | -\$13,055.45 |
| 10-Oct-23 | Balance of PO raised for the purchase of the ramp | | -\$13,055.45 |
| 26-Feb-24 | Invoice from RampChamp - delivery of ramp | | -\$5,070.00 |
| 14-Mar-24 | Res.011 – Additional allocation of \$3,000.00 transferred from Project 2505 for completion. | | \$3,000.00 |
| 10-Jul-24 | Res.028 – Project closed, returning \$541.10 to unallocated. | | -\$541.10 |
| | underspend or (overspend) | | \$0.00 |

| Project 2506 Garden Shed with tools for Cemetery | | \$ |
|--|--|-------------|
| Status | | Committed |
| 31-Aug-23 | Res.024 – Allocated \$4,000.00 to the project. | \$4,000.00 |
| 24-Jan-24 | Invoice received from Bunnings. | -\$1,098.79 |
| 28-Mar-24 | Purchase Order Stanes Transport \$671.27 | \$- |
| 31-Oct-24 | Res.046 – Returned \$2,229.94 to unallocated | -\$2,229.94 |
| 25-Feb-25 | PO with Stanes Transport for \$671.27 cancelled. Additional funds to be returned to unallocated. | |
| 3-Apr-25 | Res.029 – Closed project 2506 Garden Shed with Tools for Cemetery and returned unspent funds to unallocated. | -\$671.27 |
| underspend or (overspend) | | \$- |

| Project 2507 Disco lights and speakers for Rec Hall | | \$ |
|---|--|-------------|
| Status | | Committed |
| 31-Aug-23 | Res.024 – Allocated \$5,000.00 to include all cables and connections, noting that Youth Services raise the PO for the equipment. | \$5,000.00 |
| 10-Jul-24 | Res.028 – Noted that Youth Services does not require lights or speakers for Project 2507 and agreed to close the project, returning \$5,000.00 to unallocated funds. | -\$5,000.00 |
| underspend or (overspend) | | \$- |

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Examples of unacceptable purposes for Expenditure include:

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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|--------------------|--|
| ITEM NUMBER | 9.4 |
| TITLE | Discretionary Funds Report |
| REFERENCE | - |
| AUTHOR | Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning |

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- notes that \$3,966.46 of the 2024/2025 discretionary funds were spent with all invoices received;
- notes that \$33.54 has been carried over to the 2025/2026 financial year;
- receives the 2025/2026 Discretionary funds of \$4,033.54;
- notes that these funds must be spent with invoices received by 30 June 2026; and
- discusses the allocation of these funds.

BACKGROUND

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

- Community Christmas and New Year's Festivity
- Community BBQ's
- Sports weekends
- NAIDOC Celebration

| Date | 2025/2026 Discretionary Funds | Commitments / Expenditure |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jul 2025 | Approved Funds | \$4,033.54 |
| | | |
| | | |

| Date | 2024/2025 Discretionary Funds | Commitments / Expenditure |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1 Jul 2024 | Approved Funds | \$4,000.00 |
| 10-Jul-24 | No funds allocated | |
| 27-Nov to 16-Dec-24 | Football Presentation – PLA2024-047 31/10/2024 Allocation \$1000.00 | -\$678.10 |
| 20 – 31 Dec-24 | Papunya Community Christmas Event - PLA2024-047 31/10/2024 Allocation \$1500.00 | -\$1,340.27 |
| 31-Dec-24 | Papunya New Year Event - PLA2024-047 31/10/2024 Allocation \$1500.00 | -\$1,368.02 |

| | | |
|-----------|---|----------------|
| 18-Feb-25 | Young men attending cultural Business spent at the Papunya Community Store | -\$193.58 |
| 5-Mar-25 | | -\$190.16 |
| 7-Mar-25 | | -\$196.33 |
| 03-Apr-25 | CEO notifies the LA that the balance of these funds will be held and added to next year's allocation of discretionary funds. OCM2025-089 That Council: d) Supports the Authorities' recommendations to carry over their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds to the 2025/2026 financial year as follows: Papunya - \$33.54. | |
| 20-Jun-25 | | \$33.54 |

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 taken into account when allocating discretionary funds.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds from the grant must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June or they are forfeited.

CONSULTATION

Papunya Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 9.5
TITLE MRC Position Vacancies Report
REFERENCE -
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 attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

Active open positions within the Org Structure as at 16 July 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority accepts the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Papunya as of the 16 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 16 July 2025

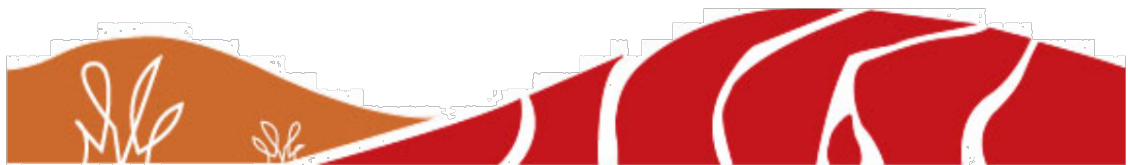


Position Vacancies

Papunya

| Position # | Service | Description | Type | Weekly Hours |
|------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 400182 | MacKids | Team Leader | Full-Time | 38 |
| 401262 | MacSafe | Team Leader Community Safety | Part-Time | 30.4 |
| 401265 | MacSafe | Community Safety Officer | Part-Time | 20 |
| 403243 | MacYouth | Youth Services Officer | Part-Time | 19 |
| 403251 | MacYouth | Youth Services Officer | Part-Time | 19 |
| 403252 | MacYouth | Youth Services Officer | Part-Time | 9.5 |
| 403255 | MacYouth | Youth Services Officer | Part-Time | 19 |
| 403256 | MacYouth | Youth Services Officer | Part-Time | 19 |
| 403258 | MacYouth | Youth Engagement Officer | Part-Time | 19 |
| 502425 | Council Serv | Works Assistant | Part-Time | 19 |
| 502428 | Council Serv | Works Assistant | Part-Time | 19 |
| 502430 | Council Serv | Works Assistant | Part-Time | 19 |
| 502404 | Council Serv | Customer Service Officer | Part-Time | 19 |
| 502403 | Council Serv | Customer Service Officer | Full-Time | 38 |

Table data derived from XLOne Position Vacancy Report of Active Open Positions in the MRC Org Structure and approved by Managers: 16/07/2025



10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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|--------------------|--|
| ITEM NUMBER | 10.1 |
| TITLE | Council Services LA Report |
| REFERENCE | - |
| AUTHOR | Ellen Fitzgerald, Administration Officer |

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority of Papunya 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
Rhiannon Collie – Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Papunya Council Services Report



Council Services Papunya

April '25 - June '25



**90% First Nations
Employees in SCD**



**8 Area Manager
Visits to
Community**



**Council Office
560 Hours of
Service**

Snapshot



**3876 Litres Fuel
Usage Total**



**20 Vehicles and
Plant in Use**



**73 Bins
Emptied
Weekly**



**48 Street Lights
Operational
4 Street Lights
Non-Operational**



**2 Sport
Grounds
Maintained**



**13 Toolbox Talks
Completed**



**12 Australia Post
Deliveries**



3 Water Tests



**8 Generator
Services**



**18 Hours of
Maintenance
completed at Airstrip**



**1 Parks &
Playgrounds
Inspections**

Animal Management

- 1st May, MRC Animal Management Coordinator Michelle Hayes visited Papunya and outstations delivering tick/worm/mite treatments.
- Works Assistant Kieran Roger assisted and Michelle provided positive feedback to how Keiran assisted
- NT Vet visit is next scheduled for late August with Animal Management Coordinator visit next scheduled for July/August

Cemetery Management

- No further works have been completed at Cemetery since previous Local Authority Meeting
- Cemetery is next scheduled for attention in September but will move this forward should any funerals be scheduled
- Prior to the next scheduled funeral (and as a regular expectation prior), will be organising for a community gathering, bringing the Local Authority shovels and other items (bins etc) for families to spend time to clean and tidy.

Internal Road Maintenance

- Some work has been done to fill low lying desire paths (road) with clean fill to stop large puddles and mud and to clear culverts at road intersections
- Have discussed Airstrip access road with MRC Transport Infrastructure Coordinator as scope of work is outside of Civil Team capabilities but deteriorating quickly
- Finalising maintenance purchases to commence pothole filling and road resealing

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Minimal work has been completed at playground – next scheduled for focused work will be in August (this will include bollard installation and smoothing out of little oval)
- Civil team open space schedules are continuing; each month 2 ‘zones’ are allocated for attention with rubbish removal, mowing, ground levelling and buffel grass removal along streets and open spaces.

Sports Grounds

- The Sports Ground has received significant focus in the lead up to the Papunya Sports Weekend.
- Oval and Softball field were cleared, smoothed over and temporary channel dug to drain water from the field.
- Mowing was completed around the outer space of the ground
- Huge clean-up effort conducted post-sports weekend to bring ground and surrounds back to up to scratch
- Spraying schedule to commence to keep weeds out of oval so that it will not need as much work to maintain
- Learnings from Sports Weekend: Softball Scoreboard – batteries for remotes & power source, Football Scoreboard – no laptop or remotes available. Investigate staff overtime opportunities to ensure rubbish bins can be brought in/out and ground clean-up can be completed with influx of visitors

Waste Management

- Ongoing issues with stakeholders and community members not utilising the Community Drop Off bays correctly.
- Continued rubbish dumping in areas outside of the community drop off bays – not even necessarily near the tip, rubbish points have been discovered at every exit path/road to the community
- Consistent 2x per week rubbish collection schedule that the Civil team, stakeholders and community members have mostly adapted to.
- A significant concern is Sorry Camps and other temporarily occupied areas not utilising proper waste management and rubbish collection. If Local Authority or community members know camps are going to be established, we’re asking a representative to come to the office and advise as we will supply bins and include within our twice weekly rubbish collections.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Ongoing work to mow/remove buffel grass wherever possible through work plan (zones scheduling and MRC / Power Water compound clearing and cleaning)
- Spraying schedule to be implemented as an ongoing work task.

Other

- Installation of No Smoking signs at Council Office/Depot
- Local Authority projects: Yarning Circles – still to install benches (main concern is how permanently to attach : using pegs or to purchase concrete); Speed Bumps – waiting for signage and bumps to arrive for installation
- TJUPI Sign rejuvenation: Civil team are planning work to secure signage as the U keeps falling down and to replace the plastic bottles within the letters with rocks collected during their usual work.



10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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|--------------------|--|
| ITEM NUMBER | 10.2 |
| TITLE | Community Service Report |
| REFERENCE | - |
| 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, Aged and Disability 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
Yarran Cavalier – A/Manager of Community Safety
Matt Virgona - A/Manager of Youth Services
Emma Hacche - A/Manager of Aged and Disability Services
Community Services Coordinators and Administration team

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Community Services Papunya LAR - March May 2025



Local Authority Report Aged and Disability



Papunya -
March, April, May 2025

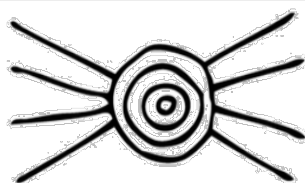


7 Staff in the Papunya team
85% Community-based Employees are
Aboriginal

Stakeholders' Engagement
Regular contact with Clinical manager.
Contact with external stakeholders



Transport provided:
397 trips



**Activities / Client
interactions: 105**

We also see clients visit the
centre daily for meals, drinks
& to have a yarn.



**Personal support
provided: 182**

Including...

Shower & Toilet Assistance,
Laundry Loads, Tablet
Reminders

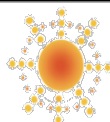


Client numbers: 29

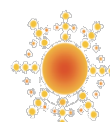


Meals: 2403

Which includes: Breakfasts,
lunches & weekend
Hampers



Updates



In May we welcomed a new coordinator to the Aged Care Team - Lusiana Ravutu will be Home Care Coordinator for Papunya and Haasts Bluff. Lusi comes with a wealth of Aged Care experience and is already a valuable asset to our team. We now also have additional Home Care Assistants on board - we welcome Dermott, Martha and Adrian.

Welcome to the team Lusi, Dermott, Martha
and Adrian



Damper time!



More delicious food prepped, packed and
ready to go to clients



**Employees**

6 staff
90% Aboriginal

Local Authority Youth Services Papunya Mar - May 25

**Activities**

153 activities
244 hours

**Engagements**

266 Participant
2153 engagement

**Bush / Town Trip**

20

**School Support**

34

**Training**

2 Staff Training
0 App training

**Youth Board**

0

**Sport**

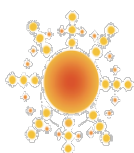
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**Events**

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Challenges • Lack of staff attendance due to cultural responsibilities

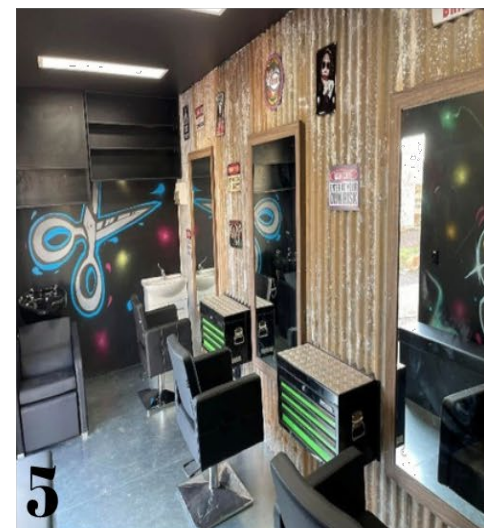
- Break-ins across community – Shop, Clinic, Tradies and Staff Personal Vehicles
- Program Closures due to inability to use spaces due to required maintenance (rec hall unusable during rain due to roof leak, Maku unusable after 4pm as no lights – Both have been reported)
- Staff requesting to step back to work casually, gaining other employment in Papunya

Highlights

- Ilpili IPA Celebration – exciting opportunity for kids and staff to attend the 3 day event with a huge cultural focus
- International Women's Day – Celebrated at the Maku in conjunction with Waltja – cooking, arts and craft and music at the Maku
- NGUR Hair Salon Opening – great community event with nearly all of community attending in some way
- School Support encouraging kids to attend



1-3: School Support: Youth playing basketball and duck duck goose for school sports



4-6: Ngurratjuta presents the Papunya Hair Salon





7-10: International Women's Day: In conjunction with Waltja, youth and ladies enjoyed the activities and the lovely meal provided





Local Authority Report

Papunya MacSafe
Community Safety
March - May 2025



- 4 staff in the Papunya Team
- 3 CSO Vacancies
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal
- 259 Hours patrolled
- 829 Hours worked
- Work: 5-6 hour shifts Tue - Sat
- Between 6.00pm - Midnight



563 Engagements
with young people



269 Engagements
with over 18's



809 Young people
taken home



34 Training
Hours

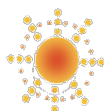


129 Are you okay?
Checks



No Community
gatherings

Highlights



- Recruitment is still underway for a Casual Community Safety Officer Position, there has been one new recruit already.
- Clive and Claydon attended the NIAA Forum in May. It was the first time that the Forum had been held and it was a great success, with 8 Community Safety Teams coming together from all over Central Australia. Staff were able to share experiences and discuss challenges. The Forum will be held again next year which staff are looking forward too.

**Clive Corby Senior Community Safety Officer at the NIAA Forum
with other members of the MacSafe teams**



**Close up of Claydon Minor Community Safety Officer at the
NIAA forum**



12. GENERAL BUSINESS

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|--------------------|--|
| ITEM NUMBER | 12.1 |
| TITLE | General Council Business |
| REFERENCE | - |
| AUTHOR | Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning |

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority 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

Papunya Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

13. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

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|--------------------|--|
| ITEM NUMBER | 13.1 |
| TITLE | General Non-Council Business |
| REFERENCE | - |
| AUTHOR | Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning |

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A representative provides necessary updates regarding Northern Territory Government services.

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

This may include, but is not limited to issues relating to housing, health, schools, police and roads.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority raises and discusses Non-Council Business.

BACKGROUND

Members discuss items raised as Non-Council Business including ongoing matters from previous meetings.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

CONSULTATION

Papunya Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

NEXT LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING – 9 OCTOBER 2025