



AGENDA

PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2026

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

Belinda Urquhart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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14 NEXT MEETING 11 JUNE 2026

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	Local Authority Membership
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

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).

Appointing a Chairperson every 12 months aligns with good governance practices.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **notes the selection of a new Chairperson for a 12-month term and appoints a member to fill the role;**
- b) **acknowledges and thanks former Chairperson Karen McDonald for her commitment and hard work on the Authority;**
- c) **notes that the nominations received from Lynda Lechleitner and Shannon Palmer at the October 2025 Authority meeting are on hold, pending placement consultation;**
- d) **notes that a vacancy on the Authority is currently available; and**
- e) **calls for community nominations to remain open.**

BACKGROUND

At the October 2025 Ordinary Council meeting, Elected Members noted that nominees Lynda Lechleitner and Shannon Palmer resided at an outstation that was closer to Haasts Bluff. As a result, Council indicated that they may be better suited for appointment to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority and asked the Ward Councillors to consult with the nominees about their willingness to be appointed to that authority.

The chart below shows the attendance of the members at the previous meeting held 9 October 2025.

7 out of 8 Appointed Members	Attendance noted at the meeting held 9 October 2025
Chairperson Karen McDonald	Present / via Teams
Member Sarah Stockman	Present / via Teams
Member Graham Poulson	Present
Member Justine Stockman	Absent
Alison Anderson	Present via Phone
VACANT	
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Ward Councillors	
Councillor Lynn Ward	Present
Councillor Dalton McDonald	Present
Councillor Garrard Anderson	Present
President Roxanne Kenny	Present / via Teams

Local Authorities Overview:

Local Authorities are composed of community members and meet **four times per year** to discuss:

- Council service delivery
- Project funding and progress
- Community project ideas

Functions of Local Authorities (as per the Local Government Act 2019, Section 78):

- Engage communities in local government issues
- Provide a platform for community opinions
- Influence local, regional, and area-wide policy development
- Represent and advocate for community views to the council
- Contribute to regional planning
- Make recommendations on council budgets and local matters
- Carry out additional functions as assigned by the Minister

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

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 Papunya Local Authority Meeting held 9 October 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 9.10.2025 - MINUTES [1 pages]

MINUTES OF THE PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE PAPUNYA COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.00AM

2 WELCOME

Councillor Dalton McDonald

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Graham Poulson

Via Teams from the Council office - Member Sarah Stockman, Chairperson Karen McDonald

Via Phone: Member Alison Anderson

Councillors

Councillor Dalton McDonald, Councillors Garrard Anderson and Lynn Ward

Via Teams from the Hermannsburg Office – President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Damien Ryan – Area Manager, Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Office and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance (Minute taker)

Via Teams: Shae Thompson – Coordinator Governance

Guests

Tammy Stephens – Ngurratjuta Representative

Peta-Lee Cole-Manolis and Karan Bhuta – Representatives Penangke Consultancy

Via Teams: Elaine Wills – Menzies Head, Health Healing Representative

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.

PLA2025-58 RESOLVED (Garrard Anderson/Graham Poulson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the Member’s attendance at this meeting;
 - b) that no apologies were received for this meeting;
 - c) records the first absence of Member Justine Stockman without notice, for this meeting;
 - d) appoints Councillor Dalton McDonald as Acting Chairperson for this meeting;
- and

- e) **agrees to the selection of a new Chair for a 12 month term at the first meeting in 2026.**

Minute Note: The CEO informed the Authority that in alignment with good governance, Papunya's first meeting in 2026 will include the selection of a Chairperson for a 12 month term. This will ensure the opportunity for broader participation in a leadership role. Ms Urquhart thanked the current Chair – Karen McDonald for her dedication to the Authority and the Papunya community and advised Ms McDonald that she is welcome to renominate for Chair at the next meeting.

4 NOMINATIONS AND CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Membership
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).

PLA2025-59 RESOLVED (Garrard Anderson/Sarah Stockman)

That the Local Authority:

- a) **congratulates returning Councillor Dalton MacDonald and newly elected Councillors Garrard Anderson and Lynn Ward;**
- b) **welcomes Alison Anderson to the Local Authority;**
- c) **notes the three vacancies on the authority due to the following:**
 - **the revocation of membership for Terrence Abbott and Sammy Pearce following their absence without notice from two consecutive meetings;**
 - **the transition of Garrard Anderson from Appointed member to Elected Member;**
- d) **accepts the nominations received from Lynda Lechleitner and Shannon Palmer; and**
- e) **calls for community nominations to open to fill the remaining vacancy.**

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.

PLA2025-60 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Sarah Stockman)

That the Local Authority notes 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 Papunya Local Authority Meeting held 24 July 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

PLA2025-61 RESOLVED (Garrard Anderson/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Papunya Local Authority Meeting held 24 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.

PLA2025-62 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Garrard Anderson)

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.

PLA2025-63 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Garrard Anderson)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members did not declare any conflicts of interest.

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2025-64 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the information presented by the representative of the Menzies School of Health Research regarding the Head Health and Healing Project; and
- b) agreed that aspects of the presentation were considered unsettling with some of the content relating to brain injuries through violence, deemed inappropriate for discussion at an LA meeting. It was recommended that this research be delivered through a health education program or a more appropriate forum suited to sensitive health related topics.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2025-65 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the information provided by Penangke Cultural Consultants; and
- b) agrees to move forward with the consultation process and to liaise with Ngurratjuta as to the next steps of the process.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2025-66 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Sarah Stockman)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the updates to the actions as follows;
 - write a letter on behalf of the Papunya LA members to support Finke River Mission's application for funding on the removal of the Manse; and
- b) closes action – Notify CLC to provide portable toilets.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

PLA2025-67 RESOLVED (Garrard Anderson/Graham Poulson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledges that \$132,230.68 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;

- b) notes the progress on their current projects as provided by the project management office and kept open:
- 2195 – Healthy Community event, noting that Council Services is currently working on the project;
 - 2505 – Yarning Circle – noting that the Civil team will undertake the project, with a view to completion by the end of 2025;
 - Outdoor Chapel – noting that Council is in the process of applying for the lease and that it could take up to 6 months to come through.
- c) notes that the wishlist from the Youth Board will be determined by the CEO
- d) notes the additions to the wishlist:
- upgrade the infrastructure at the Softball oval
 - lighting at the Softball oval
- e) notes completion and closes:
- 2192 – Mature trees, reallocating the underspend of \$3,000.00 towards the new project
 - 2198 – Bin Trailer, returning the underspend of \$4,274.54 to unallocated funds
- f) notes that as part of CLC’s Community Development Plan, major works will be undertaken that will include trees being planted around community and around the splashpad.
 On this basis, members made the following decision:
- create a new project called ‘Additional Resources towards the Community Development Plan’, accepts the reallocation of \$3,000.00 from Project 2192 agreeing that once the major works are undertaken, the PMO Office will work together with Ngurratjuta to determine what additional resources would be required.
- g) notes that there is \$79,347.75 of unallocated funds available, excluding the underspend returned and members made no further allocations at this meeting.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2025-68 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes that there are \$4,033.54 of unallocated discretionary funds;
- b) discusses allocating these funds at this meeting
 - \$2k towards the Papunya School Sydney trip; and
 - \$2k to the Papunya School Christmas
- c) acknowledges that all funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2026.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Council Services LA Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2025-69 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Karen McDonald)

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

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Community Services - 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.

PLA2025-70 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Dalton McDonald)

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

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Aged Care Services

PLA2025-71 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Aged Care report for Papunya.

Minute Note: Operational - Council will liaise with Centrelink to confirm that Aged Care residents are making the required payments due to a shortage of food and meals available for some of the clients.

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.

PLA2025-72 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority notes and discusses the matters raised:

- a) that Council will organise for the CSC to open the gate to the waste management facility on certain days on set times; and
- b) cars to be collected from the outstations, noting that Council can collect unwanted cars from outstations when the grader team is next in community and the relevant forms have been completed.

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.

PLA2025-73 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority closed the NTG actions – Grading Schedule and School review, noting that the document for the School review is available from the CSC Papunya should members want a copy.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:13 pm.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the minutes of the Papunya Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 9 October 2025 and are UNCONFIRMED.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

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

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

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

Information and Opportunities

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

Undue Influence

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

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

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

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

If you do have a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

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

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Census Engagement Team - ABS
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 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **notes and accepts the information provided by the Census Engagement Team;**
and
- b) **provides advice on ways to improve participation within the community.**

BACKGROUND

Every 5 years the Australian Bureau of Statistics [ABS] conducts a Census to count the population and housing for the Australian government to make informed decisions to distribute GST funding to each State and Territory for housing, education, and essential services like roads etc. This means that more participation in the Census leads to better funding for communities

This year's Census will be held in August. It will provide employment opportunities for people in communities as members of the community will be employed to assist Census staff.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Any information that the Local Authority can provide that will assist the ABS team to increase community engagement could lead to increased funding for services within the community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Action Register
AUTHOR 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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the update on the FRM Manse and closes this action.

BACKGROUND

The following updates have been provided regarding the action item:

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Papunya Local Authority 24/07/2025	CSC	Non-Council Business	Finke River Mission Manse
<p>PLA2025-056 – Raised that the Finke River Mission Manse has been unoccupied for at least 10 years, noting that asbestos was in the building. The CSC advised that she has been in contact with Finke River Mission (FRM) and they have responded. This letter will be presented at the next meeting.</p> <p>24-Jul-25: Letter received from FRM acknowledges the ongoing vandalism and safety concerns associated with the unoccupied Church manse and resolves that demolition is the only viable option. The Board further notes that demolition costs exceed current FRM resources and agrees to work with the Papunya Community to seek external funding to support this work.</p> <p>9-Oct-25: Res.66 – Members requested that a letter be drafted on behalf of the Papunya LA members to support Finke River Mission’s application for funding on the removal of the Manse.</p> <p>Update: The building was destroyed in a fire.</p> <p>Recommend closing this action</p>			

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE Introduction to the Regional Plan
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

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Local Authority with the opportunity to contribute to the development of MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) Regional Plan.

It is important that Local Authorities are consulted during the development of the Regional Plan to ensure that the priorities and needs of residents across the region are accurately represented

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) reviews the information presented;**
- b) provides feedback to MacDonnell Regional Council to ensure local needs and community priorities are reflected in the development of the Regional Plan.**

BACKGROUND

Each year, MacDonnell Regional Council produces a Regional Plan that serves as a roadmap for strategic growth and development. The plan outlines how MRC will continue to support and strengthen its communities across all sectors. It identifies not only the direction in which the Council is heading, but also the strategies and actions that will be undertaken to achieve these outcomes in partnership with the community.

The accompanying PowerPoint presentation provides members with an opportunity to consider key issues affecting MRC communities, including matters such as employment, infrastructure, and other priority areas.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Local Authority may provide feedback during the presentation of this report. Alternatively, members may choose to discuss the ideas presented with others in the community and provide their feedback at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In considering the Regional Plan there will often be a financial impact. This is considered when the budget for 2026-27 is developed.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	10.3
TITLE	Local Authority Project Register
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 LAMP has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) receives the Project funding acquittal and certification as at 30 June 2025;**
- b) acknowledges that \$127,712.00 is funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- c) notes the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office;**
- d) notes the current balance of unallocated funds of \$152,422.29 includes the 2025/26 Project funds of \$68,800.00; and**
- e) resolves to close Project 2508 – Sunday School, returning \$55,255.05 to unallocated.**

BACKGROUND

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

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

Project 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.		
24-Jul-25	Res.050 – The PMO Office will consult with members and stakeholders on a timeline to hold the event.		
22-Sep-25	Area Managers - To come back to meeting with plans scheduled in the new year.		
9-Oct-25	Res.067 – Noting that Council Services is currently working on the project.		
underspend remaining			45,000.00

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.		

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24-Jul-25	Res.050 – A request was made to cancel the project, however members did not endorse this request and the project will continue.	
22-Sep-25	PMO update - to consult with CSC re installation.	
9-Oct-25	Res.067 – Noting that the Civil team will undertake the project, with a view to completion by the end of 2025.	
underspend or (overspend)		4,734.66

Project 2507		Outdoor Chapel	\$
		Status	Committed
24-Jul-25	Res.050 – On the recommendation of Ms Anderson, it was proposed that an outdoor chapel, utilising the Sunday School structure be constructed within the new cemetery with the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A central path is laid down the in middle of the cemetery o The grave sites to start at one end of the path and be allotted evenly on each side of that path o The chapel constructed at the other end of the path o The chapel must be centred to the path so when viewing the cemetery from the chapel, the layout would appear symmetrical. 		
9-Oct-25	It was noted that no funds have been allocated at this stage. Res.067 – Noting that Council is in the process of applying for the lease and that it could take up to 6 months to come through.		
underspend remaining			0.00

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.		- 272.73
28-Jun-24	PO raised in the name of Harvey Developments NT Pty Ltd.		- 30,934.26
28-Jun-24	PO raised in the name of Harvey Developments NT Pty Ltd.		- 28,586.79
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.		

Papunya Local Authority Meeting 1 April 2026 – Agenda

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.	
5-Feb-25	Res.010 – reconfirmed that it will be installed next to the church advising members that the existing shade structure may have to be demolished to make way for the chapel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; and • 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 Developments.	- 32,066.67
24-Jul-25	Res.050 – Members were advised that asbestos had been found in the existing structure next to the Church and it would cost an additional \$40,000.00 for the Contractors to remove the asbestos safely and construct the Sunday School. Members were then asked to consider moving the structure for the Sunday School to the new cemetery as it was previously intended for. After consultation with Traditional Owner, Alison Anderson, members agreed to close this project, return the underspend of \$13,546.35 to unallocated funds and to open a new project that will include the Sunday School structure.	- 13,546.35
25-Jul-25	Late invoice has been posted for Harvey Developments for shade delivery.	- 4,266.00
6-Nov-25	PO's raised on 28.6.2024 with Harvey Developments have been deleted. There are now surplus funds that can be returned to unallocated.	59,521.05
	underspend or (overspend)	55,255.05

NEW		Additional Resources towards the Community Development Plan	\$
		Status	Committed
9-Oct-25	Res.067 – create a new project called ‘Additional Resources towards the Community Development Plan’, accepts the reallocation of \$3,000.00 from Project 2192 agreeing that once the major works are undertaken, the PMO Office will work together with Ngurratjuta to determine what additional resources would be required.		3,000.00
1-Dec-25	PMO update - CLC is doing the development plan and will work out what the costings will be - will wait on advice from CLC.		
		underspend remaining	3,000.00

Budget consideration			
		Balance of underspend or (overspend)	107,989.71
		Total un-allocated funds	152,422.29
		Total unspent funds	260,412.00

LOCAL AUTHORITY WISHLIST		
RAISED	ITEMS	ASSIGNED
9-Oct-25	Upgrade the infrastructure at the softball oval Quotes to be sourced	PMO Office
9-Oct-25	Lighting at the Softball oval	

PROJECTS CLOSED 2025-26

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.		

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24-Jul-25	Res.050 – Project placed on hold and suggested to incorporate into the Community Garden/Orchard Project.	
9-Oct-25	Res.067 – Closed the project and reallocated the underspend of \$3,000.00 towards the new project.	3,000.00
underspend remaining		0.00

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 - \$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
24-Jul-25	Res.050 – Closed project and returned funds to unallocated.		- 132.00
underspend or (overspend)			0.00

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.		
19-Jun-25	Invoice received from Modern Trailers Pty Ltd.		- 13,318.18
24-Jul-25	Res.050 – Bin Trailers are waiting on a few minor details before they will be delivered to community.		
31-Jul-25	Invoice received from Napa Auto Parts - Battery Chargers		- 154.60
5-Sep-25	Invoice received from Steve's Electrix Pty Ltd - GPO's and inlets.		- 252.68
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Trailers ready to go - Delivery to be arranged - good to close project.		
9-Oct-25	Res.067 – Closed the project returning the underspend of \$4,274.54 to unallocated funds.		- 4,274.54
underspend remaining			0.00

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
Project Management Office

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Papunya LAPF Acquittal 2025/26

Local Authority Project Funding 2024-25 Certification

Council Name: MacDonnell Regional Council
 Local Authority Name: Papunya

Income and Expenditure for the period ending 30 June

Total Grant Income:	\$	276,997.29
Total Project Expenditure:	\$	48,645.34
Surplus/(Deficit):	\$	228,351.95

Answering 'No' to any question requires a written explanation with this certification

expenditure shown in this Local Authority Project Funding certification has been actually incurred and project reports submitted are in accordance with:

- the projects submitted by the Local Authority; Yes No
- the Northern Territory Buy Local Plan; Yes No
- the LAPF funding guidelines; and Yes No
- the *Local Government Act* and the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulation* Yes No

Certification and Project Report prepared by : Zubair ali 28/08/2025

The local authority projects reported formed part of the agenda and minutes of:

- Council's ordinary council meeting; and Yes No
- Local Authority meeting Yes No

Laid before the Council at a meeting (held/ to be held on) 25/09/2025

Copy of minutes attached to this certification Yes TBA

Laid before the Local Authority at a meeting (held/ to be held on) _____

Copy of minutes attached to this certification Yes TBA

Project Report completed and attached Yes No

Chief Executive Officer or ~~Chief Financial Officer~~ *[Signature]* 28/08/2025

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CERTIFICATION ACCEPTED & RECONCILED Yes No

Comments: _____

Grants Officer sign/date: _____

Manager, Grants Management sign/date: _____



10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.4
TITLE Local Authority Discretionary Funds
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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the updates on the current spending of its discretionary funds;
- b) consider reallocating the funds of \$2,000.00 previously committed to the School’s Sydney trip;
- c) notes that the next Local Authority meeting is on the 11 June 2026; and
- d) acknowledges that all funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2026.

BACKGROUND

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

- Community Christmas and New Year’s Festivities
 - Community BBQ’s
 - Sports weekends
 - Naidoc Celebration
- Current Financial Year Funds Allocation**

Date	2025/2026 Discretionary Funds	Commitments / Expenditure
1 Jul 2025	Approved Funds	\$4,033.54
9-Oct-25	Res.068 – Allocated \$2,000.00 towards the Papunya School Sydney trip	
5-Dec-25	PO raised and has not been spent yet.	- 2,000.00
11-Feb-26	Email sent to school for an update on the status of the trip – No response as of 27/03/26. Consider returning these funds for reallocation.	
9-Oct-25	Res.068 – allocated \$2,000.00 to the Papunya School Christmas	
5-Dec-25	PO raised and invoices received from Milner Meats and Kmart	- 1,809.00
	Funds available	224.54

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 considered when allocating discretionary funds.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The use of funds must be approved at a Local Authority meeting with a full quorum, or a form signed by more than half of the active Local Authority members.

Failure to spend the funds within the financial year (1 July to 30 June) will result in these funds being returned to MacDonnell Regional Council.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Keith Hasssett – Director Council Services
Damien Ryan – Area Manager
Rhiannon Collie – Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

1 Council Services LA Report



Council Services Papunya

Oct '25 - Jan '26



90% First Nations
Employees in SCD



7 Area Manager
Visits to
Community



Council Office
608 Hours of
Service

Snapshot



5322 Litres Fuel
Usage Total



20 Vehicles and
Plant in Use



73 Bins
Emptied
Weekly



47 Street Lights
Operational
9 Street Lights
Non-Operational



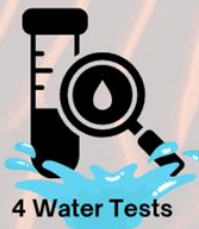
2 Sport
Grounds
Maintained



3 Toolbox Talks Completed
Due to mens business and lack of staff
attendance toolbox talks are being held
until more staff are on deck



16 Australia Post
Deliveries



4 Water Tests



7 Generator
Services



16 Hours of
Maintenance
completed at Airstrip



4 Parks &
Playgrounds
Inspections

Animal Management

- Visit from Animal Management Coordinator in November 5th, 2025
- Antiparasitic treatments provided to approximately two-thirds of the dog population
- Next NT Vet visit scheduled for end of February

Cemetery Management

- Two funerals held late last year
- No other maintenance has been held, unfortunately the cemetery falls as non-urgent work outside of scheduled funerals

Internal Road Maintenance

- No internal road maintenance has been completed since the previous Local Authority Meeting
- Once staff have returned to work, will be scheduling maintenance to verges, floodway canals and street sweeping following rain events

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Permanent and temporary work to Small Oval / playground area to stop vehicles for accessing and using as thoroughfare with bollard installation and large dirt piles in strategic places

Sports Grounds

- No maintenance has been completed to the sports grounds since the previous Local Authority Meeting
- Identified drainage issues at oval and softball field with recent rains to incorporate into future work
- Recent damage to Sport Ground gates (Two Bob Road Entry) requires repairs

Waste Management

- Waste Management Facility was subject to arson prior to Christmas with the general waste pit and the green waste pile being set on fire
- Community Drop-Off Bays continue to be difficult to manage and needs regular attention
- A huge amount of work to be done to clean and clear temporary camps and loose litter left around the whole of community following from Men's Business conclusion
- Papunya has continued to assist Haasts Bluff when available with travel of Compactor to that community once every fortnight to 3 weeks

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Good maintenance of grass and open spaces combined with little to no rain prior to the summer has seen minimal growth currently

Other

- Men's Business was held from prior to Christmas until early-February. The influx of visitors for extended periods placed significant pressure on services including Store and Clinic with MacDonnell Regional Council core operations disrupted
- The Manse (Lot 004) was subject to a grass fire that eventually engulfed the building in December. Asbestos is present and there are concerns children and young people are not heeding the signage and staying outside of the fenced area



11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Community Safety Papunya LAR - December 2025 - February 2026



Local Authority Youth Services Papunya

December 25 -February 26



Employees

12 Staff
91% Aboriginal



Hours

553 Hours
open



Engagements

159 Participant
1504 Engagement



Bush / Town Trip

4



Art Craft

3



Average participant age

13



Youth Board

1



Activities delivered

104



Events

2

Highlights



- A new Team Leader, Michaela, commenced during this period and has been a strong support to the team, demonstrating effective leadership and contributing to the delivery of engaging, high-quality programs for young people..
- In partnership with NT Health, female health education sessions were delivered for young women aged 14–25 years, supporting health awareness and wellbeing.
- The school holiday program commenced successfully, offering a range of engaging activities including movie nights, art and craft activities, discos, and several healthy cooking nights. During the cooking sessions, young people actively participated in preparing meals such as curry, burgers, and fruit salad. promoting healthy eating, teamwork, and confidence in a safe and engaging environment.

Young people watching
Christmas Chronicles
during School holidays



Art and craft sessions continue as
part of the regular school holiday
activities.

In partnership with NT Health, a
female health education question-
and-answer session was delivered,
providing a safe space for learning
and discussion.



Youth are playing indoor soccer
to stay active while avoiding the
heat outside.



Local Authority Report

Papunya

Community Safety

December 2025 - February 26



- 4 staff in the Papunya Team
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal

- 294 Hours patrolled
- Work: 6 hours shifts Tue - Sat
- Between 6.00pm - Midnight



803 Engagements with young people



368 Engagements with over 18's



695 Young people taken home



35 Training Hours



207 Are you okay? Checks



2 Community gatherings

Highlights



- Coordinator has visited Papunya 3 times in this reporting period, providing the team with training and support.
- The team joined the police in their training in VSA (volatile substance abuse), and DFV (domestic family violence).
- The Team Leader continues to provide training and support to the Community Safety Staff, as part of the training to be a supervisor. This is part of the onboarding of certificate III in community safety.
- Men's business took part in Papunya. Due to the numbers of visitors from other communities, Kintore and Mt Liebig team joined the Papunya team to ease the pressure and provide support.



The MacSafe team getting ready for their nightly patrol

Enosh and Felicia, the new recruits, cleaning the car



Christmas lunch, at Papunya council office

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Aged Care Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Aged Care report for Papunya.

BACKGROUND

Aged Care Services programs continue to be delivered in line with funding requirements.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Aged Care Papunya LAR December 2025 - February 2026



Local Authority Report Papunya Aged Care Services Dec25 to Feb26



6 Staff in the Papunya team
100% Community-based Employees are
Aboriginal

Stakeholders' engagements:
Regular contact with clinic staff.
Visiting Allied Health services



Lifts provided: 96



Client Interactions: 41
This includes client welfare
checks and client engagement at
the Aged Care Centre



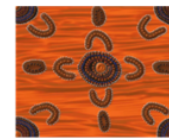
Personal Care provided: 89
Including:
shower & toilet assistance,
laundry loads, tablet reminders



Active Clients: 29



Training:
No training occurred this period; Certificate III
delivery is booked, with RTO training
commencing in coming weeks.



Meals Provided
Breakfast, lunches
& Hampers: 1768

☀️ Updates ☀️

Throughout the reporting period, the service experienced some staffing changes, including the transfer of our Coordinator. Despite this, we made every effort to maintain service delivery; however, there were a small number of occasions where the centre was unable to operate. On those days, hampers were provided to clients where possible to ensure continued support.

In December we held our annual Christmas party for clients and also handed out Christmas hampers which would see them through the MRC closure period.

We are actively looking to recruit a new coordinator for the Aged Care Service in the Papunya community.



Martha, Adrian and Dermott preparing clients lunches



Aged Care clients spending time together at the centre, supporting social connection and wellbeing



Christmas hampers prepared and distributed by the Aged Care team to support wellbeing and support over the festive break



Clients pictured with Christmas hampers

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE General Council Business

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the matters raised; and
- b) notes that any action items arising from these discussions will be moved to the action register for Council to respond.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE Non-Council Business
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

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

- Roads outside of MRC's area
- Education
- Health
- Police
- Land Management

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and discusses the matters raised.

BACKGROUND

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

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.