



AGENDA

SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2026

The Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Santa Teresa Council Office on Wednesday 5 August 2026 at 10:30 AM.

Belinda Urquhart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Attendance, Apologies and Leave

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making

Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities

Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is 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	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview to the membership of the Santa Teresa Local Authority, identifies any existing vacancies, and records attendance to the previous Authority meeting. It also informs members of any recent legislative changes to appointment procedures introduced under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- notes the attendance at the previous meeting;
- notes that there is one vacancy on the Authority; and
- calls for community nominations to remain open to fill this vacancy.

BACKGROUND

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

Appointed Members Santa Teresa LA	Meeting Attendance 27 May 2026
Louise Cavanagh (Chair)	Apology
Agnes Alice	Present
Mr Kopp [Robert]	Present
Leonie Young	Present
Marie Mulladad	Apology
Annalisa Young	Apology
VACANT	
Elected Members Rodinga Ward	
Cr Patrick Allen	Present
Cr Andrew Davis	Present via Teams
Cr Veronica Lynch	Present via Teams
Cr Matthew Palmer	Apology

Local Authorities Overview:

Local Authorities are composed of community members and convene **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

This framework ensures that Local Authorities act as a conduit between communities and Council, fostering inclusive governance and informed decision-making

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure, para.4.14: Nominations and Appointments states:

- a) nominations will be tabled at the next local authority meeting and considered. A recommendation on the nominations to Council will be recorded and presented with the nomination forms at the next Council meeting.
- b) in the case that there is a nomination, or nominations submitted but no timely local authority meeting (that is before the next council meeting), nominations will still be presented to the next Council meeting. The Council may appoint based on the submitted nominations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If Local Authorities do not maintain their membership numbers, their ability to make quorum for their meetings is impaired and they may not be able to commit funds to Community projects and events.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER 5.1

TITLE MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the Council Code of Conduct.

MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct

Interests of the Council and Community come first

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

Honesty

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

Taking care

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

Respect/Courtesy

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

Conduct towards council staff

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

Respect for culture

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

Conflict of interest

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

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

Respect for private business

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

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

Gifts

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

Accountable

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

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

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

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting held 27 May 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting held 27 May 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS

SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 27.5.2026 – MINUTES [1 pages]

MINUTES OF THE SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE SANTA TERESA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:34AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON

STLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Robert Kopp/Leonie Young)

That members agreed to Member Agnes Alice as Acting Chair for today's meeting

2 WELCOME

Acting Chair – Agnes Alice welcomed all attendees to the meeting

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Agnes Alice, Member Robert Kopp and Member Leonie Young

Councillors

Councillor Patrick Allen,

Via Teams: Councillor Andrew Davis and Councillor Veronica Lynch

Council Employees

Keith Hassett – Deputy CEO/Director Council Services, Damien Ryan – Area Manager, Lewis Gittoes – Council Services Coordinator and June Crabb –Coordinator Governance

Via Teams: Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Office and Shae Thompson – Governance Coordinator

Guests

Robyn Enever and Gloria Baliva – Menzies Representatives

Dee McCorkindale and Malavika Manoj – Department Local Government, Housing and Community Development Representatives

Apologies

Chairperson Louise Cavanagh, Member Marie Mulladad, Member Annalisa Young, Councillor Matthew Palmer, President Roxanne Kenny and CEO Belinda Urquhart

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.

STLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Robert Kopp)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received for this meeting from Chairperson Lousie Cavanagh, Members Marie Mulladad and Annalisa Young, Councillor Matthew Palmer, President Roxanne Kenny and Chief Executive Officer, Belinda Urquhart; and
- c) recorded no absences, without notice, for this meeting.

3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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STLA2026-17 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Agnes Alice)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the current membership;
- b) noted that there is one vacancy on the Authority; and
- c) called for community nominations to remain open to fill this vacancy.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	1.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

STLA2026-18 RESOLVED (Leonie Young/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting held 26 March 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

STLA2026-19 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting held 26 March 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

6 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.

STLA2026-20 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Leonie Young)

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

7 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.

STLA2026-21 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Veronica Lynch)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

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

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER:	
TITLE:	Menzies School of Health Research – ORVAC and THRIVE studies
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

STLA2026-22 RESOLVED (Robert Kopp/Leonie Young)

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the presentation by the Menzies School of Health Research representatives;

- b) gave support for the research teams' visit to Santa Teresa to invite eligible families to participate in the THRIVE study;
- c) recommended that, to support community consultation and encourage attendance, Menzies host a community BBQ;
- d) requested that notice of community engagement activities be provided as far in advance as possible; and
- e) noted the importance of notifying parents of young children early to allow sufficient time for families to be informed and educated about the study

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	
TITLE:	Action Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

STLA2026-23 RESOLVED (Robert Kopp/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority noted the updates to the actions as received and made the following decisions:

- a) closed action – Draft a letter to the Principle re. crossings
- b) kept open actions; increase Night Patrol's presence at the Rec hall and Night Patrol attendance at Sports weekends;
- c) provided feedback to the Executive Manager Community Safety and Youth Services:
 - that Night Patrol have not been present at the Rec Hall as advised and members would like Night Patrol to attend on a regular basis.
 - requests that Night Patrol attend major community events to provide an added safety presence, to patrol the area and to support taking young people home where required.

ITEM NUMBER:	
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, 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.

STLA2026-24 RESOLVED (Leonie Young/Agnes Alice)

That the Local Authority:

- acknowledged that \$53,505.44 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- noted the unallocated funds of \$108,157.04 available to expend**
- noted the progress on the current projects as provided by the Project Management Office (PMO):**
 - Project 2233 – Mural with Historical Timeline.** The PMO office is liaising with Keringke Arts Centre to undertake the mural project and will commence sourcing quotes for materials, paints, panels and potential compensation for artists. The PMO Office will provide an update at the next Local Authority meeting.
 - allocated \$75,000.00 to Project 2 x 3 on 3 Basketball Courts noting the following decisions:**
 - to change the project name to One x 3 on 3 half Basketball Court**
 - To proceed with the project, noting the cost of the quote for one half-court was in the vicinity of \$70,000.00**
 - agreed that a second half-Basketball Court may be considered at a future date, subject to how well the first half-court is received by community members**
- closed Project 2201 – Pedestrian Crossings, returning \$10,000.00 to unallocated funds, noting that this project will be funded through Councils' Road funding; and**
- created a new project – Cracker Dust, allocating \$15,000.00 to purchasing 27 cubic metres that is to be placed under the shade structure outside the council office and at the Front Entrance to community. The CSC will reconfirm the locations to the PMO Office.**

Minute Note:

Member Agnes Alice advised that she will speak with two local artists to inquire if they would be interested in being part of the mural project.

ITEM NUMBER:	
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, 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.

STLA2026-25 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Leonie Young)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that that \$2,905.87 has been expended;
- b) Allocated the remaining discretionary funds of \$1,094.13 at this meeting for the purchase of yard/gardening products from Bunnings as prizes towards a Tidy Yards Competition; and
- c) acknowledged that all funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2026.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

STLA2026-26 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Leonie Young)

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

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

STLA2026-27 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Patrick Allen)

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

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	1.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

STLA2026-28 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters for discussion.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	
TITLE:	Non-Council Business Items
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

This may include:

- NT Roads
- Education
- Housing/Repairs/Maintenance
- Health
- NT Police
- Land Management

STLA2026-29 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted an update to Lot 139A had been provided to Member Young;
- b) noted the update to the actions raised at previous meetings and closed these items; and
- c) did not raise any new matters of Non-Council business.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 12:21 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 27 May 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

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

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

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

Information and Opportunities

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

Undue Influence

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

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

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

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

If you do have a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

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

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This may include:

- NT Roads
- Education
- Housing/Repairs/Maintenance
- Health
- NT Police
- Land Management

RECOMMENDATION

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

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.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
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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 updates on the actions as provided.

BACKGROUND

Meeting	Officer	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 26/03/2026	Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety	Increase presence at Rec Hall
STLA2026-13 – Increase Presence of Community Safety Officers at Rec Hall The Local Authority requests that the presence of community safety officers is increased around the Rec Hall during patrol to help kerb the antisocial behaviour. 16-Apr-26: response from Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth & Community Safety Night Patrol will be present outside the rec hall from 8:30pm to ensure they can manage the closing of the youth program and help disperse any crowds and get everyone home. 27-May-26: kept action open for further review, and provided feedback to the Executive Manager Community Safety advising that the Night Patrol team have not been present at the Rec Hall as advised and members would like the Night Patrol staff to attend on a regular basis 16-Jul-26: Update from Libby Taylor Executive Manager of Youth and Community Safety Gilbert Smith has been working with the Community Safety Team to make sure they are attending the Rec Hall at the conclusion of the Youth programs. Recommend closing this item.		

Meeting	Officer	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 26/03/2026	Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety	Community Safety presence at Sports weekends
STLA2026-13: Inquiry if Night Patrol still attend sports weekends The Local Authority inquired if Night Patrol still attends sports weekends in other communities. 16-Apr-26: response from Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth & Community Safety This is treated on a case-by-case basis. Night Patrol are not required during the Santa Teresa Sports weekend as the Police were present. ALO's were also onsite and Council was informed that Phillip Alice's patrol group would be working all weekend, and given that, it was decided that the amount of support was already sufficient. MRC patrolled the Friday night and Monday night of the event. They did not patrol on the weekend. It is important that staff are given a break so that they may also enjoy the weekend with family. When a sports weekend is on, staff and the organisers of the event are consulted, and a decision is made based on the needs of the community 27-May-26: kept action open for further review, and provided feedback to the Executive Manager Community Safety with the following request: that Night Patrol attend major community events to provide an added safety presence, to patrol the area and to support taking young people home where required. 16-Jul-26: Update from Libby Taylor Executive Manager of Youth and Community Safety If the Executive Manager is notified in advance of major community events, the Community Safety team will develop a support plan to ensure adequate staffing and resources are in place to effectively support the event. Recommend closing this item.		

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	11.2
TITLE	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making

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- Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities, e.g. sporting venues, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation; upgrade of women's or men's sheds /shelters.
- Festivals or other events – to be conducted only within the Local Authority area LAPF has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledges that \$49,155.44 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- b) notes the unallocated funds of \$28,157.04 available to expend**
- c) notes the progress on the current projects as provided by the Project Management Office;**
- d) closes completed projects on receipt of invoices; and**
- e) discusses the priority of the wishlist items.**

BACKGROUND

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

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

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Project 2202		Cracker Dust	\$
		Status	Committed
27-May-26	Res. 024 – Created a new project Cracker Dust, allocating \$15,000.00 to purchasing 27 cubic metres that is to be placed under the shade structure outside the council office and at the Front Entrance to community. The CSC will reconfirm the locations to the PMO Office.		\$ 15,000.00
26-Jun-26	Invoice received from Alice Springs Sand Supply Pty Ltd		-\$ 4,350.00
31-Jul-26	This project is complete. Recommend closing this project once all invoices have been received and returning the unused funds to unallocated.		
		Underspend or (overspend)	\$ 10,650.00

Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting 5 August 2026 – Agenda

Project 2233 Mural with Historical Timeline		\$
	Status	Committed
4-Jun-25	Res.028 – Created a new project – Mural with historical timeline on the fence along the road into community, allocating \$101,848.40 to the project noting that the PMO Office will evaluate the requirements for this project, including associated costs, how long it will take and what details needs to be addressed.	\$ 101,848.40
3-Sep-25	Res.044 – As this is a novel project, the PMO is seeking advice from Red Hot Art, a government funded arts organisation, to develop a community centred plan for this project which will be presented at a future Local Authority meeting.	
26-Nov-25	Res.058 - resolved the following: - o accepted the information presented by the CEO of Red Hot Arts; - o agreed that rather than painting directly onto the fence, the mural would be created on panels that would be affixed to the fence; - o requested that the Project Management Office organise a community consultation to identify artists and to gather ideas for the content of the mural; - o agreed that at least one panel should reflect the history of Santa Teresa.	
26-Mar-26	Res.009 – The PMO Office to organise a community meeting to discuss this project.	
27-May-26	Res.024 – The PMO Office is liaising with Keringke Arts Centre to undertake the mural project and will commence sourcing quotes for materials, paints, panels and potential compensation for artists. The PMO Office will provide an update at the next Local Authority meeting.	
31-Jul-26	Most of the costs have been sourced in consultation with Keringke regarding durable sun-resistant materials for the project. Financial arrangements will need to be in place before the plan can be finalised and consultation on the design can begin.	
	Underspend or (overspend)	\$ 101,848.40

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NEW	1 x 3on3 Basketball Half Courts	\$
Status		Committed
25-Mar-26	Res. 009 – Created a new project 2 x 3-on-3 basketball half courts, with funding to be allocated subject to receipt and assessment of PMO quotes at the next meeting. If the estimated costs exceed the Authority's budget, the project will be deferred and returned to the Infrastructure Plan for future consideration.	
27-May-26	Res.024 – Allocated \$75,000.00 to the project, noting the following decisions: - to change the project name to One x 3 on 3 Basketball Court - to proceed with the project, noting the cost of the quote for one half court was in the vicinity of \$70,000.00 - agreed that a second half Basketball Court may be considered at a future date, subject to how well the first half-court is received by community members.	\$ 75,000.00
31-Jul-26	Concrete slab pour costs far exceed original budget. PMO recommends allocating an additional \$30,000.00 to this project in order to procede.	
	Underspend or (overspend)	\$ 75,000.00

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$ 187,498.40
	Total un-allocated funds	\$ 28,157.04
	Total unspent funds	\$ 215,655.44

WISHLIST		
RAISED	ITEMS	ASSIGNED
26-Nov-24	Sculptures from Men's Shed	
4-Jun-25	Solar Lights on the road to the men's shed	
26-Mar-26	Upgrades to the rec Hall Including flooring, overhead lights, fans and commercial cleaning.	PMO to investigate cost

PROJECTS CLOSED 2026-27

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Examples of unacceptable purposes for Expenditure include:

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the spending of the 2025/26 financial year;
- b) receives the \$4,000.00 discretionary funds for the current financial year;
- c) discusses allocating these funds at this meeting; and
- d) acknowledges that all funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2027.

BACKGROUND

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

Community Christmas and New Year's Festivities Community BBQ's Sports weekends
 Naidoc Celebrations Youth Board activities Community Competitions – Tidy Yards /
 Christmas Lights

When allocating funds towards BBQ's, Sporting equipment, Annual festivities or Community competitions, members are asked to consider the following:

- Date for event
- Who will be the main person responsible for organizing the event
- Where will the funds be spent
- Who will collect and store the purchases

Current Financial Year Funds Allocation

Date	2026/2027 Discretionary Funds	Budget \$
1-Jul-26	Approved Funds	\$4,000.00

Previous Financial Year Funds Allocation

Date	2025/2026 Discretionary Funds	Budget \$
1-Jul-25	Approved Funds	\$4,000.00
26-Nov-25	Res.59 – Allocated \$1,000.00 toward the Christmas Lights Competition.	
15-Dec-25	Invoice Received \$1,000.00 from AAAC	- \$1,000.00
26-Nov-25	Res.59 – Allocated \$1,000.00 for the children at the school, allowing the Principal to determine how these funds will be spent to benefit the children.	
5-Feb-26	All invoices received	- \$905.87
26-Mar-26	Res.10: allocates \$1,000.00 to AAAC for Santa Teresa's Sports weekend	
1-May-26	PO raised and sent to AAAC – waiting on invoice	- \$1,000.00
2-Apr-26	Res.10: allocates the balance being \$1,094.13 towards a community easter celebration to be organised by the members of the Local Authority. Email received from Member Annalisa Young to say that it was too late to place any orders for the celebration, and to cancel this commitment.	
27-May-26	Res. 25: Allocated the remaining discretionary funds of \$1,094.13 for the purchase of yard/gardening products from Bunnings as prizes towards a Tidy Yards Competition.	- \$916.68
	Total Funds Spent	\$ 3,822.55

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.

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE Council Services LAR
AUTHOR Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Stuart Millar – A/Director Council Services
Lewis Gittoes – A/Area Manager
Darren Young – A/Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

1 Council Services LAR



Council Services Santa Teresa



**92% First Nations
Employees in SCD**



**Council Office
456 Hours of
Service**

Snapshot



**4553 Litres Fuel
Usage Total**



**17 Vehicles and Plant
in Use**



**326 Bins
Emptied Weekly**



**62 Operational Street
lights
3 Non-Operational Street
lights**



**1 Sport Grounds
Maintained**



**15/20 Toolbox
Talks Completed**



**13 Australia Post
Deliveries**



2 Water Tests



**6 Hours of
Maintenance
completed at
Airstrip**



**6 Parks &
Playgrounds
Inspections**



**955 Water Bottles
Saved**

Animal Management

- Vets Attend community in Late July completing 26 desexing operations.
- the vets are expected in community in late august to provide services.

Cemetery Management

- All grass in cemetery has been cut
- Rubbish collected weekly
- There has been 1 funeral in this quarter
- Fire Breaks cleared on outside of fence by grader

Internal Road Maintenance

- Grading of bore roads
- Grading of road to WMF
- Road to Phillipson's Bore graded

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Old Football field graded for Fire Works Night
- Regular rubbish collection around the Oval
- Monthly Reporting completed and submitted

Sports Grounds

- Regular Rubbish Bin Collection at Oval, Basketball Court and Skate Park
- Regular loose rubbish collection around outside of oval, Basketball Court and Skate Park
- Due to a High Fire Danger, the Old Football Oval was graded. To be used as a safe area for community members to let off Fireworks in a safe area. It was decided on the day to move the area to the Softball Oval which had previously been graded for the Sports Weekend. AAAC arranged a BBQ and fire. The event was well attended and there were no injuries or fires.

Waste Management

- Community Rubbish bins collected on Monday & Thursdays
- Landfill pit rubbish compaction and maintenance carried out weekly
- WMF Inspection Report submitted monthly
- Weekly clean-up of Waste Management Facility

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Regular grass cutting and slashing has been carried out extensively throughout community and is ongoing
- Weeds and grasses removed from Council compounds and buildings
- Grading of Firebreaks around MRC Compounds, Cemetery and Outstation

Other Community Updates

- Cracker Dust has been delivered, laid and finished at the Information Area – Shady and Information Sign and MRC Office Shady.
- "Children Crossing" signs are being installed throughout community.



12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.2
TITLE Children's Services Report
AUTHOR Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The Children's 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
Coordinator and Admin

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Children's Services Santa Teresa LAR May – June 2026



Local Authority Santa Teresa May - June 2026



2 Employees
100% First Nation



10 - Enrolments



43 hours
Coordinator & Manager support



58.5
Service Delivery



27
Meals served



Training

- Team Leader enrolled in Cert III of Early Childhood Education and Care.
- Team Leader and Educator attended face to face training at Bachelor.



**Stakeholder
Engagement**
Families

Highlights

Santa Teresa Early Learning Centre officially commenced operations on 10th of June 2026 with the support and guidance of Coordinator. The Acting Team Leader is currently undertaking a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care and attended four days of face-to-face training in Batchelor in May 2026. **Positive outcomes observed during this reporting period include:**
Increased Enrolments
Family involvement and participation.



Local Authority Santa Teresa May - June 2026



The child carefully paints and independently selects colours to explore her creativity.





Local Authority Santa Teresa May - June 2026



Children enjoy constructing with the magnetics, communicating and supporting one another throughout their play.

Children climb over the foam shapes, practising their balance and coordination as they explore the space.



12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.3
TITLE	Youth Services and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR	Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Libby Taylor – Executive Manager of Youth and Community Safety
Gilbert Smith - Coordinator of Community Safety

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Youth and Community Safety Santa Teresa LAR - May – June 2026



MacSafe



Local Authority

Santa Teresa MacSafe
Community Safety
May - June 2026



- 6 Staff in the Santa Teresa Team
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal
- 222 Hours Patrolled
- Work: 6 hour shifts Mon-fri Between 6pm - 12 midnight



339 Engagements
with young people



11 Engagements
with over 18's



90 Young people
taken home



14 Training
Hours



50 Are you okay?
Checks



1 Community
gatherings

Updates

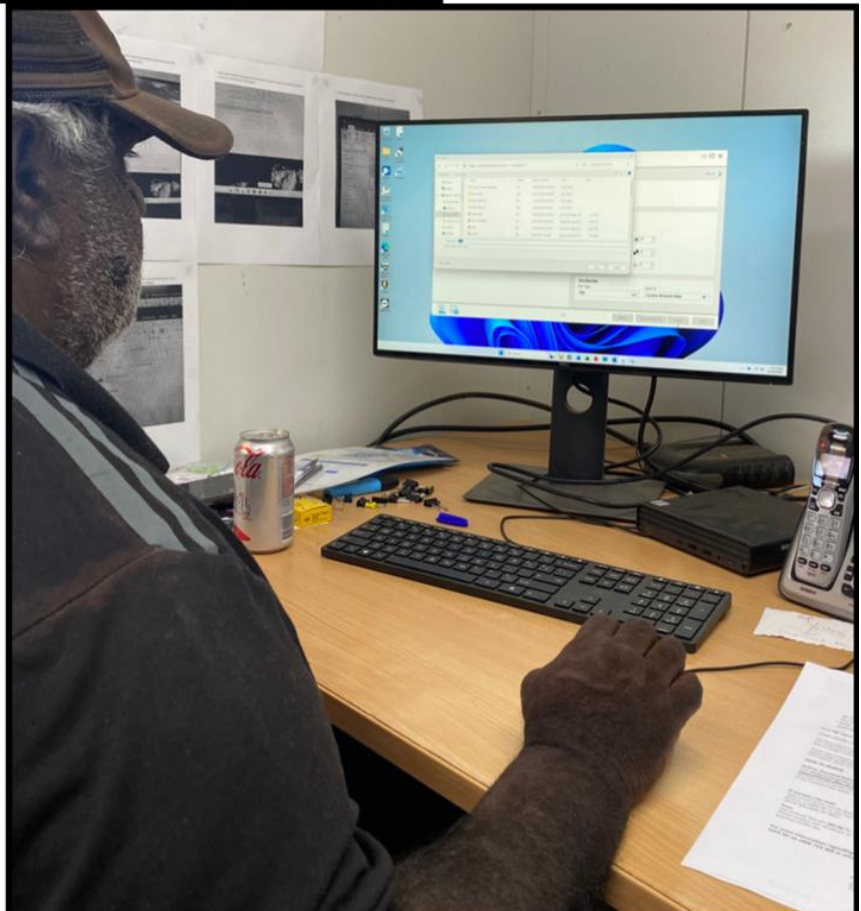
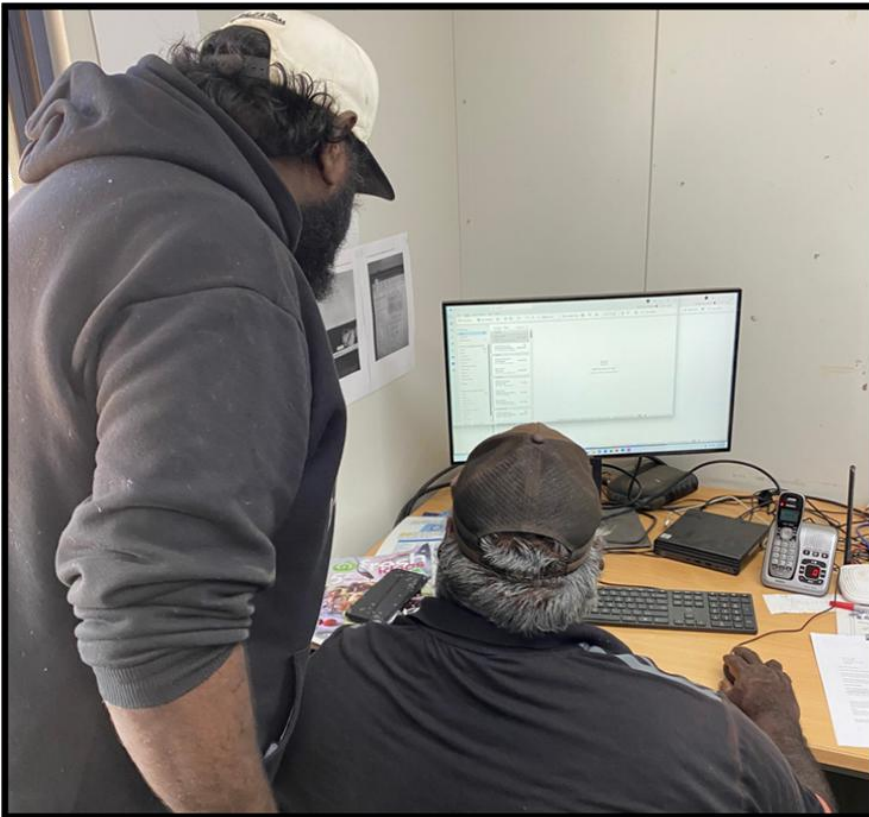


- There has been four visits to Santa Teresa by coordinator Gilbert Smith.
- The team has been participating in their Cert 3 in local government - First Aid training and have been doing great
- The coordinator has supported the team with trainings on IT - Computer, scanner and printer and maintenance app and is keeping the team up to date with the community safety app
- Team Leader Wayne young was on long service leave and is starting back on the 22/7
- The team from HR did their first roadshow to Santa Teresa and it went well

Wayne and Terence participating in their First Aid training



John Wallace and Baxter Alice learning how to operate with the computer and scanner on sending emails



The HR team road show with the community safety team





Local Authority Youth Services Santa Teresa May-June 2026



Employees

7 staff
100% Local



Activities

220 Hours
open



Engagements

30 Participants
1350 Engagements



Bush Trip

0



Arts Craft

4



Average Participant Age

12



Youth Boards

0



Sports

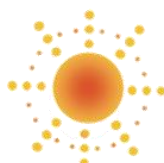
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Events

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Highlights



- **Regular Music Program:** Youth Services arranges weekly music and drum sessions after getting practical learning session from Top End Rhythm. It gives young people a fun, loud space to express themselves, hang out with friends, and learn new skills. This weekly routine gives them a fun, creative outlet while building their confidence and teamwork.
- **Three weeks School Holiday Program:** The June-July School Holiday Program was a huge success, offering a great mix of active sports, creative arts, and skill-building workshops. Day sessions featured snooker, dodgeball, and arts and crafts, while evenings wrapped up with basketball tournaments and cozy movie nights. A major highlight was the hands-on hairdressing workshop with Deadly Hair Dude, which gave youth a fun introduction to styling. Overall, the program provided a safe, dynamic space for young people to connect, stay active, and learn new skills during their break.

The Top End Rhythm Academy is bringing rhythm and music education to Santa Teresa , delivering hands-on instrument workshops for local youth as part of the Youth Services School Holiday Program.



Young girl learned with Deadly Hair Dude how to cut, color, and style hair.



Youth in Santa Teresa are doing painting as a part of regular youth program



13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE General Council Business

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to 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.