AGENDA

SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2026

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

Belinda Urquhart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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10 NEXT MEETING - 2027

11 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;**
- **b) tables apologies received; 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:
a) notes the attendance at the previous meeting;
b) notes that there is one vacancy on the Authority; and
c) 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 5 Aug 2026
Louise Cavanagh (Chair)	Present
Agnes Alice	Present
Mr Kopp [Robert]	Present
Leonie Young	Present
Marie Mulladad	Apology
Annalisa Young	Present
VACANT	
Elected Members Rodinga Ward	
Cr Patrick Allen	Present
Cr Andrew Davis	Present
Cr Veronica Lynch	Present
Cr Matthew Palmer	Present

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 5 August 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting held 5 August 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS
1. SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 5.8.2026 - MINUTES [8 pages]

MINUTES OF THE SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE SANTA TERESA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.37AM

2 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Chairperson Louise Cavanagh and quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	**3.1**
TITLE:	**Attendance, Apologies and Leave**

Local Authority Members

Chairperson Louise Cavanagh, Member Agnes Alice, Member Robert Kopp, Member Leonie Young and Member Annalisa Young.

Councillors

Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Veronica Lynch and Councillor Matthew Palmer

Council Employees

A/Director Council Services Jake Potter, Council Services Coordinator Lewis Gittoes and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Guests

Donna Lemon and Malavika Manoj – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development, NTG.

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

STLA2026-30 **RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Leonie Young)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted the Member's attendance;**
b) **accepted apologies received from Member Marie Mulladad, President Roxanne Kenny, CEO Belinda Urquhart, Ellie Kamara CEO AAAC and Shane Freney from Bill Yann's Office; and**
c) **recorded no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.**

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4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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

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*.

STLA2026-31 **RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Matthew Palmer)**

That the Local Authority:

a) noted the attendance at the previous meeting;
b) noted that there is one vacancy on the Authority; and
c) called for community nominations to remain open to fill this 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.

STLA2026-32 **RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Annalisa Young)**

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	**6.1**
TITLE:	**Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

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

STLA2026-33 **RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Agnes Alice)**

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting held 27 May 2026 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.

STLA2026-34 **RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Leonie Young)**

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	**8.1**
TITLE:	**Conflict of Interest**

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

STLA2026-35 **RESOLVED (Annalisa Young/Agnes Alice)**

That the Local Authority Meeting:
a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
b) that members declared no conflicts of interest.

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

10.1 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

AUTHOR:	**Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance**

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

This may include:
- NT Roads
- Education
- Housing/Repairs/Maintenance
- Health
- NT Police

- Land Management

STLA2026-36 **RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Annalisa Young)**

That the Local Authority raised and discussed the following matters of Non-Council business:

- **Requested information about the progress of the sealing of the road to Alice Springs including a timeline. Members are concerned about whether the funding for this has been spent elsewhere. They stated that they are concerned about getting cut off from Alice Springs during weather events and the effect this will have on ambulance access and food security.**
- **Received an update on Units 1 and 2 of 139 that a work order was sent out on 29 July to bring both units up to standard to be safe and habitable. Members stated that they were concerned that this land will never be safely habitable due to the sink hole at this site and that this was what they were told at the HRG meeting. Members suggested that a new house should be built on a new site. The tenants of both of these properties have been unable to live in these units for over a year and have been moving between temporary housing and living with family during this time. They stated that there was a previous build on this site which was demolished due to the sink hole. The department attempted to fix the site before the current buildings were built and this was unsuccessful.**
- **Were notified that the department is negotiating with CAAMA radio in order to convey important messages regarding Housing and HRG meetings on this medium. These messages will be conveyed in language. This news was well received.**
- **Members raised that Housing has been slow to respond to maintenance issues. The timeframe is much longer than the 2 weeks that community members understood was promised.**
- **Raised that a screen door was requested for the back door at lot 138. The maintenance team came and removed the screen from the front door [maybe for measuring] and never returned the front door or installed the back door.**
- **Requested that Housing provide a date for when the air-conditioners will be serviced. Preferably before it gets too hot.**
- **Raised that the transition house has a swampy air-conditioner that blows hot air even after it had been repaired by contractors. The locks on this house are easily unlatched and this is a security risk.**
- **Requested that contractors be reminded about reducing their speed when they are driving within the community and about being cautious of children on foot and on scooters.**
- **Requested information about the rise in power costs. The cost of power is unaffordable for many residents.**
- **Leonie will send some photos of issues directly to Donna who can then share these images with the Housing department.**

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	**11.1**
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.

STLA2026-37 **RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Agnes Alice)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **discussed the item 'Increased [Community Safety] presence at Rec Hall' and:**
   - **Stated that the Community Safety team is not attending the Rec Hall at the conclusion of Youth programs.**
   - **Raised that the team is not starting work on time and were informed that vehicle tracking shows that patrolling is beginning at 6pm.**
   - **Requested information about who is on the team and asked if there are any vacancies, if more women could be employed to communicate with female youth, and if younger people could be employed.**
   - **Stated that the Community Safety team is patrolling the boundary at night unnecessarily.**
   - **Requested that the hours for the Youth Services team be extended in order to tire the kids out.**
   - **Requested that Community Safety check in with any young people still out in the community at the end of their shift and ask them to head home.**
   - **Stated that there are kids on the basketball court after midnight because the light timer is broken and the light stays on all night. The school has ownership of the light timer and pays for the electricity; and**

b) **accepted the update regarding Community Safety Presence at Sports Weekends and closed this item.**

ITEM NUMBER:	**11.2**
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.

STLA2026-38 **RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Robert Kopp)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **acknowledged that $49,155.44 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
b) **closed finished project 2202 'Cracker Dust' and returned all unused funds to unallocated once all invoices have been received;**
c) **noted the progress on the current projects as follows:**
   - **Project 2233 'Mural with Historical Timeline' costings have been sourced and design consultation will begin in October.**
   - **New project '1 x 3on3 Basketball Half Court' allocated an additional $30,000.00 to this project to cover the unexpectedly high concrete costs; and**
d) **added playground repairs to the wishlist and requested that the PMO investigate the viability of repairs and associated costs.**

ITEM NUMBER:	**11.3**
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.

STLA2026-39 **RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Agnes Alice)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted the spending of the 2025/26 financial year;**
b) **received the $4,000.00 discretionary funds for the current financial year;**
c) **allocated $1,000.00 to be spent by the AAAC for the horse races weekend in October; and**
d) **acknowledged that all funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2027.**

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	**12.1**
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.

STLA2026-40 **RESOLVED (Annalisa Young/Louise Cavanagh)**

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

a) **requested that Council Services do an audit on the solar lights within the community; and**
b) **requested that Council Services advise the vets that the Local Authority would not like the meeting room to be used for surgery.**

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

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

STLA2026-41 **RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Leonie Young)**

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted and accepted the Children's Services report; and**
b) **requested that the childcare services consider holding an open day to advertise that the centre is now open.**

ITEM NUMBER:	**12.3**
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

STLA2026-42 **RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Leonie Young)**

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

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	**13.1**
TITLE:	**General Council Business**

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

STLA2026-43 **RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Leonie Young)**

That the Local Authority raised the following matters of general Council business:

a) **requested a speed bump out the front of the store / Centrelink and near the skate park / school;**

b) requested additional speed signs and slow down signs. Requested that the signs coming into the community and near the police station be replaced;
c) requested that Council work closely with other community stakeholders, particularly AAAC, to improve outcomes for Santa Teresa;
d) requested that council assign grave sites in the newer area of the cemetery in orderly rows rather than having families choose the location to prevent using machinery in older parts of the cemetery. Suggested that the cemetery be closed outside business hours to prevent children from playing with ornaments left on graves;
e) requested that Council schedule machinery to come and remove the old cars from outside the yards;
f) requested a memorial plaque for Bill Ryan at the Rec Hall. He worked with young people for many years in the community. Robby Kopp will communicate with Libby Taylor on this matter; and
g) **requested that the area in front of Centrelink office be investigated to see if the slippery surface can be remedied.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:27 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Santa Teresa Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 5 August 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.

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7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER 7.1
TITLE Acceptance of Agenda

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER 8.1
TITLE Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

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

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

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

Information and Opportunities

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

Undue Influence

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

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

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

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 TRACKS Integtrated Services - Children's services consultation
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
Representatives from TRACKS Integrated Services will attend the Local Authority meeting to find out what kind of children's services the community needs, who else in community they should be speaking with and to share what they have learnt so far.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

a) notes and accepts the information provided by TRACKS Integrated Services; and
b) **provides feedback on the children's services needs of the community.**

BACKGROUND
Tracks Integrated Services is an Aboriginal majority-owned and female-led company working across the Northern Territory and Queensland. They are working with the NT Department of Education and Training on Stage 3 of the Community Child Care Fund Restricted (CCCFR) project, under an agreement with the Australian Government.

Earlier stages (2022 to 2025) looked at 41 remote services. Several of these communities have had childcare services closed for long periods because the current rules are hard for remote services to meet particularly regarding staffing.

Stage 3 asks communities what they want for their children and what kind of service would work for them, so that future models can run more regularly while providing good quality care and keeping children safe.

The information gathered will inform the next stage, where new models may be designed.

Tracks Integrated Services are visiting up to 11 communities between August and December 2026, seven of them in the MacDonnell region. They visited Kaltukatjara in August and Papunya and Watiyawanu in September. Ltyentye Apurte, Utju and Ikuntji are planned for November and December.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS
A report on each community is prepared for the Department, and the information gathered is shared back with community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Nil.

CONSULTATION
The Local Authority.

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

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

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

This may include:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

a) notes the updates on the previously raised matters;
b) closes resolved items; and
c) raises and discusses any new matters of Non-Council business.

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

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 05/08/2026	NTG	Non-Council Business	**Lot 139**

05/08/2026 STLA 2026-36
Received an update on Units 1 and 2 of 139 that a work order was sent out on 29 July to bring both units up to standard to be safe and habitable. Members stated that they were concerned that this land will never be safely habitable due to the sink hole at this site and that this was what they were told at the HRG meeting. Members suggested that a new house should be built on a new site. The tenants of both of these properties have been unable to live in these units for over a year and have been moving between temporary housing and living with family during this time. They stated that there was a previous build on this site which was demolished due to the sink hole. The department attempted to fix the site before the current buildings were built and this was unsuccessful.

11/08/2026 Response from Housing provided through Adele McCorkindale, NTG

Housing Property Services (HPS) - From an asset management prospective an investigation on the dwellings has been conducted with a report from a structural engineer, HPS has approved the rectification of these dwellings.

Tenancy Management (TM) - Discussion on tenancy agreements will need to be actioned via the Remote tenancy team - **Tenancy Management (TM) will instigate required tenancy works for these lots only when the works are nearly completion.**

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 05/08/2026	NTG	Non-Council Business	**Sealing the Road**

05/08/2026 STLA 2026-36
Requested information about the progress of the sealing of the road to Alice Springs including a timeline. Members are concerned about whether the funding for this has been spent elsewhere. They stated that they are concerned about getting cut off from Alice Springs during weather events and the effect this will have on ambulance access and food security.

10/08/2026 Response from Adele McCorkindale – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

The Santa Teresa Road Upgrade forms part of the $415 million Northern Territory Strategic Roads Package, jointly funded by the Australian Government and the Northern Territory Government.

The project has an approved Northern Territory allocation of $62.5 million and includes the upgrade of approximately 42.5 km of road, from chainage 20.32 km to 62.80 km.

The project is planned to be delivered in two packages:

- Package 1: Chainage 40.15 km to 62.69 km
- Package 2: Chainage 20.42 km to 40.15 km

Package 1 is scheduled to proceed first.

Progress to date

- Early works, including bore installation, have been completed.
- Powerline relocation works are currently underway.
- Detailed design and required land access approvals are in place for Package 1.

Upcoming works

- Preparation to proceed to tender is expected in Q2 2026.
- Subject to procurement and construction timeframes, construction of Package 1 is anticipated to commence in Q4 2026.
- Detailed design for Package 2 is in the final stages; however, delivery is subject to Package 1 tender prices and funding availability.

Consideration of any additional stages or further sealing beyond the currently funded scope would be subject to future government funding approval processes.

Routine road maintenance activities continue to be managed separately from the upgrade project to support ongoing access, particularly following wet season impacts.

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 05/08/2026	NTG	Non-Council Business	**Housing Maintenance efficiency**

05/08/2026 STLA 2026-36
Members raised that Housing has been slow to respond to maintenance issues. The timeframe is much longer than the 2 weeks that community members understood was promised.

11/08/2026 Response from Housing provided through Adele McCorkindale, NTG

Housing Property Services (HPS)- Time frames can vary depending on the urgency of the defect, **5 days for urgent** – **25 days for routine**, we encourage the members to ensure they are contacting the Department if they are concerned on timelines **1800 104 076.**

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 05/08/2026	NTG	Non-Council Business	**Lot 138**

05/08/2026 STLA 2026-36
Raised that a screen door was requested for the back door at lot 138. The maintenance team came and removed the screen from the front door [maybe for measuring] and never returned the front door or installed the back door.

11/08/2026 Response from Housing provided through Adele McCorkindale, NTG

Housing Property Services (HPS)- The department has no record of this request; we would encourage the tenant to contact the HPS team to discuss these issues -**1800 104 076.**

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 05/08/2026	NTG	Non-Council Business	**Air-conditioner servicing**

05/08/2026 STLA 2026-36
Requested that Housing provide a date for when the air-conditioners will be serviced. Preferably before it gets too hot.

11/08/2026 Response from Housing provided through Adele McCorkindale, NTG

Housing Property Services (HPS) - Currently being actioned under preventive maintenance once the plan has been devised correspondence will be provided to the community and members, should tenants have concerns relating to repairs and maintenance we encourage the tenants to make contact on **1800 104 076**.

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 05/08/2026	NTG	Non-Council Business	**Transition House**

05/08/2026 STLA 2026-36
Raised that the transition house has a swampy air-conditioner that blows hot air even after it had been repaired by contractors. The locks on this house are easily unlatched and this is a security risk.

11/08/2026 Response from Housing provided through Adele McCorkindale, NTG

Housing Property Services (HPS) & Tenancy Management (TM) -There are 4 transitional dwellings in the community. The Tenancy Management team will require a tenant name and Lot number to follow-up on this enquiry. **Please have the tenant contact Housing** on **1800 104 076**.

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 05/08/2026	NTG	Non-Council Business	**Contractors speeding in community**

05/08/2026 STLA 2026-36
Requested that contractors be reminded about reducing their speed when they are driving within the community and about being cautious of children on foot and on scooters.

11/08/2026 Response from Housing provided through Adele McCorkindale, NTG

Housing Property Services (HPS) response -This will be raised with the Contractor at the next meeting in September 2026.

Tenancy Management (TM response) - Manager for Tenancy Remote will raise this with tenancy officers to ensure community expectations are met.

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Section	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 05/08/2026	NTG	Non-Council Business	**Power Prices**

05/08/2026 STLA 2026-36
Requested information about the rise in power costs. The cost of power is unaffordable for many residents.

10/08/2026 Response from Adele McCorkindale – Department of Housing, Local Gvoernment and Communtiy Development.

Please see the attached poster provided by Power and Water containing ideas on how to cut power costs.

Shane Franey has advised that communities can contact Bill Yann's office to discuss support that may be available.

Remote Power advised that they have put out a social media release on Facebook. There is also more information on the Power and Water website about reducing power costs by reducing power usage.

ATTACHMENTS

1 PWC Poster

Save power, save money

Your power costs depend on how much power you use.



If lots of people live in your house, you will spend more money on power.

Everyone who stays or lives in a house can help pay for power.

If you use lots of appliances, you will spend more money on power.

Many appliances cost money when they are turned off in stand by mode. Unplug things you are not using.





Air con and heating can cost lots of money. Set your air con temperature between 24 and 26 degrees to save money. Set your heating between 18 and 20 degrees.

Keep windows and doors closed when using aircon or heating, including inside doors, so you use less power.

Keep your fridge and freezer closed and check the seals around the door are good.

Keep fridges and freezers indoors. They need more power to stay cold if outside in the sun.



You can find more tips to save power on our website.

We are here to help. Call us for free on **1800 245 091**.

www.powerwater.com.au

PowerWater

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 11.1
TITLE Action Register
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

a) **notes the updates on the actions as provided;**
b) **closes Increase presence at Rec Hall and Vehicle Removal; and**
c) **consider the letter from the Santa Teresa Catholic Church and reverse the request to close the cemetery outside of business hours and closes this matter.**

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: Res.23

- 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.

05-Aug-26: Res.37

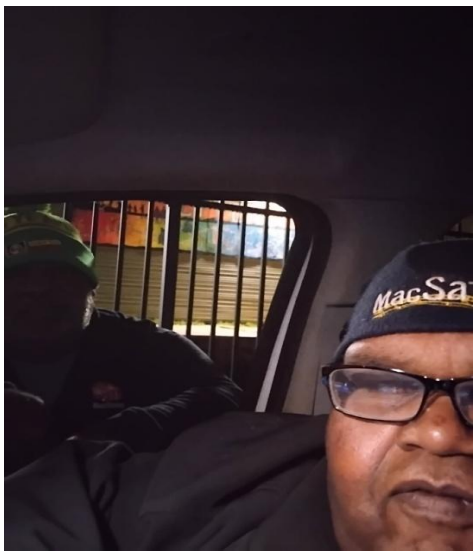
- Stated that the Community Safety team is not attending the Rec Hall at the conclusion of Youth programs.

- Raised that the team is not starting work on time and were informed that vehicle tracking shows that patrolling is beginning at 6pm.
- Requested information about who is on the team and asked if there are any vacancies, if more women could be employed to communicate with female youth, if younger people could be employed.
- Stated that the Community Safety team is patrolling the boundary at night unnecessarily.
- Requested that the hours for the Youth Services team be extended in order to tire the kids out.
- Requested that Community Safety check in with any young people still out in the community at the end of their shift and ask them to head home.
- Stated that there are kids on the basketball court after midnight because the light timer is broken and the light stays on all night. The school has ownership of the light timer and pays for the electricity

7-Oct-26: Update from Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety Libby Taylor

- Attached are photos of the team attending the rec hall at closing time
- Gilbert Smith is working closely with the team to ensure they are patrolling within the community and actioning requests as set by the Local Authority
- There are currently 2 casual vacancies – applications can be made at the Council Office
- Community safety recently supported the horse race event and patrolled over the weekend
- Youth Services may amend their hours – it is up to the coordinator Robbie to amend program hours with his team in Santa
- Youth or Night patrol has no control over the basketball court lights







Recommends closing this item

Meeting	Officer	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 05/08/2026	Council Services	**Solar lights**

STLA2026-40 – Audit on Solar lights

- Requested that Council Services do an audit on the solar lights within the community.

3-Nov-26 Update from Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Officer

The audit of the solar lights has been completed and the PMO are currently investigating options with Council Services.

Meeting	Officer	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 05/08/2026	Council Services	**Road Furniture**

STLA2026-43: Speed bump and additional signage

- Requested a speed bump out the front of the store / Centrelink and near the skate park / school;
- Requested additional speed signs and slow down signs. Requested that the signs coming into the community and near the police station be replaced

3-Nov-26 Update from Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Officer

The PMO have ordered the speed cushions and are hoping that they will arrive by the end of November.

Meeting	Officer	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 05/08/2026	Council Services	**Cemetery**

STLA2026-43: Assign grave sites

- Requested that council assign grave sites in the newer area of the cemetery in orderly rows rather than having families choose the location to prevent using machinery in older parts of the cemetery. Suggested that the cemetery be closed outside business hours to prevent children from playing with ornaments left on graves.

7-Aug-26: Email sent to Project Manager and Area Managers

10-Sep-26 Letter received from Santa Teresa Catholic Church

This letter is a request to keep the cemetery open outside of business hours to allow family members to visit, tend graves, pray and pay respects at any time. The letter is attached.

Recommendation: that the Local Authority, having considered the letter from the Santa Teresa Catholic Church, reverse the request to close the cemetery outside of business hours and closes this matter

Meeting	Officer	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 05/08/2026	Council Services	**Vehicle removal**

STLA2026-43: Removal of old cars from outside yards

- Requested that Council schedule machinery to come and remove the old cars from outside the yards.

8-Oct-26: Response from Manager Fleet and Infrastructure Jeff MacLeod

A heavy plant trip had been planned for Santa Teresa. Unfortunately, our Senior Plant Operator resigned. We are currently advertising for someone to fill this position. We are hoping to achieve this trip early in the new year.

Recommend closing this item.

Meeting	Officer	Subject
Santa Teresa Local Authority 05/08/2026	Council Services	**Memorial Plaque**

STLA2026-43 – Memorial Plaque

- Members requested a memorial plaque for Bill Ryan at the Rec Hall. He worked with young people for many years in the community. Robbie Kopp will communicate with Libby Taylor on this matter.

7-Oct-26: Update from Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety Libby Taylor

Robbie Kopp has not made contact regarding this matter.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS
Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Nil.

CONSULTATION
Executive Leadership Team.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Letter from Santa Teresa Catholic Church

Santa Teresa Catholic Church
PMB 216 via Alice Springs NT, 0872

Wednesday 9th Sept, 2026

Local Authority Members and Councillors
MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC)
CMB 190 via Alice Springs NT 0872

RE: Santa Teresa Cemetery

Dear MRC Local Authority Members and Councillors,

On behalf of Santa Teresa Catholic Parish Council, we write to raise a concern relating to an item minuted in your August Local Authority Meeting. It was suggested that the cemetery be closed outside of business hours to prevent children playing in there. The Parish Council does not support this suggestion. Family members attend the cemetery at all hours to visit loved ones, tend to their graves, pray, and pay their respects. Restricting access outside of business hours would unnecessarily prevent families from visiting the cemetery when it is convenient or appropriate for them. We also respectfully request that any decisions about the cemetery be made in consultation with the Parish Council.

We appreciate the continued efforts of the Council in support of the Parish and look forward to continuing to work together to support the Ltyentye Apurte community.

Yours Faithfully,
Members of Santa Teresa Parish Council

Name: ERICA LANGLEY
Sign:

Name: Charlotte Flowers
Sign: Flowers

Name: Carmel Ryan
Sign: Carmel Ryan

Name: Thecla Palmer
Sign: Thecla Palmer

Name: Annette Williams
Sign: Annette Williams

Name: Francesca Williams
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Name: MARY MULLADAD
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Name: Teresa Ronson
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Kellie Mayne

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

a) acknowledges that $37,467.97are funds at risk;
b) notes the progress on the current projects as provided by the Project Management Office;
c) closes completed projects on receipt of invoices received; and
d) discusses the priority of the wishlist items.

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

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

Project 2208	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**
5-Aug-26	Res.038 – Allocated an additional $30,000.00 to this project to cover the unexpectedly high cost of concrete	$ 30,000.00
18-Aug-26	Purchase Order raised with MSF Sports Pty Ltd – Balance outstanding	**-$ 5,008.91**
18-Aug-26	Invoice received from MSF Sports Pty Ltd	**-$ 11,687.47**
	underspend or (overspend)	**$ 88,303.62**

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.	
5-Aug-26	Res.038 – Costings have been sourced and design consultation will begin in October.	
	underspend or (overspend)	**$ 101,848.40**

Budget consideration	
Balance of underspend or (overspend)	$ 190,152.02
Total un-allocated funds	$ 8,807.04
Total unspent funds	**$ 198,959.06**

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		
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**
5-Aug-26	Res.038 – Closed finished Project 2202 ' Cracker Dust' and returned all unused funds to unallocated once all invoices have been received.	**-$ 10,350.00**
	underspend or (overspend)	**$ 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, 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 that an invoice for $1,000.00 has been received from AAAC;
b) accepts that there are $3,000.00 of unallocated discretionary funds;
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**
5-Aug-26	**Res. STLA2026-39** Allocated $1,000.00 to be spent by the AAAC for the horse races weekend in October.	
31-Aug-26	Invoice received for $1,000.00.	**-$1,000.00**
	Remaining Funds	**$3,000.00**

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS
Local Authorities decide how to best spend this money to broadly benefit the community. The Local Authority is responsible for consulting with community members to ensure that community priorities are considered when allocating discretionary funds.

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

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

CONSULTATION
The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS
There are no attachments to this report.

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE Council Services_Santa Teresa_LAR
AUTHOR Prisca Mufambisi, Senior Admin Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in 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

Keith Hassett – Deputy Chief Executive Officer | Director Council Services
Lewis Gittoes – Area Manager
Darren Young – A/ Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

1 Council Services_Santa Teresa_LAR

Council Services Santa Teresa

92% First Nations Employees in SCD

Council Office 440 Hours of Service

Snapshot

2044 Litres Fuel Usage Total



17 Vehicles and Plant in Use



326 Bins Emptied Weekly



63 Operational Street lights
2 Non-Operational Street lights



1 Sport Ground Maintained



5/12 Toolbox Talks Completed



12 Australia Post Deliveries



4 Water Tests



10 Hours of Maintenance completed at Airstrip



6 Parks & Playgrounds Inspections



1277 Water Bottles Saved

Animal Management

- Veterinary visit conducted on 31 August 2026 as part of the Community Animal Management Program.
- Dog and cat desexing services were provided to support animal population management and improve animal health and welfare.

Cemetery Management

- Routine maintenance of the cemetery has been completed, with all grass areas mowed to maintain a clean and respectful environment.
- Monthly inspections and reporting were undertaken to monitor the condition of the cemetery and identify any maintenance requirements.

Internal Road Maintenance

- Road grading completed on the WMF and Racecourse roads, improving access and road conditions.
- Ongoing maintenance grading of bore roads undertaken as required.
- Three speed humps installed in the Old Village area to improve road safety and reduce vehicle speeds and additional installations are planned across community.

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Road grading completed on the Waste Management Facility (WMF) and Racecourse roads, improving access and road conditions.
- Ongoing maintenance grading of bore roads undertaken as required, subject to weather and ground conditions.
- Road maintenance scheduling remains flexible to ensure works are completed safely and effectively.

Sports Grounds

- Routine maintenance and cleaning of sporting and recreational facilities continued throughout the reporting period.
- Regular rubbish collection and litter clean-up were undertaken at the Oval, Basketball Court and Skate Park.

Waste Management

- Community rubbish bins collected twice weekly to maintain cleanliness and prevent overflow.
- Weekly landfill pit maintenance and rubbish compaction completed.
- Monthly WMF inspections completed and submitted.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Ongoing weed control, grass cutting, and slashing undertaken across the community following recent rainfall.
- Vegetation removal around Council compounds and community buildings continues as required.
- Firebreak maintenance is ongoing to reduce fire risks and support community safety.

Other Community Updates

- Get Grubby Community Orchard Project held on 1 October 2026, with six fruit trees planted to support community gardening and healthy living and an additional six trees that were donated by CatholicCare.
- Santa Teresa Horse Races were successfully held on 3–4 October 2026.


7 Oct 2026 9:16:06 am
6 Loop Road
Santa Teresa
7 Oct 2026 9:15:38 am
10 Village Road
Santa Teresa
MacDonnell Region
Northern Territory

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.2
TITLE Youth 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
And Admin

ATTACHMENTS

1 Youth and Community Safety Santa Teresa LAR July - September 2026

Local Authority

Santa Teresa MacSafe Community Safety July - September 2026

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



210 Engagements with young people



70 Engagements with over 18's



90 Young people taken home



16 Training Hours



80 Are you okay? Checks



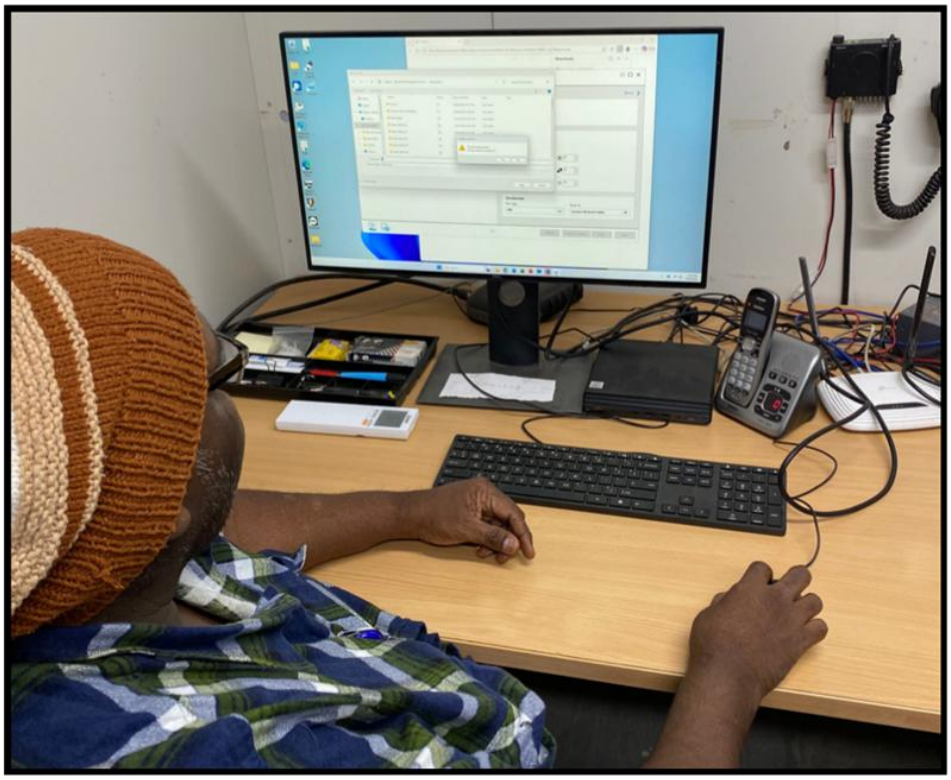
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Updates

- The coordinator has been to Santa Teresa three times in this period.
- Support has been provided through phone contact and email
- There was training for the team leader and staff in how to operate the IT equipment correctly how to use the App and the Fleetio App.
- The team has been working closely with the youth on transporting kids home
- John Terry and Jason worked over the horse race weekend, supporting the event and giving transport to young people and vulnerable residents

Wayne and John learning on how to scan timesheets and send emails





Wayne and the team discussing about their roster



The team Patrolling around the Rec hall



John and Terry cooking up the BBQ for the team meeting





Wayne Terrence and Baxter working with the Mac safe App





Local Authority Youth Services Santa Teresa

July-September2026



Employees
8 staff
87% Local



Activities
170 Hours
open



Engagements
35 Participants
1200 Engagements



Bush Trip
1



Arts Craft
8



Average Participant Age
11



Youth Boards
1

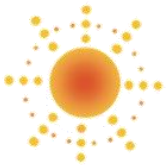


Sports
80



Events
3

Highlights



- **Regular Youth Program:** Youth Services runs regular activities for young people, including dodgeball competitions, pool table games at the Recreation Hall, and football sessions at the oval. These activities encourage physical activity, teamwork, social connection, and positive engagement in a safe and supportive environment.
- **Two weeks School Holiday Program:** The September to October School Holiday Program was a massive success, packed with activities like dodgeball, Auskick on the oval, town trips, and disco nights. A major highlight was the AAAC Music Video Workshop, where youth collaborated with Youth Services to write songs and film an original music video. The program also partnered with Bikes Mwerre, who provided bicycles and gear to keep the local youth active and engaged.

Young people participated in a tug-of-war activity, promoting teamwork, physical activity, and positive engagement.



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



The Youth Board engaged with young people to gather feedback and support youth-led activities and programs during its second meeting of the year in September. The meeting provided an opportunity for young people to share their ideas, discuss community needs, and contribute to the planning of future youth activities and programs.



Young people participate in a basketball session, building teamwork and developing skills.



12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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 Services - Santa Teresa LAR July - September 2026

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2 Employees
100% First Nation



13 - Enrolments



105 hours
Coordinator & Manager support



161
Service Delivery



92
Meals served



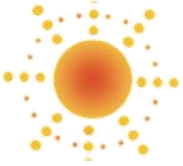
Training

- Educator Completed First Aid Training



Stakeholder Engagement
Families

Highlights



Educator successfully completed their First Aid Certificate.
Coordinator has been supporting the opening of the childcare centre 3 days a week to facilitate participation in the early learning program

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Santa Teresa

Children getting creative together with painting, craft and other fun hands-on activities.

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
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.