



AGENDA

TITJIKALA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2026

The Titjikala Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Titjikala Council Office on Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 10:30 AM.

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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;**
- 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 Titjikala Local Authority, identifies any existing vacancies and records attendance at the previous Authority meeting. It also informs members of any recent legislative changes to appointment procedures introduced under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Member Geoffrey Campbell was nominated as Chair for a period of 12 months; effective until September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- notes that the current Chairperson's term is due to expire on 30 September and considers the appointment of a Chairperson;
- notes that one vacancy is available on the Authority; and
- calls for community nominations to remain open to fill the remaining vacancy.

BACKGROUND

The chart below shows the attendance of the Local Authority members at the previous meeting. No further meeting has been held since then.

If you are unable to attend an LA meeting, it is important that you let the Council Services Coordinator know. Should an apology not be received, you may be recorded as absent. If you are recorded as absent from a second Authority meeting, your membership will be dismissed.

Appointed Members Titjikala LA	Meeting Attendance 14 May 2026
Geoffrey Campbell	Apology
Terry Simmons	Present
Lena Campbell	Present
Janie Campbell	Present
Debra Claude	Present
Lisa Sharman	Present
Vacant	

Elected Members Rodinga Ward	Attended via Teams
Cr Patrick Allen	Present
Cr Andrew Davis	Present
Cr Veronica Lynch Kngwarraye	Present
Cr Matthew Palmer	Present
President Roxanne Kenny	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.

All members must attend at least 75% of the Local Authority meeting to qualify for the meeting allowance. For non-employees of Council, the allowance is usually paid on Friday, after a meeting. For Council Staff, you may be eligible for the allowance at the next scheduled pay from MRC.

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 Titjikala Local Authority Meeting held 14 May 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Titjikala Local Authority Meeting held 14 May 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. TITJIKALA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING 14.5.2026 - MINUTES [9 pages]

MINUTES OF THE TITJIKALA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE TITJIKALA
COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 14 MAY 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.36AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF ACTING CHAIR

TLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Lena Campbell/Terry Simmons)

That members nominated Lisa Sharman as Acting Chair of the Local Authority Meeting.

Minute Note: Members stated that they would like the elected Councillors for their Ward to attend Local Authority meetings in person.

2 WELCOME

The attendees were welcomed to the meeting by A/Chairperson Lisa Sharman and quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Lisa Sharman, Member Janie Campbell, Member Terry Simmons, Member Debra Claude and Member Lena Campbell.

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny

Via Teams: Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Veronica Lynch and Councillor Matthew Palmer

Council Employees

Executive Manager of Youth and Community Safety Libby Taylor, Council Services Coordinator Imelda Adamson Agars and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenburg and Governance Coordinator June Crabb.

Guests

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

Bernadette Shields and Sonia Masters – Australian Bureau of Statistics – Arrive at 10:50am and left after their presentation at 11:15am.

Teagan Nalder and Susan Prentice – Trachoma Team. – Left after their presentation at 12:05pm.

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.

TLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Terry Simmons/Debra Claude)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled the apology received from Geoffrey Campbell; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.

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 Titjikala 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*.

Member Geoffrey Campbell was nominated as Chair for a period of 12 months; effective until July 2026.

TLA2026-17 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lena Campbell)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the current membership of the Local Authority; and
- b) called for community nominations to remain open to fill the remaining vacancy.

Minute Note: Members requested that they be informed of meeting dates with ample time for planning attendance and were informed that posters were sent out 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

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.

TLA2026-18 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Patrick Allen)

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 Titjikala Local Authority Meeting held 17 March 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

TLA2026-19 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Janie Campbell)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Titjikala Local Authority Meeting held 17 March 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Minute Note: Members raised that the cemetery upgrade is urgent as the current cemetery is running out of room.

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.

TLA2026-20 RESOLVED (Lena Campbell/Veronica Lynch)

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.

TLA2026-21 RESOLVED (Terry Simmons/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority Members:

- a) **noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- b) **that members declared no Conflicts of Interest with the meeting Agenda.**

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-22 RESOLVED (Lena Campbell/Debra Claude)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the information provided by the Census Engagement Team as follows:
 - ABS are looking for local people to apply for casual community field officer jobs with the Census team.
 - ABS will be recruiting for these positions from 27 July to 4 September.
 - The jobs have flexible hours.
 - The rest of the country will be counted on 1 night only but under the remote area strategy the count will happen over a 6-week period in order to increase participation. This will occur from 27 July to 4 September.
 - They will be counting people and dwellings.
 - The Census occurs every 5 years and the numbers generated will be used to determine various types of funding.
 - Historically there has been an undercount of indigenous people in remote communities.
 - Better participation in the Census will lead to increased funding.
 - The Census team will use phones to pin each dwelling; and
- b) members advised the Census team to be culturally sensitive around Sorry Camps and were advised that local employees will be advising the team about when travel is suitable and of the cultural protocols within each community. The 6-week period will enable the Census team to choose an appropriate date to count people that are engaged in Sorry Business.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-23 RESOLVED (Lena Campbell/Janie Campbell)

That the Local Authority:

- a) heard the update on the action item 'Ride on Mower' that the mower was purchased as plant and equipment for the civil team to use to mow the public areas in the community;
- b) stated that after conversations during the meeting at which the funds were allocated, they believed that the mower was to be purchased for the use of community members to mow inside their yards; and
- c) requested that the CEO enquire as to whether the \$10,000 spent on this project could be returned to project funds.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

TLA2026-24 RESOLVED (Terry Simmons/Veronica Lynch)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged that \$34,120.40 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG; and
- b) noted the progress on the current projects as provided by the Project Management office as follows:
 - project 2212 'Cemetery Upgrades' – At the September 2025 meeting of the LA it was suggested that the Titjikala Steering Committee could assist with funding the fence for the new cemetery. The PMO was sourcing the contact details (CLC) for the Steering Committee facilitator from Lisa Sharman.
 - Quotes have been sourced and will be presented to the Steering Committee. The project management team will manage the installation of the fence.

- **A date is yet to be set for the meeting of the Steering Committee. The \$40,000 LAPF allocated to this project will be used for other aspects of the cemetery upgrade.**
 - **The chairperson stated that she is upset about the time taken to progress this project as there were discussions about the cemetery upgrade when she was an elected Member of Council, the chairperson also stated her frustrations about the Steering Committee paying for the fence when she believes Council has the money to pay for the project and made comment about the financial position of Council.**
 - **The land has already been surveyed.**
 - **Due to the urgency and importance of the project, it is a priority for the PMO. The PMO will provide a timeline for the project once a funding agreement with the Steering Committee has been achieved.**
 - **Contact has now been made with Mel from CLC regarding funding.**
- **Project 2213 ‘Solar Lights Near Lots 62 and 78’ – Requests for quotes have been sent out after additional funding was allocated at the previous meeting. This will be closed in the coming weeks. It will be requested that the contractor work with the civil team to provide a training opportunity.**
 - **Project 2214 ‘Outdoor Dining Area’ [As above] Requests for quotes have been sent out after additional funding was allocated at the previous meeting. This will be closed in the coming weeks. It will be requested that the contractor work with the civil team to provide a training opportunity.**
 - **Project 2400 ‘Solar Lights at Entrance’ the light that was to be used for this project is a used light, the fixtures, wiring and batteries are in an unsatisfactory condition. It is more cost effective to buy a new light. The Local Authority advised that they would like 2 lights at the entrance. After consultation with members Libby Taylor will advise the PMO of the exact installation location. Members raised that the area at the entrance gets flooded and asked that the PMO ensure that the solar lights are a suitable model to be installed where, at times, they will be standing in water: perhaps with the batteries located at the top of the light post.**

Minute Note: The Trachoma team have been working in Titjikala and requested to address the Local Authority and presented the below information:

- The Trachoma team comes to community every year to test the children for trachoma.
- Last week the team did some testing in Titjikala and found that there were a significant amount of infections in the community.
- This week they are treating the community. They need to treat a certain number of people in the community to ensure that the disease is effectively treated.
- They have treated a lot of people but still need to treat at least 20 more people.
- The team would like to treat a number of children at the school and requested to talk to members after the meeting in order to gain assistance getting permission from parents.
- It is of use to be treated even if you do not have children in your household.
- Sometimes the antibiotics can cause stomach upsets and that is why oranges are provided at the time of treatment as food lessens this side effect.
- Prevention is achieved by keeping hands and faces clean and by having children blow their noses. This is taught each year by the Trachoma team.

- Members suggested that some doses of the medicine be left at the clinic so that people who are not currently in community can be treated.

Teagan Nalder and Susan Prentice – Trachoma Team. – Left after their presentation at 12:05pm.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-25 RESOLVED (Debra Claude/Janie Campbell)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that the funds allocated to the BBQ for the Lighting of the Football Lights was not spent as the event could not be held;
- b) allocated the remaining \$4,000.00 of discretionary funds as follows:
 - \$1,000.00 for football guernseys. Sizes will be provided through Council Services, a design has already been created.
 - \$1,000.00 for a BBQ to be held in the coming weeks.
 - \$2,000.00 for a softball kit and 2 footballs; and
- c) acknowledged that this is the final meeting for this financial year and these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2026 or they will be returned to Council.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-26 RESOLVED (Terry Simmons/Veronica Lynch)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attached Council Services report.
- b) requested that Council Services work on a solution for the donkeys getting into bins when they are put out for pick up as the donkeys are able to circumvent the bin stands. Cages for the bins was suggested; and
- c) stated that Imelda is doing a great job as CSC.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-27 RESOLVED (Lena Campbell/Matthew Palmer)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted Community Safety and Youth Services Report;
- b) were advised that there are 4 employees on the Community Safety team with another person in the process of being employed and that there is one more casual position available; and
- c) requested that other members of the Community Safety team be included in the photos in the next report.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-28 RESOLVED (Debra Claude/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Aged Care and Children's Services report; and
- b) asked what the lower age limit is for a person to join the aged care program.

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-29 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Veronica Lynch)

That the Local Authority raised the following matters:

- a) that there are a number of solar lights inside the community that are not working. Council Services Coordinator Imelda Adamson Agars will complete

an audit of the solar lights in the community, and this will be followed up by Council Services and the PMO;

- b) that there is a lot of grass that needs to be cut within the community. This is a fire hazard and this will be followed up by Council Services as an operational matter; and
- c) asked if Council staff can collect firewood and were advised that aged care recipients can be assisted with firewood by aged care staff subject to staff availability, where other compulsory duties have been completed and that this is not a duty of Council Services staff.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-30 RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Patrick Allen)

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

- a) that they would like to be informed of when the Maryvale Road will be sealed. Members stated that this is a matter of safety as drivers on the road create dust which reduces visibility and is a potential cause of accidents. Additional drivers on the road during the period leading up to the Finke race increases this hazard. Members requested that Bill Yan be informed of their concerns;
- b) that the community would like the road to be graded 3 times a year rather than only at the time of the Finke Race;
- c) requested a timeline for the new builds from NT Housing;
- d) that the bush bus has had their funding cut and have reduced their service from twice a week to once a week. They stated that in addition to their passenger service, the bush bus delivers medication to the clinic and transports medical samples to Alice Springs. People rely on the bush bus to go to medical appointments in Alice Springs. Now they must stay in Alice Springs for a week when they have an appointment;
- e) were informed that NT Housing will be providing pest control in Titjikala in June;
- f) were informed that CSC Imelda has been supplied with some flyers containing information from Housing; and
- g) were informed that the NTG representatives are located in the old centrelink building in Alice Springs.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:49 pm.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the minutes of the Titjikala Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 14 May 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.

UNCONFIRMED

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER 7.1
TITLE Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

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

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

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

Information and Opportunities

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

Undue Influence

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

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

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

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

If you do have a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

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

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

This may include the following:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **raises and discusses any new matters of Non-Council business; and**
- b) **notes the updates to the matters from the previous meeting and closes these actions.**

BACKGROUND

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

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Subject
Titjikala Local Authority 14/05/2026	DLI	Sealing Maryvale Road
TLA 2026-30 – Sealing Maryvale Road That the Local Authority raised: a) that they would like to be informed of when the Maryvale Road will be sealed. Members stated that this is a matter of safety as drivers on the road create dust which reduces visibility and is a potential cause of accidents. Additional drivers on the road during the period leading up to the Finke race increases this hazard. Members requested that Bill Yan be informed of their concerns. 16-June-26: Response from Department of Logistics and Infrastructure provided by Adele McCorkingdale (DLGHCD). ☐ In 2022, the detailed design for Maryvale Road (chainage 30 to 59.70 km) was completed; however, construction remains unfunded. ☐ An Aboriginal Authority Protection Areas (AAPA) application was submitted on 19 May 2025 to identify sacred sites along the chainage 59.70 to 105 km section and to determine any restricted work areas. AAPA advised site access has not yet been possible due to recent flooding, with fieldwork at Maryvale Road now scheduled for late June 2026. ☐ Following receipt of the AAPA certificate, the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DLI) will progress a planning study and concept design for the upgrade of Maryvale Road (chainage 59.70 to 105 km) to Titjikala Community. Preliminary site investigations for this section have already been undertaken. ☐ There is currently no construction funding allocated within the infrastructure program for construction of either section. However, the project will be considered for future funding opportunities. ☐ DLI has delivered a series of progressive upgrade works along Maryvale Road in recent years, including three major packages between 2018 and 2022. These improvements cover approximately 26.6 km of road at a total cost of \$21.96 million (GST exclusive). ☐ For routine road maintenance, Maryvale Road typically undergoes a minimum of four grading cycles per year, with additional works undertaken as required depending on road conditions. For example, grading is often carried out following significant rainfall events and before and after major events such as the Finke Desert Race. Monthly monitoring inspections are also conducted along the road. LA members request for DLI to attend an LA meeting -DLI rep Tony O'Donoughue has confirmed that a rep from DLI can attend the Housing Reference Group (HRG) meetings to discuss community members enquiries. <i>Recommends to close action</i>		

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Subject
Titjikala Local Authority 14/05/2026	DLI	Grading of the road
TLA 2026-30 – Grading Maryvale Road That the Local Authority raised: b) that the community would like the road to be graded 3 times a year rather than only at the time of the Finke Race. 25-Sept-26: Response Department Logistics & Infrastructure provided by Adele McCorkindale (DLGHCD). - Following the Finke event, contractors have completed grading works on Maryvale Road (Ch30-Ch91) and Hugh River Stock Route. - Contractors are currently grading Ghan Heritage Road, the access road to the Finke community, with works is scheduled for completion by early next week. - Once Ghan Heritage Road is complete, contractors are scheduled to commence grading on Finke Road, from the Finke community to the Stuart Highway intersection at Kulgera. <i>Recommends to close action.</i>		

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Subject
Titjikala Local Authority 14/05/2026	NT Housing	New NT Housing Builds
TLA 2026-30 – Planned new builds for Titjikala That the Local Authority raised: c) requested a timeline for the new builds from NT Housing. 20-May-26: Response from Department of Housing's Tenancy Management Team provided by Adele McCorkindale (DLGHCD) There are no planned builds scheduled for Titjikala for 2026. <i>Recommends to close action.</i>		

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Subject
Titjikala Local Authority 14/05/2026	DLGHCD	Bush Bus
TLA 2026-30 – Bush Bus service That the Local Authority raised: d) that the bush bus has had their funding cut and have reduced their service from twice a week to once a week. They stated that in addition to their passenger service, the bush bus delivers medication to the clinic and transports medical samples to Alice Springs. People rely on the bush bus to go to medical appointments in Alice Springs. Now they must stay in Alice Springs for a week when they have an appointment. 20-May-26: Response from Adele McCorkindale (DLGHCD) I have spoken with Freedom from the Titjikala clinic this morning regarding the enquiry and he advised the following:		

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- The medications being picked up by Bush Bus were for clients who were residing in Alice Springs from Titjikala for health or family reasons.
- The NT Health clinic still have resources that enable them to go into Alice Springs and collect and drop off samples/medications.
- DHLGCD will be commencing conversations with Bush Bus regarding funding for future services.

Recommends to close action.

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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 Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority

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

BACKGROUND

Meeting	Officer	Subject
Titjikala Local Authority 17/03/2026	Council Services	Ride on Mower
TLA2026-13 – Ride on Mower Members asked regarding the ride-on mower, purchased with project funding if residents were permitted to use it to mow their yards. 8-May-26 - Update: The mower was purchased with LA project funding to be used by Council Services to mow the public areas of Titjikala. See resolution below captured from the 2 November 2023 LA meeting that states that this project was purchased as plant and equipment. TLA2023-066 Resolved (Elaine Churchill/Lisa Sharman) e) created the following new projects: • Plant & Equipment, allocating \$10,000.00 to a lawnmower and whipper snipper. • Solar light at the Entrance, allocating \$5,000.00 • Solar lights for the community, allocating \$20,000.00 • Upgrade the streetlights to LED, allocating \$20,000.00 15-May-26 – Res.23 That the Local Authority: a) heard the update on the action item ‘Ride on Mower’ that the mower was purchased as plant and equipment for the civil team to use to mow the public areas in the community;		

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- b) stated that after conversations during the meeting at which the funds were allocated, they believed that the mower was to be purchased for the use of community members to mow inside their yards; and
- c) requested that the CEO enquire as to whether the \$10,000 spent on this project could be returned to project funds.

Meeting	Officer	Subject
Titjikala Local Authority 14/05/2026	Council Services	Alternative to Bin Stands

TLA2026-26 – Bin Stands

Requested that Council Services work on a solution for the donkeys getting into bins when they are put out for pick up as the donkeys are able to circumvent the bin stands. Cages for the bins was suggested.

15-Aug-26 - Response from Council Services

We are currently working toward finding a permanent Council Services Coordinator for Titjikala and will begin workshopping a solution to this issue when this has been achieved.

Meeting	Officer	Subject
Titjikala Local Authority 14/05/2026	Aged Care	Eligible Age for Aged Care Program.

TLA2026-28 – Eligibility for Aged Care Program

Members asked what the lower age limit is for a person to join the aged care program.

17-Aug-26 - Response from Kabita Rajak – Coordinator Home Care

For a person to receive services through our Aged Care Service they must

- Be aged 50 years and over
- Be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Demonstrate functional, medical or support needs with daily living

MRC does not decide the level of care clients can receive. Clients must be referred to My Aged Care for assessment. The referral can be done by the community clinic, the hospital, community workers, or clients themselves online. Alternatively, they can come into the Aged Care Centre, and our staff can refer them to My Aged Care online and confirm over the phone.

My Aged Care may ask the client to provide medical information as well as their Centrelink and Medicare card numbers. The My Aged Care team will do full assessment via phone or in person and will inform our Aged Care team regarding the services they are approved for.

A person cannot receive funding from both the NDIS and My Aged Care at the same time.

MRC Aged Care does not charge clients any fee to for any services, but clients have to pay for the food (lunch, Breakfast and Hamper) we prepare at the centre, which is \$158.50 per fortnight.

Recommends to close action.

Meeting	Officer	Subject
Titjikala Local Authority 14/05/2026	Council Services	Solar Light Audit
TLA2026-29 – Audit on Solar lights Raised that there are a number of solar lights inside the community that are not working. Council Services Coordinator Imelda Adamson Agars will complete an audit of the solar lights in the community and this will be followed up by Council Services and the PMO. 14-Aug-2026 - Response from the PMO We were previously working with Imelda on this. However, she has since left MRC. We have begun working with the acting CSC.		

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

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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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 \$25,375.40 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- b) notes the progress on the current projects as provided by the Project Management office; and**
- c) closes any completed projects.**

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.

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Project 2212	Cemetery Upgrades Status	\$ Committed
27-Mar-25	Res.011 - created a new Project item 'Cemetery Upgrades' to include the following: • a fence around the cemetery • shade shelter and seating • a water supply • head stones that can accommodate plaques; and noted that the PMO will develop a plan for this item and that any unallocated funds will be held until the Local Authority receives additional funds which will be allocated to this project.	
1-Jun-25	PMO update - A design has been done with rough pricing established - will be presented at the next LA meeting.	
13-Jun-25	Res.029 – The PMO has developed a plan with some preliminary costings for the Local Authority to consider. Libby Taylor has applied for grant money to establish new cemeteries that comply with the new regulations from the Northern Territory Government. This will require the site to be surveyed. Once the grant parameters have been received and the site has been surveyed, the Local Authority will revisit this project to decide what funds need to be allocated.	
4-Sep-25	Res.044 – Agrees to allocate \$40,000.00 towards a fence for the Cemetery Project, requesting that the steering committee commit \$60,000.00, noting that surveying and the choice of fencing will be determined once the funds are confirmed. Councillor Lisa Sharman has extended an invite to the CEO and the Project Management Office to attend the Steering Committee meeting once a date has been finalised.	\$40,000.00
1-Dec-25	PMO update - The Steering Committee will not be meeting until early next year at which time the funding will be considered.	
17-Mar-26	Res.009 – The PMO Office is currently awaiting confirmation of a meeting date for the Steering Committee to consider a funding request of \$60,000.00 for the cemetery project. In the absence of additional funding being committed by the Local Authority, the PMO Office will need to defer further action until the Steering Committee meeting has been scheduled. As of the date of this meeting, the Steering Committee has not yet convened. The PMO Office acknowledges the urgency of the project and will liaise with Lisa Sharman regarding the date for the Steering Committee meeting.	
14-May-26	Res.024 - The PMO will provide a timeline for the project once a funding agreement with the Steering Committee has been achieved.	
14-Aug-26	The Titjikala Steering Committee has agreed to fund the fence with the PMO overseeing the project. Once CLC have finalised their paperwork, the project will proceed.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$40,000.00

Project 2213		Solar Lights near Lots 62 and 78	\$
		Status	Committed
13-Jun-25	Res.029 – Created a new project Solar Lights near lots 62 & 78 and allocated \$10,000.00 to this project.		\$10,000.00
4-Sep-25	Res.044 – Agrees to the purchase of two Defender Solar lights noting that the lights were a little smaller than standard streetlights, and will be installed by the Civil team.		
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Lights to be ordered by end of September.		
3-Nov-25	Invoice received from Green Frog Systems.		-\$5,699.00
1-Dec-25	PMO update - Solar lights have just arrived and will be delivered on 3.12.25 - to be installed by the Civil Team. Project can be closed once installation is complete as there are no further costs.		
17-Mar-26	Res.009 – Noted progress and allocated additional funds of \$15,699.00.		\$15,699.00
14-May-26	Res.024 - Requests for quotes have been sent out after additional funding was allocated at the previous meeting. This will be closed in the coming weeks. It will be requested that the contractor work with the civil team to provide a training opportunity.		
28-Jul-26	Purchase order raised with Hawkeye Carpentry and Construction.		-\$8,185.00
14-Aug-26	The contractor will be working on projects 2213, 2214 and 2400 at the same time. The projects are expected to be completed by October.		
	underspend or (overspend)		\$11,815.00

Project 2214		Outdoor Dining Area	\$
		Status	Committed
16-May-24	Res.066 – Create a new project - Outdoor dining area. Concrete in an outdoor table, chairs and fence under the shade structure at the back of the Store. NB: No allocation amount specified.		
1-Aug-24	Res.048 – the following decisions noted: - allocated \$10,000.00 to the project - that a fence is no longer required - agreed on table and chairs to seat 8 and have them concreted in; and - cracker dust flooring with Council Services to confirm quantity.		\$10,000.00
8-Aug-24	Balance of Purchase Order raised with Felton Industries. PO has since been cancelled.		
14-Aug-24	Invoice received from Felton Industries - Park Seating.		-\$2,098.00
28-Aug-24	Purchase Order raised with SDS Landscaping Supplies - Cracker Dust. Duplicated PO removed.		
29-Oct-24	Invoice received from Felton Industries - Park Seating.		-\$189.00
14-Nov-24	Invoice received from SDS Landscaping Supplies - Cracker Dust.		-\$1,720.40
27-Nov-24	Res.067 – Noted that more cracker dust to be ordered.		
13-Jan-25	PMO update - Need to determine situation regarding this project.		

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11-Mar-25	PMO update - Expect completion soon - all items in community.	
27-Mar-25	Res.011 – PMO will work with Council Services to complete this project. It is expected to be finished by next meeting.	
11-Apr-25	PMO update - Have to close project as the lease belongs to the store - need to determine where the items purchased will be placed.	
13-Jun-25	Res.029 – The items cannot be installed in the requested area as this is privately leased by the store. These items will be held until the Local Authority can make a decision about where they would like them installed.	
4-Sep-25	Res.044 – Agrees that the outdoor table and chairs be installed at the empty shed near the oval.	
1-Dec-25	PMO update - Due to staffing issues and sorry business the furniture hasn't been installed yet.	
17-Mar-26	Res.009 – Noted progress and allocated additional funds of \$14,007.40.	\$14,007.40
14-May-26	Res.024 - Requests for quotes have been sent out after additional funding was allocated at the previous meeting. This will be closed in the coming weeks. It will be requested that the contractor work with the civil team to provide a training opportunity.	
28-Jul-26	Purchase order raised with Hawkeye Carpentry and Construction.	-\$8,185.00
14-Aug-26	The contractor will be working on projects 2213, 2214 and 2400 at the same time. The projects are expected to be completed by October.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$11,815.00
Project 2400	Solar lights at Entrance	\$
	Status	Committed
2-Nov-23	Res.066 – Solar light at the entrance, allocating \$5,000.00.	\$5,000.00
29-Feb-24	Res.012 – Additional funds of \$1,500.00 allocated.	\$1,500.00
16-May-24	Res.030 – Kept project open.	
1-Aug-24	Res.048 – Kept project open.	
25-Sep-24	Invoices from Green Frog Systems.	-\$630.00
2-Oct-24	Invoice received from Bunnings - concrete mix.	-\$914.62
29-Oct-24	Invoice received from Stanes Transport - freight of pallets.	-\$612.00
27-Nov-24	Res.067 – Waiting until a full capacity Civil team is available to install.	
13-Jan-25	PMO update - Civil team will be installing lights.	
1-Jun-25	PMO update - Civil team will be undertaking training in the next two months and will be installing the lights as part of the training exercises.	
13-Jun-25	Res.029 – This will be installed by the civil team in conjunction with training in July.	
4-Sep-25	Res.044 – Notes the Solar lights at the Entrance is yet to be completed.	

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22-Sep-25	PMO update - Training incomplete at this time - lights to be installed in November. Delays due to same issues as Project 2214.	
17-Mar-26	Res.009 – Noted progress and allocated additional funds of \$15,656.62.	\$15,656.62
14-May-26	Res.024 - The Local Authority advised that they would like 2 lights at the entrance. After consultation with members Libby Taylor will advise the PMO of the exact installation location. Members raised that the area at the entrance gets flooded and asked that the PMO ensure that the solar lights are a suitable model to be installed where, at times, they will be in standing water: perhaps with the batteries located at the top of the light post.	
24-Jun-26	Invoice received from Green Frog Systems.	-\$8,745.00
28-Jul-26	Purchase order raised with Hawkeye Carpentry and Construction.	-\$8,185.00
4-Aug-26	The contractor will be working on projects 2213, 2214 and 2400 at the same time. The projects are expected to be completed by October.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$3,070.00

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$66,700.00
	Total un-allocated funds	\$4,220.40
	Total unspent funds	\$70,920.40

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS
Examples of unacceptable purposes for Expenditure include:

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 11.3
TITLE Local Authority Discretionary Funds
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
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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 its 2025/26 Discretionary funds;
- b) accepts the 2026/27 allocation of \$4,000.00;
- c) chooses to allocate funds at this meeting; and
- d) acknowledges that the funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2027.

BACKGROUND

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

Community Christmas, New Year's and Easter festivities
 Community BBQ's
 Sports weekends – Trophies / equipment / awards
 Naidoc Celebration
 Youth Board Activities
 Community Competitions – Tidy yards / Christmas lights

Current financial year's discretionary funds

DATE	2026/2027 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS	BUDGET
1-Jul-26	Approved funds	\$ 4,000.00
	Available funds	4,000.00

Previous financial year's discretionary funds

DATE	2025/2026 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS	BUDGET
1-Jul-25	Approved funds	\$ 7,502.06
18-Jun-25	Res.012 - Allocated funds towards the purchase of outdoor gardening equipment to include: rakes, hoses and coupling parts, brooms, shovels and 5 wheelbarrows to be shared within community.	
18-Jun-25	Purchase Order raised for \$3,476.80 incl. GST. (\$3,160.72 excl. GST)	
27-Aug-25	No invoice received, Purchase order carried over to the 2025/26 financial year Equipment waiting to be collected. Invoice received	-\$ 3,159.51
4-Sep-25	The CEO agreed to top up the funds of \$3,160.72 to offset the invoice carried over from last financial year.	
4-Sep-25	Res.45 – Allocated \$2,000.00 towards a BBQ for the Lighting of the Football Lights. Event did not take place.	
4-Sept-25	Sports equipment for Titjikala Sports weekend	-\$ 2,780.59
14-May-26	Youth Sports equipment	-\$ 1,561.96
	Available funds	\$ 0.00

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 LAR
AUTHOR Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Titjikala Community 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
Imelda Agars – Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

1 Council Services LAR



Council Services Titjikala



**95% First Nations
Employees in
Council Services**



**Council Office
646 Hours of
Service**

Snapshot



**2873 Litres Fuel
Usage approx**



**19 Vehicles and
Plant in Use**



**142 Bins Emptied
Weekly**



**31 Operational Street
lights
0 Non-operational
street light**



**1 Sport Grounds
Maintained**



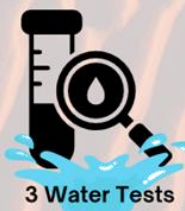
**6/20 Toolbox
Talks Completed**



**29 Australia Post
Deliveries**



8 Generator Services



3 Water Tests



**3 Parks &
Playgrounds
Inspections**



**3469 bottles filled since
refill station was
installed**

Animal Management

- The vets are due into community on 30th June.

Cemetery Management

- Grass and weeds cut and maintained regularly with cemetery maintenance being an ongoing priority
- Pathways are kept clear and rubbish collected when required
- New cemetery has been surveyed, and the civil team maintain the space with regular mowing, so the site is accessible for progressing works

Internal Road Maintenance

- Maintenance works continues with verge mowing ongoing.
- Street signs are receiving an annual service with any that are bent or facing the wrong direction, being realigned.

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Titjikala enjoys having three playgrounds; at the end of the main street, opposite the community store, and at the south end of the community. All of the equipment is in good condition, and during the holidays the climbing equipment has been well used.

Sports Grounds

- Territory Day evening and several since have enabled Titjikala Sports Ground to host many colourful rounds of fireworks, supervised by older family members.
- Reclink, Titjikala School, Waaltja, and the National Aboriginal Sporting Challenge Association, in close collaboration with our Youth Team Coordinator have begun making regular use of the Sports ground.
- Titjikala is planning its first Sports Weekend for 2026 in August. The Local Authority Members are planning to handover the new softball and football to the community at that time.

Waste Management

- Civil team empty wheelie bins twice a weekly, and with the sorry camp in place, daily waste management checks are made to ensure the comfort and health of our residents and guests there.
- Community drop off bays are cleared monthly, at a minimum, but more often if required.
- Civil team undertake emu rubbish runs as the need arises and requests are received.
- Waste management facility gets covered regularly.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Regular grass and slashing is completed in an ongoing cycle of maintenance to create firebreaks and build a healthier community
- Our civil team continue to work whipper snapping and bobcatting their way around the community to promote and ensure sustainable weed control and fire hazard reduction.

Other Community updates

- Titjikala was an overnight host for the reenactment of the Overland to Darwin and Back Reenactment team, which drove two Studebakers on the re-tracing of the first commercial Transcontinental Motor Tour from Adelaide to Darwin and back in 1926! The youth group participants were thrilled to check out and have a ride around the community in Big Red and Goldilocks!



12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 12.2
TITLE Aged Care and 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
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Aged Care and Children's Services reports.

BACKGROUND

Aged Care and Children's Services programs continue to be delivered in line with funding requirements.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Ainsley Roscow – Executive Manager of Aged and Children's Services
Emma Hacche – Coordinator Compliance and Reporting Aged Care Services
Narelle Shanahan- Coordinator Children's Services
And Administration

ATTACHMENTS

1 Aged and Children's Services Titjikala LAR May - July 2026



Local Authority Titjikala May - July 2026



5 Employees
100% First Nation



16 - Enrolments



52 hours

**Coordinator & Manager
support**



52

Service Delivery



24

Meals served



Training

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



**Stakeholder
Engagement**

*Families
Clinic Children's Nurse Visit
Catholic Care*

Highlights

The arrival of new materials, including a large mat. Educators Denise and Pamela worked together to reorganise the room and create beautiful, inviting and imaginative learning areas for the children. Both educators are continuing to grow in confidence and skill, drawing on the knowledge they are gaining through their studies at Batchelor Institute.

We are recruiting to the team leader position and working to grow the local workforce after the team leader stepped down to educator. This has affected the consistent opening of the Service.



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New materials have been introduced to the room, providing children with engaging spaces to play, create and explore.





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Pretend play - The child engages in nurse role-play, with the educator acting as the patient.





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Music and creativity - The children enjoy making music with the drums before settling into drawing at the table.





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**Aged Care
Services**



4 Staff in the Titjikala team
100% Community-based Employees are
Aboriginal

Stakeholders' engagements: 14



Lifts provided: 46



Client Interactions: 278
This includes client welfare
checks and client engagement at
the Aged Care Centre



Personal Care provided: 151
Including:
shower & toilet assistance, laundry
loads, tablet reminders



Active Clients: 6



Training:
First Aid Training
and Commencement of
Cert III - Individual Support



Meals Provided
Breakfast, lunches
& Hampers: 484
SNP Meals delivered: 809



Updates

- Client numbers decreased during May, with the centre currently supporting six aged care clients.
- Client reassessments have been conducted through APM to ensure ongoing eligibility and support requirements are met.
- First Aid and Certificate III training has been rolled out as part of workforce development and capacity building.
- Stakeholder engagement activities have included collaboration with NT Health, Alice Springs Hospital, Response Training, APM, and Titjikala School.
- In preparation for the colder weather, blankets and beanies were distributed to all clients to support their wellbeing and comfort.
- As part of the NATSIFACP reform and transition to the new Aged Care Standards, a support hub was established and the Department engaged Ninti One Ltd to develop and deliver provider training. In June, representatives from Ninti One visited the Titjikala Centre to discuss the upcoming changes, implementation requirements, and associated challenges with staff and clients.



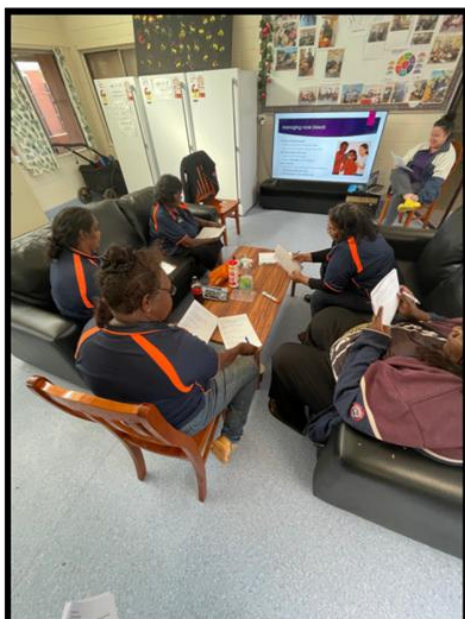
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Aged Care
Services



Staff attending the
All-Staff Enterprise
meeting online

First Aid Training for staff: Trainer
Laura showing our staff how to clean
a wound

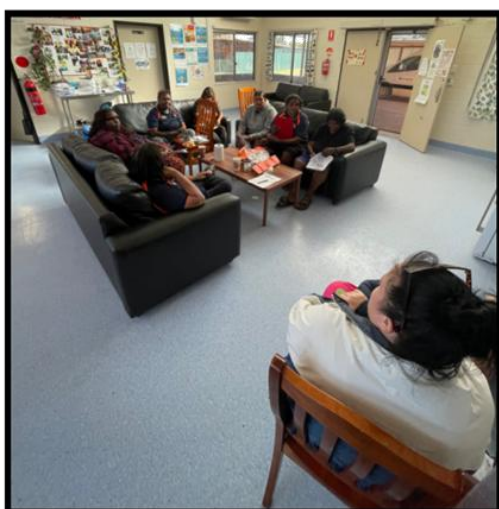


First Aid Training for staff:
Group activity



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Aged Care
Services



First training session for
the recently rolled out
Cert III Individual Support

Angel from NT Health
visiting the centre to
discuss Healthy Choices
with our clients



Angel and client Marlene
happy to receive a new
toothbrush and paste



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Services

Winter blankets for our clients



Michael

Marlene



Janie



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Services

Clients and Staff enjoy a
picnic at the Creek



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 Youth Services and Community Safety reports.

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
Karli Gibson – Youth Team Leader Titjikala
and Administration

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Youth Services and Community Safety Titjikala LAR May - July 2026



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Titjikala MacSafe Community Safety May - July 2026



- 3 Staff in the Titjikala Team
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal



- 242 Hours Patrolled
- Work: 6 hour shifts Mon-Fri Between 5pm - 11pm



30 Engagements
with young people



15 Engagements
with over 18's



25 Young people
taken home



6 Training
Hours



15 Are you okay?
Checks



0 Community
gathering

Updates



- There are three new members of the community who have applied and are in the process of joining the team
- There has been three coordinator visit during this reporting period.
- Support has been provided through phone contact and email.
- There was training for the team leader in how to operate the IT. equipment correctly.
- There have been some staff shortages / days of no operation as there have been staff away due to sorry business.



**Roger pictured with new staff member Shaun Marshall.
Welcome to the team!**



**Dianne Campbell completing her
Annual Performance Review**



Local Authority Youth Services Titjikala May-July 26



Employees
7 Staff
85 % Local Staff



Hours
160 Hours
open



Engagements
30 Participant
956 Engagements



Bush / Town Trip
0



Arts Craft
12



**Average
Participant Age**
9



Youth Board
1

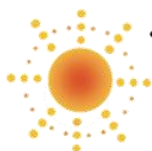


Sport
45



Events
6

Highlights



- **School Holiday Program:** Youth Services delivered a diverse three-week June–July 2026 School Holiday Program, offering creative art activities like drawing and painting, as well as cooking traditional foods such as kangaroo tails. Young people also enjoyed softball, dodgeball, badminton, slime making, along with movie nights and disco evenings that included dinner.
- **Leadership and Fitness Program :** Youth Services engaged BlakDoll Sports & Fitness Mob to run a program for Titjikala youth, offering culturally grounded mentoring, fitness activities, and strong role-model support. Blakdoll uses sport to build leadership, confidence, and wellbeing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people across remote communities.
- **Sports Session with Reclink:** During the school holidays, the Youth Service collaborated with Reclink Australia to deliver sports and recreational sessions for young people. Reclink's activities are designed to support positive health outcomes and encourage active participation.

Youth are enjoying basketball during the school holiday program, embracing the fast-paced action and supportive teamwork. It's been a great opportunity for everyone to unwind, connect, and enjoy a fun, inclusive space throughout the holidays.



NASCA and Youth Services staff run a colourful face and hand painting session where kids choose designs, mix bright colours, and decorate their hands and faces with flowers, the Aboriginal flag, and other fun patterns. They laugh, show off their artwork, and enjoy every moment.



The kids are having a great time making pancakes during the evening activities, enjoying the mixing, cooking, and sharing together.



Youth are playing badminton, enjoying the friendly competition as a part of regular winter activities .



Youth are preparing kangaroo tails for cooking in the ground. As the tails cooked, they learned how to manage the fire, picked up new techniques, shared stories, and enjoyed the tender meat together.



The kids are having a great time making slime as they mix colours, play with sticky texture, and experiment with different shapes and patterns.



13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE General Council Business

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

This may include the following:

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

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.

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