MINUTES OF THE TITJIKALA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE TITJIKALA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.28am.

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

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

Councillors

Via Teams Alice Springs Office: Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Veronica Lynch and President Roxanne Kenny.

Council Employees

Via Teams Alice Springs Office: Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Barbara Newland – Executive Services Manager.

Remote Via Teams: Lewis Gittoes – Area Manager, Ian McCormack – ESO, Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Officer.

Guests

Raymond Walters, Penangke Consulting

Remote Via Teams: Malavika Manoj – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

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.

***TLA2026-31* RESOLVED (Lena Campbell/Terry Simmons)**

That the Local Authority:

a) notes the Member's attendance at this meeting;
b) tables apologies received from Member Geoffrey Campbell, Member Debra Claude, Cr Matthew Palmer and Damien Ryan for this meeting; and
c) records that there we 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 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.

***TLA2026-32* RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)**

That the Local Authority:

a) notes the current membership of the Local Authority;
b) appoints Member Lisa Sharman as the acting chairperson for this meeting;
c) will appoint a chairperson at the next meeting of the Authority;
b) notes that there were no nominations received for the vacancy; and
c) calls for community nominations to remain open to fill any remaining vacancy.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

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

***TLA2026-33* RESOLVED (Lena Campbell/Janie Campbell)**

That the Local Authority notes the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report provides the minutes of the previous Titjikala Local Authority Meeting held 14 May 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

TLA2026-34 **RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Veronica Lynch)**

That the Local 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.

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.

TLA2026-35 **RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Terry Simmons)**

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.

TLA2026-36 **RESOLVED (Janie Campbell/Lena Campbell)**

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

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
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.

***TLA2026-37* RESOLVED (Terry Simmons/Veronica Lynch)**

That the Local Authority:

a) notes the updates on matters from the previous meeting and comments provided by Ms Manoj as follows:
- **Sealing Maryvale Road – there is no confirmed funding for the sealing and no confirmed date for when the work will commence, possibly next year. The Elected Members will continue to lobby on behalf of the community. Members expressed their dissatisfaction with the situation.**
- **Grading Maryvale Road – Members commented that it is not good enough that the road is graded only 3 times per year, with two of the grades occurring before and after the Finke Desert Race. The road needs to be graded 4 times per year with consideration given to the known weather pattern.**
- **Bush Bus Service – Members expressed their dissatisfaction with the response provided. The CEO offered MRC's services to pick up and deliver medication to the Titjikala Clinic in emergency situations.**

b) closed all previously raised items; and

b) raised no new matters of Non-Council business.

Minute note: Ms Manoj undertook to take the concerns expressed by Members back to those responsible to seek better responses to the ongoing issues.

Minute note: The CEO left the meeting at 11.09am to attend to urgent Council matters.

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.

TLA2026-38 **RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)**

That the Local Authority:
a) accepts the update on the action items; and
b) closes all items.

Minute note: The CEO rejoined the meeting at 11.40am.

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.

TLA2026-39 **RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lena Campbell)**

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 as follows:
  - **Project 2212 – the CEO advised that MRC was waiting on a contract from the CLC before engaging the preferred contractor. The allocated funds are to be retained for headstones and plaques, the designs of which will be determined by the community. The PMO's office is looking into costing estimates to be brought to the Authority.**
  - **Projects 2213, 2214 and 2400 – all three of these projects are being undertaken collectively and are expected to be finalised by October. There will be two new lights purchased for Project 2400; and**

c) keeps all projects open.

ITEM NUMBER:	**11.3**
TITLE:	**Local Authority Discretionary Funds**
AUTHOR:	**June Crabb, Coordinator Governance**

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

TLA2026-40 **RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Janie Campbell)**

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) allocates $1,000 towards the cost of trophies for the Sports weekend;**
- **d) will consider further allocations at its next meeting; and**
- **c) acknowledges that the funds must be spent with goods received by 30 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 Titjikala Community across the area of Local Government Council Services.

TLA2026-41 **RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

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

ITEM NUMBER:	**12.2**
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.

TLA2026-42 **RESOLVED (Terry Simmons/Lena Campbell)**

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

Minute note: The Acting Chairperson invited Mr Walters to address the meeting.

Mr Walters provided the Authority with an update regarding his discussions with the Department of Health relating to the issues of importance raised by community members. These included, but were not limited to:

- Alcohol Management Plan – all communities consulted wish to retain alcohol restrictions.
- Cultural preservation is vital.
- Communities want more programs for young people including leadership and governance.
- They want practical investment in their communities and for Agencies to work together.

Mr Walters will visit Titjikala once more to present his draft report for Members to consider with the final version to be submitted to the Department.

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..

TLA2026-43 **RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Janie Campbell)**

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

TLA2026-44 **RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority notes that no new matters were raised.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 4 November 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12.20pm.

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