



## **AGENDA**

### **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2025**

The Ordinary Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Council Chambers, Alice Springs on Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Belinda Urquhart  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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**3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**ITEM NUMBER** 3.1  
**TITLE** Attendance and Apologies

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is to acknowledge the attendance and to table, for Council's record, any apologies received from Elected Members for this Ordinary Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- a) notes the Elected Members attendance at this meeting;
- b) tables apologies received for this meeting; and
- c) records the Elected Members absences, without notice, for this meeting.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

Council can choose to accept the apologies as presented, or not accept them. Apologies that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absent without notice.

**4 REQUESTS FOR FUTURE LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**ITEM NUMBER** 4.1  
**TITLE** Requests for Future Leave of Absence

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is to table, for Council's record, requests for leave of absence received from Elected Members for this Ordinary Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- a) **receives and notes requests for future leave of absence received for this Council meeting; and**
- b) **notifying the Elected Member of any executive staff going on leave and staff acting in their absence**

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**5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE</b>	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council 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 behaviour they can expect from members.

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides the minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting to be approved by Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council confirms the unconfirmed Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting held 28 February 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.**

**Attachments**

- 1. ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 28.2.2025 - DRAFT MINUTES**



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10:00 AM

**1 MEETING OPENED at 10.02am**

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**2 WELCOME**

**3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Attendance and Apologies</b>

**Councillors:**

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton McDonald (arrived at 12.15pm), Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Mark Inkamala (arrived at 10.26am), Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Jason Minor, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Lisa Sharman and Councillor Tommy Conway (arrived at 10.04am).

**Staff:**

Keith Hassett – Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ken Satour – Acting Director Council Services, Barbara Newland – Manager Governance and Strategy, James Walsh – Manager Project Management Office, Katie Fuller – People and Capabilities Operations Manager, Shae Thompson – Governance Coordinator.

**Guests:**

Nil.

**Apologies:**

Nil

**OCM2025-001 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jason Minor)**

That Council:

- a) notes the attendance at this meeting;
- b) notes that there were no apologies;
- c) notes the absence without notice of Councillor Aloyiscois Hayes;
- d) recognises that Cr Hayes has been absent without the permission of Council from 2 consecutive Ordinary Council meetings and that his appointment as an elected member of MRC is consequently terminated in accordance with s47(1)(o) of the Local Government Act 2019; and
- e) in accordance with s54(2)(b)(i) of the Act determines to appoint a candidate to the position at the April Council meeting.

**4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Requests for Future Leave of Absence

**OCM2025-002 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Tommy Conway)**

That Council notes no Requests for Future Leave of Absence.

**5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

**OCM2025-003 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Maryanne Malbunka)**

That Council notes the Council Code of Conduct.

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**OCM2025-004 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Tommy Conway)**

That Council confirms the unconfirmed Minutes of the previous Council meeting held 13 December 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

**7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	7.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Acceptance of Agenda

**OCM2025-005 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Abraham Poulson)**

That the papers for this Council meeting as presented be received for consideration at this meeting.

## **8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Conflict of Interest

**OCM2025-006 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That Council:

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

## **9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Requests to present at Local Authority Meetings
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council's permission is being sought for representatives of the NT Trachoma Program, Healthy Community Homes Program the National Indigenous Australian Agency to attend Local Authority meetings.

**OCM2025-007 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)**

That Council:

- approves the request by representatives from the NT Trachoma Program to attend the Local Authority meetings to be held in Haasts Bluff, Kintore, Santa Teresa, Titjikala, Hermannsburg, Papunya and Areyonga;
- approves the request by representatives from the Healthy Homes Program to attend the July Hermannsburg Local Authority meeting; and
- denies the request by representatives of the National Indigenous Australian Agency to attend Local Authority meetings in MRC's communities;
- issues an invitation to representatives of the National Indigenous Australian Agency to attend the April meeting of Council.
- approves the request by the Regional Director, Delivery and Regional Priorities for the R&M/Remote tenancy team to have an ongoing deputation at the start of future Local Authority meetings to advise members on the latest updates to Housing programs and repairs.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Presentation by Dept Social Services – Digital Connectivity Project.
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Representatives from the Department of Social Services are in attendance to provide an update regarding the Digital Connectivity Project Timeframe.

**OCM2025-008 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Abraham Poulson)**

That Council:

- a) notes the presentation provided by representatives of the Department of Social Services; and
- b) provides feedback in relation to the matters raised as follows:
  - the representatives were asked to consider expending this project to include large outstations.

**10 NOTICES OF MOTION**

*Nil*

**11 RESCISSION MOTIONS**

*Nil*

**12 LOCAL AUTHORITY**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>12.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Draft Minutes of Local Authority Meetings</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>June Crabb, Governance Coordinator</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council considers the minutes of each Local Authority Ordinary Meeting or Provisional Meeting at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

Attached are the draft (unconfirmed) minutes of the Local Authority meetings that have occurred since or could not be prepared prior to the last Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Local Authority meetings covered in this report include:

- Finke – 4 December 2024
- Kintore – 29 January 2025
- Hermannsburg – 30 January 2025

**OCM2025-009 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Tommy Conway)**

That Council:

1. approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority meetings held in Finke, Kintore and Hermannsburg; and
2. notes that no new projects were established.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>12.2</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Local Authority Resignations and Nominations</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>June Crabb, Governance Coordinator</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

As recorded in the minutes of the Authority meetings, the recommendations put forth to Council are to accept and endorse the nominations submitted for membership on the Local Authorities and accept any resignations received.

**OCM2025-010 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Abraham Poulson)**

That Council approves the nominations on the Authorities as follows:

- Jarrod Anderson for the Papunya Local Authority;
- Bridget Doolan, Susan Doolan and Thomas Stewart for the Finke Local Authority; and
- Lorraine Scobie, Molly Marlene Nambajimba and Rex Eddie for the Kintore Local Authority.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.3
TITLE:	Terminations of Local Authority Membership
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In accordance with para.4.15.1 of Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedures (MC02-P2) which reads:

*"It is important that Local Authority members attend meetings wherever possible. Appointment of a local authority member may be revoked or otherwise cease if the person:*

- c. Is absent for 2 consecutive meetings without the permission of the Local Authority."*

Council is being asked to endorse the recommendations of the Local Authority and revoke the membership of members who were absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings and no longer live in community.

**OCM2025-011 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Lisa Sharman)**

That Council accepts the recommendation of the Kintore Local Authority and endorses the revocation of the memberships as follows:

- Rochelle Robinson, Julie Dempsey and Joseph Zimran from the Kintore Local Authority as they no longer live in community.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.4
TITLE:	Revised Council Meeting Planner 2025
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

As a result of the 2025 Northern Territory Elections being held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, this report proposes revised dates to the Council Meeting Planner.

In accordance with s90(3) of the LG Act the first ordinary meeting of the new council "*must be held within 21 days after the conclusion of the election*". The word "**conclusion**" is defined in the Act and means "*the declaration of a poll, or if there is no poll, on declaration that the candidates for election are elected*".

**OCM2025-012 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Patrick Allen)**

That Council:

- a) notes the Ordinary Council Meeting being moved from the 29<sup>th</sup> August to the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and held as the First Meeting of the New Council;

- b) accepts to move the Ordinary Council meeting from the 12<sup>th</sup> December to the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025;
- c) determines that the October Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Alice Springs pending any decision of the newly elected Council; and
- d) notes the revised dates for the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee meetings.

### **13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	13.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Action Register
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council reviews the attached actions that have been raised at previous Ordinary Council meetings and provides the status and/or updates of each action.

#### **OCM2025-013 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That Council notes the progress on the actions in the register as follows:

- OCM2024-170 part 1 – is to remain open with the CEO to continue to negotiate with the AFLNT – talks to include a possible different location additionally MRC is to reach out to CDRC; and
- OCM2024-170 part 2 – Council wishes to invite the CEO of the CLC to attend a Council meeting to discuss leasing matters, how things can be speeded up so that projects can advance more quickly, explain the requirements of S19 leases, site clearances, etc.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	13.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Correspondence Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides Council with an update on correspondence received and sent by the Council President and CEO in the period since the December 2024 Council meeting

#### **OCM2025-014 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That Council:

- a) notes the correspondence received and sent; and
- b) agrees to the recommendations proposed by ALGA as follows:
  - supports the national federal election funding priorities identified by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA);
  - supports and participates in the Put Our Communities First federal election campaign; and
  - writes to the local federal member of Parliament, all known election candidates in the local federal electorates and the President of the Australian Local Government Association expressing support for ALGA's federal election funding priorities.

**14 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>14.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Council President's Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Anya Riley, Executive Assistant to CEO &amp; President</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report details the meetings attended by President Roxanne Kenny since the December meeting of Council.

**OCM2025-015 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)**

That Council receives the President's report for the period 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>14.2</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>CEO Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Barbara Newland, Governance Manager</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report details the events and meetings attended by CEO Belinda Urquhart during the reporting period.

**OCM2025-016 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Maryanne Malbunka)**

That Council receives the CEO report for the months of January and February 2025.

**15 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>15.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Council Services Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Ken Satour, Acting Director Council Services</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report outlines the activities of the Council Services Directorate in the areas of Local Government Service Delivery as well as the performance of contractual Commercial Services

**OCM2025-017 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Tommy Conway)**

That Council notes and accepts the attached Council Services report.

**MINUTE NOTE:** Councillor Sharman raised several issues relating to Council Services including rubbish bins, street lights, community safety, etc. Mr Satour made note of these matters for follow up.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>15.2</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Roads, Fleet and Waste Management</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Jake Potter, Manager Fleet and Infrastructure</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is to provide Council with a summary of works undertaken in the Roads, Fleet and Waste Management space within MRC.

**OCM2025-018 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Andrew Davis)**

**That Council notes and accepts the Roads, Fleet and Waste Management Report.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>15.3</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Community Roads Infrastructure Plans</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Jake Potter, Manager Fleet and Infrastructure</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an executive summary of MRC Community Infrastructure Plans that have been designed to assist with liveability improvements within the MRC region.

**OCM2025-019 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)**

**That Council notes and accepts the Community Infrastructure Plans report.**

**MINUTE NOTE:** There was a break for morning tea at 10.52am. The meeting resumed at 11.09am.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>15.4</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Community Services Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Keith Hassett, Acting Chief Executive Officer</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the delivery of Community Services programs from December 2024 – January 2025, throughout the MRC region.

**OCM2025-020 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Patrick Allen)**

**That Council notes and accepts the attached Community Services Reports.**

**MINUTE NOTE:** Cr Sharman raised several matters including support for young people to obtain driver's licences and more emphasis being placed on the mentoring of local indigenous people to become future Team Leaders. Keith committed to take these matters on board and discuss them with the Youth Team.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>15.5</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>People and Capabilities Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Katie Fuller, People and Capabilities Operations Manager</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report highlights current and completed HR initiatives or activities affecting Council and our number one resource – the people!

**OCM2025-021 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

**That Council notes and accepts the People & Capabilities Report.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Finance Report January 2025</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Sheree Sherry, Chief Financial and Information Officer</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 31 January 2025.

**OCM2025-022 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)**

**That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 31 January 2025.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>15.7</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Finance and Risk Committee Minutes</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Sheree Sherry, Chief Financial and Information Officer</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 Section 19 if a Council does not schedule an ordinary meeting at least once in each month, the Council must delegate to a Council Committee the necessary powers to carry out, on behalf of the Council, financial functions of the council in the months the council does not schedule an ordinary meeting.

**OCM2025-023 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Jason Minor)**

**That Council notes and accepts the minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee meeting of 31 January 2025.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>15.8</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Use of the Common Seal</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Sheree Sherry, Chief Financial and Information Officer</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Section 38(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 (LGA) states that “the affixing of the Common Seal to a document must be authorised or ratified [endorsed] by resolution of the Council”. This report requests Council to ratify [endorse] the use of the Common Seal on the listed documents.

**OCM2025-024 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Tommy Conway)**

**That Council ratifies the use of the Common Seal on the following documents:**

- **NIAA Project Agreement Variation 4;**
- **NIAA School Nutrition Variation;**
- **DOHA Aged Care Services Variation;**
- **DHLG&CD HMES Budget Adjustment; and**
- **NTG Active Remote Communities 2024-2029.**

**MINUTE NOTE:** The meeting broke for lunch at 12.15pm and resumed at 12.49pm.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>15.9</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Governance Team Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to update Council on the activities of the Governance and Strategy Team.

**OCM2025-025 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Andrew Davis)**

**That Council notes the Governance Team Report for February 2025.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>15.10</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Draft RS05-CP WHS Emergency Response Policy</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's permission to adopt the draft of the revised RS05-CP Emergency Response Policy.

**OCM2025-026 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Mark Inkamala)**

**That Council adopts RS05-CP Emergency Response Policy as a policy of Council.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>15.11</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Determination of Remuneration Tribunal</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Remuneration Tribunal's Report and Determination No. 1 of 2025 – Allowances for Members of Local Councils was tabled in the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly Sittings on 13 February 2024 (Tabled Paper Number 195). It is presented for the information of Members.

**OCM2025-027 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Tommy Conway)**

**That Council notes the Remuneration Tribunal's Report and Determination No. 1 of 2025 – Allowances for Members of Local Councils.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>15.12</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Review of 2024-2025 Key Performance Indicators</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report presents the progress on the 2024-25 Regional Plan to ensure that Council is aware of the organisation's progress in relation to the Objectives, Strategies and Key Performance Indicators established by Council.

**OCM2025-028 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)**

That Council notes and accepts the report on progress against the 2024-25 Regional Plan.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>15.13</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Review of 2024-2025 Key Performance Indicators</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

A workshop was conducted on Wednesday, 26 February 2025 to facilitate discussion regarding the development of the 2025-2026 Regional Plan. Council is being asked to provide feedback regarding the matters discussed.

**OCM2025-029 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jason Minor)**

That Council:

- notes the PowerPoint presentation “Discussion Paper: 2025-2026 Regional Plan”;
- provides its feedback in relation to this presentation; and
- agrees to the review of the Regional Plan as indicated in the presentation.

**16 GENERAL BUSINESS**

*Nil*

**17 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>17.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and clauses 51 and 52 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, the meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential matters.

**OCM2025-030 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Dalton McDonald)**

That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items are about to be discussed. The meeting is closed in accordance with clause 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matters to be discussed include information that, if publicly disclosed, would be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person

**Minute Note:** The Open Section of the meeting was closed at 1.30pm.

**18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

**19 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>19.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-Admittance of the Public</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and regulations 51 and 2 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, the is to be opened to the public following the consideration of confidential matters. Resolutions will be transferred to the open meeting upon the determination of Council.

**OCM2025-034 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)**

That Council discloses motions from the confidential section of this meeting in the open section of the meeting and opens the meeting to the public. Motions to be disclosed are:

**OCM2025-031 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Tommy Conway)**

*That Council confirms the Minutes of the previous Confidential Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.*

**OCM2025-032 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)**

*That Council approves a variation of up to \$205,768 for connection of water mains.*

**OCM2025-033 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Andrew Davis)****That Council:**

- a) accepts and notes the report;*
- b) approves the acceptance of the tender provided by MG Electrical to the value of \$1,178,131 ex GST;*
- c) moves the resolution into Open Council; and*
- d) adds the confidential report on the tender submission onto the confidential matters register with a review date set for 30 years.*

**Minute Note:** The Confidential Section of the meeting was closed at 1.43pm with the meeting re-opened to the public.

**17      DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11 April 2025.****18      MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1.43pm.

This page and the preceding 11 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 28 February 2025 and are unconfirmed.

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President

**7 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**ITEM NUMBER**            7.1  
**TITLE**                      Acceptance of Agenda



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda papers are submitted for acceptance by Council for this Council Meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the agenda papers for this Council meeting as presented, be received for consideration at this meeting.**

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## **8 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Conflicts 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 interests that may impact on the performance of their roles and ability to make objective decisions.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council:**

- a) **notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- b) **that Elected Members declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.**

### **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.

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**9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 9.1  
**TITLE** Requests to present at Local Authority Meetings  
**AUTHOR** Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council's permission is being sought for representatives of the Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation to attend Local Authority meetings.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council considers the request by representatives from the Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation to attend the Local Authority meetings to be held in Papunya, Mt Liebig and Haasts Bluff.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The background relating to the matters to be discussed is included in the document attached.

The Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation wishes to:

- introduce aspects of Junior Ranger Program, including its rationale and approach to planning and
- provide a Junior Ranger Program presentation.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Presentations by entities to Council's communities enable those communities to participate in programs which advance their outcomes.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Nil.

**CONSULTATION**

Elected Members of Council

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 NGURRATJUTA DEPUTATION REQUEST

## Deputation Request to attend Local Authority meetings

**NOTE:** All requests to attend Local Authority meetings must be approved by Council PRIOR to the Local Authority meeting.

Please submit all papers to [governance@macdonnell.nt.gov.au](mailto:governance@macdonnell.nt.gov.au) at least **three weeks** before the first available Council meeting.



Meeting details	
At which community do you wish to provide a deputation?	Papunya, Mt liebig, and Ikuntji
Meeting date	Papunya, 3/5 or 10/7. Mt Liebig, 30/4 Ikuntji, 15/5

Your contact details	
Name	Jeff Hulcombe
Position	Junior Ranger Coordinator
Organisation	Ngurratjuta
Department / Agency	
Email address	jeff.hulcombe@ngur.com.au
Phone number(s)	0419908621
How many will attend	2

Details for your deputation report
Name of organisation and/or presentation Junior Ranger Program presentation
Select and complete the statement that best suits your deputation:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide information to the Council about:  <input type="checkbox"/> Seek information from the Council about:  <input type="checkbox"/> Seek a recommendation from the Council that:
Describe the purpose of the presentation  To introduce aspects of Junior Ranger Program, including its rational, approach to planning and progress



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## **9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Presentation by National Indigenous Australian Agency
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy



### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Representatives from the National Indigenous Australian Agency are in attendance to introduce themselves to the members and other key attendees, with the purpose being to further build and maintain our ongoing positive strong working connection with key people in the Community.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council:**

- a) **notes the presentation provided by representatives of the National Indigenous Australian Agency; and**
- b) **provides feedback in relation to the matters raised.**

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

At the February meeting of Council a request by representatives of the National Indigenous Australian Agency (NIAA) to attend Local Authority meetings was considered. Council determined at this meeting to reject this request. Council also resolved to send an invitation to NIAA to attend the April meeting of Council.

The original purpose of the NIAA deputation request was:

- To introduce the NIAA representatives and the reason why they would like to attend Local Authority meetings across the MacDonnell Region.
- To take on board any concerns or opportunity for collaboration.
- To support all levels of Government in MacDonnell Regional Council, Northern Territory and the different agencies of Australian Government.

It was also stated that if supported, it would be an opportunity to speak to any NIAA specific content and to respond to any questions or queries from the Local Authority members during and after the meeting should they seek further information.

### **ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Not applicable.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Nil.

### **CONSULTATION**

Elected Members of Council  
Executive Leadership Team

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 NIAA Deputation Request

## Deputation Request to attend Council meeting

Council requires deputation requests are submitted by email to [governance@macdonnell.nt.gov.au](mailto:governance@macdonnell.nt.gov.au) four (4) weeks before the Council meeting. Deputation presentations to be 20 minutes or less followed by 10 minutes for questions, utilising clear visual communications and delivered in plain English or through an interpreter



Council meeting details	
Meeting date	27/02/2025

Your contact details	
Name	Mardi Haselton
Position	Assistant Director Engagment
Organisation	National Indigenous Australian Agency
Department / Agency	Australian Government
Email address	mardi.haselton@niaa.gov.au
Phone number(s)	0427568269
How many will attend	David Kerrin

Details for your deputation report
<p><b>Name of organisation and/or presentation</b>            As officers of NIAA we would like to attend in person, listen and understand the topics discussed for the Community during the LA meetings. We are happy to provide a brief overview of our role with the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), but the main point for our attendance would be to introduce ourselves to the members and other key attendees, with the purpose being to further build and maintain our ongoing positive strong working connection with key people in the Community.</p>
<p>Select and complete the statement that best suits your deputation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Provide information to the Council about:            NIAA provide funding for many various programs/projects in the area, so it would be a good opportunity to share the latest update/information with the group, if appropriate.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Seek information from the Council about:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seek a recommendation from the Council that:            To seek permission to attend LA meetings</p>
<p><b>Describe the purpose of the presentation</b>            To introduce ourselves and the reason why we would like to attend Local Authority meetings across the MacDonnell Region.            To take on board any concerns or opportunity for collabration.            To support all levels of Government in MacDonnell Regional Council, Northern Territory and the different agencies of Australian Government.            If supported, it would be an opportunity to speak to any NIAA specific content, respond to any questions or queries from the Local Authority members during and after the meeting should they seek further information.            We are not attending to judge what happens in meetings or make judgement on MacDonnell Regional Council programs and processes.</p>

### Background information to support your deputation

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<p>Please make a brief statement about your organisation and project and summarise its history and purpose.</p> <p>As mentioned, NIAA provide funding for many different programs in the area. NIAA's commitment to the priority reforms as part of the National agreement to Closing the Gap is a key component and driver for the work that we do on the ground, which is made easier when we are working with the local community and its key stakeholders.</p> <p>Attendance to these meetings would be a key step in developing a strong working partnership and ongoing support for empowering the local Community.</p>
<p>Describe issues or consequences relevant to the presentation</p>
<p>Describe financial or timing matters relevant to the presentation</p>
<p>Provide any communication materials intended to support the presentation (<i>attach copies where possible</i>)</p>

**Declaration of applicant**

I respect the MacDonnell Regional Council and its supporting processes and accept that I must confirm my attendance by email to [governance@macdonnell.nt.gov.au](mailto:governance@macdonnell.nt.gov.au) at least three weeks prior to the meeting

Signed *Mardi Haselton* Date 19/02/2025

**Chief Executive Officer to complete**

I approve / do not approve (strike out which doesn't apply) this Deputation Request

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **12 LOCAL AUTHORITY**

**ITEM NUMBER** 12.1  
**TITLE** Draft Minutes of the Local Authorities  
**AUTHOR** June Crabb, Coordinator Governance



### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council considers the minutes of each Local Authority Ordinary Meeting or Provisional Meeting at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

Attached are the draft (unconfirmed) minutes of the Local Authority meetings that have occurred since or could not be prepared prior to the last Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Local Authority meetings covered in this report for the period between February and March 2025 include:

- Papunya – 5 February
- Areyonga – 6 February
- Mt Liebig – 12 February
- Amoonguna – 13 February
- Imanpa – 19 February
- Haasts Bluff – 6 March
- Finke – 12 March
- Docker River – 13 March
- Kintore – 19 March
- Wallace Rockhole – 20 March
- Santa Teresa – 26 March
- Titjikala – 27 March

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- a) approves the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority meetings held in Papunya, Areyonga, Mt Liebig, Haasts Bluff, Finke, Docker River, Kintore, Wallace Rockhole, Santa Teresa and Titjikala;
- b) approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Provisional meetings held in Imanpa; and Amoonguna;
- c) supports the allocation of its Discretionary funds by the Amoonguna Local Authority towards a Memorial Service; and
- d) endorses the allocations to projects established by the Local Authorities as follows:
  - Areyonga – allocates \$19,502.65 towards a Healthy Community event.
  - Imanpa – allocates an additional \$5,000.00 to the Water Trailer project.
  - Haasts Bluff – allocates \$32,557.51 to a Healthy Community event.
  - Wallace Rockhole – allocates \$300.00 to an Easter event.
  - Titjikala – Cemetery upgrades, anticipating that future funding will be allocated to this project.

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

Please refer to the attached draft minutes of the meetings listed above for detail surrounding the matters discussed.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Elected Members

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 PLA Draft Minutes-05.02.2025
- 2 ARLA Draft Minutes-06.02.2025
- 3 MLLA Draft Minutes-12.02.2025
- 4 AMLA Draft Minutes-13.02.2025
- 5 ILA Draft Minutes-19.02.2025
- 6 HBLA Draft Minutes-06.03.2025
- 7 FLA Draft Minutes-12.03.2025
- 8 DRLA Draft Minutes-13.03.2025
- 9 KLA Draft Minutes-19.03.2025
- 10 WRLA Draft Minutes-20.03.2025
- 11 STLA Draft Minutes-26.03.2025
- 12 TLA Draft Minutes-27.03.2025



MINUTES OF THE PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
PAPUNYA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10:30 AM

**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 11.10AM

**1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

**PLA2025-001 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Casey (Sammy) Pearce)**

**That members nominated Terrence Abbott as acting Chairperson of this meeting.**

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Terrance Abbott

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Sarah Stockman, Acting Chair Terrence Abbott, Member Justine Stockman,  
Member Sammy Pearce and Provisional Member Garrad Anderson.

Via Teams: Member Karren McDonald.

Councillors:

Deputy President Dalton McDonald,

Via Teams: President Roxanne Kenny and Councillor Tommy Conway.

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart - CEO, Rhiannon Collie – CSC Papunya, James Walsh – Manager Project  
Management Office, Mark O'Bryan – Manager Council Services, and Shae Thompson –  
Coordinator Governance.

Via Teams: Liz Scott – Manager Community Safety, and June Crabb – Coordinator  
Governance.

Guests:

Greg Drew – Ngurratjuta.

Douglas Multa – Ngurratjuta – Joined the meeting at 11:35am.

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**Apologies:

Councillor Jason Minor and Member Graham Poulson.

Absentees:

Nil

**ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES**

**PLA2025-002 RESOLVED (Casey (Sammy) Pearce/Sarah Stockman)**

**That members noted and accepted the attendances and apologies of the meeting.**

**3.3 Resignations**

**NIL**

**3.4 Terminations**

**NIL**

**3.5 Nominations****NOMINATIONS TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the changes to the membership of the Local Authority.

Two vacancies on the Authority were created due to the dismissal of Sebastian Allen for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings and a resignation submitted by Sammy Butcher.

**PLA2025-003 RESOLVED (Garrard Anderson/Sarah Stockman)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted that Garrard Anderson has joined the Local Authority;
- b) noted that one vacancy still remains on the Papunya Local Authority.

**4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT****4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**PLA2025-004 RESOLVED (Garrard Anderson/Sarah Stockman)**

**That the Papunya Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.**

**5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****PLA2025-005 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Sarah Stockman)**

That the Minutes of the Papunya Local Authority Meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 were adopted by a resolution of Papunya Local Authority.

**6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS****6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED****PLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Casey (Sammy) Pearce)**

That the Papunya Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

**7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST****7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS****PLA2025-007 RESOLVED (Casey (Sammy) Pearce/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Papunya Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

**7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION****PLA2025-008 RESOLVED (Casey (Sammy) Pearce/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Papunya Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

**8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS***Nil***9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE****REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

**PLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Garrard Anderson)****That the Local Authority:**

- a) **provided guidance and support for MRC Staff in the development of the MRC**

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- 2025-2026 Regional Plan;**
- a) **discussed their priorities in relation to the development of the Community's infrastructure as follows:**
- **accepted the design of the changerooms that would be installed at the football oval;**
  - **agreed to add the Greening Papunya Plan to the CIP**
  - **discussed involving Ngurratjuta in decisions to gain a cohesive picture of available funding and priorities of where the community would like it spent;**
  - **noted that the community infrastructure plans are plans for the future and will not go ahead until they can be prioritised and funded.**

#### **LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS REGISTER**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Northern Territory Government and invested in projects 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.

#### **PLA2025-010 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Garrard Anderson)**

##### **That the Local Authority:**

- a) **noted and accepts the Certification of the 2023-24 Local Authority Project Funding;**
- b) **noted that \$139.091.04 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- c) **noted the progress on the following projects as provided by the Projects Management Office as follows:**
- **project 2192 – Mature Established Trees – Native trees cannot be sourced from a commercial nursery. PMO will discuss with Greg Drew from Ngurratjuta about a shared nursery option;**
  - **project 2195 – Healthy Communities Event - Noted that the timeline will be decided when entertainment providers, Get Grubby, can be contacted;**
  - **project 2198 – Bin Trailer has been ordered, noting that the build time could take a few months;**
  - **project 2501 – Windows and Seats for Church Restoration – Fans have been installed. An updated quote for the window screens has been obtained and a purchase order has been raised. Anticipated delivery before the end of March;**
  - **project 2505 - Yarning Circle – has been shipped and should arrive before the end of February. Civil team to install;**
  - **project 2508 – Outdoor Chapel with Side Shutters – reconfirmed that it will be installed next to the church advising members that the existing shade structure may have to be demolished to make way for the chapel;**

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- noted that James Walsh - PMO will liaise with contractors to determine what demolition can be achieved within the existing budget and present the data at the next meeting;
  - noted the name of this project changed to Sunday School; and
  - agreed that the design for the building be emailed to Member Sarah Stockman.
- c) closed Project 2193 – Band equipment, returning \$909.09 to unallocated; and
- d) created a new wish list item - Tennis court for the kids to learn to play tennis at the old basketball court. It was suggested that lines could be added to the basketball court to facilitate tennis.

#### DISCRETIONARY FUNDS REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June

##### **PLA2025-011 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Casey (Sammy) Pearce)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$3,386.39 have been spent on three events as allocated at the last meeting;
- c) noted that these funds must be spent by 30 June 2025; and
- d) allocated the remaining funds, \$613.61, to provide support to youth participating in Cultural Business. Member Garrad Anderson to facilitate the purchase of the food. Three purchase orders to be raised for Papunya store and receipts to be provided to MRC.

## 10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

### MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

##### **PLA2025-012 RESOLVED (Casey (Sammy) Pearce/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Papunya.

**Minute Note:** Discussed that that many of the positions are part-time due to the capacity of employees to attend work.

Members asked what the process for abandoning an employee is and why it takes so long. They were advised that under Fair Work and the MRC Enterprise Agreement there is a set process to give staff procedural fairness regarding terminating them from their position.

**COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT - PAPUNYA****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**PLA2025-013 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Casey (Sammy) Pearce)**

**That the Local Authority of Papunya notes and accepts the Council Services report.**

Minute Note: The following matters were noted as operational and would be followed up by the Area Manager:

- Potholes, noting that the grader team will be out working on the fire breaks;
- Streetlights, being advised that 70% of the lights must be non-functional before a contractor is sent out;
- Water pressure, with the Area Manager to raise this matter with Power and Water;
- Rubbish, noting that people can clear their own rubbish once the bin trailers are available; and
- Sand. Members advised that MRC requires permission from CLC to remove sand from any areas within the community.

**FLEET, ROADS & WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Fleet, Roads & Waste Management for the Papunya Local Authority.

**PLA2025-014 RESOLVED (Casey (Sammy) Pearce/Tommy Conway)**

**That the Local Authority**

- a) **noted and accepted the Fleet, Roads & Waste Management Report; and**
- b) **raised a concern of reduced visibility due to long buffel grass on the corner of Kintore Road. The CEO will raise this issue with DIPL.**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**PLA2025-015 RESOLVED (Casey (Sammy) Pearce/Dalton McDonald)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) **notes and accepts the Community Services report;**
- b) **noted the following matters raised:**
  - **the CEO will follow up with the issue of not enough food in hampers and blankets not being washed.**
  - **accepted that if spaces allow, community members can join CPR training when a trainer attends Papunya.**

**11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2024 in the Papunya Local Authority community.

**PLA2025-016 RESOLVED** (Casey (Sammy) Pearce/Garrard Anderson)  
That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Income and Expenditure report as at 31st December 2024.

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Members of the Papunya Local Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss at General Council Business.

**PLA2025-017 RESOLVED** (Dalton McDonald/ Garrard Anderson)

That the Local Authority

- a) noted the updates on matters that were raised at the last meeting as follows:
  - That the speed bump and bollards have been installed in Raggett street and there are three more coming in Nyirritjukurra St., Bush St., and Phillipus St.
  - The oval was scraped for the footy presentations.
  - The six signs for the exclusion areas for cultural business have been made and they will be installed by the civil team after the CSC liaises with community members on the locations for the signs.
- b) raised that there is a foot bridge across the creek by the store that needs a new surface so that old people can access the store on mobility equipment.

## **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Members are given the opportunity to raise matters to discuss at General Non-Council Business.

**PLA2025-018 RESOLVED** (Dalton McDonald/Garrard Anderson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the progress on the matter raised at the previous meeting that the CEO has created a new position at MRC for a strategic grants writer who will assist the council to apply for grants for specific needs in community and on outstations.
- b) raised the issue of backroads that they would like blocked off. The CEO has had conversations with NTG and DIPL. MRC is responsible for providing information to DIPL about signage directing where people can drive. Keith Hassett, Director of Council Services, has that information from the LA about where that needs to go.
- c) raised the matter of creating facilitating tourism. Greg Drew, Ngurratjuta, advised that this had been tried before but that it failed due to a lack of participation by community members.
- d) raised that they would like signs directing the flow of heavy vehicles through the community. The CEO stated that DIPL has been provided with that information after the previous meeting and that MRC has since followed up with them.
- e) raised that they would like the dam at the water hole dug out. This stops water from flowing into the community during floods and enables the community members to go swimming. The CLC had previously dug the dam too shallow. Members stated that it needs to be dug out every couple of months and that it has not been dug out for thirty years. They were advised that this requires

permission from CLC. The CEO asked the members to talk to CLC about this matter. The CEO will invite CLC to attend the next LA meeting.

- f) member Garrard Anderson tabled invitations for community members to come to a meeting hosted by Ngurratjuta to discuss their ideas for improving the community and announced that a program has begun that will train ten community members as hairdressers over twelve months.
- g) Ngurratjuta representatives announced new staff for the children and families centre.
- h) Ngurratjuta representatives reiterated that people consulting with the community need to go through Ngurratjuta as the front door to the community.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 3 APRIL, 2025**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:51 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10:30 AM

**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was held via Teams and declared open at 10:51AM

**1.1 NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON**

**ARLA2025-001 RESOLVED (Jacob Carol/Jonathan Doolan)**

**That members nominated Hilda Bert as Acting Chair for this meeting.**

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Hilda Bert

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Joy Kunia, Member Jonathan Doolan, Member Jacob Carol, Member Hilda Bert and Member Garnet Djana

Councillors:

Councillor Abraham Poulson

Councillor Marlene Abbott and President Roxanne Kenny attended from the Alice Springs Office

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Sharan Shahim – Manager Aged Care, James Walsh – Project Management Office and June Crabb attended from the Alice Springs Office

Stuart Miller – Area Manager and Benny Alick – CSC Areyonga attended from the Areyonga Council Office

Guests:

Ben Humm – NT Housing and Property Representative from his respective Office

Anton Devaratnam - Principal Areyonga School attended from the Areyonga Council Office

### 3.2 Apologies/Absentees

#### Apologies:

Chairperson Sarah Gallagher

#### Absentees:

Member Naphtali Scobie

### 3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ABSENTEES

**ARLA2025-002 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)**

#### **That members:**

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apology received from Chair Sarah Gallagher; and
- c) noted the absence of Member Naphtali Scobie.

### 3.3 Resignations

NIL

### 3.4 Terminations

#### **3.4 TERMINATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP**

**ARLA2025-003 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)**

That the Local Authority agreed to terminate the membership of Naphtali Scobie for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

### 3.5 Nominations

NIL

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**ARLA2025-004 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted the Council Code of Conduct.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**ARLA2025-005 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority of 21 November 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Areyonga Local Authority.

## **6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

### **6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

**ARLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

**7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST****7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS****ARLA2025-007 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jacob Carol)****That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted the Conflict of Interest policy.****7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION****ARLA2025-008 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jacob Carol)****That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.****8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS***Nil***9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE****REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

**ARLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)****That the Local Authority:**

- a) **provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan;**
- b) **discussed their priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure, noting the following:**
  - **Laundry unit**
  - **Upgrade to the Basketball Court**
  - **Drainage around community**
- c) **agreed to give further consideration to large scale projects that special funding could be applied for.**

**LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community.

**Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:**

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. e.g. park fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.

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

It is important to note that 'at risk funds' are funds that may include unallocated funds and funds allocated to projects, however, remains unspent.

#### **ARLA2025-010 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Jonathan Doolan)**

##### **That the Local Authority**

- a) noted and accepted the Certification of 2023-24 Local Authority Project Funding;
- b) noted that \$32,548.03 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- c) noted and accepted the progress on their projects as provided by the Project Management Office;
- d) approved closure of the following completed projects:
  - 2116 – Drainage around the Basketball Court, returning \$1,000 to unallocated
  - 2117 - Water Trailer, returning \$1,200.55 to unallocated funds
- e) created a new Project – Community Healthy event, allocating all remaining funds.

#### **DISCRETIONARY FUNDS REPORT**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

#### **ARLA2025-011 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert)**

##### **That the Local Authority**

- a) noted the funds spent on purchasing cleaning equipment and power cards for the houses;
- b) noted \$2,438.25 remaining and allocated as follows:
  - \$1,000.00 for the School kids with the PO raised to the School; and
  - the balance of funds to the Healthy Community event
- c) noted that the funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2025.

### MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

#### **ARLA2025-012 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Jacob Carol)**

**That the Local Authority noted and accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council within the Areyonga Community.**

### 10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

#### FLEET, ROADS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is a summary of works around Fleet, Roads and Waste Management for the community of Areyonga

#### **ARLA2025-013 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Joy Kunia)**

**That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Fleet, Roads & Waste Management Report.**

### COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Areyonga across the area of Local Government Council Services.

#### **ARLA2025-014 RESOLVED (Jacob Carol/Jonathan Doolan)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.**

### COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

#### **ARLA2025-015 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.**

### 11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2024 in the Areyonga Local Authority community.

#### **ARLA2025-016 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 31st December 2024.**

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**12 GENERAL BUSINESS****GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with an opportunity to discuss matters of General Council Business.

**ARLA2025-017 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Jacob Carol)**

That the Local Authority noted the matter previously raised in general Council business – Grading at the turnoff will be acted on as a priority and moved to the Action Register.

**13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

A representative provides necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

In this section the members have the opportunity to raise matters of Non-Council Business for discussion.

**ARLA2025-018 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the previous matters raised of Non-Council Business and closed actions:
  - Housing
  - Dog Bites
  - Water Sources
- b) noted the following information advised by the Representative from NT Housing and Property:
  - One contractor will be responsible for the repairs, maintenance, electrical and plumbing for community houses within Central Australia and this has been awarded to Harvey Developments.
  - Noted that Lot 52 – House on the hill is beyond repair and will be knocked down and replaced.
  - Pest treatments have started and a Business plan is being finalised that will include Areyonga undergoing these treatments twice a year. Members asked that this be a priority as many of their houses had a pest problems.
  - Agreed to follow up fencing repairs, transitional housing, contact details inside the power boxes and the air-conditioner to lot 74
- c) Members accepted the information shared by the CLC Representative regarding the proposal from the Watarrka Family Group, noting that support had been given to the project at the previous meeting.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL, 2025****15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:49 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2025 AT  
10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:37AM

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Audrey Turner

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Tristan Robertson, Member Carol Peterson and Chairperson Audrey Turner

Dyson Wheeler – Attended from 10:44am

Member Roderick Kantamara attended from 11:00 am

Councillors:

Deputy President Dalton McDonald, and Councillor Tommy Conway,

Councillor Jason Minor attended via teams.

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Shae Thompson – Coordinator Governance, Sarah Grant – Coordinator Community Safety, Mark O'Bryan – Area Manager Council Services, and Gemma Rule – Council Services Coordinator.

Guests:

Serina Wheeler and Veronica Dixon – Community Members

Jessica Scrutton – NTG department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development – via Teams from 11:00am

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny and Member Rosalind Dixon.

Absentees:

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NIL.

### 3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

*MLLA2025-001* RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance; and
- b) noted the apologies from President Roxanne Kenney and Member Rosalind Dixon.

### 3.3 Resignations

NIL

### 3.4 Terminations

NIL

### 3.5 Nominations

NIL

## 4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

### 4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

*MLLA2025-002* RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Audrey Turner)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

*MLLA2025-003* RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

## 6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

### 6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

*MLLA2025-004* RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Audrey Turner)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

## 7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

### 7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

*MLLA2025-005* RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

## 7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

**MLLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Carol Peterson)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## 8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

*Nil*

## 9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 9.1 ACTION REGISTER

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**MLLA2025-007 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress on the action item regarding new goal posts for the football oval;
- b) noted that the CEO has had a conversation with the minister who has indicated that they will investigate goal posts for the Mount Liebig oval and the Finke oval; and
- c) closed this item.

### 9.2 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

**MLLA2025-008 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dyson Wheeler)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan;
- b) agreed to provide its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure on the poster provided prior to the next meeting; and
- c) agreed to discuss the communities priorities at the next meeting.

### 9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER

#### 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.

#### MLLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Tristan Robertson)

#### That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Acquittal and Certification (as attached) of the Mt Liebig Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;
- b) noted that at the previous meeting, the available funds was not accurate;
- c) noted the deficit of \$9,371.14 that will be repaid first as a priority;
- d) noted that \$17,363.13 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- e) noted the progress on their current projects as follows:
  - 2181 Additional sorry camp - will be located in the vacant area between the oval and Kelly road, it should include shade shelters and a water tap. Members were advised that \$40-45,000.00 would be required. This item was moved to the wishlist;
  - 2186 Solar Lights for the Cemetery – lights and cement have been ordered. They should arrive in Alice Springs in 2 weeks. Mark will transport them to Mount Liebig. This project was kept open;
  - 2184 Plaque at Rec Hall – kept open and discussed unveiling the plaque at the same event as the opening of the new basketball court.
  - 2187 Music equipment has been ordered and is expected to arrive in Alice Springs this month. This project was kept open; and
  - 2188 Sporting Equipment for the Youth Board – Youth board to discuss further at their next meeting. This project was kept open.
- g) approved to close the following projects:
  - 2182 Music Equipment for Youth– Closed this project and returned unused funds as the project has been completed;
  - 2183 Caged 4WD trailer – Closed this project and returned unused funds as

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- the project has been completed; and
- 2185 Plaque for Night Patrol – Closed this project and returned unused funds as the family did not give permission for this to proceed.

#### 9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

##### 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.

##### **MLLA2025-010 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tristan Robertson)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$1,918.88 were spent on the New Years / Christmas events;
- b) decided that the \$2,000.00 for the barbeque for the unveiling of the plaque at the Youth Centre will also be a celebration of the opening of the new basketball court and will be delayed until the basketball court is completed.
- c) added the remaining unallocated funds of \$81.12 to the \$2,000.00 of funds for the barbeque; and
- d) noted that the funds for the BBQ will be held through until the next financial year in the case that the basketball court is not finished before the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. This will not affect the discretionary funds allocation for the 2025-26 financial year.

#### 9.5 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

##### **MLLA2025-011 RESOLVED (Dyson Wheeler/Carol Peterson)**

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Mount Liebig.

#### 10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

##### 10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Mt Liebig across the area of Local Government Service Delivery*

##### **MLLA2025-012 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Dyson Wheeler)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attached report; and
- b) raised that they would like additional roads graded. This was an operational matter and members will provide information on where these roads are to the Council Services Coordinator.

## 10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

#### **MLLA2025-013 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

That the Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report; and
- b) noted that Felistus Mutanga has been successful in her application as the Childcare Team Leader and has relocated to Mt Liebig; and
- c) noted that the Childcare Centre is expected to open before the end of the month.

## 10.3 ROADS, FLEET AND WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary of the Fleet, Roads and Waste Management situation for the community of Mt Liebig.

#### **MLLA2025-014 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the Fleet, Roads and Waste Management Report.

## 11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

### 11.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2025 in the Mt Liebig Local Authority community.

#### **MLLA2025-015 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Roderick Kantamara)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 January 2025.

## 12 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 12.1 GERNERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

#### **MLLA2025-016 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Dyson Wheeler)**

That the Local Authority discussed the following matters:

- a) the gate needs fixing at Warren Creek and Roderick would like a fence – this matter is operational and was referred to the CSC;
- b) the BBQ at warren creek needs a hot plate, gas fittings and gas bottles – this is operational and has been reported to housing by the CSC;

- c) solar lights need replacing at Warren Creek – CSC update – this is in progress; and
- d) the fence for the childcare centre is a colour-bond panel fence which prevents community members from being able to see if children are inside and if they are safe. This matter was referred to the Area Manager Mark OBryan to follow up.

### **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on matters that members may have regarding non-council services.

**MLLA2025-017 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Carol Peterson)**

**That the Local Authority did not raise any matters of Non-Council Business.**

#### **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL, 2025**

### **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:07 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared a provisional and opened at 10:57AM

**1.1 NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON**

**AML2025-001 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That members present nominated Sharon Alice as Acting Chair for this meeting.

**2 WELCOME**

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Sharon Alice and Provisional Member Paul Williams

Councillors:

Councillor Andrew Davis and Councillor Patrick Allen

Council Employees:

Ken Satour – A/Director Council Services, James Walsh – Project Manager and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Guests:

Melissa Hope – Community Development Officer, CLC

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Councillor Lisa Sharman and President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Member Samantha Stuart, Member Rhekita Stuart, Member Teresa Alice, Member Lawrence Webb and Councillor Aloyiscois Hayes

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### 3.3 Resignations

Member Henry Oliver

### 3.4 Terminations

NIL

### 3.5 Nominations

#### 3.5.1 VACANCIES IN THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (the Authority) and to apprise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

It is noted that Henry Oliver's and Theresa Alice's memberships in the Local Authority were ratified at the Ordinary Council Meeting in December 2024.

**AML2025-002 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Patrick Allen)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged the resignation received from Henry Oliver;
- b) accepted the nomination from Paul Williams as an interim member of the Authority;
- c) noted that one vacancy still remains on the Local Authority;
- d) called for community nominations to fill this vacancy.

## 4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

### 4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

**AML2025-003 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Sharon Alice)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 5.1 CONFIRM PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 were not resolved as this was a provisional meeting.

## 6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

### 6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

**AML2025-004 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Andrew Davis)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**AML2025-005 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**AML2025-006 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

*Nil*

## **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 ACTION REGISTER**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**AML2025-007 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Sharon Alice)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress on the action items as reported in the previous minutes; and
- b) moved the action to the Projects wishlist.

### **9.2 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

**AML2025-008 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority:

- provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan; and
- provided their priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure; and
- noted that the community infrastructure plans are plans for the future and will not go ahead until they can be prioritised and funded.

### 9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER

#### 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.

**AMLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Patrick Allen)**

#### That the Local Authority:

- a) **noted the Acquittal and Certification of the Amoonguna Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;**
- b) **noted that \$22,878.41 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;**
- c) **noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office as follows:**
  - **Closed Project 2101 - Water Trailer for Sorry Camp, moving it to the wishlist and returning the funds of \$7,000.00 to unallocated;**
  - **Kept open Projects 2103 – Bin Trailers and 2104 – Stealth lighting for Sorry Camp shade structures.**
- c) **discussed and determined the priority of the wishlist items, adding the following items:**
  - **Pit toilet at the Sorry Camp, noting that the PMO office will source quotes; and**
  - **From the Action register – Build another Shade structure at the Sorry Camp.**

### 9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

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**AML2025-010 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the 2024/2025 Discretionary funds allocation;
- b) noted that these funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2025; and
- c) allocated the remaining funds of \$1,046.23 towards a Memorial Service.

**9.5 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

**AML2025-011 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Amoonguna;
- b) questioned the validity regarding how many Community Safety positions were available; and
- c) queried whether the Community Safety positions were for both men and women, only men or only women.

**10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS****10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**AML2025-012 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the attached Council Services Report.

**10.2 ROADS, FLEET & WASTE MANAGEMENT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is a summary of the Roads, Fleet and Waste Management situation in the community of Amoonguna.

**AML2025-013 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Sharon Alice)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Roads, Fleet and Waste Management Report.

**10.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**AML2025-014 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Patrick Allen)**

**That the Authority:**

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report.
- b) discussed ideas with the Youth Manager regarding programs that incorporate Cultural workshops as well as exchange programs through the school.

**11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT****11.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2025 in the Amoonguna Local Authority community.

**AML2025-015 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)**

**That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 31st January 2025.**

**12 GENERAL BUSINESS****12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with an opportunity to discuss general Council Matters.

**AML2025-016 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Sharon Alice)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority did not raise any items of General Council Business for discussion.**

**13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

A representative provides necessary updates regarding Northern Territory Government services.

Members are given the opportunity to raise and discuss general matters of Non-Council Business.

**AML2025-017 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Andrew Davis)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted and discussed the following Non-Council Business matters that will be followed up with the CEO and NTG Representative:
  - Invite the Member for Namatjira – Bill Yan to speak with Members regarding housing
  - Invite NT Police to speak with Members regarding kids riding motorbikes

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- and to discuss Community Safety Meetings.
- Noted that the ALO was not a visible presence in the community.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL, 2025**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:43 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE IMANPA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
IMANPA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10:30 AM

**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared a provisional meeting and opened at 10.44AM

**1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

**ILA2025-001 RESOLVED (Janie Bulla/Abraham Poulson)**

**That the Imanpa Local Authority nominated Roslyn McCormack as Acting Chair for this meeting.**

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Roslyn McCormack

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Janie Bulla, Member Roslyn McCormack,

Councillors:

Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Abraham Poulson,

Council Employees:

Kaisa Suumann – Coordinator Youth Boards, Victor Morgan – CSC Imanpa, Stuart Lynch – ESO Imanpa, Damien Ryan – Area Manager Council Services, Ken Satour – Director Council Services, James Walsh – Manager Project Management Office, Sai Katam – PMO project officer, June Crabb – Coordinator Governance, Shae Thompson – Governance.

Guests:

Nil

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Chairperson Kathleen Luckey, Member Gary Mumu, Member Tanya Luckey

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Absentees:

Member Lesley Luckey

**3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ABSENTEES**

**ILA2025-002 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Abraham Poulson)**

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies from Chairperson Kathleen Luckey, Member Gary Mumu and Member Tanya Luckey; and
- c) noted the first absence of Lesley Luckey.

**3.3 Resignations**

NIL

**3.4 Terminations**

NIL

**3.5 Nominations****3.5.1 VACANCIES IN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (the Authority) and to apprise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

It is noted that the council endorsed the revocation of the membership of Lillian Inkamala at the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 13 December 2024 due to her two consecutive absences.

**ILA2025-003 RESOLVED (Janie Bulla/Marlene Abbott)**

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the vacancy currently available on the Local Authority; and
- b) called for community nominations to fill the vacancy.

**4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT****4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**ILA2025-004 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Janie Bulla)**

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted the Council Code of Conduct.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**ILA2025-005 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Janie Bulla)**

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 10 October 2024 will be presented at the next Local Authority meeting.

**6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS****6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

**ILA2025-006 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)**

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

**7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST****7.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**ILA2025-007 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)**

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

**7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**ILA2025-008 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)**

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted that members did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

**8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

*Nil*

**9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE****9.1 YOUTH BOARD REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report outlines the recommendations from the Imanpa Youth Board meeting on 7th of November 2024 and seeks feedback from the Imanpa Local Authority. The Youth Board is a group of young people who meet twice a year to share ideas and make decisions to improve their community.

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**ILA2025-009 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)**

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted that:

- a) the minutes from the Imanpa Youth Board meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 were noted and received;
- b) the following key proposals from the Youth Board for the community were reviewed and considered.
  - Installation of a water bubbler near the basketball court or BBQ area.
  - Lights for the football oval.
  - New softball equipment (quote attached).
- c) members requested that these proposals be presented for consideration at the next Imanpa Local Authority meeting.

**9.2 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

**ILA2025-010 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)**

That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted that:

- a) members provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan;
- b) members will provide priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure by writing on the planning poster held by the CSC before the next meeting; and
- c) the plan will be discussed again at the next meeting.

**9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER****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.

**ILA2025-011 RESOLVED (Janie Bulla/Abraham Poulson)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:**

- a) noted the Acquittal and Certification (as attached) of the Imanpa Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;
- b) noted that \$12,358.66 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office;
  - 2161 – approved the quote for the water trailer and allocated \$5000.00 additional funds.
- d) closed any completed projects and returned any unused funds to unallocated;
  - 2163 – Youth Board Sports Equipment – Completed – Closed and returned unused funds of \$386.36 to unallocated funds
  - 2165 – Mixing Console for Youth Board – Completed – Closed and returned unused of \$564.20 to unallocated funds; and
  - 2246 – Youth Board Basketball rings/nets & keyboard with 2 microphones – Closed and returned unused funds of \$400.00 to unallocated funds.
- e) noted that there are \$11,628.35 of unallocated funds; and
- f) determined that wishlist items would be discussed at the next meeting.

**9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

**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.

**ILA2025-012 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:**

- a) noted that \$236.00 was spent on the flour bags for the sports oval;
- b) noted that \$189.00 was spent on rakes for the community and that no other gardening equipment was purchased;
- c) noted that \$982.04 was spent on the Christmas event;
- d) noted that \$999.61 was spent on the tidiest yard competition prizes;
- e) noted that there are \$1,593.35 remaining funds;

- f) noted that the remaining funds must be spent by 30 June 2025; and
- g) noted that the remaining funds will be allocated at the next Local Authority meeting.

## 9.5 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

**ILA2025-013 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Imanpa.**

## 10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

### 10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

**ILA2025-014 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and accepted the attached report.**

### 10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety and Aged & Disability Services for Imanpa.

**ILA2025-015 RESOLVED (Janie Bulla/Marlene Abbott)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and accepted the Community Services report.**

### 10.3 ROADS, FLEET & WASTE MANAGEMENT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is a summary of the Roads, Fleet and Waste Management situation in the community of Imanpa.

**ILA2025-016 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Marlene Abbott)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and accepted the Roads, Fleet and Waste Management report.**

## 11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

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## 11.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2025 in the Imanpa Local Authority community.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 January 2025.**

## 12 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 12.1 GERNERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

**ILA2025-017 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and raised and discussed the following matter relating to General Council Business:**

**That there is no air-conditioner in the main room of the Aged Care building at Lot 84 in Imanpa. That there is an air conditioner in the office and the kitchen but that the main room gets very hot. Governance will take this concern to the appropriate department at MRC head office and will report the outcomes at the next Local Authority meeting.**

## 13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

### 13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on matters that members may have regarding non-council services.

**ILA2025-018 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Imanpa Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and did not raise any matters of General Non-Council Business.**

## 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 12 JUNE, 2025

## 15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:51 am.

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MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE HAASTS BLUFF COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025 AT 10:30 AM

**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:48AM as a provisional meeting.

**1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIR**

***HLA2025-001 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)***

**That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority by majority vote, nominated Douglas Multa as Acting Chair for this meeting.**

**2 WELCOME**

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Douglas Multa , Member Simon Dixon, Member Kieran Multa (arrived at 11:17am)  
Interim Members – Liza Mulda and Jessica Moora

Councillors:

Deputy President Dalton McDonald  
Jason Minor via Teams from the Papunya Office

Council Employees:

Ken Satour – A/Director Council Services, James Walsh – Project Management Office,  
Stuart Miller – Area Manager, Simon Walmsby – Council Services Coordinator and June  
Crabb – Governance Coordinator

Ruth Tahere – Project Management Officer, Matt Virgona – A/Manager Youth Services  
attended via Teams

Guests attended via Teams:

Sharon Troncoso – Clinical Nurse Specialist, Trachoma Unit  
Jessica Scrutton – Regional Project Officer, Department Housing, Local Government and  
Community Development  
Katharine O'Donoghue – Representative from the Member for Gwoja

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### 3.2 Apologies/Absentees

#### Apologies:

Councillor Tommy Conway

#### Absentees:

Member Jennicka Inkamala, Member Derek Egan, Member Randall Butler and Member Martin Jugadai

### 3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

#### **HLA2025-002 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Simon Dixon)**

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apology received from Councillor Tommy Conway; and
- c) noted the absences without notice from Members Derek Egan, Randall Butler and Martin Jugadai.

Minute Note: Members agreed that if Member Randall Butler did not show for the meeting, he would be marked as absent.

### 3.3 Resignations

NIL

### 3.4 Terminations

#### **3.4 MEMBERSHIPS TERMINATED**

#### **HLA2025-003 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Simon Dixon)**

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council:

- a) revoked the membership of Jennicka Inkamala as she no longer lives in community; and
- b) revoked the memberships of Randall Butler and Martin Jugadai as they missed two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

### 3.5 Nominations

#### **3.5 NOMINATIONS**

#### **HLA2025-004 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Douglas Multa)**

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) accepted the nominations received from Ms Liza Mulda and Ms Jessica Moora;
- b) agreed that the nominees be made interim members of the Authority for this meeting; and
- c) requested that Council endorse the nominations.

Minute Note: Quorum was achieved with the members acceptance of Liza Mulda and Jessica Moora as provisional members for this meeting.

**4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT****4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

***HBLA2025-005 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Simon Dixon)***

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

***HBLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Dalton McDonald)***

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority accepts the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

**6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS****6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

***HBLA2025-007 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Douglas Multa)***

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

**7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST****7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

***HBLA2025-008 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)***

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

**7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

***HBLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Douglas Multa)***

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

**8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS****8.1 NT TRACHOMA PROGRAM & INDIGENOUS EYE HEALTH****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of the presentation from the Public Health Unit and Indigenous Eye Health is to provide information on the Trachoma Program.

***HBLA2025-010 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Douglas Multa)***

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the presentation from the Trachoma Unit; and
- b) agreed to support the unit's visits on educating community about Trachoma.

## **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

#### **HLA2025-011 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)**

#### **That the Local Authority:**

- a) **accepted the consultation and provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan;**
- b) **provided its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure; and**
- c) **noted the following from the PMO Manager:**
  - **A Project through the Department of Social Services, to create a safe space for families inside the Rec Hall. The Shade Structure outside the Rec Hall will also benefit with an upgrade to include soft fall and seating.**
  - **A Community Benefit fund has been received and will go towards replacing the playground outside the Council depot. Members asked to have the playground relocated to the Basketball Court, noting the request will be moved to the action register for the PMO Office to provide a response regarding the location.**

### **9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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- 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.

**HLA2025-012 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Simon Dixon)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Acquittal and Certification of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;
- b) noted that \$23,490.20 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office; and kept open:
  - 2386 – Garden Shed with tools for Cemetery.
  - 2392 – Trees around the Park, noting that native trees were not available in Central Australia, therefore members agreed for any Australian trees to be ordered.
- d) closed the completed projects as follows;
  - 2146 – Trevor Carpark, returning the underspend of \$3,000.00 to unallocated, noting to prioritise the installation of the signs;
  - 2390 – Modular Stage, returning the underspend of \$6,759.00 to unallocated, noting that the Area Manager will collect the components from Areyonga;
  - 2391 – Upgrade the Umpire box, returning \$2,852.82 to unallocated, noting that the Civil Team will initiate the installation.
- e) committed all unallocated funds anticipated to be \$37,610.33 to a Healthy Community event; and
- f) did not make any decisions to the wishlist item.

**9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS****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.

**HLA2025-013 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Kieran Multa)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds;
- b) noted that \$1,481.12 were funds returned by Council as they were not spent by 30 June 2024;
- c) discussed and assigned the full allocation of \$4,000.00 towards band equipment, noting that members to prioritise the list of equipment and provide it to the CSC; and
- d) noted that the discretionary funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2025.

#### 9.4 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

##### **HBLA2025-014 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Kieran Multa)**

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Haasts Bluff.

#### 10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

##### 10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

##### **HBLA2025-015 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Simon Dixon)**

That the Local Authority of Haasts Bluff noted and accepted the Council Services report.

##### 10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES LA SNAPSHOTS

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

##### **HBLA2025-016 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Simon Dixon)**

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

#### 11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

##### 11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2025 in the Haasts Bluff Local Authority community.

##### **HBLA2025-017 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Kieran Multa)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure report as at 31 January 2025.

**12 GENERAL BUSINESS****12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

**HLA2025-018 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Kieran Multa)**

That the Local Authority discussed the following matters relating to General Council Business:

- a) **Funding for renovations to homes on outstations.**  
Member Douglas Multa asked if Council receives funding to renovate homes on outstations in particular Browns Bore.
- b) **Sealing the Road from the turnoff into Haasts Bluff.**  
PMO Manager will follow up with the Fleet Manager of options that may be available to seal the road and a response will be brought to the next Authority meeting.
- c) **Councillor Dalton McDonald requested a discussion be raised at the next Council meeting to remind Councillors of their responsibilities that should be undertaken within their ward. This request was made after Member Douglas Multa expressed his disappointment that the Elected Members of the Ward were not being proactive and not sharing the views of their constituents.**

**13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Members can discuss matters in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government. This may include:

- NT Housing
- Roads outside of MRC's Area
- Education
- NT Health

**HLA2025-019 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Kieran Multa)**

That the Local Authority noted and discussed the matters raised as follows:

- a) **Funding for renovations to homes on Outstations.**  
Member Douglas Multa requested if there was funding available for renovations to homes on outstations, in particular Browns Bore.
- b) **Permanent Nurse for Haasts Bluff**  
Members advised that two days per week for the clinic to open was not enough and community wanted a permanent nurse or at the very least a nurse who attended more often.  
Members asked the Representatives from the Member for Gwoja's' office to advocate on their behalf and NTG to follow up with a response to the possibility of a more permanent solution, or extend the days the clinic is open, with longer hours.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 14 MAY, 2025**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:17 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:45 AM

**1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR**

**FLA2025-001 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Lisa Sharman)**

**That Council nominated Thomas Stewart as acting Chair of the Local Authority Meeting.**

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Thomas Stewart

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Bridget Doolan, Member Susan Doolan, and Member Thomas Stewart.

Councillors:

Member Andrew Davis, , Member Lisa Sharman, and President Roxanne Kenny.

Council Employees:

James Walsh – Manager Project Management Office,

John Flemming – CSC Finke, Tammy Shields – Acting Area Manager Council Services, Sai Katam – Project Officer, Ainsley Roscrow – Acting Manager MacKids and Shae Thompson – Coordinator Governance.

Via Teams: Ruth Tahere – Project Management Office, June Crabb – Coordinator Governance.

Guests:

David Doolan – Finke Traditional Owner and CLC Delegate - entered at 11:00am

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Shane Franny – Minister Bill Yan's office - entered at 11:05am

### **3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Councillor Patrick Allen, Member Rosemary Matasia and Chairperson Michael Ferguson

Absentees:

NIL

### **3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ABSENTEES**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies from Councillor Patrick Allen, Member Rosemary Matasia and Chairperson Michael Ferguson; and
- c) noted that there were no absences without notice for this meeting.

### **3.3 Resignations**

NIL

### **3.4 Terminations**

NIL

### **3.5 Nominations**

#### **3.5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIPS**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This paper highlights the changes to the Local Authority Membership and notes the two vacancies currently available.

##### **FLA2025-002 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Bridget Doolan)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that Mr Aloyiscois Hayes is no longer an Elected Member for MacDonnell Regional Council and consequently no longer a member of the Authority;
- b) noted the current membership on the Authority;
- c) noted the two vacant appointed members positions; and
- d) called for community nominations to remain open.

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

##### **FLA2025-003 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Susan Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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## 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**FLA2025-004 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Andrew Davis)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 as an accurate record of the proceedings; and
- b) accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

## 6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

### 6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

**FLA2025-005 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

## 7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

### 7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

**FLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Bridget Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

### 7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

**FLA2025-007 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Bridget Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## 8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

### 8.1 REMOTE HOUSING - REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND TENANCY TEAM

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This section provides an opportunity for representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to provide the Local Authority with updates regarding Remote Housing programs, repairs, maintenance and tenancy.

**FLA2025-008 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority noted that representatives from the remote housing team did not attend the meeting.

## 9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 9.1 ACTION REGISTER

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous

meetings.

**FLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the progress on the action items as reported in the previous minutes as follows:

- a) noted that the Green Space will be an orchard in the same location as the previous orchard. Members agreed that this would include fruit trees and garden beds that would contain a combination of vegetable and bush foods native to the Finke area. This will provide food security for the community. Members closed this action as it will be addressed as project updates at future meetings;
- b) kept open Fence Around Community Safety Office to be addressed at the next meeting; and
- c) noted that the manager of aged care is working with the principal of the school to improve the school nutrition program and closed this item.

**9.2 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

**FLA2025-010 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Bridget Doolan)**

That the Local Authority:

- provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan; and
- agreed to provide its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure on the poster that will be held at the office by the CSC.

**9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER**

**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.

**FLA2025-011 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Acquittal and Certification (as attached) of the Finke Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;
- b) noted that \$5,897.18 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office as follows;
  - 2132 – Stealth solar lights and concrete have been delivered and are being stored at Amoonguna. CSC will be transporting out to community next week and the civil team will install them.
  - 2133 – Clarified that a water connection is not necessary. CSC to provide specific location and meterage to PMO.
  - 2137 – Shade cover over playground – were advised that the PMO was quoted \$14,104.42 to install the shade shelter. Noted that there are insufficient funds to go ahead with this project. Moved the project to the wishlist and returned \$5,000 to unallocated funds.
- e) noted that there are now \$6,797.18 of unallocated funds; and
- f) discussed the priority of the wishlist items and determined that there are insufficient unallocated funds to move any items to the projects list.

**9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

**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.

**FLA2025-012 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Andrew Davis)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending on their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds;
- b) noted that \$2,829.23 are funds that are available to spend; and
- c) allocated the remaining funds to be spent on a garden tools kit for each house to include as many items as the budget allows of the following:
  - rakes [iron and plastic],
  - shovels
  - hoses; and
  - a limited number of wheelbarrows that will be kept at the council office for the use of community members.

**9.5 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

**FLA2025-013 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Bridget Doolan)**

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Finke.

## **10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**FLA2025-014 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)**

**That the Local Authority of Finke Notes and accepts the attached report.**

### **10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES LA REPORTS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**FLA2025-015 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Lisa Sharman)**

**That the Local Authority of Finke Notes and Accepts the attached reports.**

## **11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2025 in the Finke Local Authority community.

**FLA2025-016 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Lisa Sharman)**

**That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Finance report as at 31 January 2025.**

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

**FLA2025-017 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Susan Doolan)**

**That the Local Authority discussed the following matter relating to General Council Business:**

**Members requested new bins and noted that this is an operational matter and bins are currently in the process of being purchased.**

## **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on matters that members may have regarding non-council services.

**FLA2025-018 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority raised and discussed matters of General Non-Council Business.

- a) The CSC will provide house numbers where there are faulty air-conditioners to James Walsh PMO. This information will be passed on to Jessica Scrutton - Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development and will be reported on at the next meeting.
- b) The CSC will provide names and lot numbers for the elderly people that are paying high rents to James Walsh. This information will be passed on to Jessica Scrutton - Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development and will be reported on at the next meeting.
- c) Gym equipment had been purchased by Minister Bill Yan's office and the discretionary funds of the Local Authority. It needs to be moved to a suitable location so that the equipment can be utilised. The chairman of the LA has stated that he would like to take ownership of making the equipment available. Is there may be funding to pay him for this service. There may be a small allocation of sports funding for a position within the Community Safety team for around 7 hours a week. This will be investigated by Liz , Tammy and Ainsley.
- d) Noted that Bill Yan's office sent condolences to the Doolan family and has donated \$300.00 worth of food at the store.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 21 MAY, 2025****15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:12 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2025 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

Due to connectivity issues, the meeting was adjourned to 11:28am before it was declared open

**2 WELCOME**

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Ruby James, Member Priscilla Abbott, Member Winsome Newberry Member Denise Brady and Member Rosina Kunia

Councillors:

Member Abraham Poulson attended from the Alice Springs office via Teams

Council Employees:

Ken Satour – A/Director Council Services, Damien Ryan – Area Manager, Stephen Trindle – Council Services Coordinator and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Ruth Tahere – Project Management Officer attended via Teams

Guests:

Jessica Scrutton – Representative Housing, Local Government and Community Development

Jennifer Newman and Justin Duncan – Representatives Department of Social Services

Ben Kaethner – Representative Central Land Council attended via Teams

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Member Marlene Abbott

Absentees:

Member Selinda Lily De Rose

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**3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES**

***DRLA2025-001 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)***

That members:

- a) noted the attendance to the meeting;
- b) accepted the apology received from Councillor Marlene Abbott; and
- c) recorded the first absence without a notice received from Member Selinda De Rose to this meeting.

**3.3 Resignations**

NIL

**3.4 Terminations**

NIL

**3.5 Nominations**

**3.5.1 VACANCIES ON THE LOCAL AUTHORITY**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (the Authority) and to apprise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

The membership of Ann-Marie Burke was revoked, due to her absence without notice from two consecutive meetings and as a consequence, a vacancy on the Authority was created.

***DRLA2025-002 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Denise Brady)***

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the nomination received from Mr Brett Stockman to cover the one vacancy; and
- b) requested that Council endorse the nominee.

**4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

**4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

***DRLA2025-003 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Ruby James)***

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

***DRLA2025-004 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Winsome Newberry)***

That the Docker River Local Authority resolved the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2024 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

## **6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

### **6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

***DRLA2025-005 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Priscilla Abbott)***

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

***DRLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)***

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

***DRLA2025-007 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)***

That the Docker River Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.2 REMOTE HOUSING - REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND TENANCY TEAM**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This section provides an opportunity for representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to provide the Local Authority with updates regarding Remote Housing programs, repairs, maintenance and tenancy.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority:

- a) accept the updates from Remote Housing representatives; and
- b) raises matters relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community.

Minute note: A Housing Representative did not attend this meeting.

### **8.1 THE DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of the presentation from the Department of Social Services is to provide information about the Digital Connectivity Project

***DRLA2025-008 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)***

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the presentation from the Department of social services; and
- b) provided feedback on the installation of the Wi-Fi Installation System in Docker River; and
- c) suggested the Council office or the Community Store as possible locations.

## 8.2 FERAL CAMELS AND HORSES – CLC

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Central Land Council Representative Ben Kaethner updated members of the ongoing issue with feral animals, in particular wild camels and horses.

There was only one option available to ensure the wellbeing and safety of the community residents and this would be discussed at a community meeting.

**DRLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Priscilla Abbott)**

**That the Authority:**

- a) noted and accepted the information provided by the CLC Representative; and
- b) noted that CLC will provide support as the animals are coming of the Land Trust; and
- c) noted that a consultation will be arranged by CLC to discuss alternative options.

## 9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 9.1 YOUTH BOARD REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report outlines the recommendations from the Docker River Youth Board meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2024 and seeks feedback from the Docker River Local Authority. The Docker River Youth Board meets twice a year to share ideas, learn how council's decisions are made and help plan community projects.

**DRLA2025-010 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Priscilla Abbott)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) received and noted the minutes from the Docker River Youth Board meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2024, tabled at the previous Authority meeting.
- b) did not make any decisions or allocate any funds towards the Sports equipment or a Gaming Console; and
- c) recommends that the Youth Board bring the proposals to the next Authority meeting.

### 9.2 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

**DRLA2025-011 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Denise Brady)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted the consultation and agreed to support MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan; and
- b) will consider its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure.

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### 9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER

#### 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.

#### **DRLA2025-012 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)**

#### That the Local Authority:

- a) **noted the Acquittal and Certification of the Docker River Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;**
- b) **noted the funding at risk of being returned to NTG is \$73,542.87**
- c) **approved to close:**
  - **Project 2121 – Movie equipment for Youth Board, noting completion and returning the underspend of \$42.90 to unallocated.**
  - **Project 2127 – Shade Shelter at Tjungu Park, accepting the following:**
    - **noted that this project will be covered under Grant funding; and**
    - **reallocated the underspend of \$20,000.00 to Project 2129.**
- d) **received the updates on the progress of its projects and provided the following feedback on their priorities:**
  - **Project 2122 – New Park:**
    - **accepted the quote from DSB Construction to install the Shade Structure over the park;**
    - **noted as a priority for the PMO office to source quotes for fencing around the playground only;**
    - **removed the solar bbq due to the cost; and**
    - **did not make any decisions on their preference for seating.**
  - **Project 2129 – Solar lights at entry**
    - **accepted the reallocation of \$20,000.00 from Project 2127; and**
    - **noted and accepted the quote received from Harvey Development for \$35,200.00.**
  - **Project 2570 – Mobile water trailer;**

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- received and accepted the quote from Pump and Power for \$25,531.00; and
- in anticipation of receiving their 2024/2025 project funding, members agreed to allocate an additional \$7,000.00 to cover delivery and contingencies.

e) discussed and the wishlist items and removed Relocate Playground.

#### **9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

##### **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.

##### ***DRLA2025-013 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Priscilla Abbott)***

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$902.58 was spent on the tidiest yard competition;
- b) noted that \$3,580.00 was spent on the Generator with the electric start;
- c) note that there is \$699.00 remaining of discretionary funds;
- d) discussed allocating the remaining funds towards a Community Easter BBQ; and
- e) noted that these funds must be spent before 30 June 2025.

#### **9.5 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

##### ***DRLA2025-014 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)***

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Docker River.

### **10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

#### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

##### ***DRLA2025-015 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)***

That the Local Authority of Docker River noted and accepted the attached report

#### **10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety in Docker River.

##### ***DRLA2025-016 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Denise Brady)***

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That the Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

## **11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

### **11.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2025 in the Docker River Local Authority community.

***DRLA2025-017 RESOLVED (Denise Brady/Winsome Newberry)***

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure report as at 31 January 2025.

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

***DRLA2025-018 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Winsome Newberry)***

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters relating to General Council Business.

Minute Note: Members advised that a solar light at the park was not working. Council Services to follow up as an operational matter.

## **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Members can discuss matters in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government. This may include:

- NT Housing
- Roads outside of MRC's Area
- Education
- NT Health

***DRLA2025-019 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Denise Brady)***

That the Local Authority noted and discussed the matters raised regarding maintenance and repairs not being actioned.

The Representative from NTG advised members that after the meeting, she will inspect one of the houses and follow up with Housing regarding its condition.

## **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 8 MAY, 2025**

## **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:47 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE KINTORE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
KINTORE COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2025 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:50 AM

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Giselle Barku

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Chair Giselle Barku, Member Bundi Rowe, Member Phyllis Rowe, Member Lorraine Scobie,  
Member Marlene Spencer,

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Member Jason Minor, and Member Tommy Conway.

Member Deputy Dalton McDonald left at 11am.

Council Employees:

Shae Thompson – Coordinator Governance, Mark O'Bryan – Area Manager Council  
Services, James Walsh – Manager Project Management Office, Bel Shrimpton- Coordinator  
Youth Services.

Guests:

Sharon Troncoso – NT Trachoma Program Clinical Nurse Specialist

Benjamin Humm – A/Coordinator Remote Housing/Town Camps.

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Member Rex Eddie, and Member Joe Young.

Absentees:

Nil

**3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ABSENTEES****KLA2025-019 RESOLVED (Lorraine Scobie/Phyllis Rowe)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies from Member Rex Eddie and Member Joe Young; and
- c) noted that there were no absences without notice for this meeting.

**3.3 Resignations**

NIL

**3.4 Terminations**

NIL

**3.5 Nominations**

NIL

**4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT****4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT****KLA2025-020 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Marlene Spencer)**

That the Kintore Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****KLA2025-021 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Phyllis Rowe)**That the Kintore Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 as an accurate record of the proceedings.**6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS****6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED****KLA2025-022 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Lorraine Scobie)**

That the Kintore Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

**7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST****7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS****KLA2025-023 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Bundi Rowe)**

That the Kintore Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

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## 7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

### **KLA2025-024 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Bundi Rowe)**

That the Kintore Local Authority did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## 8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

### 8.1 REMOTE HOUSING - REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND TENANCY TEAM

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This section provides an opportunity for representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to provide the Local Authority with updates regarding Remote Housing programs, repairs, maintenance and tenancy.

### **KLA2025-025 RESOLVED (Lorraine Scobie/Marlene Spencer)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the updates from Remote Housing representative Benjamin Humm as follows:
  - Repairs and maintenance has now been contracted to one company that will handle all repairs. This should allow the process to be more efficient; and
  - The phone number for residents to report maintenance issues will remain the same.
- b) raised the following matter relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community:
  - that it has taken a long time to get repairs done on air conditioners but that this issue has improved recently.

### 8.2 NT TRACHOMA PROGRAM & INDIGENOUS EYE HEALTH

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of the presentation from the Public Health Unit and Indigenous Eye Health is to provide information on the Trachoma Program.

### **KLA2025-026 RESOLVED (Phyllis Rowe/Tommy Conway)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the presentation from the Trachoma Unit;
- b) supported the unit's visits on educating community about Trachoma; and
- c) noted that the unit will be visiting in the second half of the year.

## 9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to document and track specific tasks discussed at a meeting and assigned to the relevant teams to ensure follow-through and accountability.

### **KLA2025-027 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Tommy Conway)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the progress on the actions raised at the

previous meeting.

## 9.2 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

### **KLA2025-028 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Marlene Spencer)**

That the Local Authority:

a) discussed and accepted the priorities added to the regional plan and the community infrastructure plan for Kintore as follows:

1. Grandstands and shade at the oval
2. Repave roads
3. Verges / guttering
4. Footpaths
5. Trees
6. Water at the oval
7. Scoreboard at the oval
8. Softball lights
9. Changerooms
10. Gardens

This will be added to the NIAA list and previous community infrastructure plan to create the updated community infrastructure plan which will be presented at the next Local Authority meeting; and

b) accepted the following updates on major projects:

- the tender was approved by Council at the February Ordinary Council Meeting and was awarded to MG electrical to install lights at the football oval. They are working on a few more documents including a gantt chart which will outline the timeline for works; and
- accepted the redesign for the ablution blocks [laundry, toilet and showers]. Two locations have been applied for through CLC and the final location will depend on where approval is granted.

## 9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER

### 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

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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.

**KLA2025-029 RESOLVED (Lorraine Scobie/Jason Minor)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$147,784.31 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted that there are \$6,600.00 of unallocated funds reserved for Youth Board Projects;
- c) noted the progress on project 2172 – Kintore Community Hub Masterplan - as provided by the Project Management Office;
  - that the quote for the solar electric BBQ presented at the last meeting was a misquote, the new quote is for \$38,000.00;
  - agreed that the existing playground will be kept and fixed;
  - agreed that a new playground will be installed next to the council office and the playground for younger children will be installed next to the new playground if the parts are in an appropriate condition.
- d) closed project 2394 'Garden Shed and Tools' as it has been completed and returned \$2,769.32 to unallocated funds; and
- e) added trailer with skip bin – like the one being ordered for the Hermannsburg Local Authority – to the wishlist.

**9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

**KLA2025-030 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Phyllis Rowe)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds;
- b) noted that all funds have been expended; and
- c) noted that Council Services will transport the outdoor gardening equipment to reduce the cost of freight.

**9.5 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

**KLA2025-031 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Lorraine Scobie)**

That the Local Authority accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Kintore.

## **10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **KLA2025-032 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Marlene Spencer)**

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

### **10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Services in Kintore.

#### **KLA2025-033 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Tommy Conway)**

That the Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report; and
- b) supported that the new recreation hall will be located between the police station and the oval.

## **11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2025 in the Kintore Local Authority community.

#### **KLA2025-034 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Tommy Conway)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure report as at 31 January 2025.

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

#### **KLA2025-035 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Marlene Spencer)**

That the Local Authority raised and discussed the following matters relating to General Council Business:

- a) new wheelie bins are needed in the community. This is an operational matter

- that will be followed up by the area manager;
- b) that a trailer with a skip bin be added to the projects wishlist; and
- c) requested information on what roads the council grades in and around the community. James Walsh will follow up with Jake Potter – Manager Transport Infrastructure and Fleet.

### **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on matters that members may have regarding non-council services.

##### ***KLA2025-036 RESOLVED (Lorraine Scobie/Tommy Conway)***

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

- a) the poor condition of Kintore Road from Papunya to Kintore. Council will raise this with the NTG representative;
- b) that the residences in Kintore are infested with cockroaches, mice and spiders. The houses have not been treated for pests for a long time. Council will raise this issue with Benjamin Humm to follow up;
- c) that there are water issues at Yuwalki Outstation. In particular, that there is no water in the tank. James Walsh will follow up on this matter; and
- d) Giselle Barku as Pintubi Homeland Health Service chairperson raised that the health service is having a celebration of 40 years of service during the first week of September combined with Purple House's 20 years of service celebration. Geselle requested that the council consider donating funds toward this community celebration. It was stated that the CEO of MRC would need to be consulted. Giselle Barku stated that her dual positions may be a conflict of interest in this matter.

### **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE, 2025**

### **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:40 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD  
IN THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2025 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:40AM

**1.1 NOMINATION FOR CHAIR**

**WLA2025-001 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

**That the Authority nominated Member Colin Craig as Acting Chair for this meeting.**

**2 WELCOME** – A/Chair Colin Craig

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Terry Abbott and Member Pamela Abbott, Member Colin Craig, and Member Howard Abbott who arrived at 10:55am

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny and Councillor Maryanne Malbunka

Council Employees:

James Walsh – Projects Office Manager, Kaisa Suumann – Coordinator Youth Boards, Sai Katam – Project Officer and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Guests:

Trude Blizzard – Project Manager, Power and Water

Kenny Vowles – Wuk Wuk Consulting for Power and Water

Via Teams: Renae

Katharine O'Donoghue – Representative from Member for Gwoja's office

### 3.2 Apologies/Absentees

#### Apologies:

Member Ruth Katararintja

Ada Williams – Coordinator Council Services (attending workshop training)

#### Absentees:

Chairperson Billy Porter and Councillor Mark Inkamala

### 3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

#### **WLA2025-002 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)**

#### **That the Authority:**

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apology received from Member Ruth Katararintja; and
- c) noted the second absence of Member Billy Porter.

### 3.3 Resignations

NIL

### 3.4 Terminations

NIL

### 3.5 Nominations/Membership

#### **3.5.1 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report details the membership of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

As stated in Council's Policy - *MC01-CP 8.1 Appointed Members:*

#### **8.1.1 – Appointing Members** – local authorities

- a. Eligibility – anyone can be nominated from the local authority area, including MRC employees and youth board members.
- b. Nominations – when there is a vacancy on a local authority, the Council will give notice and there will be 21 days for nominations to be submitted.

**8.1.3 – Revocation of membership** – the Council will determine when membership of either the local authority or a council committee can be revoked.

#### **WLA2025-003 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

#### **That the Local Authority:**

- a) acknowledged and welcomed Ruth Katararintja and Cr Maryanne Malbunka to the Authority;
- b) noted the attendance at the previous meeting;
- c) requests that Council approve to revoke the membership of Billy Porter for being absent from two consecutive Local Authority meetings;
- d) called for community nominations to open to cover the vacancy newly created; and
- e) voted in favour of Member Colin Craig as Chairperson for the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

#### **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

##### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**WLA2025-004 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.**

#### **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**WLA2025-005 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 as an accurate record of the proceedings.**

#### **6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

##### **6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

**WLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Maryanne Malbunka)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.**

#### **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

##### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**WLA2025-007 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.**

##### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**WLA2025-008 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.**

#### **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

##### **8.1 REMOTE HOUSING - REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND TENANCY TEAM**

###### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This section provides an opportunity for representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to provide the Local Authority with updates regarding Remote Housing programs, repairs, maintenance and tenancy.

###### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) accepts the updates from Remote Housing representatives; and**
- b) raises matters relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community.**

**Note: A Representative from Remote Housing did not attend this meeting.**

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## 8.2 POWER METER CHANGES - POWERWATER

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This section provides an opportunity for representatives from Power & Water to provide the Local Authority with updates regarding the changes to power meters in community.

#### **WLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

That the Local Authority accepted the updates from Power & Water regarding the new power meters that will be installed in the community.

## 8.3 TRACHOMA PROGRAM

#### **WLA2025-010 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)**

That members agreed to support the Trachoma Program as presented by the Representative.

## 9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 9.1 ACTION REGISTER

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

#### **WLA2025-011 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Pamela Abbott)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress on the action item as reported in the previous minutes;
- b) noted that the Action will be renamed to 'Advocate for secure and ongoing Sport & Rec funding for community';
- c) accepted the recommendations of the CEO as follows:
  - seek updates from the Youth Services team on the progress of funding negotiations to ensure the LA is kept informed; and
  - note that any program implementation details (staffing, hours, holiday/after school programs) would be managed as operational requirements within the funding guidelines.

### 9.2 YOUTH BOARD REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report outlines the recommendations from the Wallace Rockhole Youth Board meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 and seeks feedback from the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

#### **WLA2025-012 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Howard Abbott)**

That the Local Authority:

1. receives and notes the minutes from the Wallace Rockhole Youth Board meeting held on 18th February 2025;
2. noted the updates on the recommendations previously raised:
  - a) Construction of a Small-Size Football Oval noting that their preference for the oval was across from the old orchard;

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- b) Basketball Court Surface Repairs noting that an update had been provided for in the Projects Report;
3. approved the following recommendations from the Youth Board's 18th February 2025 meeting;
- a) \$300 from LA Project funds towards an Easter event organised by the Youth Board; and
  - b) the balance of the Youth Boards Movie Nights Project – be allocated towards an external hard drive.

### 9.3 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

#### WLA2025-013 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)

#### That the Local Authority:

- accepted the consultation and agreed to provide support MRC staff in the development of MRCs' 2025-26 Regional Plan; and
- provided its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure.

### 9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER

#### 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.

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**WLA2025-014 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Howard Abbott)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Acquittal and Certification of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;
- b) noted that \$23,130.51 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office and kept open:
  - 2223 – Upgrade to Gordon Ida Park
  - 2226 – Movie equipment and supplies for the Youth, noting that the remaining funds of \$202.59 will be spent on an external hard drive; and
  - 2227 – Sporting equipment, as an invoice is yet to be received.
- d) noted that no projects were closed at this time;
- e) created a new project – Easter event, allocating \$300.00
- f) discussed the priority of the wishlist items and noted the following:
  - Football oval with a nearby water source, noting that the PMO Office will determine the feasibility of a suitable location;
  - Cracks in the basketball courts, that the estimates received exceeded the expectations of the authority and members agreed to add this item to the Community Infrastructure Plan; and
  - noted completion and removed Repair wall at Levi Penham Park.

**9.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS****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.

**WLA2025-015 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Howard Abbott)**

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending on their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds;
- b) noted that \$2,374.91 were funds allocated to spend on fruit trees for the residences; and
- c) noted that a Purchase Order has been raised for the CSC to collect.

**9.6 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

**WLA2025-016 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Terry Abbott)**

That the Local Authority accepts the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Wallace Rockhole.

## **10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the Council Delivered Services in Wallace Rockhole across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

#### **WLA2025-017 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

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

## **11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2025 in the Finke Local Authority community.

#### **WLA2025-018 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Finance report as at 31 January 2025.**

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

#### **WLA2025-019 RESOLVED (Colin Craig/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Local Authority raised and discussed the following matter relating to General Council Business.**

- a) **Grading the road.**  
Members advised that the grader team were in community late last year, however due to rain, they did not finish the section they had graded and the road was left in rough condition. Members would like to know when the grader is returning.
- b) **Tap at the Cemetery**  
The PMO office will look into the cost and feasibility of a tap at the cemetery and will pass the information onto Council Services.

## **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on matters that members may have regarding non-council services.

#### **WLA2025-020 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Terry Abbott)**

**That the Local Authority raised and discussed the following matters in General Non-Council Business:**

- a) **Old Power Station**  
Governance advised members that the Representative from NTG will follow

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up with Power and Water to determine if their subsidiary, Indigenous Essential Services' still hold a lease to the old power station.

Should there not be a lease on the property, members could apply for a S19 lease through CLC if they wish to do so.

b) **No insulation in houses.**

Members were advised that maintenance and repairs falls under Tjuwanpa. Should the community prefer to be serviced through NTG Housing, NTG would take over the leases for those houses, however this would mean that the community would have to pay rent as they currently do not do so.

Member Pamela Abbott advised that she is still waiting on her air-conditioner to be replaced after an NTG Housing Contractor damaged it.

She also advised of the septic tanks are not being emptied and the house next door to her is leaking sewerage.

She asked if NTG and MRC's CEO write to Tjuwanpa requesting that they attend the Local Authority meeting as they had not been proactive in community.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 1 MAY, 2025**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:17 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
SANTA TERESA COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2025 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:28AM

**2 WELCOME** – Chair Louise Cavanagh

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

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

Councillors:

Councillor Andrew Davis and Councillor Lisa Sharman

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Victor Morgan – A/Area Manager Council Services, James Walsh – Project Management Office, Lewis Gittoes – Coordinator Council Services and June Crabb – Governance Coordinator

Via Teams – Ruth Tahere – Project Management Office

Guests:

Camilla Hayes – Local Authority Nominee

Jennifer Newman and Justin Duncan – Representatives Income Management Unit, Department of Social Services

Ellie Kamara – CEO, Santa Teresa Enterprises

Shane Franey – ALO, Member for Namatjira Office

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Councillor Patrick Allen and President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Nil

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### 3.3 Resignations

NIL

### 3.4 Terminations

NIL

### 3.5 Nominations/Membership

#### 3.5.1 VACANCIES ON THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (the Authority) and to apprise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

The appointment of Councillor Aloyiscois Hayes was terminated at the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 due to his being absent without the permission of Council from 2 consecutive Ordinary Council Meetings.

#### **STLA2025-001 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes that Mr Aloyiscois Hayes is no longer an Elected Member for MacDonnell Regional Council and consequently no longer a member of the Authority
- b) accepts the nomination received from Camilla Hayes; and
- c) calls for community nominations to fill the vacancies.

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **STLA2025-002 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority notes the Council Code of Conduct.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **STLA2025-003 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Agnes Alice)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority accepts the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

## **6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

### **6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

#### **STLA2025-004 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Agnes Alice)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority notes the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**STLA2025-005 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Andrew Davis)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority notes the Conflict of Interest policy.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**STLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Andrew Davis)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority declares no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.1 REMOTE HOUSING - REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND TENANCY TEAM**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This section provides an opportunity for representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to provide the Local Authority with updates regarding Remote Housing programs, repairs, maintenance and tenancy.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority:

- a) **accepts the updates from Remote Housing representatives; and**
- b) **raises matters relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community.**

Minute Note: A Representative from the Remote Housing Team did not attend this meeting.

### **8.2 NT TRACHOMA PROGRAM & INDIGENOUS EYE HEALTH**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of the presentation from the Public Health Unit and Indigenous Eye Health is to provide information on the Trachoma Program.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority:

- a) **notes and accepts the presentation from the Trachoma Unit; and**
- b) **supports the unit's visits on educating community about Trachoma.**

Minute Note: A Representative from the Trachoma Unit did not attend this meeting.

### **8.3 THE DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of the presentation from the Department of Social Services is to provide information about the Digital Connectivity Project

**STLA2025-007 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) **notes and accepts the presentation from the Department of Social Services; and**
- b) **provides feedback on the installation of the Wi-Fi Installation System in Santa Teresa advising that the Department should consider having the systems**

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installed on mobile trailers.

## **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 YOUTH BOARD REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report outlines the recommendations from the Santa Teresa Youth Board meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 and seeks feedback from the Santa Teresa Local Authority.

#### **STLA2025-008 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Robert Kopp)**

That the Local Authority:

1. receives and notes the minutes of the Santa Teresa Youth Board meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2025.
2. considered the recommendations from the Youth Board's 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 meeting and resolved not to proceed with the recommendations following the advice from the Team Leader Youth Services that these items were in stock at the Rec Hall.  
Members determined that the Team Leader Youth Services and the Coordinator Youth Boards liaise with the CSC to install from their wishlist, items a) and b).
  - a) Installation of three new basketball nets.
  - b) Replacement of two backboards for the indoor basketball court, with a suggestion that young people decorate them with dot painting before installation.
  - c) Purchase of a new speaker with a microphone for the disco room.
  - d) Purchase of new lounge chairs or bean bags for the disco room.
  - e) Purchase of 2 office chairs for the computer room.
  - f) Purchase of two dodgeball sets - one for younger children and one for youth.
3. accepted the information from the CEO of Santa Teresa Enterprises, that they are open to discussion should the Youth Board require additional assistance on seeking funding.

### **9.2 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

#### **STLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Robert Kopp)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepts the consultation and agrees to support MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan;
- b) provides its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure as follows:
  - Softball field upgrade

- **Gymnasium**
- **agreed to consult with community to prioritise future infrastructure plans.**

### 9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER

#### 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 LAPP 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.

#### STLA2025-010 RESOLVED (Robert Kopp/Agnes Alice)

##### That the Local Authority:

- a) **notes the Acquittal and Certification of the Santa Teresa Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;**
- b) **notes that \$41,049.13 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- c) **notes the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office and kept open:**
  - **2205 – 2 x Bin Trailers, noting that the trailers were in the fabrication stage;**
  - **2206 – Shade and seating at Sorry Camp, reconfirming that the shade shelter be installed at the existing site as the current structure had deteriorated and selected the bench seats with back rests;**
- d) **did not allocate funds to the Youth Board at this meeting;**
- e) **closes projects:**
  - **2207 – Cemetery fence and extension, returning \$25,500.00 to unallocated;**
  - **2396 – Resurface outside benches at Rec Hall; and**
  - **2407 – Youth Space front fence returning \$3,000.00 to unallocated.**
- f) **discusses and determines the priority of the wishlist items and removed Solar lights at entrance.**

#### 9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

##### 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.

##### **STLA2025-011 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) notes the spending on their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds;
- b) notes that there are \$1,000.00 of unallocated discretionary funds;
- c) notes that these funds must be spent by the 30 June 2025; and
- d) discusses to allocate the remaining funds to an Easter Celebration organised through AAAC.

#### 9.5 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

##### **STLA2025-012 RESOLVED (Louise Cavanagh/Robert Kopp)**

That the Local Authority accepts the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Santa Teresa.

#### 10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

##### 10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT - SANTA TERESA

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

##### **STLA2025-013 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Agnes Alice)**

That the Local Authority of Santa Teresa notes and accepts the attached report.

##### 10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety, Children's Services and Youth Services for Santa Teresa.

##### **STLA2025-014 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Louise Cavanagh)**

That the Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report.

**11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT****11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 28 February 2025 in the Santa Teresa Local Authority community.

**STLA2025-015 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Louise Cavanagh)**

**That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Finance report as at 28 February 2025.**

**12 GENERAL BUSINESS****12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

**STLA2025-016 RESOLVED (Robert Kopp/Louise Cavanagh)**

**That the Local Authority did not raise any matters relation to Council Business.**

**13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to discuss the matters raised relating to the Northern Territory Government.

**STLA2025-017 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Robert Kopp)**

**That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:**

- a) **noted that a Representative from NTG was not in attendance to this meeting;**  
**and**
- b) **noted that the CEO will write to the Member for Namatjira – Bill Yan, to invite him to the next LA meeting to discuss the road.**

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE, 2025****15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:30 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE TITJIKALA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
TITJIKALA COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2025 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10.38AM

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Greg Sharman

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Greg Sharman, Member Debra Claude, and Member Lena Campbell.

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Lisa Sharman and Councillor Andrew Davis

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Jame Walsh – Manager Project Management Office, Sai Katam – Project Officer Project Management Office, Victor Morgan – Area Manager Council Services, Shae Thompson – Coordinator Governance

Via Teams: Ruth Tahere – Project Officer Project Management Office

Guests:

Shane Franey – ALO, Member for Namatjira Office

Via Teams: Sharon Troncoso – Clinical Nurse Specialist NT Trachoma Program

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Member Terry Simmons, Councillor Patrick Allen and Member Janie Campbell

Absentees:

Member Geoffrey Campbell

### 3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

**TLA2025-001 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lena Campbell)**

That members:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies from Councillor Patrick Allen, Member Janie Campbell and Member Terry Simmons; and
- c) noted the first absence without notice of Member Geoffrey Campbell.

### 3.3 Resignations

NIL

### 3.4 Terminations

NIL

### 3.5 Nominations

#### 3.5.1 VACANCIES ON THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (the Authority) and to apprise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

The appointment of Councillor Aloyiscois Hayes was terminated at the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 due to his being absent without the permission of Council from 2 consecutive Ordinary Council Meetings.

**TLA2025-002 RESOLVED (Lena Campbell/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the vacancy currently available on the Local Authority; and
- b) called for community nominations to fill the vacancy.

## 4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

### 4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

**TLA2025-003 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lena Campbell)**

That the Titjikala Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**TLA2025-004 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lena Campbell)**

That the Titjikala Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

## **6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

**TLA2025-005 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Debra Claude)**

That the Titjikala Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**TLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Titjikala Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**TLA2025-007 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Titjikala Local Authority did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.1 REMOTE HOUSING - REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND TENANCY TEAM**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This section provides an opportunity for representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to provide the Local Authority with updates regarding Remote Housing programs, repairs, maintenance and tenancy.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepts the updates from Remote Housing representatives; and
- b) raises matters relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community.

**Minute Note: No representatives attended the meeting.**

### **8.2 NT TRACHOMA PROGRAM & INDIGENOUS EYE HEALTH**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of the presentation from the Public Health Unit and Indigenous Eye Health is to provide information on the Trachoma Program.

**TLA2025-008 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lena Campbell)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the presentation from the Trachoma Unit;
- b) noted that the Trachoma team will not be screening Titjikala this year as the community has had low instances of Trachoma in past screenings; and
- c) requested posters be sent to the clinic for display in the community.

### 8.3 POWER METER CHANGES - POWERWATER

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This section provides an opportunity for representatives from Power & Water to provide the Local Authority with updates regarding the changes to power meters in community.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority accepts the updates from Power & Water regarding the new power meters that will be installed in the community.

**Minute Note: No representative attended the meeting.**

## 9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

### 9.1 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

#### **TLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the following updates on Major Projects:
  - Football lights – The tender has been assigned to MG electrical. Work is expected to start in 4 to 5 months with works expected to take 4 to 5 weeks. The Gantt chart will be shared with the CSC.
  - BMX pump track – will be installed next to the Rec-hall and quotes are being sought to compare the costs of different surfaces – concrete verses twin layer polymer coating.
  - Rec Hall refurbishment – PMO is considering options. Designs will be presented to the Local Authority prior to the project moving ahead.
- b) provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan;
- c) agreed to provide the community's priorities in relation to the development of community infrastructure plan on the poster that will be held in the Council Office in Titjikala for discussion at the next meeting; and
- d) Suggested the following as possible items for the community infrastructure plan:
  - motorbike track
  - community laundry / laundry trailer or truck

### 9.2 ACTION REGISTER

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

#### **TLA2025-010 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the progress on the action items as reported in the previous minutes as follows:

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- a) closed the action regarding Human Resources matters;
- b) closed the action regarding Aged and Disability Care matters; and
- c) noted that Shane Franey will raise the sealing of Maryvale road item with Bill Yan to follow up with Tellus Holdings and kept this item open.

### 9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER

#### 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.

#### TLA2025-011 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lena Campbell)

#### That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Acquittal and Certification (as attached) of the Titjikala Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;
- b) noted that \$37,742.36 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office:
  - 2214 Outdoor Dining Area – the PMO will work with Council Services to complete this project. It is expected to be finished by next meeting.
  - 2215 Bin Trailer – expected to be delivered within 3 months.
  - 2400 Solar lights at the entrance – Civil team to install. No further funds required. Return unused funds to unallocated;
- d) closed completed project 2216 Fence and Playground and returned unused funds to unallocated;
- e) removed the wishlist item Cemetery as the land has been cleared;
- f) created a new Project item 'Cemetery Upgrades' to include the following:
  - a fence around the cemetery
  - shade shelter and seating
  - a water supply and
  - head stones that can accommodate plaques; and
- g) 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.

#### 9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

##### 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.

##### **TLA2025-012 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lena Campbell)**

That the Titjikala Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending on their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds;
- b) provided advice on items of outdoor equipment to be purchased as follows:
  - rakes
  - hoses and coupling parts
  - brooms
  - shovels
  - 5 wheelbarrows to be shared by the community;
- d) noted that Council Services will be responsible for the purchase of the outdoor gardening equipment;
- e) noted that there are no unallocated discretionary funds; and
- d) did not allocate the \$4,000.00 donated funds from the insurance company.

#### 9.5 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

##### **TLA2025-013 RESOLVED (Lena Campbell/Debra Claude)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Titjikala; and
- b) requested that a jobs poster be sent out for display at the store, Clinic, Council office, Homecare, Childcare and the Rec-hall.

#### 10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

##### 10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT - TITJIKALA

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

##### **TLA2025-014 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Debra Claude)**

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

##### 10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety, Children's Services, Youth Services and Aged & Disability Services for Titjikala.

##### **TLA2025-015 RESOLVED (Lena Campbell/Andrew Davis)**

That the Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

## **11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 28 February 2025 in the Titjikala Local Authority community.

#### **TLA2025-016 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Finance report as at 28 February 2025.

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

#### **TLA2025-017 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lena Campbell)**

That the Local Authority raised and discussed the following matters relating to General Council Business:

- a) requested that council investigate installing a street light on the street that houses the clinic staff;
- b) requested signs to discourage riding motorbikes within the community;
- c) requested a speed bump in front of the Rec-hall; and
- d) requested leadership training for Council Services team leaders.

## **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on matters that members may have regarding non-council services.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority did not raise any additional matters of General Non-Council Business outside of the current action item 'Sealing Maryvale Rd.'.

## **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 5 JUNE, 2025**

## **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:38 pm.

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## **12 LOCAL AUTHORITY**

**ITEM NUMBER** 12.2  
**TITLE** Local Authority Resignations and Nominations  
**AUTHOR** June Crabb, Coordinator Governance



### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

As recorded in the minutes of the Authority meetings, the recommendations put forth to Council are to accept and endorse the nominations submitted for membership on the Local Authorities and accept any resignations received.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council approves:**

- a) **the nominations received for membership on the Local Authorities as follows:**
- **Paul Williams to the Amoonguna Local Authority;**
  - **Liza Mulda and Jessica Moora to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority;**
  - **Brett Stockman to the Docker River Local Authority;**
  - **Camilla Hayes to the Santa Teresa Local Authority; and**
- b) **the resignations received from:**
- **Chair Greg Sharman of the Titjikala Local Authority; and**
  - **Member Henry Oliver of the Amoonguna Local Authority.**

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*, Ministerial Guidelines and Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure, MC02-P2.

Council appoints Local Authority members under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

### **ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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 IMPACT AND TIMING**

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

### **CONSULTATION**

MRC Elected Members

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Resignation Letter Greg Sharman

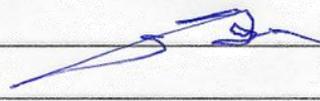
28th March 2025

CEO  
Macquarie Regional Council  
Bungah

I would like to tender my RESIGNATION from present

Local Authority.

Yours

 Greg Shawcross

Accepted 28/3/25

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B. Urquhart.

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## **12 LOCAL AUTHORITY**

**ITEM NUMBER** 12.3  
**TITLE** Terminations of Local Authority Memberships  
**AUTHOR** June Crabb, Coordinator Governance



### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In accordance with para.4.15.1 of Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedures (MC02-P2) which reads:

*"It is important that Local Authority members attend meetings wherever possible. Appointment of a local authority member may be revoked or otherwise cease if the person:*

- c. Is absent for 2 consecutive meetings without the permission of the Local Authority."*

Council is being asked to endorse the recommendations of the Local Authority and revoke the membership of members who were absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings and members who no longer live in community.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council accepts the recommendations of the Authorities to revoke the membership of members:**

- a) absent from two consecutive Local Authority meetings without notice provided:**
- **Naphtali Scobie from the Areyonga Local Authority;**
  - **Randall Butler and Martin Jugadai from the Haasts Bluff Local Authority;**
  - **Billy Porter from the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority; and**
- b) no longer living in community:**
- **Jennicka Inkamala from the Haasts Bluff Local Authority.**

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), Ministerial Guidelines and Council Procedure MC02-P2 Local Authority Meeting Procedure.

### **ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Para.4.14.2 of Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure states:

*"In the event of a membership to a Local Authority being revoked, a former member is able to re-apply for that position."*

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION**

MRC Elected Members

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

**13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT**

**ITEM NUMBER** 13.1  
**TITLE** Action Register  
**AUTHOR** June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council reviews the attached actions that have been raised at previous Ordinary Council meetings and provides the status and/or updates of each action.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council notes the progress on the actions in the register.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

Nil

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Elected Councillors  
Executive Leadership Team

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 OCM Action Register - April 2025

<b>Outstanding Ordinary Council Actions as at 1 April 2025</b>
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Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 13/12/2024	CEO Belinda Urquhart	General Council Business	Invite CAFL to the Council Meeting

**ACTION: OCM2024-170 – INVITE CAFL**

That members raised the following items of concern that they wished to discuss:

- Councillor Davis requested that the CEO invite CAFL to the February meeting of Council

**10 Feb 2025: Response from CEO, Belinda Urquhart**

Lance Wayling (Sport and Rec Coordinator) contacted AFL NT about a proposal suggested by Council to hold a curtain raiser ahead of the Demons vs Saints game in June.  
AFL NT have categorically refused to entertain this idea.

AFL NT did not respond to the invitation to attend the February Council Meeting.

**28 Feb 2025:** Res.013 – The CEO to continue to negotiate with the AFLNT, with talks to include a possible change of location, additionally MRC to reach out to CDRC.

**7 Apr 2025: Response from CEO, Belinda Urquhart**

AFLNT continue to support community-based AFL being played in community.

**Recommend to close action.**

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 13/12/2024	CEO, Belinda Urquhart	General Council Business	Invite CEO of Central Land Council

**ACTION: OCM2024-170– INVITE CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL CEO TO AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

That members raised the following items of concern that they wished to discuss:

- At the suggestion of Ms Anderson, the CEO of the CLC is to be invited to attend the February meeting of Council.

**10 Feb 2025: Response from CEO – Belinda Urquhart**

Further discussions to be undertaken with the Councillors on whether they wish to have the CEO of CLC attend a Council Meeting and the topics that they would like to raise with CLC.

**28 Feb 2025:** Res.013 – Topics that Council wishes to discuss with the CEO of CLC include leasing matters, how things can advance more quickly and the requirements for site clearances, S19 leases etc.

**7 Apr 2025: Response from CEO, Belinda Urquhart**

An invitation has been issued to the CEO (refer outgoing Correspondence report) and he has declined to attend.

**Recommend to close action.**

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 28/02/2025	CEO, Belinda Urquhart	Correspondence Report	Support ALGA's funding priorities

**ACTION: OCM2025-014 – WRITE TO SUPPORT ALGA's FEDERAL ELECTION FUNDING PRIORITIES**

That Council:

Res.014 - Writes to the local Federal Member of Parliament, all known election candidates in the local federal electorates and the President of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) expressing support for ALGA's federal election funding priorities.

**7 April 2025** – An update is to be provided at this meeting.

**Recommend to close action.**

**13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT**

**ITEM NUMBER** 13.2  
**TITLE** Correspondence Report  
**AUTHOR** Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides Council with an update on correspondence received and sent by the Council President and CEO in the period since the February 2025 Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council:**

- a) notes the correspondence received and sent; and
- b) ratifies the motions sent by the CEO to LGANT for presentation at the LGANT General Meeting.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

## Incoming Correspondence

Date Received	From	Subject
28-Feb-25	MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Response to MRC letter re CAEHWG recommendations

## Outgoing Correspondence

Date Sent	To	Subject
17-Mar-25	CEO CLC	Invitation to attend Council meeting
1-Apr-25	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Acceptance of LAPF for 2024-25
1-Apr-25	MR ALOYISCOIS HAYES	Letter of Termination
2-Apr-25	CEO LGANT	Motions for LGANT General Meeting

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Nil.

**CONSULTATION**

Chief Executive Officer  
 Executive Leadership Team

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 MIN TO PRESIDENT - RESPONSE TO CAEHWG LETTER 28.2.2025
- 2 PRES TO CEO CLC - INVITATION TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING 17.3.2025
- 3 CEO TO DEPT LG - ACCEPTANCE OF LAPF 24-25 1.4.2025
- 4 CEO TO MY HAYES - LETTER OF TERMINATION 1.4.2025
- 5 CEO to LGANT - MOTIONS FOR GENERAL MEETING 2.4.2025



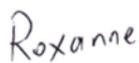
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President Roxanne Kenny  
MacDonnell Regional Council  
PO Box 5267  
Alice Springs NT 0870

Via email: [esta@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:esta@unimelb.edu.au)

  
~~Dear President Kenny~~

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Central Australian Environmental Health Working Group (CAEHWG) Recommendations for Reducing Health Impacts of Crowding in Central Australian Remote Communities.

The Northern Territory Government in partnership with the Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing Northern Territory through the National Partnership Agreement is committed to developing and improving remote housing and work underway addresses many of the concerns and recommendations raised by CAEHWG.

As you are aware, the building of 2,700 new homes over 10 years under the National Partnership Agreement will halve the overcrowding in remote communities. The Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing Northern Territory will also oversee and monitor the delivery of the Remote Housing Works Plan with a responsive maintenance budget of \$45 million, cyclical maintenance budget of \$10 million, planned maintenance budget of \$15 million and Property and Tenancy Management activities of \$23 million for the 2024-25 financial year.

Some of the recommendations from the CAEHWG are being addressed through the Remote Housing Works Plan as follows:

- The development of an Asset Condition Program that will begin to assess the condition of all housing in remote communities. The program captures information which will be used to develop programs for planned repairs, replacement, and painting. It will also identify Work Health and Safety (WHS)



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and reactive maintenance as well as identify underlying structural issues in buildings.

- A pest control program has been developed for 2024-25 for all remote public housing under the cyclical maintenance budget.
- As part of the cyclical maintenance budget, an audit has been undertaken on the condition of septic tanks across remote public housing. A list of communities requiring upgrades or connection to sewer mains has been created for works in 2024-25.
- A review of the Remote Property and Tenancy Management services is underway and will provide for the development of an enhanced service delivery model that integrates remote tenancy and property management services.

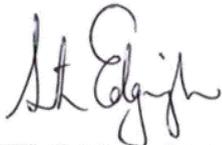
Regarding energy efficiency ratings, all new Class 1A buildings must meet the criteria set by the National Construction Code of Australia and relevant Northern Territory regulations. Site responsive and climatically appropriate designs are used incorporating passive energy design principles.

The Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments have also signed the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) Acute Housing Measure. The program will provide \$50 million to the Northern Territory over five years, with \$25 million allocated for 2024-25 and the remaining \$25 million following a detailed implementation plan.

Thank you for providing the recommendations of the CAEHWG and I acknowledge your work assisting to improve environmental health in Central Australia.

If you would like to discuss the range of initiatives that are being carried out as part of the National Partnership Agreement, or any of the issues raised in the letter further, please contact Alex Karanikolas, Director Remote Housing Reform and Programs via phone on 8999 6320.

Yours sincerely



STEVE EDGINGTON

28 FEB 2025



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17 March 2025

Mr Lesley Turner  
Chief Executive Officer  
Central Land Council  
PO Box 3321  
Alice Springs NT 0870

Dear Mr Turner,

I write to you on behalf of MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) following its meeting on 28 February 2025 where members asked that you be invited to attend the next meeting of Council.

Council wishes to discuss all matters relating to the leasing of land within its region including, but not exclusively limited to, how leasing can be expedited so that significant MRC projects can be advanced, an explanation of the Section 19 leases, the requirements of sacred site clearances, and so on.

Your attendance at the Council to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Roxanne Kenny  
President



Department of HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MacDonnell Regional Council

Manager Grants Program
Local Government
Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development
GPO Box 4396
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Manager

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) FOR 2024-25

On behalf of the MacDonnell Regional Council (Council) the offer of LAPF totalling \$568 400 is accepted under the following terms and conditions.

A. The Council agrees to:

- 1. Comply with all the conditions of the LAPF funding guidelines.
2. Manage and expend the LAPF in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019, and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.
3. Purchase goods/services funded under this agreement on the requirements of the Northern Territory Government's Buy Local policy, unless it can be proven, through a competitive process that there is no suitable Territory enterprise able to supply the service.
4. Place the LAPF in a trust account, according to details in GrantsNT until such time it is to be expended.
5. Allocate and spend the LAPF funds detailed below on behalf of each Local Authority;

Table with 4 columns: Local Authority Name, Amount, Local Authority Name, Amount. Rows include Amoonguna (\$33,500), Aputula (Finke) (\$26,900), Areyonga (\$30,700), Haasts Bluff (\$22,000), Imanpa (\$24,000), Kaltukatjarra (Dockar River) (\$47,100), Kintore (\$66,000), Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa) (\$79,900), Mt Liebig (\$27,100), Ntaria (Hermannsburg) (\$95,000), Papunya (\$63,900), Titjikala (\$35,900), Wallace Rockhole (\$16,400).

- 6. Only expend the funds allocated to each local authority on project/s recommended by the local authority.
7. Submit all requests for pooling up to four years of funds for major projects to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.
8. Absorb any costs above \$568 400 and fully expend these funds by 30 June 2027.
9. Submit LAPF acquittals for each local authority through GrantsNT for the year ending 30 June by 31 August of that same year.
10. Lay the acquittal before a council meeting and provide a copy of the council minutes.

B. The Council acknowledges the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development reserves the right to withhold any future payments of LAPF funding or request for unspent funding to be repaid if any of the terms and conditions of this funding are not met.

SIGNED

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE:

01/04/2025

SIGNED

[Signature]

WITNESS

DATE:

1.4.25



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Tuesday, 1 April 2025

Mr Aloyiscois Hayes

Dear Mr Hayes,

Many attempts have been made to contact you regarding your attendance at Council meetings. These attempts have been made not only by the staff of MacDonnell Regional Council but also your fellow Councillors. Despite these efforts you have remained uncontactable.

The Elected Members of MacDonnell Regional Council noted your absence, without the permission of Council, from the Ordinary Council Meeting held Friday, 28 February 2025. It was also noted that you were absent, without the permission of Council, from the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held Friday, 13 December 2024. Consequently, at the commencement of this meeting the following motion was resolved:

**OCM2025-001 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jason Minor)**

That Council:

- a) notes the attendance at this meeting;
- b) notes that there were no apologies;
- c) notes the absence without notice of Councillor Aloyiscois Hayes;
- d) recognises that Cr Hayes has been absent without the permission of Council from 2 consecutive Ordinary Council meetings and that his appointment as an elected member of MRC is consequently terminated in accordance with s47(1)(o) of the *Local Government Act 2019*; and
- e) in accordance with s54(2)(b)(i) of the Act determines to appoint a candidate to the position at the April Council meeting.

As noted this resolution is in accordance with Section 47(1)(o) of the *Local Government Act 2019* which reads as follows:

- (1) A person is disqualified from office as a member of a council if the person:
  - (o) is absent, without permission of the council in accordance with the regulations, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings of the council.

The Elected Members of MacDonnell Regional Council wish you well in your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

Belinda Urquhart  
Chief Executive Officer



# LGANT CALL FOR MOTIONS

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## CALL FOR MOTIONS

### About this document

LGANT's purpose, as per the Strategic Plan 2021-2025, is to support and represent member councils to drive economic and social development for NT communities by providing:

- Advocacy and representation
- Capacity building
- Promotion of the sector
- Governance development
- Service delivery and infrastructure

The purpose of *this* document is to provide a template for member councils to submit motions to LGANT on issues for consideration, such as governance, policy positions and advocacy efforts, at either the May or November General Meetings.

Policy positions are a statement or declaration of an organisation's stance on a particular topic(s). Further, LGANT seeks to influence public policy which is laws, guidelines and actions decided and taken by governments. Motions from councils help LGANT form its policy positions and statements that in turn, assist with advocacy efforts. LGANT's current policy statements can be found [here](#).

Advocacy is a broad term encompassing endeavours to achieve change. For LGANT, advocacy is activity undertaken to promote and influence issues that collectively effect local government.

### Timeframes

This 'call for motion' template will usually accompany LGANT's notice of a General Meeting, but motions can be submitted at any time.

To make the Agenda of a General Meeting, motions must be submitted in advance. Late motions will not be accepted (unless urgent) and will instead be referred to the next General Meeting.

If the motion is urgent, councils may consider calling a Special General Meeting or request the LGANT Board address through their meetings.

### Other important information

There should only be ONE issue per motion. It is suggested that the council submitting the motion first discuss it with LGANT so they can outline existing activity or policies positions, if any, in the topic area and assist with developing the business case.

Motions need to be approved by resolution of the local government council prior to submission to LGANT.

LGANT will assess the motion for completeness and appropriateness and if necessary, discuss it with the submitting member council and request more information or redrafting before including in the General Meeting Agenda. This process may require the council to re-endorse its motion. If there is not enough information, LGANT has the discretion to not accept the motion.

LGANT will draft a cover business paper for each motion and may present the final motions to the LGANT Board for review, before distribution to members via the final General Meeting Agenda.

By submitting a motion, your council can move and speak to the motion at the General Meeting it is going to.

The better your council's argument or case, the more likely it is to be resolved by members. Resolved motions are minuted following the General Meeting, allocated to LGANT staff for action, and reported on at LGANT Board and General meetings.



**TEMPLATE**

**CALL FOR MOTIONS**

*Councils are invited to submit motions for debate to be included at General Meetings using this template.*

**Name of Council:**

MacDonnell Regional Council

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**Contact person and title:**

Belinda Urquhart, Chief Executive Officer

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**Phone:**

0417 807 127

**Email:**

belinda.urquhart@macdonnell.nt.gov.au

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**Date of Council resolution on the motion:** 15/04/2025

**Motion to be presented at:**

**LGANT General Meeting date - 1/05/2025**

**Motion title:**

Request for Evidence-Based Local Government Reform and Consultation in the Northern Territory

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**Resolution sought (Motion):**

Motions should be clear and concise and limited to one subject matter/ issue.

Consider the action your council wants LGANT to do for the local government sector e.g.,

- "Council calls on LGANT to...."
- "Council calls on the NT Government to...."
- "Council calls on the Australian Government to...."
- "Council calls on LGANT to assist with...."
- "Council calls on LGANT to develop a policy position on...."
- "Council calls on LGANT to review its policy position on...."
- "Council calls on LGANT to change the Constitution to...."

MacDonnell Regional Council calls on LGANT to support the following resolutions:

As a result of the 2024 NTG election platform and promises made by the successful CLP:

- Calls on the Northern Territory Government (NTG) to provide clear, evidence-based justifications for any proposed local government reforms, including detailed financial, governance, and service delivery impact assessments.



- Opposes any local government reform initiatives that are not backed by independent analysis, financial modelling, and meaningful consultation with councils and communities.
- Requests the NTG conduct a formal consultation process with NT councils, including regional roundtables, public hearings, and a sector-wide Local Government Reform Working Group to assess any proposed changes.
- Seeks support from the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) to advocate at the Federal level for stronger protections for local government autonomy and financial sustainability in the NT.
- Requests that LGANT engages an independent reviewer (such as a university or research institute) to conduct a sector-wide impact assessment on how proposed reforms will affect councils' financial sustainability, workforce capacity, and service delivery.



**Background and supporting information:**

Maximum 600 words. If additional information is required, provide as attachment/s.

Rationale:

- The NT Government has proposed local government reforms without providing clear data, financial analysis, or a detailed transition plan as part of their 2024 election platform.
- Councils are concerned that reforms could lead to financial instability, loss of local decision-making, and increased service delivery costs without proper planning.
- A united, evidence-based response from LGANT, supported by ALGA, will strengthen councils' position and prevent politically motivated or rushed reforms.
- Federal advocacy through ALGA will bring national attention to the issue, helping to secure stronger legislative protections and funding mechanisms for NT councils.

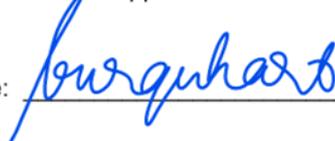
**Council confirmation**

I, Belinda Urquhart the Chief Executive Officer hereby confirm that this motion will be approved by resolution of Council at its meeting on 15.4.2025.

The proposed resolutions have been discussed with the Elected Members of Council who support them being presented at the upcoming LGANT General meeting. They will be ratified by Council at its meeting to be held 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

In submitting this motion I confirm that Council has:

- consulted with other NT councils to confirm the motion is relevant to the sector more broadly;
- reviewed LGANT's Constitution, Governance Charter, Policy Statements, and Strategic Priorities in preparing this motion; and
- provided enough information (such as what the issue is, how it came to light and if/how your council has tried to deal with it to date) to enable members to make a considered decision on whether to support or otherwise.

Signature:  Date: 02/04/2025

**14 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT**

**ITEM NUMBER** 14.1  
**TITLE** Council President's Report  
**AUTHOR** Anya Riley, Executive Assistant to CEO and  
Council President

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report details the meetings attended by President Roxanne Kenny since the February 2025 meeting of Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives the President's report for the period 26<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION****Meetings attended:**

- Council Regional Planning Workshop 26<sup>th</sup> February
- Ordinary Council Workshop 27<sup>th</sup> February
- Ordinary Council Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Finke Local Authority Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Kintore Local Authority Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Titjikala Local Authority Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March
- Finance and Risk Committee Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March
- Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Not applicable.

**CONSULTATION**

President Roxanne Kenny  
Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

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**14 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT**

**ITEM NUMBER** 14.2  
**TITLE** CEO Report  
**AUTHOR** Belinda Urquhart, Chief Executive Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report details the events and meetings attended by Keith Hasset as Acting CEO whilst the CEO was on leave and Belinda Urquhart CEO upon her return from leave during the reporting period.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives the CEO report for the months of February and March 2025.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

**Meetings attended by Keith Hasset, whilst Acting CEO, included:**

**Funding & Government Engagement**

- Funding discussion – NT Health
- Funding discussion – NTG Department of People, Sport and Culture
- Meeting with NTG Department of Corporate and Digital Development
- Meeting with the Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Meeting with the Attorney General's Department – Kintore discussion
- Meeting with the Leader of the Opposition

**Strategic & Regional Collaboration**

- Central Australia Regional Cohort meetings
- LGANT CEO Forum
- Meeting with Central Desert Regional Council (CDRC)
- RITG meetings

**Council & Governance**

- February Council Meeting
- February Council Workshop
- MRC Project Update Meeting
- ELT Governance Meeting

**Operational & Internal Leadership**

- ELT People and Capabilities Meeting
- ELT WHS Meeting
- ELT 1-on-1s
- CSC Workshop
- Community Services Directorate Staff Meetings

**Budget & Financial Oversight**

- Budget Meetings

**Stakeholder & Partner Engagement**

- Rise Ngurratjuta Meeting

- Meeting with Saltbush
- CCFR Meeting

**Incident Management**

- Incident Response Meeting

**Meetings attended by Belinda Urquhart, CEO, during the reporting period have included:**

- CentreROC meeting - Central Australia region of Council meeting with all CEOs
- Santa LA
- Titjikala LA
- Hermannsburg LA
- Papunya LA
- CouncilBiz meeting
- Finance and Risk meeting
- LG Act amendments x 2 NTG
- Belinda McCulloch - NTG Senior Ministerial Advisor
- 2025 Management Challenge meeting
- Mediation as directive post Kintore coronial
- ITCG (Interagency Tasking Coordination Group) - NTG
- Crisis Management training

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Attendance by the CEO at meetings and events demonstrates MRC's commitment to supporting its communities and the organisation and the entities with which MRC is associated and/or affiliated. Attending these meetings ensures that MRC is kept up-to-date and abreast of issues relevant to its activities.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Council President

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

**15 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 15.1  
**TITLE** Council Services Report  
**AUTHOR** Ken Satour, Acting Director Council Services

**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 outlines the activities of the Council Services Directorate in the areas of Local Government Service Delivery as well as the performance of contractual Commercial Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council notes and accepts the attached Council Services report.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

Nil

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

A/Director Council Services  
Area Managers Council Services  
Manager Contracts and Projects  
Manager Project Management Office  
Manager Housing & Facilities  
Coordinator Housing Facilities and Special Projects  
Project Manager Council Services  
Council Service Coordinators and Administration

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Council Services Report



# Council Services



**80%+ First Nations Employees in Council Services**



**71 Area Manager Visits to Community**



**13 Council Office's 360 Hours of Service**

## Snapshot



**26,888 approx Litres Fuel Usage**



**220 Vehicles and Plant in Use**



**4000+ Bins Emptied Weekly**



**144 AusPost Deliveries**



**30+ Sport Grounds Maintained**



**178 Total housing maintenance issues reported between November '24 and Feb '25**



**24 Registered Services Australia Agents**



**44 Parks & Playgrounds Inspections**



**50% of Streetlights converted to LED**



**39 Water Tests**



**79 Generator Services**



**134 Hours of Maintenance completed at Airstrip**

## Council Services - Community Spotlight - Areyonga, Haasts Bluff and Hermannsburg

### Areyonga

New staff are fitting in well in Areyonga with new CSC Benny Alick leading the charge along with new Senior Officer of Works (SOW) Beau Lord and ESO Kendelle Satour.

After the Christmas period there was some heavy rain events that has seen the team in Areyonga focusing their attention on grass cutting, weed control and ensuring fire breaks are in place.

The community is improving with every day and the civil team are working hard to keep it moving in the right direction.

SOW Beau is providing the team with some much-needed guidance with their duties and has a wealth of practical skills the team can benefit from. Currently have most civil positions filled on community and have recently converted casual staff to part time positions.



## Haasts Bluff

Haasts Bluff has been a “Hive” of activity in the past months and it would be easier to talk about what isn’t happening in the Northern Territories tidiest town? Since winning territory’s tidiest town Haasts Bluff, MRC and all stakeholders on community have been working tirelessly towards their entry into National Tidiest town competition with everyone coming together to ensure the community is putting up some serious competition this year.

Council has been collaborating with the local primary school to produce bin stickers to give all the community wheelie bins a splash of colour. The art centre has been put up for cultural awards due to their focus on preserving and sharing local art and culture, with local artist Hayley Dodd being put forward for the young legends award. Walk a while foundation is moving forward on the development of the memory Mountain project that is becoming a major tourist draw to the area. And MRC is rolling out exciting projects such as the Groasis waterboxx’s that help reduce water use when undergoing revegetation projects. And the all new Ikuntji Honey project where MRC has delivered two operational Bee Hives that are to be managed by the community providing not only locally produced resources like honey and bees wax that is used in art and bush medicine but increasing the prevalence of pollinators for the area. With so many great projects and high levels of collaboration Haasts Bluff is putting up a strong case for the Nations Tidiest town and all are looking forward to the national awards in May to be held in Beechworth Victoria.

Well done Ikuntji on being the Northern Territories tidiest town and good luck for the National awards!



### Hermannsburg

Hermannsburg is operating well and the civil team have been quite impressive with the effort they have put in, in the past months.

Despite the oppressive heat we have been suffering through of late the team have still stepped up and have been whipper snipping and clearing daily with early morning starts being their "work around" the heat.

As with most communities in the West weed and grass management and maintenance has been a top priority. And after a few sightings of snakes CSC Max Baliva has had the team focusing their efforts on areas where youth and families gather such as parks, playgrounds and around the school. Most council services positions are currently filled with several casual staff recently converting to Part Time.



### Titjikala

In January 2025, our Contracts and Special Projects manager - Libby Taylor took over the Area Manager role for Titjikala.

Interviews have been conducted in community to rebuild the dwindling civil team. 6 interviews were conducted with 5 successful applicants being appointed into part time positions.

Unfortunately men's business and the absence of a CSC in Titjikala has significantly impacted work on the community, however, moving into March and April the civil works crew will be busy working on several projects as well as beautifying the community for everyone to enjoy.

Work is also underway to recruit a new CSC for Titjikala.

Centrelink Services and Australia Post have been functioning well with Customer Services Officers Brittany and Caitlin delivering services to the community. Centrelink phones are still affected by the Services Australia outage and will hopefully be back on line in the coming weeks.

Moses Daniels, ESO, is continuing to deliver services to a high standard in the community with Power and Water Corporation, Remote Services Power Senior Manager Belinda Smalls commenting on the cleanliness of the power station and Moses' polite and professional attitude when speaking with her about Power services in Titjikala.

### Kintore

The Kintore team has experienced remarkable growth under the leadership of Council Services Coordinator (CSC) Dee. Since her arrival, Dee has played a pivotal role in enhancing the team's coordination and organisation. Her dedication to maintaining high standards has made her an indispensable member of the team, driving the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the crew. Thanks to Dee's tireless efforts, the team has been able to manage ongoing projects and address community concerns with increased ease and precision.

The team's success has been further bolstered by the addition of Bradley Horn, the new Team Leader Works. Bradley brings a fresh perspective and renewed energy to the Kintore civil crew. Under his leadership, the team has focused on improving the area's streets and compounds, ensuring they are well-maintained and visually appealing.

With the combined efforts of Dee, Bradley, and the entire civil crew, Kintore is steadily transforming into a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming community.

The team's hard work and commitment are already making a noticeable difference, with a growing sense of pride in the improvements that are taking shape. As momentum builds, residents look forward to future developments that will continue to enhance the quality of life in Kintore.

### **Mt Liebig**

With the departure of Gemma, the Council services are now actively recruiting for a new Council Services Coordinator (CSC) for Mt Liebig.

Gemma did an outstanding job during her time in the role, making significant contributions to the community. Under her leadership, Mt Liebig was always well-maintained, clean, and tidy. The civil team worked diligently on various tasks, including cutting grass, maintaining verges, and ensuring the overall cleanliness of the area.

Gemma's efforts played a crucial role in keeping Mt Liebig as one of the tidiest communities in the West MacDonnell region. Her commitment to the upkeep of the community not only contributed to its physical appearance but also helped foster a sense of pride and well-being among the residents. She ensured that all essential services were carried out efficiently, and her leadership was instrumental in maintaining a high standard of cleanliness and organization in the community.

As Council services seek a new CSC for Mt Liebig, it is important to recognise Gemma's hard work and the positive impact she had on the community. The incoming CSC will have big shoes to fill but will also have the opportunity to build on Gemma's legacy and continue making Mt Liebig a vibrant and well-maintained place for its residents. We thank Gemma for her dedication and leadership and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

### **Papunya**

Papunya is steadily progressing, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the hardworking civil team. Led by Rhiannon Collie, the Council Service Coordinator (CSC), and Cameron Solly, the Team Leader of Works, the team is delivering results that are having a positive impact on the community.

At the forefront, the Civil team is focused on improving the local environment, with waste management being a key priority. They have been actively removing rubbish and hard waste, working to create a cleaner environment for everyone. Their efforts are making a noticeable difference, contributing to a cleaner Papunya.

The commitment to progress is stronger than ever. With Rhiannon's leadership and Cameron's guidance, the civil team's combined efforts are paving the way for a brighter future for the residents of Papunya.



Captured By CSC @ Papunya  
11 March 2025 5:17 pm

Captured By CSC @ Papunya  
07 March 2025 10:10 am

## Housing and Facilities Update

### Capital Works Progress Update

This report provides an update on the status of the ongoing capital works projects for the 2024/2025 period. The following outlines completed works, works currently allocated, and projects in the planning phase.

### Completed Projects

The following capital works projects have been successfully completed:

#### Docker River Lot 227 – Council Office:

- Upgrade of existing Conference Room

#### Docker River Lot 177c – Staff House

- Upgrade of property including flooring, paint and new kitchen
- Replacement of decking

#### Finke Lot 9 – Staff House

- Conversion of ramp to steps.

### Ongoing and Allocated Works

The following projects are currently underway or have been allocated to contractors.

#### Amoonguna Lot 61a - Council Office:

Upgrade of existing Conference Room

#### Areyonga Lot 134a – Staff House

- Upgrade of property including flooring, paint and new kitchen.

#### Kintore Various Locations

- Installation of security cameras at staff houses, the Council office, and the works depot through Starlink.

#### Kintore Lot 4's – Staff Houses

- Security upgrades including security doors and cages

#### Mt Liebig Various Locations

- Installation of security cameras at staff houses, the Council office, and the works depot through Starlink.

#### Santa Teresa Lot 227 – Staff House:

- New fence and replacement of the veranda

#### Santa Teresa Lot 150 – Council Office

- New fence installation at the Council office

### Request for Quotes (RFQ)

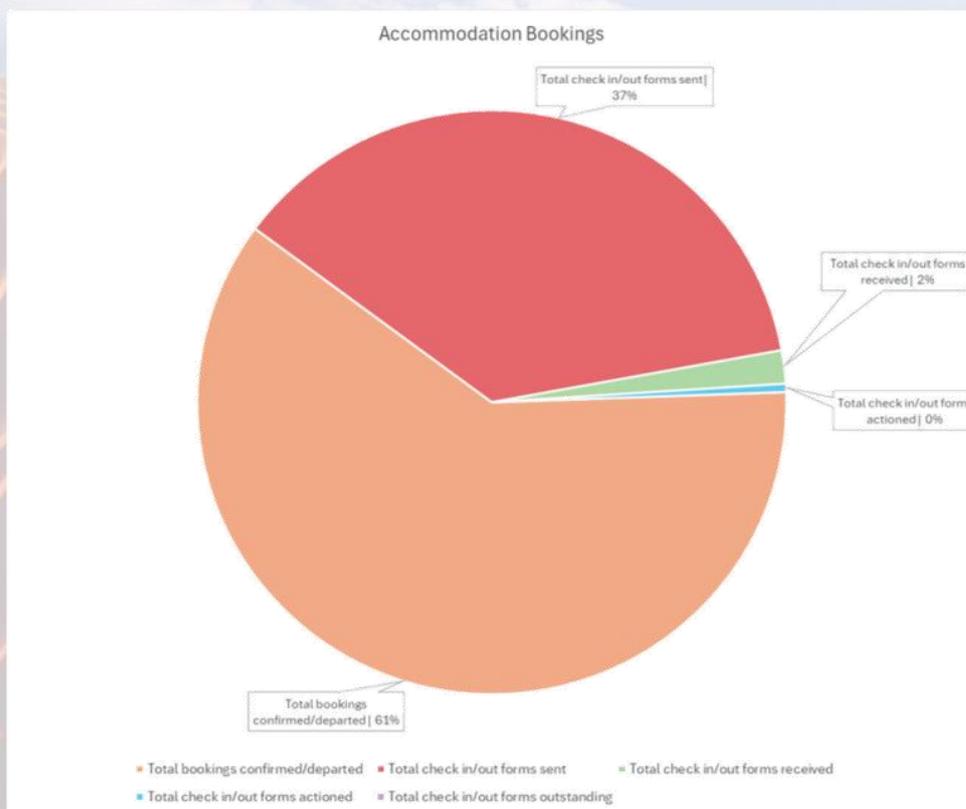
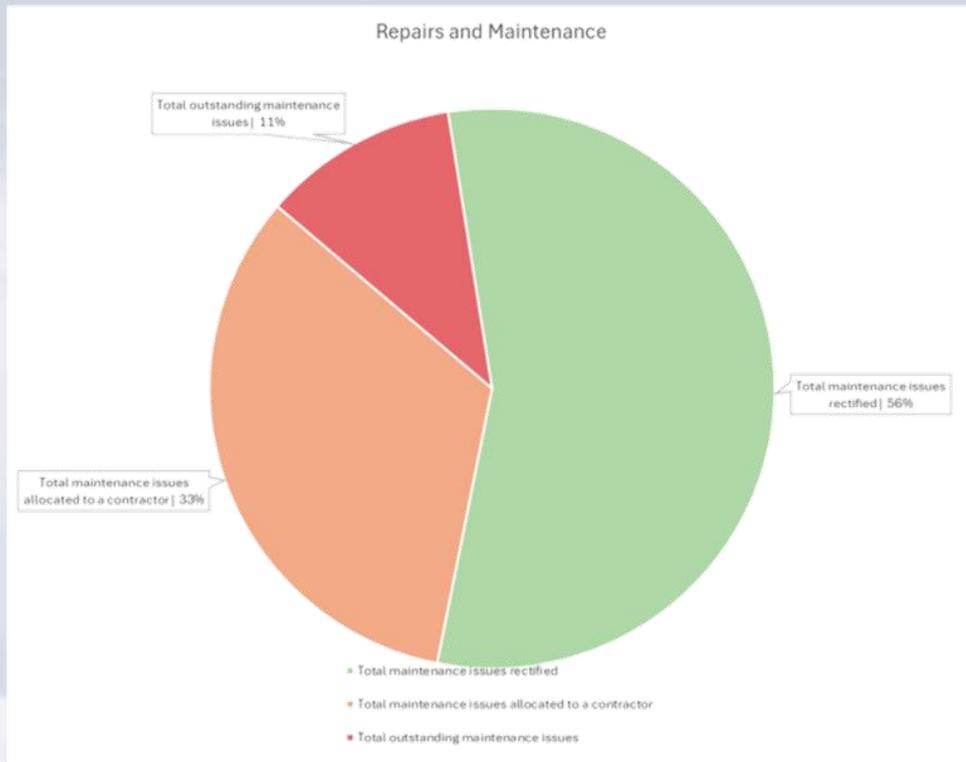
#### Hermannsburg

- Council office upgrade

## Housing and Facilities Update



## Housing and Facilities Update



## Commercial Contracts

### Airstrips

Nothing to report, this contract has been business as usual.

### Australia Post

We have provided the council coordinators with new mobile devices to scan and log each parcel for the incoming and out going mail.

Australia post gave the CSC's training at the CSC workshop held on 20th and 21st March.

## Power and Water Contract – Indigenous Essential Services

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) have been received for the last 6 months on the contract. MRC has scored highly in all aspects except for invoicing. Quality scored a 7 out of 10, Capability and Capacity scored an 8 out of 10, Invoicing scored a 3 out of 10, Safety scored an 8 out of 10 and Environment scored an 8 out of 10.

Invoicing had been an issue due to some teething issues with new rates, a contract extension and difficulties balancing GST on invoices. However these issues have been rectified with Finance and invoicing will improve.

Overall, a great scorecard for the KPIs for the last 6 months for the Power and Water Contract.

Shane Wongway, a local Imanpa man, has successfully completed on-the-job training over several weeks with CSC Victor Morgan and relief ESO Kelly Ryan. He has now been appointed as the full-time ESO at the Imanpa community. Throughout the training process, Shane has demonstrated a high level of motivation and hard work, and he has seamlessly taken on the responsibilities of the ESO role. We are extremely proud of the progress Shane has made over the past few months and will provide him with our full support in his new position. Well done, Shane!



## Streetlights

Streetlight conversions have been completed MG Electrical across the region with Titjikala, Docker River, Kintore, Santa Teresa, Amoonguna, Finke and Haasts Bluff now fully converted to LED streetlights. Hermannsburg, Imanpa and Papunya remain to be completed.

## Centrelink

The Centrelink contract has been operating smoothly, with all 11 sites staffed by registered agents. Negotiations are currently underway to extend the contract and establish new rates for each site.

Registered Centrelink Agents will receive updated training modules in 2025. This training will help Customer Service Officers and other Centrelink Agents better understand their roles and responsibilities when serving customers.

Compliance with reporting and maintenance requirements remains high, with multiple reports from Centrelink Remote Servicing Teams commenting on the cleanliness of the Centrelink offices and the professionalism of our staff.

## Homelands

MacDonnell Regional Council has successfully completed the 6 monthly report for the Homelands contract we hold. Homelands have been reluctant to discuss future contracts with MacDonnell Regional Council seeing as the current contract ends on 30 June 2025, however attempts are still being made to discuss arrangements following the end date of the contract.

## Project Management Office

### Tranche 1

- After the second tender, MRC awarded MG Electrical the contract to install the lights and both Titjikala and Kintore communities.
- The works are predicted to begin mid year taking roughly 6 weeks to complete.

### Tranche 2

- Project plans for projects have been submitted for approval. Awaiting response.
- Sacred Site Clearance Checks have been submitted to CLC. Still awaiting approval.
- Final Leasing and lots will be assign once negotiations have completed.

### Mt Liebbig Sports Precinct

- Base, Floor and shade have been installed. 80% complete on project
- Water connection approval with PWC.

### Papunya change rooms

- Designs and cost estimates have been completed to 90%.
- After final designs and cost estimates we will go to tender for the construction.

### Hermannsburg change rooms

- Designs and cost estimates have been completed to 90%.
- After final designs and cost estimates we will go to tender for the construction.

### IIOC/PCIP Shades

- Remote shade project has been 53% completed with 16 of 30 installed.
- Harvey Development and Central industries are continuing to install the shade shelters.

**15 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 15.2  
**TITLE** Roads, Fleet and Waste Management Report  
**AUTHOR** Jake Potter, Manager Fleet and Infrastructure

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is an executive summary of Roads, Fleet and Waste Management

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council notes and accepts the Roads, Fleet and Waste Management Report.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

NIL

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

NIL

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

NIL

**CONSULTATION**

Jake Potter – Manager Transport Infrastructure and Fleet  
Sheree Sherry – Chief Financial & Information Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 ROADS, FLEET AND WASTE REPORT APRIL 2025

## Roads Fleet and Waste Management Report

### Roads

Over the past 2 months MRC has engaged a contractor to complete maintenance grading in the Western Region. All funded roads, outstations, firebreaks and airstrips in Kintore, Mount Liebig, Papunya and Haasts Bluff have been completed. Over the coming months we plan to move South and complete Titjikala, Santa Teresa and Finke.

MRC has been engaged by DIPL to seal the 5.3km access road into the community of Imanpa.

This capital upgrade will be fully funded by the NTG and will give all weather access to Imanpa. The upgrade will see the current formed road upgraded to a two-lane sealed carriage way with shoulders, installation of concrete floodways and floodway markers. DIPL is planning project completion by March 2026. This capital upgrade will provide major benefits to MRC's road funding and maintenance program.



### Fleet

MRC mechanics have completed fleet servicing in Amoonguna, Kintore, Haasts Bluff, Hermannsburg and Areyonga. We have received the first 2 of 6 new tip trucks for various communities.



### **Waste Management**

MRC Plant Crew has been working in Finke excavating a new waste pit.

A new site/lease extension has been sent to CLC to expand the current WMF at Kintore. Currently we have 4 extensions/ new sites pending with the CLC.

### **Projects**

MRC Plant Crew has constructed a new Cemetery site for Titjikala and completed an extension to the current cemetery at Santa Teresa.



**15 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 15.3  
**TITLE** Community Services  
**AUTHOR** Keith Hassett, Acting Director Community Services

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the delivery of Community Services programs from February 2025 – March 2025, throughout the MRC region.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council notes and accepts the attached Community Services Report.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The extent of the activities of Council's Community Services Directorate are details in the attached snapshots

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Community Services programs are delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreements entered into with the funding agencies

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Community Services programs are delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreements entered into with the funding agencies.

**CONSULTATION**

Director Community Services – Keith Hassett  
Acting Manager Aged Care – Emma Hacche  
Manager Children's Services – Ainsley Roscrow  
Manager Community Safety – Liz Scott  
Acting Manager Youth Services - Matt Virgona  
Community Services Coordinators and Administration team

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Community Services OCM report February March 2025



# OCM Report - Aged and Disability

01/02/2025 - 17/03/2025



**81% Indigenous Employment.**

**Community Vacancies: 15**

FT: 5. PT 5 Cas: 5

### Stakeholder meetings

We continue to hold regular informal meetings with Clinics and schools. MJD Foundation came to Papunya to discuss client support. Regular contact with Waltja.



**Transport Lifts provided: 342**



**Client Interactions: 536**  
This includes client checks and client visits to the Aged CareCentre.



**Personal Care provided: 349**  
**Including...**  
Shower & Toilet assistance, Laundry loads, Tablet Reminders.



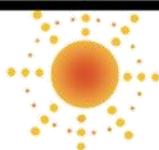
**Total Clients:**  
**NATSIFACP: 40 (average)**  
**CHSP: 65 (Average)**  
**Visitors: 12 (Average)**



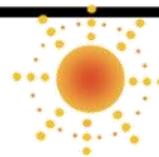
**Training:**  
Continuing food & Safety Training for all staff.  
Workshops and Webinars relating to upcoming Aged Care Standards changing and the impacts it will have on NATSIFACP and CHSP programs



**Total Meals delivered: 5552**  
This number accounts for breakfasts, lunches, weekend hampers and School meals.



## Updates



We have recruited across three of our communities throughout the months of February and March and are hopeful we will see further recruitment happening in the coming weeks.

Our new Team Leader in Papunya has made wonderful progress. The clients enjoy the new variety of meals he is coming up with and the team morale is high.

We continue to face difficulties with the School Nutrition Program and parent/guardian contributions. We are seeing an impact on our Aged Care food budgets due to this.

We are looking into some training options for our community staff, currently we are considering a two-day workshop away from communities or some sustainability workshops on communities.



Our wonderful staff in Papunya - Dave (TL) Christine (SHCA) and our newest member of staff Dermott (HCA) cooking up a storm for our clients



Welcome to the team  
Dermott!



Amoonguna Staff Food Safety Certificates



AMOONGUNA KITCHEN ROSTER	
MONDAY	DAVID
TUESDAY	TIFFANY
WEDNESDAY	CAROLINE
THURSDAY	ANNIE
FRIDAY	SAL BENA



# Council Report Children Services

01/02/2025 - 24/03/2025



40 Employees  
77.50% First Nation



60 Enrolments  
4 daily ave attendance



### Training

- 3 Team Leaders working towards Diploma in Early Education and Care
- 3 Team Leaders working towards Diploma Early Education and Care
- 5 Educators working towards Cert III Early Education and Care



Service Delivery  
760.5 Hours



351  
Meals served



### Stakeholder Engagement

- NT Health
- Congress
- NT Dept of Education
- \*ACECQA
- Early Childhood Australia

\*Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority



### Vacancies

1 Team Leader  
4 Educators



Support  
322 HRS Coordinator support

### Key Challenges



- Weather
- Recruitment and retention
- Staffing
- Sorry Business
- Men's Business

### Highlights



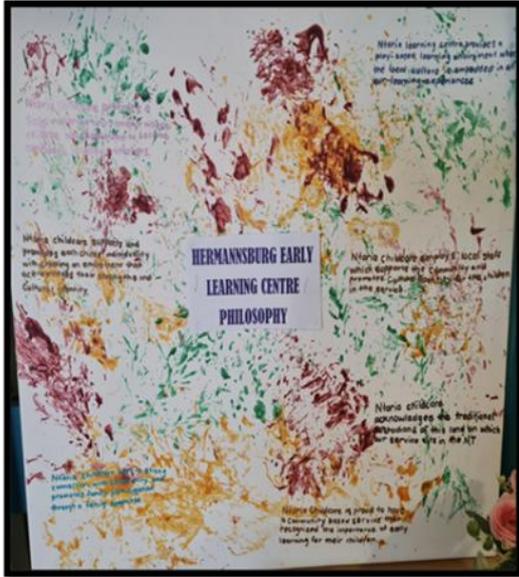
- Successful recruitment of Team Leader in Papunya
- Re-opening of Services in Haasts Bluff & Mt Liebig
- Successful recruitment of new Coordinator
- 2 Team Leaders successfully completed Cert III in Education and Care and have started diploma.



# Council Report Children Services 01/02/2025 - 24/03/2025



## MacKids Hermannsburg



Centre Philosophy The children painted the Canvas

## MacKids Haast Bluff



Haasts Bluff Childcare centre outside clean up



# Council Report Children Services

01/02/2025 - 24/03/2025



## MacKids Haast Bluff



Clinic play at Haasts Bluff



Playing with paint

## MacKids Areyonga



Celebrating 3 year old birthday



# Council Report Children Services 01/02/2025 - 24/03/2025



Areyonga Early Learning Centre open day



# Council Report Children Services 01/02/2025 - 24/03/2025



## MacKids Titjikala



Driving the bus to the Zoo with lots of passengers



Team Leader is painting MacKids Titjikala philosophy.



Educators and children enjoying the outside play





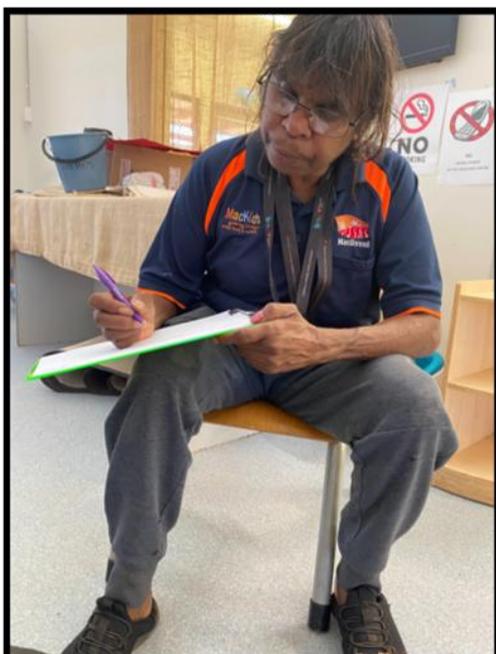
# Council Report Children Services 01/02/2025 - 24/03/2025



## MacKids Finke



Writing time; refining fine motor skills



Team Leader busy filling in the checklist



# Council Report Children Services 01/02/2025 - 24/03/2025



## Finke Early Learning Centre's Philosophy



Playing with paint



# Council Report

## MacSafe

### Community Safety

#### February - March 2025



- 62 staff employed
- 93% staff are Aboriginal
- 100% Community based staff are Aboriginal
- 2,096 Hours Patrolled
- 6,340 Hours Worked



**3,121 Engagements with young people**



**2,936 Engagements with over 18's**



**1,155 Young people taken home**



**95 Training Hours**



**517 Are you okay? Checks**



**3 Community gatherings**

#### Highlights



- Preparations are in progress for the MacSafe Conference in June.
- Coordinators have been travelling, visiting communities and supporting staff.
- MacSafe is currently advertising for a fourth Coordinator
- Advertising and recruitment is taking place for various positions in Papunya, Haasts Bluff, Titjikala, Hermannsburg and Imanpa.

**Leroy Wilyuka and Roger Wilyuka at Titjikala MacSafe Office**



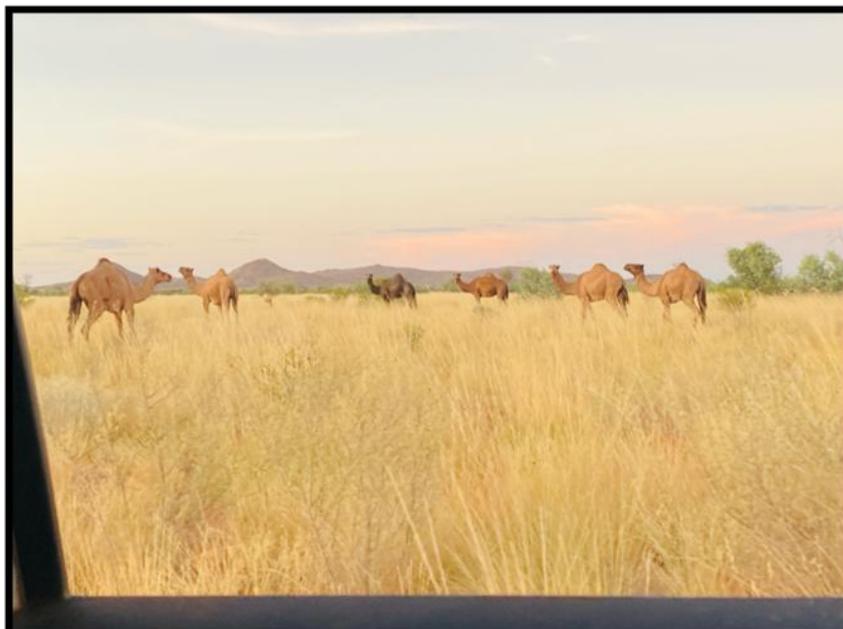
**Darren Dixon and Liza Mulda with the new summer uniforms**



**Amoonguna Team  
with a beautiful back drop of the East MacDonnell Ranges**



**A black camel was seen whilst patrolling in Mount Liebig**



**Darren Dixon had a close encounter with a python  
when parking the MacSafe vehicle in the cage at Haasts Bluff!**





# Youth Services



All communities  
1st Feb - 22 March 2025



### Employees

84 employees  
82% First Nation  
Employment



### Activities

1410 activities  
3618 hours



### Engagements

2672 young people  
21,408 engagements



### Bush Trip

12



### School Support

32



### Training

11



### Youth Board

3



### Sport

171



### Events

5

### Challenges



- Low staffing due to cultural obligations
- Program closures due to low staff numbers
- VSA/ sniffing in west
- Program closures due to fighting
- Extreme temperatures

### Highlights



- MacYouth supported schools to attend dedication of IPA in Ilipli
- Providing school support in Papunya has increased attendance
- Arts, crafts, and Literacy at program in Titjikala
- Staff training by ACF on sexualised behaviors in young people
- Staff training by CAYLUS on youth safety and Mandatory reporting

**MacYouth photos - Feb 1st - March 22nd**



Bush trips and camping in the West



Basketball and Soccer in Kintore



Fella's Football clinic in Kintore



Youth teams from the west attended an intercommunity Cultural event - Dedication of the IPA (Indigenous Protected Area) in Ilpili

**MacYouth photos - Feb 1st - March 22nd**



Staff training for new acting  
Coordinator of Santa & Titji



Ntaria town trip to swimming pool



MacYouth supporting School attendance and engagement in Papunya



Arts, Craft, and Literacy activities at Titjikala youth program

**15 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 15.4  
**TITLE** Finance and Risk Committee Minutes  
**AUTHOR** Sheree Sherry, Chief Financial and Information Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 Section 19 if a Council does not schedule an ordinary meeting at least once in each month, the Council must delegate to a Council Committee the necessary powers to carry out, on behalf of the Council, financial functions of the council in the months the council does not schedule an ordinary meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council notes and accepts the minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee meeting of 28 March 2025.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

Council is required to have a Finance and Risk Committee under the Local Government Act 2019, its function being to review the finance reports and performance in months where there is no Council meeting, monitor financial and others risks of Council and reporting to Council.

There were no recommendations made for Council's action which arose from this meeting.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Nil.

**CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 FRC Minutes 28.3.2025



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
OFFICE, ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2025 AT 10:00 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENED** at 10.02am

**2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**Councillors:**

Chairperson Roxanne Kenny, Deputy Dalton McDonald, Member Lisa Sharman and Member Andrew Davis.

**Staff:**

Belinda Urquhart ,CEO and Sheree Sherry Chief Financial and IT Officer.

**Guests:**

Nil.

**Apologies:**

Nil.

**Leave of Absence:**

Nil.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 31  
JANUARY 2025**

**FRC2025-002 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Dalton McDonald)**

**That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.**

**4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

*Nil*

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This is page 1 of 2 of the Minutes of the Finance And Risk Committee meeting held on Friday,  
28 March 2025

**5 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

*Nil*

**6 OFFICERS' REPORTS****6.1 FINANCE REPORT 28 FEBRUARY 2025****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 28 February 2025.

**FRC2025-003 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Dalton McDonald)**

That Finance and Risk Committee notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 28 February 2025.

**7 RISK MANAGEMENT**

*Nil*

**8 GENERAL BUSINESS**

*Nil*

**9 MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting terminated at 10.29am.

**10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting - 29 April 2025 - 10:00 AM

This page and the preceding page are the unconfirmed minutes of the Finance And Risk Committee held on Friday 28 March 2025 and will be confirmed Tuesday 29 April 2025.

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President

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This is page 2 of 2 of the Minutes of the Finance And Risk Committee meeting held on Friday, 28 March 2025

**15 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 15.5  
**TITLE** 2024-25 Budget Review  
**AUTHOR** Sheree Sherry, Chief Financial and Information Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

After review by Managers, Directors and the CEO, changes are recommended to Council's budget contained within the Regional Plan. In general terms the amendments reflect finalisation of unexpended grants, confirmation of grant funding and acceptance of new grants and revisions to anticipated income and expenditure for the remainder of the year.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council adopts the amendments to the Budget 2023-2024 pursuant to Section 203(2) of the Local Government Act 2019.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

Pursuant to Section 203(2) of the Local Government Act 2019, the "Council may, after adopting its budget for a particular financial year, adopt an amended budget".

A review of the budget is required to incorporate income and expenditure not initially provided for in the first review budget.

Changes to this budget have occurred due to variations received from the existing funding agreements.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

The Budget review process ensures that appropriate changes are made to the adopted budget as circumstances change throughout the year.

Should Council decide not to accept the recommended changes, the risk will be that the funding will not be able to be acquitted as without an approved budget the funds cannot be allocated to the related program and/or the actual results may not be aligned resulting in some services being cut due to lack of funds, and surpluses may be available in other functional areas of MRC's operations.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Funds have been re-allocated to reflect changes in income and expenditure.

**CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team  
Management Team  
Manager Finance

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**15 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 15.6  
**TITLE** Presentation of Grant Acquittal  
**AUTHOR** Sheree Sherry, Chief Financial and Information Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The attached grant acquittal reports for NT Grants are required to be laid before Council for acceptance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council notes and approves the following grant acquittals:

- 1) **One-off Infrastructure Grant 2021-22 – Supply and installation of hard cover shade structure for the playgrounds in Hermannsburg, Titjikala and Santa Teresa.**
- 2) **Immediate Priority Grant Program – Areyonga access road upgrade.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

Council is asked to confirm grant acquittals to provide assurance to the funding body that Council is aware of the funds and that the money has been spent for the purpose that the grant was provided.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Council is responsible for ensuring funds within the control of Council are kept safe and used for the purpose for which they were provided.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Accepting this financial acquittal will not lead to any financial implications. If they are not accepted then potentially Council will have to repay funds otherwise spent.

**CONSULTATION**

Chief Executive Officer  
Chief Financial and Information Officer  
Manager Finance

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Acquittal - Supply and Installation of hard cover shade structures
- 2 Acquittal - Areyonga Access Road Upgrade



# MacDonnell Regional Council

## Immediate Priority Grant Program

Council/Organisation Name: MacDonnell Regional Council \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Program Year B/fwd 2022/23 \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Application Number: LGR2016/00104 \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Grant: Areyonga Access Road Upgrade

Purchases were in accordance with the Northern Territory Buy Local Plan:  Yes  No

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACQUITTAL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING

28/02/2025

Local Government Immediate Priority Grant (b/fwd 2022/23)	<u>245,140</u>
Other income	_____
Total income	<u>245,140</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b> (Specify accounts and attach copies of ledger entries) An 'administration fee' is not to be apportioned to the grant for acquittal purposes.	<u>245,140</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>0.00</u>

IS THE PROJECT COMPLETED AS APPROVED BY THE MINISTER:  Yes  No (If no, please explain why)

We certify, in accordance with all the conditions under which this grant was accepted, that the expenditure shown in this acquittal has been actually incurred and reports required to be submitted are in accordance with the stated purpose of this grant.

Acquittal prepared by: Osman Kassem 04 / 02 / 2025

Laid before the Council at a meeting held on 28 / 02 / 2025 Copy of minutes will be attached once tabled at the Council Meeting.

CEO or CFO: Urquhart (Urquhart) 04 / 02 / 25

### DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

File Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant amount correct:  Yes  No

Expenditure conforms to approved purpose:  Yes  No

Procurement - Bought from Territory Enterprise:  Yes  No

Minutes checked:  Yes  No

Balance of funds to be acquitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Date next acquittal due: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

ACQUITTAL ACCEPTED:  Yes  No

Acquittal checked by: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Comments:

MANAGER GRANTS PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**15 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 15.7  
**TITLE** People & Capabilities  
**AUTHOR** Katie Fuller, Executive Manager People and Capabilities

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report highlights current and completed HR initiatives or activities affecting Council and our number one resource – the people!

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council notes and accepts the People & Capabilities Report.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The People & Capabilities Advisory Department reports to the Office of the CEO. This department contains the work Divisions of Human Resources, Cultural Advisory, Learning & Development and Work, Health, & Safety .

These divisions of the P&C team work together to manage employee end-to-end career cycles which include recruitment, records administration, performance management, learning & development, employee relations, industrial relations, administrative processing, and overall employee wellbeing.

**1. People & Capabilities Policies:**

People & Capabilities has been actively in collaboration with our policy coordinator to ensure all P&C policies are up-to-date and filling any previous gaps. Many of these have been sent through for review and approval. P&C is excited to have these policies rolled out organisation wide.

**2. Training Opportunities:**

People & Capabilities continues to find the best training programs that will address sensitive and important topics. In the coming months, these training initiatives will be rolled out to support staff in navigating these complex areas. Our ongoing efforts to identify and provide opportunities for staff development aim to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to become effective mentors, further fostering a supportive and informed workplace culture.

**3. Alice Springs Show:**

People & Capabilities has been able to guarantee MRC's stall for the 2025 Alice Springs Show. This is a valuable opportunity to demonstrate all the great things MRC stands for, providing insight to our dedication of supporting and growing our communities.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Nil.

**CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 P&C Demographics Report

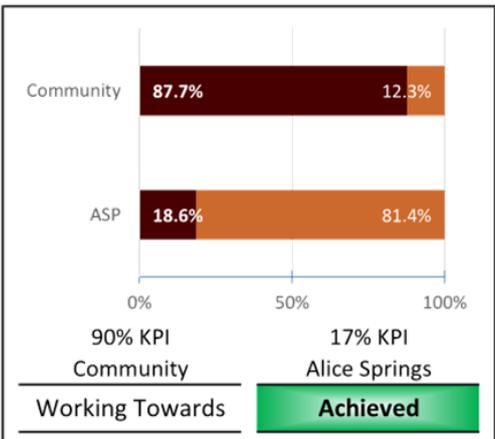
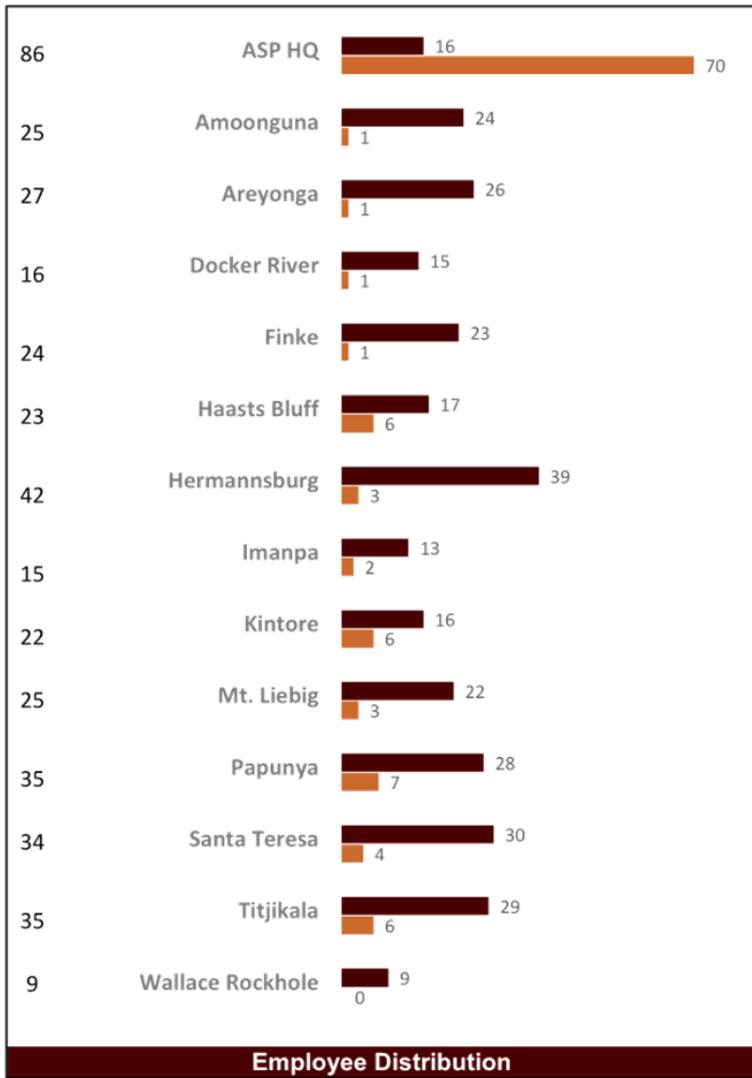


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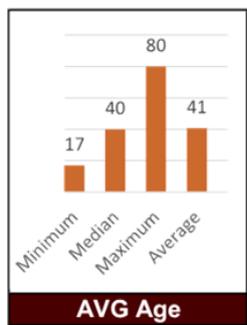
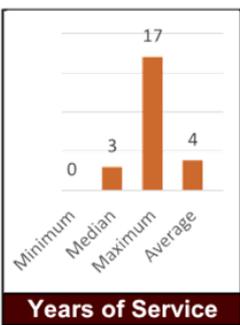
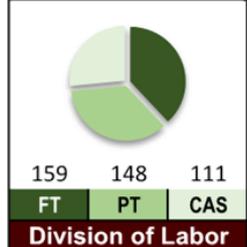
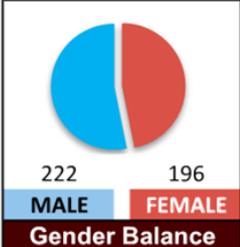
# HR Demographics

as at:  
Friday, 14 March 2025

<p><b>418</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL EMPLOYEES</b></p>	<p>Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander <b>307</b></p> <p>111 Non-ATSI</p> <p><b>Aboriginal Focus</b></p>	<p>New Hires <b>14</b></p> <p>Departures <b>23</b></p> <p>Monthly Turnover <b>-9</b></p> <p><b>Monthly Turnover</b></p>	<p>Office of the CEO <b>18</b></p> <p>Office of CFO <b>19</b></p> <p>Council Services <b>138</b></p> <p>Community Services <b>232</b></p> <p>Secondary Positions <b>11</b></p> <p><b>Primary &amp; Secondary Positions</b></p>
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**Aboriginal Employment (Objective 1.3)**



NOTE: Values derived from Employee Demographics, Employee Turnover, & Position Vacancy Tech1 Reports as at: 11-Mar-2025

**15 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 15.8  
**TITLE** Governance Team Report  
**AUTHOR** Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy



**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**  
 Goal 03: Empowered Communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**  
 The purpose of this paper is to update Council on the activities of the Governance and Strategy Team.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council notes the Governance Team Report for April 2025.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The Governance and Compliance team is a small team which delivers governance, policy, customer service, communications and engagement services for MacDonnell Regional Council. It is heavily involved in the management and coordination of Council’s 13 Local Authorities.

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

- Local Authority meetings in 2025 continue to be held successfully with no meetings deferred or cancelled to date. This may change in the near future as members may be unable to attend due to inclement weather conditions and impassable roads. All efforts will be made to conduct meetings via Teams where possible.
- The support and attendance by Elected Members at Local Authorities contributes to the effectiveness and success of these meetings.



2024/2025 FY LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS					
DATE	COMMUNITY	QUORUM	PROV'L	DEFER	CANCEL
3-Jul-24	Hermannsburg			√	
9-Jul-24	Mt Liebig	√			
10-Jul-24	Papunya		√		
11-Jul-24	Wallace Rockhole	√			
17-Jul-24	Finke			√	
18-Jul-24	Imanpa		√		
24-Jul-24	Docker River			√	
31-Jul-24	Santa Teresa	√			
1-Aug-24	Titjikala	√			
7-Aug-24	Docker River	√			

8-Aug-24	Kintore			√	
14-Aug-24	Mt Liebig			√	
15-Aug-24	Papunya			√	
21-Aug-24	Finke			√	
22-Aug-24	Hermannsburg			√	
4-Sep-24	Areyonga			√	
9-Sep-24	Finke		√		
11-Sep-24	Haasts Bluff			√	
12-Sep-24	Areyonga	√			
17-Sep-24	Hermannsburg	√			
18-Sep-24	Amoonguna	√			
19-Sep-24	Mt Liebig	√			
25-Sep-24	Papunya			√	
26-Sep-24	Kintore			√	
2-Oct-24	Hermannsburg			√	
3-Oct-24	Docker River	√			
9-Oct-24	Finke			√	
10-Oct-24	Imanpa	√			
16-Oct-24	Wallace Rockhole			√	
17-Oct-24	Finke			√	
22-Oct-24	Finke		√		
30-Oct-24	Mt Liebig	√			
31-Oct-24	Papunya	√			
6-Nov-24	Santa Teresa			√	
7-Nov-24	Titjikala			√	
12-Nov-24	Wallace Rockhole	√			
13-Nov-24	Haasts Bluff				√
14-Nov-24	Hermannsburg	√			
20-Nov-24	Kintore			√	
21-Nov-24	Areyonga	√			
26-Nov-24	Santa Teresa	√			
27-Nov-24	Titjikala	√			
28-Nov-24	Amoonguna	√			
4-Dec-24	Finke	√			
5-Dec-24	Kintore			√	
29-Jan-25	Kintore	√			
30-Jan-25	Hermannsburg	√			
5-Feb-25	Papunya	√			
6-Feb-25	Areyonga	√			
12-Feb-25	Mt Liebig	√			
19-Feb-25	Imanpa		√		
28-Feb-25	Amoonguna		√		
6-Mar-25	Haasts Bluff	√			
12-Mar-25	Finke	√			

13-Mar-25	Docker River	√			
19-Mar-25	Kintore	√			
20-Mar-25	Wallace Rockhole	√			
26-Mar-25	Santa Teresa	√			
27-Mar-25	Titjikala	√			

**YOUTH BOARDS**

Council will note that there is now a separate report included in the agenda dedicated to Youth Boards. The importance of Youth Boards has been recognized as these meetings are instrumental in bringing matters to the attention of Council.

**BRAND, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- MRC’s new website has gone live! Members are encouraged to visit the website and provide any comments and/or feedback they may think is appropriate.
- A Staff Newsletter was produced in March. This is an important means of engaging with staff and letting them know what’s happening in MRC. Members can view the Newsletters by visiting the website at [News Story - MacNews March 2025 » MacDonnell Regional Council](#).

- Due to everyone’s hard work and contributions the submission for the 2025 National Tidy Towns Awards was completed. Here’s hoping that Haasts Bluff comes out a winner at the awards ceremony to be held in May 2025.



- With the assistance of the Coordinator this year’s International Women’s Day event was a great event celebrated by many of MRC’s staff as seen below.



**POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW**

Work has continued apace on the development and review of MRC's policies, procedures and forms. The Coordinator has also developed new Policy Templates, Policy Principles and Policy Development and Template Guidelines which have been approved by the Executive Leadership Team.

Policies/documents currently being worked on include:

- Criminal History Check and Working with Children Clearance Policy
- Disciplinary Policy
- Excursions Policy
- Work Health and Safety Management System Manual
- Keyholder Policy
- And a host of associated documents

The role of the Policy Coordinator has recently been expanded to include Records Management. Much work is required in this space to improve and structure MRC's management of its storage, retrieval and disposal of records.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Successful interaction with the members of MRC's communities is vital to the attainment of MRC's Goals and Objectives.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team  
Manager Governance and Strategy  
Governance Coordinators  
Coordinator Brand, Media and Communications  
Coordinator Policy and Records

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

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## **15 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 15.9  
**TITLE** Youth Board Meetings - Council Feedback  
**AUTHOR** Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy



### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to provide feedback to Council from the meetings of MacDonnell Regional Council's Youth Boards, including matters discussed and recommendations made.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council notes the Youth Board Meetings – Council Feedback report.**

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

Council has identified the establishment and operation of Youth Boards within its communities as one of its Strategic Goal – Goal #3 Empowered Communities, specifically **Objective 3.1 – Young people are empowered to be engaged representatives.**

Youth Boards have been established in all of MacDonnell Regional Councils communities and under the management of the Youth Boards Coordinator are functioning well. This report includes the minutes from 6 meetings held to date this year as follows:

1. Wallace Rockhole – 18th of February 2025
2. Areyonga – 26th of February 2025
3. Papunya – 27th of February 2025
4. Docker River – 6th of March 2025
5. Imanpa – 12th of March 2025
6. Hermannsburg – 19th of March 2025

As can be seen from these minutes the attendees are considering matters they consider important, be they of a program nature, funding requests or operational matters. This feedback provides insights into what the youth of MRC are thinking about. Some issues are highlighted below:

#### **Wallace Rockhole**

- **Community Hall Lights** – Maintenance Issue – the Youth Board requests that the owner of the Community hall be contacted regarding ongoing maintenance issues with the community hall lights, as they repeatedly switch off when turned on.
- **Proposal for a Young People's Easter Celebration** – the Youth Board proposes hosting a Young People's Easter Celebration 2025, which would include an Easter Egg Hunt and arts and crafts activities. To support this event, the Youth Board requests \$300 in funding to purchase supplies such as food for making sandwiches, Easter eggs, colouring books and pencils and arts and crafts materials. **Note:** this project was supported by the Local Authority.
- **Request for Virtual Reality Experience During School Holidays** – the Youth Board has expressed interest in trying Virtual Reality activities during the school holidays or any other time.

- **Movie Nights Project – Equipment Recommendation** – given that allocated funds for the movie nights project have been used, the Youth Board recommends purchasing a laptop or external hard drive to store and play movies during future movie nights.  
**Note:** this project was supported by the Local Authority.

### Areyonga



- **Youth Services Program Feedback:**
  - o Bush trips for young men aged 18-25.
  - o Hair clippers for fellas' nights.
  - o Trips to town for youth activities.
  - o Volleyball activities.
  - o Bush trip to Hermannsburg, with nearby camping, for a basketball competition (mixed-gender event).
  - o Equipment for ladies' nights, including hair dye, shampoos, conditioners, towels, and makeup.
  - o Equipment for men's nights, such as hair clippers.
  - o Costumes from Mad Harry's for dress-up events for children aged 5-11.
  - o Servicing computers at the rec hall to ensure some are operational with a few games installed.
- **Recommendations to the Local Authority:**
  - o Repairs to the basketball court lights, as they are currently not working.
  - o Idea to hold a community cooking competition, open to all community members.
  - o For the community band:
    - Purchase 2 microphones.
    - Purchase 2 speaker cables.
    - Purchase 8 packs of drumsticks.
  - o Colourful speaker with a microphone for disco nights.
  - o Equipment for men's nights, ladies' nights, and kids' dress-up events (hair clippers, hair dye, shampoos, conditioners, towels, makeup, and costumes).

### Papunya

- **Youth Services Program Feedback:**
  - o Sports & Rec:
    - Consider organising a Papunya Sports Weekend.

- Purchase footballs, soccer balls, and softball equipment for community sports.
- Arrange a footy competition.
- Support girls' footy trips to Alice Springs or other communities.
- o Youth Activities:
  - Organise bingo nights.
  - Provide access to MacConnect Virtual Reality sets.
  - Organise a bush trip.
- o Entertainment:
  - Purchase a Netflix or Disney+ subscription for the TV at the rec hall.
  - Purchase a PlayStation 5 for the rec hall.
- o Social & Wellbeing Initiatives:
  - Organise swimming trips for young people.
  - Purchase equipment for Ladies Nights, including makeup, hair straighteners, and hair dye.
- **Recommendations to the Local Authority:**
  - o Consider purchasing lights for the small AFL oval.
  - o Sports Equipment: Purchase footballs, soccer balls and softball equipment.
  - o Purchase a PlayStation 5.
  - o Provide ladies night equipment, such as makeup, hair straighteners and hair dye.

#### Docker River

- **Recommendations to the Local Authority:**
  - o Painting project for the rec hall for youth and community use.
    - Estimated cost: \$500
    - Materials: Paint pens, coloured paints, canvases
  - o Softball uniforms
    - 18 uniforms for women (multi-use for softball, basketball and footy)
  - o Football uniforms
    - 22 uniforms for men

#### Imanpa

- **Suggestions to Local Authority and MacDonnell Regional Council:**
  - o Purchase portable disco lights for community disco events.
  - o AFL handball target equipment.
  - o Portable electronic scoreboard for basketball court/football oval.
  - o Construction of changerooms at the football oval
  - o The Youth Board asked if the mini football oval can be relocated closer to the main football oval. If relocation is not possible, they would like to request that the mini football oval be cleaned up.

#### Hermannsburg

- **Feedback on Youth Services Program Activities:**
  - o Camping trips: Palm Valley, 2 Mile, Simpsons Gap
  - o Day trips:
    - Bush trip to find bush tucker
    - Town trip – cinema, swimming pool, bowling, Desert Park, Reptile Centre
  - o Sports trip to another community – preferred communities are Papunya or Santa Teresa
  - o Auskick: 1–2-day sessions for children aged 5–13
  - o Cooking competition at the rec hall

- o Sports Equipment including Basketballs (various sizes), dodgeballs, tennis nets and posts, tennis and cricket equipment
- o Tool-Making Supplies: Timber, axes, sandpaper for making boomerangs
- o Health & Beauty Workshop: Braiding and haircutting (run by a hairdresser or apprentice), and new equipment (scissors and trimmers for all genders)
- o Youth workers to notify the Civil Team regarding a request to cut the grass around the basketball court and recreation hall.



- **Project Funding Suggestions:**

- o Equipment for Auskick, sports, toolmaking, and health & beauty workshops
- o Purchase of 1-2 grandstands for the basketball court
- o Installation of 2 solar streetlights around the recreation hall (behind the rec hall near the oval and footpaths)

All of these matters are directed to the relevant MRC department for consideration and the respective Local Authorities. This is an invaluable source of information from which to build on.

### **ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

As can be seen from the minutes attached the Youth of MRC's communities are receiving significant training and development in the process of attending meetings, leadership and decision-making and roles performed at meetings. This goes a long towards the attainment of the Goals contained within MRC's Strategic Plan.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Not applicable.

### **CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team  
Manager Governance and Strategy  
Youth Boards Coordinator

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 WALLACE ROCKHOLE YOUTH BOARD MINUTES 18.2.2025
- 2 AREYONGA YOUTH BOARD MINUTES 26.2.2025
- 3 PAPUNYA YOUTH BOARD MINUTES 27.2.2025
- 4 DOCKER RIVER YOUTH BOARD MINUTES 6.3.2025
- 5 IMANPA YOUTH BOARD MINUTES 12.3.2025
- 6 HERMANNSBURG YOUTH BOARD MINUTES 19.3.2025

## Wallace Rockhole Youth Board Meeting Minutes

**Date and time:** 18/02/2025 from 3.45 pm to 4.45 pm  
**Chairperson:** Ruth Katarinja  
**Youth Board Members:** Ruth Katarinja, Cobie Oglivie, Cohen Williams, Keiarah Abbott, Marnie Kenny, Kashanti McMillin  
**Minute Taker:** Kaisa Suumann



### Minutes

#### Item 1. Welcome from the Chairperson

- The Youth Board members nominated Ruth Katarinja to be the Chairperson of this meeting.
- Meeting was opened by Ruth Katarinja at 3.45pm.

#### Item 2. Meeting Rules

The following meeting rules were read and agreed upon:

- Be respectful to other Youth Board members and Council staff.
- Be honest and act with integrity.
- Make good decisions for the benefit of the community.
- Take responsibility for decisions made, ensuring they represent all young people in the community.

#### Item 3. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 01/10/2024 were reviewed, confirmed, and adopted as a true and correct record. The previous minutes were circulated during the meeting for reference.

#### Item 4. Review of Open Action Items

The status of open action items was reviewed, and the following updates and recommendations were noted:

1. Repair of Gordon and Ida Abbott Park's Fence  
Update – January 2025: The repair works are expected to commence soon, as the necessary cement is currently en route to Wallace Rockhole. Action item to remain open.

2. Construction of a Small-Size Football Oval (60m Length) for the Community  
Update – 12/11/2024: Wallace Rockhole Local Authority (LA) members agreed to discuss potential locations for the football oval and will inform the Council at the next LA meeting to assess feasibility and determine if a permit is required from the Central Land Council (CLC). The Youth Board has expressed a preference for the oval to be located across from the old orchard. Action item to remain open.

3. Repair of the Wall/Barrier at Levi Penham Park

Update – January 2025: The wall/barrier at Levi Penham Park has been removed.  
Recommendation: Close this action item.

4. Installation of a Flying Fox Zipline with a Monkey Swing Set at Gordon and Ida Abbott Park

Update – 12/11/2024: The Council is considering upgrading the playground equipment to better suit younger children. As a safety precaution, a flying fox will not be installed.  
Recommendation: Close this action item.

5. Repair of Cracks in the Basketball Court Surface

Update – 12/11/2024: The Project Management team will arrange for a contractor to provide a quote for repairs, which will be presented at the next LA meeting. Action item to remain open.

6. Youth Program for School Holidays or Permanent Implementation

Update – 10/02/2024: MRC CEO Belinda Urquhart advised that the funding is limited. The most suitable operational model needs to be determined (e.g., two half-days per week), given the current 0.25 FTE (8 hours per week) allocation.

The Youth Board discussed this matter and proposed the following:

- For the upcoming April 2025 school holidays: A program running for two hours per day, four days a week.
- Preferred program timing: 10AM – 12PM or 11AM – 1PM.
- Youth Board member Ruth Katarinja expressed interest in working as a Youth Engagement Officer for one week during the April school holidays.

Action item to remain open.

7. Equipment for Movie Nights

Update – 12/11/2024: The Local Authority (LA) allocated \$1,000 for the purchase of movie night equipment.

Update – 13/02/2025: All requested equipment has been purchased and is awaiting delivery to Wallace Rockhole.

Update – 18/02/2025: All equipment and food have been delivered to Wallace Rockhole.

- The Youth Board decided that any remaining funds should be used to purchase an additional power card for the community hall.
- The first movie night is scheduled for the April school holidays/Easter period.

Action item to remain open until the remaining funds have been spent on a power card.

8. Purchase of Sports Equipment for School Holidays

Update – 12/11/2024: The Local Authority allocated \$500 for sports equipment.

Update – 13/02/2025: All requested sports equipment has been purchased, with the exception of bibs, which are still pending delivery.

Action item to remain open until the bibs have been received.

**Item 5. Feedback to the MacDonnell Regional Council**

The following feedback and requests were noted for submission to the MacDonnell Regional Council:

1. Community Hall Lights – Maintenance Issue

The Youth Board requests that the owner of the Community hall to be contacted regarding ongoing maintenance issues with the community hall lights, as they repeatedly switch off when turned on.

2. Proposal for a Young People's Easter Celebration

The Youth Board proposes hosting a Young People's Easter Celebration 2025, which would include an Easter Egg Hunt and arts and crafts activities. To support this event, the Youth Board requests \$300 in funding to purchase supplies such as:

- Food for making sandwiches
- Easter eggs
- Colouring books and pencils
- Arts and crafts materials

Youth Board members Keiarah Abbott and Ruth Katakarija have volunteered to coordinate and run this event.

3. Request for Virtual Reality Experience During School Holidays

The Youth Board has expressed interest in trying Virtual Reality activities during the school holidays or any other time.

4. Movie Nights Project – Equipment Recommendation

Given that allocated funds for the movie nights project have been used, the Youth Board recommends purchasing a laptop or external hard drive to store and play movies during future movie nights.

**Item 6: Next Meeting Date**

The next Youth Board meeting is scheduled to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2025.

**Item 7: Meeting Closure**

The meeting was officially closed at 4.45 PM by Youth Board member Ruth Katakarija.

## Youth Board Meeting Minutes

**Community:** Areyonga

**Date & Time:** 26/02/2025, 4.15 PM - 5.27 PM

**Location:** Areyonga Council Office

**Chairperson:** Sharon Carroll

**Minute Taker:** Kaisa Suumann

**Youth Board Members:** Ephraim Poulson, Jono Poulson, Kirsten Joseph, Sharon Carroll, Thomasina Scobie, Michelle Marks

**Council Staff:** Kathleen Windey, Kaisa Suumann

**Guest:** Vanessa Summerfield



### 1. Welcome from the Chairperson

- The Board selected Sharon Carroll to chair this meeting.
- Sharon Carroll officially opened the meeting at 4.15 PM.

### 2. Meeting Rules

The Board reviewed and agreed upon the following meeting rules:

1. We are respectful to other Youth Board members and Council staff.
2. We are honest and act in the right way.
3. We ensure we make good decisions.
4. We take responsibility for our decisions, ensuring they represent all young people in our community.

### 3. Feedback to the MacDonnell Regional Council

#### 3.1 Youth Services Program Feedback

The Youth Board provided the following suggestions for MacYouth activities:

- **Bush trips** for young men aged 18-25.
- **Hair clippers** for fellas' nights.
- **Trips to town** for youth activities.
- **Volleyball activities.**
- **Bush trip to Hermannsburg**, with nearby camping, for a **basketball competition** (mixed-gender event).
- **Equipment for ladies' nights**, including hair dye, shampoos, conditioners, towels, and makeup.
- **Equipment for men's nights**, such as hair clippers.
- **Costumes from Mad Harry's** for dress-up events for children aged 5-11.

- **Servicing computers** at the rec hall to ensure some are operational with a few games installed.

### 3.2 Recommendations to the Local Authority

- **Repairs to the basketball court lights**, as they are currently not working.
- **Idea to hold a community cooking competition**, open to all community members.
- **For the community band:**
  - Purchase 2 microphones.
  - Purchase 2 speaker cables.
  - Purchase 8 packs of drumsticks.
- **Colourful speaker with a microphone** for disco nights.
- **Equipment for men's nights, ladies' nights, and kids' dress-up events** (hair clippers, hair dye, shampoos, conditioners, towels, makeup, and costumes).

### 4. Next Meeting

- The next Youth Board meeting is scheduled for 25th of September 2025.

### 5. Meeting Closed

- The Chairperson closed the meeting at 5.27 PM.

## Minutes of the Youth Board Meeting

**Community:** Papunya

**Date & Time:** 27/02/2025, 4.15 PM - 5.05PM

**Location:** Papunya Council Office

**Chairperson:** Bruce Pearce

**Minute Taker:** Kaisa Suumann

**Youth Board Members:** Benita Andy, Gail Mulkatana, Shalona McDonald, Alessandra Marks, Bruce Pearce, Anastasia McDonald, Xenia Abbott, Erikson Brown, Sabien Bennett, Nicky Nelson, Jonbash Leo

**Council Staff:** Rochelle Dean, Emma Boughton, Kaisa Suumann



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### 1. Welcome & Appointment of Chairperson

- Bruce Pearce was nominated and accepted as the Chairperson for this meeting.

### 2. Meeting Rules

The following meeting rules were read aloud by the Chairperson and agreed upon by all Youth Board members:

1. Respect – We treat all Youth Board members and Council staff with respect.
2. Integrity – We are honest and act in the right way.
3. Decision-Making – We ensure we make informed and thoughtful decisions.
4. Responsibility – Our decisions must reflect the needs and interests of all young people in the community.

### 3. Feedback to MacDonnell Regional Council

#### 3.1 Feedback to Youth Services

The Youth Board provided feedback and suggestions for the MacYouth Program, grouped into key themes:

*Sports & Rec:*

- Consider organising a Papunya Sports Weekend.
- Purchase footballs, soccer balls, and softball equipment for community sports.
- Arrange a footy competition.
- Support girls' footy trips to Alice Springs or other communities.

*Youth Activities:*

- Organise bingo nights.
- Provide access to MacConnect Virtual Reality sets.
- Organise a bush trip.

*Entertainment:*

- Purchase a Netflix or Disney+ subscription for the TV at the rec hall.
- Purchase a PlayStation 5 for the rec hall.

*Social & Wellbeing Initiatives:*

- Organise swimming trips for young people.
- Purchase equipment for Ladies Nights, including makeup, hair straighteners, and hair dye.

### 3.2 Recommendations to the Local Authority

The Youth Board recommended the following to the Local Authority:

- Consider purchasing lights for the small AFL oval.
- Sports Equipment: Purchase footballs, soccer balls and softball equipment.
- Purchase a PlayStation 5.
- Provide ladies night equipment, such as makeup, hair straighteners and hair dye.

### 4. Next Meeting

- The next Youth Board meeting is scheduled for 10th September 2025.

### 5. Meeting Closure

- The Chairperson closed the meeting at 5.05 PM.

## Docker River Youth Board Meeting & Leadership Training Minutes

**Date & Time:** 06/03/2025 at 5.40pm-7pm  
**Location:** Docker River Council Office meeting room  
**Chairperson:** Stephanie Jugadai  
**Youth Board members:** Stephanie Jugadai, Joylene Miama, Shimara Stockman, Lee Mitchell  
**Staff supporting:** Kaisa Suumann (MRC), Brett Trindle (NPYWC)  
**Minute Taker:** Kaisa Suumann



### AGENDA ITEM 1. Leadership & Governance Training

The Youth Board engaged in a group discussion on the following topics:

- **What is governance?** (Making decisions for the community, being accountable, following fair processes)
- **What makes a good leader?** (Listening, decision-making, teamwork, representing others)
- **The role of the Youth Board in community decision-making**

Youth Board members shared their ideas of leadership, identifying values such as staying true to yourself, speaking up, looking after others, teaching, and offering support. They also explored how the Youth Board connects to the Docker River Local Authority and the Council, as they were explained what the Local Authority is and how it works in partnership with the Youth Board to support community decision-making.

Following the discussion, meeting roles were introduced and assigned:

- **Chairperson** – Leads the meeting: *Stephanie Jugadai*
- **Note-Taker (Minute Taker)** – Records key points and decisions: *Kaisa Suumann*
- **Timekeeper** – Keeps agenda items on track: *Shimara Stockman*
- **Discussion Leaders** – Summarise open action items and support discussion: *Joylene Miama and Lee Mitchell, with staff support*

### AGENDA ITEM 2. Welcome & Meeting Rules

Chairperson Stephanie Jugadai read out the meeting rules, and all Youth Board members agreed on the values of respect, honesty, good decision-making, and responsibility.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The Youth Board reviewed and confirmed the minutes from the meeting held on 02/10/2024.

### AGENDA ITEM 4. Open Action Items Update

Updates were provided on the status of current projects. The Youth Board practiced decision-making by reviewing and discussing the following items:

- **Water tap near oval or rec hall** – Docker River LA discussed that a fixed tap was too costly and a mobile water trailer would be more suitable. LA is purchasing a mobile water trailer. It was also clarified that the rec hall is not owned by MRC, so permanent installation there is not possible. *Item to remain open.*
- **Toilet & changing rooms** – Discussions with stakeholders are ongoing to secure the funding for this project. *Item to remain open.*
- **Basketball hoops & rings** – Purchased by NPY Women's Council. *Item closed.*
- **Shade cover at Tjungu Park** – Installation expected within the next month. *Item to remain open.*
- **PlayStation 5 + games** – Awaiting update from March 2025 Local Authority meeting. *Item to remain open.*
- **Fence between Council Office and rec hall** – Repairs in progress. *Item to remain open.*
- **Sports jerseys, AFL footballs, volleyballs** – Awaiting decision from March 2025 Local Authority meeting. *Item to remain open.*
- **Girls' fashion, portable slides, volleyball net posts** –
  - Volleyball posts and balls have been provided by NPY Women's Council.
  - Equipment for ladies' nights is available – the equipment is waiting the start of a new female youth staff member.
  - Portable slides for small children at the rec hall were flagged as a liability issue.*Recommendation to close these action items.*

### AGENDA ITEM 5. Central Australia Aboriginal Youth Roundtable

A presentation was delivered about the Central Australia Aboriginal Youth Roundtable opportunity, which is seeking Aboriginal youth aged 16–25 to represent their communities. The Roundtable is chaired by Shanaya McAdam-Bray with support from National Indigenous Australians Agency and the Aboriginal Leadership Group. It

focuses on leadership, governance, and engagement with federal government, and meets monthly in Alice Springs, with travel and meeting allowances provided.

The Youth Board discussed why youth involvement in decision-making is important. They concluded it ensures that local people have a say on matters affecting their lives and communities, rather than decisions being made solely by people living interstate.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6. Feedback to MacDonnell Regional Council**

The Youth Board was informed that up to \$4,710 (10% of Local Authority project funds) is available for Youth Board projects. The following project proposals were agreed to be recommended to Local Authority and Council:

1. **Painting project** for the rec hall for youth and community use.
  - o Estimated cost: \$500
  - o Materials: Paint pens, coloured paints, canvases
2. **Softball uniforms**
  - o 18 uniforms for women (multi-use for softball, basketball and footy)
3. **Football uniforms**
  - o 22 uniforms for men

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7. Next Meeting**

The next Youth Board meeting is scheduled for **28/08/2025**.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8. Meeting Close**

The Chairperson officially closed the meeting.

To conclude, each Youth Board member shared one word that reflected what they learned or took away from the meeting. This reflective activity encouraged personal connection to the topics of leadership and decision-making.

## Imanpa Youth Board Meeting & Leadership Training - Minutes

**Date & Time:** 12/03/2025 at 5.20pm-7pm

**Location:** Imanpa Council Office Meeting Room

**Youth Board Members:** Stanley Pumpjack, Keanu Bocko, Lloyd Rubuntja, Jimarcus Luckey, Kurtin Paddy, Vernon Scobie, Jowis Wilson

**Chairperson:** Jimarcus Luckey

**Council Staff:** Kaisa Suumann

**Guests:** Kathleen Luckey, Tanya Luckey, Abraham Paddy, Jonathan Bulla, Albie Wilson, Emerson Williams, Kayson Thompson

**Minute Taker:** Kaisa Suumann



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### 1. Leadership & Governance Training

#### 1.1 Discussion Points:

- The group discussed what *governance* means – making fair decisions, taking responsibility and representing others.
- Characteristics of a strong leader were identified as: listening skills, teamwork, good communication and being responsible.

#### 1.2 Presentation:

Tanya Luckey (Imanpa Local Authority Member) and Kathleen Luckey (Imanpa Local Authority Chairperson) gave a talk about leadership in the Imanpa community. They explained what different organisations do in Imanpa, how their boards work, and how board members help make decisions for the community.

They talked about how the Youth Board fits in with the Imanpa Local Authority and MacDonnell Regional Council, and why it's important for young people to get involved. Tanya said that joining the Youth Board is a great first step to making your community better and being a strong leader.

They also explained what the Local Authority does – they meet 4 times a year to look at reports from MacDonnell Regional Council on their work and help decide how to use NT Government project funding to support the whole community.

### 1.3 Meeting Roles Assigned:

- Chairperson: Jimarcus Luckey

### 2. Meeting Rules & Effective Communication

- Chairperson Jimarcus Luckey welcomed attendees and opened the meeting.
- Meeting rules were read aloud and agreed upon by all participants:
  1. Respect one another – listen and do not interrupt.
  2. Be honest and do the right thing – speak truthfully and take responsibility.
  3. Make smart decisions that benefit all young people.
  4. Take responsibility for decisions – represent the whole community.
  5. One person speaks at a time.
  6. No phones during the meeting – step outside if needed.

### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes & Action Items

- Minutes from the previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 were reviewed and confirmed.
- Updates on action items were discussed:
  - **Water Bottles & Carriers:** Ordered and stored for the 2025 season. Update on 12/03/2025 - Youth Board would like them delivered to Imanpa within the next 2–4 weeks. Coordinator Youth Boards to contact Imanpa Football Coach, Abraham Paddy to arrange this.
  - **Mixing Desk:** The mixing console has been handed over to youth to use. It is kept at the Council Office with a logbook for lending. Kathleen Luckey is responsible for its oversight. Youth must get permission from Kathleen to access it.
  - **Basketball Court Water Tap:** Reviewed by Local Authority in February 2025. To be discussed again in June 2025 LA meeting.
  - **Oval Lights:** Reviewed by Local Authority in February 2025. To be discussed again in June 2025 LA meeting.
  - **Softball Equipment:** Reviewed by Local Authority in February 2025. To be discussed again in June 2025 LA meeting.

### 4. Leadership & Governance in Action: Feedback to Council

- Youth Board was informed that 10% of Local Authority Project Funding (approx. \$2,400 annually) can be used for Youth Board project recommendations.

### Suggestions to Local Authority and MacDonnell Regional Council:

1. Purchase portable disco lights for community disco events.
2. AFL handball target equipment.
3. Portable electronic scoreboard for basketball court/football oval.
4. Construction of changerooms at the football oval.

5. The Youth Board asked if the mini football oval can be relocated closer to the main football oval. If relocation is not possible, they would like to request that the mini football oval be cleaned up.

#### 5. Next Meeting

- Next Meeting Date is 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2025.

#### 6. Meeting Close

- Chairperson Jimarcus Luckey closed the meeting at 7pm.

## Minutes of the Hermannsburg Youth Board Meeting

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2025

**Time:** 4.30pm-5.50pm

**Location:** Hermannsburg Council Office Meeting Room

**Chairperson:** Shivani Sharpe

**Minute Taker:** Kaisa Suumann

**Youth Board Members:** Leo Lankin, Wilfred Ngalaia, Jared Ebatarinja, Kamala Malbunka, Taren White, Whitney Malbunka, Bianca Raggett, Sharlene Malbunka, Shivani Sharpe, Menam Ryder

**MRC Staff:** Menam Ryder, Regina Lankin, Kaisa Suumann, Kamala Malbunka, Taren White



### 1. Welcome from the Chairperson

The Chairperson, Shivani Sharpe, opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. Shivani was selected as the Chairperson for the first Hermannsburg Youth Board meeting of the year.

### 2. Meeting Rules

The Chairperson read out the meeting rules. All members agreed to the following rules:

1. Be respectful to other Youth Board members and Council staff.
2. Be honest and act the right way.
3. Make good decisions.
4. Be responsible for decisions and represent all young people in the community.
5. One person speaks at a time.
6. No phones during meetings.

### 3. Learning: Leadership, the Youth Board, and Decision-Making

Discussion Topics Included:

- **What is a leader?** Examples included Nicolas Williams (Hermannsburg Local Authority Chairperson) and Menam Ryder (Youth Engagement Officer). Good leaders were described as people who listen, support others, communicate well and represent their community.
- **What is the Youth Board?** The Youth Board is a group of young people aged 12–25 who share ideas and make decisions to improve their community in partnership with the Local Authority and Council.
- **Benefits of being on the Youth Board:**
  - Build leadership skills
  - Have your voice heard
  - Create real impact in the community
  - Connect with other young leaders
- **Making good decisions:** Youth Board members agreed to listen to other young people and represent their views fairly.
- **Leadership in action:** Attending meetings, sharing ideas for Youth projects, and making recommendations to Council and Local Authority.

**Roles Assigned for the Meeting:**

- **Chairperson:** Shivani Sharpe
- **Minute Taker:** Kaisa Suumann
- **Timekeeper:** Leo Malbunka
- **Discussion Leader:** Menam Ryder

### 4. Feedback to the MacDonnell Regional Council

#### 4.1 Feedback on Youth Services Program Activities:

- Camping trips: Palm Valley, 2 Mile, Simpsons Gap
- Day trips:
  - a) Bush trip to find bush tucker
  - b) Town trip – cinema, swimming pool, bowling, Desert Park, Reptile Centre
- Sports: Sports trip to another community – preferred communities are Papunya or Santa Teresa

- Auskick: 1–2-day sessions for children aged 5–13
- Cooking competition at the rec hall
- Sports Equipment: Basketballs (various sizes), dodgeballs, tennis nets and posts, tennis and cricket equipment
- Tool-Making Supplies: Timber, axes, sandpaper for making boomerangs
- Health & Beauty Workshop: Braiding and haircutting (run by a hairdresser or apprentice), and new equipment (scissors and trimmers for all genders)
- Youth workers to notify the Civil Team regarding a request to cut the grass around the basketball court and recreation hall

#### 4.2 Project Funding Suggestions:

It was noted that \$9,500 (10% of LA Project Funding) is available for Youth Board projects. Suggested use of funds includes:

- Equipment for Auskick, sports, toolmaking, and health & beauty workshops
- Purchase of 1-2 grandstands for the basketball court
- Installation of 2 solar streetlights around the recreation hall (behind the rec hall near the oval and footpaths)

### 5. Central Australia Aboriginal Youth Roundtable

Information was shared about the Central Australia Aboriginal Youth Roundtable, which is seeking young Aboriginal leaders aged 16–25.

- Meetings are held monthly in Alice Springs, with travel and meeting allowances provided.
- It provides an opportunity for young people to share their ideas and influence decision-making at the federal level.
- The group discussed the importance of young people being involved in decision-making so government representatives can hear directly from Hermannsburg youth.

### 6. Next Meeting

The next Hermannsburg Youth Board meeting is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2025.

### 7. Meeting Closed

The Chairperson, Shivani Sharpe, closed the meeting at 5.50pm.

**15 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 15.10  
**TITLE** Consideration of Council Vacancy  
**AUTHOR** Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding the vacancy which currently exists on Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council leaves the position of Councillor in the Rodinga Ward vacant.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

At its meeting held in February Council considered the appointment of a replacement member following Mr Hayes dismissal and resolved as follows

**OCM2025-001 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jason Minor)****That Council:**

- e. in accordance with s54(2)(b)(i) of the Act determines to appoint a candidate to the position at the April Council meeting.**

s54(3) of the Act states that "*The council must fill a casual vacancy under subsection (2)(a) or (b) in accordance with its policy for filling casual vacancies, adopted by resolution*". MRC's Filling Casual Council Vacancies Policy GS06-CP states:

**5.4 Not filling the office of an ordinary Council member**

When a vacancy occurs 6 months or less before the next general election Council *may* discuss the electoral representation ratio of the ward and by resolution of existing members, leave the office vacant.

The previous paragraph of this Policy goes into significant detail regarding the requirements where the vacancy is greater than 6 months but less than 18 months – as was the case with the appointment of Cr Malbunka.

In relation the electoral representation ratio mentioned above there are currently 3 serving Elected Members in the Rodinga Ward. This Ward represents 4 communities with a population of 1224 – representation being 1 Councillor/408 residents. This is comparable to the Luritja Ward which also includes 4 communities with a population of 1216 - the representation being 1 Councillor/405 residents.

There are only 5 months to the next Local Government elections. It is considered that Council's resolution to appoint a member is contrary to MRC's Policy. The word "may" in the above paragraph is simply a poor choice of words and should be "will".

There are only two meetings of Council prior to the elections, they being in:

- May – the Special Council meeting where the Regional Plan and Budget for 2025-26 are approved for public discussion; and
- June – one of the most significant meetings of Council where the Budget and Regional Plan are adopted and the Rates are declared.

Given the importance, complexity and understanding of the responsibilities of Elected Members in relation to the matters to be considered it is felt that any newly appointed member would not be in a position to make informed decisions regarding these matters.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Not applicable.

**CONSULTATION**

Elected Members of Council  
Executive Leadership Team

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

## 15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	15.11
<b>TITLE</b>	2025 Amendments to the Local Government Act 2019 - Discussion Paper
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy



### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development has commenced consultation on the Tranche 2 Local Government Legislation Amendments 2025. The purpose of this Paper is to inform Council of amendments currently being considered.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council notes that 2025 Amendments to the Local Government Act 2019 Discussion Paper.**

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The proposed amendments follow feedback from councils and stakeholders regarding the operation of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021. They aim to address implementation challenges, improve governance, and support better outcomes across the local government sector.

To support a manageable and focused consultation process, the Department will release discussion papers in three stages:

- Part A attached to this report and includes Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 – covering practical changes to delegations, procurement, and electoral regulations.
- Part B will be released on Monday 7 April 2025 and includes Chapters 5, 6 and 7 – covering superannuation, conditional rating, and principal member appointment.
- Part C will be released on Monday 14 April 2025, dedicated to Chapter 8 – the proposed new Code of Conduct framework for elected members.

The Department has established a “Have Your Say” online consultation portal which will open from 14 April to 20 June 2025, allowing councils and stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposed changes. The Department will also conduct sector consultations (in-person and virtual) throughout this period. The Department will consolidate feedback and use it to inform the final drafting of legislative amendments.

As noted above Part A is being presented at this meeting. The matters raised include:

- **Delegations** – changes to ensure that correct processes are used in the consideration of tenders and that the delegation of powers and functions does not undermine these processes. **COMMENT:** It is considered that, in the first reading of this discussion, Council is fully compliant with the existing legislation and regulations.
- **Offences for conflicts of Interest** – a very minor amendment to clarify who commits an offence in the context of the provision.
- **Ordinary and Special Meetings** – when agendas for ordinary and special meetings of council are posted on the website it is proposed that there be a requirement to include a date and time so that the Department can tell if it was published within the required timeframe. **COMMENT:** This is not an issue for Council as the Administration ensures that it is always compliant.

- **Holding of Elections** – the NTEC has proposed that a provision be introduced to allow the returning officer to make a change to the election date in an emergency for a period of not more than 21 days.
- **Governance Controller** – proposed new inclusion – the Department currently has the power to appoint a financial controller responsible for implementing financial controls, etc., where it is considered is not performing its financial responsibilities appropriately. The proposed inclusion is to introduce a similar power to appoint a governance controller to enable early intervention to oversee the governance processes and practices of council. **COMMENT:** It is not only financial difficulties which cause councils to fail. Poor governance results in poorly run meetings, an inability to make good decisions, an inability for councillors to work together and even instances where councils are placed under official management.
- **Tenders by council and procurement exemptions** – changes to ensure that Council is fully aware when Regulation 38 has been applied and that council is provided with a report where a tender has been awarded. **COMMENT:** The proposed amendment would mean that council would be required to be informed of contracts entered into for such services as legal services, insurance, training and telecommunications where a quotation and/or tender has not been sought.
- **Amendments to Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021** – various changes including the postal vote application period, the publication of candidate statements costs of managing non-voters not being part of reasonable costs passed on to council. **COMMENT:** The proposed changes will not apply to the 2025 elections.

The Administration will provide detailed responses and feedback as requested in the Discussion Paper.

#### **ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Any changes to the Local Government Act 2019 will impact upon Council's processes and decision making.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Nil.

#### **CONSULTATION**

Elected Members of Council  
Executive Leadership Team.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 2025 - Amendments to the Local Government Act 2019 Discussion Paper

# 2025 - Amendments to the Local Government Act 2019

## Discussion Paper - Part A



<b>Document title</b>	2025 - Amendments to the Local Government Act 2019
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"The Department"	Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development
LGA "The Act"	<i>Local Government Act 2019</i>
LGANT	Local Government Association of the Northern Territory
LGCDU	Local Government and Community Development Unit
MCoC	Model Code of Conduct
NT	Northern Territory
NTEC	Northern Territory Electoral Commission
SGCC	Standing Governance and Code Committee

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\*\* Released for consultation as a separate Discussion Paper - Part B

# Released for consultation as a separate Discussion Paper - Part C

## 2025 - Amendments to the Local Government Act 2019

## FOREWORD

The *Local Government Act 2019* provides the legal foundation for how councils operate and make decisions in the Northern Territory. Following ongoing feedback and experience in applying the Act, several areas for improvement have been identified.

In particular, the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* and the *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021* have presented challenges that need to be addressed. This paper forms part of a staged approach to strengthen the overall framework, and it represents the second set of proposed amendments.

These proposals aim to improve how councils' function and support greater transparency, accountability, and fairness in local government decision-making. The paper invites feedback and input from councils, elected members, stakeholders, and the community.

The key topics covered include:

- Chapter 1 – Delegations
- Chapter 2 - Miscellaneous Amendments to the Local Government Act 2019
- Chapter 3 – Tenders by council or local government subsidiary & procurement exemptions
- Chapter 4 – Amendments to Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021
- Chapter 5 – Superannuation Payments for Elected Members
- Chapter 6 – Conditional Rating and Rates Exemptions for social and affordable housing
- Chapter 7 - Appointment of principal member of council
- Chapter 8 – Code of Conduct

To facilitate focused consultation and ensure stakeholders have adequate time to consider and respond to the proposed changes, the amendments will be released across three parts. This structured release recognises the breadth of topics and their varying levels of complexity and significance to councils, elected members, and the broader community.

- **Part A** covers Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4, which focus on practical amendments to delegations, procurement, and regulatory improvements.
- **Part B** includes Chapters 5, 6 and 7, which deals with superannuation payments, rating frameworks and principal member appointment, requiring more in-depth policy consideration.
- **Part C** will be dedicated to Chapter 8, which addresses the Code of Conduct. Given the foundational role this chapter plays in shaping the integrity and behaviour of elected members, it will be released separately to allow for more detailed feedback and discussion.

We welcome your comments on the issues raised and encourage suggestions that will help improve the legislation and support strong, responsive local government across the Northern Territory.

## 2025 - Amendments to the Local Government Act 2019

## Roles and Responsibilities

Party	Responsibilities
<b>The Department</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed the discussion paper.</li> <li>• Leads the consultation process.</li> <li>• Organises and hosts community meetings, sector consultations, and online engagement.</li> <li>• Provides plain English explanations of the proposed changes.</li> <li>• Receives, collates, and considers all feedback to inform final legislative amendments.</li> <li>• Administers the email for written submissions: <a href="mailto:LGLaw.CMC@nt.gov.au">LGLaw.CMC@nt.gov.au</a></li> </ul>
<b>Local Government Councils</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the discussion paper.</li> <li>• Attend briefings and consultation sessions arranged by the Department.</li> <li>• Provide formal feedback or written submissions.</li> <li>• Consult internally with elected members and senior staff.</li> <li>• Encourage participation from community members in their council area.</li> </ul>
<b>Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate on behalf of its member councils.</li> <li>• Provide consolidated sector feedback.</li> <li>• Support education and awareness among elected members and staff about the proposed changes.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Stakeholders (e.g., ICAC, NTEC, sector experts)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute expert views on relevant parts of the legislation (e.g., Code of Conduct, Electoral Regulations).</li> <li>• Offer advice on feasibility, implementation, and risk.</li> <li>• Part of meetings contributing to the proposed amendments.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Members / General Public</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in consultation via the "Have Your Say" portal (April to June 2025).</li> <li>• Attend public consultation sessions if available locally.</li> <li>• Submit feedback, comments, or concerns about the proposed changes.</li> <li>• Help shape reforms that will affect their local councils.</li> </ul>

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## How to use this paper

The structure of the discussion paper is summarised here. The discussion paper can be read as a whole, or for readers who have a particular interest each chapter largely stands alone.

Chapters reflect the key topics for discussion and review. Each chapter is structured in the following way.

<b>Current Arrangements</b>	The current provisions of the Act are described
<b>Key Issues</b>	An analysis of key issues raised by current arrangements.
<b>Background</b>	This section provides reference to any research, consultation findings, observations and outlines possible ideas from other jurisdictions. These are options for people to think about and discuss. They are not final decisions. They do not reflect the government's position, they are open for debate.
<b>To Consider</b>	Each chapter includes this section to help guide discussion. These proposals encourage readers to think about possible solutions.  The aim is to hear from councils, stakeholders, and community members to collectively resolve these issues.

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## Next Steps

The consultation timeline articulates the broad range of activities scheduled to follow the release of this paper. Please check the Department web pages for further information.

## Consultation Timeline

Key Action	Anticipated date of delivery	Lead Party	Comments
Release of Discussion paper Part A	31 March 2025	Department	The discussion paper sent to all local government councils, LGANT, as well as any identified key stakeholders. <i>Note – Discussion paper Part B and Part C to be released in stages</i>
Website information update	4 April 2025	Department	The Discussion Paper is available on to the Department website including information about why the changes are beneficial to the sector.
Information Session – Part A	4 April 2025	Department	Covers Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4. Introductory workshop to explain changes.
Information Session – Part B	11 April 2025	Department	Covers Chapters 5, 6 and 7. Introductory workshop to explain changes.
Information Session – Part C	18 April 2025	Department	Covers Chapter 8 – Code of Conduct. Introductory workshop to explain changes.
“Have Your Say” commences	21 April – 20 June 2025	Community/Stakeholders	A “Have your say” questionnaire on Department website for direct feedback on the proposed amendments to the Act.  The discussion paper will be available to download on the website.
Sector consultation	21 April – 20 June 2025	Department & Councils	Sector consultation will be conducted concurrently with the online “Have Your Say” consultation.  Sector consultation will take the form of a “road-show.” The Department will arrange to visit all local government councils in the first instance, where possible.

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			An online consultation will be arranged where an in-person visit is not feasible. Elected members and council officials will have an opportunity to ask any questions to clarify matters that are unclear, as well as to provide feedback on the amendments.
Collation of feedback	20-30 June 2025	Department	Collation of all feedback from the consultation process to inform the drafting of the final amendments.

## How to Have Your Say

Your input on the proposed amendments to the LGA can be provided to:

[LGLaw.CMC@nt.gov.au](mailto:LGLaw.CMC@nt.gov.au)

Please check the Department web pages for further information about online information sessions and consultations.

All feedback, written submissions and community consultation will be completed by **30 June 2025**.

## CHAPTER 1

### Delegations

#### Current Arrangements

Section 40 of the Act relates to delegations and enables a council to delegate its powers and functions to certain other persons or entities.

Section 40(2) provides as follows:

*A delegation may be made to:*

*(a) the CEO; or*

*(b) a council committee; or*

*(c) a local authority; or*

*(d) a local government subsidiary.*

Under section 40(3) of the Act, a tender process can be delegated to the CEO of a council.

Under section 90 a newly elected council is required to set the schedule for holding of ordinary council meetings for the term of the council. Regulation 19 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* provides that if a council does not schedule an ordinary meeting at least once in each month, the council must delegate to a council committee the necessary powers to carry out, on behalf of the council, financial functions of the council in the months the council does not schedule an ordinary meeting.

Section 82(3) of the Act provides that members of a council committee may consist of, or include, persons who are not members of the council.

#### Key Issues

##### **Tenders**

There is a current practice where councils will delegate their function of considering tenders to the CEO. On some occasions the CEO does not then provide the council with adequate information on any consideration or decision made. This has provided confusion within the sector regarding regulation and compliance when it comes to tender processes, which may have been delegated to the CEO.

Regulation 38 of the Regulations set out the requirements for tender processes undertaken pursuant to regulation 36. There have been instances where councils have delegated tender processes to the CEO, within the financial delegation as appropriate, but then the CEO has determined they are not required to provide a 'panel report' under regulations 36 and 38.

If section 40(3) is not amended to clarify that consideration of tenders cannot be delegated to the CEO, there will be a need to ensure that when a tender process has been delegated under section 40(3)(4) & (5) to the CEO (instead of a tender panel) the CEO is still required to create the tender report under regulation 36(6) and provide the council with the tender report under regulation 36(8).

Regulation 38 of the Regulations lists the circumstances in which a quotation or tender is not required. However, it is not clear that a council should consider whether the circumstances have been met in each

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situation, before entering a contract. This has led to councils not realising they have failed to comply with the statutory requirements until after the contract has been agreed.

**Committees**

A council committee is not subject to the same procedural and accountability requirements as the other delegates presently listed in section 40(2). Section 82(3) of the Act provides that members of a council committee may consist of, or include, persons who are not members of the council.

This can be problematic when non-elected members are delegated powers and functions of council when not having the full range, or potentially any range of, council views and representation or information.

## Background

Part of the work the current round of amendments is designed to overcome is to reduce the potential for conflict between elected members and the CEO as to the availability of information, and to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the elected members and the CEO.

The 2024 Western Australia local government reforms proposed that local governments introduce Council Communications Agreements between the council and the CEO.<sup>1</sup> The purpose of these agreements was to clearly set out what information was to be provided to councillors, how it would be provided, and timeframes for the provision of that information. A default agreement was developed and was deemed to apply to all councils. For any variation to the default agreement, the CEO and an absolute majority of council needed to agree, with the varied agreement to specify how information should be requested and received. Provisions in the default agreement about how elected members could receive information was to remain unchanged.

While the introduction of a Council Communication Agreement is not presently proposed in the Northern Territory, one of the purposes of amendment to the delegations provisions in the Act, is to clarify the roles and responsibilities as between the elected members, who are responsible to their communities, and to the CEO, who is tasked with supporting and administering the decisions made by the elected members.

## To Consider

It is proposed to remove or restrict the ability of councils to delegate their powers and functions to a council committee. The reasoning behind this proposal is that committees are not subject to the same procedural and accountability requirements as an elected council, can contain non-elected members, and do not have the full range of council views and representation or information. Furthermore, the proposal will create a consistency with the intention of section 84 of the Act, which states that a council committee is subject to control and direction by the council.

This needs to be considered in the context of each council's schedule of meetings. Under section 90 a newly elected council is required to set the schedule for holding of ordinary council meetings for the term of the council. Regulation 19 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* provides that if a council does not schedule an ordinary meeting at least once in each month, the council must delegate to a council

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/department/publications/publication/full-reform-proposals#5>

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committee the necessary powers to carry out, on behalf of the council, financial functions of the council in the months the council does not schedule an ordinary meeting.

Section 82(3) of the Act provides that members of a council committee may consist of, or include, persons who are not members of the council. This can be problematic when non-elected members are delegated powers and functions of council when not having the full range, or potentially any range of, council views and representation or information. One solution to this is to amend the Act so that only councillors can be members of a council committee. This will preserve governance flexibility whilst upholding accountability.

It is also proposed to amend section 40(3)(c) to clarify that just as a delegation cannot duplicate or derogate from the CEOs functions including delegated functions, neither can the requirement for a council to make a decision under resolution be delegated, including to the CEO. It is understood that the most common use of this provision is to delegate functions to the council CEO.

This particular issue has arisen in the context of councils either purporting to delegate the function of considering tenders under regulation 36 *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, or of CEOs not enabling councils to make decisions about tenders provided.

If the wording of section 40(3) is changed, further amendments to section 40(4) will also need to be considered. Section 40(4) of the Act provides:

*A council may delegate to the CEO the following:*

- (a) the power to enter into a transaction on conditions that are not arm's length conditions if the transaction will provide a community benefit;*
- (b) the power to waive a fee for service (wholly or partly) under section 289(4) if the waiver will provide a community benefit.*

*Note for subsection (4)(b)*

*A decision to waive a fee for service (wholly or partly) under section 289(4) requires a council resolution.*

Given the identified issues with delegations or purported delegations to the CEO, the current wording of this provision appears to conflict with the proposed amendments to section 40(3) as it appears to allow councils to delegate the power of delegation by allowing the CEO to sub-delegate. This creates confusion and has the potential to lead to administrative inefficiencies whereby the council is required to delegate all powers of delegation.

Further amendments will be required to Regulations 36 and 38 *Local government (General) Regulations 2021*.

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## CHAPTER 2

### Miscellaneous Amendments to the *Local Government Act 2019*

#### i. Offences for conflicts of interest

##### Current Arrangements

Section 73(1)(c) (i) of the Act reads:

- (1) "A person commits an offence if:
- (a) the person is a staff member; and
  - (b) the staff member has a personal or financial interest in a matter in regard to which the member is required or authorised to act or give advice; and
  - (c) the member does not disclose the interest:
    - (i) if the staff member is the chief executive - to the local government subsidiary; or
    - (ii) in any other case - to the chief executive."

##### Key Issue

The omission of the word 'staff' at subsection (c) has caused confusion as to who commits an offence in the context of this provision.

##### To Consider

A minor amendment is proposed to section 73(1)(c) (i) of the Act to add the word "staff" so the provision reads:

- (1) "A person commits an offence if:
- (a) the person is a staff member; and
  - (b) the staff member has a personal or financial interest in a matter in regard to which the member is required or authorised to act or give advice; and
  - (c) the **staff** member does not disclose the interest:
    - (i) if the staff member is the chief executive - to the local government subsidiary; or
    - (ii) in any other case - to the chief executive."

This is to clarify who commits an offence in the context of this provision.

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## ii. Ordinary and Special Meetings

### Current Arrangements

Section 93 of the Act relates to the publication of notices for ordinary and special meetings of a council.

### Key Issue

Presently, there is no way for the regulator to tell when a notice or business paper was published to the council's website and if it was published within the required timeframe.

### To Consider

It is proposed to amend the section to include a requirement for a date and time of issue to be included on published notices.

Corresponding amendments to regulations 102 -105 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* will also be required.

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### iii. Holding of Elections

#### Current Arrangements

Section 160 of the Act currently permits the Minister to extend the time for holding an election, or for taking any step in relation to holding of an election.

Section 11(1)(a) of the Act relates to public notice for matters in relation to elections. Subsection (1) states:

*"If this Act requires public notice to be given about a matter in relation to an election, notice about the matter must be published as follows:*

*the returning officer for the election must publish information about the matter in a newspaper circulating in the relevant local government area;..."*

#### Key Issue

There may be circumstances where an emergency event requires the election to be postponed at short notice (for example a critical weather event) and timely changes with adequate public notice are critical.

Statutory requirement to provide public notice for matters in relation to elections via newspaper is not keeping up with modern practices and may not be the best medium or communication channel.

#### To Consider

The NTEC has proposed the introduction of a provision that also allows the returning officer to make a change to the election day in an emergency, for a period of not more than 21 days. This process has been proposed to increase efficiency and practicality when time is of the essence during a critical weather event. This is consistent with powers in other jurisdictions.

It is proposed to amend the requirement for public notices in relation to elections be in a manner deemed most appropriate by the returning officer for the relevant local government area. This will ensure that the statutory requirements for public notices for elections are in line with the tranche one amendments of removing newspaper notification (unless that is deemed the most appropriate method), and to ensure that notifications for elections of local government councils are in a manner that is meaningful and targeted for the relevant local government area.

The NTEC has recommended that the statutory requirement to provide public notice for matters in relation to elections be permitted in a format and via a communication channel deemed most appropriate by the returning officer with the aim to maximise distribution of the information in the relevant local government area. This proposed amendment is in line with the sector feedback regarding modernising requirements for public notices, which was introduced during the first tranche of amendments of the Act in March 2025.

It is noted that this proposed amendment will require a consequential amendment to section 5 of the *Electoral Act 2004* to ensure consistency across Territory legislation.

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## iv. Governance Controller - proposed new inclusion

### Current Arrangements

Currently, section 317 of the Act allows the CEO of the Agency (Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development) to appoint a financial controller if the CEO considers a council or local government subsidiary is not performing its financial responsibilities appropriately or complying with the Act.

The financial controller is responsible for implementing financial controls and performing other duties as directed by the CEO, providing authorisation for expenditure and financial commitments, and advising the council and the CEO if a council decision, resolution or order is financially unsound.

### Key Issue

Local government is a high-risk sector and the potential consequences of local government failure serious as disruption to the delivery of services could threaten the viability of many remote communities across the NT.

The NT, unlike local government regulators in other jurisdictions, lacks a mechanism to prioritise prevention and early intervention so that councils are enabled to meet the required governance standards, prevent non-compliance, and support the efficient and effective use of resources.

### Background

The potential consequences of local government failure are serious. Disruption to the delivery of services could threaten the viability of many remote communities across the NT. The Department, like local government regulators in other jurisdictions, is increasingly seeking to prioritise prevention and early intervention so that councils can meet required governance standards, prevent non-compliance, and support the efficient and effective use of resources. This early support and intervention could be provided by a governance controller. The role of the governance controller would be to monitor the council's governance practices, provide advice on improvements and report the findings.

The ability of the CEO to appoint a suitably qualified person to support a council experiencing governance issues, including poorly run meetings, an inability to make effective decisions, or inability to work together as a council, could prevent future instances where councils are put under official management. This is a very slow and inefficient process which creates uncertainty in a local community.

Alternatively, an individual council may choose to request the assistance of a Governance Controller. Allowing councils to make their own determination for a Governance Controller emphasises the independence of councils. Monitoring activities may include attendance at ordinary and special meetings, Audit and Risk Committee meetings, CEO performance reviews, and regular meetings with elected members and the CEO.

The CEO of the Department would approve applications for a Governance Controller on a case-by-case basis. Alternatively, a governance controller may be appointed by the CEO of the Department in instances

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where it is believed that the council is not performing its responsibilities appropriately. Early intervention in this way can support a council to improve its performance, with the intent to avoid the costly and disruptive resort to suspension or dismissal of a council.

A similar model is currently in place in Victoria<sup>1</sup> where the Minister for Local Government can appoint municipal monitors to oversee the governance processes and practices of councils. In the current term, only two of the 15 councils that had a municipal monitor appointed were dismissed or suspended, compared to four of the five in the previous term. While there have been more monitors appointed this term, fewer councils have been dismissed, suggesting earlier intervention to administer governance has been effective.

### To Consider

Create a provision similar to section 317 of the Act and those provisions sets out between section 179 - 181E *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) that would introduce the ability for a governance controller to be appointed to enable early intervention to oversee the governance processes and practices of councils.

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## CHAPTER 3

### Tenders by council or local government subsidiaries and procurement exemptions

This proposal will require amendment to the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. Part 2 Division 12 Subdivision 1 of the Regulations sets out the general requirements that councils must adopt when seeking quotations and tenders for supplies.

#### Current Arrangement

Regulation 36(1) sets out the processes to be adopted when a council or local government subsidiary seeks a tender under regulation 34(2)(c) or 35(2)(b) or proposes to obtain supplies at a cost of more than \$150,000.

Regulation 36(6) requires a tender panel to report to the CEO in relation to the tenders. This panel must be convened by the CEO.

Regulation 36(8) requires the CEO to provide that report to the council or local government subsidiary.

Regulation 38 lists certain circumstances where a quotation or tender is not required under regulation 36.

#### Key Issue

Regulation 38 is not clear that a council should properly consider whether those circumstances apply to a given situation, before entering a contract. There have been instances where councils have not complied with the requirements, because of a delegate incorrectly applying regulation 38, however council has not become aware of the incorrect application of regulation 38 until after the contract has been awarded.

Some CEOs have delayed or not provided a tender report to the council, arguing that information is confidential and not in the public domain. This means elected council members may not be aware of details for some months.

There appears to be some conflict between the CEO being required to report to council, notwithstanding the CEO has been given a financial delegation to approve expenditure or to enter a contract on behalf of the council.

#### To Consider

To overcome the confusion caused by Regulation 36(8), it could be updated to clarify that the report be provided to council at its next ordinary meeting. Confidential sessions can be used if appropriate, to preserve the privity of any contract and other commercial considerations. It can be further updated to clarify the reporting process required when a tender process has been delegated.

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It is proposed that regulation 38 be updated to state that a resolution is required if a council elects not to seek quotations or to go to tender, both before a supplier is selected and a contract is entered into.

These proposed amendments are consistent with the functions of council under section 22 of the Act, which includes making prudent financial decisions, planning the use of council resources for the benefit of its area, and to manage the employment of the CEO.

This means that it is the elected members who are responsible for monitoring and understanding council finances. The amendment to regulation 38 would enable council to better monitor compliance with the Act and Regulations.

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## CHAPTER 4

### Amendments to Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021

#### Current Arrangements

Regulation 26(1)(a) Postal vote application period: Applications for postal votes currently open three months ahead of the election day.

Regulation 26(1)(b) Postal vote application period: Applications for postal votes for local government by-elections currently open after the invitation for nomination of candidates.

Regulation 35 Publishing of candidate statements: This regulation allows a candidate to lodge a candidate statement.

Regulation 65 Scrutiny of postal votes and elector signature matching: This regulation currently requires an elector's signature on a postal vote certificate to be matched with the signature on their postal vote application, before the NTEC will permit the postal vote to be admitted to scrutiny.

Regulation 87 relates to Electoral costs.

#### Key Issues

Applications for postal votes for currently open three months ahead of the election day. It is acknowledged that some people would prefer to apply for a postal vote earlier, to ensure they do not miss out on the opportunity to vote is not missed.

Applications for postal votes for local government by-elections currently open after the invitation for nomination of candidates. In some cases, this does not allow a lot of time for delivery, particularly if the postal vote must be delivered to an international location.

Publishing of candidate statements allows a candidate to lodge a candidate statement, however there is no requirement for these statements to be made available to voters. Voters have no access to this information.

Scrutiny of postal votes and elector signature matching currently requires an elector's signature on a postal vote certificate to be matched with the signature on their postal vote application, before the NTEC will permit the postal vote to be admitted to scrutiny. However, most postal vote applications are now made online, meaning there is no way to 'match up' signatures.

There has been conflict between NTEC and councils regarding the costs of managing persons who fail to vote in council elections and by-elections. There has been a divergence of opinion on whether these costs are 'reasonable costs and expenses of conducting the election' as provided for in regulation 87(1) & (2).

#### Background

Given that Northern Territory local government elections are presently scheduled to occur during August 2025, it is proposed that a submission to the Executive Council be prepared at the same time that

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public consultation on proposed amendments to the Act occur. This will enable the Executive Council to consider the proposals, and if approved, recommend their implementation to the Administrator in advance of the elections.

While it is anticipated these proposed amendments will be in operation as at the date of the local government elections, it is noted that any amendment to Regulation 26 will not take effect until 1 January of a general election year. This means that time has already passed for this amendment to apply in the 2025 elections.

## To Consider

**Regulation 26(1)(a) Postal vote application period:** The regulation could be updated to allow postal vote applications from 1 January in a general election year. It is noted that this proposed amendment will not change the impact of regulation 26(2), which states that a person who is a registered postal voter within the meaning of the Electoral Act 2004 is taken to have applied for a postal vote for a local government election.

**Regulation 26(1)(b) Postal vote application period:** The regulation could be revised to allow electors to apply for a postal vote immediately the NTEC is notified of the casual vacancy, allowing the maximum amount of time for an elector to receive their postal vote.

**Regulation 35:** The NTEC has proposed an amendment to this regulation, to allow the NTEC to publish candidate statements on its website. This will facilitate greater accessibility of information for voters and enhance democracy.

**Regulation 65 Scrutiny of postal votes and elector signature matching:** It is proposed to remove the requirement to 'match up' an elector's signature before admitting a postal vote to scrutiny. Updating the present requirement will reflect modern voting processes.

**Regulation 87 Electoral costs:** The NTEC proposes an amendment to clarify that the costs of managing non-voters are not part of the conduct of an election and are therefore not part of reasonable costs passed on to a council. Include a sub-regulation stating that costs for management of non-voters does not form part of the reasonable costs and expenses of conducting an election.

## Prompting Questions for Feedback on Proposed Amendments

For each proposal outlined in the Discussion Paper, please respond to the following questions to help inform the final amendments. Your feedback is essential in shaping a fair and effective local government framework.

1. Do you support the proposed change?

- Keep as is (no change required)
- Agree with proposed change
- Other (please specify below)

2. Please explain your selection.

- - If you selected 'Keep as is', what is your reason for maintaining the current provision?

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- - If you selected 'Agree with proposed change', what aspect do you believe improves the current framework?

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- - If you selected 'Other', please outline your alternative suggestion or concerns.

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3. How do you think this proposal will impact your council or community in practice? (Open-ended response)

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4. Are there any unintended consequences or practical implementation issues you foresee with this change? (Open-ended response)

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5. Do you have any additional comments or examples to support your feedback? (Optional – open-ended response)

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**16 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 16.1  
**TITLE** General Business and Non-Council Business



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Members are asked to table items they wish to discuss as General and Non-Council Business.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council notes and discusses the matters raised be Members.**

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**17 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF  
CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	17.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Closure to the public for the discussion of Confidential items
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulations 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, the meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential matters.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items are about to be discussed.**

**18 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	18.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Confirmation of Previous Confidential Minutes
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy



*The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. i.e. 51(1)(51(1)(c)(i)) (51(1)(c)(i)), it contains Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides the minutes of the previous Confidential Council meeting to be approved by Council.

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**19 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-  
ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	19.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and re-admittance of the public
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulations 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, the meeting is to be opened to the public following the consideration of confidential matters. Resolutions will be transferred to the open meeting upon the determination of Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council discloses motions from the confidential section of this meeting in the open section of the meeting and opens the meeting to the public.**

**20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 28 May 2025 – Special Council Meeting**

**21 MEETING CLOSED**