



AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025

The Ordinary Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Council Chambers, Alice Springs on Friday 28 February 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 Leaves of Absences



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) receives notification of any executive staff going on leave and staff acting in their absence.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That 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 13 December 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Attachments

1. ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 13.12.2024 - DRAFT MINUTES



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL ON FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2024 AT 10:00 AM

1 MEETING OPENED – at 10.08am

2 WELCOME

3 DECLARATION OF ELECTED MEMBER

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Declaration of Elected Member

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This Business Paper outlines the procedure for the signing of the declaration by the newly elected member.

OCM2024-165 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lisa Sharman)

That the newly appointed Elected Member for the Ljirapinta Ward, Maryanne Malbunka, cites her declaration and signs her Declaration Certificate.

4 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Attendance and Apologies

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Jason Minor, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Tommy Conway and Councillor Maryanne Malbunka.

Staff:

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Keith Hassett – Director Council Services, Sheree Sherry – Chief Financial and Information Officer, Barbara Newland – Manager Governance and Strategy, June Crabb – Governance Coordinator.

Guests:

Ms Alison Anderson, Greg Drew and Cameron Miller – Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation (NPNAC).

Apologies:

Nil.

OCM2024-166 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jason Minor)**That Council :**

- a) notes the Elected Members attendance as this meeting;
- b) notes that there we no apologies received for this meeting; and
- c) records the absence of Cr Aloyischois Hayes, without notice, for this meeting.

5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	Requests for Future Leave of Absence

OCM2024-167 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**That Council:**

- a) receives no requests for future leave of absence received for this Ordinary Council meeting;
- b) notes the movements of the following executive staff:
 - the CEO will be taking leave from 17 Feb – 7 March with the Director Council Services acting in the position; and
 - the Chief Financial and Information Officer will be taking short periods of leave in January and February but relief will not be required.

6 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

OCM2024-168 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes the Council Code of Conduct.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

OCM2024-169 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Tommy Conway)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting held 25 October 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

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

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Notification of General Business Items and Non-Council Business Items

OCM2024-170 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Jason Minor)

That members raised the following items of concern they wished to be discussed:

- Councillor Davis requested that the CEO invite the CAFL to the February meeting of Council – this is to be an action item by the CEO;
- At the suggestion of Ms Anderson the CEO of the CLC is to be invited to attend the February meeting of Council.

Minute Note: The representatives from Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation attended this meeting as guests of Council. They engaged in general conversation with the Elected Members and it was noted that a Memorandum of Understanding between NPNAC and MRC is currently under review.

Minute Note: The CEO took the opportunity to remind members about this evening's Christmas party. She also advised Members that there will be an additional workshop day prior to the February meeting to commence strategic planning for the Regional Plan.

ITEM NUMBER:	8.2
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

OCM2024-171 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Dalton McDonald)

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

9 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

OCM2024-172 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Abraham Poulson)

That Council:

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

10 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS*Nil***11 NOTICES OF MOTION***Nil***12 RESCISSION MOTIONS***Nil***13 LOCAL AUTHORITY**

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	Draft Minutes of Local Authority Meetings
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

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:

- Docker River – 3 October 2024
- Imanpa – 10 October 2024
- Finke – 22 October 2024
- Mt Liebig – 30 October 2024
- Papunya – 31 October 2024
- Wallace Rockhole – 12 November 2024
- Hermannsburg – 14 November 2024
- Areyonga – 21 November 2024
- Santa Teresa – 26 November 2024
- Titjikala – 27 November 2024
- Amoonguna – 28 November 2024

OCM2024-173 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) **approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority meetings held in Docker River, Imanpa, Mt Liebig, Papunya, Wallace Rockhole, Hermannsburg, Areyonga, Santa Teresa, Titjikala and Amoonguna**
- b) **approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Provisional Local Authority meeting held in Finke.**
- c) **notes the new projects established by the Authorities as follows:**
 - **Imanpa Local Authority:**
 - **Music Mixing Console for Youth Board, allocating \$2,249.00**

- **Finke Local Authority:**
 - Shade cover over the front office playground, allocating \$5,000.00
- **Mt Liebig Local Authority:**
 - Solar lights for the Cemetery, allocating \$20,000.00
 - Music equipment for the Church, allocating \$15,000.00
 - Sporting equipment for the Youth Board, allocating \$1,000.00
- **Papunya Local Authority:**
 - Healthy Community event, allocating \$45,000.00
 - 1 x Bin Trailer, allocating \$18,000.00
- **Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:**
 - Movie equipment, allocating \$1,000.00
 - Sporting supplies, allocating \$500.00
- **Hermannsburg Local Authority:**
 - Industrial fans for the Rec Hall, allocating \$10,000.00
- **Areyonga Local Authority:**
 - 1 x Bin Trailer, allocating \$18,000.00
 - Solar light at the Entrance, allocation \$4,000.00
- **Santa Teresa Local Authority:**
 - 2 x Bin Trailers, allocating \$35,000.00
- **Titjikala Local Authority:**
 - 1 x Bin Trailer, allocating \$18,000.00
 - Fence around North Playground, allocating \$45,338.38
- **Amoonguna Local Authority:**
 - 2 x Stealth lighting for the Sorry camp, allocating \$14,378.41

d) notes the correction to the Papunya LA minutes to record the attendance of the President.

ITEM NUMBER:	13.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Resignations and Nominations
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

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 the resignations received.

OCM2024-174 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lisa Sharman)

That Council:

- a) approves the nominations to the Authorities as follows:
- Ruth Katarintja for the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority;
 - Alfie Inkamala for the Hermannsburg Local Authority; and
 - Henry Oliver and Teresa Alice for the Amoonguna Local Authority; and

- b) endorses the recommendation of the Authorities to accept the resignations as received:
- Caroline Peters of the Amoonguna Local Authority; and
 - Sammy Butcher of the Papunya Local Authority.

ITEM NUMBER:	13.3
TITLE:	Terminations of Local Authority Memberships
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is being asked to endorse the recommendations of the Local Authorities and revoke the membership of members who were absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

OCM2024-175 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Abraham Poulson)

That Council accepts and endorses the revocation of the membership from the Local Authorities as follows:

- Elaine Churchill from the Titjikala Local Authority;
- Richard Doolan, Jill Doolan, Charmaine Stuart and Michelle Allen from the Finke Local Authority;
- Lillian Inkamala from the Imanpa Local Authority; and
- Ann-Marie Burke from the Docker River Local Authority.

ITEM NUMBER:	13.4
TITLE:	Council Meeting Planner 2025
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2025 Council Meeting Planner proposes suitable meeting dates for all meetings of Ordinary Council, Special Council, Finance and Risk and Audit committee meetings as well as the Local Authority meetings.

OCM2024-176 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) discusses locations to hold the Special Council Meeting and the Ordinary Council Meetings in 2025;
- b) decides to hold the May Special Council meeting at Docker River;
- c) decides to hold the August Ordinary Council meeting at Finke; and
- d) asks that a special version of the calendar be produced for Members with their respective wards uniquely colour-coded.

14 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER:	14.1
TITLE:	Correspondence Report
AUTHOR:	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 October 2024 Council meeting

OCM2024-177 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the correspondence received and sent.

15 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER:	15.1
TITLE:	Council President's Report
AUTHOR:	Anya Riley, Executive Assistant to CEO & President

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2024-178 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Dalton McDonald)

That Council receives the President's report for the period since the October meeting of Council, noting her attendance at the Papunya Local Authority meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.2
TITLE:	CEO Report
AUTHOR:	Belinda Urquhart, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2024-179 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council receives the CEO report for the months of November and December 2024.

16 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	16.1
TITLE:	Council Services Report
AUTHOR:	Keith Hassett, Director Council Services

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.

OCM2024-180 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the attached Council Services report.

Minute Note: The Director Council Services provided additional updates as follows:

- Stephen Trindle, CSC Docker River, has been providing CDP training and upskilling participants.
- At the recent CSC workshop roles and expectations were clearly defined by the Director.
- In relation to the “Supply and Installation of Lighting Towers” tender (refer page 147) no compliant tenders were received and the project will have to be re-tendered.

Minute Note: There was a break for morning tea at 11.23am and the meeting resumed at 11.52am.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.2
TITLE:	Community Services Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of Community Services programs throughout the MRC region.

OCM2024-181 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lisa Sharman)

That Council notes and accepts the Community Services Report.

Minute Note: The CEO congratulated the Children Services team on getting all centres open.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.3
TITLE:	People and Capabilities Report
AUTHOR:	Katie Fuller, HR Operations Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2024-182 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes and accepts the People & Capabilities Report.

Minute Note: The President left the meeting at 12.20pm and returned at 12.27pm.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.4
TITLE:	Finance Report November 2024
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, A/Chief Financial and Information Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 30 November 2024.

OCM2024-183 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 30 November 2024.

Minute Note: The meeting broke for lunch at 12.35pm and resumed at 1.36pm.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.5
TITLE:	Budget Revision
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, A/Chief Financial and Information Officer

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.

OCM2024-184 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Patrick Allen)

That Council adopts the amendments to the Budget 2024-2025 pursuant to Section 203(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.6
TITLE:	Fleet, Roads and Infrastructure
AUTHOR:	Jake Potter, Manager Fleet and Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the recent activities of the Fleet, Roads & Infrastructure Department.

OCM2024-185 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Tommy Conway)

That Council notes and accepts the Fleet, Roads and Infrastructure Report.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.7
TITLE:	Governance Team Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2024-186 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the Governance Team Report for December 2024.

Minute Note: Concerns were raised regarding the lack of meetings at Kintore and Haasts Bluff, often due to a lack of community members. The Ward Members undertook to try to get new members who would be permanent residents of these communities. The CEO advised that meeting dates were flexible and if appropriate/feasible all Local Authority meetings in the Luritja Pintubi Ward could be held in a week - Kintore→Mt Liebig→Papunya→Haasts Bluff.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.8
TITLE:	Review of Delegations Register
AUTHOR:	Clare Newland, Policy Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (Act), the Council can delegate its powers and functions to a Local Authority, a Council Committee or the CEO. Furthermore, some regulations within the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* (Regulations) allow for delegations to be made in some cases to staff.

Note that the act of delegation is one of giving another person (usually one less senior) the responsibility to act in relation to a particular authority. In delegating such powers, the Council should be aware that limitations are required in certain circumstances.

Under section 168 of the Act, the Chief Executive Officer is also able to delegate or sub-delegate a power or function given to him to a person or committee.

The Delegations Register keeps a record of who has the authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council.

OCM2024-187 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Maryanne Malbunka)

That Council approves the delegations listed in the attached Delegations Register.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.9
TITLE:	Review of FA14-CP Debtor Management Policy
AUTHOR:	Clare Newland, Policy Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's permission to adopt the revised FA16-CP Debtor Management Policy.

OCM2024-188 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council adopts FA14-CP Debtor Management Policy as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.10
TITLE:	FA16-CP Accountable Forms – Members and CEO Policy
AUTHOR:	Clare Newland, Policy Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's permission to adopt FA16-CP Accountable Forms – Members and CEO Policy.

OCM2024-189 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Tommy Conway)

That Council adopts FA16-CP Accountable Forms – Members and CEO Policy – as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.11
TITLE:	Review of FA15-CP Stocktake Policy
AUTHOR:	Clare Newland, Policy Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's permission to adopt FA15-CP Stocktake Policy.

OCM2024-190 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council adopts FA15-CP Stocktake Policy as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.12
TITLE:	Support for submission regarding "Reducing Health Impacts of Crowding in Central Australia's Remote Communities"
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MacDonnell Regional Council is a member of the Central Australian Health Working Group (CAEHWG) which is seeking Council's support for its submission to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development regarding the Northern Territory and Federal Governments' investment in remote housing.

OCM2024-191 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lisa Sharman)

That Council supports and endorses the measures outlined in the draft of the letter to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.13
TITLE:	Consideration of Superannuation for Elected Members
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Elected Members of MacDonnell Regional Council are not currently paid superannuation on Council allowances. The purpose of this paper is to consider information regarding this matter provided by the CEO of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT).

OCM2024-192 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Abraham Poulson)

That Council:

- a) **considers the documentation presented;**
- b) **formulates its position in relation to the payment of superannuation to Elected Members; and**
- c) **determines that superannuation will be paid to Elected Members and that the Administration will formulate the action required to implement this decision.**

17 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 8.1

ITEM NUMBER:	17.1
TITLE:	General Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under Item 8.1 Members had the opportunity to table items to be discussed as General and Non-Council Business.

OCM2024-193 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes that the matters raised at item 8.1 have been dealt with.

18 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	18.1
TITLE:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

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.

OCM2024-194 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lisa Sharman)

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)©(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 2.16pm.

19 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**20 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC**

ITEM NUMBER:	20.1
TITLE:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-Admittance of the Public
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

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.

OCM2024-195 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jason Minor)

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:

OCM2024-195 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Mark Inkamala)

That Council confirms the Minutes of the previous Confidential Meeting held on the 25th October 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

OCM2024-196 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)***That Council:***

- a) notes and adopts the completion of the CEO Annual Performance Appraisal undertaken by the Finance & Risk Committee;*
- b) approves the recommendation of the Finance & Risk Committee; and*
- c) notes the panel's comments and agreed actions by the CEO.*

OCM2024-197 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)

That Council declines to provide its support for the PHD research project.

Minute Note: The Confidential Section of the meeting was closed at 2.40pm with the meeting re-opened to the public.

Minute Note: The CEO took the opportunity to express her gratitude to the Elected Members for their support of her and the revised organisational structure. She reiterated that successful Local Authority meetings being held in the MRC's western communities was a priority. Finally, she urged all Elected Members to attend the Christmas party and to support the staff award recipients.

21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**22 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 2.46pm.

This page and the preceding 12 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 13 December 2024 and are unconfirmed.

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.

8 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interests



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.

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 NT Trachoma Program and the Healthy Community Homes Program to attend Local Authority meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- **considers 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;**
- **considers the request by representatives from the Healthy Homes Program to attend the next Hermannsburg Local Authority meeting; and**
- **considers the request by representatives of the National Indigenous Australian Agency to attend Local Authority meetings in MRC's communities.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

The NT Trachoma Program wishes to:

- seek permission and co-operating from the communities for the Trachoma trips for this year; and
- educate the communities about Trachoma and provide information about the program.

The Healthy Community Homes Project wishes to seek the assistance of the members of the Hermannsburg community *"in a co-design of a Healthy Community Homes Program to improve the environmental health outcomes from the Health Habitat Housing for Health Survey Fix"*.

NIAA wishes to seek Council's approval to attend Local Authority meetings to discuss its programs.

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 Deputation Request - NT Trachoma Program - sample
- 2 Deputation Request - NT Healthy Homes Project
- 3 Deputation Request - NIAA

Deputation Request to Local Authority

Council policy requires deputation requests are submitted by email to governance@macdonnell.nt.gov.au **two weeks before the Local Authority meeting.** Deputation presentations must be brief (five minutes), utilising clear visual communications and delivered in plain English or through an interpreter.



Local Authority meeting details	
Community name	Haast Bluff
Meeting date	06/03/2025

Your contact details	
Name	Sharon Troncoso
Position	Clinical Nurse Specialist, Trachoma Program
Organisation	Dept of Health
Department / Agency	Public Health Unit
Email address	trachomateam.THS@nt.gov.au
Phone number(s)	08 8951 9578
How many will attend	2

Details for your deputation report
Name of organisation and/or presentation NT Trachoma Program and Indigenous Eye Health (IEH)
Select and complete the statement that best suits your deputation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide information to the Local Authority about: Trachoma/IEH program activities this year, 2025 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seek information from the Local Authority about: Your support and Community Engagement. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seek a recommendation from the Local Authority that: We can work together to keep our communities free of Trachoma.
Describe what is the purpose of the presentation The purpose of the visit is to seek permission and co-operation from the community for our planned Trachoma trips for this year, Dates TBA. Educate community about Trachoma and provide information on the Trachoma program.

Deputation request.

Approval must first be obtained by Council at an Ordinary Council meeting **before** presenting to a Local Authority meeting.

Please submit all papers to governance@macdonnell.nt.gov.au **three weeks before the proposed Council meeting.**



Meeting details	
Which Local Authority are you requesting to present to	Hermannsburg (Ntaria)
Meeting date	30 January 2025

Your contact details	
Name	Anna Philip and Tanya Constantino
Position	Healthy Homes Project Coordinator and Project Officer
Organisation	NT Health
Department / Agency	Environmental Health
Email address	anna.philip2@nt.gov.au; tanya.constantino@nt.gov.au
Phone number(s)	892 27489/ 89228533
How many will attend	2

Details for your deputation report
<p>Name of organisation and/or presentation</p> <p>Anna Philip Project Coordinator and Tanya Constantino Project Officer of NT Health to present Healthy Community Homes Program - Preparation for Health Habitat Housing for Health Survey Fix</p>
<p>Select and complete the statement that best suits your deputation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide information to the Council about:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Seek information from the Council about:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Seek a recommendation from the Council that:</p>
<p>Describe what is the purpose of the presentation</p> <p>The purpose of the presentation is to propose to the community members of Hermannsburg to assist in a co-design of a Healthy Community Homes Program to improve the environmental health outcomes from the Health Habitat Housing for Health Survey Fix</p> <p>Potential activities which may be incorporated in the Program may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information presentation on a Healthy Home and the House Fix Process • Door-knocking/factsheet handout and yarn on what to expect for the Survey Fix • Community Health Day event with other stakeholders showcasing healthy living practices, healthy hygiene and healthy eating • Support and collaborate with existing organization health hygiene programs ie Congress • Yard Clean up/Tidy Town Competition • Presentation to Tjuwanpa Outstation Resource Centre about environmental health to encourage employed participation in the Survey Fix as a Team Member • Ntaria School presentation and activities promoting awareness of germs in the home • Community feedback survey on the Program and Survey Fix process with home hygiene packs to take home in return for providing feedback • Presentation to community members of health outcomes achieved or key indicators from community led activities and participation in the Program and Survey Fix

Deputation request.

Approval must first be obtained by Council at an Ordinary Council meeting **before** presenting to a Local Authority meeting.

Please submit all papers to governance@macdonnell.nt.gov.au **three weeks before the proposed Council meeting.**



Background information to support your deputation	
Please make a brief statement about your organisation and project and summarise its history and purpose.	The project coordinator and officer role is a collaboration with NT Health to compliment the survey fix and encompass health messaging to support the residents on the use of health hardware in a healthy and safe way. Health Habitat provide house survey of health hardware and fix on behalf of the Department of Housing at remote, urban and town camp community houses to improve health outcomes related to the homes environment.
Describe issues or consequences relevant to the presentation	No issues or consequences identified relevant to the presentation
Describe financial or timing matters relevant to the presentation	Financial matters will be the responsibility of the relevant participating stakeholders (NTG and NGO) and timing of the events will occur prior, during and post survey fix. Health Habitat implement a first survey fix (SF 1) and a second fix (SF 2) 6 months after. Tentative schedule for the Survey Fix at Hermannsburg will be mid 2025.
Provide any communication materials intended to support the presentation <i>(attach copies where possible)</i>	Communication materials will be the powerpoint presentation

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 at least one week prior to the meeting	
Signed 	Date 7/01/2025

MacDonnell Regional Council President to complete	
I approve / do not approve (strike out which doesn't apply) this Deputation Request	
Name _____	
Signed _____	Date _____

Deputation Request to attend Council meeting

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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>Name of organisation and/or presentation 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>Describe the purpose of the presentation 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

Deputation Request to attend Council meeting

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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>
Describe issues or consequences relevant to the presentation
Describe financial or timing matters relevant to the presentation
Provide any communication materials intended to support the presentation (<i>attach copies where possible</i>)

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 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 _____

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Presentation by Dept Social Services - Digital Connectivity Project
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:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Digital Connectivity Team (DCP Team) in the Department of Social Services is working with Pivotel (Telecommunication Service) to provide Wi-Fi to remote communities in the NT and the below communities below have been identified as potential sites throughout the regional council area:

Docker River (Kaltukatjara)
Mt Liebig
Ntaria (Hermannsburg)
Santa Teresa
Papunya

Tabled below is the project overview and the installation process:

Digital Connectivity Project Overview

The Digital Connectivity Team (DCP Team) in the department is working with Pivotel (a Telecommunication Service) to provide Wi-Fi to remote communities in the NT. The Wi-Fi installation will allow community members to access the internet inside and up to 25m away from the location of the installation.

Wi-Fi Installation System

- The system will be located at a suitable building within the community.
- Installed at that building will be:
 - A locked steel cabinet mounted outside and close to an external wall of the building.
 - A Satellite dish on the roof for the internet service.
 - 2x solar panels on the roof to help power the system.
 - 1x Outside Wi-Fi Access Point mounted on a small mast on the roof to provide Wi-Fi coverage up to 25m away from the building.
 - 1x Indoor Wi-Fi Access Point mounted on a ceiling inside the building.

Site Name:	Wi-Fi Instalment Location:	Desired Building:	Building Owner/Lessee:	Approval from Traditional Owners: Y/N	Best Contact Person: (Regional Council, Community Contact / Representative)

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 DEPUTATION REQUEST - DEPT SOCIAL SERVICES

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 at least **three weeks** before the first available Council meeting.



Meeting details	
At which community do you wish to provide a deputation?	Docker River, Mt Liebig, Ntaria, Stanta Teresa, Papunya
Meeting date	Next Meeting: Feb/March

Your contact details	
Name	Fred Masters
Position	Assistant Director, Design and Implementation Team
Organisation	Income Management Engagement & Support Services
Department / Agency	The Department of Social Services
Email address	Fred.Masters@DSS.gov.au
Phone number(s)	M: 0424 939 184 P: 08 7970 6912
How many will attend	4

Details for your deputation report	
<p>Name of organisation and/or presentation The Department of Social Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Digital Connectivity Team (DCP Team) in the Department of Social Services is working with Pivotel (a Telecommunication Service) to provide Wi-Fi to remote communities in the NT. The DCP Team will present on the Wi-Fi installation system in communities which will allow community members to access the internet. The DCP Team will seek advice from the MRC Local Authority Representatives on: The best contacts of the community representatives and Traditional Owners (TO) The Wi-Fi Installation System and suitable building locations within the community Building Owner/Lessee and whether there needs to be TO Approval Open the room for further questions. 	
<p>Select and complete the statement that best suits your deputation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide information to the Council about: The Digital Connectivity Project</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seek information from the Council about: The Wi-Fi Installation System, Building Locations, Community and Traditional Owner/s Contacts</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seek a recommendation from the Council that: Best approach with communities, stakeholders and Wi-Fi Installations</p>	
<p>Describe the purpose of the presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Digital Connectivity Team (DCP Team) in the Department of Social Services is working with Pivotel (a Telecommunication Service) to provide Wi-Fi to remote communities in the NT. The DCP Team will present on the Wi-Fi installation system in communities which will allow community members to access the internet. The DCP Team will seek advice from the MRC Local Authority Representatives on: The best contacts of the community representatives and Traditional Owners (TO) The Wi-Fi Installation System and suitable building locations within the community Building Owner/Lessee and whether there needs to be TO Approval Open the room for further questions. 	

Deputation Request to attend Local Authority meetings

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Please submit all papers to governance@macdonnell.nt.gov.au at least **three weeks** before the first available Council meeting.

Background information to support your deputation
<p>Please make a brief statement about your organisation and project and summarise its history and purpose.</p> <p>- The Digital Connectivity Team (DCP Team) in the Department of Social Services is working with Pivotel (a Telecommunication Service) to provide Wi-Fi to remote communities in the NT.</p>
<p>Describe issues or consequences relevant to the presentation</p> <p>- No concerns at this stage of the engagement.</p>
<p>Describe financial or timing matters relevant to the presentation</p> <p>- The Digital Connectivity Project contract with Pivotel is DUE TO CEASE 30 June 2025 Wi-Fi Installations will need to be completed by this time.</p>
<p>Provide any communication materials intended to support the presentation (<i>attach copies where possible</i>)</p> <p>- Additional information can be provided upon request.</p>

Declaration of applicant
<p>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 at least one week prior to the meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fred Masters, Assistant Director Design & Implementation, Income Management Engagement & Support Services, The Department of Social Services</p> <p>Signed _____ Date Friday, 21 February 2025</p>

MacDonnell Regional Council to complete
<p>This Deputation Request was approved / not approved (strike out which doesn't apply) at the Council meeting held Per Resolution number.....</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Signed _____ Date _____</p>

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 include:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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.**

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** FLA Minutes - 4 Dec 2024
- 2** KLA Minutes - 29 Jan 2025
- 3** HLA Minutes - 30 Jan 2025



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2024 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.39AM and held via Teams

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Michael Ferguson

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Rosemary Matasia, Chairperson Michael Ferguson

Provisional Members

Bridget Doolan, Susan Doolan and Thomas Stewart

Councillors:

Cr Patrick Allen

From Amoonguna office - Cr Andrew Davis, and from Head Office Cr Aloyischois Hayes

Council Employees:

From Finke: John Flemming

From Head office: June Crabb, Keith Hassett, Ken Satour and Liz Scott attended the meeting from 11:05

From Imanpa: Damien Ryan

Guests:

Jessica Scrutton from the department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny and Cr Lisa Sharman

Absentees:

NIL

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES**FLA2024-052 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michael Ferguson]**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted Bridget Doolan, Susan Doolan and Thomas Stewart as provisional members; and
- c) accepted the apologies from Cr Lisa Sharman and President Roxanne Kenny.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations**3.5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This paper highlights the changes to the Local Authority Membership and notes that due to a resignation being received from Mr Geoffrey Stuart, a vacancy is currently available on the Authority.

FLA2024-053 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michael Ferguson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the current membership on the Authority;
- b) noted that there are two remaining vacancies on the Local Authority; and
- c) noted the nominations received from Jolene Doolan, Ronald Morton, Justine Anderson, Nahasson Doolan and Warrie Doolan to be considered at a future meeting.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT****FLA2024-054 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michael Ferguson)**

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****FLA2024-055 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That the Finke Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the Provisional meeting held 22 October 2024 as a true and correct records of the proceeding.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

FLA2024-056 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)

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

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

FLA2024-057 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)

Noted that the members provided notification of the following matters to be raised in General Council Business:

- a) new rubbish bins requested as old ones are deteriorating;
- b) broken cars in yards.

Minute note: these matters were discussed at this point and noted as operational.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

FLA2024-058 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)

Noted that the members provided notification of the following matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business:

- a) housing –7 air conditioners in new houses are not working. This is causing health issues and requests for repairs are not being attended to; and
 - CSC, John Flemming, to email Jessica Strutton with lot numbers. She will follow up with Housing.
- b) housing - rental rates for elderly tenants.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

FLA2024-059 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

FLA2024-060 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)

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

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

NIL

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT

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 LAPF has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

FLA2024-061 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Aloyiscois Hayes)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) **noted the following updates on the progress of Local Authority Projects:**
 - **2133 – that the cement slab for the Wash down bay is expected to be laid soon;**
 - **2137 - that Shade Structures have been installed at Lot 1, across from the shop and Lot 8 – over the Playground;**
- b) **that there is \$1,700.00 of Local Authority Project Funds remaining; and**
- c) **that MRC has received funding for a ‘Green Space’ and will undertake community consultations regarding what this may look like.**

9.2 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.

FLA2024-062 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Patrick Allen)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) **accepts the 2024/2025 funding allocation;**
- b) **notes that forfeited funds from the previous financial year of \$2,117.26 were reinstated;**

- c) acknowledges that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2025 or the funds will be returned;
- d) noted that purchase orders have been raised for the barbeque and that the barbeque has been postponed to the 12th of December.
- e) allocated an additional \$300.00 to the bbq for the Tidiest Yard Competition; and
- f) was advised that a discretionary funds letter can be used to allocate money between meetings.

9.3 PEOPLE & CAPABILITIES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing vacancies to help generate local community engagement and direct involvement in supporting Council's strategic goals of Developing Communities and being a Supportive Organisation.

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.

FLA2024-063 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Peoples and Capabilities report for the Community of 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.

FLA2024-064 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Rosemary Matasia)

That the Finke Local Authority 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 Aged and Disability, Community Safety, Children's and Youth Services.

FLA2024-065 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Aloyischois Hayes)

That the Local Authority;

- a) notes and accepts the Community Services Report;
- b) expressed concern about the lack of fencing around the grounds of the Community Safety office.
 - The CSC will take photos and make a drawing of the area and will meet with Michael Ferguson and Liz Scott, Manager of Community Safety, to discuss the concerns. Liz will then present the results at the next Finke Local Authority meeting;

- c) raised concerns that the school lunches provided by Aged Care are not appealing to the children and that they are not being eaten, suggesting the students be surveyed about their food requirements and preferences.
- Liz Scott will notify the Manager of Aged Care.

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 October 2024 in the Finke Local Authority community.

FLA2024-066 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Michael Ferguson)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure report as at 31 October 2024.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under item 6.2, Members of the Authority have an opportunity to table items that they wish to discuss at General Council Business.

FLA2024-067 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke Local Authority that the matters raised had been previously discussed.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

FLA2024-068 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke Local Authority discussed the matters raised at item 6.3 as follows:

- a) members noted that the air-conditioner issues were discussed at that time;
 - The CSC will provide details and Jessica Scrutton will follow up;
- b) members expressed concern that elderly people were paying high rents with little money left over for food;
 - Members will provide the names and lot numbers of the elderly people concerned to the CSC who will email them to Jessica Scrutton so that she can follow up.
- c) members noted that Jessica Scrutton provided information that the road to Kulgera was currently being graded, as requested by the Local Authority on the 22nd of October.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH, 2025**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:28 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE KINTORE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
KINTORE COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.08AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON

KLA2025-001 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Dalton McDonald)

That members present nominated Giselle Barku as Chairperson of the Kintore Local Authority.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Giselle Barku

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chair Giselle Barku

Provisional Members – Rex Eddie, Lorraine Scobie and Marlene Spencer

Members Bundi Rowe and Joe Young attended via Teams from the Papunya Council Office

Councillors:

Member Tommy Conway, Deputy Dalton McDonald and President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Keith Hassett – Director Council Services, James Walsh – Project Management Office, Kitty Comerford – Manager Housing and Property, Mark O'Bryan – Area Manager, Dee Micallef – CSC Kintore, Kaisa Suumann – Coordinator Youth Boards and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Guests:

Zyeallah Fenton-Woods – NTG Representative attended via Teams

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Councillor Jason Minor

Absentees:

Member Phyllis Rowe

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ABSENTEES

KLA2025-002 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Tommy Conway)

That members:

- a) noted the attendance; and
- b) accepted the apologies received from Councillor Jason Minor

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

Members Rochelle Robinson, Julie Dempsey and Joseph Zimran

3.5 Nominations

3.4.1 & 3.5.1 TERMINATIONS & NOMINATIONS OF THE AUTHORITY

KLA2025-003 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Dalton McDonald)

That members:

- a) agreed that the memberships of Rochelle Robinson, Julie Dempsey and Joseph Zimran be terminated as they no longer live in community;
- b) accepted the nominations received from Lorraine Scobie, Rex Eddie and Molly Marlene Nambajimba as interim members of the Authority; and
- c) requested that Council endorse the nominees.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

KLA2025-004 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Tommy Conway)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

KLA2025-005 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Tommy Conway)

That the Minutes of the Kintore Local Authority meeting held on the 19th of December 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Kintore Local Authority.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

KLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Giselle Barku)

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

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

KLA2025-007 RESOLVED (Rex Eddie/Giselle Barku)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

KLA2025-008 RESOLVED (Rex Eddie/Giselle Barku)

That the Kintore 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 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.

KLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Lorraine Scobie)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds allocation;
- b) noted that these funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2025; and
- c) allocated \$4,000.00 towards outdoor equipment for every occupied house to include:
 - 20 metre long hoses
 - Steel rakes
 - Shovels

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet 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. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.
- 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/or funds that have been allocated but remains unspent.

KLA2025-010 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Marlene Nambajimba)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Certification of 2023-24 Local Authority Project Funding;
- b) noted that \$155,960.81 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- c) noted and accepted the progress on their projects and kept open:
 - 2394 – Garden Shed and tools. Members agreed that the Civil team install the shed at the Cemetery.
- d) noted and agreed on the recommendations provided by the Projects Management Office as follows:
 - accepted the quotes for the supply and installation of the playground, and the supply and installation of a barbecue.
 - 2243 – Shade Shelter.
Close Project, reallocating the underspend of \$10,967.62 to Project 2172.
 - 2244 – Install six (6) Solar lights.
Incorporate the installation of the solar lights and the underspend of \$5,934.39 to Project 2172, noting that Project number 2244 will no longer apply.
 - 2245 – Youth Board (Softball equipment)
Close Project, reallocating the underspend of \$254.55 to Project 2172.
 - 2251 – Shed/Lockable Storage at Basketball Court.
Members agreed that the shed be demolished and removed, and to

incorporate the project and the underspend of \$21,823.50 to Project 2172. Members also noted that the Project number 2251 will no longer apply.

- **Project 2172 – Kintore Master Plan**
Members noted the decisions and integrated the following into the project:
 - installation of the six Solar lights
 - demolish and remove the shed at the Basketball;
 - accepted the reallocation of funds to the project; and
 - that any remaining funds be allocated to the project.

9.3 YOUTH BOARD REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report outlines the recommendations from the Kintore Youth Board meeting on 4th December 2024 and seeks feedback from the Kintore 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. MRC is currently redeveloping permanent Youth Boards in every community.

KLA2025-011 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Rex Eddie)

That the Local Authority:

- a) received and noted the minutes from the Kintore Youth Board meeting held on 4th of December 2024.
- b) reviewed and provided feedback on the key proposals from the Youth Board as follows:
 - noted that lighting around the basketball court needed improving for safety and accessibility with the Youth Board being advised that solar lights are scheduled to be installed within that area, and the Youth Board Coordinator and Youth Services liaise with the Projects Management Office to determine the locations
 - noted that a new playground will be installed at the existing playground
 - recommended that the Youth Board discuss and prioritise their top three on their list of music equipment and present quotes at the March Local Authority Meeting
 - declined to purchase a freestanding boxing bag with boxing gloves, requesting that this item be removed from the Youth Boards' wishlist
 - recommended that the Youth Board Coordinator assist the Youth Engagement Officer to investigate the costs and scope of works in having outdoor gym/exercise equipment fixed in place
 - noted that at this time a Shade Structure will not be installed around the new Rec Hall.
- c) members discussed the possible locations for a new Green Shed for Youth. The Director Community Services recommended Youth Services give consideration to the Green Shed being constructed at the existing site due to it being more cost effective as the ground work is already there, as well as being accessible to power and water services.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 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.

KLA2025-012 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Dalton McDonald)

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

10.2 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.

KLA2025-013 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Lorraine Scobie)

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 that the following be added to the list:**
 - **Change rooms**
 - **Mature Trees**
 - **Community Garden**
 - **Grandstand seating**
 - **agreed to give further consideration to projects that would benefit the community.**
- c) **noted and discussed the larger community infrastructure projects that included the following:**
 - **the installation of the football oval lights;**
 - **A unit block to include a community laundry, separate toilets and separate showers for males and females;**
 - **noted that Sacred Site Clearance Certificates for a potential location for the unity had been requested for behind the Aged Care and the Clinic;**
 - **noted that council will investigate the possibility of installing partitions to separate the view between the male and female toilets; and**
 - **consider having local artists paint the outside of the building.**

10.3 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

KLA2025-014 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Lorraine Scobie)

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

10.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

KLA2025-015 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Lorraine Scobie)

That the Local 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 December 2024 in the Kintore Local Authority community.

KLA2025-016 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Tommy Conway)

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

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2**12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with an opportunity to discuss matters raised at item 6.2.

KLA2025-017 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the Kintore Local Authority noted and discussed the items raised as follows:

a) **Rubbish Collection**

Members were aware that it was an ongoing concern that staff were not attending to their work duties, that included rubbish collection and this waste was piling up.

The CEO advised that as an operational matter, she will hold discussions with Senior staff to find a solution to ensure that the collection of rubbish is a priority.

b) **Childcare**

Members were advised that the Childcare Centre will not be opened or run as part of the services that MRC Provides. Instead, the CEO agreed to consult with the Department of Education to inquire if there was a possibility of initiating a Childcare Centre at the School.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3**13.1 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet discusses the matters raised at item 6.3 and provides any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

KLA2025-018 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Giselle Barku)

That the Kintore Local Authority:

- a) noted the Non-Council Business matters raised at previous meetings and closed the actions Meter Box and Housing; and
- b) noted the information from the CEO that Northern Territory Housing have been restructured and that they were working on changing their processes in efficiency and responsiveness to all housing matters, in particular issues relating to maintenance and repairs.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH, 2025**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:05 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN
THE HERMANNSBURG COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2025 AT
10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.50AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Nicholas Williams

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Nicholas Williams, Reggie Lankin, Marion Swift and Alfie Inkamala

Councillors:

Councillor Maryanne Malbunka, Councillor Mark Inkamala and President Roxanne Kenny.

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart - CEO, James Walsh – Manager Project Management Office, Stuart Millar – Manager Council Services, Shae Thompson – Coordinator Governance, Thersa Peeke – Coordinator Children's Services, June Crabb – Coordinator Governance, and Liz Scott – Manager Community Safety

Guests:

Zyeallah Fenton – Department of Housing, Community and Development – NT Government.

James Smith – Services Australia

Raima Barker – Services Australia

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: Nil.

Absentees:

Daryl Kantawara

ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES**HLA2025-075 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Reggie Lankin)**

The local Authority:

- a) noted the attendances; and
- b) noted the first absence of Daryl Kantawara.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

3.5.1 VACANCIES IN THE HERMANNSBURG 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:

- a) Alfie Inkamala's membership on the Hermannsburg Local Authority was ratified at the Ordinary Council Meeting in December 2024.
- b) Maryanne Malbunka was accepted as a Councillor at the Ordinary Council Meeting in October 2024.

HLA2025-076 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that two vacancies are currently available on the Authority; and
- b) called for community nominations to fill the vacancies.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT****HLA2025-077 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)**

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**5.1 CONFIRM PREVIOUS MINUTES****HLA2025-078 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th of November 2024 were adopted as an accurate record of proceedings by a resolution of Hermannsburg Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

HLA2025-079 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

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

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HLA2025-080 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

HLA2025-081 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

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

8 DEPUTATION / GUEST SPEAKERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Services Australia attended to discuss the provision of services in Hermannsburg.

HLA2025-082 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That the local Authority noted that Services Australia would like advice from the community on the following matters:

- how best to deliver services in Hermannsburg;
- how services can be delivered during staff shortages due to cultural commitments;
- operating protocol during cultural business; and
- integrating new staff into the service.

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.

HLA2025-083 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Roxanne Kenny)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that there are 5 street names to be decided by the Local Authority;
- b) discussed using plant, tree or animal names as using the names of people may cause issues in the community as it will not be possible to represent all families; and
- c) kept the item open for discussion at the next meeting.

9.2 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 LAPP has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

HLA2025-084 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Marion Swift)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Acquittal and Certification (as attached) of the Hermannsburg Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;
- b) noted that \$68,706.89 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- c) reopened Project 2235 – YB Project and returned \$354.55 to unallocated as these funds were not used – and closed this project;
- d) 2153 – Allocated an additional \$5000.00 to the scoreboard project for installation;
- e) 2154 – Water Bottle Refill Stations – Purchase orders for installation costs have been raised and they will be installed by contractors;
- f) 2155 – Two Bin Trailers – Purchase orders are being processed;
- g) 2156 – School Bus Stop – Supplies have been delivered. Civil team to install. This project was closed and the unspent funds of \$5,425.62 were returned to unallocated funds;
- h) Industrial Fans for Recreation Hall – allocated an additional \$5000 – the name and scope of this project was changed to Industrial Fans for the Basketball Court. These will be caged and installed with a timer switch. This project will be investigated to determine the requirements;
- i) discusses the wishlist items; and
- j) decided to hold the unallocated funds until more money is received.

9.3 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.

HLA2025-085 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority:

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- a) noted their 2024/2025 Discretionary funds allocation;
- b) noted that there are \$3000.00 unallocated;
- c) noted that these funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2025; and
- d) decided to defer allocation of these funds until the next meeting.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2025-086 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Marion Swift)

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

10.2 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.

HLA2025-087 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority:

- accepted the presentation on the community infrastructure plan.
- provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan;
- added a men's cultural centre behind the men's shed;
- added toilet, shower and laundry; and
- agreed to meet at a later date to determine its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure so that further recommendations can be added to the plan at the next LA meeting.

10.3 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT - HERMANNSBURG JANUARY 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HLA2025-088 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Marion Swift)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

10.4 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.

HLA2025-089 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Reggie Lankin)

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

10.5 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.

HLA2025-090 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Nicholas Williams)

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

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hermannsburg Local Authority noted and discussed the following items that will be followed up with the CSC and Area Manager:

- bins at the school sometime are not emptied; and
- new wheelie bins don't fit the old stands and there is a need for new bins and stands at the new houses.

9 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

12.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

- Lutheran Church – members were advised that federal funding does not cover paying for utilities.
- Water over Finke Road Crossing – This matter has been flagged with project officers from NTG and for future funding. Member Nicholas Williams advised that he had seen surveyors working at the crossing.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL, 2025

11 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:23 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 the nominations on the Authorities as follows:

- **Jarrold 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.**

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 Finke Local Authority Nominations
- 2 Kintore Local Authority Nominations

Local Authority Nomination Form MC02-F1



NOMINATION

I, Susan Doolan wish to nominate as a
(Name of nominee)

member of the Local Authority for the community of Finke Aputula
(Name of community)

Susan Doolan
(Signature of nominee)

13 ' 11 ' 20 24
Date

ENDORSEMENT

I, ROSEMARY MATAZIA endorse the nomination of this
(Name of endorsing Local Authority member)

nominee to this Local Authority.

X Matazia
(Signature of Local Authority member)

13 ' 11 ' 20 24
Date

RETURNING OFFICER

To be received by the Returning Officer/ Council Service Coordinator in the stated community.

John Fleming
(Signature of Returning Officer)

13 ' 11 ' 20 24
Date



Local Authority Nomination Form MC02-F1



NOMINATION

I, THOMAS STEWART wish to nominate as a
(Name of nominee)

member of the Local Authority for the community of FINKE
(Name of community)

[Signature]
(Signature of nominee)

21 11 2024
Date

ENDORSEMENT

I, ROSEMARY MATASIA endorse the nomination of this
(Name of endorsing Local Authority member)

nominee to this Local Authority.

[Signature]
(Signature of Local Authority member)

21 11 2024
Date

RETURNING OFFICER

To be received by the Returning Officer/ Council Service Coordinator in the stated community.

[Signature]
(Signature of Returning Officer)

21 11 2024
Date

Local Authority Nomination Form MC02-F1



NOMINATION

I, Bridgette Doolan wish to nominate as a
(Name of nominee)

member of the Local Authority for the community of FINKE
(Name of community)

B Doolan 21 11 20 24
(Signature of nominee) Date

ENDORSEMENT

I, ROSEMARY MATASIA endorse the nomination of this
(Name of endorsing Local Authority member)

nominee to this Local Authority.

M Matasia 21 11 20 24
(Signature of Local Authority member) Date

RETURNING OFFICER

To be received by the Returning Officer/ Council Service Coordinator in the stated community.

[Signature] 21 11 20 24
(Signature of Returning Officer) Date

Local Authority Nomination Form MC02-F1

NOMINATION

I, Marlene Spencer wish to nominate as a
(Name of nominee)

member of the Local Authority for the community of Kintore
(Name of community)

Molly Macdonell 29 / 1 / 20 25
(Signature of nominee) Date

ENDORSEMENT

I, Giselle Barku endorse the nomination of this
(Name of endorsing Local Authority member)

nominee to this Local Authority.

G Barku 29 / 1 / 20 25
(Signature of Local Authority member) Date

RETURNING OFFICER

To be received by the Returning Officer/ Council Service Coordinator in the stated community.

J Crabb 29 / 01 / 20 25
(Signature of Returning Officer) Date



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Regional Council

Staff.

Local Authority Nomination Form MC02-F1

NOMINATION

I, Lorraine Scobie wish to nominate as a
(Name of nominee)

member of the Local Authority for the community of Kintore
(Name of community)

L Scobie
(Signature of nominee)

29 1 01 20 25
Date

ENDORSEMENT

I, Grisele Barku endorse the nomination of this
(Name of endorsing Local Authority member)

nominee to this Local Authority.

G Barku
(Signature of Local Authority member)

29 1 01 20 25
Date

RETURNING OFFICER

To be received by the Returning Officer/ Council Service Coordinator in the stated community.

[Signature]
(Signature of Returning Officer)

29 1 01 20 25
Date



Staff.

Local Authority Nomination Form MC02-F1

NOMINATION

I, REX EDDIE wish to nominate as a
(Name of nominee)

member of the Local Authority for the community of KINTORE
(Name of community)

x Rex EDDIE
(Signature of nominee)

28 1 2025
Date

ENDORSEMENT

I, GISELLE BARKU endorse the nomination of this
(Name of endorsing Local Authority member)

nominee to this Local Authority.

G. Barku
(Signature of Local Authority member)

29 1 2025
Date

RETURNING OFFICER

To be received by the Returning Officer/ Council Service Coordinator in the stated community.

[Signature]
(Signature of Returning Officer)

29 1 2025
Date



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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 no longer live in community.

RECOMMENDATION

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.**

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.

12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

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



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As a result of the 2025 Northern Territory Elections being held on the 23rd 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*".

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) **notes the Ordinary Council Meeting being moved from the 29th August to the 26th September 2025 and held as the First Meeting of the New Council;**
- b) **accepts to move the Ordinary Council meeting from the 12th December to the 19th December 2025;**
- c) **discusses a location to hold the October Ordinary Council Meeting; and**
- d) **notes the revised dates for the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee meetings as follows:**
 - **6th June moved to the 30th May**
 - **1st August moved to the 25th July**
 - **26th September moved to the 29th August.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Council considered the 2025 Meeting Planner at its October 2024 meeting. It was decided at this meeting that the Elected Members would provide suggestions as to the locations for the 2025 meetings of Council at this meeting.

As the First Meeting of Council will be held in Alice Springs, Council is being asked to consider locations in holding the October Council Meeting in community.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

While Council may recommend altering some dates, it should be noted that the scheduling of Ordinary meetings, Finance and Risk Committee and Audit Committee meetings are based on timing requirements described in the *Local Government Act 2019*.

The scheduling of Local Authority meetings is based on the locations and timing of the current year to best attain the number of meetings required in the *Local Government Act 2019*.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer
Elected Council Members

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Revised 2025 Council Meeting Planner

2025 MacDonnell Regional Council meeting planner

	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
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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 - Feb 2025
- 2 Letter to AFL NT - Feb 2025

Outstanding Ordinary Council Actions as at 1 February 2025

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 have also not responded to the invitation to attend the February Council Meeting.			
*Letter to AFL NT attached.			
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			
That members raised the following items of concern that they wished to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.			

From: [Lance Wayling](#)
To: [Thomas Dutton](#); [Simon Treiber](#)
Cc: [Belinda Urquhart](#); [Bel Shrimpton](#)
Subject: Proposal for Curtain-Raiser Event – Demons vs. Saints
Date: Monday, 6 January 2025 5:06:30 PM

Hi Tommy and Simon

As discussed before the Christmas break, the board of MacDonnell Regional Council has expressed interest in organizing a curtain-raiser event ahead of the Demons vs. Saints game on **Sunday, 1 June 2025**.

I understand that, as you and the AFLNT representative mentioned, AFL does not permit games to be played on the TIO ground before the main game. However, based on your suggestion, we propose hosting the event on **Saturday, 31st May**, at an alternate ground. This would allow both the Demons and Saints to attend and participate as part of their community engagement initiatives.

We would like to suggest, with the collaboration of AFLNT and CAFL, organizing a **Men's Community All-Stars Match** between the MRC All-Stars and Central Desert All-Stars. Additionally, we propose including a **staff game** between both councils as a curtain-raiser to this match. We understand this will require consultation and collaboration with Central Desert Council, and we are committed to working closely with them to bring this plan to fruition.

To discuss this further, the Councillors have requested that you and CAFL attend the next **Board Workshop on Wednesday, 27th February**, from **10:30 AM to 12:00 PM**. I will send you and Simon a calendar invite shortly. Could you please provide me with the contact details for the appropriate CAFL representative so I can include them in the invite?

We are excited about the opportunity to work with AFLNT, CAFL, and Central Desert Council to promote community football in our region. Looking forward to your thoughts and support on this initiative.

Kind Regards,

Lance Wayling

Coordinator Youth Services – Sports, Rec & Training- Mac Youth



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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 December 2024 Council meeting

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the correspondence received and sent.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Incoming Correspondence

Date Received	From	Subject
11-Nov-24	NIAA – Commercial-in-Confidence	Funding proposal re Children and Schooling – not attached.
28-Nov-24	LGANT	Indigenous local governing bodies
28-Nov-24	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER	Apology – unable to meet
10-Dec-24	LGANT	Territory Coordinator Consultation Bill
17-Dec-24	ICAC	Thanks for participation in survey
19-Dec-24	NTEC	Post-Election Snapshot
22-Jan-25 and 12-Feb-25	NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL	1. Filing of determination application 2. Advertisement for application
31-Jan-25	CHIEF MINISTER	Tidy Towns congratulations
31-Jan-25	NIAA	Request for additional information
13-Feb-25	LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	Call for submissions re Territory Coordinator Bill 2025
24-Feb-25	ALGA	1. 2025 Election Campaign 2. 2025 Election Recommendations

Outgoing Correspondence

Date Sent	To	Subject
19-Dec-24	COUNCILBIZ	Resignation
19-Dec-24	MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	CAEHWG recommendations

19-Dec-24	MS HOOD	Determination of Council not to participate in research project
6-Jan-25	AFLNT – included in Action Register	Curtain-raiser event – not attached.
13-Jan-25	TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN	Letter of support for Active Transport Fund grant
3-Feb-25	TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN	Letter of support for Remote Jobs and Economic Development grant.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 LGANT TO CEO - INDIGENOUS LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODY 28.11.2024
- 2 OFFICE OF CHIEF MIN TO CEO - APOLOGY 28.11.2024
- 3 LGANT TO PRES AND CEO - CONSULTATION BILL 10.12.2024
- 4 ICAC TO CEO - LETTER OF THANKS 17.12.2024
- 5 NTEC TO CEO - SNAPSHOT 2024 ELECTION 19.12.2024
- 6 NNTT TO CEO - APPLICATION DETERMINATION 22.1.2025
- 7 NNTT TO CEO - NOTICE OF APPLICATION 12.2.2025
- 8 CHIEF MINISTER TO CEO - TIDY TOWNS CONGRATS 31.1.2025
- 9 NIAA TO CEO - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION 31.1.2025
- 10 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - SUBMISSION RE BILL 2025 13.2.2025
- 11 ALGA 2025 Federal Election Campaign
- 12 ALGA 2025 Federal Election Recommendations
- 13 CEO TO CBIZ - RESIGNATION 19.12.2024
- 14 CEO TO MINISTER LG - CAEHWG RECOMMENDATIONS 19.12.2024
- 15 CEO TO MS HOOD - COUNCIL DECISION 19.12.2024
- 16 CEO - SUPPORT LETTER FOR GRANT APPLICATION 13.1.2025
- 17 PRESIDENT AND CEO - SUPPORT LETTER FOR GRANT APPLICATION 3.2.2025



Interesting - Indigenous councils

From Mary Watson <Mary.Watson@lgant.asn.au>

Date Thu 28/11/2024 10:06 PM

To David Hurst <David.Hurst@ropergulf.nt.gov.au>; Dave Ferguson <dave.ferguson@belyuen.nt.gov.au>; Virginia Boon <ceo@wagait.nt.gov.au>; Sharon Fidler <sharon.fidler@centraldesert.nt.gov.au>; Dale Keehne <dale.keehne@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au>; Belinda Urquhart <Belinda.Urquhart@macdonnell.nt.gov.au>; Chris Kelly <chris.kelly@barkly.nt.gov.au>; Gina McPharlin <gina.mcpharlin@tiwiislands.nt.gov.au>; Brian.Hylands@vicdaly.nt.gov.au <Brian.Hylands@vicdaly.nt.gov.au>; Andrew Walsh <Andrew.Walsh@westarnhem.nt.gov.au>; John Thomas <john.thomas@westdaly.nt.gov.au>

Cc Andrea James <Andrea.James@lgant.asn.au>

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Hi CEOs – the Aus Gov has identified all 9 NT regional councils (plus Belyuen and Wagait) as Indigenous local governing bodies in the [Local Government National Report 2021–2022](#), refer page 206 where NT Councils designated as Indigenous are marked with an asterisk.

This designation is used by the Aus Gov in deciding which councils can receive up to 100% of eligible project costs under the [Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 11](#), as opposed to 50%.

Has anyone else see this designation used in other grant programs?

Regards



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RE: Congratulations

From Bonnie Hageman <Bonnie.Hageman@nt.gov.au>
Date Thu 28/11/2024 3:30 PM
To Belinda Urquhart <Belinda.Urquhart@macdonnell.nt.gov.au>
Cc Minister Edgington <Minister.Edgington@nt.gov.au>

1 attachment (615 KB)

Letter to The Hon. Lia Finocchiaro MLA.20240911.pdf;

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Dear Belinda

On behalf of the Hon. Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, I write to thank you for your letter attached dated 11 September 2024, and for taking the time to pass on your congratulations.

Unfortunately, the Chief Minister is unable to meet with you on this occasion, however, I understand you have been in touch with the Office of the Hon. Steve Edgington MLA, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development, and a meeting is currently being arrange.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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From: Sarah Zaharie <Sarah.Zaharie@lgant.asn.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 December 2024 3:52 PM
To: **Council CEOs <CEOs@lgant.asn.au>; **Mayors and Presidents <mayorsandpresidents@lgant.asn.au>
Cc: **Council CEO EAs <councilceoEAs@lgant.asn.au>; Mary Watson <Mary.Watson@lgant.asn.au>; LGANT CEO <ceo@lgant.asn.au>
Subject: RE: Territory Coordinator - consultation

Good afternoon, Mayors, Presidents, and CEOs

RE Territory Coordinator consultation bill

We met with representatives from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCMC) and the Interim Territory Coordinator on Thursday 5/12 afternoon and wanted to share a summary of the key discussion points with you should it raise any further questions that we can feed back to the team:

- Application to local government, for example
 - Section 3 – responsible entity? Includes local government
 - Section 6 – meaning on public entity? Includes local government
 - Local government is not exempt from powers of the Territory Coordinator.
- The meaning of ‘significant project’, and could it apply to housing subdivisions?
 - Yes, a housing subdivision could be considered a significant project, but the primary principle would apply. We expressed our concern at this as a result of councils inheriting assets at the end of housing subdivision projects – the risk being that developers often don’t provide adequate information or deliver infrastructure to specification. Territory Coordinator powers could be a threat to due process and leave councils at risk. The team advised that they would investigate this further and potentially request a further discussion with us on the topic.
 - Criteria for determining a project as ‘significant’ to be kept intentionally vague. We noted our concern about this, particularly the potential of relatively small developers influencing the TC if no clear parameters in place.
- Interaction with Approvals Fast Track Taskforce
 - The Taskforce is concerned with the smaller end of town, while the Territory Coordinator focus is on large-scale development; coordinating people and bodies to ensure that development proceeds; providing advice to the government if there is an issue with a process and suggesting process improvements/legislative amendment.
 - We raised the concern that, if they are to co-exist, and the definition of ‘significant project’ is subjective and not prescriptive enough, there is a risk of overlap and of proponents arguing that their projects are ‘significant’ and that the Territory Coordinator exercise their powers to avoid due process.
- Applicable to rates?
 - Possibly. We noted there is only certain land exempt from rates under the LG ACT and we discussed if the legislation could be used to make a further

- determination around council rates (including that land/lease the subject of a TDA is exempt from rates) in the context of a significant project.
- Through the process of a project's development, Territory Coordinator may consider decisions about land tenure, zoning, rating, etc. However, the focus will be on expediting processes, not voiding processes.
 - The TC offered to dress rehearse a scenario.
 - Public consultation – not defined, a lack of rigour
 - To be developed in the Regulations.

A reminder that DCMC (including the Interim Territory Coordinator) are hosting community forums in Alice Springs (11/12) and Nhulunbuy (16/12) should you wish to promote these.

Please feel free to submit any further or follow-up questions and I will see that they are addressed. We will be preparing a submission and sharing a draft with you within the next fortnight. They also strongly encouraged that our members to write their own submissions.

Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Thank you for your ongoing support throughout 2024.

Our office will be closed from Wednesday 25th December 2024 to Wednesday 1st January 2025.

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REF: AUD-202479

via email: belinda.urquhart@macdonnell.nt.gov.au

Dear Ms Urquhart

RE: Whistleblower protections in the Northern Territory

On 21 August 2024 I wrote to the Macdonnell Regional Council (MRC) outlining the provisions within the *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017* (ICAC Act) for the protection of those who assist in detecting, preventing, investigating or otherwise responding to improper conduct.

I requested that your public body participate in a survey that was developed to review your progress towards complying with the directions and guidelines issued under the ICAC Act.

I wish to thank the MRC for its participation in the survey which had a 97% response rate across 41 public bodies. Your contribution has allowed my office to better understand the levels of compliance with the directions and guidelines across a broad range of public bodies throughout the Northern Territory.

I hope that participating in the survey has also allowed your organisation to undertake a self-assessment of your compliance with the directions and guidelines, and address any shortfalls regarding voluntary protected communications and the minimisation of retaliation against protected persons.

To assist you in this assessment I wish to share with you that your organisation answered 'developed and in place' or 'in development' to questions 100% of the time compared to the average of 88% across all public bodies.

To support your organisation there is information and training material available on our website that you may also find helpful.

I also wish to advise you that in October 2025 your public body may be selected for an evaluation of your self-assessed claims from the survey, against the directions and guidelines.

If you have any questions about this letter please contact Cormac MacCarthy, Senior Evaluations and Review Officer on 8999 4039 or at reviews@icac.nt.gov.au. To obtain any further training support from my office please contact Rebecca Johnson, Director Prevention and Engagement on 8999 4019 or icac.communications@icac.nt.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Naomi Loudon
Acting Independent Commissioner Against Corruption

17 December 2024

2024 TERRITORY
ELECTION

POST-ELECTION SNAPSHOTS

REMOTE VOTING

The following pages provide a snapshot of how electors in the 7 remote divisions voted in the 2024 Territory Election

These snapshots are designed to provide an indication of remote participation in the 2024 Territory Election, and how remote voters accessed voting services.

We have shared these with you as they will be one of the factors considered when planning voting services for remote voters at the 2025 Local Government Elections.

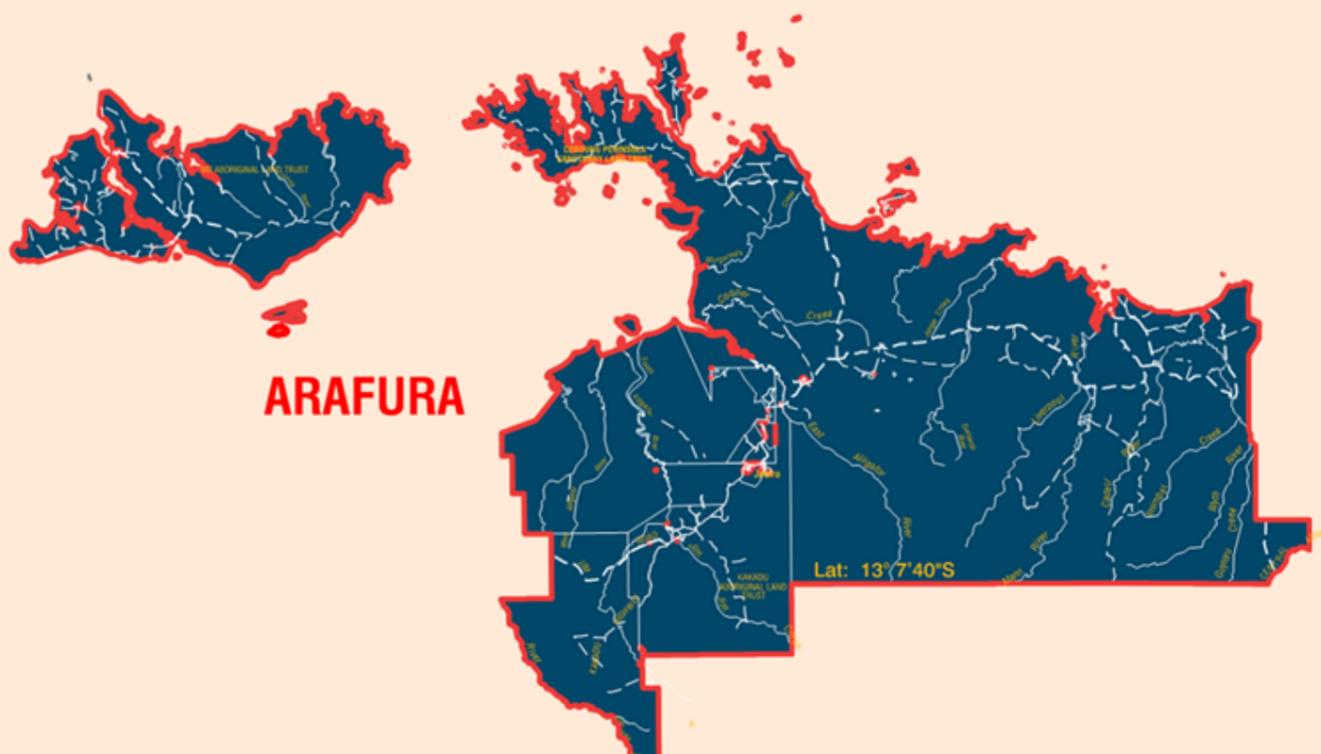
Explanatory notes

- Turnout is calculated as the number of votes counted divided by enrolment.
- It does not reflect true participation as it does not include ballot papers completed by voters that could not be admitted to the count (like rejected postal votes and rejected declaration votes)
- The enrolment figure used to calculate turnout is the enrolment captured on the the close of roll date (2 August 2024). It does not reflect relevant enrolment updates that occurred between this date and election day.
- Where turnout is more than 100% (occurs for a small number of remote communities) the number of people issued an ordinary vote in that community was higher than enrolment for that community.



2024 TERRITORY
ELECTION**POST-ELECTION SNAPSHOT****ARAFURA****Manuel BROWN (ALP) elected as the Member for Arafura****Summary**

- 6,199 enrolled electors for the election
- 2 candidates
- Total votes counted: 2,765
- 2024 turnout (based on votes counted): 44.6%
- compared to 2020 turnout: 52.7%
- 80.1% voted via a remote voting team
- 15.7% voted outside Arafura (absent)
- 1.7% voted via a postal vote
- 2.4% voted via a declaration vote (unenrolled)
- 2024 scheduled remote voting hours: 107
- compared to 2020 scheduled remote voting hours: 83.5



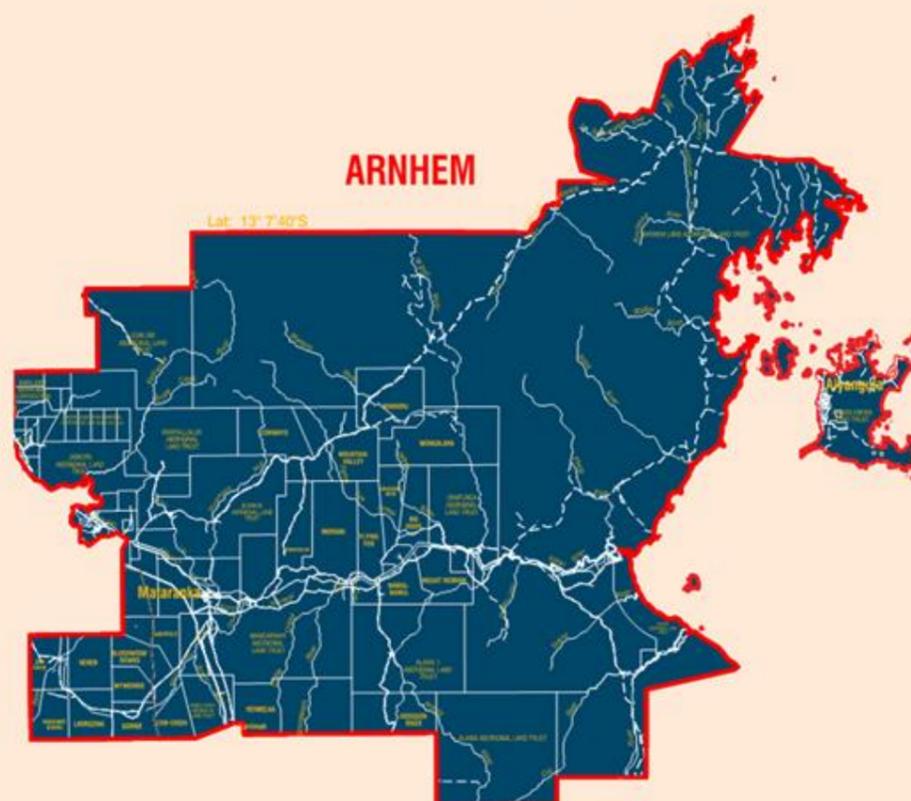
2024 TERRITORY
ELECTION**POST-ELECTION SNAPSHOT****ARAFURA****How Arafura electors voted**

Community name	Remote voting team	Early voting centre	Election day voting centre	Postal vote (returned)	Urban voting team	Turnout %
Bolkdjam	7	0	1	0	0	47%
Buluhkaduru	8	0	0	0	0	42%
Djirrbiyak	1	0	0	0	1	18%
Gamardi	2	0	0	0	0	10%
Gochan Jiny-Jirra	3	0	0	0	0	17%
Gunbalanya	258	30	7	5	11	35%
Jabiru	122	44	16	42	3	63%
Ji-Bena	3	0	0	0	0	100%
Ji-Malawa	2	0	0	0	0	20%
Ji-Marda	4	0	0	0	0	20%
Kabulwarnamyo	3	1	0	1	0	31%
Kakadu NP HQ	22	4	0	2	0	49%
Kolorbidahdah	4	1	0	0	0	36%
Mamadawerre	11	0	0	1	0	36%
Manabadurma	13	0	0	0	1	27%
Maningrida	539	62	9	5	9	32%
Manmoyi	23	2	0	0	2	43%
Milikapiti	215	20	11	2	3	74%
Minjilang	70	17	1	1	0	45%
Mudginberri	10	1	0	0	0	23%
Patonga Airstrip	2	1	0	0	0	18%
Pickertaramoor	24	2	4	0	0	83%
Pirlangimpi	161	8	3	2	0	67%
Warruwi	120	11	5	2	3	44%
Wurankuwu	9	3	0	0	0	71%
Wurrumiyanga	612	50	9	8	15	60%



2024 TERRITORY
ELECTION**ELECTORATE SNAPSHOT****ARNHEM****Selena UIBO (ALP) elected as the Member for Arafura****Summary**

- 6,646 enrolled electors for the election
- 2 candidates
- Total votes counted: 3,456
- 2024 turnout (based on the votes counted): 52.0%
- compared to 2020 turnout: 58.1%
- 64.6% voted via a remote voting team
- 16.8% voted in Katherine
- 12.7% voted via an absent vote
- 2.6% voted via a postal vote
- 3.4% voted via a declaration vote (unenrolled)
- 2024 scheduled remote voting hours: 75.25
- compared to 2020 scheduled remote voting hours: 69.75



2024 TERRITORY
ELECTION**ELECTORATE SNAPSHOT****ARNHEM****How Arnhem electors voted**

Community name	Remote voting team	Early voting centre	Election day voting centre	Postal vote (returned)	Urban voting team	Turnout %
Alyangula	207	24	5	36	0	70%
Angurugu	146	12	1	3	0	25%
Balma	3	0	0	0	0	30%
Baniyala	35	12	2	0	1	42%
Barunga	108	39	3	0	3	61%
Bulman	65	4	1	1	4	57%
Dhuruputjpi	2	3	0	0	1	35%
Donydji	9	2	0	0	0	31%
Gan Gan	25	11	0	0	1	41%
Gapuwiyak	373	39	3	0	5	50%
Jilkmिंगgan	89	10	0	0	5	52%
Malkala	10	0	0	0	0	38%
Manyallaluk	10	6	1	2	5	40%
Mataranka	59	30	2	9	0	69%
Milyakburra	33	2	1	0	3	41%
Minyerri	204	15	1	1	7	55%
Mulggan	21	4	0	0	1	55%
Ngukurr	363	79	2	3	12	60%
Nitmilik NP	0	14	0	2	0	80%
Numbulwar	191	23	1	0	11	40%
Raymangirr	8	1	0	0	0	35%
Rittarangu	21	11	0	0	0	52%
Rurrangula	4	2	0	0	0	38%
Umbakumba	106	8	0	1	3	38%
Wandawuy	30	6	0	0	1	47%
Weemol	16	15	0	1	2	59%
Werenbun	2	2	1	0	8	52%
Wugularr	150	38	4	13	1	52%



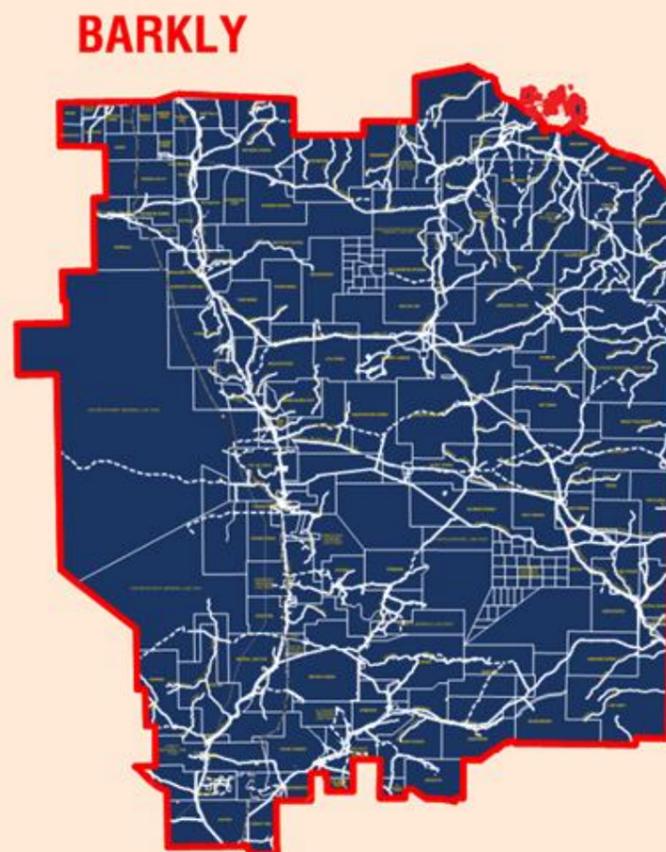
POST-ELECTION SNAPSHOT

BARKLY

Steve EDGINGTON (CLP) elected as the Member for Barkly

Summary

- 6,113 enrolled electors for the election
- 2 candidates
- Total votes counted: 3,100
- 2024 turnout (based on votes counted): 50.7%
- compared to 2020 turnout: 63.2%
- 42% voted via a remote voting team
- 37.6% voted in Tennant Creek
- 13.5% voted outside of Barkly (absent)
- 3.8% voted via a postal vote
- 3.1% voted via a declaration vote (unenrolled)
- 2024 scheduled remote voting hours: 67.5
- compared to 2020 scheduled remote voting hours: 68.75



How Barkly voters voted

Community name	Remote voting team	Early voting centre	Election day voting centre	Postal vote (returned)	Urban voting team	Turnout %
Ali Curung	95	31	9	3	11	40%
Arlpurrurulam	54	1	0	2	2	25%
Alyuen	0	4	0	0	1	25%
Ampilatwatja	86	20	0	0	11	35%
Ankerrapw	7	1	1	0	0	23%
Arawerr	16	3	1	0	0	34%
Atheley	14	0	1	0	2	41%
Atneltyey	5	2	0	0	2	30%
Atnwengerrpe	6	1	0	0	0	27%
Borrooloola	235	52	3	20	5	51%



2024 TERRITORY
ELECTION**POST-ELECTION SNAPSHOT****BARKLY****How Barkly electors voted**

Community name	Remote voting team	Early voting centre	Election day voting centre	Postal vote (returned)	Urban voting team	Turnout %
Camel Camp	6	0	0	0	0	32%
Canteen Creek	53	16	2	0	3	55%
Corella Creek	3	5	0	0	0	57%
Elliott	121	22	4	6	3	66%
Imangara	11	2	0	0	0	48%
Indaringinya	10	0	0	0	0	45%
Inkawenyerre	5	2	1	0	0	31%
Inkwelaye	6	0	0	0	1	24%
Irrultja	18	1	1	0	0	31%
Iylentye	6	3	1	0	0	38%
Marlinja	24	8	0	0	0	68%
Mulga Bore	10	0	2	1	0	27%
Mungalawurru	4	2	0	0	0	43%
Mungkarta	9	15	0	0	0	44%
Munyalini	17	0	0	0	0	65%
Nturiya	16	3	1	1	1	35%
Pamara Jutunta	57	4	0	0	3	58%
Pungalindum	9	0	0	0	0	39%
Robinson River	68	4	1	0	0	45%
Soakage Bore	4	1	0	0	0	19%
Tara	21	4	0	1	1	53%
Tennant Creek	48	899	133	43	44	61%
Ti Tree	44	12	1	4	4	56%
Wandangula	19	0	0	2	1	54%
Wilora	37	8	1	0	0	50%
Wogyala	0	6	1	0	0	32%
Wutunugurra	42	18	4	0	3	49%



2024 TERRITORY
ELECTION

POST-ELECTION SNAPSHOT

DALY

Dheran YOUNG (ALP) elected as the Member for Daly

Summary

- 6,194 enrolled electors for the election
- 2 candidates
- Total votes counted: 4,573
- 2024 turnout (based on votes counted): 73.8%
- compared to 2020 turnout: 73.5%
- 30.4% voted via a remote voting team
- 43.8% voted at an urban voting centre
- 7.4% voted via an absent vote
- 5.1% voted via a postal vote
- 2.6% voted via a declaration vote (unenrolled)
- 2024 scheduled remote voting hours: 79.25
- compared to 2020 scheduled remote voting hours: 58



2024 TERRITORY
ELECTION**POST-ELECTION SNAPSHOT****DALY****How remote Daly electors voted**

Community name	Remote voting team	Early voting centre	Election day voting centre	Postal vote (returned)	Urban voting team	Turnout %
Adelaide River	49	42	3	33	0	78%
Batchelor	74	41	15	12	1	63%
Belyuen	91	9	2	0	2	63%
Bulgul	4	5	0	0	0	64%
Daly River	25	7	2	3	0	80%
Dundee Beach	85	59	5	12	0	86%
Emu Point	41	7	0	0	3	68%
Kybrook Farm	35	1	0	0	1	51%
Manthathpe	5	0	0	0	0	56%
Merrepen	12	0	0	0	2	61%
Nama	6	0	0	0	2	50%
Naiyu	175	11	1	0	0	65%
Nemarluk	5	2	0	0	0	88%
Palumpa	102	22	5	0	7	54%
Perrederr	5	0	0	0	0	63%
Peppimenarti	60	4	2	3	2	65%
Pine Creek	39	20	6	22	1	70%
Tipperary Station	8	1	4	6	0	100%
Wadeye	892	88	10	9	36	64%
Walangurrminu	0	2	0	0	0	29%
Woodyculpidya	16	2	0	0	1	50%
Woolianna	3	2	0	0	1	83%
Woolaning	0	3	0	0	0	60%
Wudapuli	6	0	0	0	0	50%



2024 TERRITORY ELECTION

POST-ELECTION SNAPSHOT

GWOJA

Chansey PAECH (ALP) elected as the Member for Gwoja

Summary

- 6,132 enrolled electors for the election
- 2 candidates
- Total votes counted: 2,580
- 2024 turnout (based on votes counted): 42.1%
- compared to 2020 turnout: 52.8%
- 61.0% voted via a remote voting team
- 19.2% voted at an early voting centre
- 12.1% voted via an absent vote
- 3.3% voted via a postal vote
- 4.3% voted via a declaration vote (unenrolled)
- 2024 scheduled remote voting hours: 80.5
- compared to 2020 scheduled remote voting hours: 71.5



How Gwoja electors voted

Community name	Remote voting team	Early voting centre	Election day voting centre	Postal vote (returned)	Urban voting team	Turnout %
Amanbidji	10	6	0	0	0	27%
Areyonga	64	38	3	2	0	60%
Bulla	7	5	0	0	0	19%
Daguragu	22	11	1	2	2	35%
Gilwi	9	3	1	0	1	47%
Haasts Bluff	58	15	2	1	9	61%
Imanpa	32	12	1	0	1	38%
Importna	1	1	0	0	0	15%
Kalkarindji	50	27	3	2	11	26%

2024 TERRITORY
ELECTION**POST-ELECTION SNAPSHOT****GWOJA****How Gwoja electors voted**

Community name	Remote voting team	Early voting centre	Election day voting centre	Postal vote (returned)	Urban voting team	Turnout %
Kaltukatjara	73	9	0	1	1	34%
Kings Canyon	4	0	1	1	0	40%
Kintore	114	25	4	0	9	46%
Lajamanu	54	33	5	0	12	22%
Laramba	84	11	0	0	6	52%
Lingara	15	1	1	0	0	65%
Mbunghara	7	0	0	0	0	27%
Menngen	2	8	1	0	3	40%
Mt Llebig	71	25	4	0	4	52%
Mutitjulu	64	26	2	5	14	36%
Myatt	19	3	0	0	0	32%
Ntaria	131	52	2	3	13	45%
Nyirripi	62	8	0	0	9	48%
Papunya	114	63	4	2	16	47%
Pigeon Hole	34	5	0	0	1	49%
Timber Creek	30	9	1	3	0	49%
Ukaka	0	2	0	0	0	10%
Ulpanyali	1	0	0	0	1	20%
Wallace Rockhole	31	10	0	1	0	58%
Wanmarra	3	1	0	0	0	40%
Willowra	66	14	0	1	8	42%
Yarralin	72	10	3	0	5	47%
Yuelamu	44	18	2	1	2	37%
Yuendumu	135	31	7	4	19	36%
Yulara	105	11	2	44	1	48%



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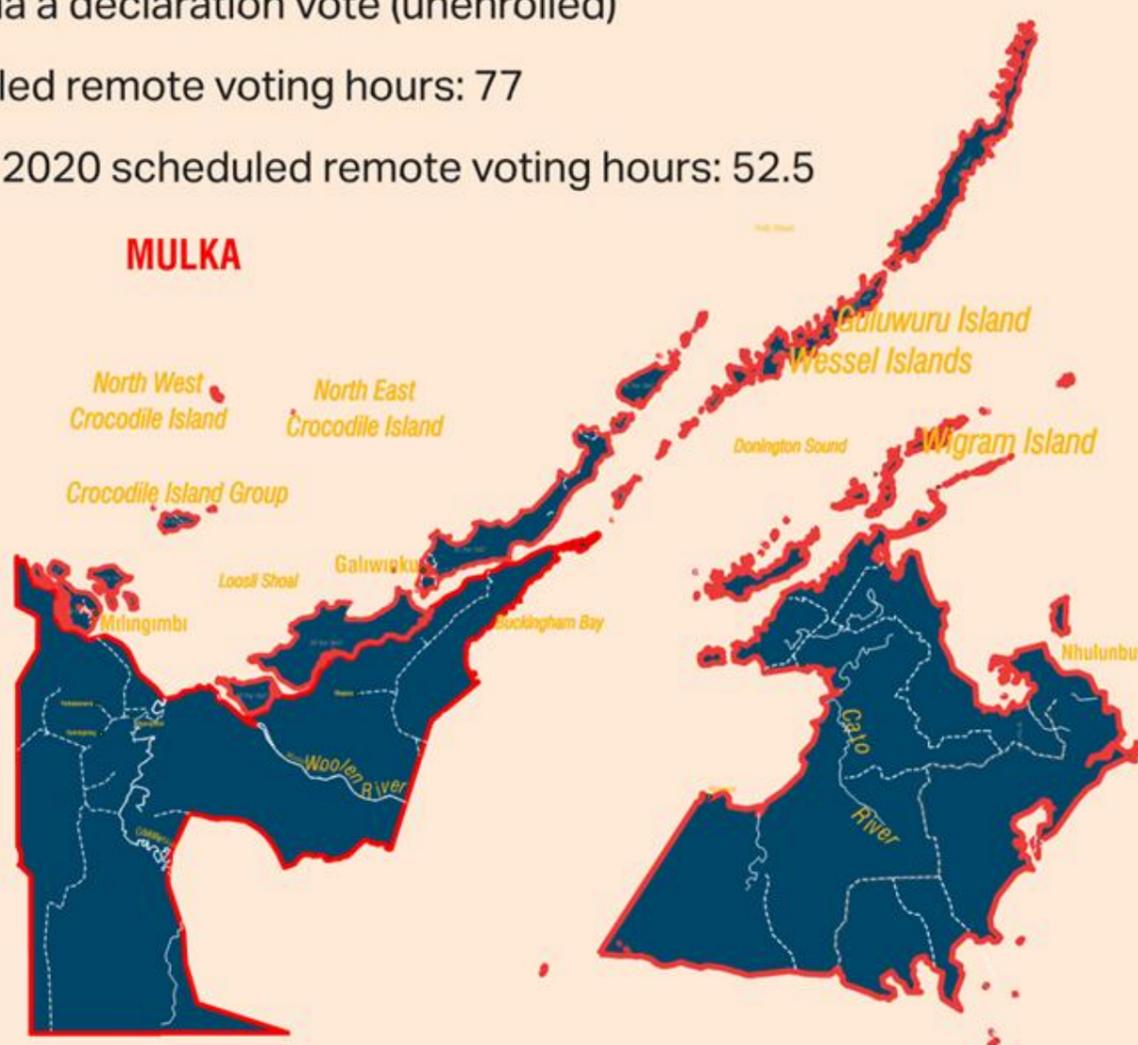
POST-ELECTION SNAPSHOT

MULKA

Yingiya Mark GUYULA (IND) elected as Member for Mulka

Summary

- 6,844 enrolled electors for the election
- 2 candidates
- Total votes counted: 3,147
- 2024 turnout (based on number of votes counted): 46.0%
- compared to 2020 turnout: 68.4%
- 42.7% voted via a remote voting team
- 40.1% voted in Nhulunbuy
- 11.5% voted via an absent vote
- 2.3% voted via a postal vote
- 3.4% voted via a declaration vote (unenrolled)
- 2024 scheduled remote voting hours: 77
- compared to 2020 scheduled remote voting hours: 52.5



2024 TERRITORY
ELECTION**POST-ELECTION SNAPSHOT****MULKA****How Mulka electors voted**

Community name	Remote voting team	Early voting centre	Election day voting centre	Postal vote (returned)	Urban voting team	Turnout %
Banthula	4	0	0	0	0	27%
Birany Birany	10	2	0	0	0	35%
Buymarr	1	3	0	0	0	31%
Dhalinbuy	20	15	1	0	0	44%
Galiwin'ku	559	67	23	2	7	38%
Galupa	3	1	2	0	0	29%
Garrthalala	14	9	0	0	1	45%
Gawa	3	0	0	0	1	21%
Gunyangara	26	51	6	2	0	40%
Gurumuru	9	3	0	0	0	27%
Gutjangan	2	2	0	0	0	33%
Mapuru	28	0	0	0	0	37%
Mata Mata	2	0	0	0	0	11%
Milingimbi	282	42	8	3	7	37%
Ngangalala	3	0	0	0	0	17%
Nhulunbuy	48	780	275	75	5	66%
Ramingining	207	22	5	3	1	30%
Rorruwuy	5	0	0	0	0	29%
Wallaby Beach	8	8	6	0	0	46%
Yathalamarra	11	2	0	0	0	45%
Yirrkala	150	140	18	2	4	40%



ELECTORATE SNAPSHOT

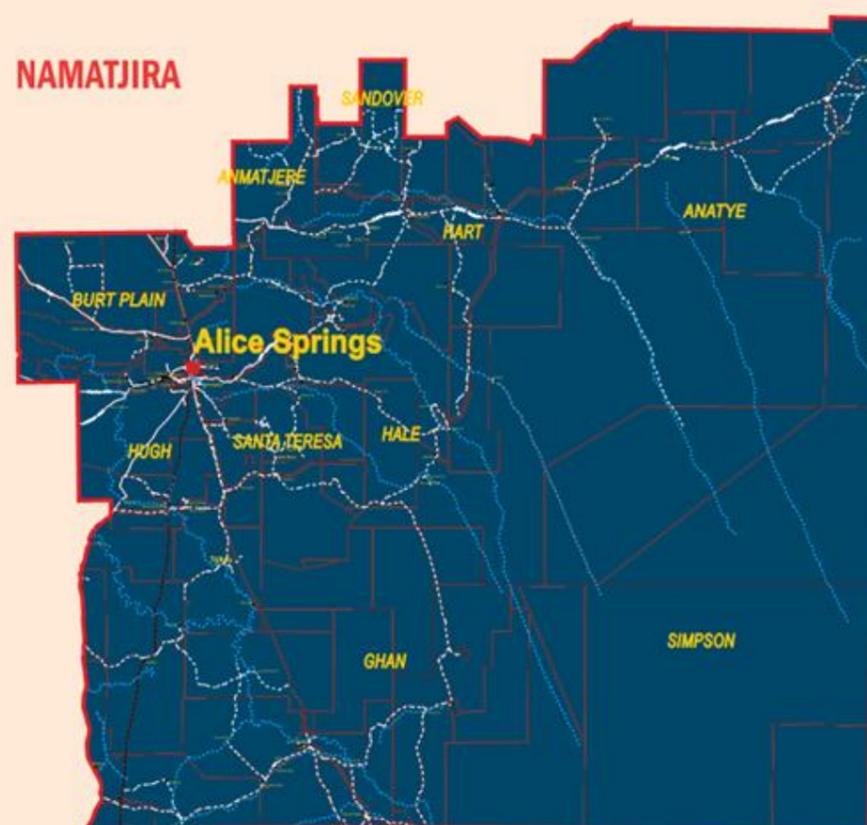
2024 TERRITORY
ELECTION

NAMATJIRA

Bill YAN (CLP) elected as the Member for Namatjira

Summary

- 6,510 enrolled electors for the election
- 3 candidates
- Total votes counted: 3,595
- 2024 turnout (based on number of votes counted): 55.2%
- compared to 2020 turnout: 66.1%
- 10.0% voted via a remote voting team
- 71.2% voted in Alice Springs
- 10.7% voted via an absent vote
- 5.6% voted via a postal vote
- 2.5% voted via a declaration vote (unenrolled)
- 2024 scheduled remote voting hours: 20.5
- compared to 2020 scheduled remote voting hours: 15.75



ELECTORATE SNAPSHOT

2024 TERRITORY
ELECTION

NAMATJIRA

How remote Namatjira electors voted

Community name	Remote voting team	Early voting centre	Election day voting centre	Postal vote (returned)	Urban voting team	Turnout %
Alkupitja	0	4	0	0	1	28%
Amooguna	27	24	1	0	6	35%
Artekerre	0	7	1	0	0	42%
Atitjere	36	16	0	2	2	40%
Burt Creek	0	1	0	0	0	4%
Corkwood Bore	0	2	0	0	0	17%
Finke	30	5	1	0	1	22%
Irrerlirre	8	2	0	0	0	43%
Iwupataka	0	17	9	0	2	34%
Orrtipa-Thurra	10	1	1	1	2	34%
Santa Teresa	145	24	6	2	9	45%
Titjikala	49	20	1	2	2	43%
Walkabout Bore	8	4	0	1	0	68%



ELECTORATE SNAPSHOT**2024** TERRITORY
ELECTION**ALICE SPRINGS
TOWN CAMPS****How electors from Alice Springs town camps voted**

Community name	Remote voting team	Early voting centre	Election day voting centre	Postal vote (returned)	Urban voting team	Turnout %
Akngwertnarre	0	2	0	0	0	50%
Anthelk-Ewlpaye	3	4	0	0	0	21%
Anthepe	0	4	0	0	0	27%
Aper-Alwerrkngge	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Ewyenper-Atwatye	2	11	0	1	1	26%
Hoppys Camp	0	3	0	0	0	50%
Ilperle-Tyathe	3	2	0	0	0	20%
Ilpeye-Ilpeye	1	4	2	0	0	22%
Ilyiperenye	1	5	0	0	0	15%
Inarlenge	2	9	0	0	3	26%
Itwiyethwenge	2	0	2	0	0	100%
Karnte	1	7	1	0	1	27%
Larapinta Valley	1	13	2	1	1	35%
Mount Nancy	0	4	3	0	0	32%
Mpwetyerre	3	5	1	1	0	43%
New Ilparpa	0	2	1	0	2	25%
Nyewente	0	10	1	1	0	32%





Reference: DC2024/002

22 January 2025

Ms Belinda Urquhart
Chief Executive Officer
MacDonnell Regional Council
PO Box 5267
Alice Springs NT 0871

By email: info@macdonnell.nt.gov.au

Dear Ms Urquhart

**NTD16/2024 Clifford Drover & Ors v Northern Territory of Australia (Simpson Desert)
(DC2024/002)**

On 27 August 2024, the above native title determination application was filed in the Federal Court of Australia (the Federal Court).

The *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) requires the Federal Court to give the application to the Native Title Registrar (the Registrar) to consider for registration. On 8 November 2024, the Registrar decided to accept the application for registration. This means that details of the application were entered on the Register of Native Title Claims. The native title claimants can now exercise certain rights under the Act, including the right to negotiate about certain proposed acts in the area covered by the application.

Once the registration decision is made, the Registrar is required to notify certain people and organisations of the details of the application. Under s 66(3)(a) of the Act, those people and organisations include:

- any proprietary interest holders in the area covered by the application;
- any registered native title claimants and registered native title bodies corporate in the area covered by the application;
- any relevant representative Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bodies;
- the Commonwealth Minister;
- any relevant local government authorities; and

- any person whose interests may be affected by a determination in relation to the application.

MacDonnell Regional Council has been identified as a local government authority in the area covered by the above application.

A copy of the public notice is enclosed to provide you with the details of the application. The notice also indicates that under the Act, there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to the application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.

The Act requires that the application be notified for a period of three months. The notification day for this application is **12 February 2025**.

If you wish to become a respondent party to this application, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court **on or before 12 May 2025**, being three months from the notification day. After this date, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party. For information regarding how to file a Form 5, please visit the Federal Court's website www.fedcourt.gov.au or call 1300 780 920.

The National Native Title Tribunal cannot provide legal advice, however should you require further information about native title please email claimsassistance@nntt.gov.au or visit our website www.nntt.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



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Encl. Copy of Public Notice

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 12 February 2025



National Native Title Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

If you want to become a party to this application, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, **on or before 12 May 2025**. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After **12 May 2025**, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Clifford Drover & Ors v Northern Territory of Australia (Simpson Desert)

Federal Court File No: NTD16/2024

Date filed: 27 August 2024

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration

Description of area: The application area covers about 23,894 sq km over NT Portions 4207 and 4917 located in the south eastern corner of the Northern Territory

Relevant LGA: MacDonnell Regional Council

For assistance and any further information about this application, including the description of the area, call Claire Smith on 08 6317 5333 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.



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Ms Belinda Urquhart
Chief Executive Officer
MacDonnell Regional Council

Via email: Belinda.urquhart@macdonnell.nt.gov.au

Dear Ms Urquhart

I am writing to extend my warmest congratulations to the Ikuntji (Haasts Bluff) Community on their success at the recent Northern Territory Sustainable Community Tidy Towns awards including:

- Overall best 2024 Territory Sustainable Community Tidy Town
- Best Small Community
- Water Conservation Award
- Culture and Heritage Award to Ikuntji Artists.

I also extend my warmest congratulations to the MacDonnell Regional Council and your other communities on their awards and commendations including:

- Best Regional Council, Environmental Action, Community Health and Wellbeing, and Waste Management Awards
- Waste Management commendation to Aputula (Finke)
- Energy Conservation Award and Litter Management commendation to Warumpi (Papunya)
- Community Participation commendation to the MacDonnell Regional Council Youth Board
- Resource Recovery commendation to Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa).

These awards showcase the hard work and commitment of regional and remote communities in the Territory, recognising the importance of fostering a more sustainable community and lifestyle through empowerment, collaboration and commitment.



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I am pleased that the leadership and dedication of the MacDonnell Regional Council and its communities have been acknowledged in a way that is worthy of praise and celebration. Please pass on my personal congratulations to all who contributed to these achievements.

I wish you all the very best for 2025.

Yours sincerely



LIA FINOCCHIARO

31 JAN 2025



Australian Government
National Indigenous Australians Agency

Our reference: 4-I296B00

Ms Belinda Urquhart
MacDonnell Regional Council
belinda.urquhart@macdonnell.nt.gov.au

Dear Ms Urquhart

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION UNDER CLAUSE 57 OF THE HEAD AGREEMENT

From time to time the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) engages in spot checks of funded providers to ensure that activities are being delivered in accordance with funding agreements. This enables the NIAA to provide assurance to stakeholders including community, Ministers, the Parliament and the Australian public more broadly that funds are being used effectively to deliver outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

On this occasion the activity 4-I296B00 - MacDonnell Region Outside School Hours Learning and Youth Development Program delivered by your organisation has been selected for a request for additional information under clause 57 of the Head Agreement which provides:

57. The Provider agrees to provide any additional information or reports reasonably requested by the Commonwealth. This includes providing information or reports relating to a Project, Grant, the Provider's governance arrangements and its overall financial position, or arranging for an unaudited report to be audited. Additional information or reports must be provided within 10 business days unless another timeframe is agreed.

Under clause 57 of the Head Agreement, in relation to your Performance Reports covering the period January to June 2024, your 2023-24 financial acquittal (which are attached for your reference) and your overdue 2024 Statement of Compliance the following information is required:

- De-identified evidence to support the reported KPI data for D207.01 for the January to June 2024 reporting period of 542 females, 571 males and 2 unspecified clients supported and how this attendance data was collected.
- Evidence to support the reported expenditure of \$626,846 for Service Delivery Premises & Communications.
- Evidence of police checks for staff, Working With Children (WWC) cards, Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) training provided and the WWVP risk management strategy (where relevant).
- Evidence in support of your organisation meeting its work health and safety (WHS) requirements under clause 118A of the Head Agreement in the form of a WHS Plan for the activity.
- Details of how your organisation has satisfied itself that the requirements of Clause 68D of the Head Agreement have been met in relation to the employment, engagement or election of any person to a role in your organisation's management or financial administration, or to conduct a Project.

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- Details of how you have substantiated that those in management, financial administration and Project delivery roles:
 - Have not at any time been sentenced to a period of continuous imprisonment of more than 30 months; and
 - Have undergone a waiting period of 10 years from the date of any conviction which resulted in a sentence of imprisonment of up to 30 months.

Additional information provided may be in the form of reporting from a database, excel spreadsheet or other reporting used by your organisation which was used to compile its reporting. Any additional information needs to be easily understood by someone not necessarily involved in the day-to-day operations of the organisation.

Please provide the above information by **COB Friday 14 February 2025** via email and direct any queries regarding this letter to Janita Whish-Wilson at compliance@niaa.gov.au.

If you have any queries about your agreement more generally, please contact your agreement manager Kendall Quakawoot via email at kendall.quakawoot@niaa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Muldoon
Director, Intelligence, Assessments & Fraud Controls section
Program Compliance and Fraud Branch
National Indigenous Australians Agency

31 January 2025

From: LA Committees <LA.Committees@nt.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 13 February 2025 2:15 PM
To: Belinda Urquhart <Belinda.Urquhart@macdonnell.nt.gov.au>
Subject: CORRECTION to Call for Submissions - Territory Coordinator Bill 2025



Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory

REF: COMM2024/00021-0001.8

Dear Ms Urquhart

Re: Territory Coordinator Bill 2025

The Legislation Scrutiny Committee is calling for submissions to its inquiry into the Territory Coordinator Bill 2025

The Committee is to report to the Assembly on:

- a) whether the Assembly should pass the Bill
- b) whether the Assembly should amend the Bill
- c) whether the Bill has sufficient regard to the rights and liberties of individuals
- d) whether the Bill has sufficient regard to the institution of Parliament.

The Committee's full Terms of Reference and copies of the Bill, associated Explanatory Statement and other reference materials are available [here](#).

The Committee invites the MacDonnell Regional Council to make a submission to its inquiry. Information on making a submission can be found at: <https://parliament.nt.gov.au/committees/get-involved>.

The closing date for submissions is **Wednesday 19 February 2025**.

The Committee will consider your submission and may authorise its publication and make it available on its website. If the submission contains information you do not wish to be made public, please notify the Committee immediately.

A submission to parliamentary committees is the property of the Committee and should not be made public unless the Committee authorises its publication.

To be kept up to date with what is happening with the inquiry you can subscribe for email updates at: <https://parliament.nt.gov.au/committees/subscribe>.

Should you require any further information, please contact the Secretary to the Committee on 8946 1485 or LA.Committees@nt.gov.au.



2025 Federal Election Campaign



Presented by
Darren Hunter
Executive Director Advocacy

Background



National campaign – focused on increasing federal funding to local governments

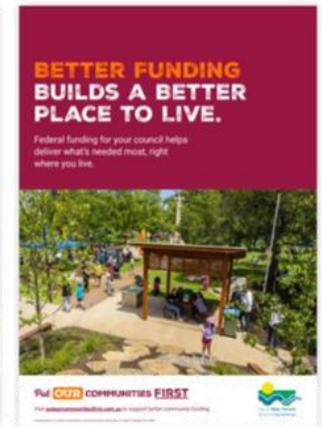
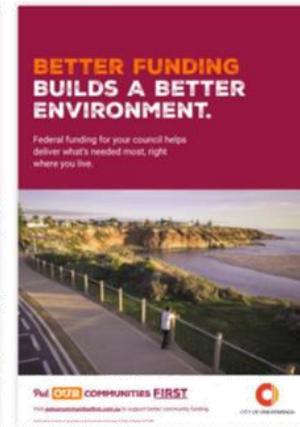
Five key funding priorities

- \$1.1 billion per year for enabling infrastructure to unlock housing supply
- \$500 million per year for community infrastructure
- \$600 million per year for safer local roads
- \$900 million per year for increased local government emergency management capability and capacity, and
- \$400 million per year for climate adaptation.

Untied funding, distributed to all councils on a formula basis like Roads to Recovery or Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.



Campaign collateral



Australian Local Government Association
Communities

Every community deserves to be put first with better funding for local councils. This federal election support better funding to build better communities.



What will ALGA do?

- Paid advertising, focusing on marginal electorates
- Social media placements
- Call to action - www.putourcommunitiesfirst.com.au
- National media engagement
- Direct advocacy to Ministers/Shadow Ministers/Independents



What can councils do?

- Use and adapt campaign resources (downloadable via ALGA's website) with local imagery and council logo. LGANT will provide you with access.
- Write to/meet with local members and candidates
- Pass a council motion supporting the campaign asks
- Engage with local media outlets highlighting the importance of increasing federal funding
- Campaign will commence when election is called





Building Better
Communities.

Questions?

Template Council Report**Item XX****2025 Federal Election Campaign****Background**

The next Federal Election must be held by 17 May 2025.

Working in conjunction with its member state and territory associations, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has developed a framework and resources for a national advocacy campaign that will run in the lead up to this election.

Based around the tagline of "Put Our Communities First", the goal is to secure additional federal funding that will support every council to play a bigger role delivering local solutions to national priorities.

All Australian councils have been asked to participate in this campaign to ensure a coordinated approach that will deliver the best possible outcomes.

Discussion

The Put Our Communities First campaign will advocate for new federal funding to be distributed to all councils on a formula-basis, similar to the Commonwealth's Roads to Recovery Program, or the previous Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

This will ensure that every council and community benefits, and support local decision making based on local needs.

ALGA has developed free campaign resources that can be adapted and used by all councils to ensure a consistent and effective approach.

Participating in a national advocacy campaign does not preclude this council from advocating on additional local needs and issues, but it will strengthen the national campaign and support all 537 Australian local governments.

The five national funding priorities have been determined by the ALGA Board – comprised of representatives from each of Australia's state and territory local government associations – and align with key national priorities.

These five funding priorities are:

- \$1.1 billion per year for enabling infrastructure to unlock housing supply
- \$500 million per year for community infrastructure
- \$600 million per year for safer local roads
- \$900 million per year for increased local government emergency management capability and capacity, and
- \$400 million per year for climate change adaptation.

Further information on each of these priorities is listed below.

Housing enabling infrastructure

A lack of funding for enabling infrastructure – including roads, and water and sewerage treatment connections and facilities – is a significant barrier to increasing housing supply across the country.

Research from [Equity Economics](#) found that 40 per cent of local governments have cut back on new infrastructure developments because of inadequate enabling infrastructure funding.

This research also shows that achieving the National Housing Accord's housing targets would incur an additional \$5.7 billion funding shortfall on top of infrastructure funding gaps already being felt by councils and their communities.

A five year, \$1.1 billion per annum program would fund the infrastructure that is essential to new housing developments, and Australia reaching its housing targets.

Community Infrastructure

ALGA's [2024 National State of the Assets report](#) indicates that \$8.3 billion worth of local government buildings and \$2.9 billion worth of parks and recreation facilities are in poor condition and need attention.

Introduced in 2020, the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program supported all councils to build, maintain and upgrade local facilities, with \$3.25 billion allocated on a formula basis.

This program had a significant impact, driving an almost \$1 billion improvement in the condition of local government buildings and facilities; and a \$500 million per year replacement fund would support all councils to build, upgrade and revitalise the community infrastructure all Australians rely on.

Safer Roads

Councils manage more than 75% of Australia's roads by length, and tragically more than half of all fatal road crashes in Australia occur on these roads.

In 2023 the Australian Government announced that it would double Roads to Recovery funding over the forward estimates, providing councils with an additional \$500 million per year.

However, recent independent research by the [Grattan Institute](#) highlighted a \$1 billion local government road maintenance funding shortfall, meaning there is still a significant funding gap.

Providing local government with \$600 million per year tied to road safety programs and infrastructure upgrades would support all councils to play a more effective role addressing Australia's unacceptable road toll.

Climate adaptation

Local governments are at the forefront of grappling with climate impacts as both asset managers and land use decision makers.

However, funding and support from other levels of government has failed to keep pace, placing an inequitable burden on councils and communities to fund this work locally.

A \$400 million per year local government climate adaptation fund would enable all councils to implement place-based approaches to adaptation, delivering local solutions to this national challenge.

Emergency management

Fires, floods and cyclones currently cost Australia [\\$38 billion per year, and this is predicted to rise to \\$73 billion by 2060](#).

Australian councils play a key role preparing for, responding to and recovering from natural disasters, but aren't effectively funded to carry out these duties.

The Government's \$200 million per year Disaster Ready Fund is significantly oversubscribed, especially considering the scale and cost of disaster mitigation projects.

Numerous national reviews – including the [Colvin Review](#) and [Royal Commission into Natural Disaster Arrangements](#) – have identified the need for a significant uplift in local government emergency management capability and capacity.

A \$900 million per year fund would support all councils to better prepare their communities before natural disasters, and more effectively carry out the emergency management responsibilities that have been delegated to them.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

1. Supports the national federal election funding priorities identified by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA); and
2. Supports and participates in the Put Our Communities First federal election campaign; and
3. Writes to the local federal member(s) of Parliament, all known election candidates in local federal electorates and the President of the Australian Local Government Association expressing support for ALGA's federal election funding priorities.



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CouncilBIZ

Suite 3/21 Parap Road

Parap NT 0820

Dear CouncilBIZ

RE: MacDonnell Regional Council – CouncilBiz resignation

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25th October 2024, MacDonnell Regional Council agreed to discontinue the use of CouncilBIZ services.

In accordance with clause 12 of the CouncilBIZ Constitution, the notice period of resignation is to be given at least six months prior to the end of the 2024–25 financial year. Please accept this letter as formal advice of MacDonnell Regional Council's resignation from CouncilBIZ.

The resignation is effective as at 1 July 2025, provided the Council follows the next steps for resignation and receives the Minister's approval.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further details relating to the above.

Regards

Belinda Urquhart

Chief Executive Officer



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19 December 2024

The Hon Steve Edgington MLA
Minister for Health; Mental Health; Alcohol Policy; Aboriginal Affairs; Housing,
Local Government and Community Development; Essential Services
Parliament House
DARWIN NT 0800

By email:

Recommendations for Reducing Health Impacts of Crowding in Central Australia's Remote Communities

Dear Minister Edgington,

We are writing as the Central Australian Environmental Health Working Group (CAEHWG) to congratulate you on your recent appointments following the election.

The CAEHWG represents many organisations and aims to work collaboratively to improve health hardware in remote communities to prevent childhood infections. The group facilitates communication and discussion around environmental improvements in Central Australia.

We write regarding the \$4 billion investment in remote housing by the Australian and Northern Territory (NT) Governments. The CAEHWG commends this investment, especially because of the close link between inadequate housing and poor health and social outcomes.

To ensure this investment achieves lasting outcomes, we urge the government to ensure the repairs and maintenance program is effective so that it can meaningfully reduce the health impacts of crowding in Central Australia's remote communities. CAEHWG is pleased that responsive, planned and cyclical maintenance are identified as three program streams under the new Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) for Remote Housing NT.

In line with the agreed commitments under the FFA, CAEHWG's key recommendations are as follows:

- 1. An effective Preventative Maintenance Program:** Crowding can only be mitigated by improving the functionality of all houses within a community. For instance, if a shower fails in one house, residents are compelled to move to another, exacerbating crowding in that house and placing strain on its hardware. Accordingly we ask that the planning and investment in responsive, cyclical and planned maintenance under the Remote Housing Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) include the following:



- Allocate capital funding for significant upgrades of existing houses
- implement a robust certification system for repairs and maintenance to enhance work quality.
- increase the minimum R&M budget to \$12k per house per annum¹;
- implement a staged plan to achieve a minimum target of 60% expenditure on preventative/cyclical maintenance versus 40% emergency/responsive maintenance;
- train and employ a local housing workforce (e.g., through local Aboriginal Business Enterprises and Aboriginal housing organisations) to triage faults, make repairs, and facilitate access to houses for visiting trades; and
- schedule preventative maintenance survey and fix visits for various house hardware components, e.g.
 - Pest Control treatments twice a year
 - Septic tank desludging every 2 years
 - Electrical safety check & fix every 12 months
 - Plumbing check & fix every 12 months
 - Building fabric check & fix every 12 months
 - Airconditioning service every 12 months, every 6 months in areas of poor water quality (timed appropriately with hot periods)

2. Thermal Control: Given the substantial investment in new housing intended to serve communities for the next thirty years, we strongly advocate for improved climate resilience from the negative impacts of Climate Change. All new (and existing) houses to meet a minimum 8-star energy efficiency rating, surpassing the 5-star rating of recently constructed houses in Central Australia. Accordingly, we recommend that to ensure all new and existing houses remain habitable for the life of this investment (ie. the next thirty years):

- designing and building all new houses to meet a minimum 8-star energy efficiency rating; and
- upgrading existing houses to achieve 8-star energy efficiency standards.

3. Transparent funding and implementation: All Australian governments – including the Northern Territory Government – have agreed to the National

¹ Figures relate to average spend per property by Housing SA in 2019/20, increased figure relates to revised expenditure today - Grealy, L., Lea, T., Moskos, M., Benedict, R., Habibis, D., & King, S. (2022). Sustaining housing through planned maintenance in remote Central Australia. *Housing Studies*, 39(3), 789–811. <https://doi-org.ezproxy.newcastle.edu.au/10.1080/02673037.2022.2084045>



Agreement on Closing the Gap which includes commitments to Formal partnerships and shared decision-making (Priority Reform One) and Shared Access to Data and Information at a Regional Level (Priority Reform Four). Accordingly, we recommend that in relation to the new \$4 billion investment in remote housing that:

- government should commission an independent prospective longitudinal study to report 'in real time' on implementation and outcomes.
- The JSC should share data including on spending amounts, locations and purposes regularly to the NT Executive Council on Aboriginal Affairs, the Northern Territory Child and Families Tripartite Forum, and the Northern Territory Aboriginal Health Forum.

We hope that these recommendations build on and strengthen the significant work to date undertaken by the Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing NT, with the goal of improving the health of Central Australia's remote community residents. The sustained implementation of these recommendations will significantly contribute to reducing the negative health impacts of crowding over the next decade and support the effective delivery of habitable houses for the next thirty years.

Thank you for your consideration of these important issues and we look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



Roxanne Kenny

President

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Thursday, 19 December 2024

Ms Diane Hood

VIA EMAIL: diane.hood@students.cdu.edu.au

Dear Ms Hood,

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 December 2024 regarding your PhD research project.

This matter was considered by Council at its meeting held Friday, 13 December 2024. At this meeting Council resolved to decline to "provide its support for the PhD research project".

I wish you well in the advancement of your PhD.

Regards.



Belinda Urquhart

Chief Executive Officer.



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Monday, 13 January 2025

To Whom it May Concern

I write in support of the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) application for the Active Transport Fund grant.

MRC services thirteen (13) Aboriginal communities across the vast region in the Northern Territory - covering an area of 268,329sq. km in the arid, desert environment of Central Australia. MRC is considered an Indigenous local governing body, confirmed in the Local Government National Report 2021-22 (page 206). The elected council members are 100% Aboriginal and their constituency is 98% Aboriginal and located in some of the remotest parts of Central Australia.

In the community of Amoonguna, after much consultation, the residents have requested assistance with the creation of footpaths. This project – the Amoonguna Pathways Project - aligns with MRC's responsibility to maintain and improve critical infrastructure for the safety and accessibility of very remote and remote aboriginal communities. This project will ensure year-round access to pedestrians in the Amoonguna Aboriginal community enhancing road safety, liveability – especially for children, the elderly, wheel-chair users and pram-pushing parents/care-givers, access and equity through provision of dedicated, all-weather footpaths.

The total project cost is \$1,167,290 with MRC capable of contributing 30% of the project cost (\$350,000) from FAG's General Purpose Component (funds already on hand) and respectfully seek the remaining 70% (\$817,290) as a grant from the "Active Transport Fund". The decision to commit MRC's annual FAG money to this project is testament to the importance of this project to the Amoonguna residents after consultation and conversation about improving liveability in the community.

The installation of dedicated, all-weather concrete walking paths elevates the liveability, accessibility, socialisation and equity for the people of Amoonguna. The long-term impact of having dedicated, sealed walking paths will serve the people of Amoonguna for decades as the children learn the simple road safety lessons and enjoy the associated benefits of staying safe around roads and motor vehicles.



Thank you for the consideration of supporting MRC's vision: ***Many voices, one dream, building a quality desert lifestyle.***

Yours sincerely,



Belinda Urquhart

Chief Executive Officer



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Monday, 3 February 2025

I write in support of the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) application for the Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) grant.

MRC services thirteen (13) Aboriginal communities across the vast region in the Northern Territory – covering an area of 268,329sq.km in the arid, desert environment of Central Australia. MRC is considered an Indigenous local governing body, confirmed in the Local Government National Report 2021-22 (page 206). The twelve (12) elected council members are 100% Aboriginal and their constituency is 98% Aboriginal and located in some of the remotest parts of Central Australia.

A key part of our success lies in our commitment to cultural sensitivity and inclusivity. The voices of local communities are at the heart of our decision-making. Our Local Authorities have continued to demonstrate leadership, providing invaluable perspectives on the challenges and opportunities within the region. Our focus remains firmly on improving the well-being of our communities, fostering sustainable growth and empowering people through meaningful employment opportunities. To this end we are hopeful that our grant application proposing six (6) newly created, community-based jobs that will serve the entire MRC region will be looked upon favourably.

These proposed new roles cover two (2) areas of significant interest and importance; namely:

- **Stream 1:** Sport & Recreation which enhances social interaction, community cohesion whilst participants learn new skills and enjoy the mental and physical health benefits aligned with enjoyable sport and recreational activities. We are looking to appoint four (4) full-time Sport & Recreation Officers who will receive formal training, recognised coaching accreditation and a plethora of transferable skills in a high-demand sector.



- Stream 2:** Digital & Immersive Media Creators who will assist in delivering MacConnect's mission of bridging the digital divide, preserving cultural heritage and empowering remote Aboriginal communities. Under the training and guidance of the MacConnect Coordinator, the two (2) full-time DIMC's will collaborate with community members, Traditional Owners and partner organisations to design and implement interactive, technology-driven programs that enhance education, workforce readiness and cultural preservation. This is a globally growing, cutting edge sector that allows for the oldest culture on the planet to interface with the most contemporary, life-changing technology in a culturally appropriate manner whilst giving those involved valuable, in-demand skills applicable across almost industry sector.

Overall, the Digital Media and Sport & Recreation programs align with MRC's mission to enhance education, preserve culture and improve connectivity, setting a benchmark for innovative, inclusive community development.

As an Indigenous local governing body most of our income is secured through Federal and NT Government grants. On this occasion our request to create six 6 new jobs in MacDonnell Regional Council area, over three (3) years, is for the following:

Item	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	TOTAL
Job Creation budget	\$439,052	\$450,028	\$461,279	\$1,350,359
CJBF Employee Oncosts Budget	\$132,900	\$100,013	\$109,625	342,538
CJBF Capital Budget (incl. 10% contingency)	\$742,802	\$590,224	\$606,524	\$1,939,550
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$1,314,754	\$1,140,265	\$1,177,428	\$3,632,447



Thank you for consideration of supporting MRC's vision: Many voices, one dream, building a quality desert lifestyle.

Yours sincerely,



Roxanne Kenny

President



Belinda Urquhart

CEO

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 December meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**Meetings attended:**

- Finance and Risk Committee Meeting 11th December 2024
- Audit Committee Meeting 11th December 2024
- Council Workshop 12th December 2024
- Council Meeting 13th December 2024
- Kintore Local Authority Meeting 29th January 2025
- Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting 30th January 2025
- Finance and Risk Committee Meeting 31st January 2025
- Papunya Local Authority Meeting 5th February 2025
- Areyonga Local Authority Meeting 6th February 2025

The President provided apologies for the following meetings:

- Finke Local Authority Meeting 4th December 2024
- Mt liebzig Local Authority Meeting 12th February 2025
- Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting 13th February 2025

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.

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 CEO Belinda Urquhart during the reporting period.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Meetings attended during the reporting period have included:

- Attendance at Local Authority meetings - Kintore, Mt Liebig, Hermannsburg and Papunya
- Central Australia Regional Coordinator committee meetings x 2
- Remote ITCG meeting x 2
- "YouRs" project meeting (new app for Youth Services)
- Recruitment of new Aged Care Manager
- Meeting with new Central Desert Regional Council Chief Executive Officer
- Meeting with Commonwealth Department of Health & Aged Care team
- Strategic grants writer meeting x 4
- Reducing Crime Sub-committee meeting x 3
- Visit and meeting with Minister Edgington
- Commonwealth childcare meeting regarding childcare buildings and leases
- Industrial relations matter meetings x 4
- National Indigenous Australians Agency visit and meetings x 3
- Meeting with Minister Malandiri McCarthy
- Webinar for new learning management system

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 OCM Report Feb 2025
AUTHOR Ken Satour, Area Manager

**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

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 OCM Report Feb 2025



Council Services



85%+ First Nations Employees in Council Services



91 Area Manager Visits to Community



13 Council Office's 760 Hours of Service

Snapshot



39,438 Litres Fuel Usage Total



220 Vehicles and Plant in Use



4000+ Bins Emptied Weekly



144 AusPost Deliveries



30+ Sport Grounds Maintained



474 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 Update

Council Services will see Keith step into the role of Director - Community Services for 6 months until a new Director can be recruited. This will see Ken step in to act as Director - Council Services for 6 months.

We will be advertising Ken's Area Manager position for a 6 month secondment to backfill the vacancy.

December saw the majority of our team take a well earned break. Ken has been on a months leave allowing Tammy Shields to step up and act in the role. Tammy settled in well and it has been a great learning experience for her.

We recruited 2 new Council Services Coordinators to the team in December. Welcoming Benny at Areyonga and Dee in Kintore. Both Benny and Dee have previous experience working in community and we welcome their wealth of experience.

In late November we had the Northern Territory Tidy Town Awards see MacDonnell Regional council receive many accolades. The most notable being Haasts Bluff/Ikunji Winning Best Community in the NT and for the 10th consecutive year we were awarded best Council in the NT. Well done to Simon and the Team at Haasts Bluff, and Kathy Abbott being awarded community Legend.

We also had a delegation of councils who were attending the Northern Territory Tidy towns, travel to Santa Teresa to explore the local landfill site and get innovative ideas for waste management and sustainability in their regions.

We have appointed a new Animal Management Coordinator, Michelle Hayes, who comes to us with a plethora of experience. Michelle's goal will be to liaise with the Vets who currently provide services in our communities and provide education programs to community members throughout our network to improve animal health and wellbeing in all our communities.



Council Services - Community Spotlight - Kintore, Mt Liebig and Papunya

Papunya has started the year with a new Council Services Coordinator, Rhiannon comes as an internal appointment from Housing. This gives Rhiannon a head start already knowing how parts of the business are run. Rhiannon also brings previous experience working in community and is a great addition to the Papunya Team. Her seamless transition and deep understanding of the organisation have made her a fantastic asset to the team.

This month, the Papunya Civil Crew has been working tirelessly to enhance community spaces and maintain a clean, safe environment for everyone. Their dedication shines through a number of key projects that are benefiting local families and the broader community.



A major highlight was the clearing of the Men’s Business area. Over several days, the crew used a backhoe to remove debris, creating a spacious, clean area for families to camp comfortably. This work is crucial in preserving important cultural sites, ensuring they remain accessible for the community.



The team has also been busy using a slasher to clear overgrown grass, reducing fire risks and improving the overall appearance of the community. With the dry season fast approaching, keeping the landscape well-maintained is even more important.

Regular rubbish pickups are another key focus for the crew. Their efforts have made a noticeable impact, and the community is especially excited about the new rubbish truck they received this year. It’s great to see it in action, helping to maintain a cleaner and healthier environment.



Kintore

We have had a new Council Services Coordinator commence in Kintore. Dee comes to us from Ngurratjuta and brings a wealth of experience and a positive attitude. Dee has quickly settled into the team and has already made a great impact, fitting in well with the community and her colleagues. Her approachable nature and dedication are truly valued by everyone around her.

MRC in Kintore plays a vital role in maintaining the community’s infrastructure, services, and overall well-being. This includes managing waste collection services, upgrading public spaces, and ensuring residents have reliable access to essential utilities like water, sewer, and power.

The council also supports initiatives that promote youth engagement, job creation, and skills development, helping local residents thrive both economically and socially. By working closely with community elders, local leaders, and organisations, the council ensures that its decisions reflect the cultural values and traditions of the Pintupi people. They also create opportunities for community members to voice their concerns, making local governance more transparent and inclusive.

These efforts are key to strengthening the community’s resilience, sustainability, and cultural integrity.

Mt Liebig

At the end of 2024, heavy rainfall led to increased grass and weed growth around the area. Since the start of 2025, the Council Services team has been working hard to keep grass levels under control and ensure the community remains tidy.

The dedicated Council Services team works weekly to maintain high standards across the community. They are responsible for key services such as rubbish disposal twice a week, grass maintenance, redesigning the council facility area, and implementing litter control practices.



The Civil Works team have been focusing on grass maintenance, rubbish collection, and the redesign of the outdoor council building area, which was initiated by the CSC.

One thing we are all proud of in Mt Liebig is the passion the Council Services team has for ensuring the community is well-cared for. Mt Liebig remains a clean, vibrant community, and the team is actively working on litter control while educating local residents on how to maintain a clean and attractive environment. The effort to sustain the community’s appeal is evident in how fantastic the area looks.



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:

Areyonga:

- Installation of security cameras through Starlink at staff houses, the Council office, and the works depot.

Ongoing and Allocated Works

The following projects are currently underway or have been allocated to contractors.

Kintore:

- Installation of security cameras at staff houses, the Council office, and the works depot through Starlink. The initial stages of this project are currently underway

Santa Teresa:

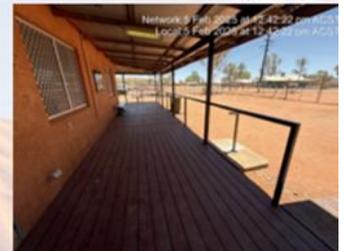
Both projects below are scheduled, with exact dates to be confirmed.

- New fence installation at the Council office.
- New fence and replacement of the veranda at Lot 227.

The following projects have an estimated completion date end of February:

Docker River

- Lot 177 (3 x units) deck replacement is due to be finished.
- Lot 177c unit upgrade.
- Lot 227 Council office meeting room upgrade.
- Lot 178 septic lid upgrade.



Finke

- Conversion of the dangerous steep ramp at Lot 9 to steps for safety.

Request for Quotes (RFQ)

Amoonguna

- Council office meeting room upgrade.

Areyonga

- Lot 134a (The Manse) upgrade – quotes have been received, and the procurement process is progressing.

Hermannsburg

- Council office upgrade

Mt Liebig

- Installation of security cameras at staff houses, Council office, and works depot via Starlink.

Housing and Facilities Update

Planned Projects for Completion in 2025

The following projects are scheduled to be completed in 2025:

Hermannsburg

- Council office upgrade

Kintore

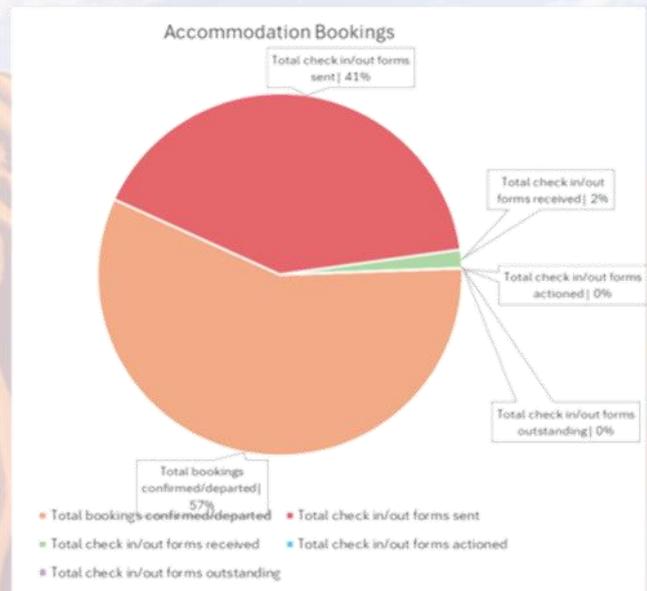
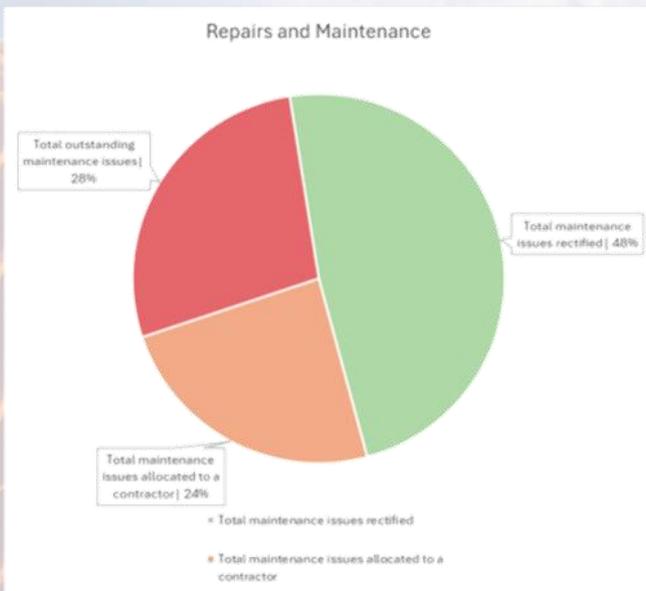
- Council office upgrade
- Installation of cage doors for additional security at staff houses.

Community Council Offices (Solar Power Installations):

- Solar power installations at the following locations: Finke, Haasts Bluff, Hermannsburg, Kintore, Mt Liebig, and Wallace Rockhole. Council is still waiting to be advised if the solar power grant application is approved.

Summary and Recommendations

The capital works projects outlined above represent significant investment in infrastructure improvements across the region. Several projects have already been successfully completed, with many others in various stages of planning, allocation, or progress. The focus on upgrading Council offices, staff housing, and security infrastructure, as well as incorporating sustainable energy solutions through solar power, aligns with the strategic goals of the Council.



Commercial Contracts

Airstrips

The airstrips contract has been quiet over the Christmas period, however all contractual obligations were delivered.

Kintore airstrip recently had around 100m of fencing repaired due to a car accident which damaged the fence line of the airstrip. Hardy Fencing were contracted to complete the work and ensured repairs were completed in line with NT Government requirements.

Henry Bloomfield Contracting have also been engaged to complete grading at Haasts Bluff, Papunya, Mt Liebig and Kintore airstrips to ensure fire breaks are maintained and vegetation is removed from around the airstrip. This work should be completed by the next council report.



Power and Water Contract – Indigenous Essential Services

In November 2024, Council Services successfully filled the Areyonga and Papunya ESO roles. In Areyonga our new ESO is Kendelle Satour, Kendelle is a young, proud Indigenous woman who has a background in mechanics and power supply trades. Both ESO's have been great additions to our teams and have been doing great work in their communities.

Additionally the new Imanpa ESO is starting in February, Stuart Lynch has come across to MacDonnell Regional Council from Nyrripi and will be a great addition to our team as an experienced ESO.

Over the Christmas period all Power and Water duties were delivered in accordance with our contract. A special mention is in order for Kintore ESO Grant Ferguson who spent his Christmas day and Boxing day completing repairs on the water desalination plant to ensure safe drinking water for the Kintore community. Grant was extremely responsive and cooperative with Power and Water representatives and successfully made repairs to the system to ensure continuous and safe water supply was provided to Kintore – well done Grant.

Council Services also acknowledges all of our ESOs who were on the ground over the Christmas period and sacrificed time away from their families over the holidays to ensure a safe and continuous supply of power, water and sewer utilities were provided to their communities.

Streetlights

Streetlight conversions have officially begun by MG Electrical in 3 of our communities with Titjikala, Docker River and Haasts Bluff now fully converted to LED streetlights.

The remaining LED streetlights have just arrived in Alice Springs and will be installed over the coming months.

Consultations have also begun with each MRC Homeland as to the placement of the 2 Solar Streetlights to be provided for each Homeland.

Centrelink

Closures were in place over the Christmas and New Years periods to align with MacDonnell Regional Council's close down period.

Centrelink has re-opened in all 11 sites and we are pleased to report 10 out of the 11 sites have completed their new phone upgrades to give customers better and more reliable access to Services Australia Resources. Each Centrelink office has received 3 new phones to replace the old phones.

Homelands

MacDonnell Regional Council has successfully completed an occupancy survey for the Department of Homelands to assist with future funding arrangements for each Homeland. MRC is currently working on 6 month reporting as per the requirements of the contract held by MacDonnell Regional Council.

Project Management Office

liOC0256 – Investing in Our Communities

13 Remote Shade Structures

- Harvey Development continues completing the project. 4 Shade shelters have been installed so far at Amoonguna, Finke, Titjikala and Wallace with 2 more underway.
- Central industries have also been awarded the project to install a further four shade shelters under this funding at Papunya, Mt Liebig, Hermannsburg and Imanpa.

PCIP0004 - Priority Community Infrastructure Program

Mt Liebig Sports Precinct - Construction of shade canopy over basketball court.

- GSD has begun works to upgrade the ground works for the court and will install the shade shelter in the coming month.
- Variations to the Tender have been requested to remove existing light structure that will be in the way of the shade structure and to connect the water bubblers to the mains water located on the other side of the road.
- GSD will have the project complete by April with exception to the water connection for the bubblers.

PCIP0005 – Priority Community Infrastructure Program

8 Recreational Precinct Shade Structures plus additional 5 in Kintore

- Harvey development continues to install the shade shelters in conjunction with the IIOC funding across all communities.
- Central Industries have been awarded five additional shade structure to be built in Kintore

PCIP0006 – Priority Community Infrastructure Program

Hermannsburg Sports Precinct Upgrade - Construction of Changerooms

- Harvey development has begun site scoping for the works and have submitted a draft design for the change rooms.
- Sacred sites clearance has been received and ground works are expected to start in February.
- MRC have requested a variation to move unspent funds from PCIP0004 to PCIP0006 to complete this project.

PCIP0016 - Priority Community Infrastructure Program

New grandstand with women's changerrooms in Papunya

- Stantec has been awarded the design though Local Buy.
- We have received confirmed 25% draft designs with 50% confirmed designs for the mechanical infrastructure.
- 50% draft designs expected March 14th
- 100% design completion expected March.

Tranche 1

Supply and Installation of Lighting Towers - Kintore and Titjikala sports lighting

- MRC have purchased the towers and luminaries; these are on community.
- After an unsuccessful Tender process in 2024 the decision was made to join the project into one and re tender opening the 13th of Jan 25 and closing the 14th of Feb 25.
- Provided a successful tender was submitted we will bring to this council meeting for approval

Tranche 2

Through the Tranche 2 funding we have received funding for

- Community Laundry – Areyonga
- Community toilet, shower and laundry – Kintore
- Community toilet, shower and laundry – Docker River
- Splash Pad water park – Hermannsburg
- Permaculture/community garden – Finke
- Oval Lights – Amoonguna
- Rec Hall Refurbishment – Titjikala
- BMX Pump track – Titjikala
- Splash pad, BMX Pump track and Permaculture/community garden – West Macdonnell region that Ngurratjuta will work with the LDM to decide the communities.
- Project plans have been submitted and sacred site clearances have been submitted

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.2
TITLE Roads, Fleet & Waste Management
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 to provide Council with a summary of works undertaken in the Roads, Fleet and Waste Management space within MRC.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Fleet & Mechanical

- MRC Mechanics have been working tirelessly over the hot summer to complete servicing in the communities and in town. The team have been working through a high volume of vehicle repairs & replacements the last couple of months and their work in the conditions have been greatly appreciated.
- Council has received 7 new vehicles to replace many communities' civil works cars and we have 5 x new tipper trucks arriving in the next month to put into service.

Roads

- Council has engaged a panel contractor to complete maintenance grading in the West. At present, Papunya, Mount Liebig and Kintore have had all funded roads, firebreaks and sporting ovals completed. Over the coming months we will complete funded grading at Haasts Bluff, Areyonga, Wallace Rockhole and Finke.
- MRC Plant Crew has undertaken training on the council owned grader in the Amoonguna Community. This will assist with remediation works and firebreaks whilst they undertake their regular waste management projects.

Waste Management

- MRC Plant Crew has completed the Western Desert Homelands Project. The crew successfully constructed small bunded waste tips in various outstations in the Western Desert Region.

Projects

- MRC Plant Crew has completed an extension to the cemetery at Santa Teresa and constructed a new cemetery in Titjikala. Council is still waiting on lease approvals for new waste sites at Hermannsburg, Papunya and Santa Teresa.

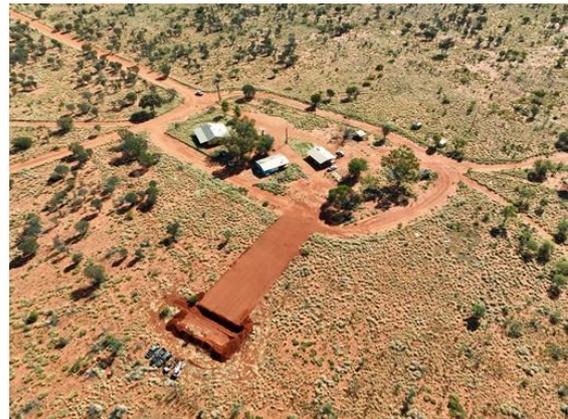
5 Mile



Blackwater



3 Mile



ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

NIL

CONSULTATION

Jake Potter – Manager Transport Infrastructure & Fleet

Sheree Sherry – Chief Financial & Information Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.3
TITLE Community Roads Infrastructure Plans
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 provides an executive summary of MRC Community Roads Infrastructure Plans that have been designed to assist with liveability improvements within the MRC region.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

As a part of the MRC regional plan and the organisational development plan, consultation was carried out by an external project management team to design 13 Community Infrastructure Roads Plans (CRIP). These infrastructure plans have been designed to identify and prepare council with shovel ready projects when roads funding becomes available.

These CRIP's provide MRC with in-depth mapping and construction plans for the installation of concrete floodways, pavement and shoulders, mountable kerbs and gutters, concrete footpaths, dual lane carriageway roads with concrete driveways, table drainage and LED street lighting.

As the CRIP's for each community are 10 pages in length the CRIP for Papunya is attached as an example of what has been developed. The CRIP's will be discussed in detail at the meeting.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

NIL

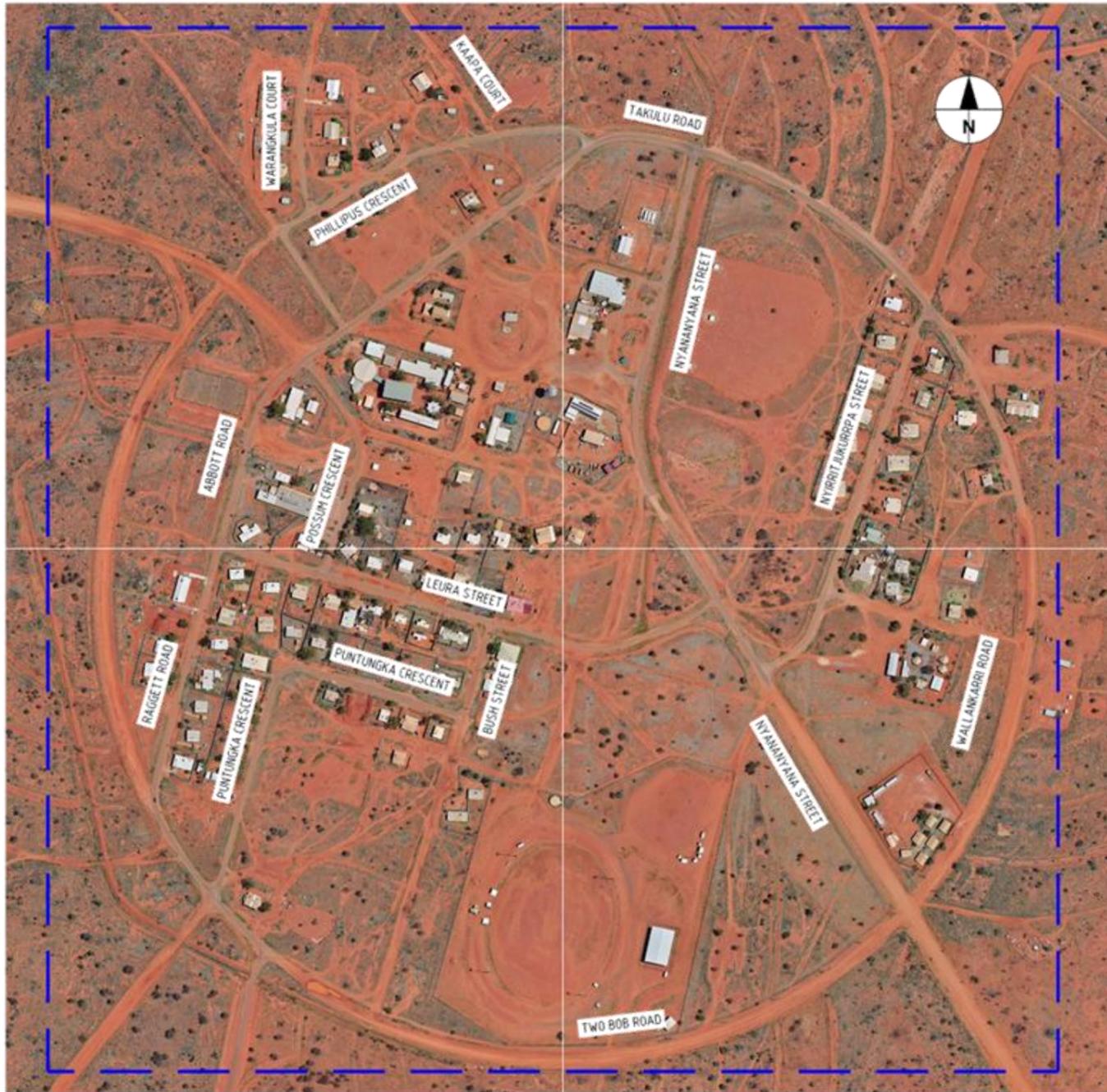
CONSULTATION

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer
Sheree Sherry- Chief Financial & Information Officer
Jake Potter – Manager Transport Infrastructure & Fleet

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Papunya CRIP 10 Pages

PAPUNYA COMMUNITY ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT



SCHEDULE OF DRAWINGS	
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SK001	LOCALITY PLAN AND SCHEDULE OF DRAWINGS
SK002	TYPICAL ROAD CROSS SECTIONS
SK003	CONCEPT LAYOUT PLAN SHEET 1 OF 7
SK004	CONCEPT LAYOUT PLAN SHEET 2 OF 7
SK005	CONCEPT LAYOUT PLAN SHEET 3 OF 7
SK006	CONCEPT LAYOUT PLAN SHEET 4 OF 7
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SK009	CONCEPT LAYOUT PLAN SHEET 7 OF 7
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TITLE LOCALITY PLAN AND SCHEDULE OF DRAWINGS			
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NOTES:

GENERAL:

1. PROPOSED ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIGN CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES (NT SDG) AND CURRENT STANDARDS FOR NT REMOTE HOUSING SUBDIVISIONS.
2. REFER TO SKETCH SK003 TO SK009 FOR THE EXTENT OF PROPOSED ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES.
3. REFER TO THE NT SDG STANDARD DRAWINGS FOR CONCRETE FOOTPATH, DRIVEWAY AND FLOODWAY DETAILS.

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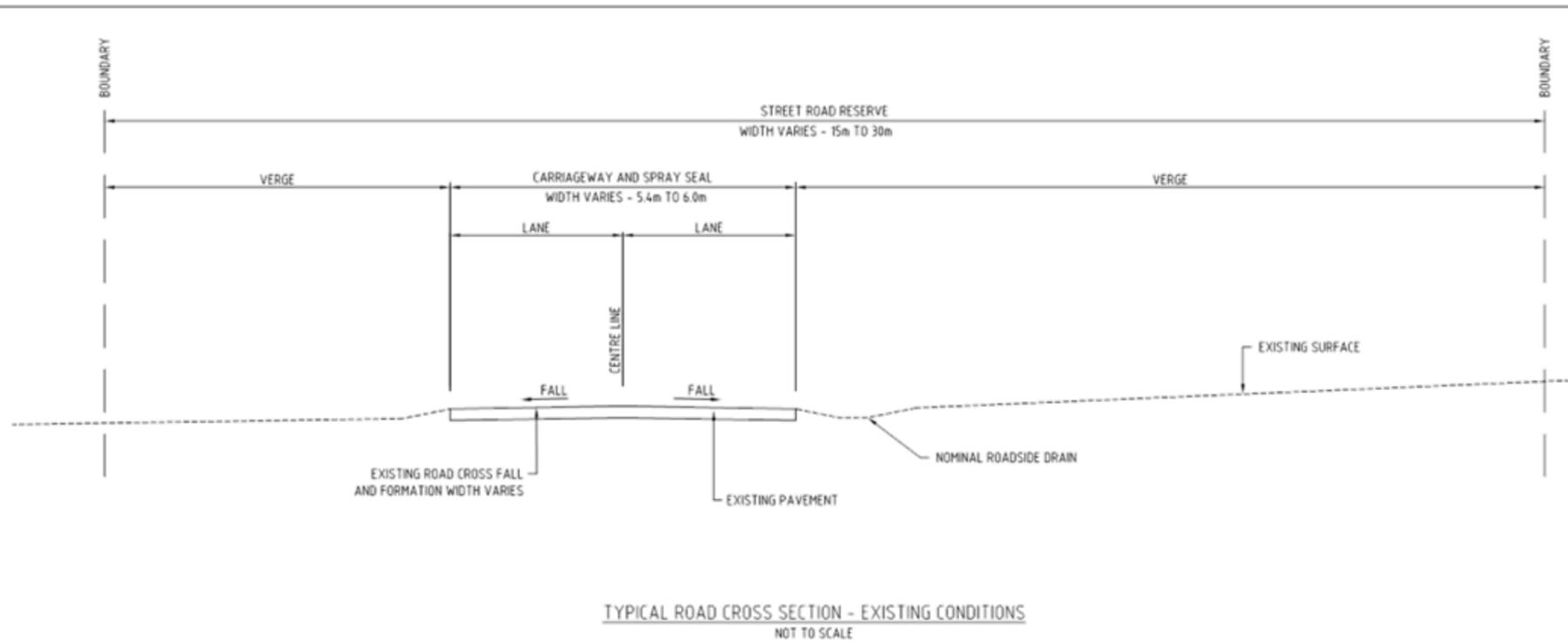
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5. THE EXTENT OF PAVEMENT REHABILITATION AND ROAD/VERGE REGRADING IS TO BE FURTHER REFINED DURING THE DESIGN PHASE.

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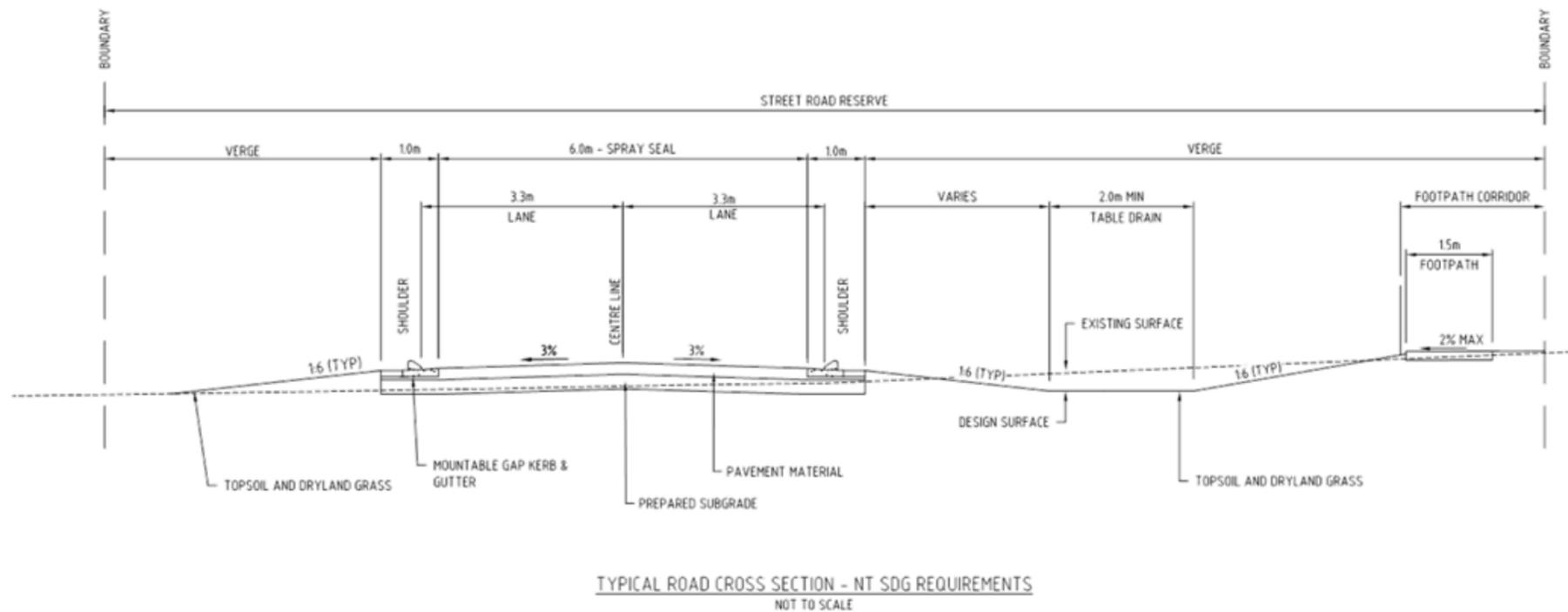
6. STORMWATER DRAINAGE REQUIREMENTS WITHIN ROAD RESERVES WILL VARY DEPENDING ON SITE TOPOGRAPHY, AVAILABLE SPACE AND OTHER SITE SPECIFIC CONSTRAINTS.
7. ALLOWANCE HAS BEEN MADE IN THE ASSESSMENT TO PROVIDE FORMALISED CONCRETE FLOODWAYS WHERE CONCENTRATED FLOW PATHS CROSS ROAD RESERVES.
8. ALLOWANCE HAS BEEN MADE IN THE COST ESTIMATE TO CONSTRUCT FORMALISED TABLE DRAINS ALONG ONE SIDE OF THE ROAD RESERVE (UNLESS SHOWN OTHERWISE), AS PER THE TYPICAL CROSS SECTION AND LAYOUT PLANS.
9. DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE FURTHER REFINED DURING THE DESIGN PHASE.

STREET LIGHTING UPGRADES:

10. ALLOWANCE HAS BEEN MADE IN THE ASSESSMENT TO PROVIDE STREET LIGHTS MOUNTED TO EXISTING OVERHEAD POWER POLES, AS PER THE TYPICAL ARRANGEMENT FOR REMOTE COMMUNITIES (TYPICAL POLE SPACING IS GENERALLY 40 TO 60 METRES).
11. STREET LIGHTING INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE FURTHER REFINED DURING THE DESIGN PHASE.



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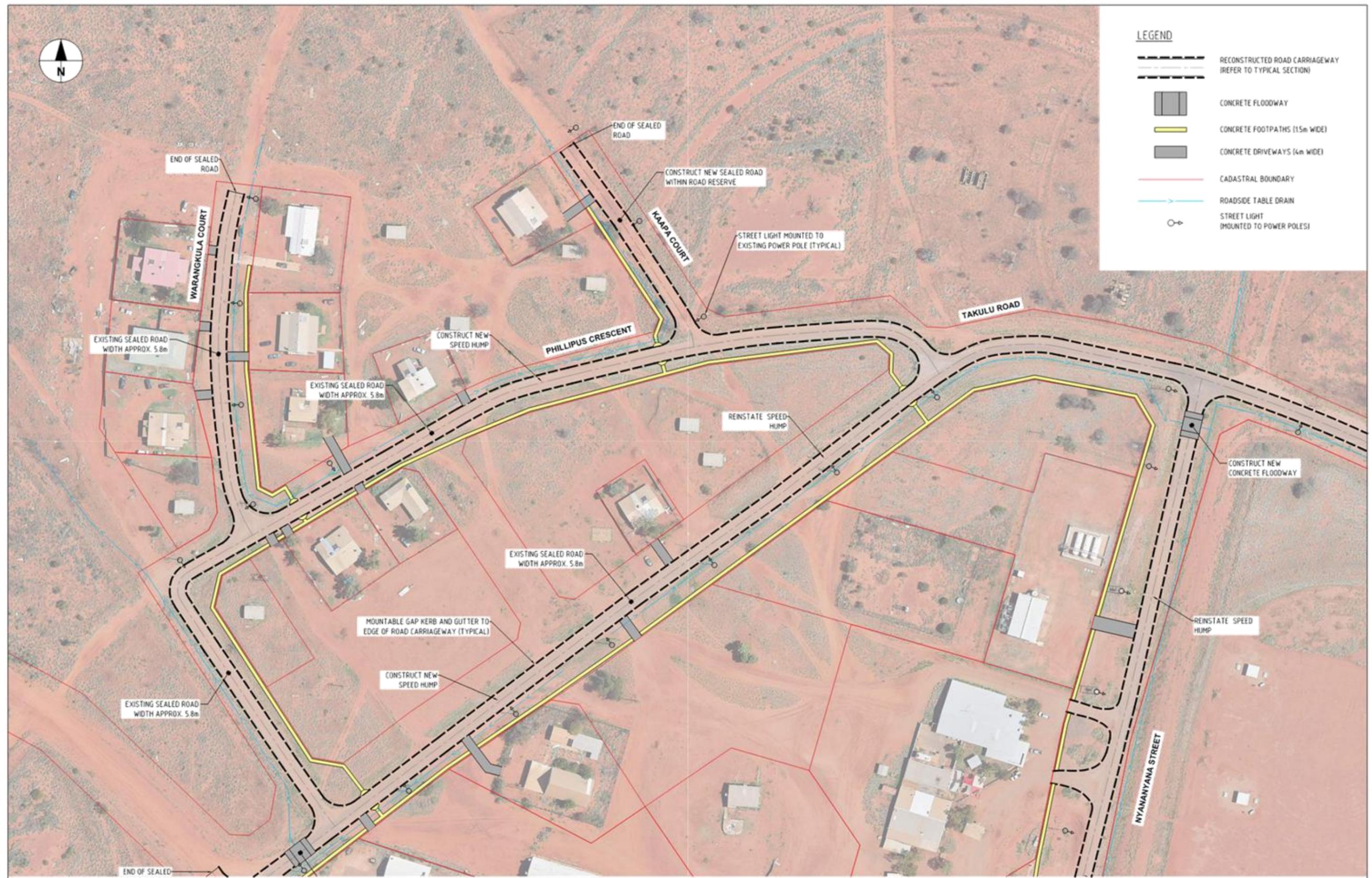
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- CONCRETE FLOODWAY
- CONCRETE FOOTPATHS (1.5m WIDE)
- CONCRETE DRIVEWAYS (4m WIDE)
- CADASTRAL BOUNDARY
- ROADSIDE TABLE DRAIN
- STREET LIGHT (MOUNTED TO POWER POLES)

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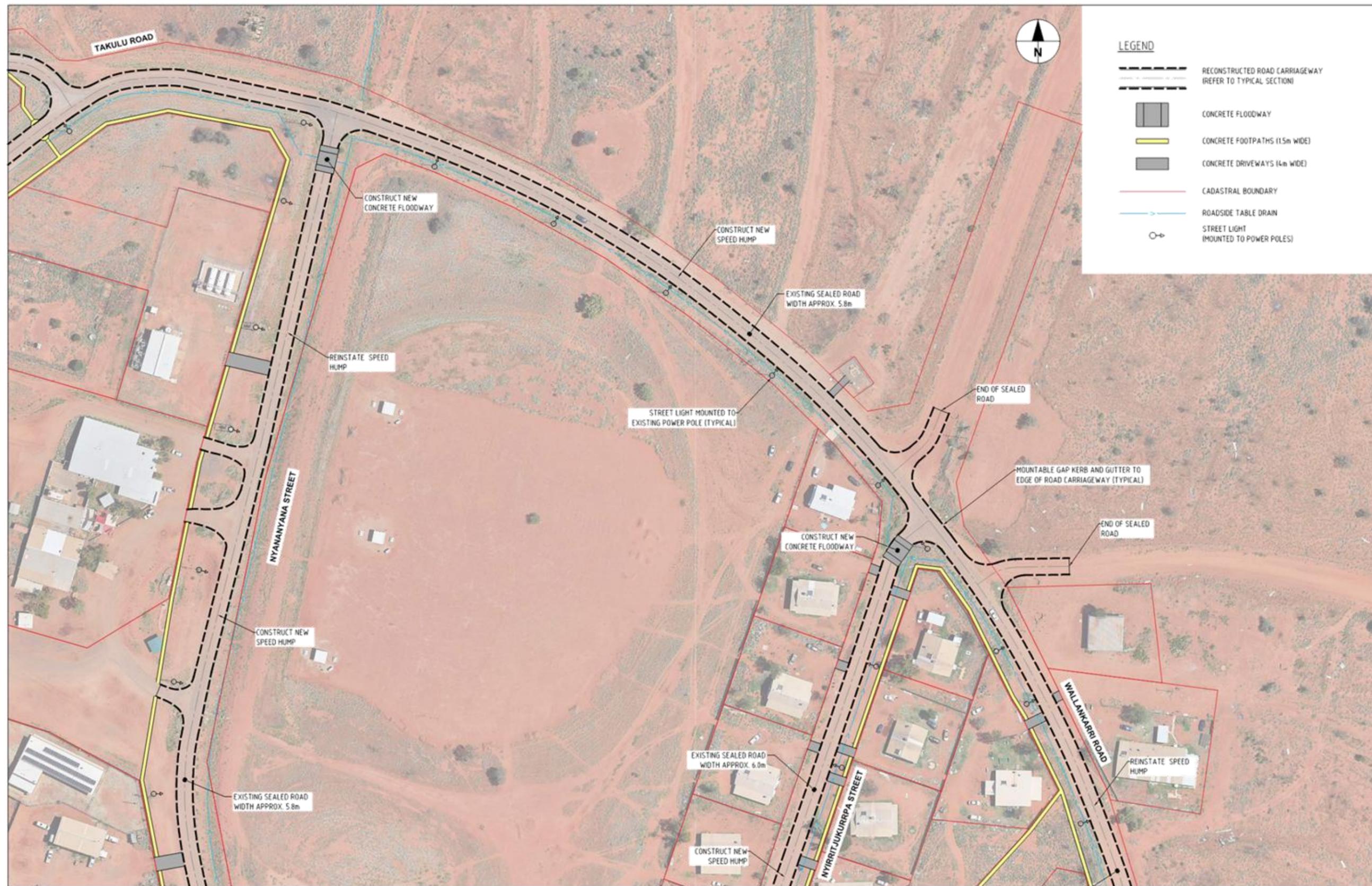


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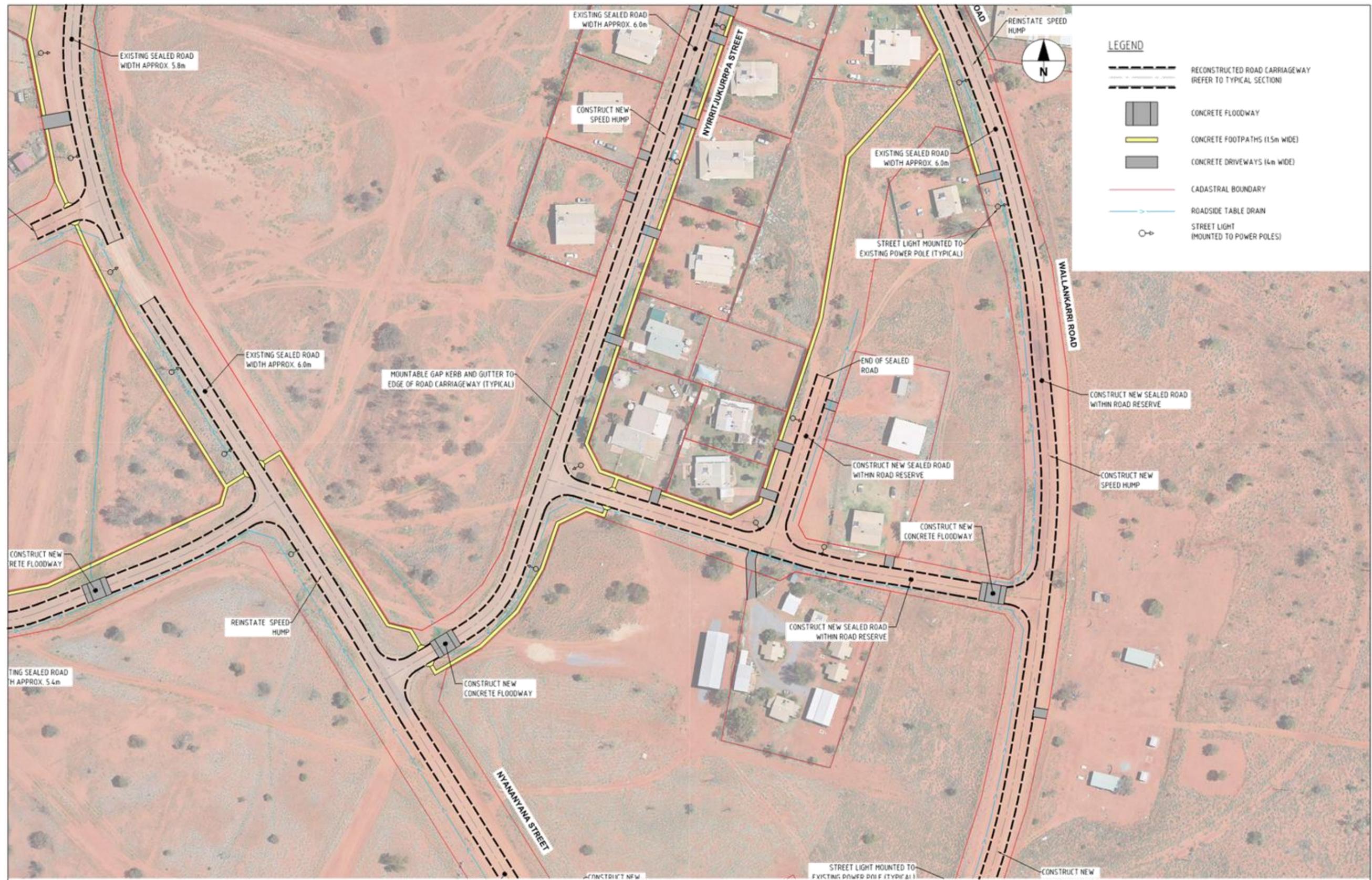
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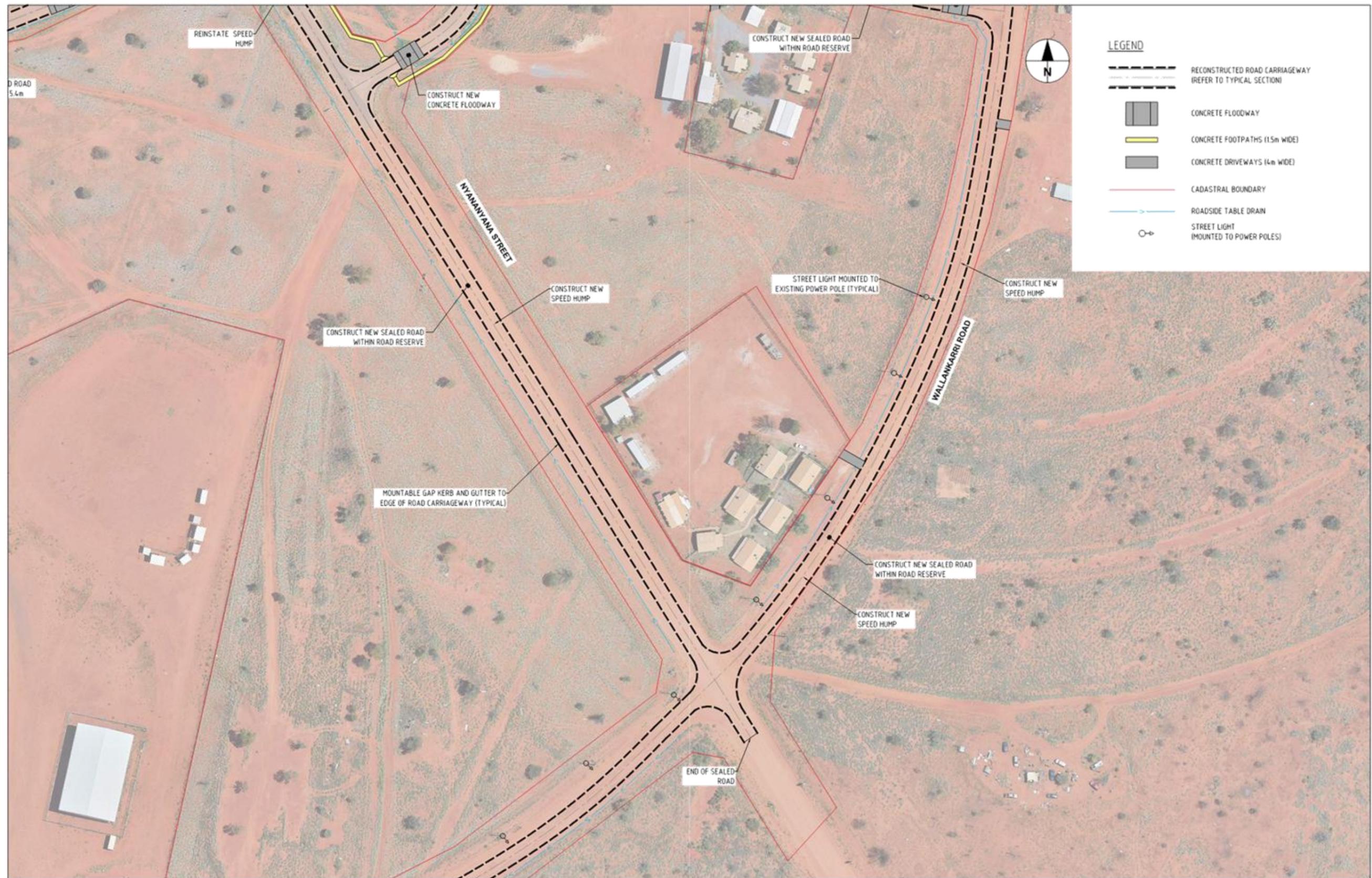
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LEGEND

- RECONSTRUCTED ROAD CARRIAGEWAY (REFER TO TYPICAL SECTION)
- CONCRETE FLOODWAY
- CONCRETE FOOTPATHS (15m WIDE)
- CONCRETE DRIVEWAYS (4m WIDE)
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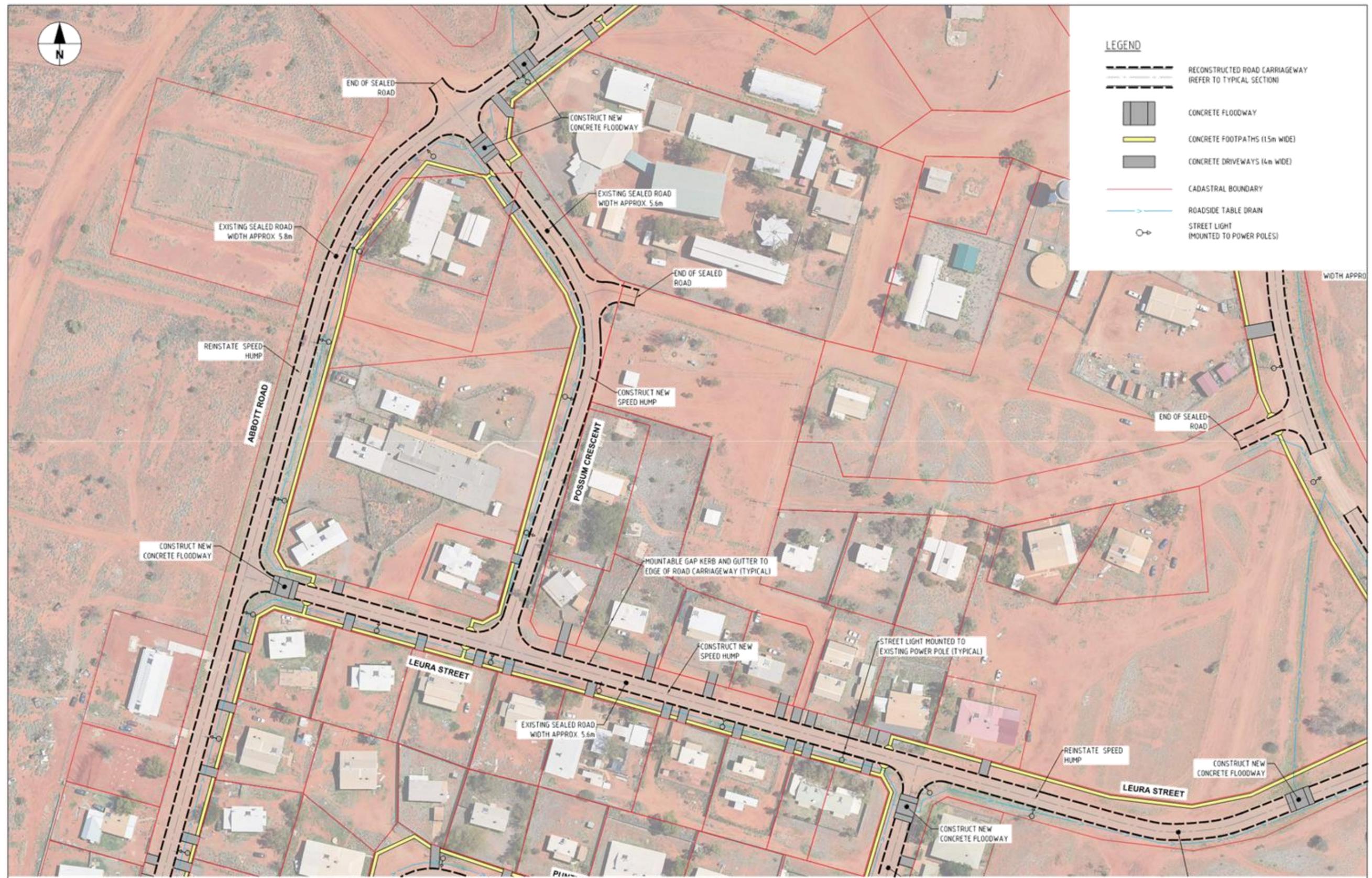


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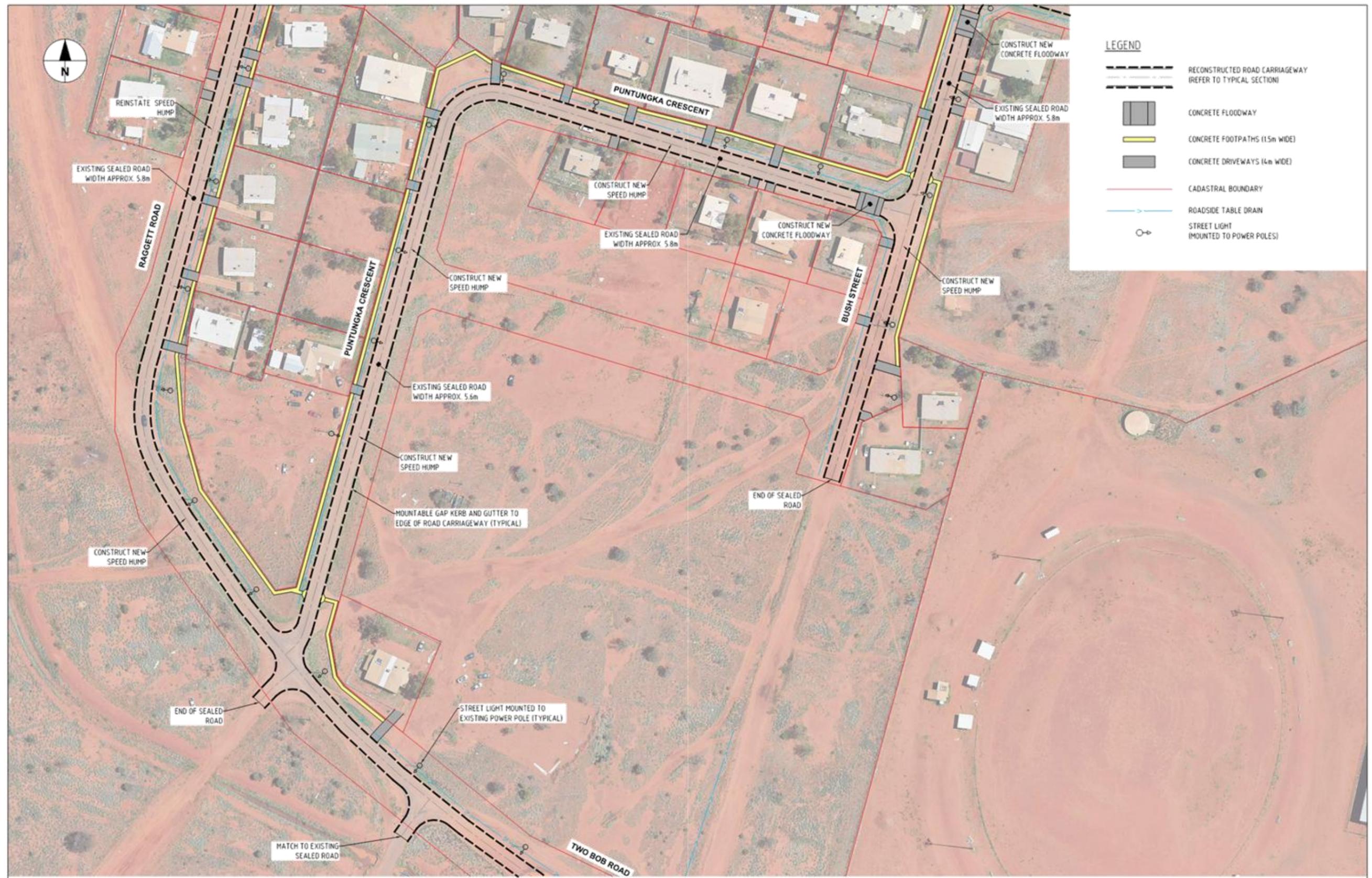


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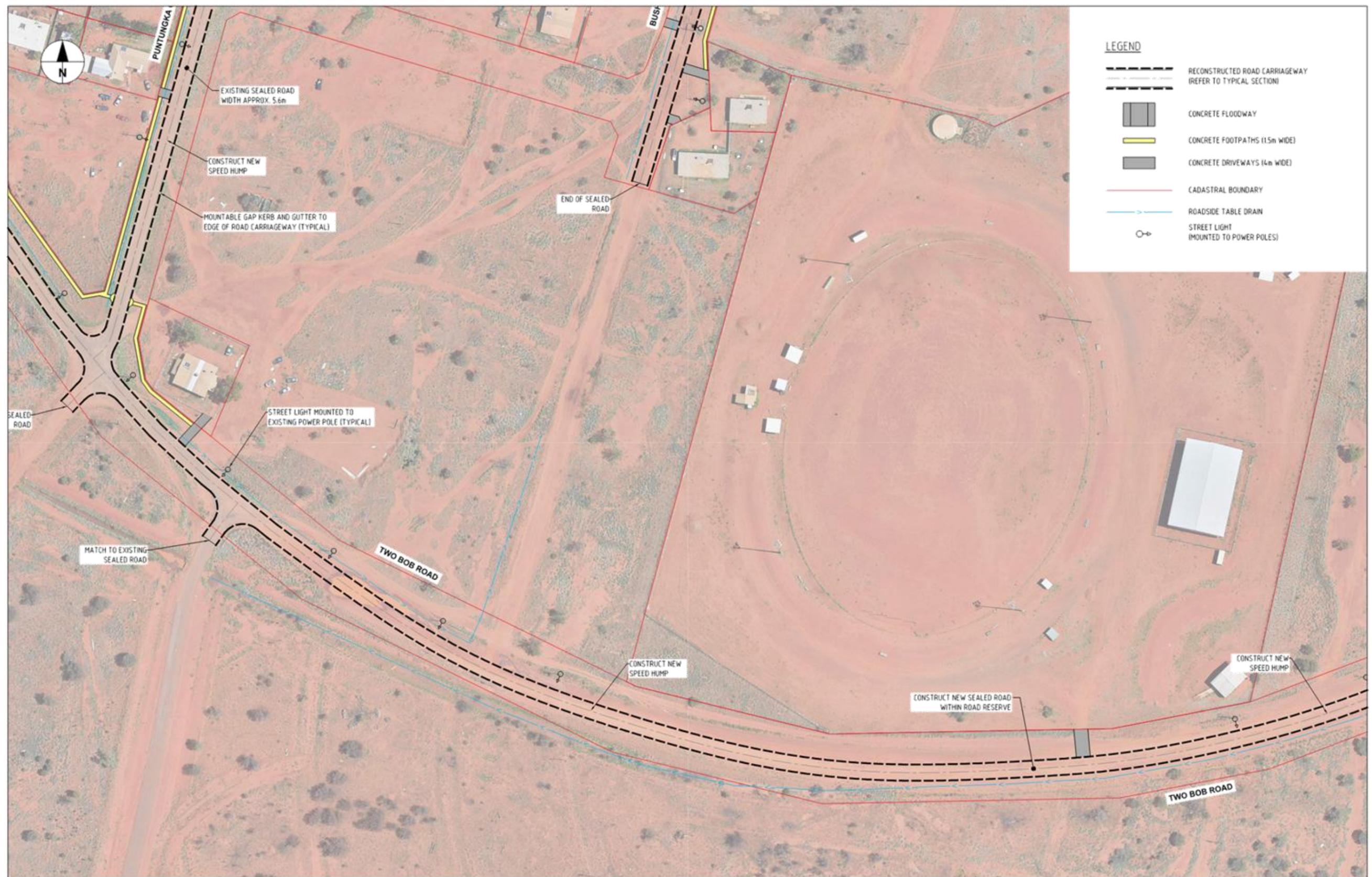
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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	RATE	AMOUNT	ESCALATION ALLOWANCE			
						June 2026	June 2027	June 2028	June 2029
PART 1 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS									
1.1	Establishment								
a)	Establishment, Ongoing Costs and Demobilisation	1	Item	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 5,200,000.00	\$ 5,408,000.00	\$ 5,624,320.00	\$ 5,849,292.80
1.2	Construction Environmental Management	1	Item	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 312,000.00	\$ 324,480.00	\$ 337,459.20	\$ 350,957.57
1.3	As Constructed Information	1	Item	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 312,000.00	\$ 324,480.00	\$ 337,459.20	\$ 350,957.57
1.4	Provision for traffic	1	Item	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 364,000.00	\$ 378,560.00	\$ 393,702.40	\$ 409,450.50
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 5,950,000.00	\$ 6,188,000.00	\$ 6,435,520.00	\$ 6,692,940.80	\$ 6,960,658.43
PART 2 - ROADWORKS									
2.1	Site Clearing and Reinstatement								
a)	Site Clearing and Reinstatement (Includes removal and reinstatement of roadside furniture, removal and reinstatement of fencing and gates, connection to existing driveways, removal stockpiles and other obstacles, and disposal of any waste materials or rubble)	1	Item	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 520,000.00	\$ 540,800.00	\$ 562,432.00	\$ 584,929.28
2.2	Pavements and Shoulders								
a)	Rehabilitate/Reshape Existing Road Pavements (Rip existing pavement, mix and top up as required with Type 2 gravel, trim and recompact)	23167	m ²	\$ 92.00	\$ 2,131,364.00	\$ 2,216,618.56	\$ 2,305,283.30	\$ 2,397,494.63	\$ 2,493,394.42
b)	Widen Existing Road Pavements/Construct New Road Pavements (Earthworks for box out of road pavement, preparation and maintenance of subgrade, compacted Type 2 gravel road base)	17288	m ²	\$ 173.00	\$ 2,990,824.00	\$ 3,110,456.96	\$ 3,234,875.24	\$ 3,364,270.25	\$ 3,498,841.06
c)	Cement Stabilised Gravel Shoulder Behind Kerb (100mm compacted thickness cement stabilised Type 2 gravel. Allowance to trim and reshape road verge)	13564	lin.m	\$ 62.00	\$ 840,968.00	\$ 874,606.72	\$ 909,590.99	\$ 945,974.63	\$ 983,813.61
2.3	Spray Sealing								
a)	Prime and Two Coat Spray Seal - 14/7mm Aggregate (Includes allowance for preparation of pavement)	40455	m ²	\$ 87.00	\$ 3,519,585.00	\$ 3,660,368.40	\$ 3,806,783.14	\$ 3,959,054.46	\$ 4,117,416.64
2.4	Concrete Works								
a)	Install Mountable Gap Kerb and Gutter to Road Edge	13564	m	\$ 295.00	\$ 4,001,380.00	\$ 4,161,435.20	\$ 4,327,892.61	\$ 4,501,008.31	\$ 4,681,048.64
b)	Concrete Footpaths - 1.5m wide	4410	m	\$ 360.00	\$ 1,587,600.00	\$ 1,651,104.00	\$ 1,717,148.16	\$ 1,785,834.09	\$ 1,857,267.45
c)	Concrete Kerb Ramps	28	No.	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 79,800.00	\$ 82,992.00	\$ 86,311.68	\$ 89,764.15	\$ 93,354.71
d)	Concrete Floodways (Includes allowance for grouted stone pitching protection works)	10	No.	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 560,000.00	\$ 582,400.00	\$ 605,696.00	\$ 629,923.84	\$ 655,120.79
e)	Concrete Driveways	2850	m ²	\$ 390.00	\$ 1,111,500.00	\$ 1,155,960.00	\$ 1,202,198.40	\$ 1,250,286.34	\$ 1,300,297.79
f)	Reinstate/construct new concrete speed humps	1	Item	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 312,000.00	\$ 324,480.00	\$ 337,459.20	\$ 350,957.57
2.5	Drainage Works								
a)	Construct Formalised Table Drains Within Road Reserve (Allowance for construction of table drains to one side of the road reserve as per the typical road cross section)	6890	m	\$ 235.00	\$ 1,619,150.00	\$ 1,683,916.00	\$ 1,751,272.64	\$ 1,821,323.55	\$ 1,894,176.49
2.6	Street Lighting								
a)	Supply and Install 40W LED Street Lights on Existing Power Poles (Allowance for PWC connection costs, testing and commissioning)	91	No.	\$ 6,375.00	\$ 580,125.00	\$ 603,330.00	\$ 627,463.20	\$ 652,561.73	\$ 678,664.20
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 19,822,296.00	\$ 20,615,187.84	\$ 21,439,795.35	\$ 22,297,387.17	\$ 23,189,282.65
PART 3 - MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS									
3.1	MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS								
a)	Relocation/Protection of Existing Services (PROVISIONAL ALLOWANCE)	1	Item	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 676,000.00	\$ 703,040.00	\$ 731,161.60	\$ 760,408.06
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 676,000.00	\$ 703,040.00	\$ 731,161.60	\$ 760,408.06
				TOTAL	\$ 26,422,296.00	\$ 27,479,187.84	\$ 28,578,355.35	\$ 29,721,489.57	\$ 30,910,349.15

Notes:

- The above estimates are 'Rough Order of Magnitude' costs only based on the conceptual layout information shown on sketches 'SK001 to SK009'. Further engineering design and detailed site survey is required to verify the project scope and associated costs.
- Costs are inclusive of GST
- Costs include 25% design contingency
- The future year estimates are based on a cost escalation allowance of 4% per annum. For works deferred to future years, it is recommended to verify costs prior to proceeding with construction procurement.

No.	DATE	INITIAL	AMENDMENT

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PROJECT PAPUNYA ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT			
DRAWN SM	CHECKED LM	PROJECT MANAGER	
DESIGNED LM	CHECKED		

TITLE ORDER OF COST ESTIMATE			
SCALE	PROJECT No. MC0023I	DRAWING No. SK010	AMDT A

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.4
TITLE Community Services Report
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 December 2024 – January 2025, throughout the MRC region.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and accepts the attached Community Services Reports.

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
Manager Aged Care
Acting Manager Children's Services
Manager Community Safety
Acting Manager Youth Services
Community Services Coordinators and Administration team

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Community Services Report



Youth Services



December 2024 - January 2025



Employees

86 employees
82% First Nation
Employment



Activities

612 activities
2113 hours



Engagements

1412 young people
9066 engagements



Bush Trip

14



School Support

5



Training

12



Youth Board

0



Sport

184



Events

3

Challenges



- Community/Family unrest in Ntaria, impacted on night time program
- Sniffing in Papunya and Kintore
- Break in at Maku Shed and Youth Office in Papunya
- Staff shortages due to cultural obligations
- Inter-community Basketball Comp cancelled due to cultural ceremony

Highlights

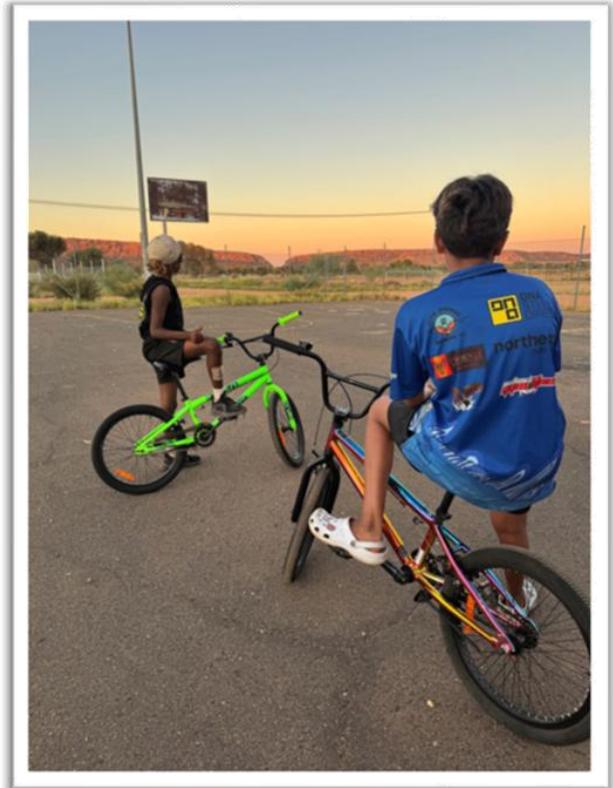


- First Inter-community Dodgeball competition
- Bike repair workshops in Titjikala and Amoonguna
- Western communities trip to town for school holiday programs
- Kings Barber Haircutting at Titjikala and Ntaria
- VR headset play in Amoonguna

MacYouth Program Activities

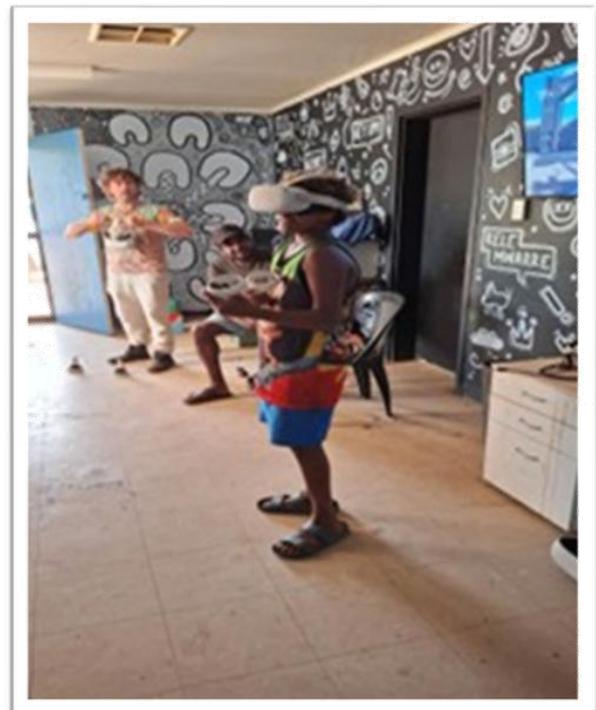
Bike workshop in Amoonguna

3/1/25 - Chase & Grace Projects visited Amoonguna for a 2-day workshop. The Young People learned about fixing bikes and build their own bikes.



VR in Amoonguna

12/12/24 - MacYouth and MacConnect ran a VR games evening in Amoonguna.



West MacDonnell Youth Trip to Alice Springs

15-17/1/25 - Staff and young people from Kintore, Mt. Liebig and Papunya spent 2 nights in Alice Springs.

- The youth enjoyed giant jumping pillows, a jungle gym, an arcade, and games at Discovery Park.
- Played basketball at the Alice Springs Drop-In Center.
- The next morning, they visited the Alice Springs pool, with water slides, parks, and six swimming pools.



- The Kintore team also stopped by Tangentyere Council to arrange IDs and check in with Caylus.

- Afternoon activities included laser tag and roller skating at the Convention Center, followed by a movie screening of *Mufasa* at the cinema.





Dodgeball comp. in Hermannsburg

18/12/24- Hermannsburg hosted the first MacYouth Intercommunity Dodgeball Competition. Papunya, Kintore and Amoonguna. Staff and young people travelled to Hermannsburg for 3 days of fun.



Kings Narrative Barbers at Hermannsburg dodgeball comp.

18/12/24 - Kings Narrative barbers visited Hermannsburg during the intercommunity dodgeball competition, giving kids fresh new haircuts from their mobile barber shop.



Papunya Christmas party

24/12/24 - MacYouth hosted a community Christmas party in Papunya, with over 140 young people attending.



Titjikala bike workshop

22/1/25 - Chase & Grace Projects visit Titjikala for a 2-day workshop. The young people learned about fixing bikes and had the opportunity to build their own bikes.





Council Report Aged and Disability



01/12/2024 - 24/01/2024



75.6% Indigenous Employment.

Community Vacancies: 14

FT: 4. PT 4. Cas: 6



Stakeholder meetings: 7



Transport

Lifts provided: 304



Individual and Group
support / activities: 550



Personal Care provided: 381

Including...

Shower & Toilet assistance,
Laundry loads, Tablet Reminders.



Total Clients: 122



Training:
Food & Safety Training for
all staff - expected
completion End of Jan 25



5470 Meals delivered
1080 Weekend hampers
1039 School Meals delivered

Highlights



- Aged Care Manager position filled - Sharan Shahin joined the team coming with a wealth of knowledge and experience.
- New coordinator for Amoonguna and Imanpa - Ashton Rogers joined us in Dec 2024 coming with previous MRC experience
- December saw a number of client Christmas parties. All were thoroughly enjoyed and highlighted the need for more client group activities.



Catholic Care NT visiting Aged Care Imanpa



Our Reports and Compliance Coordinator doing the meal drop off rounds with Annie and Caroline from Amoonguna



David from our Amoonguna team where he is happiest - preparing food for our



Clients and Staff enjoying Christmas lunch at Areyonga



Annie, Caroline and Tiffany having a well earned rest before entertaining our Amoonguna clients over a BBQ lunch



MacDonnell
Regional Council

Mackids
*growing strong in
mind, body & culture*

Council Report Children Services

24/12/2024 - 25/01/2025



39 Employees
74.35% First Nation



16 Enrolments
**4 daily ave
attendance**



Training

- 3 Team Leaders working towards Cert III Early Education and Care
- 1 Team Leader working towards Diploma Early Education and Care
- 3 Educators working towards Cert III Early Education and Care



Vacancies

- 1 Team Leader
- 2 Educator



Service Delivery
130 Hours



Support

**167 HRS Coordinator
support**



**390
Meals served**



Stakeholder Engagement

- Families for Christmas lunch

Key Challenges



- Covering Team Leaders leave with qualified staff

Highlights



- Christmas lunch with families and Santa attended with gifts
- Attended Titjikala school Christmas party with families
- Developing visual philosophy statements across all the Centres



Council Report Children Services 24/12/2024 - 25/01/2025

MacKids Hermannsburg



Annie passing picture using pegs as part of eye coordination and concentration learning skills



Lester received his Christmas present



The children decorate a canvas for centre philosophy.



As part of Family meetings - Parents decorate a canvas with paint brushes they made with local resources



Council Report Children Services 24/12/2024 - 25/01/2025

MacKids Areyonga



Educator showed children how to paint using coloured ice



Teaching children how to brush their teeth



Educator reads a story to Richard.



Educators making art with toys



Ali and Sonia counting together.



Council Report Children Services 24/12/2024 - 25/01/2025

MacKids Titjikala



Brody leading the obstacle course and checking if his friends Elviana and Errance are following.



Zendaya, Amasiah, Devante, and Daisey's turn to color the Snowman with educator Pamela.



Brody, Errance, Elviana coloring the Snow man with educator Cecilia.



Elviana and Brody: mirror play with educator Pavi



Devante helping educator Cecilia for Christmas lunch



Christmas lunch with educators Pamela and Denise.





Council Report Children Services

24/12/2024 - 25/01/2025



Denise is painting MacKids Titjikala philosophy.

MackKids Finke



Nathan the Red Gecko coming to morning tea



Osiris the Green Gecko



Council Report Children Services

24/12/2024 - 25/01/2025



Zarah, Grace, Lebron and Angela with Santa and TL Nellie



Grace, Zarah and Lebron looking at Gingerbread house made by TL, Nellie



Zara with the Christmas tree

Finke Christmas Party 2024



Council Report Children Services 24/12/2024 - 25/01/2025



Lego time: Roseanna, Brenita, Nathan with mum Adeleisha



Lebron writing his name.



Writing time: Brenita, Nathan, Osiris, Lebron, Roiceanna with mothers Adeleisha, Presceilla and Anita



Osiris with his writings



Council Report

MacSafe

Community Safety

Dec 2024 - Jan 2025



- 64 staff employed
- 82% staff are Aboriginal
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal

- 2,511 Hours Patrolled
- 8.972 Hours Worked



2,600 Engagements with young people



1,387 Engagements with over 18's



950 Young people taken home



42 Training hours



596 Are you Ok? checks



No major community events

Challenges



- Sorry Business and Men's Business have reduced services during this period.
- There was a reduced number of Town based staff (Coordinators and the Manager) due to Annual Leave; and we are still recruiting for a 4th Coordinator
- Coordinator's increased the number of communities they support.

Highlights



- A Training Plan for staff is being developed for the year
- Confirmation of the Annual MacSafe Conference in June
- All the teams that delivered the Night Patrol service over the Christmas and New Year period; and have kept services running whilst Men's business has been running in their communities.

Mt Liebig staff conducting a vehicle check in the Fleetio App, on their MacSafe App tablet (iPad)



15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	15.5
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:

- 1) Human Resources
- 2) Cultural Advisory
- 3) Learning & Development
- 4) 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. Cultural Awareness Updates:

- a. Councilor Lisa Sharman will be helping to enhance the current offering of cultural awareness training during inductions. She is making it her own and this will provide staff genuine appreciation of the diversity and richness of the communities we work with.

2. MRC's Recruitment Efforts:

- a. People & Capabilities is actively collaborating with our advertising provider to refine and enhance our recruitment materials, ensuring they effectively engage prospective candidates. Additionally, we have forged a valuable partnership with the Ngurratjuta Aboriginal Council, extending employment opportunities to our communities as new vacancies arise. This partnership highlights our commitment to inclusivity and local talent development.

3. Training Opportunities:

- a. People & Capabilities is in the process of developing and delivering formalised training programs that will address sensitive and important topics, such as Positive Duty. 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.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 PEOPLE AND CAPABILITIES DEMOGRAPHICS REPORT FEB 2025



Office of the CEO | People & Capabilities

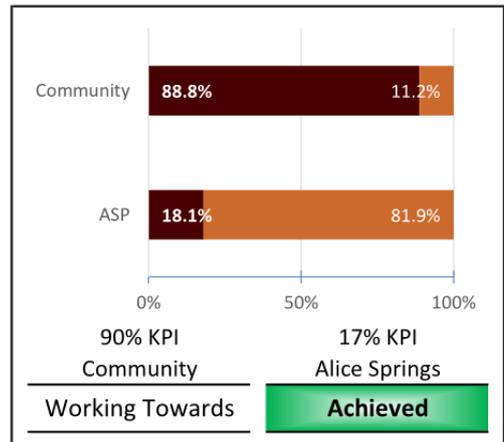
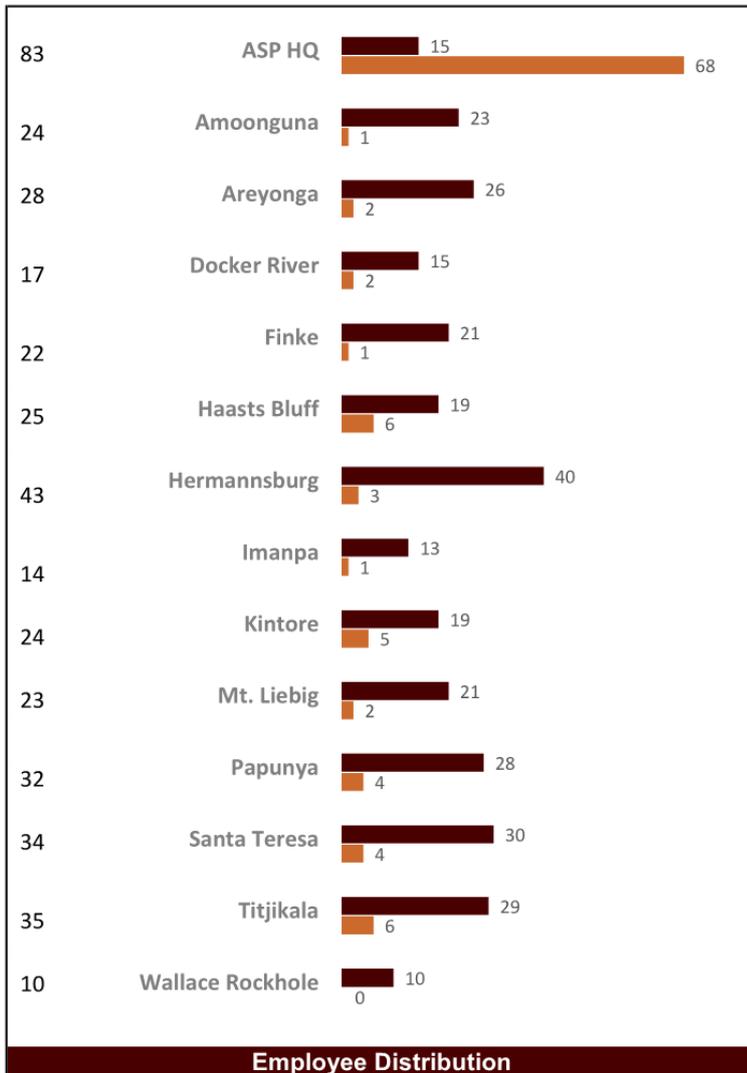
HR Demographics

as at:
Tuesday, 11 February 2025

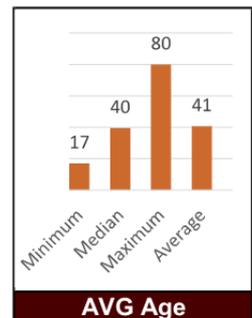
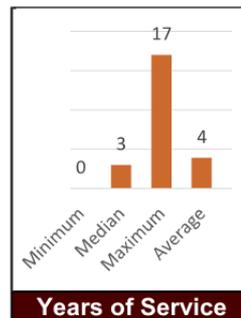
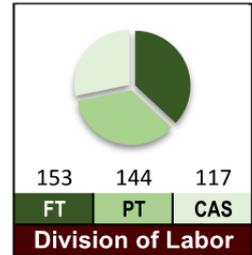
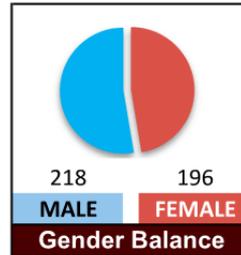


Office of the CEO	13
Office of CFO	16
Governance	6
Council Services	137 + 3
Community Services	235 + 9

Primary & Secondary Positions



Aboriginal Employment (Objective 1.3)



NOTE: Values derived from Employee Demographics, Employee Turnover, & Position Vacancy Tech1 Reports as at: 06-Feb-2025

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	15.6
TITLE	Finance Report January 2025
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:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 Section 17(2) the CEO must submit a finance report each month to a meeting of Council. Council has established a Finance Committee to consider this report in the months when Council does not meet. The Finance Report for the month ended 31 January 2025 is attached to this report for consideration with the following matters being highlighted:

- Table 1 – Income and Expenses Statement – Actual vs Budget
- Table 2 – Capital Expenditure – Actual vs Budget
- Table 3 – Monthly Balance Sheet Report including:
 - Note 1 Details of Cash and Investments Held
 - Note 2 Statement on Debts Owed to Council (Accounts Receivable)
 - Note 3 Statement on Debts Owed by Council (Trade creditors)
 - Note 4 Statement on Australian Tax Office (ATO) and Payroll Obligations
- Table 4 – Income and Expense Statement Actual v Budget – by Community
- Table 5 – Member & CEO council credit card transactions for January 2025

Charts are included within this report to assist with the financial information being presented to Members.

Comments:

Below is a snapshot of MRC's financial results as at 31 January 2025. The graphics have been created to assist Council in its understanding of MRC's financial results and highlight the key indicators of MRC's performance.

Key takeaways:

REVENUES – The overall variance this reporting period is \$6.4m below current budget. Total operating income received YTD is \$35.02m vs Budget \$41.39m. Operating Grants and Subsidies is below budget and the variance is due to funding payments due but not yet received. Rates, Charges and Fees are all above budget this reporting period. Interest is below budget and this variance is due timing of interest to be received. Commercial/Other income slightly below budget due to the timing of invoices being raised.

EXPENDITURE – \$2.17m is the total operating expense variance. The most significant variance to report this period is employee costs which is below budget \$2.4m. Contract

expenditure is slightly over budget \$79k. Other expenses is also slightly over budget by \$93k. Depreciation has now been posted and this expense for this report is \$5.4m. Operational expenditure YTD is \$33.36m with a budget allocation of \$35.53m. Although there are some overs and unders within operational expenditure total actual expenditure is below budget.

NET OPERATING RESULT – MRC's year-to-date operating position stands at \$4.9m which is \$8.1m below where Council had forecasted to be at this time of the year.

ASSETS – The value of MRC's assets have been confirmed by auditors. Depreciation has been posted this reporting period.

FIXED ASSETS ACQUIRED – The value of MRC's assets for January is \$56k with upgrades at Lot 250 Papunya.

CASH ON HAND – MRC has \$7.9m in its operating accounts to pay for its daily operating costs. Term deposits are currently \$11.5m for this reporting period with the NAB (National Australia Bank).

UNEXPENDED GRANTS – The value of unexpended grants for this period is \$8.5m.

RESERVES – MRC's reserves have remained static.

UNRESTRICTED CASH – MRC is fortunate to have \$11.0m in untied funding available to meet its operational commitments and for the acquisition of assets.

Other matters

WHERE THE MONEY WAS SPENT – the chart below shows the breakdown of all of MRC's expenses by function. As can be seen 28% was spent on managing and delivering community services programs.

Exploring expenditure further it can be established that 76% of all expenditure is directly applied to delivering services to the communities, including civil works, road maintenance, municipal services such as waste collection and maintaining the assets, infrastructure, fleet, etc.

The remaining 24% is expended on "back end" activities such as running the Departments of Finance (to pay the bills, to pay the staff, to account for the revenue, etc), Human Resource (to employ and train the staff and look after WH&S), Governance (to support the elected members and ensure compliance) and IT (to keep Council's network running).

WORKING CAPITAL / CURRENT RATIO - MRC maintains a good financial position. As mentioned previously it has significant available resources to fund its daily operations. It has total Working Capital of \$11.12m – the difference between its total Current Assets (\$21.72m) and total Current Liabilities (\$10.60m). This means that MRC's Current Ratio is 2.0 – for every \$1 MRC currently owes it has \$2.00 to cover those debts.

January 2025 Financial Results - Year-to-date figures in millions

Revenue

Current Year

\$35.0m



Expenditures

Actual

\$33.4m



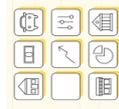
Net Operating Result

\$4.9m



Assets

\$85.4m



Fixed Assets Acquired

\$2.95m



Cash on Hand

\$19.48m



Unexpended Grants

Current Grant Liability

\$8.5m



Reserves

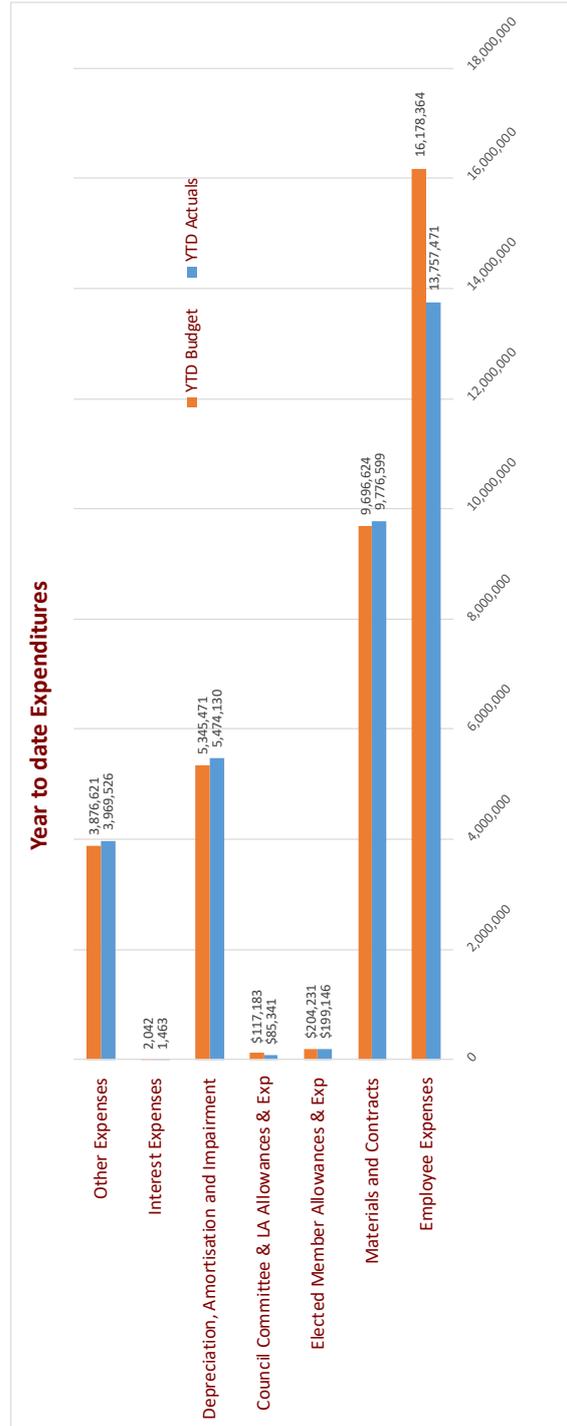
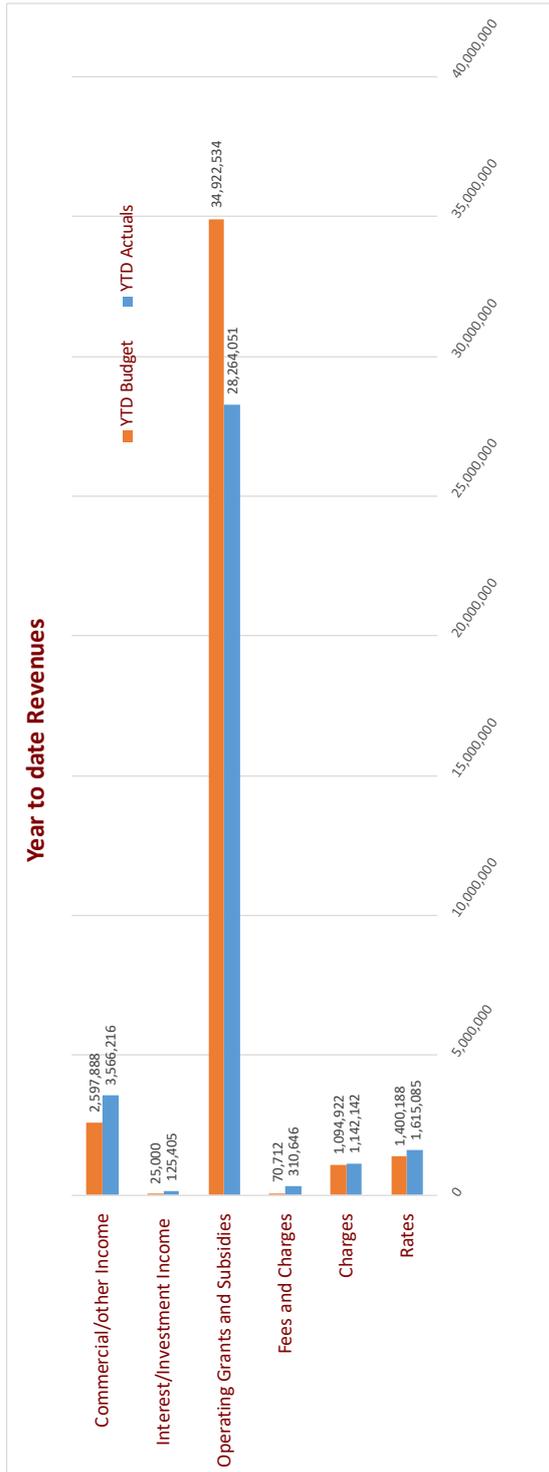
\$91.3m

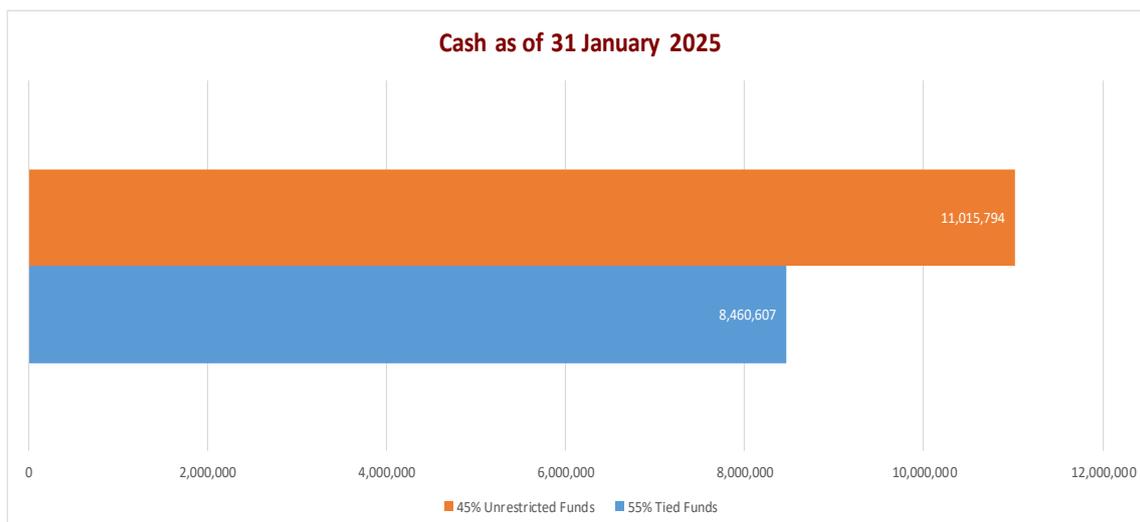


Unrestricted Cash

\$11.0m





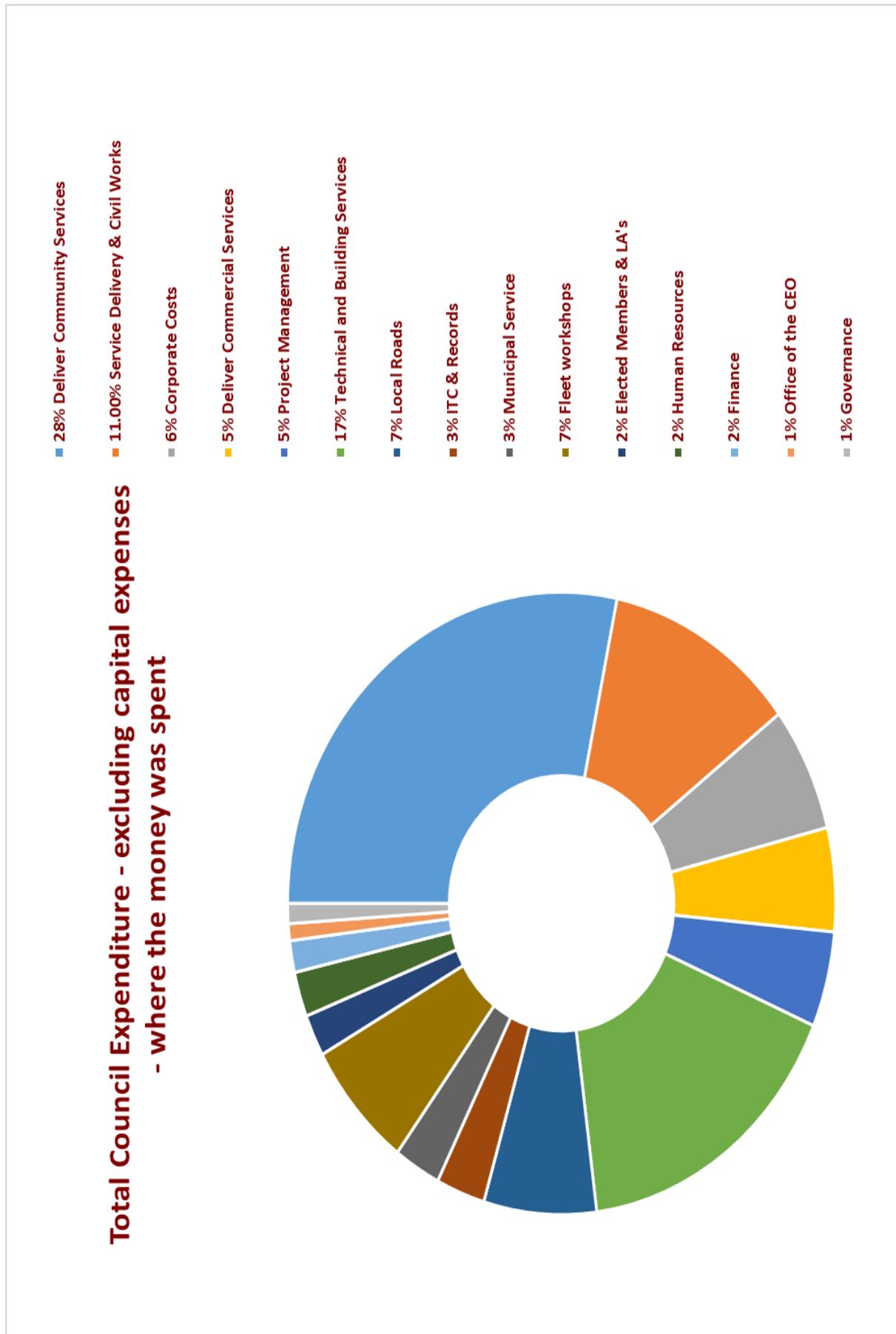


Working Capital / Current Ratio

MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL For the period ended 31 January 2025	
	31 January 2025
	\$
ASSETS	
Cash at bank	7,976,401
Term deposit	11,500,000
Accounts Receivable	2,247,743
Inventory	0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	21,724,144
Less:	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	86,330
Provisions	1,863,340
Grant liability	8,460,607
Other Current Liabilities	187,529
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	10,597,806
NET CURRENT ASSETS (Working Capital)	11,126,338
CURRENT RATIO	2.0

Current Ratio Formula = $\frac{\text{Current Assets}}{\text{Current Liabilities}}$

The Cash Ratio measures Council's ability to pay its short term debts (Current Liabilities) when they fall due. The ratio for May of 2.0 means that Council has \$2.00 in cash (Current Assets) for every \$1 of debt, including unexpended grants.



The attached Financial Tables and Charts have been certified by the CEO of MRC.

Certification by the Council CEO	
Council Name:	MacDonnell Regional Council
Reporting Period:	31st January 2025
To the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief: (1) the internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and (2) the monthly reports best reflects the financial affairs of the council	
CEO Signed	
Date	21/02/2025
<i>Note: If the CEO cannot provide this certification then written reasons are required for not providing the certification.</i>	

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Reporting on a monthly basis keeps Council informed and compliant with all legislative requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Not applicable.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 TABLE 1 INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
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Table 1. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget

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	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Variance %	Approved Annual Budget \$
OPERATING INCOME					
Rates	1,615,085	1,400,188	214,897	15%	1,498,742
Charges	1,142,142	1,094,922	47,220	4%	1,094,922
Fees and Charges	310,646	70,712	239,934	339%	490,890
Operating Grants and Subsidies	28,264,051	34,922,534	(6,658,483)	-19%	44,080,221
Interest/Investment Income	125,405	250,000	(124,595)	-50%	500,000
Commercial/other Income	3,566,216	3,597,888	(31,672)	-1%	6,108,426
Council own fund	0	56,091	(56,091)	-100%	96,155
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	35,023,545	41,392,335	(6,368,790)		53,869,356
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Employee Expenses	13,757,471	16,178,364	2,420,893	15%	27,791,994
Materials and Contracts	9,776,599	9,696,624	(79,975)	-1%	18,849,548
Elected Member Allowances	199,146	204,231	5,085	2%	354,000
Elected Member Expenses	85,341	117,183	31,842	27%	196,600
Council Committee & LA Allowances	59,544	72,800	13,256	18%	124,800
Council Committee & LA Expenses	39,036	44,377	5,341	12%	76,075
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	5,474,130	5,345,471	(128,659)	-2%	9,163,665
Interest Expenses	1,463	2,042	579	28%	3,500
Other Expenses	3,969,526	3,876,621	(92,905)	-2%	6,679,136
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	33,362,256	35,537,712	2,175,456		63,239,318
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	1,661,289	5,854,623	(4,193,334)		(9,369,962)
Capital Grants Income	736,428	736,428	0	0%	736,428
Gain from the sale of assets	0	1,099,583	(1,099,583)	-100%	1,935,000
Council own fund	0	1,350,107	(1,350,107)	-100%	1,350,107
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	2,397,717	9,040,742	(6,643,025)		(5,348,427)
Capital Expenses	(2,948,884)	(1,349,972)	(1,598,912)	118%	(3,557,208)
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)			0	0%	
Less Non-Cash Income			0	0%	
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	5,474,130	5,345,471	128,659	2%	9,163,665
NET OPERATING POSITION	4,922,963	13,036,241	(8,113,278)		258,030

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Table 2. Capital Expenditure and Funding Budget
For the Period Ending 31/01/25

	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Variance %	Approved Annual Budget \$
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
Land and Buildings	633,599	209,555	(424,044)	-202%	1,395,108
Infrastructure (including roads, footpaths, park furniture)	0	0	0	0%	0
Plant and Machinery	2,300,814	1,125,833	(1,174,981)	-88%	2,137,100
Other Assets (including furniture and office equipment)	14,470	14,583	113	1%	25,000
Other Leased Assets	0	0	0	0%	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	2,948,884	1,349,972	(1,598,912)		3,557,208
<i>* Total must equal Capital Expenses amount in the Income and Expenditure Statement</i>					
Total capital expenditure funded by:					
Operating Income (amount allocated to fund capital items)	0	0	0	100%	(464,328)
Capital Grants Income	736,428	736,428	0	0%	736,428
Gain from the sale of assets	0	1,099,583	1,099,583	100%	1,935,000
Council own fund	-	1,350,107	1,350,107	100%	1,350,107
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	736,428	3,186,119	2,449,691		3,557,208

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Table 3. Monthly Balance Sheet Report
31st January 2025

	YTD Actuals \$	Note Reference
ASSETS		
Cash at bank	7,976,401	(1)
Term deposit	11,500,000	(1)
Tied Funds		8,460,607
Untied Funds		11,015,794
Accounts Receivable		
Trade Debtors	1,032,540	(2)
Provision for bad debt	-18,691	
Rates & Charges Debtors	1,233,894	
Other Receivables	0	
Inventory	0	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	21,724,144	
Non-Current Financial Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	85,422,916	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	85,422,916	
TOTAL ASSETS	107,147,060	
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	-6,632	(3)
GST payable (receivable)	86,226	
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	6,736	(4)
Employee benefit current	1,863,340	
Grant liability	8,460,607	
Other Current Liability	11,392	
Lease liability current	176,137	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	10,597,806	
Employee benefit non current	369,361	
Lease liability non current	165,418	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	534,779	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	11,132,585	
NET ASSETS	96,014,475	
EQUITY		
Asset Revaluation	86,297,467	
Reserves	5,000,000	
Accumulated Surplus	4,717,008	
TOTAL EQUITY	96,014,475	

Note 1. Details of Cash and Investments Held**Cash at Bank/Petty Cash**

Account name	Total
Operations Account	2,930,054
Trust Account	4,055,651
Centrelink	484,537
Northern Territory (NTG)	497,948
Amoonguna Store	6,234
Petty Cash	1,977
Total Cash at Bank	7,976,401

Investment Report

Bank	Principal \$	Interest Rate	Term Days	Maturity Date	Percentage
NAB	2,000,000.00	4.20%	30	20/02/2025	17%
NAB	1,000,000.00	4.50%	62	24/03/2025	9%
NAB	3,000,000.00	4.95%	91	22/04/2025	26%
NAB	2,000,000.00	4.50%	62	31/03/2025	17%
NAB	2,000,000.00	4.95%	90	28/04/2025	17%
NAB	1,500,000.00	4.20%	30	28/02/2025	13%
	11,500,000.00				100%

Note 2. Statement on Debts Owed to Council (Accounts Receivable)

Debtors	1 – 30 Days	31 – 60 Days	>60 Days
Australian Government - Centrelink	1,656	2,760	3,312
Aged Care Quality & Safety Commission	-	-	210
Coca Cola Europacific Partners	-	-	436
Corporate Travel Management	1,526	436	345
Department of Education Northern Territory	7,303	-	-
Dept of Attorney General and Justice - NTG	276	-	-
Dept of People, Sports & Culture	5,028	-	-
Dept of Territory Families Housing	654	12,771	1,257
Elevate Construction Solutions Pty Ltd	-	222	-
Emperor Refridgeration Pty Ltd	654	-	0
Hasting Deering (Australia) Ltd	436	-	-
ILBIJERRI Theatre Company	-	-	210
Jabiard Civil Concreting	-	-	3,780
Kerry Taylor	-	-	109
MPH Projects Builders and Contractors	23,460	-	-
Mt Liebig Community Store	-	-	78
NAAJA	-	654	-
NIAA	-	-	18,051
Northern Territory Government - Dept Infrastructure	47,216	-	-
Optic Security Group	-	-	630
Outback Floors	-	-	92
Outback Projects Pty Ltd	2,051	-	-
Power and Water Corporation - Darwin	585,788	241,325	43,205
Pure Plumbing Solutions NT Pty Ltd	-392	-	0
Reimal Pty Ltd	218	-	-
Rusca Development Pty Ltd	-	-	8,788
S&R Building and Construction Pty Ltd	-	218	-
Sensorem Pty Ltd	-	-	218
Terry Abbott	-	-	11,500
The Spririt of the Gumtree	-	-	1,260
The YMCA of the Northern Territory	3,899	-	-
Waltju Tjutangku Palyapayi	0	1,110	-
Yes23	-210	-	-
Trade Debtors	679,563	259,496	93,480

Note 3. Statement on Debts Owed by Council (Trade creditors)

Creditors	1 – 30 Days	31 – 60 Days	>60 Days
Power and Water Authority	-6,610	-	-
Woolworths Alice Springs	44	-	-
Tommy Conway	214	-	-
Newbook Pty Ltd	-513	-	-
Norman Kenny	-122	-	-
Christopher Prasad	354	-	-
Total Trade Creditors	-6,632	-	-

Note 4. Statement on Australian Tax Office (ATO) and Payroll Obligations

Creditors	1 – 30 Days	31 – 60 Days	>60 Days
AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE (PAYG only)	3,788	-	-
Super Fund Clearing House	2,948	-	-
Total ATO and Payroll obligations	6,736	-	-

Table 5. Member & CEO council credit card transactions for January 2025

1. Roxanne Kenny - President (member)			
Date	Amount	Suppliers Name	Reason for the transactions
27/01/2025	6.00	Westpac Bank	Card fee
2. Belinda Urquhart - CEO			
Date	Amount	Suppliers Name	Reason for the transactions
2/01/2025	125.28	Facebook	Media Officer subscription
3/01/2025	70.50	Ezypay*AAAPOS	MYOB - Store
27/01/2025	6.00	Westpac	Card fee

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Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget
For the Period Ending 31/01/25

	Regional Office			Amoonguna			Areyonga		
	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME									
Rates	1,615,085	1,400,188	214,897	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges	1,142,142	1,094,922	47,220	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	35,463	70,712	(35,249)	1,478		1,478	12,298	0	12,298
Operating Grants and Subsidies	22,609,749	25,185,589	(2,575,839)	129,512	115,128	14,384	629,516	1,988,600	(1,359,084)
Interest/Investment Income	125,405	250,000	(124,595)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	953,868	1,003,823	(49,955)	81,431	109,037	(27,606)	236,248	239,483	(3,235)
Council own fund	0	56,091	(56,091)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	26,481,713	29,061,324	(2,579,612)	212,421	224,165	(11,744)	878,062	2,228,083	(1,350,021)
OPERATING EXPENSES									
Employee Expenses	5,897,772	6,204,912	255,263	571,910	619,325	47,415	580,635	784,662	204,027
Materials and Contracts	2,739,041	2,090,610	(438,666)	191,699	204,601	12,902	1,645,685	1,024,152	(621,534)
Elected Member Allowances	199,146	204,231	5,085	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	85,341	117,183	31,842	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	37,144	43,750	7,706	1,400	1,633	233	2,450	1,925	(525)
Council Committee & LA Expenses	669	0	(219)	4,950	3,602	(1,348)	4,954	4,434	(520)
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	5,474,130	5,345,471	(128,659)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	1,463	2,042	579	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	2,409,602	2,283,550	(138,226)	62,576	72,578	10,002	99,342	134,942	35,599
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	16,844,308	16,291,748	(405,296)	832,535	901,739	69,204	2,333,067	1,950,115	(382,952)
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	9,637,405	12,769,576	(2,984,907)	(620,113)	(677,574)	57,461	(1,455,005)	277,968	(1,732,973)
Capital Grants Income	236,000	236,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gain from the sale of assets	0	1,099,583	(1,099,583)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council own fund	0	60,980	0	0	37,000	(37,000)	0	54,033	(54,033)
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	9,873,405	14,166,139	(4,084,491)	(620,113)	(640,574)	20,461	(1,455,005)	332,001	(1,787,006)
Capital Expenses	(2,497,601)	(1,349,972)	(1,147,630)	(41,391)	0	(41,391)	(73,191)	0	(73,191)
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)			0			0			0
Less Non-Cash Income			0			0			0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	5,474,130	5,345,471	128,659	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	12,849,934	18,161,639	(5,103,461)	(661,504)	(640,574)	(20,930)	(1,528,196)	332,001	(1,860,197)

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Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget
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	Docker River			Finke			Haasts Bluff		
	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME									
Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	27,515	0	27,515	37,503	0	37,503	6,051	0	6,051
Operating Grants and Subsidies	342,070	435,106	(93,036)	219,776	340,018	(120,242)	274,761	488,519	(213,758)
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	193,964	186,045	7,920	227,711	214,368	13,343	148,148	186,471	(38,323)
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	563,550	621,151	(57,601)	484,990	554,386	(69,396)	428,960	674,990	(246,030)
OPERATING EXPENSES									
Employee Expenses	481,212	625,556	144,344	606,825	696,998	90,173	434,950	743,791	308,841
Materials and Contracts	281,953	361,171	79,218	156,114	195,269	39,155	327,981	293,458	(34,523)
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,950	2,800	850	1,950	2,450	500	0	1,100	1,100
Council Committee & LA Expenses	5,126	4,189	(937)	4,195	4,677	482	218	2,917	2,698
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	67,642	89,620	21,977	88,605	102,266	13,661	88,666	100,444	11,778
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	837,883	1,083,335	245,452	857,690	1,001,661	143,971	851,815	1,141,710	289,895
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(274,334)	(462,185)	187,851	(372,699)	(447,274)	74,575	(422,856)	(466,720)	43,865
Capital Grants Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gain from the sale of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council own fund	0	223,625	(223,625)	0	25,080	(25,080)	0	14,045	(14,045)
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(274,334)	(238,560)	(35,774)	(372,699)	(422,194)	49,495	(422,856)	(452,675)	29,820
Capital Expenses	(74,825)	0	(74,825)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)			0			0			0
Less Non-Cash Income			0			0			0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	(349,158)	(238,560)	(110,598)	(372,699)	(422,194)	49,495	(422,856)	(452,675)	29,820

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Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget
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	Hermannsburg			Imanpa			Kintore		
	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME									
Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	11,759		11,759	5,600	0	5,600	63,533	0	63,533
Operating Grants and Subsidies	835,465	988,572	(153,107)	27,881	25,878	2,003	1,147,781	1,473,947	(326,166)
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	268,318	237,155	31,163	203,808	182,211	21,597	220,917	199,781	21,136
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	1,115,542	1,225,727	(110,185)	237,289	208,089	29,200	1,432,231	1,673,728	(241,498)
OPERATING EXPENSES									
Employee Expenses	1,134,005	1,183,568	49,563	314,905	422,567	107,662	527,867	747,453	219,587
Materials and Contracts	1,189,718	749,142	(440,575)	130,247	154,525	24,277	625,656	934,652	308,996
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,950	1,225	(725)	1,300	2,158	858	500	1,575	1,075
Council Committee & LA Expenses	1,599	2,917	1,317	2,955	2,917	(38)	1,037	2,917	1,879
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	104,424	161,866	57,442	36,846	56,597	19,751	188,365	205,592	17,227
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,431,696	2,098,718	(332,978)	486,253	638,764	152,511	1,343,425	1,892,189	548,764
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(1,316,155)	(872,991)	(443,163)	(248,964)	(430,675)	181,711	88,806	(218,461)	307,267
Capital Grants Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gain from the sale of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council own fund	0	149,620	(149,620)	0	0	0	0	422,456	(422,456)
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(1,316,155)	(723,371)	(592,783)	(248,964)	(430,675)	181,711	88,806	203,995	(115,189)
Capital Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	(67,285)	0	(67,285)
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)			0			0			0
Less Non-Cash Income			0			0			0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	(1,316,155)	(723,371)	(592,783)	(248,964)	(430,675)	181,711	21,521	203,995	(182,474)

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Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget
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	Mount Liebig			Papunya			Santa Teresa		
	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME									
Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	18,892	0	18,892	71,105	0	71,105	1,324	0	1,324
Operating Grants and Subsidies	586,129	464,784	121,344	369,114	1,201,560	(832,446)	456,340	1,201,560	(745,220)
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	165,293	171,194	(5,901)	385,559	285,812	99,747	229,337	285,812	(56,475)
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	770,313	635,978	134,335	825,777	1,487,372	(661,595)	687,001	1,487,372	(800,371)
OPERATING EXPENSES									
Employee Expenses	531,379	721,494	190,115	908,827	1,121,095	212,268	807,189	1,121,095	313,906
Materials and Contracts	683,516	261,448	(422,069)	733,112	1,387,367	654,255	465,850	1,387,367	921,518
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	3,000	3,296	296	2,650	3,325	675	2,100	2,575	475
Council Committee & LA Expenses	2,834	3,500	666	4,175	3,092	(1,084)	3,405	3,092	(314)
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	84,583	102,479	17,896	302,219	196,841	(105,378)	286,655	196,841	(89,814)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,305,312	1,092,217	(213,096)	1,950,984	2,711,720	760,736	1,565,199	2,710,970	1,145,771
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(534,999)	(456,239)	(78,760)	(1,125,207)	(1,224,348)	99,142	(878,198)	(1,223,598)	345,400
Capital Grants Income	338,632	338,632	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gain from the sale of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council own fund	0	64,840	(64,840)	0	149,214	(149,214)	0	149,214	(149,214)
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(196,367)	(52,767)	(143,600)	(1,125,207)	(1,075,134)	(50,072)	(878,198)	(1,074,384)	196,186
Capital Expenses	(56,166)	0	(56,166)	(130,036)	0	(130,036)	(8,389)	0	(8,389)
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)			0			0			0
Less Non-Cash Income			0			0			0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	(252,532)	(52,767)	(199,765)	(1,255,243)	(1,075,134)	(180,109)	(886,587)	(1,074,384)	187,797

MacDonnell Regional Council

Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget

For the Period Ending 31/01/25

	Titjikala			Wallace Rock		
	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME						
Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	9,063	0	9,063	1,218	0	1,218
Operating Grants and Subsidies	807,938	979,917	(171,980)	40,781	33,355	7,425
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	224,583	197,553	27,030	86,776	99,145	(12,368)
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	1,041,584	1,177,471	(135,887)	128,775	132,500	(3,725)
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	630,405	959,995	329,591	277,714	225,852	(51,862)
Materials and Contracts	801,945	606,027	(195,918)	13,847	46,836	32,989
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	3,450	3,150	(300)	800	1,838	1,038
Council Committee & LA Expenses	1,099	2,917	1,817	2,268	2,333	66
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	132,168	150,001	17,833	5,659	23,003	17,344
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,569,066	1,722,089	153,023	300,289	299,862	(427)
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(527,483)	(544,619)	17,136	(171,513)	(167,362)	(4,152)
Capital Grants Income	161,796	161,796	0	0	0	0
Gain from the sale of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(365,687)	(382,823)	17,136	(171,513)	(167,362)	(4,152)
Capital Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)			0			0
Less Non-Cash Income			0			0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	(365,687)	(382,823)	17,136	(171,513)	(167,362)	(4,152)

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.7
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 31 January 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 these meetings.

It is anticipated that discussion regarding the current vacancy on the Committee will be resolved once the casual vacancy on Council is considered at the October meeting of Council.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Finance and Risk Committee Minutes 31.1.2025



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE HELD IN THE OFFICE OF
THE CEO ON FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2025 AT 10:00 AM

1 MEETING OPENED at 10.15am

2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

Member Lisa Sharman, Deputy Dalton McDonald and Chairperson Roxanne Kenny.

Staff:

Belinda Urquhart, CEO and Osman Kassem, Manager Finance.

Guests:

Nil.

Apologies:

Member Andrew Davis

Leave of Absence:

Nil.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**3.1 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11
DECEMBER 2024 – to be reviewed at the next meeting of the Committee.**

4 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

5 OFFICERS' REPORTS

6.1 FINANCE REPORT DECEMBER 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 31 December 2024.

FRC2025-001 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Dalton McDonald)

That Finance and Risk Committee notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 31 December 2024.

Minute note: Members were provided with additional commentary by Mr Kassen, Manager Finance which included:

- Advice that an additional \$7m had been transferred into the Term Deposits since 31 December. Mr Kasseem undertook to provide the returns on MRC's investments at the next Committee meeting.
- Advice was provided in relation to MRC's outstanding debtor Ingkerreke Commercial P/L that the administrators have found additional liabilities and expenses incurred by the company with the effect being that MRC will most probably receive a reduced payout.

Minute note: Members of the Committee requested that all of MRC's Community Services commit to working within the scope of the respective funding agreements.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

Nil

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

8 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 10.30am.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting – 21 March 2025 - 10:00am.

This page and the preceding page are the unconfirmed minutes of the Finance And Risk Committee held on Friday 31 January 2025 and will be confirmed Friday 21 March 2025.

President

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	15.8
TITLE	Use of the Common Seal
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:

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.

RECOMMENDATION

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.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Section 38(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (LGA) states that “affixing of the Common Seal to a document must be authorised or ratified [endorsed] by resolution of Council”. Furthermore, the affixing of the Common Seal “must be attested [witnessed] by signatures of the CEO and at least one member of Council”. The documents mentioned above were stamped with the common seal and signed in line with Council’s delegation policy by the CEO and a Council Member. Council is now being asked to ratify the use of the Common Seal.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Council’s delegation policy on use of the Common Seal provides a practical way to ensure agreements are signed in a timely manner to make sure Council does not miss out on funding due to a delay whilst awaiting a Council meeting for the Common Seal to be used.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Roxanne Kenny, President
Belinda Urquhart, CEO

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 NIAA PROJECT AGREEMENT VARIATION 4 - 20.12.24
- 2 NIAA SCHOOL NUTRITION VARIATION - 10.1.25
- 3 DOHA AGED CARE SERVICES VARIATION - 13.1.25
- 4 DHLG&CD HMES BUDGET ADJUSTMENT - 20.12.24
- 5 NTG ACTIVE REMOTE COMMUNITIES 24-29 - 20.12.24



Australian Government
National Indigenous Australians Agency

DEED OF VARIATION NO 4 TO
PROJECT AGREEMENT

between

the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (ABN 30 429 895 164)

AND

MacDonnell Regional Council (ABN 21 340 804 903)

Head Agreement reference number (system ID)	4-G5EEGEJ
Project Schedule reference number (system ID)	4-GCN2T3X
Provider reference number (system ID)	1-1HYJ91

Version: 2 May 2017

Executed by the parties as a deed

Commonwealth:

SIGNED, sealed and delivered for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (ABN 30 429 895 164) by its duly authorised delegate:

(Name of Commonwealth Representative)

(Signature of Commonwealth Representative)

(Position of Commonwealth Representative)

...../...../.....

(Name of Witness in full)

(Signature of Witness)

Provider:

SIGNED, sealed and delivered for and on behalf of MacDonnell Regional Council, (ABN 21 340 804 903) in accordance with its rules:

Roxanne Kenny - President - *RMA Kenny*

(Name and position held by Signatory) (Signature)

20/2/24

Belinda Urquhart *Belinda Urquhart*

(Name and position held by second Signatory / (Signature of second Signatory / Witness)

Name of Witness) CEO

20/2/24





Australian Government
National Indigenous Australians Agency

DEED OF VARIATION NO.4 TO
PROJECT AGREEMENT

between

**the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the National Indigenous
Australians Agency (ABN 30 429 895 164)**

AND

MacDonnell Regional Council (ABN 21 340 804 903)

Head Agreement reference number (system ID)	4-G5EEGEJ
Project Schedule reference number (system ID)	4-HYXFPJS
Provider reference number (system ID)	1-1HYJ9I

Version: 2 May 2017

Executed by the parties as a deed

Commonwealth:

SIGNED, sealed and delivered for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (ABN 30 429 895 164) by its duly authorised delegate:

(Name of Commonwealth Representative)

(Signature of Commonwealth Representative)

(Position of Commonwealth Representative)

.....

(Name of Witness in full)

(Signature of Witness)

Provider:



SIGNED, sealed and delivered for and on behalf of McDonnell Regional Council, (21 340 804 903) in accordance with its rules:

Roxanne Kenny - President
(Name and position held by Signatory)

RMKenny
(Signature)
10,1,2025

Belinda Urquhart - CEO
(Name and position held by second Signatory /
Name of Witness) *Urquhart*
(Signature of second Signatory / Witness)
10,1,2025



Australian Government

Department of Health and Aged Care

Organisation ID:	1-1HYJ9I
Agreement ID:	4-ILLIJW7
Program Schedule ID:	4-ILGHGBR

Deed of Variation in relation to Aged Care Services

1. Date

This Deed is made on 13 January 2025

2. Parties

This Deed is made between:

1. The Commonwealth, as represented by Department of Health and Aged Care, ABN 83 605 426 759 (the 'Commonwealth'); and
2. MacDonnell Regional Council, ABN 21 340 804 903 (the 'Grantee').

3. Context

- A. The Parties entered in an agreement on 6 June 2023 under which the Commonwealth gave a Grant to the Grantee for Aged Care Services (the 'Agreement').
- B. The Parties have agreed to amend the Agreement on the terms and conditions contained in this Deed.

4. Amendments

With effect from the date of execution of this Deed, the Agreement is amended:

Funding for existing Activities under this Agreement is adjusted as per the table below. This table shows only those existing Activities with funding varied under this Deed:

Activity Name	Activity Id	Financial Year	Current Grant Amount (excl. GST)	Variation Amount (excl. GST)	New Total Grant Amount (excl. GST)
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program	4-ILLPISF	2023-2024	██████████	\$0.00	██████████
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program	4-ILLPISF	2024-2025	██████████	██████████	██████████
Total			██████████	██████████	██████████

Signatures

Organisation ID:	1-1HYJ9I
Agreement ID:	4-ILLIJW7
Program Schedule ID:	4-ILGHGBR

Executed as a deed

Signed, sealed and delivered for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by the relevant Delegate, represented by and acting through Department of Health and Aged Care, ABN 83 605 426 759 in the presence of:

Chris Brown _____
 (Name of Departmental Representative) (Signature of Departmental Representative)

Team Leader, Community Grants Hub _____ 13/01/2025
 (Position of Departmental Representative)

Gurvinder Mendiratta _____
 (Name of Witness in full) (Signature of Witness)

13/01/2025

Signed, sealed and delivered by MacDonnell Regional Council, ABN 21 340 804 903 in accordance with its rules, and who warrants that he/she is authorised to sign this Deed:

Roxanne Kenny - President _____
 (Name and position held by Signatory) (Signature)

Belinda Urquhart - CEO _____
 (Name and position held by second Signatory/Name of Witness) (Signature of second Signatory/Witness)

10/1/25

10/1/25





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Ms Belinda Urquhart
Chief Executive Officer
MacDonnell Regional Council
PO Box 5267
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871

Via email: Belinda.Urquhart@macdonnell.nt.gov.au

Dear Ms Urquhart

Re: Letter of Notice 2023-25 HMES – Budget adjustment for 2024-2025

On 3 October 2023, the Northern Territory of Australia through its agency the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development (the Department) and MacDonnell Regional Council entered into an agreement for HME500038 (the Funding Agreement), for the delivery of Housing, Municipal and Essential Services (HMES) program to Remote Homelands residents.

The Funding Agreement established the amounts for allocation in total and as per homeland.

In September 2024, the Department released to MacDonnell Regional Council an amount (Payment 1) higher than the agreed allocation, based on revised Budget advice. Please note that Payment 1 of \$532,513 was an increase of \$5,525 over the amount stated in the executed Funding Agreement.

The Department has now received final confirmation of the actual increase to the Homelands Budget, requiring a Variation to the Funding Agreement with regard to the previously agreed HMES allocation amount.

Allocations per Homelands have also been revised accordingly and the new allocation amounts for each Homeland are at Attachment A to this variation letter.

SIGNED by (name of delegate) for and on behalf of the NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA pursuant to a delegation under the Contracts Act 1978 in the presence of:)
)
) (Signature of Delegate)
)
 Date: / /

.....
(Signature of Witness)

.....
(Name of Witness)

EXECUTED by an officer or person authorised to act on behalf of MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL in accordance with s 38 of the Local Government Act 2019

on the tenth day of January, 2025
(Print Day in Words, e.g. First) (Print Month in words, e.g. April)

in the presence of Roxanne Kenny - President [Signature]
(Print Name of Director) (Signature of Director)

and Belinda Urquhart [Signature]
(Print Name of Director/Secretary) (Signature of Director/Secretary)





Northern Territory of Australia

Standard Five-Year Grant Funding Agreement Part 1 – Contract Details

GRANT NUMBER	ARRC2400003
FUNDED ORGANISATION NAME	MacDonnell Regional Council
FUNDED ACTIVITY NAME	Active Regional and Remote Communities Program Annual Funding 2024 - 2029

FUNDED ORGANISATION PLEASE NOTE:

This Agreement must be read in conjunction with
Part 2 - General Conditions

which are incorporated into the Contract by reference and are available through the web-based link at paragraph 3b. of this document.

DO NOT sign this document without reviewing the Part 2 - General Conditions. If you cannot access the link you must contact our Primary Contact Person for assistance.

SIGNING

Executed as an Agreement.

SIGNED by.....(name of)
 delegate) for and on behalf of the NORTHERN)
 TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA pursuant to a delegation)
 under the Contracts Act 1978 in the presence of:) (Signature of Delegate)
)
 Date: / /

.....
(Signature of Witness)

.....
(Name of Witness)

You acknowledge that you have read all the Parts of this Agreement (including the Part 2 - General Conditions and any Special Conditions) and agree that you are fully aware of your rights, duties and obligations under this Agreement.

Council established under the Local Government Act 2019

EXECUTED by an officer or person authorised to act on behalf of MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL in accordance with section 38 of the Local Government Act 2019

on the Friday, twentieth day of December 2024
 (Print Day in Words) (Print Month and year)
 President - Roxanne Kenny (Print Name of Authorised Officer) [Signature] (Signature of Authorised Officer)
 CEO - Belinda Uragart (Print Name of Authorised Officer) [Signature] (Signature of Authorised Officer)
 in the presence of



15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.9
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 February 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

- 2025 has started well with the 4 Local Authorities meetings held, as at the date this report was prepared, achieving quorum. It is particularly pleasing to note that there was quorum for the Kintore meeting held on 29 January 2025 and that three community members became provisional members. Hopefully this trend will continue for the rest of the year.

2024/2025 FY LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS					
DATE	COMMUNITY	QUORUM	PROVISIONAL	DEFERRED	CANCELLED
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	✓			

YOUTH BOARDS

- There has only been one Youth Board Meeting since the last report to Council which took place at Kintore on 4th December 2024. The minutes from this meeting were presented at the Local Authority meeting held in January and are attached for the benefit of Council. The feedback provided by the Local Authority was included in the Local Authority minutes as discussed earlier in this meeting.

Attendees at this meeting included:

Lekisha Abbott, Russell Winjinana, Zaria Sampson, Jandelle Brown, Roy Abbott, Jemma Pollard, Henry Green/Raggett, Daisy Abbott/Reid, Jack Pollard, Zinata Green, Lindsay Rowe, Cecilia Simms, Henry MacDonald, Cindy Giles and Latarna Miller.

- Work has commenced on the development of an incentive scheme to encourage attendance at Youth Board meetings including the possibility of conducting an annual Youth Board workshop in Alice Springs prior to the December Council meeting.

The Youth Board meetings are instrumental in bringing matters to the attention of their respective Local Authorities.

BRAND, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

- The team's Brand, Media, & Communications Coordinator is progressing work on the redevelopment of MRC's website and it is to be hoped that Council can be presented with the design concept in the New Year.
- A Staff Newsletter was produced in December and it is hoped that a further Newsletter will be produced in March. This is an important means of engaging with staff and letting them know what's happening in MRC.
- The Coordinator has been working on a video for MRC's Tidy Towns submission and has been reviewing the footage and dealing with the paperwork (permissions signed, shot lists and coordination).
- Assistance is being provided in the preparations for this year's International Women's Day event.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

Work has continued apace on the development and review of MRC's policies. In addition to the policy presented separately for Council's approval – Draft RS03-cp WHS Emergency Response Policy – the following Operational Policies have been approved by the Executive Leadership Team:

- CS02-OP Infection Policies and Procedures Manual v1
- FA17-OP Accountable Forms - Employees Policy v1
- FA18-OP Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual v3
- HR01-OP Special Measures Policy v2
- HR02-OP Probation Policy v2
- HR03-OP Employee Retention Policy v5
- HR05-OP Whistleblower Policy v2
- HR07-OP Recruitment and Selection Policy v2
- HR08-OP Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Policy v2
- HR18-OP Employee Development and Annual Performance Review Policy v2
- HR19-OP Excess Annual Leave Policy v1

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 Youth Boards
Coordinator Brand, Media and Communications

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 MINUTE KINTORE YOUTH BOARD MEETING 4.12.2024

Minutes

Youth Board

Community: Kintore (Walungurru)
Date & Time: 4/12/24 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Chairperson: Lindsay Rowe
Minute Taker: Kaisa Suumann
Youth Board Aloysius Green

Members:

Lekisha Abbott
 Russell Winjinana
 Zaria Sampson
 Jandelle Brown
 Roy Abbott
 Jemma Pollard
 Henry Green/Raggett
 Daisy Abbott/Reid
 Jack Pollard
 Zinata Green
 Lindsay Rowe
 Cecilia Simms
 Henry MacDonald
 Cindy Giles
 Latarna Miller
Council Kaisa Suumann

Employees:

Thabiso Malinga
 Lee Hurst

Guests: No guests present at the meeting.



Minutes

1. Welcome from the Chairperson

The Youth Board selected Lindsay Rowe to be the Chairperson of this meeting. The Chairperson opened the Youth Board meeting at 5.10 pm.

2. Meeting's rules

Members of the Youth Board accepted the below rules as rules for their meeting.

1. Be respectful to other Youth Board members and Council staff.
 2. Be honest and do the right thing.
 3. Think carefully and make smart decisions.
 4. Take responsibility for your decisions, making sure they represent all young people.
-

3. Kintore Rec Hall Location Presentation

Lee Hurst, Kintore Youth Engagement Officer from the MRC Youth Services delivered a presentation on the proposed new Recreation Hall (Green Shed) and potential site options for its construction. While the Youth Board engaged in a discussion regarding the location possibilities, no final decision was reached during this meeting.

4. Discussion of topics from the previous meeting on 29/05/2024

Topics discussed:

1. Sports Trip to Alice Springs

Update: Lee Hurst, Kintore Youth Engagement Officer, shared that Youth Services will aim to facilitate this request next year.

2. Basketball competition for both genders in western region or central Update: Youth Services will work to involve a Kintore team in a regional or central Australian competition next year.

3. More light around Basketball court

Action: Youth Board suggested following up with MRC Projects to check if this is included in the Safe Space project. If not, the request will be referred to the Local Authority.

4. Upskilling 2 people in the community including Fransic "Chungaa" in music production industry and open studio in Kintore for young people to produce

their music.

Update: MRC does not provide this service.

5. Green Shed Reopening

Update: The Green Shed will remain closed until the new building is ready, as the current building is unsafe for Youth programs.

6. Trip to Kings Canyon

Update: Youth Services organizes trips only to MRC communities, Alice Springs, and sometimes Yulara.

7. Support with making bracelets, necklaces, arts.

Update: This is not an MRC service, but Youth Services may consider incorporating it into their Arts and Crafts Program if funding is secured from the Local Authority. Youth Board didn't request asking for funding this time.

8. Food Programs

Update: Youth Services provides food to the maximum allowed by their funding. The Youth Board can propose a community event involving food, such as a BBQ, as an alternative. Youth Board didn't request asking for funding this time.

**5. Youth Board
Recommendations to
the Kintore Local
Authority and
MacDonnell Regional
Council**

Recommendations Submitted for Consideration:

- 1. Upgrade the playground equipment near the school/next to the Rec Hall or establish a new playground with an adventure trail near the Council office or Lot 114.
- 2. Install shade structures around the proposed new Rec Hall.
- 3. Purchase new music equipment for community use.
- 4. Purchase a freestanding boxing bag along with a few pairs of boxing gloves.

6. Next meeting time 3rd of April 2025

7. Meeting closed

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 6.17pm.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	15.10
TITLE	Draft RS05-CP WHS Emergency Response Policy
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:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

This policy has been reviewed and revised to meet current requirements. It was originally an operational policy (OP DCS017) which was approved by the Executive Leadership Team in 2015 and has not been reviewed since that date.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

It is essential that MRC maintains current policies relating to workplace health and safety – not only for the safety of those occupying MRC premises but also to ensure legislative compliance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Office
Executive Leadership Team
Work Health and Safety Coordinator
Policy Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Draft RS05-CP WHS Emergency Response Policy

WHS Emergency Response Policy v2

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1. Legislation

The Workplace Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations 2011 is an instrument made under the *Workplace Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011*. Section 43 of these Regulations outlines Council's duty to prepare, maintain and implement an emergency plan.

2. Definitions

Council means the MacDonnell Regional's administration.

Employee is any person working for MacDonnell Regional Council.

Workplace Participants is contractors, subcontractors, agents, consultants and volunteers.

3. Statement

This policy provides the principles to:

- a) maintain and enhance a productive, safe, healthy environment;
- b) promote a rapid, coordinated and controlled response to emergency situations;
- c) reduce the likelihood and extent of injuries as a result of an emergency; and
- d) minimise loss and damage to Council assets due to an emergency.

4. Policy

Emergencies may come in a variety of forms, including fire and bomb threats.

Council owned buildings will be furnished with emergency evacuation diagrams, fire-fighting equipment, smoke alarms, emergency and exit lights/signs as prescribed by the National Construction Code.

In the event of an emergency requiring evacuation all employees and workplace participants are to move to the designated assembly point and await further instructions.

All wardens must report to the emergency control point. The emergency control point will be furnished with the following equipment:

- Portable first aid kit
- Loud haler
- Torches and glow sticks
- Warden hats (coloured) and vests that are to be worn by the appropriate warden so as they are easily recognisable
- Evacuation checklists

The chief or deputy warden will be responsible for delegating duties to each of the wardens as listed below:

Chief Warden (Red Hat)/Deputy Warden (Blue Hat)

- Check fire panel (if fitted) or reported emergency (if safe to do so) and contact emergency services.
- Remain the point of contact for all wardens and emergency services.
- Responsible for communicating all details to emergency services when they arrive.
- Completion of evacuation checklist.

Area Wardens (Yellow Hat)

- Check area of responsibility.

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- Assist employees, contractors and visitors to evacuate.
- Roll call of area employees.
- Report area status to chief/deputy warden.
- Monitor exits to prevent re-entry.

First Aider (Green Hat)

- Take charge of first aid kit from emergency control point.
- Collect visitor sign in book.
- Provide first aid as required.
- Roll call of visitors.
- Report status to chief/deputy warden.

Trained emergency wardens will have the authority to make decisions and issue instructions to all staff and will supersede the normal management structure of MRC.

The chief warden will have complete control of the building/area until emergency services have arrived.

The number of wardens required will be dependent on the work location and will be reviewed annually.

Evacuation drills are to be conducted at least once annually.

At the conclusion of each drill, false alarm or emergency event, wardens will conduct a debrief and compile an emergency evacuation report for submission to the WHS Coordinator.

5. Authority

Council, 28 February 2025.

6. Owner

Office of the CEO, People and Capabilities

7. Review Date

28 February 2029

8. Related Information

Work Health and Safety Manual
DCS017 Head Office Emergency Response Operational Procedure
Bomb Threat Procedure
Armed Hold Up Procedure
Emergency Evacuation Procedure
Evacuation Checklist

OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.11
TITLE Determination of Remuneration Tribunal
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LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

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.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Tribunal has requested that a copy of this Determination to be provided to each person Elected Member whose entitlements are affected and be tabled in the next available Council Meeting.

The full consequences of this Determination are yet to be analysed by the Administration. The new rates of Allowances paid to Elected Members will take effect from 1 July 2025. However, it can be seen that:

- the allowances for Councillors, the Deputy President and the President have increased by 4%
- there has been no change to the Extra Meeting Allowance
- the Professional Development Allowance has been increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000

It should also be noted that there has been no change to the allowances paid to appointed members of Local Authorities.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The new rates of Allowances will affect all Elected Members from 1 July 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

These new rates will be included in the MRC Budget for 2025-2026.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Determination no.1 - Allowances for Members

ORIGINAL PAPER

No. 195
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**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
 REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

*Assembly Members and Statutory Officers
 (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*

**DETERMINATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF
 LOCAL COUNCILS**

REPORT ON DETERMINATION NO. 1 OF 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

On 30 July 2024, pursuant to section 7B(1) of the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006* (AMSORE Act), His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie AO PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory, issued a request to the Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) to inquire into and determine the allowance or allowances payable to a member of a local council.

The resulting Report and Determination must be tabled in the Legislative Assembly within six sitting days of receipt by the Minister.

Under section 7B(7) of the AMSORE Act, the allowances determined are effective from either:

- the next financial year if the report is made on or before 1 February; or
- from the financial year after the next financial year if the report is made after 1 February.

On 6 September 2024, individual letters were sent to each Council inviting submissions and offered to hold a discussion with each Council either in person or through a video link. On 14 September 2024, an advertisement was placed in the NT News to announce the inquiry and invite submissions.

Further correspondence invited Councils to arrange to meet with the Tribunal and two meetings were held with Councils.

The Tribunal received eight submissions from the following Councils as well as Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT):

- Three from the City of Darwin Council
- City of Palmerston Council
- Alice Springs Town Council
- Two from the Wagait Shire Council
- Coomalie Shire Council

2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE

The Tribunal received several submissions requesting an increase to Professional Development Allowance. It is noted that the Professional Development Allowance is all inclusive and can include travel and accommodation costs. The Tribunal is aware of significant cost increases for travel especially for Regional areas of the NT and has agreed to increase the Allowance to \$5000 per financial year.

3. COUNCILLOR'S ALLOWANCE

The Tribunal has increased all base allowances by 4% in recognition of movements in earnings within Australia as well as the Territory.

At the same time, the Tribunal has determined that Elected Councillors in Wagait and Belyuen Shire Councils will receive the same base allowance as Elected Councillors in Coomalie

4. MAYOR AND PRINCIPAL MEMBER ALLOWANCE

The Tribunal has determined that on the basis of equity, the three Shire Council Mayors should receive the same Total Mayor Allowance which has now been set at \$30 462.

The Tribunal has also increased the Mayoral Allowance by 4% to address relativities between Councillor and Mayoral Allowances.

5. EXTRA MEETING / ACTIVITY ALLOWANCE

The Tribunal has kept the Allowance at a maximum of \$10 000, but has recognised some instances where the extra meeting allowance paid to a Councillor should not be applied to the cap.

The Tribunal has determined that where a Councillor is asked to represent the Mayor or Principal Member at an official Council function, an extra meeting allowance will apply, but it will not be included against the cap. Similarly, where Councillors meet with the Remuneration Tribunal, an extra meeting allowance will apply, but it will not be included against the cap.

The Tribunal has also determined that where a Councillor attends the Executive Board of the Local Government Association of NT (LGANT), an extra meeting allowance will apply, but it will not be included in the cap.

6. FUTURE INQUIRIES

This is the third inquiry into Members of Local Government Council Allowances by the Tribunal and it has been useful for the Tribunal to address some factors that were outstanding from earlier Inquiries.

The Tribunal believes that there are still some outstanding issues that need addressing and these would be enhanced by further Inquiries on an annual basis. .

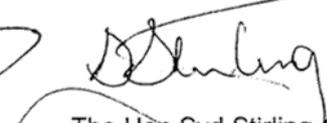
The Tribunal appreciates the feedback received from Councils.

7. APPENDIX A

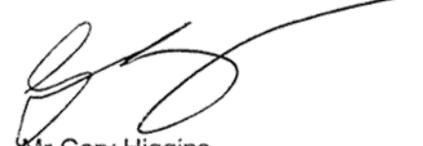
Appendix A provides details of the allowances:



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The Hon. Syd Stirling AM
Member
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Mr Gary Higgins
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Dated 10 December 2024

APPENDIX A to the Report

Comparison of Existing Allowances with New Allowances**Municipal and Regional Councils**

ALLOWANCE COUNCIL	CURRENT	New from 1 July 2025
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Councillors

Darwin	\$31,775	\$33,046
Palmerston	\$24,600	\$25,584
Alice Springs	\$22,550	\$23,452
Litchfield	\$22,550	\$23,452
Katherine & Regional	\$20,500	\$21,320

Shire Councils

Councillors	Coomalie	\$7,175	\$7,462
	Belyuen	up to \$5,125	\$7,462
	Wagait	up to \$5,125	\$7,462

Mayor Allowance

Darwin	\$127,200	\$132,288
Palmerston	\$92,000	\$95,680
Alice Springs	\$89,000	\$92,560
Litchfield	\$83,000	\$86,320
Katherine & Regional	\$82,000	\$85,280

Total Mayoral Allowance

Darwin	\$158,975	\$165,334
Palmerston	\$116,600	\$121,264
Alice Springs	\$111,550	\$116,112
Litchfield	\$105,550	\$109,772
Katherine & Regional	\$102,000	\$106,600
Shire Councils	\$30,175	\$30,462

Deputy Mayor Total allowance

Darwin	\$55,575	\$56,846
Palmerston	\$41,800	\$42,784
Alice Springs	\$39,050	\$39,952
Litchfield	\$38,550	\$39,452
Katherine & Regional	\$36,500	\$37,320

Shire Councils

Mayor	Coomalie	\$30,175	\$30 462
	Belyuen to	up to \$25,125	\$30 462
	Wagait	up to \$25,125	\$30 462



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

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(Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*

**DETERMINATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS**

DETERMINATION NO. 1 OF 2025

Under section 7B of the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*, the Tribunal determines as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

Municipal Councils are the following:

- Alice Springs;
- Darwin;
- Katherine;
- Litchfield; and
- Palmerston.

Regional Councils are the following:

- Barkly;
- Central Desert;
- East Arnhem;
- MacDonnell;
- Roper Gulf;
- Tiwi Islands
- West Arnhem;
- West Daly; and
- Victoria Daly.

Shire Councils are the following:

- Belyuen;
- Coomalie; and
- Wagait.

New Councils: any other Councils newly constituted by the Minister for Local Government in 2025

Financial Year is the period from 1 July to the 30 June.

Councils are defined in the *Local Government Act 2019* as an area, and means the Local Council constituted for that area under section 14(b).

The role of Mayor is defined in section 58 of the *Local Government Act 2019* and is prescribed as:

- (1) The Principal Member of a municipal council is to have the title Mayor.
- (2) However:
 - (a) in the case of the council for the City of Darwin local government area – the principal member is to have the title Lord Mayor; and
 - (b) in the case of the Litchfield Council – the council may, by resolution, decide the principal member instead has the title President.
- (3) The Council may, by resolution, decide the principal member of a regional or shire council has the title Mayor or President.

Deputy Mayor is defined in the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Councillor is a member of a Local Council:

2. ALLOWANCES

The following annual allowances will apply from 1 July 2025 and will be paid fortnightly or monthly:

COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCE

Darwin	\$33,046
Palmerston	\$25,584
Alice Springs	\$23,452
Litchfield	\$23,452
Other Municipal and Regional	\$21,320

Shire Councils

Coomalie	\$7,462
Belyuen	\$7,462
Wagait	\$7,462

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MEMBERS ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE

Darwin	\$23,800
Palmerston	\$17,200
Alice Springs	\$16,500
Litchfield	\$16,000
Other Municipal and Regional	\$16,000

PRINCIPAL MEMBERS ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE

Darwin	\$132,288
Palmerston	\$95,680
Alice Springs	\$92,560
Litchfield	\$86,320
Other Municipal and Regional	\$85,280

Shire Councils

Coomalie	\$23,000
Belyuen	\$23,000
Wagait	\$23,000

3. INCLUSIONS OF ALL ALLOWANCES

The Allowances are to cover:

- any cost to Councillors of attending meetings and activities of Council where these costs are not reimbursed by Council;
- contribution towards phone and internet usage;
- contribution towards any home office and supplies; and
- allowance towards costs incurred in servicing constituents in Ward or Council Area:
 - Including, but not limited to:
 - donations;
 - organization sponsorship;
 - membership fees;
 - patron expenses; and
 - constituent support.

4. EXTRA MEETING / ACTIVITY ALLOWANCE

4.1. An Extra Meeting / Activity Allowance of up to \$10,000 per financial year, may be accessed by all Councillors and Deputy Principal Members. The allowance may be accessed as follows:

- special meetings of full Council or established committees of Council;
- attendance at Local Authority Meetings within the Ward the member represents;
- attendance at any functions representing the Principal Member on official Council duties;
- attendance at functions/meetings as an invited representative of Council and with Council's approval; and
- attendance at any approved extra meetings of Council for planning, briefing or information sessions of council meetings.

The activity allowance may be paid as travel time when travelling to Council meetings and meetings of Local Authorities within the ward the Councillor represents, where the travel involves at least 50kms from home base (at least 100kms return). This activity Allowance is not to be included in the cap of \$10 000.

4.2. Allowances to be paid to eligible members (not including Principal Members) are:

- Fee for attendance at extra meetings or activities is the accumulated hours on any one day and are as follow:
 - up to 2 hours \$200
 - between 2 and 4 hours \$300
 - more than 4 hours \$500 (maximum payable for any one day)

4.3 Where a Councillor receives extra meeting allowance to represent the Mayor or Principal member at an official Council function, that extra meeting allowance will not be applied to the cap. Where Councillors meet with the Remuneration Tribunal, an extra meeting allowance will be paid, and that extra meeting allowance will not be applied to the cap.

- 4.4 Where a Councillor attends the Executive Board of the Local Government Association of NT (LGANT) and receives an extra meeting allowance, that extra meeting allowance will not be applied to the cap.

5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE

- 5.1. Professional Development Allowance is \$5000 per person, per financial year and will be paid to all Principal Members, Deputy Principal Members and Councillors.
- 5.2. The Professional Development Allowance is an inclusive allowance which covers costs associated with the Professional Development activities including registration and attendance fees, travel cost including vehicle allowance, travel allowances and travel time as specified in clause 4.2.
- 5.3. Any course or professional development activity must be specifically related to the role of the Councillor and be approved by the Council. The Australian Institute of Company Directors' Courses should be encouraged, as well as professional development activity that is arranged by the Local Government Association of Northern Territory.
- 5.4. Total amount claimable each year is the total of two years, being based on an annual allowance, plus one year drawn in advance or one year's remaining balance from a previous year. The maximum amount claimable by any Councillor is the total sum of one year for each year of the Councillor's elected term.
- 5.5. Proof of completion for each stage of the course is required before further payments can be claimed.

6. VEHICLE ALLOWANCE

- 6.1. Vehicle Allowance will be available for travel undertaken by all Councillors when the travel:
- (a) exceeds 50kms from home base 100kms return,
 - (b) travel does not occur in a Council supplied and maintained vehicle;
 - (c) the Councillor is not in receipt of a motor vehicle allowance in Clause 7 below; and
 - (d) the vehicle allowance is capped at \$10,000.
- 6.2. Vehicle Allowance will be in the form of kilometre allowance which will be paid at rates set by the Australian Taxation Office.
- 6.3. Vehicle Allowance will be available in the following circumstances:
- travel to and from statutory Council meetings;
 - travel to and from official Council approved meeting;
 - travel to and from approved functions representing the Principal Member;
 - travel to and from Local Authority Meetings within the ward the Councillor represents.
 - travel to and from all meetings of Council and their committees; and
 - travel to and from any additional activity where Extra Meeting/Activity Allowance has been approved.
- 6.4. When a kilometre reimbursement is paid, travel time will also be paid utilising extra meetings/activities rate. This payment is not to be included in the extra meetings/activities cap as specified in Clause 4.1.

- 6.5. The Vehicle Allowance Cap will not include:
 - travel to and from Local Authorities Meetings within the Ward that the member represents;
 - travel involved with Professional Development activities.

7. PROVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE

- 7.1. Principal Members of Municipal and Regional Councils are entitled to a Council maintained vehicle.
- 7.2. If Principal Members of Municipal and Regional Councils choose not to be provided with a Council maintained vehicle, they are entitled to Motor Vehicle Allowance, paid fortnightly or monthly, and will be:
 - \$25,000 per year for Municipal Principal Members; or
 - \$40,000 per year for Regional Principal Members.
- 7.3. The Principal members of the Shire Councils may claim reimbursement in accordance with Clause 6.1.

8. TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

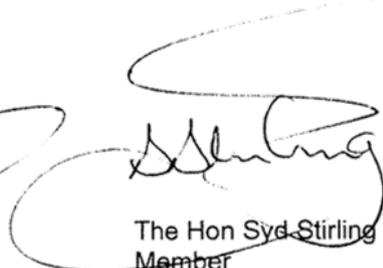
- 8.1. Principal Members, Deputy Principal Members and Councillors who are required to stay away from home overnight on approved Council business, will be entitled to Travel Allowance.
- 8.2. The applicable rates to be paid are found in Table 1 of Taxation Determination TD 2024/3 or any subsequent Taxation Determination made in substitution of that Determination.

9. GENERAL

- 9.1. Pursuant to section 7B(7) of the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*, the allowances determined are effective from either:
 - the next financial year if the report is made on or before 1 February; or
 - from the financial year after the next financial year if the report is made after 1 February.



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Dated 10 December 2024

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	15.12
TITLE	Review of 2024-2025 Key Performance Indicators
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 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.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

MacDonnell Regional Council's Strategic Plan 2024-2028 contained the vision, mission and values aspired to by Council.

In anticipation of the end of the financial year it is timely to provide Council with an update on the progress made in the attainment of the Key Performance Indicators set by Council in the Strategic Plan.

The attached reports show MRC's progress as during the year in achieving the Key Performance Indicators for 2024-2025 which are measured as:

- Green:** everything is on track or has been done
- Amber:** there have been some delays but it can still be done
- Red:** work hasn't started or there is a serious risk that the KPI may not be achieved.

These reports tell Council that:

- **Goal 1** – Developing Communities – of the 12 KPI's 9 are tracking OK, 1 has been delayed or is incomplete and 2 will not be achieved.
- **Goal 2** – Healthy Communities – of the 12 KPI's 10 are tracking OK, 1 has been delayed or is incomplete and 1 will not be achieved.
- **Goal 3** – Empowered Communities – of the 10 KPI's 6 are tracking OK, 1 has been delayed or is incomplete and 3 are at a serious risk of not being achieved.
- **Goal 4** – A Supportive Organisation – of the 10 KPI's 8 are tracking OK and 2 are at a serious risk of not being achieved.

Overall:

- 75% of KPI targets have been met.
- 7% of KPI targets have been delayed or are incomplete.
- 18% of KPI targets won't be achieved.

The achievements represented by these colour ratings will be tabled at the Council Meeting as A3 printouts to enhance readability.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

It is important that Council establishes Key Performance Indicators and Targets that, whilst they are considered to be achievable, take hard work to get there. Many obstacles present themselves during the year which impede progress – climatic, cultural and financial to name a few. However, it is Council that will benefit in the long run from the effort exerted.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Elected Members

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 GOAL 1 KPI REPORTING
- 2 GOAL 2 KPI REPORTING
- 3 GOAL 3 KPI REPORTING
- 4 GOAL 4 KPI REPORTING

Goal # 1 - Developing Communities					Traffic Light	Overall progress - Supporting Comments
Objective	Strategy	Key Performance Indicator - and Measure	Target	Target Date		
1.1 MRC's infrastructure meets community needs	Develop MRC Community Infrastructure Plans to guide infrastructure investment and development.	Develop and adopt 10 year MRC Community Infrastructure Plans for each community.	Develop a five year schedule to cover three communities per year.	June 2027	Green	As at January 2025, eight (8) communities (roads, footpaths, drains) have had infrastructure plans completed and PMO is consulting with community through Las. On track and progressing well.
	Secure long term land tenure for lots used in the delivery of MRC services.	Community based lots that utilised by MRC to deliver services are leased under Section 19 leases.	90% of MRC's lots to have S19 leases.	June 2025	Green	All MRC leases have been applied for and paid. Waiting on confirmation and paperwork from CLC.
	Internal roads that support community development.	Develop a long-term road and storm water drainage maintenance plan for council-controlled roads.	Maintenance plan developed for three communities per quarter.	June 2025	Red	This needs to be removed as #1 KPI supersedes this one. Shouldn't be a KPI as operational business as usual.
	Implement funding decisions of Local Authorities.	Complete LA projects within 2 years of funding allocation being released.	Complete LA projects outstanding as at 30 June 2023.	June 2025	Orange	13% of the current LA projects commenced in 2022 or earlier. With the appointment of a Project Manager the focus on the completion of outstanding projects has improved considerably.
	Focus on ensuring MRC's facilities are safe and secure and fit for purpose	Undertake a risk assessment of MRC's facilities to determine areas to be targeted and quality standards to be maintained.	Assessment of three communities per quarter.	December 2024	Green	This has been completed.
	Improve energy efficiency.	Install solar panels on Council buildings.	Install on three council facilities per year.	June 2027	Green	Currently on Amoonguna and Papunya buildings. Business cases put forward for installation. Capital upgrades in 2025 to some Council buildings will include solar panels and sustainability options.
1.2 Create employment opportunities	Collaborate with training providers and funding partners.	MRC staff to convene meetings with indigenous organisations and funding partners to collaborate on key projects to enhance economic opportunities	Meetings convened with appropriate agencies.	June 2028	Green	All infrastructure projects and employment opportunities are discussed with DEWR and Aboriginal Corporations overseeing communities.
1.3 Increase Aboriginal employment opportunities	Promote Aboriginal employment within MRC.	Community-based positions are filled by Aboriginal staff.	90%	June 2028	Green	Nearing the target - currently 88.8%.
		Commercial Contracts undertaken by MRC use Aboriginal employment.	50%	June 2026	Green	Achieving consistently over 50%.
		Local Aboriginal labour achieved through delivery of MRC's tendered contracts.	10%	June 2028	Green	All tenders required minimum 10% Aboriginal employment.
1.4 Support local Aboriginal enterprise	Engage with stakeholders to develop a collaborative approach to enterprise development	Convene community meetings on communities, with stakeholders, to facilitate connections between community members and business knowledge specialists.	One workshop per ward per year.	June 2028	Red	This KPI needs to be removed. This is NTG DEWR taking the lead and their KPI. Confirmed with them.
		Support a Business Enterprise project a in each community.	One business supported per ward per year.	June 2028	Green	Support is provided as Indigenous enterprises arise in community.

Goal # 2 - Healthy Communities					Traffic Light	Overall progress - Supporting Comments
Objective	Strategy	Key Performance Indicator - and Measure	Target	Target Date		
2.1 Support active and healthy lifestyles	Collaborate with community stakeholders to promote health initiatives.	Implement NT Healthy Communities project to encourage healthy hygiene and eating.	Eight MRC Communities over four years.	June 2027		Achieved. Have already done eleven (11) communities with Papunya and Haasts Bluff holding events in mid 2025.
	Facility increased physical activity	Add a dedicated Sport and Recreation role to the Organisation Structure.	Implement Sport and Rec Program in each community	Dec 2024		Achieved. MRC has a dedicated Sports and Rec Coordinator with Youth.
	Promote healthy eating through MRC's services, meetings, functions and events.	Secure funding for the provision of School Nutrition Program at Papunya and Mt Liebig	One community per year.	June 2026		This is not core business and this KPI needs to be removed - however, SNP continues to be successful through NIAA funding at these communities.
		Policy developed and approved for all client menus.	Implement policy and campaign - All client menus are approved by a nutritionist/dietician	June 2025		Achieved. All menus approved by a registered Dietician.
2.2 Improve environmental health outcomes	Promote sustainable communities through waste management awareness and education.	MRC to participate in the NT Tidy Towns program each year.	participation by all MRC communities.	June 2025		Achieved.
	Improve the health of animals living in communities.	Using established baseline data implement animal health programs targeting identified health issues	Two visits per community per year.	June 2025		Achieved.
		Source funding to increase regularity of animal health visits on MRC communities.	An additional two visits per community per year.	June 2026		New position funded to facilitate all companion animal health and improvement of outcomes.
		Working in partnership with AMRRIC, implement animal health education and management through schools in the MRC region.	Deliver to each community once per year.	June 2025		New position will facilitate this training in conjunction with AMRRIC. However, moving forward let's remove AMRRIC from the KPI and state we continue to work with the community and education through the school program.
Recycling at MRC's waste management facilities.	Increase management of waste facilities by creating separation bays.	Target 2 communities per year.	June 2028		Achieved and consistently seeking process improvements to facilitate recycling. With the creation of new WMF in some communities, recycling bays will also be built at that site.	
2.3 Support community and cultural events	Provide in-kind support for community and cultural initiatives.	Support community and cultural initiatives by providing in-kind support	One significant event in each ward in each calendar year to the value of \$50,000.	June 2025		Achieved and documented through Healthy Community events, Sports weekends, Bush trips and Guts Music Tour.
	Provide support and assistance with the conduct of cultural and sporting events.	Engage with external stakeholders to encourage annual events in community	One event per ward per calendar year	June 2025		Consultation through LA's, Youth Boards and community meetings
		Support all sports across communities	One significant sporting event per ward per calendar year	June 2025		Achieved but KPI needs to be reworded next year.

Goal # 3 - Empowered Communities						Traffic Light	Overall progress - Supporting Comments
Objective	Strategy	Key Performance Indicator - and Measure	Target	Target Date			
3.1 Young people are empowered to be engaged representatives	Provide support for youth leadership across the MRC region	Maintain established Youth Boards in nine MacYouth communities.	Youth Boards meet three times per community per year.	June 2025	Green	KPI needs to change to 2 x meeting per year across all thirteen (13). Youth Services to support the facilitation of nine (9) meetings.	
		Implement governance training plan including formal meeting procedures, agendas and minutes.	Provide one module at each Youth Board meeting.	June 2025	Red	The Governance Training Plan for Youth Boards has been created, along with training materials. The training consists of 7 units. The training will be delivered over 3 years starting February 2025.	
	Local Authorities engage with Youth Boards	There is a standing invitation for Youth Board members to attend Local Authority meetings in their community.	Representative attends one LA meeting.	June 2026	Orange	Participation has been inconsistent due to scheduling conflicts with school hours and lower youth engagement in morning meetings. To facilitate engagement between Local Authorities and Youth Boards, Youth Board Reports have been developed and submitted for Local Authority meetings. These reports include meeting minutes and Youth Board's recommendations, ensuring that Youth Board priorities are formally presented and considered. This approach has proven to be the most effective and reliable method for maintaining communication and encouraging Local Authorities to engage with Youth Boards.	
		Seek opportunities outside MRC's region to advance the development of young people	One significant event attended.	June 2025	Red	For 2025, we have planned for Youth Board members to attend the December 2025 Council meeting in Alice Springs in agreement with the CEO's Office. This opportunity will support the members' leadership development and exposure to the Council's decision-making. While no external events are currently planned for 2025, we will explore future opportunities for youth leadership development as Youth Boards become more established.	
		Local Authority Project Funding continues to be allocated to local Youth Board identified projects.	10% of LA Project Funding per year.	June 2025	Green	Achieved.	
		Provide support for 25-40 year olds residents to be leaders	Encourage new LA membership nominations from those in the 25-40 years age group.	30% of new LA members within 25-40 age group.	June 2025	Red	Participation has been inconsistent due to scheduling conflicts with school hours and lower youth engagement in morning meetings.
3.2 Local Authority and Council members are trained and empowered in their roles to lead into the future	Mandatory governance training is undertaken by all Elected Members	Each Elected Member completes the NTG's governance training within 12 months of being elected.	Within 12 months of elections and by-elections.	June 2025	Green	Achieved. Should this be a KPI when it is mandated by the LG Act?	
	Governance training is delivered to all appointed members of Local Authorities	Governance training program delivered to all LAs each year.	Training delivered on all thirteen communities.	June 2026	Green	All members and Chairs of LA's are provided with guidance and support to engage in the conduct of meetings. Formal training modules will commence from July 2025.	
3.3 Local Authority and Council members, constituents and stakeholders are engaged and informed	Local Authority meetings are readily accessible to members and the public	Communities hold LA meeting outdoors which include lunch/shared meal at which all members - appointed and elected - can talk with members of the community.	Each community holds one outdoor meeting per year.	June 2025	Green	Achieved by allocating on meeting calendar.	
	Increase community input to inform Council and Local Authority decision-making	Undertake annual Community Satisfaction Survey, and public consultation on Regional and Strategic Plans.	Annually	June 2025	Green	Currently in progress via PMO updates and conversation at LA meetings.	

Goal # 4 - Supportive Organisation						Traffic Light	Overall progress - Supporting Comments
Objective	Strategy	Key Performance Indicator - and Measure	Target	Target Date			
4.1 Support new employees	Develop induction and orientation processes that ensure new starters settle in quickly and become productive in their jobs.	Implement and maintain cultural awareness training for all new staff.	All new staff have undertaken cultural awareness training.	June 2025		Achieved and being delivered by Elected Members for appropriateness for MRC region.	
4.2 Support the development and advancement of our staff	Train and retain a skilled workforce.	Update cultural awareness training for all existing staff,	All existing staff have undertaken current cultural awareness training.	June 2025		Ongoing - People and Capabilities is working on a solution to provide this training in the coming months.	
		Continue development of online learning management system to keep existing staff up to date with policy, procedures and changes to MRCs operations and to assist in ongoing staff development.	Existing staff to complete a review of induction topics.	December 2025		In progress - it will be completed by December 2025.	
		Promote and train Aboriginal staff to increase representation in Alice Springs based positions.	17% of Alice Springs staff are Aboriginal.	June 2025		Being achieved - currently at 18.8%	
	Develop current workforce to meet current and future capability needs.	Review MRC Workforce Development Plan and set targets for implementation.	Review complete	June 2025		These KPI's need to be revisited with more appropriate targets set relating to cultural change initiatives.	
		Implementation targets set.	June 2025				
4.3 Improve efficiencies through our use of technology	Provide network capability to sustain modern computer systems.	Point to point connectivity established.	Rollout to Papunya and Docker River in 2024. Rollout to Ammoonguna and Haasts Bluff in 2025. Rollout to remaining communities by 2026	June 2026		All 13 communities have been updated with Brand new Computers. All council offices have now been provided with Starlink internet services. Work on Point to Point hasn't commenced as yet. In the meantime the Internet Plans in all communities have been upgraded to Unlimited Speed which is providing enough speed and stability to run in cloud.	
4.4 Support staff safety and wellbeing	Develop best practice Work Health and Safety strategy.	Maintain best practice Work Health and Safety Strategy.	Monitor and review WHS Management systems.	June 2025		Considerable work is going into the development and review of WHS policy, procedures and manual with a WHS manual to be adopted by the end of February. MRC has ongoing high level WHS consultant oversight.	
	Standardise staff housing security to ensure wellbeing.	Implement minimum safety standards for staff housing.	Standards rolled out to all staff housing over two years	June 2025		Achieving this as housing standards have been outlined and agreed.	
4.5 Staff are empowered to inform MRC decision-making	Consult staff on MRC's strategic direction.	Staff are surveyed annually so that the views of staff can be appreciated and to improve operations.	70% of staff complete annual survey	June 2025		This will be completed by June 2025 through a Pulse Survey and staff satisfaction. Not strategic direction.	

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.13
TITLE Discussion Paper: 2025-2026 Regional Plan
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:

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.

RECOMMENDATION

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.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Each year in accordance with section 35(3) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Council needs to prepare a Regional Plan for the next financial year. Presentation of this Paper represents the first step towards the development of the Regional Plan for 2025-2026.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

A meaningful Regional Plan is an invaluable tool for not only Council but also the Executive of Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

The annual budget is incorporated in the final version of the Regional Plan 2025-2026. The initiatives included in the budget will be noted within the plan.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 REGIONAL PLAN DISCUSSION 2025-2026

Discussion Paper: 2025-2026 Regional Plan

Council workshop Wednesday, 26
February 2025

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What is the *principal* role of the 4th MacDonnell Regional Council?

- to act as a representative, informed and responsible decision maker in the interests of its constituency; and
- to develop a strong and cohesive social life for its residents and allocate resources in a fair, socially inclusive and sustainable way; and
- to provide and coordinate public facilities and services; and
- to encourage and develop initiatives for improving quality of life; and
- to represent the interests of its area to the wider community; and
- to exercise and perform the powers and functions of local government assigned to the council under this Act or another Act.

What is Strategic Planning.....

Strategic Planning involves developing a vision, mission and values statement that captures why MRC exists and plans for how we will thrive in the future.

Strategic Planning is the formal process for establishing goals and objectives over the long run. Through this process we identify the outcomes we want to achieve and how we intend to achieve these outcomes.

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Why does MacDonnell Regional Council exist?

Our Vision

*many voices,
one dream,
building a quality
desert lifestyle*

Our Mission

*to improve the lives of Council residents
by delivering valued and relevant services*

 **MacDonnell**
Regional Council

The infographic features a stylized sun with yellow rays on a light blue background. Below the sun is a white cloud containing the mission statement. At the bottom, there are red and white stylized hills with some white plant-like symbols on the left. The entire graphic is framed by a white border.

What do we want to achieve?.....What are our Goals?



How will we achieve these Goals?.....What are our Objectives?

- MRC's infrastructure meets community needs
- Create employment opportunities
- Increase Aboriginal employment opportunities
- Support local Aboriginal enterprise

- Support active and healthy lifestyles
- Improve environmental health outcomes
- Support community and cultural events

- Young people are empowered to be engaged representatives
- Local Authority and Council members are trained and empowered in their roles to lead into the future
- Local Authority and Council members, constituents and stakeholders are engaged and informed

- Support new employees
- Support the development and advancement of our staff
- Improve efficiencies through our use of technology
- Support staff safety and wellbeing
- Staff are empowered to inform MRC decision-making

Food for thought.....

The current Regional Plan:

- Do we still believe in our Vision, Mission and Values?
- Are the Goals and Objectives still relevant and valid?
- Are the Strategies still appropriate? In some cases no for various reasons – some have been completed, some are beyond the control of Council, etc.
- Are the KPI's and Targets still relevant to the Strategies? In the main, yes, but some review required – some KPI's are ongoing and part of day-to-day operations.

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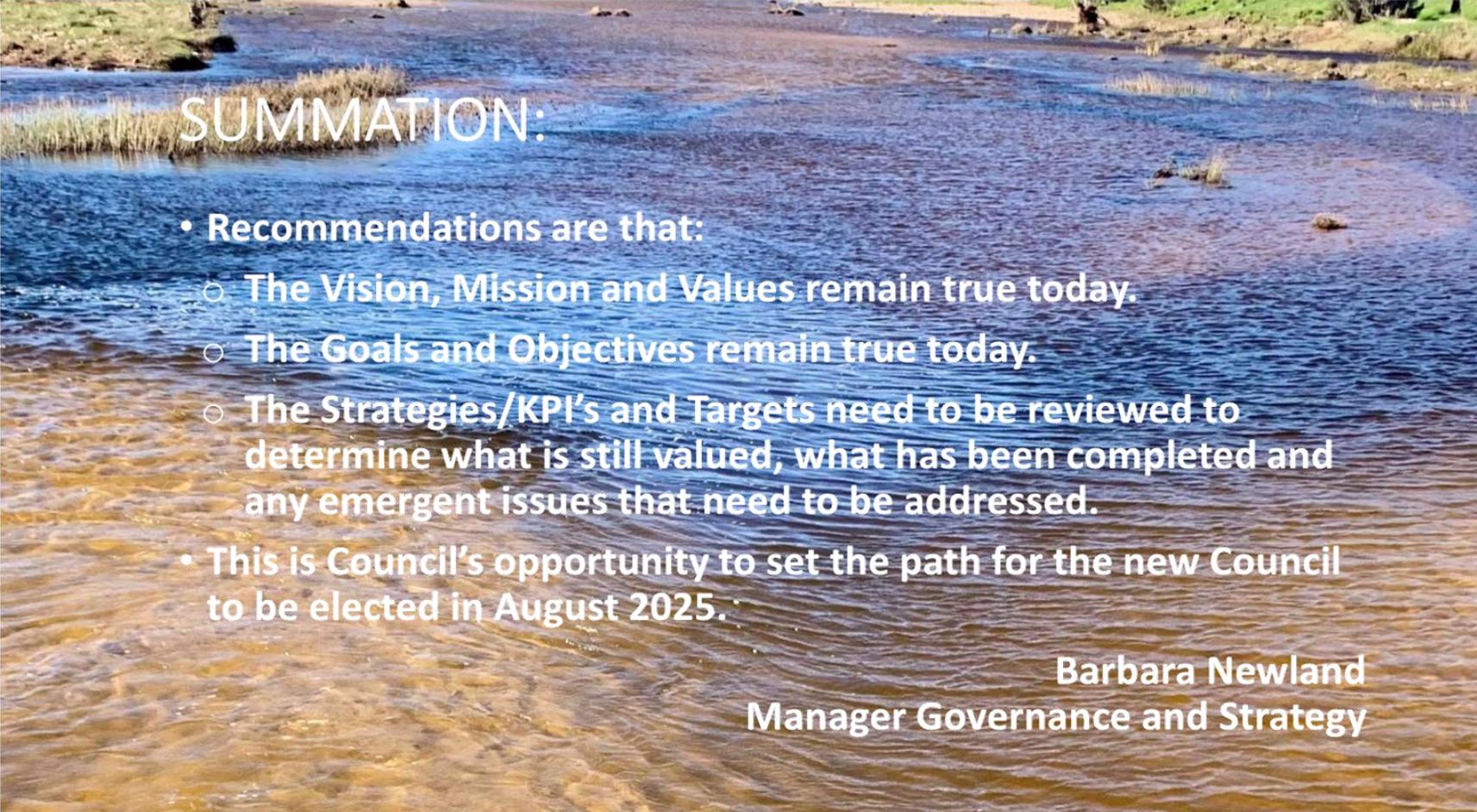
Bottom line.....

- There are only 6 months left in the life of this Council.
- The original Regional Plan for 2022-2023 was the result of extensive work undertaken by both Council and the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) of MRC.
- That Plan has been revisited and reviewed in the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Plans.
- Significant changes in MRC's senior management mean that the ELT is still embracing what is required of them in relation to the Plan.
- It is time to take stock of where we're at and apply all of MRC's resources to achieving what Council set out to do in 2022.

What needs to be done.....

Lets talk about:

- Council's Vision.
- The Goals of Council – what are the big things we want to achieve?
- The Goals broken down into specific Objectives – things we must do well in order achieve our Goals.
- The methods of achieving the Objectives – the Strategies.
- The quantifiable performance measurements we will use to define the success factors and measure our progress toward the achievement of the Goals – the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's).....and lastly
- The linkage of the Regional Plan to the Annual Report.



SUMMATION:

- Recommendations are that:
 - The Vision, Mission and Values remain true today.
 - The Goals and Objectives remain true today.
 - The Strategies/KPI's and Targets need to be reviewed to determine what is still valued, what has been completed and any emergent issues that need to be addressed.
- This is Council's opportunity to set the path for the new Council to be elected in August 2025.

Barbara Newland
Manager Governance and Strategy

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.

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

ITEM NUMBER	17.1
TITLE	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential items

**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.

RECOMMENDATION

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

18 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER	18.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Confidential Minutes
AUTHOR	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.

ITEM NUMBER	18.2
TITLE	Mt Liebig Sports Complex
AUTHOR	Ruth Tahere, Project Manager

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:

Council is being asked to approve a variation for PCIP0004 – Mt Liebig Multi Sports Complex to allow for the connection of the bubblers to the water mains. After review and consultation, it has been determined that a direct connection to the mains water supply is necessary to ensure a reliable and sustainable water source for the bubblers.

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

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21 MEETING CLOSED