



AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2026

The Ordinary Council Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the MRC Council Chambers on Friday 30 October 2026 at 8.30 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 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ITEM NUMBER 4.1

TITLE Requests for Future Leave of Absence

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) receives and notes requests for future leave of absence received for this Council meeting; and
- b) 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:

- a) **notes the Council Code of Conduct; and**
- b) **notes the PowerPoint presentation delivered by the CEO.**

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 PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held 28 August 2026 to be approved by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held 28 August 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MEETING 28.8.2026 - MINUTES [1 pages]

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MRC OFFICE,
AMOONGUNA ON FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2026 AT 9:00 AM

1 MEETING OPENED – at 9.19am

An audio recording of this meeting was made for minute taking purposes as authorised by MC09-CP Audio Recording of Meetings Policy. Councillors may request, via majority vote if required, that no audio recording be made where issues of legitimate cultural or spiritual significance are to be discussed.

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors

Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Maryanne Malbunka, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Veronica Lynch, Councillor Lynn Ward and Councillor Tommy Conway (arrived at 11.45am).

Staff

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Newland – Executive Support Manager, Keith Hassett – Deputy CEO/Director Council Services, Libby Taylor – Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety, Katie Fuller – Executive Manager People & Capabilities, June Crabb and Shae Thompson – Coordinators Governance.

Guests

Jimmy Cocking – CEO, Desert Knowledge Australia.

Apologies

Councillor Matthew Palmer and Councillor Dalton McDonald.

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.

OCM2026-115 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- a) notes the Elected Members attendance at this meeting;
- b) tables apologies received from Cr Matthew Palmer and Cr Dalton McDonald for this meeting; and
- c) records that there were no Elected Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.

Minute note: Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the bereavement in the family of Cr McDonald.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2026-116 RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

- a) notes there were no requests for future leave of absence received for this Council meeting; and
- b) notes that the CEO is on leave from 24 September 2026 – 7 October 2026 and the D/CEO Keith Hassett will be A/CEO during this time.

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.

OCM2026-117 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 June 2026 to be approved by Council.

OCM2026-118 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 June 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2026-119 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Mark Inkamala)

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2026-120 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- b) notes that no elected Members declared any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.**

Minute note: Discussion of Item 9.1 – Deputation Request regarding the Safe on Country Fund and Community Panel was deferred to the last item on the agenda to accommodate Mr Cocking's ability to attend the meeting.

12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council reviews the minutes of each Local Authority Meeting or Provisional Meeting at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The draft (unconfirmed) minutes attached to this report relate to 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 are for the period since the 10 June 2026 and include:

- Finke – 10 June
- Papunya – 11 June
- Hermannsburg – 16 June
- Haasts Bluff – 1 July
- Amoonguna – 9 July
- Mt Liebig – 15 July
- Docker River – 22 July
- Wallace Rockhole – 23 July
- Santa Teresa – 5 August

OCM2026-121 RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- a) **approves the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority meetings held in Finke, Papunya, Hermannsburg, Haasts Bluff, Docker River, Wallace Rockhole and Santa Teresa;**
- b) **approves the minutes of the Provisional Local Authority meetings held in Amoonguna and Mt Liebig; and**
- c) **accepts the Authorities allocations towards new and existing projects as follows:**
 - **Finke:**
 - **\$815.45 to Project 2133 Wash Down Bay.**
 - **Papunya:**
 - **\$135,000.00 to Project 2507 Cemetery Extension, Fencing and the Outdoor Chapel; and**
 - **\$72,677.00 to a new project “Scoreboard”.**
 - **Hermannsburg**
 - **Transferred \$5,000.00 from Project 2158 Shade Shelter with Cement Flooring to Project 2154 Water Bottle Refill Stations.**
 - **Amoonguna:**
 - **\$40,000.00 towards a new project “Potable Water Trailer”.**
 - **Mount Liebig**
 - **\$5,000.00 towards Project 2421 “Purchase and Install One New Beehive”.**
 - **\$5,000.00 towards a new project “3 x Caution Horse/Camel Road Signs”.**
 - **Docker River**
 - **\$33,309.00 towards a new project “Solar System and Generator”.**
 - **Wallace Rockhole**
 - **\$8,500.00 towards Project 2221 ‘Plumbing Repairs’ in the Rec Hall**
 - **Santa Teresa**
 - **\$30,000.00 towards new project “1 3on3 Basketball Half Court”.**

ITEM NUMBER:	12.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Nominations
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under section 77 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Council is required to consider the nominations submitted for Local Authority membership and confirm appointments by resolution.

OCM2026-122 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Maryanne Malbunka)

That Council considers the nominations received and appoints Amanda Abbott and Nadeen Williams to the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	Action Register Ordinary Council
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2026-123 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

- a) notes the response to the action raised; and
- b) accepts the recommendation to close all items.

ITEM NUMBER:	13.2
TITLE:	Correspondence Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & 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 June 2026 Council meeting.

OCM2026-124 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Lynn Ward)

That Council notes the correspondence received and sent.

14 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER:	14.1
TITLE:	Council President's Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the meetings and events attended by President Roxanne Kenny since the report presented at the June 2026 meeting of Council.

OCM2026-125 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Patrick Allen)

That Council receives the President's report for the period 1st June to 13th August 2026.

ITEM NUMBER:	14.2
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.

OCM2026-126 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)

That Council receives the CEO report for the period June to August 2026.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	15.1
TITLE:	Council Services OCM Report
AUTHOR:	Jake Potter, Manager Fleet and Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the activities of the Council Services Directorate in the areas of Local Government Service Delivery, Housing and Facilities management, Contractual Commercial Services, and Projects.

OCM2026-127 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes and accepts the Council Services Report.

Minute note: There was a break for morning tea at 10.03am and resumed at 10.15am.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.2
TITLE:	Youth Services and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Youth Services and Community Safety across the MRC region for June and July 2026

OCM2026-128 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes and accepts the attached Youth Services and Community Safety report.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.3
TITLE:	Aged Care and Children's Services
AUTHOR:	Ainsley Roscrow, Executive Manager Aged and Childcare Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Aged Care and Children's services throughout the MRC region.

OCM2026-129 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Veronica Lynch)

That Council notes and accepts the attached Aged Care and Children's Services report.

Minute note: During the workshop prior to the Council meeting Ms Roscrow provided a detailed briefing to Council regarding her report as she could not attend the Council meeting. She also demonstrated the storydoctor.app, its functionality and the benefits which can be derived from its use. Members will be provided with login/password details to access the app. In her absence the report was presented by Ms Urquhart, Chief Executive Officer.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.4
TITLE:	People and Capabilities Report
AUTHOR:	Katie Fuller, Executive Manager People and Capabilities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2026-130 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Lynn Ward)

That Council notes and accepts the People & Capabilities Report.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.5
TITLE:	Finance Report period ending 31 July 2026
AUTHOR:	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 31 July 2026.

OCM2026-131 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 31 July 2026.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.6
TITLE:	Finance and Risk Committee Minutes
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, where the Council does not convene an ordinary meeting each month, it is required to delegate to a Council Committee the authority necessary to undertake the financial functions of the Council.

As MRC Council conducts its ordinary meetings on a bi-monthly basis, this delegation ensures that, in months where an ordinary meeting is not held, the designated committee is empowered to exercise the Council's financial decision-making responsibilities for that period.

OCM2026-132 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Maryanne Malbunka)

That Council notes and accepts the minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee meeting held 30 July 2026.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.7
TITLE:	Presentation of Grant Acquittals
AUTHOR:	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached grant acquittal reports for NT Grants are required to be laid before Council for acceptance.

OCM2026-133 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes and approves the following grant acquittals:

- **Local Authority Project Funding 2025-26 by Community:**
 - **Amoonguna**
 - **Areyonga**
 - **Docker River**
 - **Finke**

- Haasts Bluff
- Hermannsburg
- Imanpa
- Kintore
- Mt Liebig
- Papunya
- Santa Teresa
- Titjikala
- Wallace Rockhole
- Regional and remote burial areas grant 2024-25
- Tranche 1: Kintore Sports Oval Lighting 2024/801
- Tranche 1: Titjikala Sports Oval Lighting 2024/801
- Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) grant Year 1 2024-25
- Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) grant Year 2 2024-25
- Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) grant Year 1 2025-26

ITEM NUMBER:	15.8
TITLE:	Governance Team Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2026-134 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes the Governance Team Report for June and July 2026.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.9
TITLE:	Update on Organisational Development Plan
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update of progress made in relation to the Organisational Development Plan.

OCM2026-135 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes and accepts the update of progress regarding the Organisational Development Plan.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.10
TITLE:	Use of the Common Seal
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

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 endorse the use of the Common Seal on the listed documents.

OCM2026-136 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Lynn Ward)

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

- Deed of Variation of Lease – CLC Lot 122 Cemetery Santa Teresa
- Deed of Mutual Termination – Dept Health Volatile Substance Abuse Grant
- Deed of Variation – Dept Education Community Child Care Funding Agreement
- Deed of Variation of Lease – CLC Waste Management Facility Santa Teresa

ITEM NUMBER:	15.11
TITLE:	Code of Conduct - Commencement of Parts 3 and 4 of the Local Government Act
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of changes to the *Local Government Act 2019* and *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* and in particular to review the new Code of Conduct Framework.

OCM2026-137 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the changes to the *Local Government Act 2019* and *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* and has reviewed the new Code of Conduct Framework.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.12
TITLE:	Rates Concession Policy v3
AUTHOR:	Clare Newland, Coordinator Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the update of the Rates Concession Policy v3.

OCM2026-138 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That Council adopts the Rates Concession Policy v3 as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.13
TITLE:	Investment Policy v3
AUTHOR:	Clare Newland, Coordinator Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the update of the Investment Policy v3.

OCM2026-139 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Veronica Lynch)

That Council adopts the Investment Policy v3 as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.14
TITLE:	Code of Conduct Policy (CEO) v2
AUTHOR:	Clare Newland, Coordinator Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the update of the Code of Conduct Policy (CEO) v2.

OCM2026-140 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Veronica Lynch)

That Council adopts the Code of Conduct Policy (CEO) v2 as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.15
TITLE:	Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record Policy v3
AUTHOR:	Clare Newland, Coordinator Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the update of the Shared Services Policy v3.

OCM2026-141 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Lynn Ward)

That Council adopts the Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record Policy v3 as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.16
TITLE:	Shared Services Policy v2
AUTHOR:	Clare Newland, Coordinator Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the update of the Shared Services Policy v2.

OCM2026-142 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Abraham Poulson)

That Council adopts the Shared Services Policy v2 as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.17
TITLE:	Review of Delegations Register
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update regarding the sub-delegations made by the CEO in the Delegations Register.

OCM2026-143 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes and approves the sub-delegation made by the CEO to the Deputy CEO.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	16.1
TITLE:	Notification of General Business Items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to give Elected Members the opportunity to table items they wish to be debated by Council.

OCM2026-144 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That the Chairperson invites Elected Members to raise items of concern they wish to be discussed in this meeting. Matters raised included:

- There was much discussion regarding the failing power, water and sewage infrastructure in the Papunya community. This failing infrastructure is the primary obstacle to building new homes, directly contributing to chronic overcrowding and poor community health.

An Action Item arose from this discussion requiring the CEO to write to the Prime Minister, the Human Rights Commission, the Environmental Health Branch of the Department of Health and Indigenous Essential Services, a not-for-profit subsidiary of the Power and Water Corporation.

- The CEO advised Council that Ms Libby Taylor has been nominated in the NT Australian of the Year awards.
- Ms Taylor advised Council that the Chairpersons of the MRC Youth Boards will be attending the October meeting of Council.
- President Roxanne Kenny and Christine Allen were congratulated on being finalists in the recent Alice Springs NAIDOC awards.
- Mr Hassett advised Council that Council was required to consider the appropriateness or otherwise of the current Ward boundaries within MRC.

Council resolved that the boundaries were appropriate and should remain as they are.

Minute note: There was a break for lunch at 11.53am with the meeting resuming at 12.50pm to accept the Deputation by Mr Cocking.

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Deputation Request to attend Council Meeting - Safe on Country Fund and Community Panel
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Desert Knowledge Australia [DKA] wishes to introduce the Safe on Community Fund and Community Panel, seek input into prospective Community Panel Members from the MRC region and priorities that Councillors are prepared to share about community safety and reduction of violence in homes and communities.

OCM2026-145 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Patrick Allen)

That Council accepts the presentation about the Safe on Country Fund and Community Panel.

Minute note: Mr Cocking provided a PowerPoint presentation which described the Safe on Country Fund. It was noted that MRC is not eligible to apply but may consider partnering with community-based Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations to deliver approved projects. The formation of the Community Panel was discussed.

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting - 30 October 2026 - 10:00am.

21 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1.31pm.

This page and the preceding 13 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 28 August 2026 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 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the minimum standard of behaviour expected of the Members 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) 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	Deputation Request to Attend Multiple Local Authority Meetings - Tracks Integrated Services
AUTHOR	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making

Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities

Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves (does not approve) the request by Tracks Integrated Services to attend the following Local Authority Meetings to request and present information about children's services needs within each community:

- **Santa Teresa 5 November 2026 – in person**
- **Areyonga – 26 November 2026 – online**
- **Papunya – 9 December 2026 – online**
- **Haasts Bluff – 2027**
- **Mount Liebig – 2027**
- **Docker River – 2027**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

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

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

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

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

A one page summary of the information gathered so far will be provided to the governance team prior to each meeting for inclusion in the agendas.

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ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Deputation Request from Tracks Integrated 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?	One form for several Local Authorities, as advised by Governance on 6 October: Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa), Utju (Areyonga), Ikuntji (Haasts Bluff), Papunya, Watiyawanu (Mount Liebig) and Kaltukatjara (Docker River)
Meeting date	Santa Teresa: Thu 5 Nov 2026 (in person) Areyonga: Thu 26 Nov 2026 (online) Papunya: Wed 2 Dec 2026 (online) Haasts Bluff, Mount Liebig, Docker River: next scheduled meeting after 30 Oct (online, or in person if we are in community)

Your contact details	
Name	Nicole Thompson
Position	Managing Director
Organisation	Tracks Integrated Services (TRACKS Indigenous Services Pty Ltd)
Department / Agency	Working with the NT Department of Education and Training, Remote Early Childhood and Integrated Services. Contact: Candice Trobbiani, candice.trobbiani@education.nt.gov.au
Email address	nicole@tracksis.com.au
Phone number(s)	0427 508 802
How many will attend	1 to 3 (Tracks, and Department officers when they are travelling with us)

Details for your deputation report
Name of organisation and/or presentation Tracks Integrated Services, with the NT Department of Education and Training: children's services consultation
Select and complete the statement that best suits your deputation: ☒ Provide information to the Local Authority about: Why we are asking: the current rules make it hard for these children's services to open regularly. Our visit, and how people can have their say. For Kaltukatjara, Papunya and Watiyawanu, where we have already been, what families and services told us, so members can check we have it right. ☒ Seek information from the Local Authority about: Members' own views, as community representatives, on what has been good for young children, what is good now and what they would like for the future. Their advice on who else we should be talking with, and the best ways to reach families while we are there. ☒ Seek a recommendation from the Local Authority that:

Deputation Request to attend Local Authority meetings

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The Local Authority's views on children's services in its community are recorded and passed on to Council.

Describe the purpose of the presentation

Children's services in these communities have often struggled to stay open. The current rules and requirements, especially around staff qualifications, make it hard for them to run regularly.

We are asking communities whether they want a children's service, what it could look like, and what would help it run regularly. That includes what could work with fewer barriers, while still keeping children safe and the care good quality.

We will be talking with parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, carers and anyone who looks after young children. Local Authority members represent their communities and advise Council on local matters. We want members to know about the work, hear what they think, and get their advice on who to talk with. Where we have already visited, we want to come back and tell members what we heard.

No decisions have been made. What we hear goes back to community and to government.

About 15 to 20 minutes per meeting.

Background information to support your deputation

Please make a brief statement about your organisation and project and summarise its history and purpose.

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

Earlier stages (2022 to 2025) looked at 41 remote services. Most would need significant support to meet the national quality rules for child care, and some had been closed too long to assess, largely because of staffing shortages. Stage 3 asks communities what they want for their children and what kind of service would work for them. What we hear will inform the next stage, where new models may be designed.

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

A report is prepared for each community for the Department, and what we heard is shared back with community.

Describe issues or consequences relevant to the presentation

Several of these communities have had child care services closed for long periods, mostly because the current rules are hard for small remote services to meet. We want to understand what each community wants, so that future models can run more regularly and still keep children safe and the care good quality. Local Authority members are well placed to tell us whether we have understood that properly, and who we may have missed.

We are not asking the Local Authority or Council to commit to anything, including any particular service model.

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.



Describe financial or timing matters relevant to the presentation
There is no cost to Council or the Local Authorities, and we are not seeking funding.

The meeting dates above line up with our visits. Where we are in community we will attend in person; for the others we would join online by Teams or phone, whichever suits the meeting. Community reports are due to the Department through to December 2026, so November and early December meetings are the ones that can still shape what we write.

Provide any communication materials intended to support the presentation (*attach copies where possible*)
For Kaltukatjara, Papunya and Watiyawanu, a one-page plain English summary of what we heard, sent to Governance before the meeting.

We will confirm attendance by email to governance@macdonnell.nt.gov.au at least one week before each meeting.

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 9 October 2026

MacDonnell Regional Council to complete

This Deputation Request was approved / not approved (strike out which doesn't apply) at the Council meeting held Per Resolution number.....

Name

Signed

Date

12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE Local Authority Resignations and Terminations
AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As recorded in the minutes of the Local Authority meetings, the recommendations being put to Council are to accept the resignations received and to note the members dismissed from the Local Authorities.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes that the following memberships have been revoked:

- **Lesley Luckey from the Imanpa Local Authority after the Member advised the CEO that he is no longer able to attend meetings.**
- **Joe Young from the Kintore Local Authority after two consecutive absences without notice.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Council has a policy on the process of the resignation of a member in writing and how, and in what circumstances, appointment of a member may be revoked or otherwise cease in accordance with Guideline 1: Local Authorities.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

As per Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure:

Para 4.15 – Resignations and Revocations:

The appointment of a local authority member may be revoked or otherwise cease if the person:

- a) Resigns in writing to the CEO, chairperson or a delegated MRC employee.
- b) Has their membership revoked due to the decisions based on or in accordance with item 4.13 (Absent Without Permission) of the policy.
- c) Is absent from 2 consecutive meetings without the permission of the Local Authority.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Elected Members

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

ITEM NUMBER	12.2
TITLE	Draft Minutes of the Local Authorities
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making

Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities

Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council reviews the minutes of each Local Authority Meeting or Provisional Meeting at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The draft (unconfirmed) minutes attached to this report relate to 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 are for the period since the 11 August 2026 and include:

- Finke – 12 August
- Imanpa – 19 August
- Titjikala – 26 August
- Kintore – 2 September
- Areyonga – 9 September
- Papunya – 16 September
- Hermannsburg – 23 September
- Amoonguna – 7 October
- Mt Liebig – 8 October

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) approves the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority meetings held in Finke, Imanpa, Titjikala, Kintore, Areyonga, Papunya, Hermannsburg, Amoonguna and Mount Liebig; and
- b) accepts the Authorities allocations towards new and existing projects as follows:
 - \$50,000.00 towards the supply and installation of a Shaded Grandstand in Finke.
 - An additional \$12,000.00 to ensure there are sufficient funds to install the 2 grandstands at the football oval in Kintore.
 - \$8,000.00 towards purchasing a Diesel Generator for Areyonga.
 - Moved \$20,000.00 from upgrading Hermannsburg's football oval to the shade shelter with cement flooring.
 - An additional \$1,713.78 to cover the overspend on the change room site in Hermannsburg.
 - \$5,000.00 towards the purchase of two (2) Whipper Snippers, additional batteries and battery chargers for Amoonguna.
 - \$10,000.00 towards 2 solar lights for the sing-along area in Mount Liebig.

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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 draft minutes - 12.08.2026
- 2 ILA draft minutes - 19.08.2026
- 3 TLA draft minutes - 26.08.2026
- 4 KLA draft minutes - 2.09.2026
- 5 ARLA draft minutes - 9.9.2026
- 6 PLA draft minutes - 16.09.2026
- 7 HLA draft minutes - 23.09.2026
- 8 AMLA draft minutes - 7.10.2026
- 9 MLLA draft minutes - 8.10.2026



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE COUNCIL
OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.31AM

2 WELCOME

The attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Chairperson Michael Ferguson and quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Michael Ferguson (Chairperson), Member Bridget Doolan, Member Susan Doolan and Member Darryl Doolan

Councillors

Councillor Patrick Allen and Councillor Matthew Palmer

Via Teams: Councillor Andrew Davis

Council Employees

Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety Services Libby Taylor, Area Manager Council Services Damien Ryan, Council Services Coordinator Bryan Forby, Governance Coordinator Shae Millar

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg

Guests

Adele McCorkindale and Malavika Manoj from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development – Left the meeting after their presentation at 10:53am.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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



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FLA2026-33 RESOLVED (Darryl Doolan/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance;
- b) accepted apologies received from Member Rosemary Matasia, Member Thomas Stewart, Councillor Veronica Lynch, President Roxanne Kenny, CEO Belinda Urquhart and Shane Franey from Bill Yann's office; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to acknowledge the attendance and membership on the Authority, highlight current vacancies, and to apprise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

FLA2026-34 RESOLVED (Darryl Doolan/Michael Ferguson)

That the Local Authority;

- a) noted the current membership of the Authority;
- b) called for community nominations to remain open to fill the vacancy; and
- c) noted that revocations may occur if members are absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

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.

FLA2026-35 RESOLVED (Darryl Doolan/Bridget Doolan)

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.



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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Finke Local Authority Meeting held 10 June 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

FLA2026-36 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Michael Ferguson)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Finke Local Authority Meeting held 10 June 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2026-37 RESOLVED (Darryl Doolan/Michael Ferguson)

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2026-38 RESOLVED (Darryl Doolan/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members declared no conflicts of interest.



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10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

10.1 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

- Roads outside of MRC's area
- Education
- Health
- Police
- Land Management

FLA2026-39 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the updates on the previous items as follows:
 - The property contracts manager for Finke is reviewing the issues with swampy air-conditioners and will be actioning requests for inspections, repairs and replacements. Community members are reminded to please report any maintenance issues using the 1800 number. Stickers advertising the reporting number were distributed to members and left with the CSC to distribute to the community.
 - That a pop-up store will be run during the next 2 day visit from the tenancy team to Finke.
 - That the Gahn Heritage Trail Road and the road to Kulgura were both graded late in June
- b) closed all previous items; and
- c) raised the following new items:
 - Councillor Patrick Allen at lot 19 reported that his stove needed repairs/replacement in person to some representatives from Housing and is still waiting for this to be actioned.
 - Michael Furguson at lot 56 has also reported that his stove is not working and that his air-conditioner is not working and is still waiting for this to be actioned.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Action Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2026-40 RESOLVED (Darryl Doolan/Susan Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the update on the action item 'Water Trailer Maintenance' that one trailer is fully functional and that the second trailer is being repaired; and
- b) closed this item.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2026-41 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Bridget Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2025/26 Discretionary funds;
- b) received the discretionary funds of \$4,000.00 for the current financial year;
- c) discussed allocating these funds through a discretionary funds letter between meetings should the opportunity for a celebration of football results arise; and
- d) acknowledged that the funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2027.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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



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events; or preservation of culture or traditions.
At risk funds' are funds that may include unallocated funds and/or funds that have been allocated but remains unspent.

FLA2026-42 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that there are no funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted the available funds of \$52,667.03 to spend on community projects;
- c) closed completed project 2134 'Bench Seats, Concrete and Sporting Equipment' once all invoices have been received and returned the unused funds to unallocated; and
- d) discussed the priorities of the wishlist items;
- e) were advised that the Aboriginal Leadership Group agreed to fund new lights for the football oval and requested that the installation not interfere with the sports carnival on the long weekend in June next year; and
- f) created a new project 'Large Grandstand with Shade'. This will be installed between the two current grandstands at the point indicated on the map during the meeting. \$50,000.00 was allocated to this project. This will be installed when the lights are installed.

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	Council Services LA Report
AUTHOR:	Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2026-43 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Darryl Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Council Services report;
- b) were informed that the civil team will be focussing on maintenance at the cemetery in the coming weeks;
- c) requested that Council Services hold a community meeting requesting permission to remove the small internal fences around individual graves; and
- d) stated that the Council Services Coordinator Bryan Forby is doing a great job.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.2
TITLE:	Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety in Finke



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FLA2026-44 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority

- a) noted and accepted the Community Safety report.
- b) received an explanation about the role of Community Safety Services;
- c) requested that the hours of operation be changed to 8pm until 2am and that the Community Safety team confine their patrols to within the community. These requests will be followed up as part of normal operations.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.3
TITLE:	Aged Care and Children's Services Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2026-45 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michael Ferguson)

That the Local Authority of Finke noted and accepted the Aged and Children's Services reports.

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2026-46 RESOLVED (Bridget Doolan/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority were advised that the tipper truck and tipper trailer are back up plans to empty the rubbish bins should the rubbish truck break down and any further trailers would need to be purchased as part of a future Local Authority project.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:56 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 12 August 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.



MINUTES OF THE IMANPA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE IMANPA
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.33AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON - Member Gary Mumu

ILA2026-01 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)

That the members nominated Member Gary Mumu as Acting Chair of the Local Authority Meeting.

2 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed by Gary Mumu and quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Gary Mumu, Member Janie Bulla and Member Roslyn McCormack

Councillors

Councillor Abraham Poulson

Council Employees

CEO Belinda Urquhart, Council Services Coordinator Bradley Horn and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg.

Guests

Adele McCorkindale – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development – Left the meeting at 10:53am after the Non-Council Business report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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

ILA2026-02 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance;
- b) accepted apologies received from Member Kathleen Luckey, Member Tanya Luckey, Member Leslie Luckey and President Roxanne Kenny; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the current membership of the Authority, identifies existing vacancies and records attendance at the previous meeting. It also informs members of recent legislative changes to appointment procedures introduced under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

ILA2026-03 RESOLVED (Gary Mumu/Abraham Poulson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the current membership of the Imanpa Local Authority;
- b) received advice that Lesley Luckey is unable to attend any further LA meetings and the members have accepted his verbal resignation as an LA member;
- c) thanked Lesley for his long service and contribution to the Local Authority;
- d) noted that there are now 2 vacancies on the Authority;
- e) called for community nominations to remain open;
- f) acknowledged the resignation of Peter Wilson from his position as an Elected Member; and
- g) noted that because of the resignation, a by-election for the IYARRKA Ward will be conducted in due course.

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.



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ILA2026-04 RESOLVED (Janie Bulla/Roslyn McCormack)

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Imanpa Local Authority Meeting held 19 November 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

ILA2026-05 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Janie Bulla)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the following Imanpa Local Authority Meetings as a true and correct record of the proceedings:

- Imanpa LA meeting held 20 October 2025
- Imanpa LA meeting held 19 November 2025

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ILA2026-06 RESOLVED (Roslyn McCormack/Gary Mumu)

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ILA2026-07 RESOLVED (Gary Mumu/Abraham Poulson)



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That the Local Authority Meeting:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members declared no conflicts of interest.

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters relating to business outside of the Council area.

This may include:

- Housing and Maintenance
- Education
- Health
- NT Police
- Land Management

ILA2026-08 RESOLVED (Gary Mumu/Janie Bulla)

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted updates from Adele McCorkindale on the matters raised at previous meetings;
- b) were advised that these matters will be moved to the Action Register and will be followed up with CLC by the CEO;
- c) advised that the church is currently in use and that members would like a tap installed at the church along with upgrades to the inside of the church;
- d) requested that the ablution block near the sports precinct be made operational and were advised that this will be followed up with CLC by the CEO who will investigate the lease for this asset and who will be responsible for maintenance; and
- e) raised no new matters of non-Council business.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Northern Territory



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Government (NTG) and invested in projects and development to benefit and improve the community.

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

ILA2026-09 RESOLVED (Gary Mumu/Roslyn McCormack)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that no funds are at risk of being returned to the NTG;
- b) noted the Project Funds of \$22,800.00 are available to allocate;
- c) received the draft Community Recreation Plan from Ross Planning [Project 2162] and
 - requested that Council Services investigate which minor repairs to the playgrounds can be accomplished within the budget for community infrastructure maintenance.
 - requested that the sports precinct be the focus of the plan going forward.
 - requested that the oval be extended and were advised that CLC would need to be consulted.
 - requested that lights for the football oval be added to the plan.
 - were informed that NIAA has funded to CAYLUS to install a roof over the basketball court and it was suggested that the Local Authority could consider adding a solar BBQ, shade and seating around this area once the roof has been installed; and
- d) removed 'heavy duty trailer and chainsaw' from the wish-list due to safety and liability concerns.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ILA2026-10 RESOLVED (Gary Mumu/Roslyn McCormack)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending for the 2025/26 financial year;
- b) received \$4,000.00 of discretionary funds for the current financial year;
- c) allocated \$500 for bunnings gift cards as prizes for a tidy yards competition as follows
 - 1st prize - \$300 gift card
 - 2nd prize - \$150 gift card
 - 3rd prize - \$50 gift card
- d) allocated \$500 for multiple outlet gift cards as prizes for a Christmas lights competition as follows:
 - 1st prize - \$300 gift card
 - 2nd prize - \$150 gift card
 - 3rd prize - \$50 gift card
- e) allocated \$2,000.00 for a community Christmas celebration; and
- f) acknowledged that the funds must be spent with the invoices received by 30 June 2027.

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	Council Services LA Report - Imanpa
AUTHOR:	Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ILA2026-11 RESOLVED (Janie Bulla/Roslyn McCormack)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Council Services report;
- b) requested that the internal roads be graded and were advised that the grader team will be in Imanpa within the next 2 months;
- c) were informed that Council services is working on installing additional street lights in Imanpa; and
- d) requested that the CSC work with the PMO and the store regarding roadside signage advertising sports events and store opening times to bring local people and tourists into the community.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.2
TITLE:	Imanpa Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Community Safety for Imanpa

ILA2026-12 RESOLVED (Gary Mumu/Abraham Poulson)



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

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ILA2026-13 RESOLVED (Gary Mumu/Abraham Poulson)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters of general Council business.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:57 am.

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

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.28am.

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

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

Councillors

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

Council Employees

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

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

Guests

Raymond Walters, Penangke Consulting

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-31 RESOLVED (Lena Campbell/Terry Simmons)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tables apologies received from Member Geoffrey Campbell, Member Debra Claude, Cr Matthew Palmer and Damien Ryan for this meeting; and
- c) records that there we no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

TLA2026-32 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority:

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

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-33 RESOLVED (Lena Campbell/Janie Campbell)

That the Local Authority notes the Council Code of Conduct.



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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-34 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Veronica Lynch)

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

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-35 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Terry Simmons)

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-36 RESOLVED (Janie Campbell/Lena Campbell)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) notes that no members declared any conflicts of interest.



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10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-37 RESOLVED (Terry Simmons/Veronica Lynch)

That the Local Authority:

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

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

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

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Action Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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



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TLA2026-38 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority:

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

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

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

TLA2026-39 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lena Campbell)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledges that \$25,375.40 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) notes the progress on the current projects as provided by the Project Management office as follows:
 - Project 2212 – the CEO advised that MRC was waiting on a contract from the CLC before engaging the preferred contractor. The allocated funds are to be retained for headstones and plaques, the designs of which will be determined by the community. The PMO's office is looking into costing estimates to be brought to the Authority.
 - Projects 2213, 2214 and 2400 – all three of these projects are being undertaken collectively and are expected to be finalised by October. There will be two new lights purchased for Project 2400; and
- c) keeps all projects open.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-40 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Janie Campbell)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the spending of its 2025/26 Discretionary funds;
- b) accepts the 2026/27 allocation of \$4,000.00;
- c) allocates \$1,000 towards the cost of trophies for the Sports weekend;
- d) will consider further allocations at its next meeting; and
- e) acknowledges that the funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2027.

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	Council Services LAR
AUTHOR:	Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-41 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

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

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-42 RESOLVED (Terry Simmons/Lena Campbell)

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



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

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

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

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

ITEM NUMBER:	12.3
TITLE:	Youth Services and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-43 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Janie Campbell)

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

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

TLA2026-44 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

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

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 4 November 2026



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15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12.20pm.

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MINUTES OF THE KINTORE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE KINTORE
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.46AM and quorum was achieved.

2 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed by Chairperson Giselle Barku.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Giselle Barku (Chairperson), Member Phyllis Rowe, Member Bundi Rowe and Member Marlene Spencer.

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny, and Councillor Tommy Conway

Via Teams: Councillor Lynn Ward

Council Employees

CEO Belinda Urquhart, Area Manager Victor Morgan, Council Services Coordinator Fortune Thembo and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg.

Guests

Shelley Beatie – Manager Community Development - Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

Via Teams: Katharine O'Donoghue – The Office of the Member for Gwoja, Chansey Paech.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

KLA2026-28 RESOLVED (Marlene Spencer/Phyllis Rowe)



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That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) accepted apologies received from Councillor Dalton McDonald, Member Rex Eddie Member and Member Lorraine Scobie for this meeting; and
- c) recorded the 2nd consecutive absence, without notice, of Member Joe Young from this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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

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).

KLA2026-29 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the current membership of the Authority;
- b) revoked the membership of Joe Young after two consecutive absences without notice;
- c) noted that there is now 1 vacancy on the Local Authority; and
- d) called for community nominations to open to fill this vacancy.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

KLA2026-30 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Phyllis Rowe)

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Kintore Local Authority Meeting held 3 June 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

KLA2026-31 RESOLVED (Bundi Rowe/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Kintore Local Authority Meeting held 3 June 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

KLA2026-32 RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Phyllis Rowe)

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

KLA2026-33 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Marlene Spencer)

That the Local Authority Members:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members declared no conflicts of interest.



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9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Kintore Rec Hall Project
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a brief update on the progress of the Kintore Rec Hall Project as supplied to MRC by CAYLUS Project Manager Trisha Santhanam.

KLA2026-34 RESOLVED (Bundi Rowe/Giselle Barku)

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the update on the Kintore Rec Hall Project as provided by CAYLUS;
- b) stated that they would like a high fence around the Rec Hall to prevent vandalism at night; and
- c) stated that they are happy for the CEO to communicate with CAYLUS regarding this project.

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

KLA2026-35 RESOLVED (Giselle Barku/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the updates on previous matters;
- b) closed both items; and
- c) raised some NT Housing matters related to individual houses. These will be noted and dealt with outside of the meeting by the representative.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

KLA2026-36 RESOLVED (Bundi Rowe/Marlene Spencer)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged that there are no funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) accepted the progress on their current project as provided by the Project Management Office [PMO] as follows:
 - 2174 '2 Grandstands for the Football Oval'. Advised the PMO that the preferred location for the first grandstand was 10 metres north of the current buildings on the road side of the oval and the second should be installed directly across the oval from the first grandstand. An additional \$12,000.00 was allocated to this project to ensure there are sufficient funds for installation.
 - 2175 'Music Equipment for Youth' kept this project open until the equipment has been delivered to Kintore. The PMO is waiting for a Youth Services Team Leader to be appointed who can store and monitor the equipment.
 - 2176 '2 Pool Tables for the Rec Hall' kept this project open until the tables have been delivered to Kintore;
- c) closed the following projects returning unused funds to unallocated:
 - 2171 'Demolish the Building at the Basketball Court'. This project has been completed. Noted that the concrete slab remains which could be used to create a stage or amphitheatre. The PMO is seeking quotes regarding options for the Authority to consider at a future meeting.
 - 2178 'Functionalise Football Lights' noting that the lights are now operational without the need for expending any of the allocated funds;
- d) Closed project 2177 'Kintore Sports Weekend' as there will not be a Sports Weekend held this year and determined that the funds be held in reserve for a Sports Weekend to be held in 2027. The Authority will revisit this at the first meeting in 2027; and
- e) added potable water trailer to the wish-list and requested that the PMO investigate the associated costs to present at the next meeting.



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ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

KLA2026-37 RESOLVED (Bundi Rowe/Giselle Barku)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the expenditure of the previous financial year's discretionary funds;
- b) received the current year's allocation of \$4,000.00;
- c) allocated \$1,500.00 to a keyboard and speakers for sing-along nights;
- d) allocated \$2,500.00 for a community Christmas celebration; and
- e) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2027.

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	Council Services LAR
AUTHOR:	Prisca Mufambisi, Senior Admin Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

KLA2026-38 RESOLVED (Marlene Spencer/Phyllis Rowe)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Council Services report; and
- b) requested that Council Services investigate whether a speed bump can be installed on the street where Chairperson Giselle Barku resides. This will be followed up as part of normal operations.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.2
TITLE:	Youth Services and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

KLA2026-39 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Lynn Ward)

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That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Safety and Youth Services reports; and
- b) were advised that adjustments can be made to the Community Safety program when special events change the needs of the community.

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

KLA2026-40 RESOLVED (Bundi Rowe/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters of general council business.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:53AM.

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MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:38AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIR

ARLA2026-32 RESOLVED (Jacob Yarma/Hilda Bert)

That members nominated Johnathan Doolan as Acting Chair for this meeting.

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Hilda Bert, Member Jonathan Doolan, Member Joy Kunia and Member Jacob Yarma

Member Sarah Gallagher arrived at 10:43am and Member Garnet Djana arrived at 11:13am

Councillors

Via Teams from the Haasts Bluff Council Office Councillor Abraham Poulson

Council Employees

Stuart Millar – Area Manager, Beatrice Ker – Coordinator Council Services, and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Via Teams: Libby Taylor – Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety and Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Officer

Guests

Via Teams: Donna Lemon – Representative from Department Local Government, Housing and Community Development, Katharine O'Donoghue – Representative Member for Gwoja's Office, Sneha Sarfare and attending in person, Kusol De Silva – Representatives from Tjuwanpa



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

ARLA2026-33 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Jacob Yarma)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled no apologies for this meeting as all members were present; and
- c) recorded no absences, without notice, for this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Membership
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

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).

ARLA2026-34 RESOLVED (Jacob Yarma/Joy Kunia)

That the Local Authority:

- a) discussed and did not consider appointing a Chair for a 12-month term at this meeting;
- b) called for community nominations to remain open to fill the vacancy; and
- c) noted that a membership may be revoked if a member is absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

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.

ARLA2026-35 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Jacob Yarma)

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.



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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held 2 June 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

ARLA2026-36 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held 2 June 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ARLA2026-37 RESOLVED (Jacob Yarma/Sarah Gallagher)

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ARLA2026-38 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

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



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10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Non-Council Business
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters that concerns community as a whole; in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

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

Members are strongly encouraged to report individual housing issues directly to NT Housing by calling their toll-free line on 1800 104 076.

Local Authority discussions will focus on broader issues that affect the wider community.

ARLA2026-39 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)

That the Local Authority:

- noted and discussed the new matters raised, and provided the following feedback:

Concerns were raised regarding prolonged delays in repairs and maintenance, with tenants reporting frustration about the lack of action and slow response times to requests.

Difficulties were also raised regarding contacting the Department of Housing hotline, including challenges experienced by community members when responding to questions.

The need for improved communication, culturally appropriate support and more timely action from NTG Housing was highlighted.
- noted the update to the current matters from the previous meeting with the following decisions made:
 - close Update on the RJED, RAES and licencing; and
 - kept all other matters open, with a request to re-issue the invitation to CLC for a face to face meeting with members
- appreciated the information that the pest control rollout date is Thursday, 15 October 2026.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

ARLA2026-40 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Garnet Djana)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged that \$19,557.83 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted the progress on their current projects as presented by the Project Management Office and kept open:
 - 2112 – Water Bubbler until the bubbler is installed
 - 2261 – Healthy Community event, noting that the date set for the event is Monday, 5th October 2026 with Costa and the Get Grubby team confirmed to attend.
- c) closed completed project 2111 – Ride on mower as invoices have been received;
- d) created a new project – Diesel Generator, allocating \$8,000.00
- e) discussed the priority of wish-list items, and added the following:
 - A shade structure for the Sorry Camp
 - 2 x Solar lights for the Sorry Camp



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ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ARLA2026-41 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)

That the Local Authority:

- a) received the 2026/27 funding allocation of \$4,000.00; and
- b) discussed to allocate these funds at this meeting as follows:
 - \$1,000.00 to a Christmas celebration
 - \$1,000.00 to a New Years celebration
 - \$1,000.00 to power cards to be distributed equally between houses occupied by tenants; and
 - \$1,000.00 towards a celebration for the kids graduation

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	2609 Council Services LAR
AUTHOR:	Prisca Mufambisi, Senior Admin Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ARLA2026-42 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Garnet Djana)

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

ITEM NUMBER:	12.2
TITLE:	Youth Services and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ARLA2026-43 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Jacob Yarma)

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

ITEM NUMBER:	12.3
TITLE:	Aged Care and Children's Services Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ARLA2026-44 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Aged Care and Children's Services reports; and
- b) suggested that activities be planned for the Aged Care participants to keep their minds and bodies active.

Minute Note: Members advised that individuals not affiliated or connected with the Aged Care were seen entering the Centre and taking facility supplies without permission. This information will be reported to the Executive Manager of Aged Care.

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ARLA2026-45 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)

That the Local Authority noted and discussed the road at the turn-off into community to inquire when it will be graded as it is rocky with heavy corrugations.

0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 2026

1 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:38 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE PAPUNYA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.06 AM and quorum was achieved.

2 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed by Chairperson Graham Poulson

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Chairperson Graham Poulson, Member Karen McDonald, Member Sarah Stockman, Member Justine Stockman, Member Alison Anderson, Member Ashley Robertson and Member Garrard Anderson.

Councillors

Councillor Tommy Conway.

Via Teams: President Roxanne Kenny and Councillor Lynn Ward.

Council Employees

CEO Belinda Urquhart, Area Manager Victor Morgan, Council Services Coordinator Tammy Shields, and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Director Council Services Keith Hassett and Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety Libby Taylor attended the meeting from 10:35am to 10:45am to present information regarding the Healthy Community Event project.

Guests

Via Teams:

Katharine O'Donoghue from the Office of the Member for Gwoja Chansey Paech entered the meeting at 10:20am

Shelly Beatie from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development entered the meeting at 10:40am.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2026-34 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Ashley Robertson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance;
- b) accepted an apology received from Cr Dalton McDonald; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This 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).

Member Graham Poulson was nominated at the April 2026 meeting as Chairperson for a 12-month term.

PLA2026-35 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that a vacancy on the Authority is currently available; and
- b) called for community nominations to remain open to cover this vacancy.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2026-36 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Ashley Robertson)

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct and discussed the upcoming changes to the code of conduct.



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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Papunya Local Authority Meeting held 11 June 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

PLA2026-37 RESOLVED (Garrard Anderson/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Papunya Local Authority Meeting held 11 June 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2026-38 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Karen McDonald)

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2026-39 RESOLVED (Ashley Robertson/Graham Poulson)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members declared no conflicts of interest.

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters that concerns community as a whole; in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

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

Members are strongly encouraged to report individual housing issues directly to NT Housing by calling their toll-free line on 1800 104 076.

Local Authority discussions will focus on broader issues that affect the wider community.

PLA2026-40 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Karen McDonald)

That the Local Authority:

- received an update on the state roads;
- raised that the section of road between the Haasts Bluff turn off and Papunya is continuously rough and is damaging peoples vehicles;
- identified the upgrade of water and sewerage infrastructure as a high priority for the community, noting that current infrastructure limitations are restricting the building of new houses and other priority projects, including the proposed change rooms, ablution blocks, water park, upgrades to the Rec Hall bathrooms and upgrades to the aged care facility to cater to increasing participant numbers. Members were advised that Council has requested Power and Water undertake the necessary infrastructure upgrades. Members requested that the CEO write a letter from the Local Authority to Power and Water / NTG requesting a timeline of when the required upgrades will be made and an outline of how much money will be allocated. This will add to the work previously initiated by Chansey Paech regarding this matter. The CEO will contact Katharine O'Donoghue outside of the meeting and review the minutes of previous meetings to gain more information about the history of this matter; and
- raised that the Finke River Mission is currently working on cleaning up some properties within the community. Members would like these properties returned to the community rather than them being automatically returned to FRM.

Minute Note: Katharine O'Donoghue entered the meeting at 10:20am during the non-Council Business report.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Action Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2026-41 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Garrard Anderson)

That the Local Authority

- a) accepted the updates on the action items; and
- b) closed these items.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

PLA2026-42 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Justine Stockman)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged that \$127,712.00 is funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office as follows:
 - Project 2191 'Additional Resources Towards the Community Development Plan'. MRC went to a meeting with CLC on 11 June and are still waiting for

- CLC to advise on the details of their plan and kept this item open so that the Council and the LA can support the plan;
- Project 2195 'Healthy Community Event' the proposed date is 7 October. It will involve Costa and Scrap Boy. They will be planting some trees in the community and some yards. They will also be working with the school. They will produce a music video about healthy lifestyles with the community and provide an educational package to the school.
 - Project 2505 'Yarning Circle' the area has been cleared, the seats have been assembled and installation will be completed in the coming weeks. The Members requested that a shelter above the seating be considered in the future. Council services are planning on installing a solar light in the area.
 - Project 2507 'Cemetery Extension, Fencing and Outdoor Chapel' MRC is still waiting on the lease agreement from CLC. Members advised that this has been approved and that the formal agreement should be available soon;
 - Project 2197 'Scoreboard' members advised that the current scoreboard is working and that minimal additional equipment is required. MRC will consult with Paul from AFLNT to investigate what is required. Members requested that Council investigate if the scoreboard can be moved to improve visibility under the lights. Members decided to add new white light globes for the football lights and speakers to be installed atop the lights to this project; and
- c) reiterated that softball lights are a priority item on the wishlist.

Minute Note: Director Council Services Keith Hassett and Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety Libby Taylor attended the meeting from 10:35am to 10:45am to present information regarding the Healthy Community Event project. Shelly Beatie entered the meeting at 10:40am.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2026-43 RESOLVED (Garrard Anderson/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of last financial year's discretionary funds;
- b) received the new financial year's allocation of \$4,000.00;
- c) allocated \$2,000 toward items for aged care recipients in the community. The number of recipients and some prices for portable air-conditioner units will be presented at the next meeting;
- d) allocated \$2,000 toward food and fuel for 3 buses to travel to and from Lajamanu for the upcoming football weekend. Member Garrard Anderson will communicate with Shae Millar to organise the purchase orders; and
- e) acknowledged that all funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2027.

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	Council Services LAR
AUTHOR:	Prisca Mufambisi, Senior Admin Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2026-44 RESOLVED (Ashley Robertson/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority:

- noted and accepted the Council Services report;
- were advised about the additional initiatives that Council Services has put into place to combat the litter issue;
- thanked the Council Services team for the additional work they did before and after the sports weekend; and
- thanked Members Garrard Anderson and Sarah stockman for their work organising the sports weekend.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.2
TITLE:	Youth Services and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2026-45 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority:

- noted and accepted the Community Safety and Youth Services report;
- thanked the Community Safety team for their assistance in making the sports weekend a success; and
- requested that community safety keep a record of children continuously found out in the community after 10pm for cultural leaders to initiate conversations that support families to keep young people safe.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.3
TITLE:	Aged Care and Children's Services Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Aged Care Services and



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Children's Services.

PLA2026-46 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Justine Stockman)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Aged Care and Children's Services report.

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2026-47 RESOLVED (Ashley Robertson/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority:

- a) requested that the road to the airstrip be sealed to improve access particularly for the ambulance and were informed that Council will apply for a 'Roads to Recovery' grant for this purpose.
- b) would like the following statement written and be read at each meeting:

The community members of Papunya do not support perpetrators of violence and say no to any form of violence. We do not want violent behaviour to be seen as acceptable by the children of Papunya. The LA members want three rules documented for community –

- No violence
- No selling grog
- No drugs

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:33am.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Papunya Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 16 September 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.



MINUTES OF THE HERMANNSBURG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD IN THE HERMANNSBURG COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:44AM

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Nicholas Williams (Chairperson), Member Marion Swift, Member Reggie Lankin, Member Daryl Kantawara and Member Alfie Inkamala

Councillors

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

Council Employees

Ainsley Roscrow – Executive Manager Aged Care and Children's Services, Max Baliva – CSC Hermannsburg and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Via Teams: Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Office

Guests

Donna Lemon – Department Local Government, Housing and Community Development Representative

Apologies

Member Patrick Oliver

Absentees

Member Taren Williams

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to acknowledge the attendance and to table, for the Authority's record, any

apologies received from Members for this meeting.

HLA2026-33 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Patrick Oliver for this meeting; and
- c) recorded Member Taren Williams first absence, without notice, from this meeting; and
- d) were advised that Member Williams had not attended a meeting since October 2025.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Membership of the Local Authority
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

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).

HLA2026-34 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the current membership of the Local Authority; and
- b) acknowledged that 2 consecutive absences without notice will result in a termination of membership.

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.

HLA2026-35 RESOLVED (Marion Swift/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Hermannsburg Local Authority Meeting held 17 June 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

HLA2026-36 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Maryanne Malbunka)

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

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HLA2026-37 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HLA2026-38 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members declared no conflicts of interest.



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10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Non-Council Business Items
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Members are strongly encouraged to report individual housing issues to NT Housing directly by calling their toll-free line on 1800 104 076. Local Authority discussions will focus on boarder concerns that affect the wider community.

HLA2026-39 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that no new matters were raised;
- b) noted the updates to the current matters from previous meetings and determines as follows;
 - Closed water pressure
 - Requested an update on when the renovations for the vacant houses will commence, as they have been waiting on renovations for an extended period, with the delay contributing to further vandalism. Members were advised that works were due to start two weeks prior, however there has been no progress made.
 - DLGHCD Representative acknowledged the members concerns and advised that any necessary planning and groundwork will be completed before meeting with the community, to ensure the information presented is culturally appropriate, responds to the community's concerns and provides a clear basis for discussion about their housing needs, including separate housing for single men, single women and single-parent families.
 - DLGHCD will follow up with the Planning Dept for an update on the fencing around properties and lot sizes, particularly for elderly tenants who are no longer able to maintain their yards due to the size of their property.
- c) noted that individual matters relating to housing will be directed to call the toll-free number and closed these items:
 - Mould at Nicholas Williams house
 - Electrical issue at Lot 359
 - Maintenance issues at Lot 139
 - Lack of maintenance at Merral Ntarrakala Outstation

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HLA2026-40 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Marion Swift)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the updates to the actions as received and advised the following;
 - noted that the Director Council Services is in the process of securing a consultation with the EPA regarding overall waste in Hermannsburg and will follow up with signage for illegal dumping;
 - noted that the bus stop barriers were installed, however the Eastside bus stop had their barrier vandalised and removed. Members requested an alternative, vandal resistant solution be investigated to provide a safe area for children waiting for the bus at Eastside; and
- b) did not close any current actions.

Minute Note: Members advised that a school bus service is yet to start

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

At risk funds' are funds that may include unallocated funds and/or funds that have been

allocated but remains unspent.

HLA2026-41 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Daryl Kantawara)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged that there are no funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted the progress on their current projects as presented by the Project Management Office and determined as follows;
 - closed Project 2153 – Scoreboard, returning \$9,282.71 to unallocated;
 - kept open:
 - 2154 – Water Bottle refill stations, noting that plumbers are expected to attend within the month;
 - 2158 – Shade shelter with cement flooring, accepting a reallocation of \$20,000.00 from Project 2381;
 - 2381 – Upgrade the football oval, reallocated \$20,000.00 to Project 2158 and added fencing around the oval to the wishlist;
- c) allocated \$1,713.78 to cover the overspend on Project 2152 – Change room site and closed the project;
- d) reviewed the priority of wish-list items and determined as follows:
 - Closed Camping area and Toilet Block on Sesame St
 - Kept open streetlights near Rec-Hall and requested that quotes be obtained for consideration once the next round of funding becomes available;
 - Kept all other existing actions open and added the additional items;
 - Fencing around the oval;
 - Conduct a feasibility study to investigate the costs, permits and logistics to install a Toilet Block, BBQ, Shade Structure, seating and tables on Sesame St;
 - Commentary box for the Softball Oval.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HLA2026-42 RESOLVED (Daryl Kantawara/Nicholas Williams)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of the 2025/26 Discretionary funds;
- b) received the 2026/27 allocation of \$4,000.00;
- c) discussed to expend these funds at this meeting in the following order of priority:
 - allocation towards awards and trophies for a football presentation, with Councillor Inkamala to obtain quotes for the prizegiving;
 - to a BBQ for the football presentation; and
 - any remaining funds towards the costs of utilities for the Church;
- c) acknowledges that all funds must be spent with goods received by the 30

June 2027.

Minute Note: Council will advise members of the responsibility for cleaning and maintaining the changerooms..

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	Council Services - Hermannsburg LAR
AUTHOR:	Prisca Mufambisi, Senior Admin Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HLA2026-43 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Marion Swift)

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

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HLA2026-44 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Marion Swift)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Aged Care and Children's Services report; and
- b) requested that the Executive Manager conduct research into a Residential Aged Care facility, (along the same principles as the facility built in Docker River) for the Hermannsburg Community.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.3
TITLE:	Youth Services and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HLA2026-45 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Youth Services and Community



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Safety report.

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HLA2026-46 RESOLVED (Nicholas Williams/Reggie Lankin)

That the Local Authority noted that no new matters was raised.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:10 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:37AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON

AML2026-52 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Patrick Allen)

That members nominated Sharon Alice as Acting Chair for this meeting

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Lawrence Webb, Member Samantha Stuart, Member Sharon Alice,

Councillors

Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Veronica Lynch

Council Employees

Keith Hassett – Acting CEO, Roselene Rankine – Council Services Coordinator and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Via Teams: Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Officer

Guests

Adele McCorkindale – Representative Department Local Government, Housing and Community Development

Apologies

Member Rhekita Stuart and Member Henry Oliver

Absentees

Councillor Matthew Palmer



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2026-53 RESOLVED (Samantha Stuart/Lawrence Webb)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received for this meeting from Members Henry Oliver and Rhekita Stuart; and
- c) records the absence of Councillor Matthew Palmer, without notice received, for this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Membership
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2026-54 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance at the previous meeting;
- b) received the nominations submitted by Michael Marshall and Anthony Stuart; and
- c) recommends that Council endorse the nominees.

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.

AMLA2026-55 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.



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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 9 July 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

AMLA2026-56 RESOLVED (Samantha Stuart/Lawrence Webb)

That the Local Authority:

- a) confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the provisional Local Authority Meeting held 9 July 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings; and
- b) confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 13 April as true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2026-57 RESOLVED (Samantha Stuart/Sharon Alice)

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2026-58 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that no conflicts of interest was declared.



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10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Non-Council Business Items
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Members are strongly encouraged to report individual housing issues to NT Housing directly by calling their toll-free line on 1800 104 076. Local Authority discussions will focus on boarder concerns that affect the wider community.

AMLA2026-59 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Samantha Stuart)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the updates on previous matters as follows:
 - Fences and Gates
 - Low water pressure, noting that the DLGHCD Representative will follow up with Indigenous Essential Services and provide any further updates to the CSC and Governance team.
 - Street light at Amoonguna turnoff noting that the Department Infrastructure and Logistics are collaborating with Central Land Council to secure appropriate funding for this project to go ahead.
- b) did not raise any new matters of Non-Council business; and
- c) closed – Power bill relief, Old Store and Funding for footy lights as updates will be noted within the Projects wishlist.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2026-60 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the progress on the action items as received and agreed to keep open Electricity top ups until the account is set up and the system and hardware is installed; and
- b) to invite the CLC Delegate to the meeting to discuss possible funding for the lights at the footy oval.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

AMLA2026-61 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Lawrence Webb)

That the local authority:

- a) noted that \$5,835.20 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) accepted the updates to the current projects as provided by the Project Management Office as follows:
 - Project 2101 - agreed on the TTI Fire trailer that will be modified to make it suitable for drinking water;
 - Project 2108 - advised that the 7 foot Pool table and the dual pool and air hockey table was expected to arrive in Alice Springs at the end of October.
- c) discussed the priority of the wishlist items with no decisions made;
- d) closed Project 2107 – Solar Street Lights, returning \$9,885.00 to unallocated funds; and
- e) created a new Project – Battery Operated Whipper Snippers, allocating \$5,000.00 to purchasing two (2) Whipper Snippers, 8 x extra batteries, 2 x extra battery chargers and cord.

Minute Note: Approval was granted for community members to utilise the whipper snippers within their yards and to consider the ongoing maintenance of this equipment. Members agreed to a sign in and sign out register.



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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AML2026-62 RESOLVED (Samantha Stuart/Sharon Alice)

That the Local Authority:

- a) agreed to allocate the Discretionary funds at this meeting on the following:
 - \$1,000.00 towards gift cards for a Christmas Lights competition in the following denominations:
 - First prize - \$500
 - Second prize - \$300
 - Third prize - \$200
 - \$1,500.00 towards a Christmas Community BBQ
- b) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2027; and
- c) resolved to allocate a voucher to each house that participates in the Christmas Lights competition and does not win any prizes with the voucher denomination of up to \$50 based on the number of houses competing.

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	Council Services - Amoonguna LAR
AUTHOR:	Prisca Mufambisi, Senior Admin Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AML2026-63 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)

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

Minute note: Members were advised that a tower is being installed by Telstra to improve voice and data coverage.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.2
TITLE:	Aged Care Services Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Aged Care services in Amoonguna.

AMLA2026-64 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Aged Care Services report.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.3
TITLE:	Youth Services and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2026-65 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Patrick Allen)

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

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2026-66 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority noted that no matters were raised for discussion.

Minute Note: Members were advised that illegal dumping by Contractors will be followed up by Council Services.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2027

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:24 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.55AM and quorum was achieved.

2 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed by Chairperson Audrey Turner.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Audrey Turner (Chairperson), Member Carol Peterson, Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Roderick Kantamara, Member Tristan Robertson and Member Dyson Wheeler.

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Dalton McDonald, and Councillor Tommy Conway

Council Employees

A/CEO Keith Hassett, Council Services Coordinator Tinashe Mutanga and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg.

Guests

Community Development Project Officer Adele McCorkindale – Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-30 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance;



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- b) accepted apologies received Member Rosalind Dixon and Councillor Lynn Ward; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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

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).

MLLA2026-31 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority:

- a) reviewed the attendance at the previous meeting;
- b) noted that there are no vacancies on the Local Authority; and
- c) acknowledged that 2 consecutive absences without notice will result in a termination of membership.

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.

MLLA2026-32 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Dyson Wheeler)

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held 15 July 2026 to be approved by the Authority.



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MLLA2026-33 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Carol Peterson)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the following Mt Liebig Local Authority meetings as a true and correct record of the proceedings:

- Mount Liebig Local Authority meeting held 18 December 2025.
- Mount Liebig Local Authority meeting held 15 April 2026.
- Mount Liebig Local Authority meeting held 15 July 2026.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-34 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Tommy Conway)

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-35 RESOLVED (Dyson Wheeler/Tristan Robertson)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members declared no conflicts of interest.

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters that concerns community as a whole; in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

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

Members are strongly encouraged to report individual housing issues directly to NT Housing by calling their toll-free line on 1800 104 076.

Local Authority discussions will focus on broader issues that affect the wider community.

MLLA2026-36 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that the item 'Lot 82 Maintenance' will be followed up by the representative from NTG outside of Local Authority business and closed this item;
- b) received advice that the item 'Fence Maintenance' is currently being considered by NT Housing and kept this item open for a future update and added that there is an issue with horses getting into yards, turning on taps, wasting water and causing damage; and
- c) requested that the NTG representative to contact Animal Welfare to request that they consult with CLC regarding managing the horses to prevent damage to community and housing infrastructure. This may include the installation of a horse trough away from community and the outstations to allow the horses to access water outside of the community.

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Action Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-37 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Roderick Kantamara)

That the Local Authority

- a) accepted the updates on the action items as follows:

- ‘Solar Light at Sing-Along’ that the installation of new solar lights would be a more efficient option that fixing the old lights and decided to make this a Local Authority Project.
 - ‘Generator Trailer’ that Council services will continue to follow up on this matter; and
- b) closed both these items.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

MLLA2026-38 RESOLVED (Audrey Turner/Dyson Wheeler)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged that there are no funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the project management office as follows
 - Project 2181 ‘3 x Caution Horse/Camel Road Signs’ – The signs will be ready in the coming weeks and the CSC will work with the community regarding installation.
 - Project 2186 ‘Solar Lights for the Cemetery’ closed this project as it has been completed and returned the unused funds to unallocated.
 - Project 2189 ‘Area of Cultural Significance Exclusion Zone Signs’ the signs are in Mount Liebig, the locations for the signs have been selected with the assistance of the CSC and the CSC work with the PMO to order some concrete for the installation.
 - Project 2420 ‘Basketball Court Upgrade – inc Switchboard and 2 new Water Bubblers’ – PMO is still waiting for the electricians to travel out and have been notified that this will occur in the next few weeks.



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- Project 2421 'Purchase and Install One New Beehive' – some of the equipment is on backorder. Once all of the equipment has arrived the PMO will work with Alice Springs Bee Club to order the Bees; and
- c) created a new project '2 Solar Lights for the Sing-Along Area' from the previously discussed action item and allocated \$10,000.00 to this project.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-39 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Dyson Wheeler)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that no funds were allocated at the previous meeting;
- b) allocated funds for community BBQs as follows
 - \$1,800 for Christmas BBQ including the purchase of a BBQ.
 - \$1,200 for a New Years Celebration.
 - \$1,000 for an Easter celebration in 2027; and
- c) acknowledged that these funds must be spent, with goods received by 30 June 2027.

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	2609 - Council Services - Mt Liebig LAR
AUTHOR:	Prisca Mufambisi, Senior Admin Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-40 RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Carol Peterson)

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

ITEM NUMBER:	12.2
TITLE:	Youth Services and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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



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MLLA2026-41 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tristan Robertson)

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

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-42 RESOLVED (Carol Peterson/Audrey Turner)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Children's Services report.

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-43 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Roderick Kantamara)

That the Local Authority requested an update on the repairs to the fence around the Youth Rec Hall.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2027 TBD

95 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:06 pm.

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12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

ITEM NUMBER	12.3
TITLE	Local Authority Nominations
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making

Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities

Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under section 77 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Council is required to consider the nominations submitted for Local Authority membership and confirm appointments by resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the nominations received and appoints Anthony Stuart and Michael Marshall to the Amoonguna Local Authority.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*, Ministerial Guidelines and Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

As per Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure:

Para.4.14: Nominations and Appointments:

- c) 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.
- d) In the event 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 at the next Council meeting. The Council may appoint based on the submitted nominations.

Para 4.15 – Resignations and Revocations:

The appointment of a local authority member may be revoked or otherwise cease if the person:

- a) Resigns in writing to the CEO, chairperson or a delegated MRC employee.
- b) Has their membership revoked due to the decisions based on or in accordance with item 4.13 (Absent Without Permission) of the policy.
- c) Is absent from 2 consecutive meetings without the permission of the Local Authority.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Elected members

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 AMLA Nominations

Local Authority Nomination Form MC02-F1

NOMINATION

I, ANTHONY STUART wish to nominate as a
(Name of nominee)

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

ANTHONY STUART
(Signature of nominee)

15 / 9 / 20 26

Date

ENDORSEMENT

I, Sharon Alice endorse the nomination of this
(Name of endorsing Local Authority member)

nominee to this Local Authority.

Sharon Alice

(Signature of Local Authority member)

7 / 10 / 20 26

Date

RETURNING OFFICER

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

Markie
(Signature of Returning Officer)

7 / 10 / 20 26

Date

Local Authority Nomination Form MC02-F1

NOMINATION

I, MICHAEL MARSHALL wish to nominate as a
(Name of nominee)

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

Michael Marshall
(Signature of nominee)

6 / 10 / 20 26
Date

ENDORSEMENT

I, Sharon Alice endorse the nomination of this
(Name of endorsing Local Authority member)

nominee to this Local Authority.

Sharon Alice
(Signature of Local Authority member)

7 / 10 / 20 26
Date

RETURNING OFFICER

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

P. Rankin
(Signature of Returning Officer)

7 / 10 / 20 26
Date



13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE Action Register for Ordinary Council
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the action taken and response provided by the CEO and determines to close this Action.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Ordinary Council Action Register		
Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject
Ordinary Council Meeting 28/08/2026	MRC CEO	Draft a letter regarding the failing infrastructure for power, water and sewage in Papunya
<p>OCM2026-144 (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)</p> <p>28-Aug-26: Res.144</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was much discussion regarding the failing power, water and sewage infrastructure in the Papunya Community. This failing infrastructure is the primary obstacle to building new homes, directly contributing to chronic overcrowding and poor community health. <p>An action item arose from this discussion, requiring the CEO write to the Prime Minister, the Human Rights Commission, the Environmental Health Branch of the Department of Health and Indigenous Essential Services, a not-for-profit subsidiary of Power and Water Corporation</p> <p>RESPONSE</p> <p>All letters have been drafted and sent as directed by Council. Responses shall be awaited and provided to Council at future meetings as Correspondence. As an Action Item this matter can now be closed.</p>		

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

MRC Elected Members

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter to Prime Minister re Papunya Infrastructure
- 2 Letter to Environmental Health Branch re Papunya Infrastructure
- 3 Letter to Human Rights Commission re Papunya Infrastructure
- 4 Letter to Indigenous Essential Services Pty Ltd re Papunya Infrastructure



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Thursday, 22 October 2026

The Hon Anthony Albanese
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

Urgent Action Required — Papunya Community Infrastructure Failure

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) writes to bring to your attention a matter of significant concern for the remote indigenous Papunya community in central Australia and the broader MacDonnell region. Council resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 August 2026 to raise this matter with you.

The walls of the Papunya sewer ponds are collapsing. The ponds are at full capacity and cannot be expanded or accept additional load. Drainage is inadequate. These assets are owned by the Northern Territory Government (NTG), which is responsible for their condition, and maintenance has been deferred for many years. As a result, residents cannot reliably use basic sanitation, including flushing toilets. No new housing or infrastructure can be connected to a system that is failing and over capacity.

Two federally funded projects in Papunya show what this means in practice. Construction of new sporting change rooms cannot proceed because the sewage system is at capacity and structurally failing. A splash pad for local children, also federally funded, cannot be connected or commissioned for the same reason. Both projects have Commonwealth funding behind them. Both are sitting idle.

These are not the only stalled projects, and Papunya is not an isolated case. The same Power and Water infrastructure deficiencies exist across all 13 MRC communities. Commonwealth funding for community-led infrastructure projects has stalled across the region because essential services infrastructure has not been maintained to a standard that can support new connections. MRC is the local government body. It does not own these assets and is not in a position to remediate them.



MRC would welcome your support in facilitating a coordinated response between the Commonwealth and the NTG to address the underlying infrastructure deficit, in Papunya and across the region.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this matter further, and MRC stands ready to assist in whatever way it can.

Yours sincerely



Roxanne Kenny
President



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Thursday, 22 October 2026

Ms Tracey Ward
Director of Environmental Health
Environmental Health Branch
Department of Health
PO Box 40596,
Casuarina NT 0811
Darwin NT 0800

Dear Ms Ward,

**Request for Assistance — Environmental Health Risks from the Papunya
Sewage Ponds**

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) writes to bring to the Branch's attention the condition of water and sewage infrastructure in Papunya, and to seek the Branch's assistance in formally documenting and escalating the public health risks. Council resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 August 2026 to raise this matter with you.

The walls of the Papunya sewer ponds are collapsing. The ponds are at full capacity with no ability to expand or accept additional load. Drainage is inadequate. These assets are owned by the Northern Territory Government (NTG), and their maintenance has been deferred for many years. As a result, residents cannot reliably use basic sanitation, including flushing toilets. No new housing or infrastructure can be connected to the system in its current state.

Two federally funded projects in Papunya give practical evidence of the system's limits. Sporting change rooms cannot be constructed because the sewage system is at capacity and structurally failing. A children's splash pad cannot be connected or commissioned for the same reason. Both projects are funded by the Commonwealth and both are sitting idle.

These conditions are not confined to Papunya. The same Power and Water infrastructure deficiencies exist across all 13 MRC communities, with similar implications for environmental health. Commonwealth funding for community-led



infrastructure projects has stalled across the region for the same reason. MRC is the local government body and does not own or manage these assets.

MRC would be grateful if the Branch would consider conducting an environmental health risk assessment of the Papunya water and sewage system, and to consider whether a broader regional assessment across the 13 communities would be warranted. We would also appreciate any findings being shared with MRC and with the relevant NTG asset management authorities.

MRC would welcome the Branch's professional guidance and is happy to assist with local knowledge and community liaison. Your most urgent consideration of this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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Thursday, 22 October 2026

Mr Hugh de Kretser

President

Australian Human Rights Commission

GPO Box 5218

Sydney NSW 1042

Dear Mr de Kretser

Human Rights Concerns — Sanitation and Essential Services Infrastructure in Papunya

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) writes to bring to the Commission's attention conditions in the remote indigenous community of Papunya, and more broadly across the MacDonnell region, that MRC believes engage Australia's human rights obligations. These include the rights to an adequate standard of living, adequate housing, health, and safe water and sanitation. Council resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 August 2026 to raise this matter with the Commission.

The walls of the Papunya sewer ponds are collapsing. The ponds are at full capacity, with no ability to expand or accept additional load, and drainage is inadequate. Residents cannot reliably use basic sanitation, including flushing toilets. Because the system is failing and over capacity, no new housing or infrastructure can be connected to it, and overcrowding persists.

The infrastructure failure also prevents investment in community wellbeing, even where funding is available. Two federally funded projects in Papunya illustrate this. New sporting change rooms cannot be built because the sewage system is at capacity and structurally failing. A splash pad for children cannot be connected or commissioned for the same reason. Both have Commonwealth funding committed, and both are on hold.

The issue is systemic. The same Power and Water infrastructure deficiencies exist across all 13 MRC communities, and Commonwealth funding for community-led infrastructure projects has stalled across the region for the same reason. The assets are owned by the Northern Territory Government (NTG), which is responsible for their



condition. Maintenance has been deferred for many years. MRC, as the local government body, does not own these assets and cannot remediate them.

MRC would value the Commission's consideration of this matter. Given the Commission's independent role, we would welcome any engagement, inquiry, or advocacy it considers appropriate. We would be glad to provide further information or to assist the Commission in any way that would be useful.

Yours sincerely



Roxanne Kenny
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Thursday, 22 October 2026

Ms Djuna Pollard
Chief Executive Officer
Indigenous Essential Services Pty Ltd
Power and Water Corporation
PO Box 3596
Darwin NT 0801

Dear Ms Pollard

Papunya Sewage Ponds — Request for Assistance and Engagement

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) writes to seek the assistance of Indigenous Essential Services (IES) in understanding and responding to the current condition of water and sewage infrastructure in Papunya. Council resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 August 2026 to write to IES on this matter.

It is understood that IES supports 72 remote communities across the Territory, including those in the Central Desert region. It is also understood that IES works proactively to maintain and improve essential services in remote regions and that IES invests significantly in remote projects and programs to ensure electricity, water and sewerage services continue to meet growing demand.

With the above in mind I must point out that the walls of the Papunya sewer ponds are collapsing. The ponds are at full capacity and cannot expand or accept additional load. Drainage is inadequate. MRC understands that maintenance has been deferred for many years, and the structural deterioration has worsened as a result. The assets are owned by the Northern Territory Government (NTG) and managed and operated by the Power and Water Corporation. Residents cannot reliably use basic sanitation, including flushing toilets, and no new housing or infrastructure can be connected to the system.

The cost to the community is real and immediate. Two federally funded projects in Papunya are on hold. Construction of sporting change rooms cannot proceed because the sewage system is at capacity and structurally failing. A splash pad for children cannot be connected or commissioned for the same reason. The Commonwealth funding is in place, but neither project can move forward.



These same water and sewerage infrastructure deficiencies exist across all 13 MRC communities. Commonwealth funding for community-led infrastructure projects has stalled across the region for the same reason. MRC recognises that IES operates within a constrained funding and regulatory environment, and we raise this matter in that spirit.

MRC would value IES's help in two areas.

1. We would be grateful if IES could provide a current written condition assessment of the Papunya water and sewage infrastructure, including drainage.
2. We would also welcome IES's view on what works are required to immediately address the current problems and on what timeline remedial action can be taken.

Yours sincerely



Roxanne Kenny
President

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 13.2
TITLE Correspondence Report
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Council with an update on correspondence received and sent by the Council President and CEO since 30 July 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) notes the correspondence received and sent; and
- b) considers the request for sponsorship.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Incoming Correspondence

Date Sent	From	Subject
30-Jul-26	ALGA Board	30 July 2026 ALGA Board Meeting Communique
2-Sept-26	LGANT Board	LGANT Board Meeting Communique
8-Sept-26	Alister Trier, Chief Executive, Dept. Mining and Energy	Remote Power for Indigenous Communities Program
9-Sept-26	Senator the Hon. Malarndirri McCarthy, Minister for Indigenous Australians	Letter of thanks re attendance in Canberra
10-Sept-26	Sindy Chea, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, LGANT	Email from LGANT re: H5 Bird Flu (attachment: h5-bird-flu communications pack)
23-Sept-26	Hon. Steve Edgington MLA, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development	Letter to CEO re: Fencing for Cemetery in Titjikala
7-Oct-26	Bilal Abbas, Director Sustainability and Compliance, DLGHCD	Closure of 2024-25 Compliance review
9-Oct-26	Jerome and Trudy Grenfell	John Grenfell – Sponsorship

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Outgoing Correspondence

Date Sent	To	Subject
2-Sept-26	Mary Watson, CEO LGANT	Council response to Representative Review
16-Sept-26	Jennifer Marston, CEO Victoria Daly Regional Council	Letter of support – Managing Abandoned vehicles and Legacy Waste in communities
19-Oct-26	MunLi Chee, Director Merit Partners	Representation letter re. Audit of the Various Grants

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 ALGA Board Meeting Communique
- 2 LGANT Board Meeting Communique
- 3 Remote Power for Indigenous Communities program
- 4 Signed Correspondence from Senator Malarndirri McCarthy
- 5 Email from LGANT re. H5 Bird Flu
- 6 h5 Bird Flu Communications Pack
- 7 Letter to CEO re. fencing for Cemetery in Titjikala
- 8 Closure of 2024-25 Compliance Review
- 9 Request for Sponsorship for John Grenfell
- 10 Council response to Representative Review
- 11 Letter of support managing abandoned vehicles and legacy waste
- 12 Representation letter re. Audit of Various Grants



30 July 2026 ALGA Board Meeting Communique

The ALGA Board met on Thursday 30 July 2026.

The Board considered a focused agenda covering governance, risk, financial oversight and key policy decisions following the 2026 National General Assembly.

A key focus of the meeting was the consideration of the 244 motions debated at the 2026 National General Assembly. The Board discussed recommendations arising from the debate process and considered how these resolutions will inform engagement with the Australian Government over the coming year.

The Board agreed to undertake a governance review and identify improvements to the National General Assembly motions process.

The Board discussed ALGA's Disaster Recovery Funding Framework (DRFF) submission, which is due to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) by 19 August. The Board supported the ALGA submission and its recommendations being that no council should be worse off by any proposed changes to disaster recovery funding.

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2 SEPTEMBER 2026 LGANT BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE

The LGANT Board met for on Wednesday 2 September at the LGANT office and online.

The Board received presentations from LGANT's Director Corporate Services on Local Buy and City of Darwin's Reece Ravlich, LGANT's representative on the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC), who provided an update on AWAC and current animal welfare issues.

The Board endorsed the end-of financial year financial summary that has been provided in anticipation of audited financials at the next Board meeting. The Board approved the LGANT roadworks program for 2026-2027, and continued their annual review of LGANT policies, approving the second tranche. The Board also provided in principle approval of a new investment policy and endorsed the engagement of an independent facilitator to complete a Board evaluation in early 2027, and the proposed timeline for the CEO's annual review.

In preparation for LGANT's upcoming Annual General Meeting, the Board endorsed briefing papers regarding the proposed amendments to the LGANT Constitution and a new set of Rules of Debate. The Board also approved renewal of the service agreement with WALGA for the member employee relations service.

The LGANT President provided an update on his activities since the last Board meeting including the 30 July 2026 ALGA Board meeting (refer communique at Attachment 1) and meetings with the Chief Minister, the Treasurer, both the Central and Tiwi Land Councils, and the NT Executive Council on Aboriginal Affairs (NTECAA). The President also made visits to Wagait Shire Council and Litchfield Council, as part of LGANT's annual council visit program.

The Board noted the CEOs report including a summary of her meetings, updates on the LGANT member survey and key advocacy activities (including bird flu, emergency waste management, cyber security and road safety) and events (including the Circular Economy Symposium, and preparations for the Procurement Symposium and LGANT November conference).

The Board also noted LGANT's cyber security review update, the forward Board calendar, recent submissions lodged, and incoming and outgoing correspondence.

The Board will next meet on 21 October 2026.

Attachments:

1. 30 July 2026 ALGA Board Meeting Communique

If you have any questions or wish to discuss these matters further, please reach out to Mary Watson, LGANT CEO, at mary.watson@lgant.asn.au or on 0417 864 183.

Alternatively, you can contact members of the LGANT Board:

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

Email: belinda.urquhart@macdonnell.nt.gov.au

Dear Ms Urquhart

Re: Remote Power for Indigenous Communities program

I am writing to provide information about the Northern Territory Government's Remote Power for Indigenous Communities (RPIC) program and seek your engagement to help shape its development.

The RPIC is a proposal to transition up to 50 diesel-based electricity systems servicing 54 Indigenous Essential Services (IES) communities across the Territory to hybrid energy solutions through the integration of solar generation and battery energy storage systems. This includes, where appropriate, the communities of Areyonga, Finke, Haasts Bluff, Kaltukatjara, Imanpa, Kintore, Mount Libig, Papunya, and Titjikala. The primary goal of RPIC is to provide secure, reliable energy in remote communities at the lowest sustainable cost, reducing community reliance on imported diesel fuel. Providing economic development opportunities for the communities is a priority outcome for the program.

The RPIC is currently in the detailed planning phase, with work underway to among other things, establish appropriate delivery model/s, develop alternative benefits realisation approaches and secure the project funding required to deliver the initiative given that RPIC is at this stage unfunded. The Department of Mining and Energy (DME) is leading this phase of the program which builds on previous work, including initial engagements with stakeholders in 2024 that helped to establish the business case for progressing the RPIC program.

As a key stakeholder, I am seeking your engagement over the coming months with DME's project team tasked with development of the RPIC. DME has engaged a local Aboriginal owned company, Cross Cultural Consultants, to assist with the engagement process, and they will be in contact with your office to schedule meetings.

Working together on this important initiative will help to maximise the benefits for participating communities and I welcome your input and advice in this phase of the program.

Yours sincerely



Alister Trier
Chief Executive
8 September 2026



Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy

Minister for Indigenous Australians

Senator for Northern Territory and Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands

MB26-000270

Ms Belinda Urquhart
Chief Executive Officer
MacDonnell Regional Council
Belinda.urquhart@macdonnell.nt.gov.au

Dear Ms Urquhart

I would like to sincerely thank you and the representatives of the MacDonnell Regional Council for travelling to Canberra to meet with me on 24 June 2026.

It was valuable to hear firsthand about the important work being undertaken across the MacDonnell region and to gain a deeper understanding of the priorities, challenges and aspirations of the communities you serve. Hearing directly from local leaders and community representatives helps ensure that local perspectives are understood and considered in government decision-making.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the open and constructive discussions held during our meeting and for generously sharing your insights. I particularly appreciated the opportunity to hear about the opportunities and challenges facing communities across the region, as well as the Council's ongoing efforts to support residents through service delivery, community development and local leadership.

I acknowledge the concerns raised regarding the need for stronger partnerships and engagement with the Northern Territory (NT) Government, including the importance of ensuring local voices are heard and respected in decisions affecting communities.

Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

I also note the Council's interest in greater recognition as an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation. The National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) acknowledges the important role regional councils play in supporting Aboriginal communities and recognises the strong contribution of Aboriginal councillors, mayors and community leaders. However, local government councils are established under NT local government legislation to represent and serve all residents within their local government area and are distinct from Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, which are established and governed specifically by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to represent Aboriginal interests and communities. As a result, for the purposes of Australian Government policy and funding programs, local government councils are generally considered local government authorities rather than Aboriginal community-controlled organisations. Given the Council's interest in this matter, you may wish to raise these concerns with the NT Government, which is responsible for the legislative and policy framework governing local government in the NT.

I also recognise the need to strengthen the local aged care workforce and acknowledge the importance of training and workforce development opportunities to support the delivery of high-quality aged care services in remote communities. To assist in progressing this issue, the NIAA will liaise with the Department of Health and Ageing and Department of Employment, Workplace Relations to better understand current aged care workforce and training initiatives available in the region and identify any opportunities to support the Council's aspirations in this area.

Additionally, I would like to share with you some information that you may like to share with your constituents about the Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) program and the Remote Australia Employment Service (RAES). The government is committed to improving employment outcomes for people living in remote Australia and has replaced the Community Development Program with the RAES and the RJED program. Information on both programs can be found at: niaa.gov.au/our-work/employment-and-economic-development/remote-jobs#first-nations-reference-group and niaa.gov.au/our-work/employment-and-economic-development/remote-jobs/employment-services.

I encourage you to continue liaising with Mr Byron Matthews, Regional Manager, Central Australian region, regarding any concerns, priorities or aspirations you may have. Mr Matthews can be contacted at byron.matthews@niaa.gov.au.

Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

I value the strong leadership being shown by the MacDonnell Regional Council and the important role it plays in advocating for and supporting its communities. I look forward to continuing to work together to support positive outcomes for the MacDonnell region and its communities in the future.

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Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy
Minister for Indigenous Australians

9/9 / 2026

Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

Barbara Newland

Subject: FW: H5 Bird Flu | Stakeholder Engagement Pack
Attachments: h5-bird-flu-material.zip

From: Cindy Chea <sindy.chea@lgant.asn.au>
Sent: Thursday, 10 September 2026 4:06 PM
To: **Council CEOs <CEOs@lgant.asn.au>
Subject: H5 Bird Flu | Stakeholder Engagement Pack

Hi all,

Please find attached the first stakeholder information package on H5 bird flu (avian influenza) and key resources to support awareness, preparedness and response activities within your local government area.

H5 Bird flu (avian influenza) is a viral disease that mainly affects birds, but can also impact other animals and, in rare cases, people. While there has been no detection of H5 bird flu in the Northern Territory, public reporting plays an important role in early detection and response efforts.

The Northern Territory Government is encouraging everyone to familiarise themselves with the key messages and reporting requirements.

Key information sources

Please use the following websites as the primary sources of information and resources:

- Northern Territory Government: <https://nt.gov.au/birdflu>
- Australian Government Bird Flu information hub: <https://www.birdflu.gov.au>

These websites contain current information, factsheets, preparedness guidance, biosecurity advice, reporting procedures and communication resources for communities and stakeholders.

Key community message

If community members observe multiple sick or dead birds, they should follow the Avoid. Record. Report. approach:

- Avoid contact with sick or dead birds and other wildlife.
- Record what was observed, including the location, number of affected animals and, if safe to do so, photographs.
- Report sightings of multiple sick or dead birds or other animals online nt.gov.au/birdflu or ring the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

How local government can assist

Councils are encouraged to:

- Share approved information through council communication channels.
- Promote the key websites listed above as the primary information sources.
- Reinforce the Avoid. Record. Report. message within local communities.

Resources attached include:

- H5 bird flu communications pack
- Avian influenza fact sheet
- H5 bird flu backyard chicken fact sheet
- H5 bird flu human health fact sheet
- Keep watch posters
- H5 bird flu disposal fact sheets (provided by Federal government)
- H5 bird flu safe handling fact sheets (provided by Federal government)

Further information and resources will be provided as they become available. If you have any questions, please reach out to Andrea Ruske, Public Information Officer | H5 bird flu, Communications and Media, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries via Andrea.Ruske@nt.gov.au or on 08 8999 2284.

Kind regards,

Sindy Chea | Marketing & Communications Coordinator, Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

H5 bird flu

Information in this pack is correct as of 7 September 2026



What is the purpose of this pack



DAF encourages key stakeholder groups to promote important information about H5 bird flu.

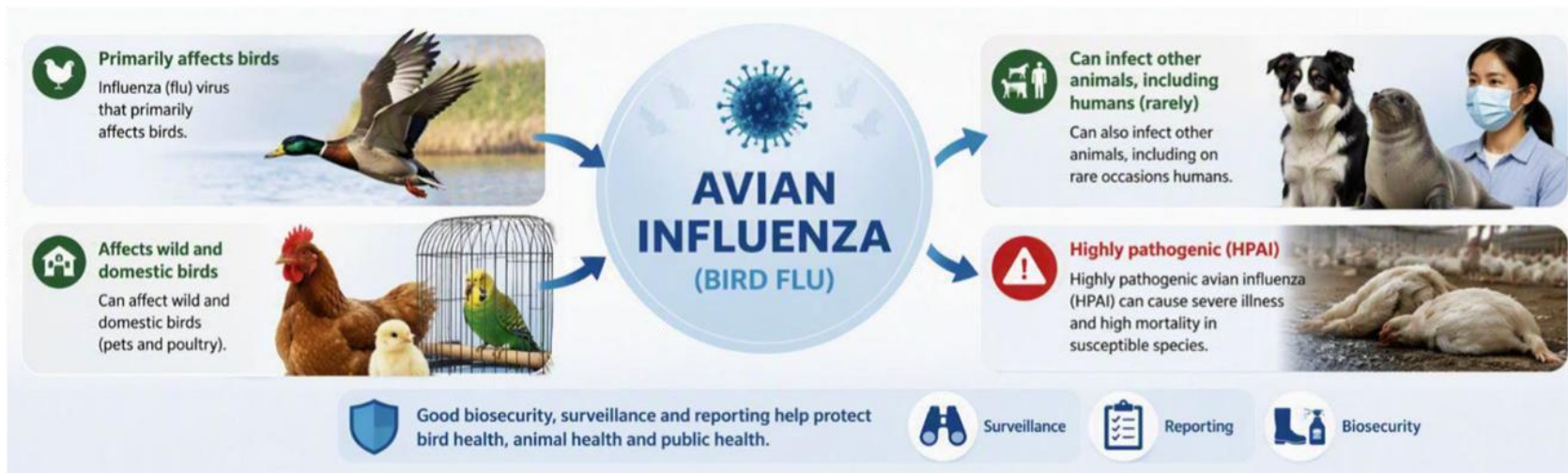


We would like you to share these materials to ensure everyone remains informed and supported.



Share the materials in this pack with your network via email newsletters, social media and websites.

Background - What is avian influenza



H5 bird flu current situation

There has been no detection of H5 bird flu in the Northern Territory.

Australia has confirmed detections of H5 bird flu in wildlife in South Australia, Western Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania.

Overseas, H5 bird flu has caused severe disease and high death rates in poultry, wild birds and other wildlife.

The risk to human health remains low. There has been no human case of this strain reported in Australia.

The Northern Territory Government is working in collaboration with other jurisdictions and the Australian Government, with surveillance continuing to ensure early detection of any further cases. Public reporting is a critical part of the response and supporting ongoing detection efforts.

What you can do

Everyone can help monitor and manage bird flu.

If you see multiple sick or dead birds, you must:

- avoid contact with the birds
- keep pets away and do not let them touch or eat the birds
- record what you see, including the location
- take photos or videos if it is safe to do so.

You can report the sighting by:

- submitting the wild bird disease report form at nt.gov.au/birdflu.
- calling the **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline** on **1800 675 888** if you can't submit online

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Report sick or dead birds and wildlife

**Report online
or call the 24-hour
Emergency Animal
Disease Hotline**

A vibrant rainbow lorikeet perched on a tree branch, facing right. The bird has a blue head, red face, and a body with green, yellow, and orange feathers.

 Avoid.
Record.
Report.

**EMERGENCY ANIMAL
DISEASE HOTLINE
1800 675 888**

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Signs of H5 bird flu

Do not touch a bird if it shows any of the following signs:

- lack of coordination, tremors or swimming in circles
- inability to stand or fly
- twisted neck or unusual posture
- difficulty breathing, coughing or sneezing
- swelling around the head, neck or eyes
- lethargy or reluctance to move, eat or drink
- reduced egg production
- cloudy eyes or changes in eye colour
- watery diarrhoea
- sudden death.

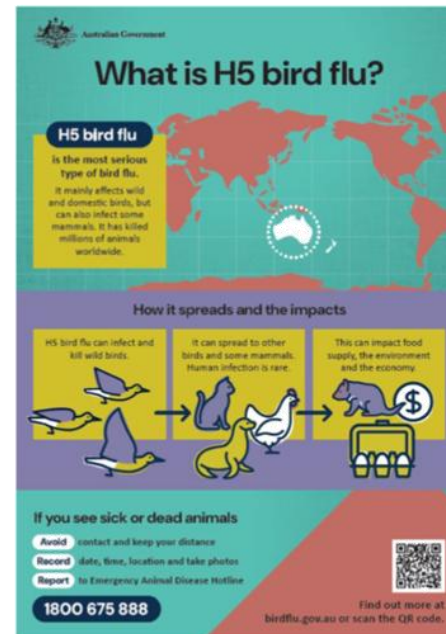


National resources for H5 bird flu

We encourage stakeholders to use and share Australian Government bird flu resources.

To download resources, visit: birdflu.gov.au and click on Resources.

Bird flu and your community



Northern Territory resources

We encourage stakeholders to use and share Northern Territory Government bird flu resources.

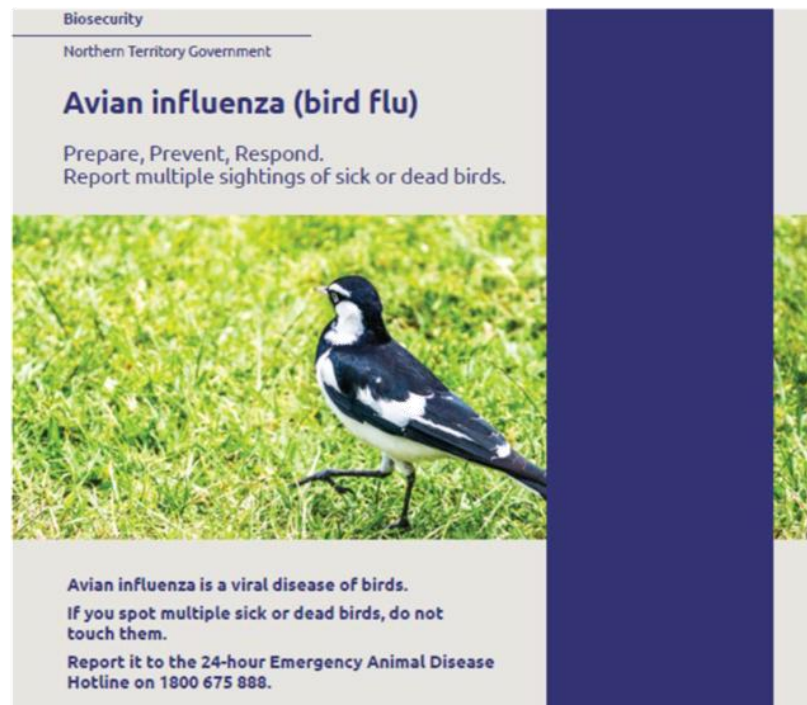
To download resources, visit nt.gov.au/birdflu

Download the Avian influenza fact sheet:

- [Fact sheet PDF \(252.0 KB\)](#)

You can also get this in:

- [Hindi PDF \(883.3 KB\)](#)
- [Thai PDF \(454.5 KB\)](#)
- [Vietnamese PDF \(1.4 MB\)](#)



Northern Territory Resources cont.

Keep watch for bird flu resources

- Poster
- Social media tiles.

To download resources, visit nt.gov.au/birdflu



Keep watch for bird flu – social tile and copy

H5 bird flu – help keep watch

If you find multiple sick or dead birds or other animals do not touch them. Remember:

- 👉 **Avoid** – Do not touch and keep pets away
- 👉 **Record** – Take a photo or video from a safe distance and note your location
- 👉 **Report** – by:
 - submitting the wild bird disease report form at nt.gov.au/birdflu.
 - calling the **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline** on **1800 675 888** if you can't submit online

Learn more: birdflu.gov.au and nt.gov.au/birdflu



Keep watch for bird flu – social tile and copy

H5 bird flu – keep Country safe 🦜

We're asking the community to keep an eye out for any unusual sickness or deaths in birds or other animals. If you see this, stay back and follow these steps:

- 👉 **Avoid contact** – Do not touch sick or dead wildlife
- 👉 **Record safely** – Take a photo or video from a distance and note the location
- 👉 **Report quickly** – Call the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on **1800 675 888**

Your reports help protect communities, culture and Country.

Learn more: birdflu.gov.au and nt.gov.au/birdflu



Health update – social tile and text

The current risk of bird flu to people in Australia is low as bird flu rarely affects people.

Chicken meat and eggs remain safe to eat when they are handled and cooked properly.

If you find multiple sick or dead birds or other animals do not touch them.
Remember:

- 👉 **Avoid** – Do not touch and keep pets away
- 👉 **Record** – Take a photo or video from a safe distance and note your location
- 👉 **Report** – by:
 - submitting the wild bird disease report form at nt.gov.au/birdflu.
 - calling the **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888** if you can't submit online

It's also a good reminder to stay up to date with your annual influenza vaccine. The seasonal flu vaccine won't protect against bird flu but minimises the risk that people become unwell with both seasonal and bird flu viruses at the same time.

Learn more: birdflu.gov.au and nt.gov.au/birdflu



Email newsletter article - Suggested copy

A newsletter article has been prepared and attached for use. The newsletter:

- Provides a brief overview of H5 bird flu and the current NT situation.
- Reinforces the importance of reporting multiple sick or dead birds.
- Includes key reporting steps: avoid contact, record details, take photos and report sightings.
- Promotes the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline (1800 675 888) and online reporting options.
- Directs audiences to nt.gov.au/birdflu and birdflu.gov.au for further information.
- Highlights additional online resources available, including: signs of bird flu, health advice, disposal guidance and information for poultry owners, hunters, Traditional Owners, veterinarians, wildlife carers and rangers.

Email newsletter article - Suggested copy

Bird flu: what to watch for and how to report it

H5 Bird flu (avian influenza) is a viral disease that mainly affects birds, but can also impact other animals and, in rare cases, people. While there has been **no detection of H5 bird flu in the Northern Territory**, public reporting plays an important role in early detection and response efforts.

If you notice **multiple sick or dead birds**, do not touch them. Instead:

- Keep your distance and keep pets away.
- Record the date, time and location.
- Take photos if it is safe to do so.
- Report the sighting [online \(for wild birds\)](#) or call the **24-hour Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888**.

The NT Government's bird flu webpages provide additional information, including:

- Signs and symptoms of bird flu in birds and other animals.
- How bird flu spreads and the risk to people
- What happens after a report is made
- Safe disposal of dead birds
- Advice for poultry and pet owners, hunters, Traditional Owners, veterinarians, wildlife carers and rangers
- Downloadable fact sheets, posters and other resources.

To learn more, visit nt.gov.au/birdflu or the Australian Government's bird flu website at birdflu.gov.au.

Info - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



Disposable waterproof gloves

Long-sleeved shirt, pants and enclosed shoes

Mask (P2/ N95, if possible)

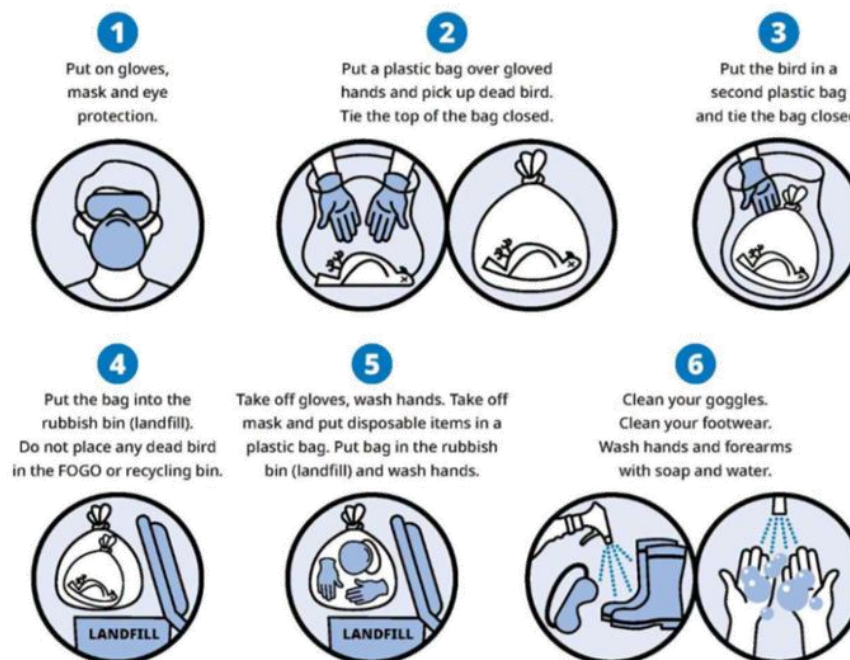
Eye protection

*Carcass disposal fact sheets can be downloaded from nt.gov.au/birdflu and birdflu.gov.au.

Info - Double bagging and disposing in general waste

Checklist:

- ✓ PPE: P2/ N95 mask, eye protection, gloves
- ✓ 3 leakproof plastic bags
- ✓ Tool to pick up bird (optional)
- ✓ Decontamination equipment: soap/ detergent, disinfectant



<https://nre.tas.gov.au/Documents/How%20to%20dispose%20of%20a%20dead%20bird%20-%20A3%20poster.pdf>

Info - Burial on site – private properties

- For a small number of birds on private properties, where burial is permitted.
- Seek permission from the property owner before commencing.
- Burial pit must be at least 60cm deep.
- If possible, after burying dead wildlife, place large heavy rocks (or other suitable material) on top of the burial pit to reduce the risk of pets or other wildlife digging it up.



Info - Clean-up and personal decontamination



- Remove gloves by turning them inside out (do not touch the outside). Place them in a leakproof plastic bag.
- Take off eye protection using earpieces (do not touch the front).
- Take off face mask using ear loops/ straps. Place in leakproof plastic bag.
- Tie up the bag.
- Dispose of in general waste.

For non-disposable items:

- Scrub with soap/ detergent to remove gross contamination.
- Disinfect items.
- Wash clothes.

Wash your hands!

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

For more information visit

birdflu.gov.au

nt.gov.au/birdflu

Thank you.





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Ms Belinda Urquhart
Chief Executive Officer
MacDonnell Regional Council

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

Dear Ms Urquhart



Thank you for your letter dated 18 August 2026, regarding the MacDonnell Regional Council's (the Council) intention to directly engage a contractor for fencing works at a newly leased parcel of land adjacent to the Titjikala burial area.

I appreciate the Council's practical approach to addressing the need for additional burial space at Titjikala and acknowledge the work already undertaken with the Central Land Council and the local community to progress this important matter.

I note that the Council intends to rely on regulation 38(1)(k) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* in deciding not to undertake a public tender process and appreciate the Council keeping me informed of its approach. Please ensure the relevant documentation underlying this decision is retained.

Please provide the coordinates of the proposed burial area to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development (the Department) at Burials.DHLGCD@nt.gov.au so that its records can be updated. The Department can also assist the Council if it wishes to formally declare the burial area a cemetery under the *Burial and Cremation Act 2022*, including providing guidance on the process and the requirements to progress a declaration.



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Should you require any additional information or wish to discuss further, please contact Ms Inna Bruce, A/Director Legislation, Policy and Governance, at Inna.Bruce@nt.gov.au or on (08) 8999 8523.

Yours sincerely



STEVE EDGINGTON

23 SEP 2026



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Ms Belinda Urquhart
Chief Executive Officer
MacDonnell Regional Council
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File reference
08-2024/1838-3~006

Dear Ms Urquhart,

Re: Closure of 2024-25 Compliance Review – MacDonnell Regional Council

Following the procurement training delivered to Council in February 2026, Local Government Inspectors have completed their review of the information provided by Council in response to the matters identified through the compliance review. I am pleased to advise that Council has satisfactorily addressed all issues raised in the compliance review and no further action is required. Accordingly, the 2024-25 compliance review is now complete.

I take this opportunity to thank Council and its staff for their cooperation throughout the review process and commitment to meeting Council's legislated requirements.

Please ensure a copy of this letter is tabled at the next Council meeting.

Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Heve-Riin Klaus, A/Manager Local Government Compliance, on 8999 8389 or by email lg.compliance@nt.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Bilal Abbas
Director Sustainability and Compliance
Local Government Inspector

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to seek your support for John Grenfell, a 20-year-old Indigenous athlete and aspiring professional rugby player from the Northern Territory. John is a proud descendant from Central Australia, specifically the Southern Arrernte and Luritja family groups. His cultural ties fuel his determination to succeed and inspire others.

John has recently re-signed with the Queensland Reds on a full-time basis, an achievement that represents a significant milestone in his athletic career. However, this commitment may necessitate a reduction or complete resignation from his current role as an Indigenous mentor at St. Joseph's Nudgee College, a position he has held with pride for the last two years.

John is not only dedicated to excelling in rugby but is also deeply committed to his education. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Business, majoring in Finance, at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). Balancing rigorous training schedules, game commitments, and his academic pursuits requires exceptional time management and dedication, qualities that John upholds.

John's journey is not just about personal achievement; it is also about representing his family and Indigenous culture with pride. Some of John's Key Achievements thus far include;

2024:

- Captain of Nudgee College First XV
- Australia U18's Squad to New Zealand
- Signed with the Queensland Reds Development Pathway

2025:

- Continued with Queensland Reds Development Pathway
- Selected for the Australia U20's (Junior Wallabies) Squad

2026:

- Re-signed with the Queensland Reds Development Pathway
- Competing in the Super Rugby Next Gen Competition
- Selected for the Australia U20 (Junior Wallabies) Squad
- World Rugby U20 Championship Squad

- Vice Captain First Nations and Pasifika Squad

Request for Financial Sponsorship

To facilitate John's participation in these important rugby programs and to support his ongoing education, we are seeking financial sponsorship from agencies and organisations that share our values of promoting Indigenous talent and supporting young athletes. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated and recognised through various channels, including acknowledgments in promotional materials.

Your support will play a crucial role in enabling John to focus on his rugby commitments while continuing his education. We believe that investing in John is not only an investment in his future but also in the future of Indigenous representation in sports.



Thank you for considering this opportunity to support John. I would be happy to discuss this further and explore potential collaboration.

Yours Truly

Jerome and Trudy Grenfell

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Wednesday, 2 September 2026

Attention: Mary Watson,
Chief Executive Officer
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PO Box 2075
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Dear Ms ^{Mary}Watson,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the NT Local Government Representation Review (the Review). By way of feedback the website for the Review presents very well and the Discussion Paper 2026 was very informative, especially the detail around the factors one should consider in making a submission.

This matter was considered by Council at its meeting held last week on the 28th August 2026. Council's principal focus during the discussion centred around the current ward structure and the representation provided through that structure. As a result of the discussion Council resolved that the boundaries were appropriate and should remain as they are. Consequently MacDonnell Regional Council will not be making a submission.

We wish the Committee well in its deliberations and look forward to the publication of the final Discussion Paper next year.

Yours sincerely,



Belinda Urquhart

Chief Executive Officer



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Wednesday, 16 September 2026

Jennifer Marston
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Subject: Support for LGANT Motion – Managing Abandoned Vehicles and Legacy Waste in Remote Communities

Dear Jen

I write on behalf of MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) to confirm our strong support for Victoria Daly Regional Council's proposed LGANT motion, Managing Abandoned Vehicles and Legacy Waste in Remote Communities. The removal, transport and disposal of abandoned and end-of-life vehicles is a significant and ongoing challenge for MRC, as it is for other remote councils across the Territory.

MRC delivers local government services to one of the largest local government areas in Australia. The distance from our communities to any recycling or disposal facility is substantial, and transport costs alone are prohibitive. Like Victoria Daly Regional Council, we regularly manage abandoned and end-of-life vehicles across our communities. This work places financial and operational pressure on an already stretched organisation that is expected to deliver essential services with limited resourcing.

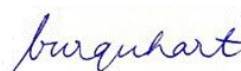
Dedicated Northern Territory Government funding and a coordinated, territory-wide approach to vehicle removal and recycling are essential if remote councils are to address this form of legacy waste in a sustainable way. Such an approach aligns with the NT Circular Economy Strategy 2022–2027, which acknowledges that remote and regional councils are not adequately funded for waste management and that accumulating legacy wastes remain particularly problematic for local government.

MRC strongly supports the proposed motion and the collective sector advocacy approach it represents.

Yours sincerely



Roxanne Kenny
President



Belinda Urquhart
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Monday 19 Oct 2026

MunLi Chee

Director

Merit Partners

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Dear MunLi Chee

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the Various Grants' (detailed in Appendix A) Income and Expenditure Statements ("the Statements") of MacDonnell Regional Council ("the Council") for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. We recognise that obtaining representations from us concerning the information contained in this letter is a significant procedure in enabling you to form an opinion as to whether the Statements gives a true and fair view of the Statements.

We understand the purpose of your audit is to express an opinion on our Statements in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and the requirements of the funding terms and conditions of the Council various funding bodies. We understand the audit involved an examination of the accounting system, internal control and related data, to the extent you considered necessary in the circumstances, and is not designed to identify - nor necessarily be expected to disclose - fraud, shortages, errors and other irregularities, should any exist.

Accordingly, we make the following representations, which are true to the best of our knowledge and belief:

Financial Records

1. We acknowledge our responsibility for the fair presentation of the Statements. We believe the Statements referred to above gives a true and fair view of the income and expenses in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia and are free of material misstatements, including omissions. We have approved the Statements.
2. The significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the Statements are appropriately described in the Notes to Statements of the special purpose report.
3. Each element of the Statements is properly classified, described and disclosed in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting

Ngkitja Ntjarra, Tnangkarru Nyinta Wangka Tjuta, Tjukurpa Kutju
many voices, one dream, building a quality desert lifestyle



requirements in Australia.

4. We believe the entity has a system of internal controls adequate to permit the preparation of an accurate statement in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia.
5. The financial records of the entity have been kept so as to be sufficient to enable a financial report to be prepared and audited, and other records and registers required by the grant terms and condition with funding bodies.

Fraud and Error

6. We acknowledge we are responsible for the design and implementation of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud and error.
7. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the Statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
8. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud involving management or other employees who have a significant role in the entity internal controls over financial reporting. In addition, we have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud involving other employees in which the fraud could have a material effect on the Statements. We have no knowledge of any allegations of financial improprieties, including fraud or suspected fraud, (regardless of the source or form and including without limitation, any allegations by "whistleblowers") which could result in a misstatement of the Statements or otherwise affect the financial reporting of the entity.

Compliance with Laws and Regulations

9. We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the Statements.
10. There has been no noncompliance with requirements of regulatory authorities that could have a material effect on the Statements in the event of noncompliance.

Completeness of Information

11. We have made available to you all financial records and related data.
12. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the Statements.
13. We have brought all uncorrected misstatements to your attention.



Independence

14. We are not aware of any act or omission on the part of the entity that does or may impact on your ability to comply with your independence obligations as auditor of the entity. We have brought to your attention any items which we consider may affect your ability to remain independent of the entity and we will continue to work with you to maintain the independence of the audit relationship.

Subsequent Events

15. There have been no events subsequent to period end which require adjustment of or disclosure in the Statements.



Belinda Urquhart

19.10.2026

Date

CEO,



MacDonnell Regional Council
Lists of Grant Acquittals
For the Period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

NTG Department of Health

Engagement & Education Youth Program

NTG Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

Housing Maintenance Services - Municipal and Essential Services Program

MES Special Purpose Grant Program

Public Library Funding

Power System Upgrade at New Bore Homelands

NTG Department of Tourism and Hospitality

On Country Children's Playground for Stronger Families

AG Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Indigenous Employment Initiative Program

Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP)

Food Ingredient CHSP Clients

NATSIFAC Program Services

AG Department of Social Services

Strengthening Families and Communities Brokerage Fund



MacDonnell Regional Council
Lists of Grant Acquittals
For the Period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

AG Department of Education

Children Services Program / Community Childcare Program

National Indigenous Australians Agency / Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

MacSafe Community Safety Program

NIAA Youth & Outside School Hours Learning Program

Capital Work Grant ABA

School Holiday Program

School Nutrition Project

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Papunya Sports Precinct Women's Change Rooms

14 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	14.1
TITLE	Council President's Report
AUTHOR	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the meetings and events attended by President Roxanne Kenny since the report presented at the August 2026 meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the President's report for the period 14th August to 20th October 2026.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Meetings attended:

• Titjikala Local Authority	26 th August
• Ordinary Council Workshop	27 th August
• Ordinary Council Meeting	28 th August
• Kintore Local Authority	2 nd September
• Papunya Local Authority	16 th September
• Hermannsburg Local Authority	23 rd September
• Finance and Risk Committee	25 th September
• Aboriginal Leadership Group	29 th – 30 th September
• Mt Liebig Local Authority	8 th October
• CLC Canberra Delegation	14 th – 18 th October
• Audit Committee Meeting	19 th October



President Kenny is pictured with the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Social Services (left), Deputy President Maryanne Malbunka (to her right) and Dr Josie Douglas, CLC General Manager (far right). CLC representatives travelled to Canberra during Anti-Poverty Week to meet with Federal lawmakers and to advocate for an increase to the remote area allowance.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the CEO report.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The period has been one of focused internal governance, disciplined risk and legal management, community presence, and continued investment in organisational leadership. Across external audits, legal proceedings preparation, professional conferences, Local Authority engagements, and the steady rhythm of executive leadership, MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) has remained resolute in its commitment to operational excellence and community accountability.

Governance, Audit and Legal

I met with MRC's external auditors to discuss the continuity of legislated business practices, ensuring that our financial governance frameworks remain current, compliant, and aligned with statutory obligations. This engagement reflects the Council's ongoing commitment to transparency, accountability, and the highest standards of public sector stewardship.

During this period, I also met with the contractor engaged to develop MRC's Emergency Management Plan and Business Continuity Plan. These are foundational documents for organisational resilience, and the discussions advanced the scoping and drafting work that commenced in the previous reporting period. Progress will continue to be reported to Council as the documents move toward completion and endorsement.

Preparation and detailed discussions with MRC's legal team regarding the MRC versus NT WorkSafe matter occupied significant time during this period. This matter is scheduled for court in February 2027, and it is essential that MRC is thoroughly prepared and legally sound in its position. The engagement with our legal team has been rigorous, and I am confident in the robustness of the preparation underway. Further updates will be provided to Council as the matter progresses.

Executive Leadership and Organisational Development

The Executive Leadership Team (ELT) continued its weekly Tuesday meeting rhythm throughout this reporting period, providing consistent strategic direction, cross-functional coordination, and operational oversight across council departments. These regular forums are

Ordinary Council Meeting 30 October 2026 – Agenda

central to MRC's governance cadence and ensure alignment between Council priorities and day-to-day management.

I engaged with a group of Council Services Coordinators who were attending a workshop in Alice Springs, taking the opportunity to connect directly with frontline leaders, hear their perspectives, and reinforce organisational values and priorities. These conversations are invaluable and they surface ground-level insights that inform better decision-making at the executive level and demonstrate to staff that leadership is accessible and engaged.

Board Governance — Saltbush Social Enterprises

I attended the Board meeting of Saltbush Social Enterprises during this period, fulfilling my governance responsibilities and contributing to the strategic direction of this important Indigenous-led organisation. Saltbush's mission is to support grassroots economic participation and self-determination which closely aligns with MRC's own community development objectives.

I also served on the Recruitment Panel for the position of Board Director for Saltbush Social Enterprises. Identifying and appointing strong, capable board leaders is a critical governance function, and I am pleased to have contributed to this process. Strong board composition strengthens Saltbush's capacity to deliver its mission and deepens MRC's collaborative relationship with the organisation.

LGMA Conference — Queensland

I attended the Local Government Management Association (LGMA) Conference in Queensland, a professional development and networking forum for local government managers and executives from Qld and across Australia. The conference provided valuable insights into sector-wide trends, leadership practices, financial management, and governance innovation. Key learnings will be applied to MRC's ongoing improvement agenda, and connections made with peers continue to build the professional network that supports effective leadership across complex organisations.

Local Authority Meetings and Community Presence

Community engagement remains a cornerstone of MRC's leadership practice. During this period, I attended the Titjikala Local Authority meeting and the Papunya Local Authority meeting, engaging directly with community representatives and ensuring that Council's decision-making continues to be anchored in local priorities, lived experience, and community voice.

Forward Outlook

- The Emergency Management Plan and Business Continuity Plan will continue to progress toward draft completion, with the intent to present finalised documents to Council for endorsement in the coming months.
- Preparation for the MRC versus NT WorkSafe court matter in February 2027 will remain an ongoing priority. Council will be kept informed of material developments as they arise.
- The external audit process will continue, with MRC committed to responding promptly and transparently to any recommendations arising from the auditors' review.
- ELT will maintain its weekly meeting agenda to ensure continued strategic alignment and operational responsiveness across all Council functions.
- Engagement with Local Authorities and community meetings will continue, ensuring that Council decision-making remains grounded in the voices and needs of the communities we serve.

Ordinary Council Meeting 30 October 2026 – Agenda

- Learnings from the LGMA Conference will be shared with the Executive Leadership Team and incorporated into relevant improvement initiatives.

Conclusion

This period reflects the full breadth of the CEO's role, from the discipline of legal preparation and financial governance to community engagement and staff connection. MRC continues to build an organisation that is legally sound, operationally capable, and deeply connected to the communities it serves. The foundations laid during this period in audit, resilience planning, leadership, and community presence will serve our organisation and our communities well in the months ahead.

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
AUTHOR Keith Hassett, Director Council Services

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the activities of the Council Services Directorate in the areas of Local Government Service Delivery, Housing and Facilities management, Contractual Commercial Services, and Projects.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and accepts the Council Services Report.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Nil

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Keith Hassett, Deputy Chief Executive Officer | Director – Council Services
Area Managers
Manager Commercial Contracts
Manager Housing & Facilities and Project Management Office
Project Manager Council Services
Council Service Coordinators and Senior Administration

ATTACHMENTS

1 Council Services OCM Report



Council Services



**80%+ First Nations
Employees in
Council Services**



**13 Council Office's
4446 Hours of
Service**

Snapshot



**22474 Litres
(approx) Fuel Usage
in Aug - Sept**



**220 Vehicles and
Plant in Use**



**4000+ Bins
Emptied Weekly**



**12 AusPost
Deliveries per
week**



**30+ Sport Grounds
Maintained**



**17 Registered
Services Australia
Agents**



**19 Parks &
Playgrounds
Inspections**



**100% of
Streetlights
converted to
LED**



26 Water Tests



**46 Generator
Services**



**52 Hours of
Maintenance
completed at
Airstrip**

Key Achievements in Council Services



Community Infrastructure and Capital Projects

- Completed renovations and opening of the new Amoonguna Conference Centre, now available for community and external organisation use.
- Community laundries under construction in Areyonga, Docker River and Kintore through Tranche 2 capital projects.



Community Maintenance and Environmental Management

- Civil teams across communities maintained parks, playgrounds, streetscapes and public facilities.
- Extensive grass slashing and weed control undertaken in communities including Areyonga, Hermannsburg and Papunya.
- Fire hazard reduction activities completed, including fuel load management and firebreak maintenance & ongoing waste collection across communities.



Essential Services and Operational Excellence

- Maintained over 80% of community streetlights in operational condition throughout the reporting period.
- Continued delivery of Power and Water services through trained and relief Essential Services Officers.
- Four ESOs completed Electrical Competency Training, strengthening local service capacity.
- Three new relief ESOs signed off to support service continuity across communities.
- Regular airstrip maintenance undertaken to ensure safe and reliable access to remote communities.



Workforce Development and Service Continuity

- Leadership support and acting arrangements ensured uninterrupted service delivery during staff transitions and vacancies.
- Recruitment progressed for key CSC and ESO positions.
- Ongoing staff training in Work Health and Safety, electrical competency and operational compliance strengthened workforce capability.



Community Engagement, Events and Wellbeing

- Delivered Healthy Kids, Healthy Future programs across 4 communities.
- Supported community gardens and healthy living initiatives.
- Conducted Tidy Yard competitions to encourage community pride.
- Assisted with major sporting events: Titjikala Sports Weekend & Papunya Sports Carnival.
- Hosted community activities (R U OK? BBQs) promoting wellbeing and social connection.

Council Services - Community updates

Amoonguna

The Amoonguna team, led by Council Services Coordinator Roselene Rankine, continues to deliver a high standard of municipal and community services across the community. Routine maintenance of all community facilities, including the Power and Water compounds, has been carried out consistently, ensuring assets remain safe, functional, and well-presented. During Roselene's period of leave, Customer Service Officer Judy Peters successfully undertook acting responsibilities, maintaining service continuity and supporting the effective coordination of daily operations.

A key achievement during the reporting period was the completion of significant renovations to the new MRC Amoonguna Conference Centre. The facility has now been fully fitted out and the August Council Meeting was held there. The centre provides a modern and professional venue that is available for use by external organisations, community groups, and stakeholders.

Additional works undertaken by the Civil team after the destructive weather to clear debris and overgrown grass in the Power & Water compounds.



Areyonga

CSC Beatrice Ker and the Areyonga team have delivered strong outcomes across community maintenance, workforce development, and community wellbeing initiatives during the reporting period.

All Civil Works vacancies have been successfully filled, providing a fully staffed team and strengthening Council's capacity to deliver essential services.

Following significant rainfall earlier in the year, extensive grass cutting, weed management, and slashing works were undertaken throughout the community, including creek lines and areas behind residential housing. These works have improved community presentation while reducing potential fire and snake hazards.

A key highlight was the successful delivery of Areyonga's inaugural Healthy Community, Healthy Kids program. The event brought together residents, students, and partner organisations to promote healthy living, environmental awareness, and sustainability. Fruit trees were donated and planted at the local school, providing students with practical learning opportunities and supporting long-term healthy living initiatives. The program received strong community support and participation, demonstrating the community's commitment to creating a safer, and more sustainable future for Areyonga.



Finke

CSC Bryan Forby and the Finke team continued to deliver essential municipal and community services despite workforce challenges during the reporting period. Staffing capacity was impacted by funerals, illness, meetings and seasonal travel; however, services were maintained through careful planning and prioritisation of critical community needs.

A positive development was the appointment of Gary Wallace as Works Assistant, strengthening the Civil Team's capacity to support service delivery and community maintenance activities.

The Civil Team continued to deliver waste collection, maintenance of parks and playgrounds, and firebreak works, ensuring public spaces remained safe, accessible and well maintained. Essential Services Officer Joe Rawson also continued the maintenance and monitoring of essential services infrastructure and Power and Water compounds.

Looking ahead, priority will remain on waste management, public area maintenance, firebreak programs and essential service operations. Recruitment for a new Customer Service Officer is currently underway to further strengthen local administration and community support services.

Docker River

CSC Stephen Trindle has been managing dual roles as CSC and ESO. Relief ESO/CSC Kendall Satour went to Docker River to cover CSC leave.

During the reporting period, staff participated in weekly Work Health and Safety toolbox talks covering near miss reporting, heat stress and dehydration management, record keeping, and responsible pet ownership, reinforcing Council's commitment to maintaining a safe workplace and community environment. Routine compliance and asset maintenance activities were also completed, including the inspection and testing of fire alarm systems at Council facilities to ensure ongoing operational readiness and safety compliance.

The Civil Works team has continued to maintain parks and public open spaces, contributing to the presentation and amenity of the community.

Council representatives participated in regional discussions with key stakeholders regarding feral horse and camel management across the region and surrounding outstations. These discussions focused on coordinated strategies to reduce impacts on community infrastructure, safety, and the environment.



Haasts Bluff

CSC Simon Walmbly and the Haasts Bluff team continue to deliver essential services while maintaining a clean, safe and welcoming community. The team remains focused on supporting young people through positive opportunities and community programs, while ensuring community facilities and public spaces are well maintained.

A highlight of the reporting period was the successful delivery of the Healthy Kids, Healthy Future program, including the establishment of a community garden at the local school with support from Council, the school and community partners. The initiative promotes healthy eating, wellbeing and practical learning opportunities for local children.



Hermannsburg

CSC Max Baliva and the Hermannsburg team continued to deliver important community maintenance works during the reporting period, including grass cutting and fuel load reduction activities to improve community safety and presentation.

Construction of the cemetery garden shed is nearing completion and will support ongoing maintenance of the cemetery grounds.

The community is also preparing to host an awards night to celebrate participants in the recent football and sports grand finals.

In addition, Hermannsburg is participating in the final stages of the Free-to-Air Television Trial, which is expected to improve television access and convenience for residents.

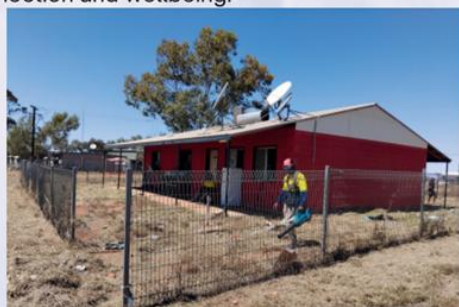


Imanpa

Following recent heavy grass growth, a grass fire occurred within the community opposite the school. In response, CSC Bradley Horn and the Imanpa Civil Team promptly undertook vegetation clearing works around nearby overgrown properties to reduce fire risks and improve community safety. Ongoing grass management and fire hazard reduction activities remain a priority across the community.

The Imanpa Civil Team continued to support community wellbeing and recreation by preparing and maintaining the AFL oval throughout the season. The Imanpa Giants successfully hosted Far North West Sports League matches involving teams from Mimili (APY Lands) and Mutitjulu, bringing visitors and community members together.

The team also organised a community BBQ for R U OK? Day, providing an opportunity to promote social connection and wellbeing.



Kintore

CSC Fortune has established strong leadership within Kintore, with a focus on developing local staff, supporting young people through employment and training opportunities, and mentoring the Team Leader to strengthen service delivery.

During the reporting period, significant works were completed, including grass slashing at the cemetery, community clean-up activities, oval maintenance, firebreak establishment, airstrip maintenance, and ongoing upkeep of public spaces and Power and Water infrastructure. These efforts have improved community safety, presentation, and liveability, demonstrating the team's continued commitment to delivering positive outcomes for the Kintore community.



Mt Liebig

The Mt Liebig team, led by CSC Tinashe, continues to deliver positive outcomes for the community. Key activities included community clean-up works and reinstatement of firebreaks to improve community safety ahead of the summer season. The Civil Team has also maintained public spaces to ensure the community remains clean, safe and well-presented.

CSC Tinashe is currently undertaking Essential Services Officer (ESO) training to provide relief support for the current ESO, strengthening local capacity and service continuity.

Local Authority projects delivered during the period included the installation of four solar lights at the cemetery and two solar lights with fencing at the Sing Along area. These improvements have enhanced safety, security and accessibility for community members through strong collaboration between MRC, CLC and other stakeholders.



Papunya



Papunya CSC Tammy has extended her contract in Papunya and is providing strong leadership with a focus on developing local workforce capacity and supporting Indigenous staff to take on greater responsibilities. Works Assistant Robert Minor continues to support daily operations in the Acting Team Leader role.

The team successfully supported the recent Papunya Sports Carnival, ensuring community facilities were prepared and maintained for the event.

Civil Works staff also installed two yarning circle seating areas and fire pits. Solar lights are scheduled for installation to improve safety and accessibility.

Ongoing grass slashing and maintenance works continue to improve community presentation and safety, while the Healthy Kids, Healthy Future program and planned community clean-up day highlight the strong collaboration between Council, stakeholders and residents in supporting community wellbeing and development.



Santa Teresa

Acting CSC Darren Young and Acting Team Leader Mervyn Young, supported by Area Manager Lewis Gittoes, continued to deliver essential services despite staffing absences during the reporting period.

Waste management, parks and playground maintenance, and other municipal services were maintained, while recruitment is underway for a permanent CSC, ESO and Civil Works vacancy.

A highlight of the reporting period was the successful Tidy Yard and Garden Competition. A visit by the Get Grubby team, which supported community gardening initiatives and the establishment of two new community orchards.

The community also hosted the annual Ltyentye Apurte Horse Races, with Council providing support through venue access, track preparation and water supply.

The Civil Works Team continues to maintain community facilities and support community events as Santa Teresa enters a busy period of the year.



Titjikala

The Titjikala team continue to deliver essential services despite operating without a permanent CSC and experiencing staffing shortages during the reporting period.

Jillianne Renner undertook Acting in the CSC role, supported by Ian McCormack and the Civil Team, ensuring continuity of community services, administration and operational reporting. Recruitment for a permanent CSC is progressing and remains a priority.

The Civil Team maintained waste collection, parks, playgrounds, firebreaks and sporting facilities, while ESO staff continued maintenance of Power and Water compounds.

A key highlight was the successful Titjikala Sports Weekend, with Council staff preparing the oval, softball grounds and shade areas to support a safe and well-attended community event.

Despite workforce challenges, the team maintained service delivery and community assets to a good standard throughout the reporting period.



Wallace Rockhole

The Wallace Rockhole team has continued to maintain essential services and community operations during the transition period while recruitment for a permanent CSC progresses.

Special recognition is given to Keiarah Abbott, who has successfully undertaken higher duties as Acting CSC, providing stability and leadership for staff and the community.

Despite staffing vacancies, the Civil Works Team has continued to deliver routine maintenance and essential services to a high standard.

Recruitment for the CSC position is progressing well, with several suitable applicants identified. Once filled, focus will shift to recruiting additional Civil Works staff to strengthen workforce capacity and support future community improvement projects and service enhancements.



Council Services - Commercial Services Contracts update

Contracts Team Update

In September, Mark O'Bryan resigned from his role as Manager Commercial Services. Mark made a valued contribution to Council Services and built strong working relationships across Council and with our external stakeholders. He is already missed, and we wish him all the best in his next chapter.

Kelly Ryan has stepped into the Manager Commercial Services role on an acting basis while recruitment is underway, helping to maintain continuity across our key contracts.

Over the past three months Contract Coordinators, Kelly and Kendelle, have been providing ESO and CSC relief and training across many communities, including Papunya, Finke and Docker River.

Power and Water Contract – Indigenous Essential Services

Training and workforce development remain a key focus across the Essential Services team. During the reporting period, four ESOs completed Electrical Competency Training, with Hypochlorite Training scheduled for November. This training strengthens local capability to safely undertake power meter replacements, power disconnections and reconnections, and support the delivery of safe drinking water services.

In addition, three new Relief ESOs have been signed off: Derryn Williams (Areyonga), Dwayne Alice (Santa Teresa), and AJ Sidhu (Kintore). CSC Tinashe Mutanga is also currently undertaking Relief ESO training at Mt Liebig.

Council continues to work towards establishing Relief ESO coverage across all communities to strengthen service continuity and provide greater flexibility for leave coverage.

Recruitment efforts are also progressing, and Council looks forward to welcoming new team members to Haasts Bluff, Santa Teresa, and Docker River in the coming weeks following the completion of inductions and onboarding processes.



Streetlights

MRC have maintained more than 80% of streetlights in working order throughout the reporting period. Our continued focus on proactive maintenance helps improve visibility and supports safer movement around communities.

Centrelink

MRC continues to provide Centrelink access to our remote communities, with services open and staffed five days a week.

Online site inspections with Services Australia staff will be trialled in November. Our Contract Coordinators will be onsite to support our local Identified Service Agents and provide technical assistance where needed.

Airstrips

Regular airstrip maintenance and reporting keep our communities connected. Our teams continue to work hard to ensure airstrips remain safe and operational.

Slashing is currently underway at Mt Liebig airstrip and lights are being replaced at 3 locations.

DLI along with our ITC and Contracts teams have been working towards the rollout of online reporting, which will be introduced to staff in the coming weeks.



Australia Post

MacDonnell Regional Council continues to play an important role in supporting the delivery of Australia Post services across its remote communities. Mail and parcels are regularly received, including deliveries arriving via scheduled flights, before being processed and distributed through local Council offices. This service provides a critical connection for residents, ensuring reliable access to correspondence, government information, online purchases, and essential goods.

During the reporting period, Council responded to increased parcel volumes by arranging an additional mail delivery to Kintore through the Bush Bus service, helping to reduce mail backlogs and improve service efficiency.

Further improvements have also been made through the introduction of scanning facilities in several communities, enhancing mail tracking, accountability, and processing times. These initiatives continue to strengthen the reliability and accessibility of postal services for residents across the region and demonstrate Council's commitment to supporting essential community services.

Project Management Office

Jake and Ryan from the Project Management office have been steadily progressing works in both Local Authority and grant funded projects.

PCIP0016 – Papunya Sports Precinct Change Rooms is facing delays after Power, Water and Sewer connections have been rejected by PowerWater leaving council to source other options to keep the project moving forward.

Tranche 2 capital projects are progressing with construction now underway for the Community Laundries in Areyonga, Docker River & Kintore.

Consultation is currently underway building connections and building fabrications.

The Docker River Local Authority have committed funds to the project so the PMO can install a power system on their public laundry.





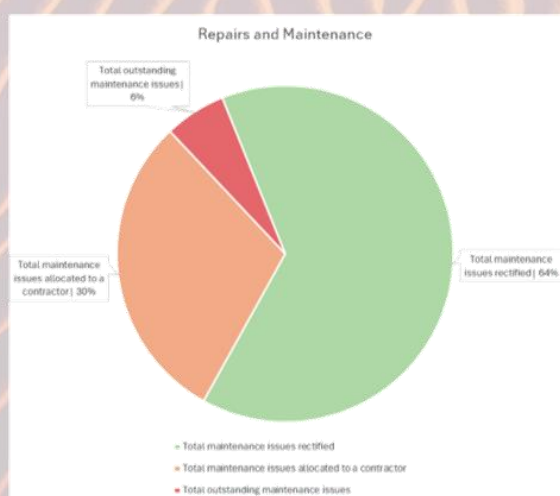
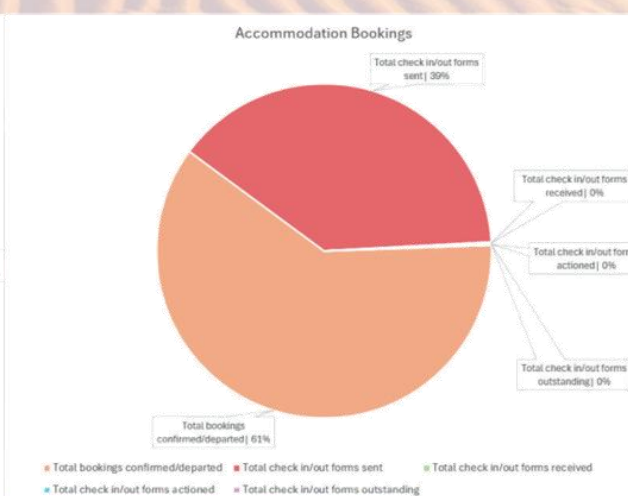
In September Jake Potter, Praful Gautam, Zubair Ali, Osman Kassem and Stuart Millar travelled to Darwin to attend the LGANT/LocalBuy Procurement Symposium.

This was a beneficial day of training where Local Government were informed about the changes to the Local Government Act and steps council can use to ensure they are compliant with all procurement regulations.

Housing and Facilities Update

The team has been busy navigating a steady stream of works & bookings over the period. The Housing team have recently completed infrastructure inspections in Titjikala and Docker River.

Over the next two months the team have inspections booked in Haasts Bluff, Papunya and Mount Liebig.



15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.2
TITLE Youth Services and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Youth Services and Community Safety across the MRC region for August and September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and accepts the attached Youth Services and Community Safety report.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The extent of the activities of the Council's Youth Services and Community Safety Directorate are detailed in the attached snapshots.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Libby Taylor – Executive Manager of Youth and Community Safety
Coordinators and Administrations

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Youth and Community Safety OCM August September 2026



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Employees

68 staff
91 % Local Staff



Hours

582 hours open



Facilities open

11



Cultural activities

5



Participants

680



Average participant age

13



Movie nights

18



Youth Board

4



Activities Delivered

245



Events

1



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Highlights



- **Amoonguna:** Every Thursday, Youth Services partners with Reclink Australia to deliver a regular basketball program that encourages physical activity, teamwork, social connection, and positive engagement among young people.
- **Areyonga:** Alongside sports, youth services staff run a weekly cooking program where local elders teach youth traditional cooking skills.
- **Haasts Bluff:** Bikes Mwerre visited during the first week of the school holidays, delivering bike maintenance workshops, donating bikes to the community, and building dirt bike jumps for children to enjoy riding and developing their skills.
- **Hermannsburg :** Youth Services held its first movie night at the Rec Hall in Ntaria, providing children and young people with a fun and safe evening activity. The kids enjoyed watching a family-friendly movie together, relaxing with their friends, and spending time in a positive community environment.
- **Kintore:** Youth Services hosted a fun-filled Disco and BBQ for children and young people, providing an enjoyable and inclusive community event. Representatives from NDIS and Evora Care attended, offering families and community members the opportunity to connect with support services, access information, and build relationships while enjoying the activities.
- **Mt Liebig:** Ladies Night was a highlight, bringing local women and girls together for self-care, wellbeing activities, and social connection. Participants received care packs, and the event fostered positive connections between generations while helping women feel valued and supported.
- **Papunya :** Local Elder Gerard Anderson volunteers his time each week to deliver football training for girls, helping to build skills, confidence, teamwork, and healthy lifestyles. Youth Services supports the program by providing fuel assistance and refreshments, ensuring participants can attend regularly and enjoy a positive sporting experience
- **Santa Teresa:** Every Wednesday, local youth services partner with Blakdoll Sports & Fitness Mob to run free multi-sport programs like softball, basketball, and AFL for local youth.
- **Titjikala:** Angel, the Dietitian, visited Titjikala Youth Services and delivered fun and educational activities focused on healthy eating and kidney health. Young people also enjoyed making and drinking nutritious fruit and yogurt smoothies.

Mt Liebig Youth Services hosted a Youth Time session, providing young people with a safe and engaging space for recreation and social connection.



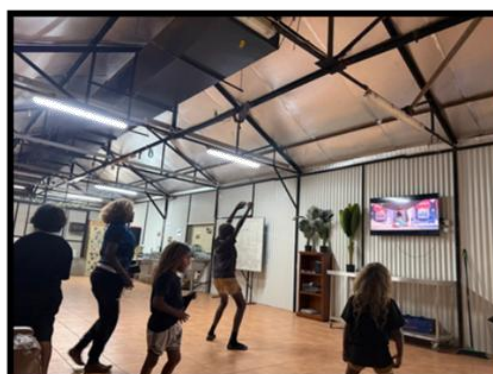
Kintore young people participated in softball and drumming activities at the basketball area, enjoying a fun and enjoyable session



Hermannsburg Youth Services runs a regular basketball program, encouraging young people to stay active and engaged.



Haasts Bluff young people enjoyed a movie night while practising their dance routines, combining entertainment and creativity.



NASCA visited Titjikala to engage with young people and support youth development programs and activities.



Titjikala Youth Services hosted an Arts and Crafts session, providing young people with a creative and engaging activity.



Amoonguna Youth Services partners with Anglicare to run a weekly cooking program for young people.

Youth Board meets with young people in Titjikala to listen to their ideas and discuss what activities, programs and opportunities they would like to see through the Youth Board program.



Papunya girls are actively participating in the Tanami Highway Footy Shootout Women's Competition in Yuendumu, demonstrating teamwork, skill development, and community pride.



Meema's Kitchen is supporting Mt Liebig kids to participate in arts and crafts activities, encouraging creativity, learning, and positive engagement.



Areyonga youth are learning how to make traditional damper from respected community elders.



Santa Teresa young people participate in regular basketball rotation sessions as part of the ongoing Youth Program.





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Community Safety

August - September 2026



- 57 staff employed
- 94% staff are Aboriginal
- 100% Community based staff are Aboriginal

- 2,920 Hours Patrolled
- All services operate Monday to Friday



3,679 Engagements
with young people



2,275 Engagements
with over 18's



1,842 Young people
taken home



50 Training
Hours



2,401 Are you okay?
Checks



12 Community
gatherings

Updates

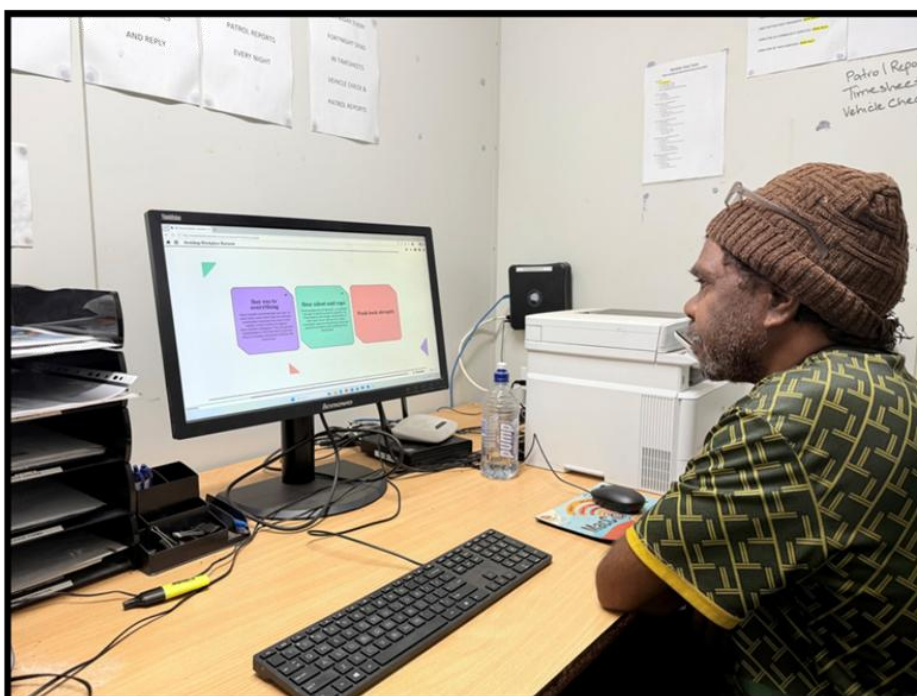


- We welcome Narelle Sese our new Coordinator for the Western Communities of Haasts Bluff, Papunya, Mt Liebig and Kintore.
- Narelle has already visited three of these communities to offer support and training after a period with no coordinator for these teams.
- A number of interviews have been completed to recruit new staff across the region.
- Staff have been trained in how to complete vehicle checks using the Fleetio online App.
- Community Safety continues to prioritise working closely with the youth programs, by providing young people transport to the rec halls and home.
- The LMS (Learning Management System) online Training modules continue to be delivered whenever coordinators visit communities.
- IT and Computer literacy training undertaken during all coordinator visits to develop our teams computer literacy and professional development.

Amoonguna Community Safety Staff completing
MRC Annual Staff Survey



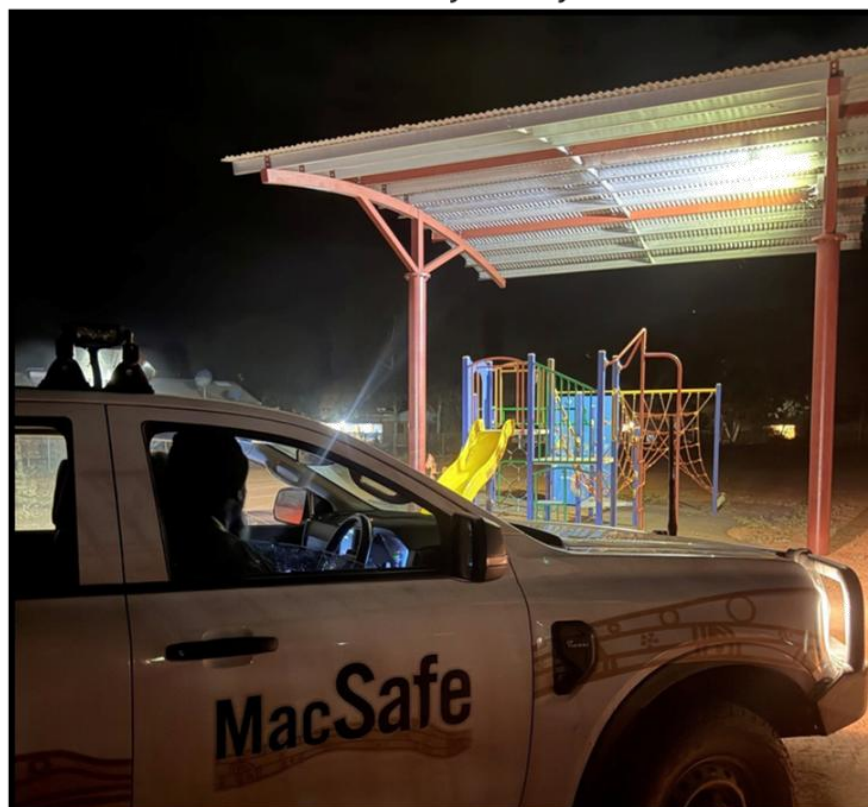
Wilbur Poulson Areyonga training online with the LMS
(Learning Management System) learning about
De-escalation techniques.



The Docker River Community Safety team Patrolling at Night



Docker River Community Safety team on Patrol



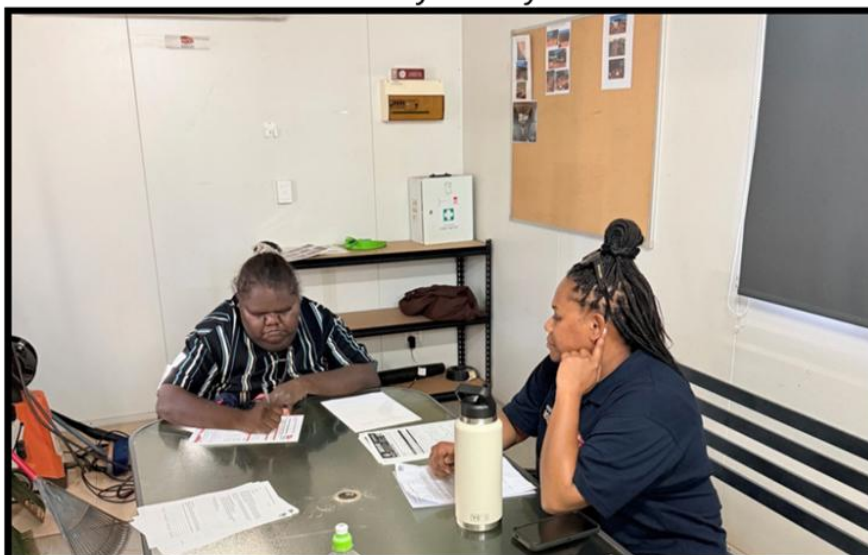
Finke Community Safety team heading out on patrol



Rodney Lambourne Finke cleaning the Vehicle



Narelle Sese our new Coordinator for Haasts Bluff interviewing a community member for a position on the Community Safety team



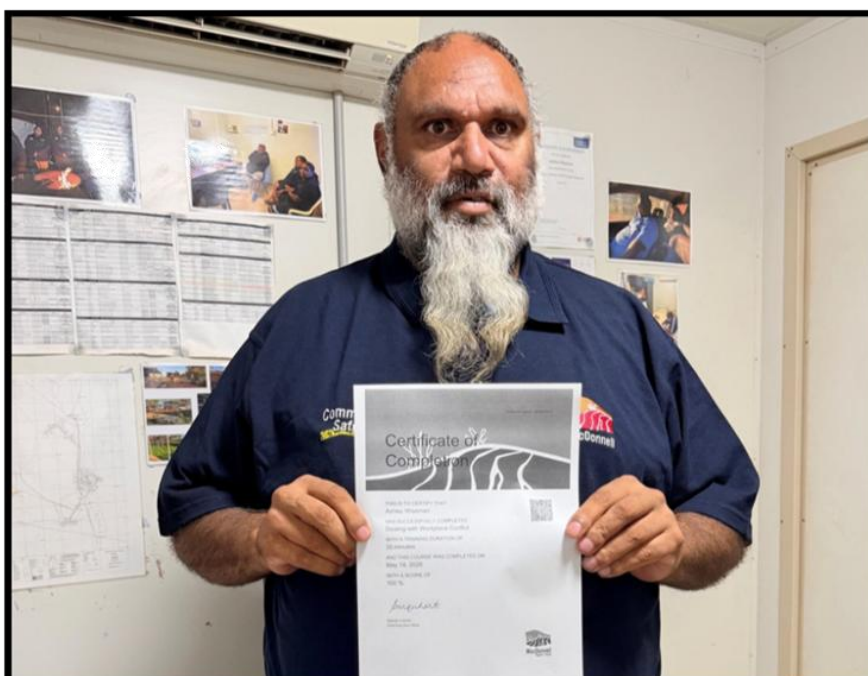
Haasts Bluff Community Safety team patrolling with Narelle



Danielle Malbunka teaching other members of the Community Safety team how to use the App to record night patrols at Hermannsburg



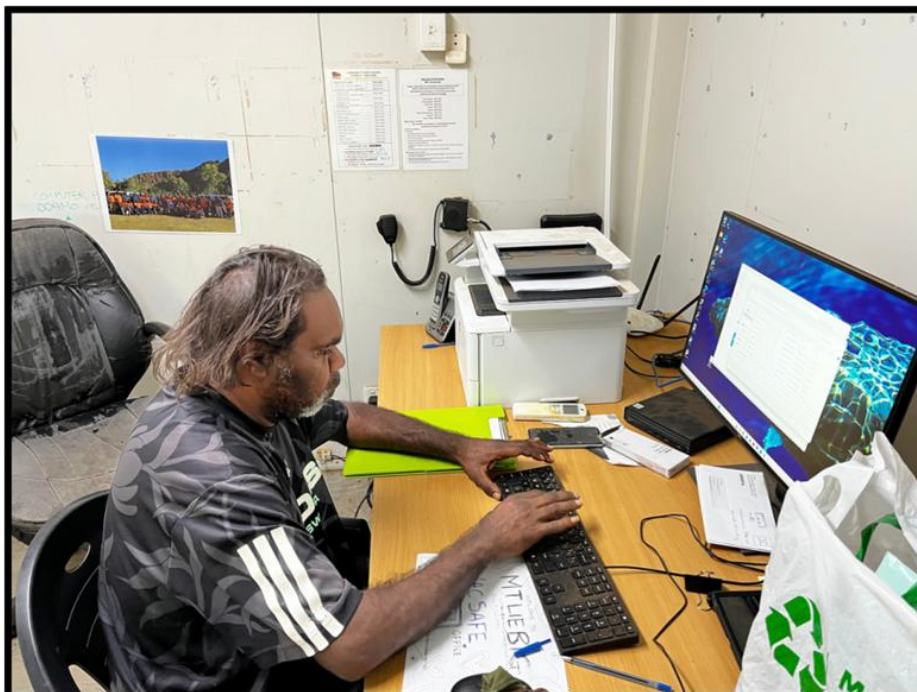
Ashley Wiseman Team Leader Imanpa Community Safety team completed LMS online training module Dealing with Workplace Conflict



Jeffrey Jackson Kintore Community Safety team Leader
heading out on Patrol



Jeffrey Wheeler Mt Liebig Community Safety team learning
how to scan documents



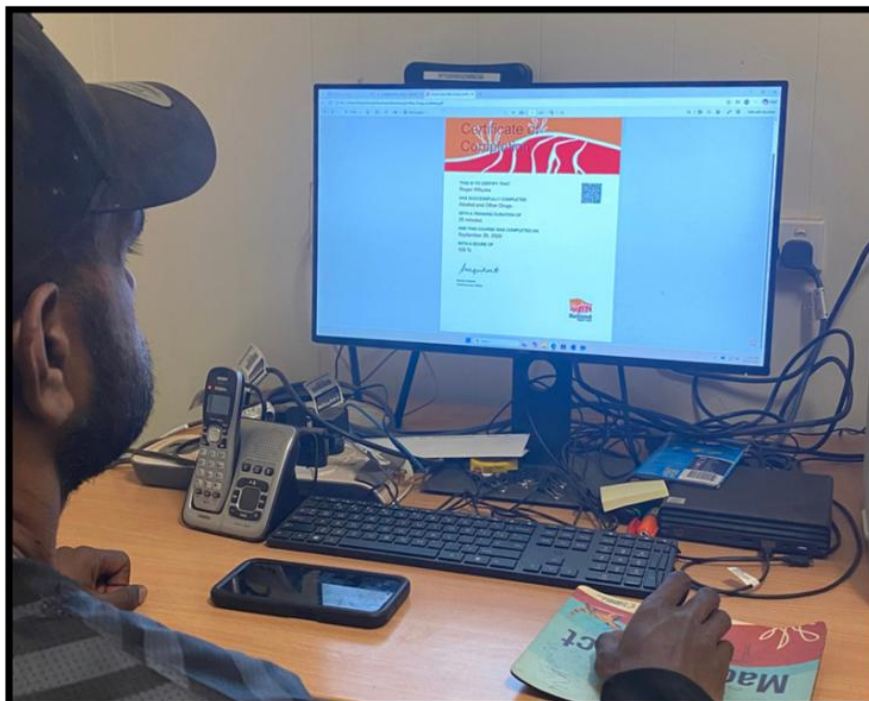
Clive Corby team leader Papunya Community Safety with
new coordinator Narelle Sese filling out a leave form



Gilbert Smith Coordinator having a team meeting about new rosters
with the Santa Teresa Community safety team



Roger Wilyuka Titjikala doing LMS Online Training
learning about Alcohol and Other Drugs



Roger Wilyuka Team Leader Titjikala on Patrol at night
checking in at the Footy oval



15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.3
TITLE Aged Care and Children's Services Report
AUTHOR Ainsley Roscrow, Executive Manager Aged and Childcare Services

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Aged Care and Children's services throughout the MRC region.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and accepts the attached Aged Care and Children's Services report.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The attached snapshots provide an overview of the activities and programs delivered by Aged Care and Children's Services Directorate during the reporting period.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Aged Care and Children's services programs are delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreements entered with the funding agencies

CONSULTATION

Ainsley Roscrow – Executive Manager of Aged and Children's Services
Emma Hacche - Coordinator Quality Compliance & Strategy of Aged Care Coordinators,
Children's Services Coordinator, Team Leaders and Administration

ATTACHMENTS

1 Aged Care and Children's Services OCM August - September 2026



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46 Employees
89.13 First Nation



131 - Enrolments



338.2

**Coordinator & Manager
Support**



889.5

Service Delivery



513

Meals served



Training

- 3 Team Leaders 1 Educator enrolled in Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.
- 9 Educators are enrolled in Cert III Early Childhood Education and Care
- 1 Team Leader Completed Certificate III of Early Childhood Education and Care.
- 1 Team Leader Completed Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.
- Team Leaders attended face to face NAPCAN Training held in Council Chambers



**Stakeholder
Engagement**

- NPY Women's Council
- Congress Child Health Nurse
- Community Child Care Fund Restricted Project
- Australian Medical Assistance Teams Immunisation
- Walk a while foundation
- Hearing Australia



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Highlights

On 2 September, we celebrated Educators' Day across all our Centres with a special morning tea to recognise our educators and show our appreciation for their hard work, dedication, and contribution to our children and communities.

The Team Leaders travelled to town for three days of NAPCAN training held at the Council Chambers.

Day 1-3 are focused on child protection, child safety, and creating safe communities for children, providing Team Leaders with important knowledge to support the safety and wellbeing of children across our Centres. Following the training, Ainsley, Executive Manager of Aged and Children Services, led a discussion with the Team Leaders about staffing ratios across the Centres.

Mt Liebig

Felistus Mutanga successfully completed and graduated with a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

Haasts Bluff

Amal Ahmed successfully completed and graduated with a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.

Areyonga

The Team Leader was awarded a Regional & Remote Delegate Sponsorship Package to attend the Little People, Big Dreams Conference in Darwin in October.

Santa Teresa

An educator successfully completed their First Aid Certificate.



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Children's Services
growing strong in mind, body & culture



Papunya

Children enjoyed a mix of learning experiences, and outdoor play to art.



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Children's Services
growing strong in mind, body & culture



Mt Liebig

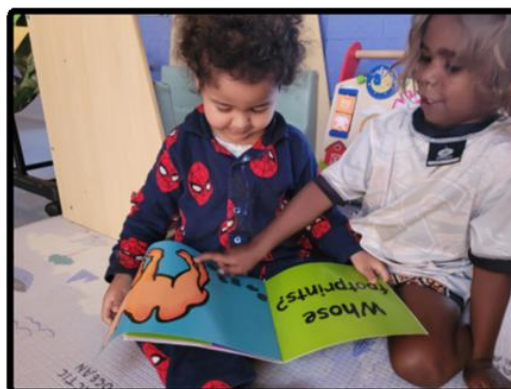
Children enjoying playing with a wooden farm animal play set



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Children's Services
growing strong in mind, body & culture



Haasts Bluff

Children enjoying different activities together, from reading and painting to sensory and outdoor play.



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Areyonga

Children spending time together, getting creative with painting, exploring different toys and enjoying indoor and outdoor play.



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Santa Teresa

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



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Celebrating the graduation of our Team Leaders, Amal and Felistus, with their team there to support them on this special achievement.





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Ainsley, Executive Manager of Aged and Children Services, talking with the Team Leaders about staffing ratios, service hours for each Centre, compliance requirements, and keeping children safe.





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Our new Senior Coordinator led a range of art and well being activities with the team.





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Aged Care
Services



78% Indigenous Employment
Community Vacancies: FT: 2 PT: 2



Stakeholders' engagements:
42 reported



Transport provided
667 lifts given



Personal Care provided: 1587
Including:
shower & toilet assistance,
laundry loads, tablet reminders.



Client Interactions: 1607
This includes client welfare
checks and client
engagement at the Aged Care
Centres



Active Clients: 90



Meals
Breakfast, lunches
& Hampers: 6608
SNP Meals
delivered: 1885



Training
Cert III Individual Support
Food Safety
Regular Toolbox Talks



Council Report Aged Care Services August - September 2026



UPDATES

- Stakeholder engagement has included; Meetings with School Principals regarding the School Nutrition Program (SNP), Congress services, including client medication support, podiatry, and diabetes specialist visits, Allied Health Team who conducted a Keeping Strong visit with clients, Catholic Care delivered an Elder Abuse Awareness session, and Centrelink to provide support and guidance on financial matters.
- We welcomed APM to Papunya and Haasts Bluff across three days to undertake Aged Care Assessments.
- Activities across our centres have included: Socialising and yarning sessions, Assisting with laundry and other daily living activities, Outdoor relaxation and sun baths, Television viewing and colouring activities, Participation in Seniors Day Morning Tea celebrations.
- Heavy rainfall across the region impacted road access, delaying essential deliveries and resulting in the postponement of some scheduled Certificate III training.
- New staff welcomed: Denzel into the role of Team Leader at Haasts Bluff Aged Care and Salbena was welcomed back to the Amoonguna Aged Care team.
- Head Office staff maintained a strong presence across communities, providing operational support and staff training.
- Sorry Business was recognised in Amoonguna following the passing of client.



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Aged Care
Services

Amoonguna clients Janie and
Teresa enjoying a painting
activity at the centre



Areyonga Clients Ena and Erica
taking part in gentle exercise at
the centre



Areyonga Clients enjoying
lunch at the centre





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Aged Care
Services

Hermannsburg clients Angelina, Anita and
Judith enjoying a variety of activities at the
centre



Papunya clients enjoying socialising
inside and outside of the centre

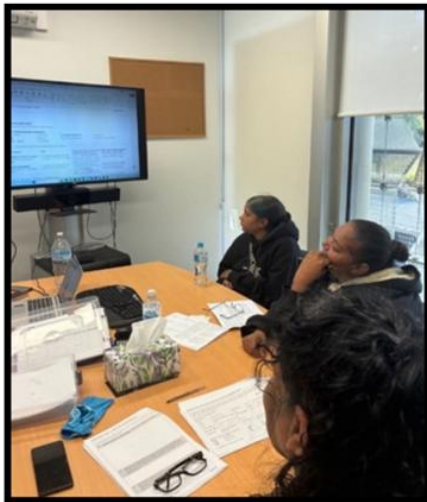




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Aged Care
Services

Staff training across our communities





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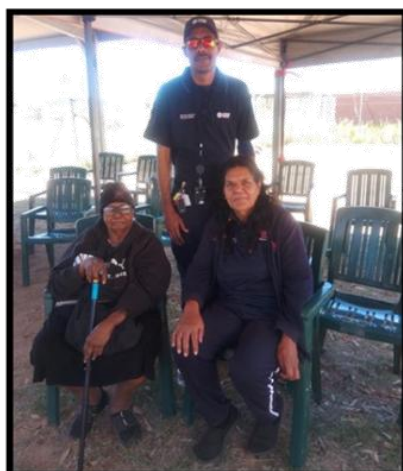
Aged Care
Services

Stakeholder Engagement

Aged Care Compliance team meeting with CDCS
(Culturally Directed Care Solutions) to discuss Audits



Central Land Council visiting
Amoonguna Community as part
of their 50th Anniversary



Areyonga Client Tjirpowa
receiving advice from Centrelink





Council Report Aged Care Services August - September 2026

Aged Care
Services

Stakeholder Engagement

APM visiting Haasts Bluff and Papunya for Aged Care Assessments



Visit from the Nurse in Hermannsburg



Allied Health Team visit Areyonga





Council Report Aged Care Services August - September 2026

Aged Care
Services

Aged Care Staff

Aged Care Coordinator meeting



Marking Aged Care Employee Day with Certificates of Appreciation





Council Report Aged Care Services August - September 2026

Aged Care
Services

Aged Care Staff

Amoonguna Team Leader Annie and
Salbena checking the bus before
heading out on a bush trip



Areyonga Team Leader Sarah with
client Margaret



New Haasts Bluff Team Leader Denzel with Senior Home Care Assistant Jill



15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.4
TITLE People & Capabilities Report
AUTHOR Katie Fuller, Executive Manager People and Capabilities

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report highlights current and completed P&C 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 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.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 P&C OCM Report 3 Pages



People & Capabilities Report



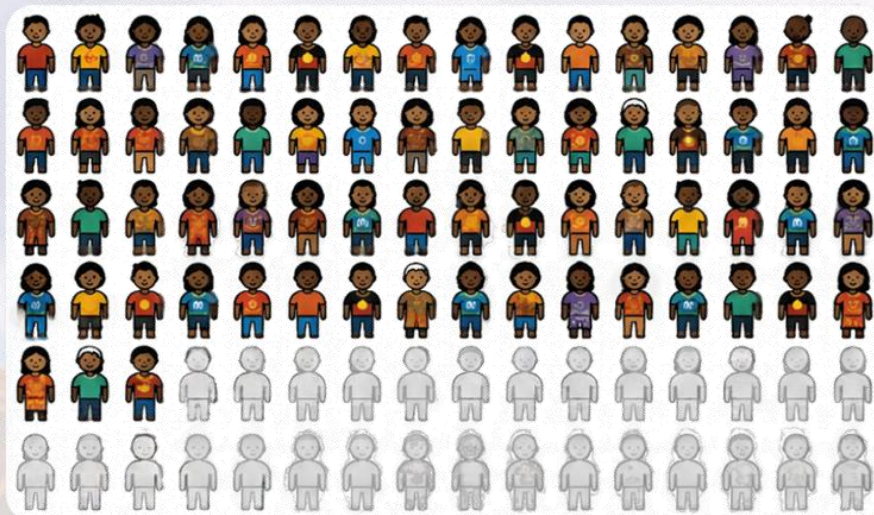
Total Employees: 402



Female Staff: 189



Male Staff: 213



76% Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander



Full-time: 128

Part-time: 189

Casual: 85



Primary Positions: 387
Secondary Positions: 15



43.7% Leadership roles filled by ATSI employees

Aboriginal Employment, Objective 4.2

Key Highlights from People & Capabilities

Work Health and Safety

- The Safety Team continues to review a range of emergency management documents, including Local Emergency Plans and Business Recovery/Continuity Plans. This work will support ongoing improvements, ensure alignment with statutory obligations, and reflect the actual capabilities and needs of our communities.
- Critical Incident Response training in development to assist teams with the skills and knowledge required to coordinate effective and timely responses to serious incidents.



Training, Learning and Development

- People & Capabilities continues to promote the importance of our Learning Management System (LMS) and the valuable training opportunities available to staff. New learning modules have been developed and rolled out to support skill development, professional growth, and ongoing workplace safety awareness.
- Recent additions include the Positive Duty module, a legislated training requirement for all staff. This training reinforces MRC's proactive approach to preventing and eliminating unlawful workplace behaviours, including sexual harassment, discrimination, and hostile workplace environments. This is a great example how MRC remains committed to maintaining the highest standards of workplace conduct and expects all staff to lead by example by demonstrating the principles of Positive Duty in their daily interactions and workplace practices.



Key Highlights from People & Capabilities

Staff Engagement

- In September, staff were invited to participate in the Annual Staff Engagement Survey and share confidential, honest feedback about their experience at MRC. The survey provides valuable insights into what we're doing well, where we can improve, and how we can continue building a positive workplace that supports staff to grow and succeed.
- Staff can complete the survey online or via a printed copy, making it accessible for everyone. We encourage all staff to have their say, with leadership keen to review the results and use the feedback to help shape future improvements across the organisation.



- On 2 October, MRC welcomed guests for an inspiring discussion on how small changes can make a big difference in creating cleaner, greener, and more vibrant communities. As part of the visit, Costa and Michael ("Scrap Boy") shared practical tips on sustainable gardening and demonstrated simple planting ideas with Alice Springs staff. The session encouraged staff to think about how everyday actions can contribute to healthier workplaces, homes, and communities.



15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	15.5
TITLE	Finance Report period ending 30 September 2026
AUTHOR	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 30 September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 30 September 2026.

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 hold a statutory Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Finance Report for the month ended 30 September 2026 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 September 2026

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 30 September 2026. 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 – To date Council has received \$18.69m in revenue. This is \$4.09m more than budgeted.

- The most significant factor affecting this result is the variance driven by Operating Grants and Subsidies being \$4.4m above the YTD budget for this period. This is mainly due to a \$1.2m payment received from projects for Titjikala and Kintore Oval Lighting

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that was meant to be received in 2025-26 FY and \$3.3m from NIAA, which was budgeted to be recognised evenly on a monthly basis rather than in a lump sum.

- Commercial/Other Income is \$526k below budget, due to the timing of invoices being raised versus how the income had been allocated in the budget.
- Fees and Charges exceeded budget expectations, resulting in a total favorable variance of \$153k above the approved budget.

EXPENDITURE – Across the board most expense areas are under budget, meaning that Council has spent less than expected so far this year. Variances are noted in the following areas:

- Employee expenses are \$1.04m below budget due to staff vacancies and delays in filling positions. The budget assumed these roles would be occupied earlier in the year, resulting in lower-than-budgeted expenditure on salaries, superannuation, leave, and other employee costs.
- Material and Contract expenses are \$621k below budget due to the timing of services and projects. Some contracted services are still awaiting completion, and several new projects have not yet commenced, resulting in lower expenditure than budgeted.

OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT) – During the reporting period MRC has recorded an Operating Surplus of \$8.64M excluding commitments.

WHERE THE MONEY WAS SPENT – The chart below presents a breakdown of expenses by function. Overall, 75% of ALL expenditure is directed toward providing services to the MRC communities, including the delivery of Council Services (28% spent on civil projects, road maintenance, municipal services such as waste management, and the upkeep of assets, infrastructure, and fleet), the delivery of Community Services (37% spent on grant funded activities such as Aged Care, Youth, etc) and the delivery of Commercial Services, Project Management and Elected Member and LA allowances (a total of 10%).

Only 25% is spent on corporate costs, including Finance, Human Resources, Governance, Workplace Health and Safety, Insurance and IT.

FIXED ASSETS ACQUIRED – During the reporting period, Council acquired two new Ford Ranger vehicles valued at \$102k, which have been recorded as additions to fixed assets.

CASH ON HAND – MRC has \$5.79m in its operating accounts to pay for its daily operating costs. Term deposits are currently \$22.5m for this reporting period, \$18.5m with the National Australia Bank and \$4m with Westpac Bank.

UNEXPENDED GRANTS – The value of unexpended grants for this period is \$10.03m.

RESERVES – MRC's reserves have remained static.

WORKING CAPITAL / CURRENT RATIO – MRC maintains a financial position sufficient to meet its monthly obligations. As noted, resources are available to fund daily operations. For this period, MRC's total Working Capital is \$16.87million, calculated as the difference between total Current Assets (\$29.81M) and total Current Liabilities (\$12.93). This results in a Current Ratio of 2.3, meaning that for every \$1 of liabilities, Council has \$2.3 in assets to cover its obligations.

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:	30/09/2026

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

15/10/2026

September 2026 Financial Results - Year-to-date figures in millions

Revenue



Current Year **\$18.69m**

Expenditures



Actual **\$10.04m**
Committed **\$1.97m**

Net Operating Result



\$7.12M

Assets



\$47.96m

Fixed Assets Acquired



\$102K

Cash on Hand



\$28.29m

Unexpended Grants



Current Grant Liability **\$10.04m**

Reserves

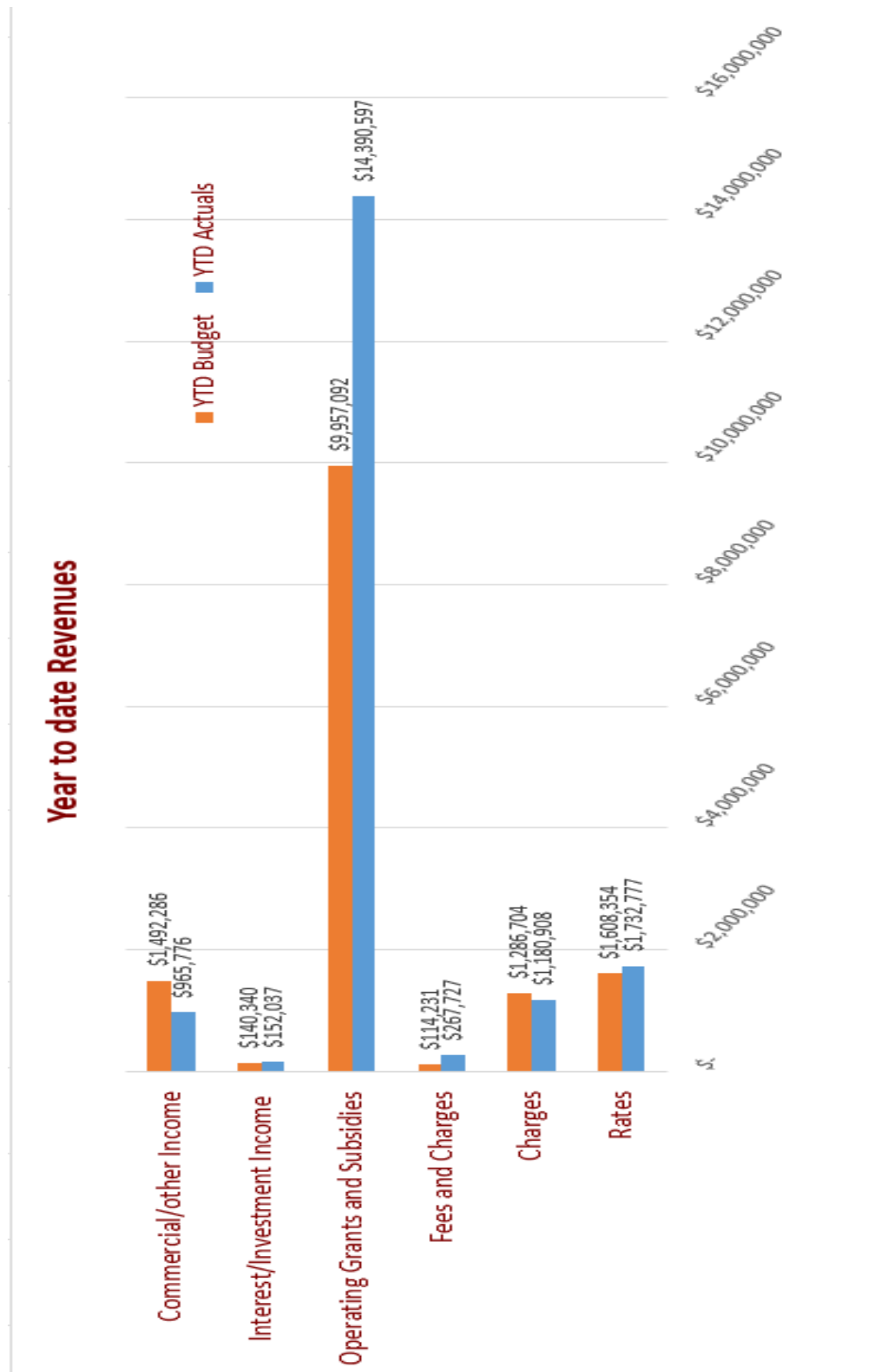


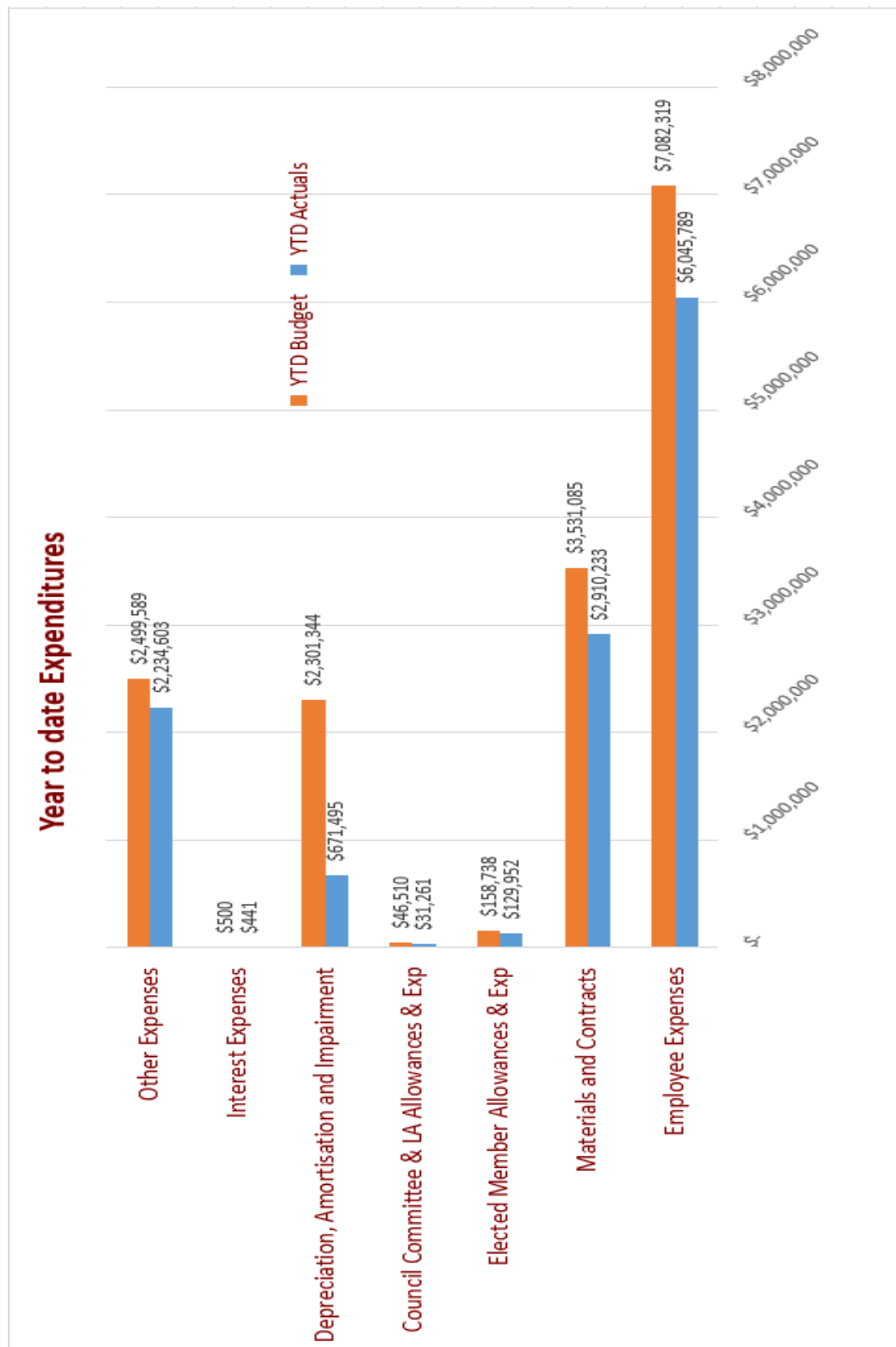
\$12.08m

Unrestricted Cash

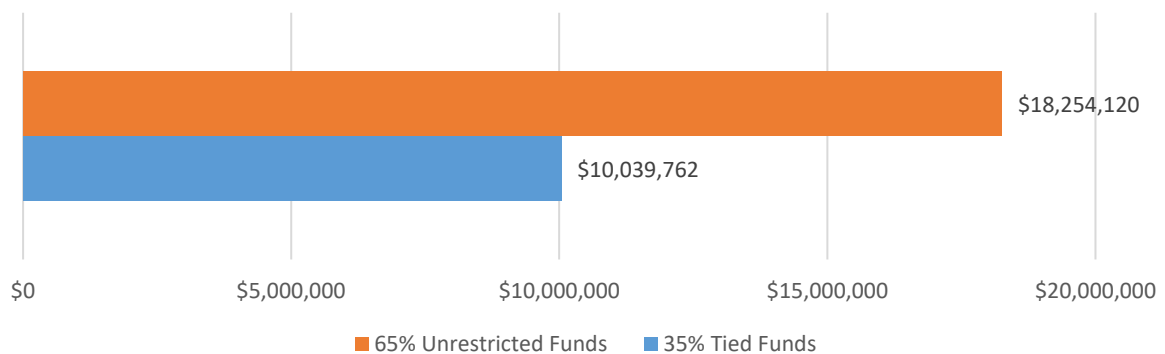


\$18.25m

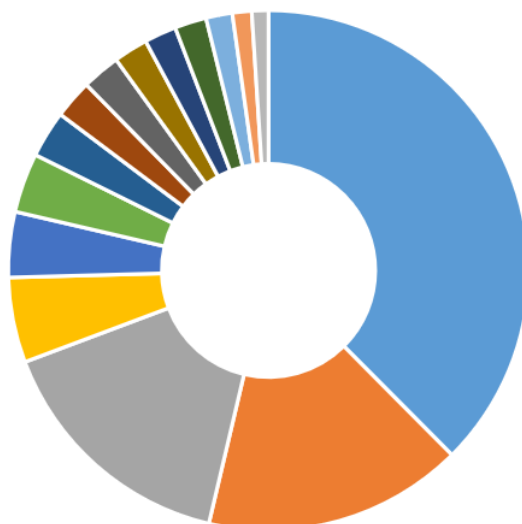




Cash as of 30 September 2026



Total Council Expenditure - excluding capital expenses - where the money was spent



- 37.55% Deliver Community Services
- 16.14% Service Delivery & Civil Works
- 15.59% Corporate Costs
- 5.29% Deliver Commercial Services
- 4.07% Technical and Building Services
- 3.70% Fleet workshops
- 2.91% Elected Members & LA's
- 2.42% Human Resources
- 2.38% ITC & Records
- 2.13% Local Roads
- 1.99% Project Management
- 1.97% Finance
- 1.64% Office of the CEO
- 1.20% Governance
- 1.03% Municipal Service

Working Capital / Current Ratio

MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL For the period ended 30 September 2026

30 September 2026
\$

ASSETS	
Cash at bank	5,793,881
Term deposit	22,500,000
Accounts Receivable	1,520,260
Inventory	0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	29,814,141
Less:	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	210,520
Provisions	2,333,678
Grant liability	10,039,762
Other Current Liabilities	350,803
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	12,934,763
NET CURRENT ASSETS (Working Capital)	16,879,378
CURRENT RATIO	2.3

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

The Cash Ratio measures Council's ability to pay its short term debts (Current Liabilities) when they fall due. The ratio for September of 2.3 means that Council has \$2.3 in cash (Current Assets) for every \$1 of debt, including unexpended grants.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Reporting monthly 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
- 2** TABLE 2 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
- 3** TABLE 3 MONTHLY BALANCE SHEET REPORT - SEPTEMBER
- 4** NOTE 1 CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD
- 5** NOTE 2 STATEMENT OF DEBTS OWED TO COUNCIL
- 6** NOTES 3 AND 4 STATEMENT OF DEBTS OWED BY COUNCIL
- 7** TABLE 4 INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT BY COMMUNITY
- 8** TABLE 5 MEMBER AND CEO CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

MacDonnell Regional Council
Table 1. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget
For the Period Ending 30/09/2026

	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Indicator	Description	YTD Variance %	Approved Annual Budget \$
				Green	-10% to 10%		
				Yellow	-10.1% to -25% and 10.1% to 25%		
				Red	Less than -25.1% and Greater than 25.1%		
OPERATING INCOME							
Rates	1,732,777	1,608,354	124,423		8%		1,815,609
Charges	1,180,908	1,286,704	(105,797)		-8%		1,286,704
Fees and Charges	267,727	114,231	153,495		134%		415,263
Operating Grants and Subsidies	14,390,597	9,957,092	4,433,505		45%		41,376,308
Interest/Investment Income	152,037	140,340	11,697		8%		460,000
Commercial/other Income	965,776	1,492,286	(526,511)		-35%		5,865,395
Council own fund	0	0	0		0%		0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	18,689,821	14,599,009	4,090,813				51,219,279
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Employee Expenses	6,045,789	7,082,319	1,036,531		15%		26,356,298
Materials and Contracts	2,910,233	3,531,085	620,852		18%		14,724,454
Elected Member Allowances	102,481	108,839	6,358		6%		443,262
Elected Member Expenses	27,472	49,899	22,427		45%		219,301
Council Committee & LA Allowances	22,882	30,385	7,503		25%		142,650
Council Committee & LA Expenses	8,380	16,125	7,745		48%		64,500
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	671,495	2,301,344	1,629,849		71%		9,205,374
Interest Expenses	441	500	59		12%		2,000
Other Expenses	2,234,603	2,499,589	264,986		11%		8,420,854
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	12,023,774	15,620,085	3,596,310				59,578,693
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	6,666,047	(1,021,076)	7,687,123				(8,359,413)
Capital Grants Income	0	0	0		0%		0
Gain from the sale of assets	0	87,500	(87,500)		-100%		350,000
Council own fund	0	95,000	(95,000)		-100%		95,000
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	6,666,047	(838,576)	7,504,623				(7,914,413)
Capital Expenses	(215,662)	(588,020)	372,358		-63%		(1,290,961)
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)			0		0%		
Less Non-Cash Income			0		0%		
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	671,495	2,301,344	(1,629,849)		-71%		9,205,374
NET OPERATING POSITION	7,121,880	874,748	6,247,132				(0)

MacDonnell Regional Council

**Table 2. Capital Expenditure and Funding Budget
For the Period Ending 30/9/2026**

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Variance %	Approved Annual Budget \$
Land and Buildings	85,058	23,750	(61,308)	-258%	95,000
Infrastructure (including roads, footpaths, park furniture)	0	0	0	0%	0
Plant and Machinery	130,604	555,270	424,665	76%	1,177,960
Other Assets (including furniture and office equipment)	0	9,000	9,000	100%	18,000
Other Leased Assets	0	0	0	0%	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	215,662	588,020	372,358		1,290,961
<i>* Total must equal Capital Expenses amount in the Income and Expenditure Statement</i>					
Total capital expenditure funded by:					
Capital Grants Income	0	0	0	0%	0
Gain from the sale of assets	0	87,500	87,500	100%	350,000
Council own fund	0	95,000	95,000	100%	95,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	0	182,500	182,500		445,000

MacDonnell Regional Council		
Table 3. Monthly Balance Sheet Report		
As at 30.9.2026		
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30.09.2026	YTD Actuals	Note
	\$	Reference*
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	28,293,882	(1)
Tied Funds		10,039,762
Untied Funds		18,254,120
Accounts Receivable		
Trade Debtors	373,423	(2)
Rates & Charges Debtors	1,207,635	
Other Current Assets	(60,799)	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	29,814,141	
Non-Current Financial Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	18,143,130	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	18,143,130	
TOTAL ASSETS	47,957,271	
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	(14,912)	(3)
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	225,432	(4)
Current Provisions	2,333,678	
Accruals	0	
Other Current Liabilities	350,803	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,895,001	
Non-Current Provisions	290,242	
Other Non-Current Liabilities	0	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	290,242	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,185,243	
NET ASSETS	44,772,028	
EQUITY		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	7,082,432	
Reserves	5,000,000	
Accumulated Surplus	32,689,596	
TOTAL EQUITY	44,772,028	

MacDonnell Regional Council

Note 1. Details of Cash and Investments Held

Cash at Bank/Petty Cash

Account name	Total
Operations Account	545,611
Trust Account	5,083,015
Centrelink	106,531
Northern Territory (NTG)	56,941
Amoonguna Store	200
Petty Cash	1,583
Total Cash at Bank	5,793,882

Investment Report

Bank	Principal \$	Interest Rate	Term Days	Maturity Date	Percentage
NAB	1,000,000	4.70%	60	26/10/2026	4%
NAB	3,000,000	5.00%	91	19/10/2026	13%
NAB	2,000,000	4.65%	60	9/10/2026	9%
NAB	1,500,000	5.05%	90	28/10/2026	7%
NAB	2,000,000	5.10%	91	30/11/2026	9%
NAB	2,000,000	5.16%	125	4/01/2027	9%
NAB	1,500,000	4.75%	60	6/11/2026	7%
Westpac	2,000,000	5.16%	92	18/11/2026	9%
Westpac	2,000,000	5.16%	92	18/11/2026	9%
NAB	3,000,000	5.31%	98	4/01/2026	13%
NAB	2,500,000	5.25%	90	17/12/2026	11%
	22,500,000.00				

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

Debtors	Unapplied	1 – 30 Days	31 – 60 Days	>60 Days	>90 Days
1000 Mile Travel Group	-	4,962.00	-	-	-
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	5,148.00	1,842.00	-	-
Bluedust NT	-	14,976.00	-	-	-
CASA Services Limited	-	-	-	1,770.00	8,475.00
CatholicCare NT Limited	-	624.00	-	-	-
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Inc	-	468.00	-	1,185.00	300.00
Central Land Council	-	1,485.00	-	-	-
Corporate Travel Management	-	7,131.00	-	900.00	-
Department of Education & Training	-	7,314.00	5,970.00	-	-
Department of Health NT	-	312.00	-	-	-
Dept Children & Families	-	1,716.00	-	-	-
Dept Housing, Local Government & Community Development	-	2,778.00	286.00	-	-
Dept. Of Health CA Remote Health	-	5,850.00	-	-	-
Emperor Refrigeration Pty Ltd	-	936.00	-	-	-
EVORA CARE Pty Ltd	-	1,872.00	-	-	-
Finke School	-	312.00	-	-	-
GSD Solutions Pty Ltd	-	1,443.00	-	-	-
Jetstream Electrical Pty Ltd	-	468.00	-	-	-
Lutheran Community Care	-	5,451.00	-	-	-
MADE Concepts Pty Ltd	-	-	-	-	1,350.00
Medical Equipment Management Pty Ltd	-	1,248.00	-	-	-
MG Electrical Services Pty Ltd	-	312.00	-	-	-
MoneyMob Talkabout Ltd	-	1,172.00	-	-	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency (Australian Government)	-	2,466.52	-	-	-
NT Dept of the Attorney General & Justice	-	869.00	-	-	-
NT Police	-	5,460.00	-	-	-
NTG - Dept of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics	-	166,151.11	12,540.00	-	22,649.97
Outback Projects Pty Ltd	-	156.00	624.00	-	-
Outback Stores Pty Ltd	-	1,092.00	-	-	-
Pedersens Pty Ltd Design & Construction	-	8,268.00	-	-	-
Power and Water - Darwin	-	29,390.94	-	-	5,235.42
Purple House - WDNWPT/Western Desert Dialysis	-	380.00	-	-	-
Reimal Pty Ltd	-	2,184.00	-	-	-
Remote Area Group Pty Ltd	-	780.00	-	-	-
S&R Building and Construction Pty Ltd	-	66.00	156.00	-	-
Spectrum Plan Management	-	1,375.00	1,885.00	-	-
Steves Electrix Pty Ltd	-	312.00	-	-	-
Sundry Debtors AR	-	1,350.00	6,522.00	3,276.00	-
Territory Pest Control	-	-	1,092.00	-	-
The YMCA Of The Northern Territory Youth & Community Services Ltd	-	-	7,598.66	-	-
Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi	-	4,636.00	-	3,895.00	-
	-	2,522.00	294,914.57	35,269.66	7,750.00
					38,010.39

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

Creditors	1 - 30 Days	31 - 60 Days	> 60 Days
CENTRELINK	228.03	-	-
Child Support Agency	2,533.83	-	-
Power and Water Authority	- 21,193.94	-	-
Red Centre Office Technology - USE 14223	1,068.42	-	-
DEPT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT & REGIONAL SERVICES	80.00	-	-
United Voice (Union Fees)	1,157.50	-	-
RDO Equipment	- 207.90	-	-
Woolworths - (In Store & Online)	422.28	-	-
Areyonga Store Aboriginal	1,000.00	-	-
Total Trade Creditors	- 14,911.78	-	-

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)	136,390.00	-	-
Super Fund Clearing House	89,041.82	-	-
Total ATO and Payroll obligations	225,431.82	-	-

MacDonnell Regional Council

**Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget
For the Period Ending 30/09/2026**

	Regional Office			Amoonguna		
	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME						
Rates	1,732,777	1,608,354	124,423	0	0	0
Charges	1,180,908	1,286,704	(105,797)	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	0	405	(405)	1,340	750	590
Operating Grants and Subsidies	9,773,798	5,238,830	4,534,968	126,605	237,703	(111,098)
Interest/Investment Income	152,037	140,340	11,697	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	444,525	329,085	115,440	23,092	23,134	(42)
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	13,284,045	8,603,719	4,680,326	151,037	261,587	(110,550)
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	2,424,551	2,479,678	55,127	322,503	339,490	16,988
Materials and Contracts	660,311	574,982	(85,329)	91,726	140,360	48,634
Elected Member Allowances	102,481	108,839	6,358	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	27,472	49,899	22,427	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	11,082	17,110	6,028	900	700	(200)
Council Committee & LA Expenses	(1,841)	50	1,891	181	1,300	1,119
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	671,495	2,301,344	1,629,849	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	441	500	59	0	0	0
Other Expenses	1,599,790	1,591,889	(7,901)	52,380	87,510	35,130
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	5,495,781	7,124,291	1,628,510	467,690	569,361	101,671
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	7,788,264	1,479,428	6,308,836	(316,653)	(307,774)	(8,879)
Capital Grants Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gain from the sale of assets	0	87,500	(87,500)	0	0	0
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	95,000	(95,000)
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	7,788,264	1,566,928	6,221,336	(316,653)	(212,774)	(103,879)
Capital Expenses	(215,662)	(564,270)	348,608	0	(23,750)	23,750
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-Cash Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	671,495	2,301,344	(1,629,849)	0	0	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	8,244,097	3,304,002	4,940,095	(316,653)	(236,524)	(80,129)

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**Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget
For the Period Ending 30/09/2026**

	Areyonga			Docker River		
	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME						
Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	17,084	4,750	12,334	43,637	14,466	29,171
Operating Grants and Subsidies	491,968	369,522	122,446	526,728	370,381	156,347
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	48,995	111,221	(62,226)	27,691	94,854	(67,163)
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	558,047	485,493	72,554	598,056	479,701	118,355
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	330,495	404,479	73,984	189,568	310,409	120,841
Materials and Contracts	287,037	166,802	(120,235)	411,375	110,214	(301,161)
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,300	1,225	(75)	600	900	300
Council Committee & LA Expenses	988	1,200	212	160	1,300	1,140
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	43,986	77,656	33,670	42,999	51,510	8,511
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	663,806	651,361	(12,445)	644,702	474,333	(170,369)
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(105,759)	(165,868)	60,110	(46,646)	5,368	(52,014)
Capital Grants Income	0	0	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)	(105,759)	(165,868)	60,110	(46,646)	5,368	(52,014)
Capital Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-Cash Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	(105,759)	(165,868)	60,110	(46,646)	5,368	(52,014)

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	Finke			Haasts Bluff		
	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME						
Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	14,499	6,300	8,199	6,458	4,608	1,851
Operating Grants and Subsidies	209,294	201,608	7,685	335,309	463,576	(128,266)
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	44,351	98,525	(54,174)	48,000	23,987	24,013
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	268,143	306,433	(38,290)	389,767	492,170	(102,403)
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	316,670	362,876	46,206	206,685	343,059	136,375
Materials and Contracts	148,290	97,751	(50,539)	109,021	160,563	51,542
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	900	1,650	750	700	650	(50)
Council Committee & LA Expenses	77	1,225	1,148	91	1,125	1,034
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	28,482	34,820	6,339	27,831	54,503	26,672
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	494,419	498,322	3,903	344,327	559,900	215,573
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(226,276)	(191,889)	(34,386)	45,440	(67,730)	113,170
Capital Grants Income	0	0	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)	(226,276)	(191,889)	(34,386)	45,440	(67,730)	113,170
Capital Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-Cash Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	(226,276)	(191,889)	(34,386)	45,440	(67,730)	113,170

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	Hermannsburg			Imanpa		
	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME						
Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	10,437	4,625	5,812	1,333	1,862	(530)
Operating Grants and Subsidies	457,870	1,320,956	(863,086)	49,201	35,448	13,754
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	42,301	101,626	(59,325)	25,925	105,497	(79,573)
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	510,608	1,427,207	(916,599)	76,459	142,808	(66,349)
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	482,671	521,073	38,402	126,074	210,433	84,359
Materials and Contracts	155,480	476,951	321,471	53,760	40,325	(13,435)
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,100	1,325	225	700	900	200
Council Committee & LA Expenses	89	1,250	1,161	164	1,300	1,136
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	46,346	105,507	59,160	11,048	42,917	31,868
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	685,686	1,106,106	420,420	191,746	295,875	104,129
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(175,078)	321,101	(496,179)	(115,287)	(153,067)	37,780
Capital Grants Income	0	0	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)	(175,078)	321,101	(496,179)	(115,287)	(153,067)	37,780
Capital Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-Cash Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	(175,078)	321,101	(496,179)	(115,287)	(153,067)	37,780

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	Kintore			Mount Liebig		
	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME						
Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	54,917	14,738	40,179	13,999	9,853	4,147
Operating Grants and Subsidies	567,466	357,196	210,270	216,335	564,902	(348,567)
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	38,667	130,822	(92,155)	33,423	84,933	(51,510)
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	661,050	502,756	158,294	263,758	659,688	(395,930)
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	279,819	290,470	10,651	262,360	334,852	72,492
Materials and Contracts	468,697	147,182	(321,515)	106,218	149,662	43,444
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	900	925	25	700	750	50
Council Committee & LA Expenses	817	1,225	408	173	1,200	1,027
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	142,530	74,278	(68,253)	38,064	59,253	21,190
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	892,763	514,080	(378,683)	407,514	545,717	138,202
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(231,713)	(11,323)	(220,389)	(143,757)	113,971	(257,728)
Capital Grants Income	0	0	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)	(231,713)	(11,323)	(220,389)	(143,757)	113,971	(257,728)
Capital Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-Cash Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	(231,713)	(11,323)	(220,389)	(143,757)	113,971	(257,728)

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	Papunya			Santa Teresa		
	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME						
Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	84,933	31,844	53,089	9,566	15,408	(5,841)
Operating Grants and Subsidies	681,898	208,635	473,263	392,194	208,635	183,559
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	59,025	117,405	(58,380)	69,463	117,405	(47,942)
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	825,856	357,884	467,972	471,224	341,448	129,776
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	379,839	491,572	111,733	376,587	491,572	114,986
Materials and Contracts	163,827	597,824	880,541	100,435	597,824	943,934
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,500	1,188	(313)	1,100	1,188	88
Council Committee & LA Expenses	1,927	1,300	(627)	2,921	1,300	(1,621)
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	96,113	107,347	11,234	68,843	107,347	38,505
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	643,206	1,199,232	1,002,569	549,885	1,199,232	1,095,891
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	182,650	(841,348)	1,470,541	(78,660)	(857,784)	1,225,667
Capital Grants Income	0	0	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)	182,650	(841,348)	1,470,541	(78,660)	(857,784)	1,225,667
Capital Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-Cash Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	182,650	(841,348)	1,470,541	(78,660)	(857,784)	1,225,667

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**Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget
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	Titjikala			Wallace Rockhole		
	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME						
Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	6,728	3,880	2,848	2,795	744	2,052
Operating Grants and Subsidies	534,736	352,505	182,231	27,195	27,195	0
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	43,353	118,439	(75,086)	16,964	35,354	(18,389)
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	584,817	474,824	109,993	46,954	63,292	(16,338)
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	309,446	392,040	82,593	38,522	110,317	71,795
Materials and Contracts	144,857	258,734	113,878	9,201	11,911	2,710
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	900	1,000	100	500	875	375
Council Committee & LA Expenses	2,476	1,225	(1,251)	157	1,125	968
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	32,928	83,799	50,871	3,263	21,252	17,990
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	490,607	736,798	246,190	51,643	145,481	93,838
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	94,209	(261,974)	356,183	(4,688)	(82,189)	77,500
Capital Grants Income	0	0	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)	94,209	(261,974)	356,183	(4,688)	(82,189)	77,500
Capital Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-Cash Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	94,209	(261,974)	356,183	(4,688)	(82,189)	77,500

MacDonnell Regional Council

Table 5. Member & CEO council credit card transactions for September 2026

1. Roxanne Kenny - President (member)

Date	Amount	Suppliers Name	Reason for the transactions
27-Sep-2026	6.00	Westpac Bank	Card fee

2. Belinda Urquhart - CEO

Date	Amount	Suppliers Name	Reason for the transactions
05-Sep-2026	132.88	Uber Eats	Reimbursement for Belinda's Pay – Corporate Credit Card Used in Error
11-Sep-2026	14.43	ABACUS.AI	Monthly Subscription
14-Sep-2026	28.90	ABACUS.AI	Monthly Subscription
21-Sep-2026	35.91	Darwin Radio (Taxi)	Taxi Trip For Saltbush Meeting
22-Sep-2026	11.20	Uber	Uber Trip For Saltbush Meeting
27-Sep-2026	6.00	Westpac Bank	Card fee

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.6
TITLE Presentation of Grant Acquittals
AUTHOR Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets
Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached grant acquittal report for NT Grants is required to be laid before Council for acceptance.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and approves the following grant acquittal:

- **CPP2400002 Streetlight conversions to LED**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Council is asked to confirm grant acquittals to provide assurance to the funding body that Council is aware of the funds and that the money has been spent for the purpose that the grant was provided.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Council is responsible for ensuring funds within the control of Council are kept safe and used for the purpose for which they were provided.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Accepting these financial acquittals will not lead to any financial implications. If they are not accepted then potentially Council will have to repay funds otherwise spent.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Finance Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Streetlight conversion acquittal

Local Government Grant Funding Acquittal

Community Places for People Grant Program

Council Name: MacDonnell Regional Council

Grant Program Year: 2023-2024

Grant Application Number: CPP2400002

Purpose of Grant: Streetlight conversions to LED

Purchases were in accordance with the Northern Territory Buy Local Plan: ☒ Yes ☐ No

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACQUITTAL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING

Local Government Community Places for People Grant Carry forward balance June 2025	\$47,025.18
Other income	\$0.00
Total income	\$47,025.18
Total Expenditure (Specify accounts and attach copies of ledger entries) An 'administration fee' is not to be apportioned to the grant for acquittal purposes.	\$0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$47,025.18

IS THE PROJECT COMPLETE: ☒ Yes ☐ No

IS THE PROJECT COMPLETED AS APPROVED BY THE MINISTER: ☐ Yes ☐ No (If no, please explain why)

We certify, in accordance with all the conditions under which this grant was accepted, that the expenditure shown in this acquittal has been actually incurred and reports required to be submitted are in accordance with the stated purpose of this grant.

Acquittal prepared by: Osman Kassem 28 / 09 / 2026

Laid before the Council at a meeting held on 30 / 10 / 2026 Copy of minutes attached.

CEO or CFO: [Signature] 28 / 09 / 2026

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

File Number: _____

Grant amount correct: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Expenditure conforms to approved purpose: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Procurement – Bought from Territory Enterprise: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Minutes checked: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Balance of funds to be acquitted: _____

Date next acquittal due: ____/____/____

ACQUITTAL ACCEPTED: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Acquittal checked by: _____/____/____

Comments:

MANAGER GRANTS PROGRAM: _____/____

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet



15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.7
TITLE Finance and Risk Committee Minutes
AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, where the Council does not convene an ordinary meeting each month, it is required to delegate to a Council Committee the authority necessary to undertake the financial functions of the Council.

As MRC Council conducts its ordinary meetings on a bi-monthly basis, this delegation ensures that, in months where an ordinary meeting is not held, the designated committee is empowered to exercise the Council's financial decision-making responsibilities for that period.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and accepts the minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee meeting held 25 September 2026.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Council is required to have a Finance and Risk Committee under the *Local Government Act 2019*, its function being to review the finance reports and performance in months where there is no Council meeting, monitor financial and others risks of Council and reporting to Council.

There were no recommendations made for Council's action which arose from this meeting.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Members of the Finance and Risk Committee

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Finance and Risk Committee Minutes - 25 September 2026



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE OFFICE
OF THE CEO, MRC ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 9:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENED – at 10.04am

2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Patrick Allen and Deputy
President Maryanne Malbunka

Staff

Keith Hassett, Acting CEO and Osman Kassem, Manager Finance.

3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved by the Finance
and Risk Committee.

FRC2026-07 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

**That the Finance and Risk Committee Meeting accepts the unconfirmed minutes of
the meeting held 30 July 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.**



Finance and Risk Committee Meeting 25 September 2026 – Minutes

4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

FRC2026-08 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)

That the Committee:

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) notes that no Committee Members declared a conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

5 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	Finance Report period ending 31 August 2026
AUTHOR:	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 31 August 2026.

FRC2026-09 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 31 August 2026.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting - 20 November 2026 - 9:30 AM

10 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 10.17am.

This page and the preceding page are the unconfirmed minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee Meeting held on Friday 25 September 2026.

President

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15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.8
TITLE Audit Committee Minutes - 19 October 2026
AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Audit Committee met on 19th October 2026 at Bagot Street. The minutes of the confidential meeting are also attached for the Council's attention, these are still unconfirmed being due to be confirmed by the Committee at its next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and receives the minutes of the Audit Committee of 19th October 2026.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Council is required to have an Audit Committee under the Local Government Act 2019, its function being to monitor and review the integrity of the council's financial management, to monitor and review internal controls, to make recommendations about the external auditors and to make recommendations to Council about any matters the committee considers require Council's consideration as a result of the Committee's functions.

The Audit Committee met to review the General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2026. The recommendation made which requires Council's consideration is included in the Confidential Audit Committee Minutes.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Audit Committee

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Audit Committee Minutes - 19 October 2026



MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE OFFICE
OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ALICE SPRINGS ON MONDAY 19
OCTOBER 2026 AT 10:00 AM

1 MEETING OPENED – at 10.00am

2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors

Independent Chair Randle Walker, President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Dalton McDonald, Councillor Veronica Lynch and Deputy President Maryanne Malbunka

Staff

Belinda Urquhart, Chief Executive Officer and Osman Kassem, Manager Finance

Apologies

Nil.

3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved by the Audit Committee.

AC2026-01 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Dalton McDonald)

That the Audit Committee Meeting accepts the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 18 December 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.



Audit Committee Meeting 19 October 2026 – Minutes

4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

AC2026-02 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Dalton McDonald)

That the Committee:

- a) **notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- b) **notes that no conflicts of interest were declared with the meeting agenda.**

7 GENERAL BUSINESS - Nil

8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Audited Financial Statements 2025-26
AUTHOR:	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the 2025-26 Audited Financial Statements to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

AC2026-03 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the Committee:

- **accepts the Audited Financial Statements 2025-26; and**
- **recommends to Council that the Financial Statements are suitable for signing by the CEO and for inclusion in the 2025-26 Annual Report for presentation to the Minister.**

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting – to be determined upon receipt of the final Audit Management Letter.

10 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 10.15am.

This page and the preceding page are the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 October 2026.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.9
TITLE Use of the Common Seal
AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable 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 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:

- **MRC Core Assets Lease – Imanpa Night patrol**
- **MRC Core Assets Lease – Hermannsburg Waste Management Facility**

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 endorse the use of the Common Seal.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The 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 do not miss out on funding due to a delay whilst waiting for a Council meeting for the Common Seal to be used.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Roxanne Kenny, President
Belinda Urquhart, CEO
Osman Kassem, Manager Finance

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Core Assets Lease - Imanpa - Lot 84 Night Patrol Office - Extract
- 2 ARLA Core Assets Lease - Hermannsburg - Waste Management Facility Extension
- Extract

SCHEDULE 1. - PARTICULARS

1. Premises	That part of NT Portion 1230 delineated on the plan at Attachment A and labelled lot 84 in the community of Imanpa, including the Improvements and Services.
2. Commencement Date	1 July 2024
3. Term	2 years commencing on the Commencement Date.
4. Rent	As provided in Schedule 2
5. Revaluation Date (if applicable)	Every fifth anniversary of the Commencement Date, during the Term.
6. Permitted Use	Construction, installation, and operation of Improvements and Services for provision of services for public or local government purposes and all associated infrastructure and facilities (for example car parks, shade structures, fences), and all purposes reasonably incidental to the same.
7. Lessor's address for service of notices.	Central Land Council 27 Stuart Highway PO Box 3321 Alice Springs NT 0871 Tel: (08) 8951 6211
8. Lessee's Representative and address for service of notices	MacDonnell Regional Council Cnr Bagot Street and South Terrace PO Box 5267 Alice Springs NT 0871 Tel: (08) 8958 9600
9. Persons authorised to enter onto the Premises (Authorised Persons)	Subject to clause 16, the Lessee and any of its officers, employees, agents and contractors (including any builders, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, maintenance workers and tradespeople).
10. Public Liability insurance amount	\$20,000,000.00
11. Special Conditions	Nil

SCHEDULE 2. - RENT

Rent

1. The Rent shall be payable annually to the trust account maintained by the Land Council in accordance with section 6 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (Cth). The first Rent payment shall be payable within 30 days after this Lease has been signed by all parties and shall include payment for the first year of the Term being the period dating 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.
 2. The Rent for the first year of the Term shall be an amount equal to the figure stated in Table 1 to this Schedule 2.
 3. Subsequent Rent payments are to be paid each year thereafter upon the anniversary of the Commencement Date.
 4. The Rent for the first year of the Term shall be an amount equal to the percentage of the Unimproved Capital Value as stated in the following table.
- 3.1 For the purpose of this Schedule, the Unimproved Capital Value means the unimproved capital value of the land comprised in the Premises:
 - (a) as determined by the Northern Territory Valuer-General as at the Commencement Date;
 - (b) if the Lessor obtains an independent valuation, which determines the Unimproved Capital Value to be higher than the valuation from the Northern Territory Valuer-General, the amount determined by the independent valuer; or
 - (c) an amount otherwise agreed by the Land Council and Lessee.
 - 3.2 The Lessor must first obtain the approval of the Lessee as to the independent valuer and methodology used to determine the Unimproved Capital Value.
 - 3.3 The Land Council will be liable for all costs involved in obtaining an independent valuation.
 - 3.4 In the absence of the Northern Territory Valuer-General's office the parties agree to request that the Australian Valuation Office determine the Unimproved Capital Value of the Premises.
 4. Subject to clause 5 of this Schedule, on each anniversary of the Commencement Date during the Term, the Rent will increase by the amount or percentage arrived at by the application of the following formula:

$$X = \frac{(A \times B)}{C}$$

Where:

- X - is the increased Rent amount;
- A – is the current Rent amount;
- B – is the Consumer Price Index for All Groups Darwin published for the quarter immediately prior to the latest anniversary of the Commencement Date; and
- C – is the Consumer Price Index for All Groups Darwin published for the quarter immediately prior to the preceding anniversary of the Commencement Date,

provided that if X is calculated to be less than A, then there will be no change to the current amount.

5. The Lessor reserves the right to obtain a revaluation of the Unimproved Capital Value of the Land comprised in the Premises and adjust the Rent on each Revaluation Date provided that:
 - (a) not more than 12 months before and not less than 3 months before the relevant Revaluation Date, the Lessor must notify the Lessee in writing of its decision to obtain a revaluation of the Unimproved Capital Value of the land comprised in the Premises in order to adjust the Rent;
 - (b) once a Revaluation Notice has been issued by the Lessor, the Lessor and the Lessee must meet to review the Unimproved Capital Value of the Premises in order to adjust the Rent and the manner in which it is to be paid (including both the period of payment, and whether it is paid in advance or arrears);
 - (c) if the Lessor and the Lessee agree an adjusted Rent amount and manner in which it is to be paid on or before 2 months prior to the relevant Revaluation Date, then on and from the relevant Revaluation Date, that agreed Rent and manner of payment will apply;
 - (d) if the Lessor and the Lessee are unable to agree on an adjusted Rent amount on or before 2 months prior to the relevant Revaluation Date, either party may request the Northern Territory Valuer-General to revalue the Unimproved Capital Value of the land comprised in the Premises to determine the Rent to apply on and from the relevant Revaluation Date;
 - (e) if the Lessor and the Lessee are unable to agree on an adjusted Rent amount on or before 2 months prior to the relevant Revaluation Date, subject to approval of valuer and methodology by the Lessee the Lessor may, at its own cost, also request an independent valuer to determine the Unimproved Capital Value of the land comprised in the Premises and an adjustment of the Rent to apply from the relevant Revaluation Date;

- (f) provided that at least one of the Rent amounts determined in accordance with clauses 5(d) and 5(e) is greater than the Rent applicable for the preceding year, on and from the relevant Revaluation Date, the Rent will be the higher of the amounts determined in accordance with clauses 5(d) and 5(e) above;
- (g) if the Rent determined in accordance with clauses 5(d) and 5(e) is less than the Rent applicable for the preceding year, the Rent will remain the same as was applicable in the preceding year;
- (h) the parties must bear equally the costs of the Northern Territory Valuer-General; and
- (i) in the absence of the Northern Territory Valuer-General's office the parties agree to request that the Australian Valuation Office determine the Unimproved Capital Value of the Premises.

Lot	Asset Type	Starting Annual Rent (GST exclusive) (\$)
84	Night Patrol	

SCHEDULE 3. - MINISTER'S CONSENT

Not applicable.

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Date _____



2 October 2026
Date

The common seal of the Imanpa Development Association was duly affixed in accordance with its rules:



Sheila Bullo
Signature

Marressha Luckey
Signature

Sheila Bullo
Print name

Marressha Luckey
Print name

IDA Committee member
Position

IDA Committee member
Position

1 October 2026
Date

1 October 2026
Date

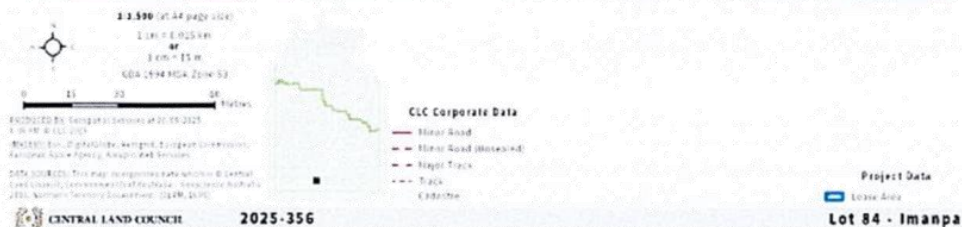
SIMON MUMU
Signature

Simon Mumu
Print name

IDA committee member
Position

1 October 2026.
Date

ATTACHMENT A - PLAN



SCHEDULE 2. LAND COUNCIL'S DIRECTION

Central Land Council

Direction to the Ntaria Aboriginal Land Trust pursuant to section 19 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*

In accordance with Resolution EX2026.03.161, the Central Land Council, being satisfied that section 19(5) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act* has been complied with in relation to this lease of part of NT Portion 2079 to MacDonnell Regional Council ("**Lease**"), hereby directs the Ntaria Aboriginal Land Trust to:

1. grant the Lease to MacDonnell Regional Council;
2. authorise the CLC Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson and a CLC Executive member to sign the Lease on behalf of the Land Trust; and
3. authorise the common seal of the Land Trust to be affixed to the Lease.

Executed by the **Central Land Council** in accordance with a resolution of its Executive Committee:

BBL
CLC Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson

Deputy Chairperson
Position

Barbara Shaw
Name

6 August 2026.
Date



SCHEDULE 3. EXECUTION

Executed as an agreement

The common seal of the
MacDonnell Regional Council was
affixed in the presence of:



[Signature]
Signature

[Signature] [Signature]
Signature

Roxanne Mary Kenny
Print name

Keith Hessel
Print name

President
Position

Acting CEO
Position

25/9/26
Date

25-9-26
Date

The common seal of the Ntaria
Aboriginal Land Trust was duly
affixed in accordance with the
Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern
Territory) Act 1976:



[Signature]
Signature

[Signature]
Signature

Barbara Shaw
Print name

Geoffrey Matthew
Print name

Deputy Chairperson
Executive member

1
Executive member

6 August 2026
Date

6 August 2026.
Date

The common seal of the Central Land Council was duly affixed in accordance with a resolution of its Executive Committee:



Barbara Shaw
Signature

Geoffrey Matthews
Signature

Barbara Shaw
Print name

Geoffrey Matthews
Print name

Deputy Chairperson
Executive member

Executive member

6 August 2026
Date

6 August 2026
Date

ATTACHMENT A PLAN



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CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL

2026-154

CLC Corporate Data
● Major Community
— Major Road
— Minor Road
— Minor Road (Unsealed)
— Major Track
— Trade
— Cadastre

Point ID	Easting	Northing
1	132.7882527°E	23.9560319°S
2	132.7863299°E	23.9540822°S
3	132.7871172°E	23.9571355°S
4	132.7851271°E	23.9551461°S

Project Data

○ Unsurveyed Lot
Coordinates
■ Lease Area

Lease - Unserved Lot - Ntaria Aboriginal Land Trust

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.10
TITLE Governance Team Report
AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making
 Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

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 August and September 2026.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Governance and Strategy team is a small team which delivers governance, policy, customer service, communications and engagement services for MacDonnell Regional Council. It is heavily involved in the management and coordination of Council's 13 Local Authorities.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Local Authority meetings for the first quarter of the year have been finalised and it is pleasing to note that every community successfully held a meeting – with only two being provisional.

2026/2027 FY LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS					
DATE	COMMUNITY	QUORUM	PROVISIONAL	DEFERRED	CANCELLED
1-Jul-26	Haasts Bluff	✓			
9-Jul-26	Amoonguna		✓		
15-Jul-26	Mt Liebig		✓		
22-Jul-26	Docker River	✓			
23-Jul-26	Wallace Rockhole	✓			
29-Jul-26	Imanpa			✓	
5-Aug-26	Santa Teresa	✓			
6-Aug-26	Titjikala			✓	
12-Aug-26	Finke	✓			
19-Aug-26	Imanpa	✓			
26-Aug-26	Titjikala	✓			
2-Sep-26	Kintore	✓			
9-Sep-26	Areyonga	✓			
16-Sep-26	Papunya	✓			
23-Sep-26	Hermannsburg	✓			

ENGAGEMENT

Governance is involved in the by-election which will be required in the Iyarrka Ward as a result of the resignation of Cr Peter Wilson. It is anticipated that Council will seek a Ministerial extension for the holding of this by-election due to time constraints and the unavailability of staff.

Significant time has been devoted to the production of the Annual Report 2025-26 the draft of which is being presented at this meeting.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW – RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Significant work has continued on the clean-up and migration of MRC's records in anticipation of a new system being introduced in the New Year. This work involves all staff and includes training in what Records Management is, what records are to be retained and reconfiguration of MRC's current file structure in advance of the new system.

To date almost 500,000 files have been deleted because they were:

- Duplicate copies
- Not required to be kept per the Disposal Schedule
- Older than the required retention date

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Successful interaction with the members of MRC's communities and its stakeholders is vital to the attainment of MRC's Goals and Objectives. Good governance ensures that Council is accountable and compliant with all related legislation; that Council has the information it needs to make good decisions; that risks are reduced and that it can achieve its Mission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Manager Governance and Strategy

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.11
TITLE Council Meeting Planner 2027
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2027 Council Meeting Planner serves to establish recommended dates for all scheduled meetings, including Ordinary and Special Council, the Local Authority, and the Finance, Risk, and Audit committees.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) **considers and approves the proposed dates outlined in the 2027 Meeting Planner;**
- b) **notes the date set by the CEO for NAIDOC Day to be observed is the 5 July 2027; and**
- c) **discusses and determines the locations for the Special Council meeting and Ordinary Council meetings in 2027.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In accordance with section 90 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the CEO sets the dates for all Ordinary, Special, Committee and Local Authority meetings for the year ahead. The proposed calendar is presented to Council for review and confirmation, ensuring members and stakeholders receive reasonable notice to plan their attendance.

The Draft Calendar for 2027 is tabled at this meeting for members to endorse. Once endorsed, the calendar will be published on Council's website to meet transparency and accessibility obligations. If significant changes are made following the endorsement, the calendar will be updated prior to publication to reflect the revised schedule.

At this stage, meetings of external stakeholders such as ALGA, LGANT and CLC have not been factored into the scheduling of MRC's meetings.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Council may suggest changes to the proposed meeting dates, however the timing of Ordinary, Special, Finance and Risk and Audit Committee meetings is structured to meet statutory obligations under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Local Authority meeting dates are planned based on current patterns and logistical considerations to meet the minimum number of meetings required under the Act. Adjustments to these meeting dates may affect compliance or operational efficiency.

Ordinary Council Meeting 30 October 2026 – Agenda

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer

Elected Members

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 2027 Council Meeting Planner

2027 MacDonnell Regional Council Meeting Planner																																									
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15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.12
TITLE LGANT Call for Motions - MRC Submission
AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the paper is to present MRC's motion which was submitted to LGANT for consideration at the November Annual General Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses and ratifies the motion submitted to LGANT for consideration at the November Annual General Meeting.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Each year LGANT calls for motions to be submitted and considered at either the April or November General Meeting. Issues raised may relate to governance, capacity building, policy positions and advocacy efforts, etc.

Please refer to the attached motion prepared and submitted by the Chief Executive Officer. The purpose of this submission was to call on LGANT to formally advocate to the Northern Territory Government for immediate intervention to resolve critical processing delays at the SAFE NT management system, which continue to prevent qualified employees from working.

As noted on the submission it was prepared in September in order to meet the timelines set by LGANT for inclusion in their Agenda.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Ochre Card Processing Delays at SAFE NT pose a considerable risk to the operations of Council and create employment barriers outside the control of Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Council is at risk of not fulfilling its contractual arrangements due to its inability to employ appropriately qualified staff because they cannot obtain an Ochre Card. This jeopardises Council's grant funding.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS

1 LGANT Call For Motions - MRC Submission



LGANT CALL FOR MOTIONS

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CALL FOR MOTIONS

About this document

LGANT's purpose, as per the Strategic Plan 2025-2028, is to support and represent member councils to drive sustainable economic and social development of the Northern Territory community.

The purpose of this call for motion document is to provide a template for member councils to submit motions to LGANT on issues for consideration, such as governance, capacity building, policy positions and advocacy efforts, at either the April or November General Meetings.

The motions that are resolved at LGANT General Meetings are important in guiding the priorities and work plans of LGANT, and it is important that the Association's resources are focussed on the issues that will be of the greatest benefit to councils, towns and communities.

Policy and Advocacy

Policy positions are a statement or declaration of an organisation's stance on a particular topic(s). Further, LGANT seeks to influence public policy (which is laws, guidelines and actions decided and taken by governments). Motions from councils help LGANT form its policy positions and statements that in turn, assist with advocacy efforts. LGANT's current policy statements can be found [here](#).

Advocacy is a broad term encompassing endeavours to achieve change. For LGANT, advocacy is activity undertaken to promote and influence issues that collectively effect local government.

Timeframes

Councils do not need to wait for the call for motions from LGANT. These can be submitted at any time. However, to enable all motions to be assessed by the Board and papers prepared for the agenda, a closing date is determined for each General Meeting.

Late motions will not be accepted (unless urgent) and will instead be referred to the next General Meeting.

Motions will not be accepted at General Meetings as members do not have supporting information or the time to make an informed decision.

If the motion is urgent, councils may consider calling a Special General Meeting or request the LGANT Board address the matter through their meetings. Justification for urgency will be required.

Other important information

Member councils should consider submitting a motion if they believe there is an opportunity for LGANT to take the lead on an issue that is strategically important to local government and will benefit the sector as a whole.

There must only be ONE issue per motion. It is suggested that the council submitting the motion first discuss it with LGANT so they can outline existing activity or policy positions, if any, in the topic area and assist with developing the business case.

Motions need to be approved by resolution of the local government council **prior** to submission to LGANT.

The LGANT Board will assess the motion for completeness and appropriateness and if necessary, ask the submitting member council for more information or redrafting before including it in the General Meeting agenda. This process may require the council to re-endorse its motion.

The LGANT Board has the discretion to not accept the motion if not enough information is provided, it's not strategic in nature, or it would impact negatively on the reputation of LGANT or the sector.



By submitting a motion, your council can move and speak to the motion at the General Meeting it is going to.

The better your council's argument or case, the more likely members can make an informed decision and resolve the motion. Resolved motions are minuted following the General Meeting, allocated to LGANT staff for action, and reported on at LGANT Board and General meetings.

Motions to LGANT do not progress to the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA). Councils must submit motions for the NGA directly to ALGA.



TEMPLATE

CALL FOR MOTIONS

Member councils are invited to submit motions for debate to be included at General Meetings using this template.

Name of Council:

MacDonnell Regional Council

Contact person and title:

Belinda Urquhart, Chief Executive Officer

Phone:

08 8958 9602

Email:

belinda.urquhart@macdonnell.nt.gov.au

Motion title:

Ochre Card Processing Delays at SAFE NT

Resolution sought (Motion)

Motions should be clear and concise and must be limited to one subject matter/ issue.

Consider the action your motion wants LGANT to do for the local government sector.

Members call on LGANT to formally advocate to the Northern Territory Government for immediate intervention to resolve critical processing delays at the SAFE NT management system, which continue to prevent qualified employees from working.

Supporting information:

1. Define the problem/opportunity and its impact on local government or council services and operations.
2. Provide information on any relevant legislation, policy settings and research reports and papers where available.
3. Include a statement on how the motion aligns with LGANT's [Policy Statements](#) and [Strategic Plan](#).
4. Provide attachment/s if required.



Background

MacDonnell Regional Council operates across 13 remote Indigenous communities with a workforce of approximately 430 staff. Our organisation maintains compliance with all statutory requirements for employment clearance and OCHRE card processing. Five employees are currently stood down from productive work, unable to contribute to their communities or earn their livelihoods, whilst their applications (both new applications and renewal applications) remain unprocessed within the SAFE NT system. These are not administrative inconveniences. These are barriers to employment created outside the control of local government.

The Issue

MRC has fulfilled every obligation required of us. Our recruitment processes are rigorous. Our applicants meet all criteria. We have submitted applications correctly and completely. We have followed every protocol. The constraint is not our preparation. The constraint is the processing capacity of SAFE NT.

Each day of delay compounds the damage. Employees who have been offered positions and/or have to have renewals processed now face indefinite suspension from work. Communities lose service delivery capacity. Individuals lose income and dignity. Families lose stability.

Why This Matters

Employment is the foundation of economic participation and community cohesion. When a government system prevents qualified people from working, it does not matter that the system is technically sound or that processes are being "followed." The outcome is the same: people cannot earn their living, communities cannot be served, and the fundamental economic participation of remote Indigenous Australians is undermined.

This is a structural failure disguised as process compliance. Councils cannot resolve this alone. Individual representations to government agencies have not produced results. The Northern Territory Government must allocate the resources required to process clearance applications and OCHRE cards at a pace that does not paralyse the workforce. This is not a request for special treatment. This is a request for a system that functions.

We ask that LGANT formally submit this matter to the NT Government and request:



1. An urgent review of current processing timelines and resource allocation at SAFE NT.
2. Commitment to a maximum processing timeframe that permits councils to operate effectively.
3. Regular reporting to LGANT on system performance and outstanding applications.

The matter is not complicated. The solution is available. It requires government to prioritise the employment participation of Territorians and the operational capacity of the councils that serve them.

This motion aligns with LGANT's policy statement:

- 1.1 Cooperation in that resolution of this problem will promote the employment and well-being of Territorians.
- 2.1 People and Community in that resolution of the problem will result in the Territory Government assisting Local Government to deliver better services, especially in terms of providing local employment.
- 5.3 Unemployment in that resolution of this problem will facilitate MRC playing an active role in employment programs as an employer.

This motion goes to the core of LGANT's Strategic plan with two of the four focus areas being Advocacy – Advance the priorities of the local government sector and our communities and Engagement – Explore and elevate our collective strength and united voice.

Council confirmation:

I, Belinda Urquhart, the Chief Executive Officer, hereby confirm that this motion will be included in the agenda for the next meeting of Council to be held on 30 October 2026 for presentation at the next LGANT General Meeting. This motion has been prepared at this time to meet the timelines set by LGANT.

Resolution number: To be advised.

In submitting this motion, I acknowledge that (please tick):

- ☒ the LGANT Board has the discretion to not accept the motion.

Signature: 

Date: 16th September 2026

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	15.13
TITLE	Presentation of Annual Report 2025-26 including Audited Financial Statements
AUTHOR	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making

Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities

Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the MacDonnell Regional Council Annual Report, including the Audited Financial Statements, for 2025-26 for Council's approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. approves the MRC Annual Report 2024-25;**
- 2. approves the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026;**
- 3. approves the forwarding of the 2025-26 Annual Report, including the Audited Financial Statements, to the Minister for Local Government.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Section 290(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) requires that “*Council must, on or before 15 November in each year, report to the Minister on its work during the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June*”. Section 291 of the Act prescribes the content of the annual report which, in addition to other matters, must include Council's “*audited financial statement for the relevant financial year*”, in this instance being 2025-26.

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the CEO has certified Council's Annual Financial Statements and now, having been audited, these are laid before Council. The audited Financial Statements are included at the end of the tabled Annual Report.

The Annual Report shows how Council's work during the year has helped to achieve the goals set out in the Council's Regional Plan and further provides a summary of all activities undertaken in each Directorate.

The draft has been intensely checked for any typographical errors, misstatements of fact or inappropriate photographs and edited as a result. The draft will be refined and where possible any other matters detected at the last minute will be corrected prior to presentation to the Minister.

In addition to providing the Annual Report to the Minister the report will be published on Council's website advising of its availability.

The Council's auditor, Merit Partners, has audited the Annual Financial Statements of Council and approved them with no qualifications.

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Due to the size of this document it is not possible to attach it to this report – it will be presented to Council separately.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Annual Report is a report to the Minister for Local Government and is required in accordance with the provisions of the Act. The Annual Financial Statements are presented to Council for approval as required under the Local Government (General) Regulations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

The Annual Report is due to the Minister by 15 November.

CONSULTATION

MRC President
Executive Leadership Team
MRC Audit Committee
Merit Partners

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.14
TITLE Resolution required by NTEC regarding Iyarrka By-Election
AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Advice has been received from the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) that a new resolution will need to be passed regarding the appointment of the CEO as the Returning Officer for the by-election to be held in the Iyarrka Ward.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) **rescinds part d) of Resolution OCM2026-109 as follows:**
“appoints the CEO, Belinda Urquhart, as the Returning Officer for the by election”: and
- b) **determines instead that the by-election in the Iyarrka Ward will be conducted by the Electoral Commissioner.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Councillor Peter Wilson, elected in the Local Government General Elections in August 2025, resigned as a Councillor of MRC on 18 May 2026.

Cr Wilson’s resignation was noted at the June meeting of Council at which time Council resolved to appoint the CEO, Belinda Urquhart, as the Returning Officer for the by-election.

Due to a breakdown in communications the Northern Territory Electoral Commission was not advised of the resignation until 26 August 2026.

Due to the delay in providing this notification advice has subsequently been received from the NTEC that a new resolution will need to be passed regarding the appointment of the CEO as the Returning Officer for the by-election to be held in the Iyarrka Ward.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Failure to act on the advice of the NTEC will compromise the timeline for the conduction of the by-election.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

All arrangements for the by-election in the Iyarrka Ward must be in accordance with the Northern Territory (Electoral) Regulations 2021.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Northern Territory Electoral Commission

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 15.15
TITLE Resignation of Elected Member
AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to inform Council of the resignation of Councillor Lynn Ward.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) notes the resignation of Ms Lynn Ward as a Councillor of MacDonnell Regional Council effective on 22 December 2026;
- b) thanks Cr Ward for the contribution she has made;
- c) notes that the NTEC is to be advised;
- d) notes that a by-election will be required to fill the vacancy in the Luritja Pintubi Ward; and
- e) notes that the by-election will be conducted by the Electoral Commissioner.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Ms Ward resigned as a councillor on 29 October 2026. Her resignation letter is attached. Her resignation is to take effect from the date specified in her letter of resignation, that is 22 December 2026. Her entitlements will cease on that date in accordance with s51(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act). The NTEC is to be advised of Ms Ward's resignation as soon as possible

In accordance with Council's "Filling Casual Council Vacancies Policy" MRC must hold a by-election to fill the vacancy. The CEO must coordinate the by-election in conjunction with the NTEC.

Furthermore, as to the conduct of the by-election s136(6) of the Act is to apply which states that:

- (6) Unless a person is appointed under subsection (7) to be the returning officer for a by-election, the by-election (including nomination of candidates and other related processes) is to be conducted as decided by the Electoral Commissioner.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

It is important that the constituents of the Luritja Pintubi Ward are fully represented on Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Not applicable.

CONSULTATION

President MRC
Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Cr Lynn Ward - Letter of Resignation 29.10.2026



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Thursday, 29 October 2026

Attention: President Roxanne Kenny and CEO Belinda Urquhart

Dear Roxanne and Belinda,

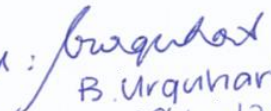
Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation from my position as Councillor for the Luritja Pintubi Ward with MacDonnell Regional Council, effective 22nd December 2026.

I would like to thank the Council, my fellow Councillors, and the community members of the Luritja Pintubi Ward for the opportunity to serve and represent our communities during my tenure.

Yours sincerely,



Lynn Ward
Councillor, Luritja Pintubi Ward

accepted: 
B. Urquhart
29/10/2026

Ngkitja Ntjarra, Tnangkarru Nyinta Wangka Tjuta, Tjukurpa Kutju
many voices, one dream, building a quality desert lifestyle

16 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 16.1

TITLE Notification of General Business Items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to give Elected Members the opportunity to table items they wish to be debated by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chairperson invites Elected Members to raise items of concern they wish to be discussed in this meeting.

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
AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items are about to be discussed.

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

ITEM NUMBER 19.1
TITLE Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and re-admittance of the public
AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulations 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, the meeting is to be opened to the public following the consideration of confidential matters. Resolutions will be transferred to the open meeting upon the determination of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council discloses motions from the confidential section of this meeting in the open section of the meeting and opens the meeting to the public.