



AGENDA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY 29 MAY 2026

The Special Council Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the MRC Council Chambers, Alice Springs on Friday 29 May 2026 at 10:00 AM.

Belinda Urquhart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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21 MEETING CLOSED

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 notes the Council Code of Conduct.

MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct

Interests of the Council and Community come first

A member must act in the best interests of the community, its outstations and the Council.

Honesty

A member must be honest and act the right way (with integrity) when performing official duties.

Taking care

A member must be careful to make good decisions (diligence), and must not be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, when performing official duties.

Respect/Courtesy

A member must be respectful to other members, council staff, constituents and members of the public.

Conduct towards council staff

A member must not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of council staff.

Respect for culture

A member must respect different cultures, families and language groups (cultural diversity) and not be unfair towards others, or the opinions of others, because of their background.

Conflict of interest

A member must, if possible, avoid conflict of interest between the member's private interests (family, other job, business etc.) and duties.

Where a conflict exists, the member must inform the Council, Local Authority or Council Committee and not take part in the discussion or vote.

Respect for private business

A member must not share private (confidential) information that they heard as a member, outside of meetings.

A member must not make improper use of confidential information to gain a benefit or to cause harm to another.

Gifts

A member must not ask for or encourage gifts or private benefits from anyone who might want to do business with or obtain a benefit from Council.

Accountable

A member must be able to show that they have made good decisions for the community, and have allocated the Council's resources carefully and to benefit the region.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Code of Conduct Policy helps Council to ensure that the:

- MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) exercises strong and accountable governance;
- Constituents of MRC are aware of the behaviour they can expect from members.

6 CONFIRMATION OF 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 17 April 2026 to be approved by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held 17 April 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MEETING 17.4.2026 - MINUTES [1 pages]



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2026 AT 10:00 AM

22 MEETING OPENED AT 9.34am

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23 WELCOME

24 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Dalton McDonald, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Deputy President Maryanne Malbunka, Councillor Lynn Ward, Councillor Peter Wilson and Councillor Matthew Palmer.

Staff

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Ainsley Roscrow – Executive Manager Aged and Children’s Services, Libby Taylor – Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety, Katie Fuller – Executive Manager People and Capabilities, Barbara Newland – Manager Governance and Strategy.

Guests

Representatives of LGANT:

- Cr Peter Pangquee, President
- Cr Allison Bitar, Vice President
- Ms Mary Watson, Chief Executive Officer

Apologies

Cr Veronica Lynch Kngwarraye

ITEM NUMBER:	24.1
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.

OCM2026-36 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Matthew Palmer)

That Council:

- a) notes the Elected Members attendance at this meeting;
- b) accepts the apology received from Cr Lynch for this meeting; and
- c) records that there were no Elected Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.

25 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	25.1
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.

OCM2026-37 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Lynn Ward)

That Council:

- a) notes that there were no requests for future leave of absence received for this Council meeting; and
- b) notes that there are no executive staff going on leave and staff acting in their absence.

26 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	26.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2026-38 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes the Council Code of Conduct.

27 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 20 March 2026 to be approved by Council.

OCM2026-39 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Maryanne Malbunka)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 March 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.

OCM2026-40 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)

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.

OCM2026-41 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Matthew Palmer)

That Council:

- a) **notes the Conflict of Interest Policy;**
- b) **notes that no elected Members declared any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda; and**
- c) **notes the conflict of interest declared by the CEO in relation to Confidential Item 18.4.**

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Deputation Request to attend Local Authority Meeting - Santa Teresa - Menzies School of Health Research
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Representatives from the Menzies School of Health Research would like to attend the Santa Teresa Local Authority meeting on the 13th May to provide a brief update on the ORVAC study.

They would also like to introduce the THRIVE study and are seeking endorsement from the Local Authority to visit Santa Teresa to offer the study on a voluntary basis to eligible community members.

OCM2026-42 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Patrick Allen)

That Council approves the request by the Menzies School of Health Research to attend the Santa Teresa Local Authority meeting on the 13 May 2026 to provide an update on the ORVAC study, introduce the THRIVE study and seek approval to visit Santa Teresa to invite eligible families to participate in the THRIVE study.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.2
TITLE:	Presentation by LGANT
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Representatives from LGANT are visiting MRC and will be attending the meeting to provide an overview of LGANT member benefits and services.

OCM2026-43 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes the LGANT presentation.

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 Meetings 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 between the 9th February to the 31st March and include Finke (4 March, Kintore (12 March), Titjikala (17 March), Hermannsburg (25 March), Santa Teresa (26 March) and Areyonga (31 March).

OCM2026-44 RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority meetings held in Finke, Kintore, Titjikala, Hermannsburg, Santa Teresa, Areyonga; and
- b) accepts the Authorities allocations towards the new project proposals as follows:
 - \$20,000.00 towards demolishing the building at the Basketball Court in Kintore;
 - \$10,000.00 towards 2 x Pedestrian Crossings in Santa Teresa
 - \$15,000.00 towards a Ride on mower for Areyonga
 - \$90,889.46 towards Upgrades to the Football Oval in Hermannsburg

ITEM NUMBER:	12.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Resignations and Terminations
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2026-45 RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- a) notes that the following memberships have been revoked due to their absence from two consecutive Local Authority meetings:
 - Camilla Hayes from the Santa Teresa Local Authority; and
- b) notes that Sarah Gallagher from the Areyonga Local Authority has stepped down from her position as Chairperson and will continue as a member of the Authority.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.3
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.

OCM2026-46 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Maryanne Malbunka)

That Council considers the nominations received and appoints Garrard Anderson and Ashley Robertson to the Papunya Local Authority.

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
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 since the report to the March 2026 Council meeting.

OCM2026-47 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes the correspondence received and sent.

14 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2026-48 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Dalton McDonald)

That Council receives the President's report for the period 1st March to the 1st April 2026.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	15.1
TITLE:	Council Services Report
AUTHOR:	Keith Hassett, Director Council Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2026-49 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the Council Services Report.

Minute note: There was a break for morning tea at 10.27am – meeting resumed at 10.46am.

Minute note: Cr Allen left the meeting at the recess due to ill health.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.2
TITLE:	Aged and Children's Services Report
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 for March 2026, throughout the MRC region.

OCM2026-50 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Matthew Palmer)

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

ITEM NUMBER:	15.3
TITLE:	Youth and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Ainsley Roscrow, Executive Manager Aged and Childcare Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Youth and Community Safety services for March 2026, throughout the MRC region.

OCM2026-51 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

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

Minute note: Cr Allen returned to the meeting at 12.19pm.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2026-52 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes and accepts the People & Capabilities Report.

Minute note: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.36pm and resumed at 1.20pm.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2026-53 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Andrew Davis)

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

ITEM NUMBER:	15.6
TITLE:	2025-26 Budget Review V2
AUTHOR:	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following a review by Managers, Directors, and the CEO, amendments have been recommended to Council's budget within the Regional Plan. These changes reflect the finalisation of unspent grants, confirmation of existing grant funding, acceptance of new grants, and updates to projected income and expenditure for the remainder of the year.

OCM2026-54 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)

That Council adopts the amendments to the Budget 2025-2026 pursuant to Section 203(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.7
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.

OCM2026-55 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the Governance Team Report for March 2026.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.8
TITLE:	Determination of Remuneration Tribunal 2026
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Remuneration Tribunal's Report and Determination No. 1 of 2026 – Allowances for Members of Local Councils has been tabled in the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly and is being presented for the information of Members.

OCM2026-56 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lynn Ward)

That Council notes the Remuneration Tribunal's Report and Determination No. 1 of 2026 – Allowances for Members of Local Councils.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.9
TITLE:	Gifts and Benefits 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 Gifts and Benefits Policy v3.

OCM2026-57 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)

That Council adopts the Gifts and Benefits Policy v3 as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.10
TITLE:	Local Authorities 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 Local Authorities Policy v3.

OCM2026-58 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Maryanne Malbunka)

That Council adopts the Local Authorities Policy v3 as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.11
TITLE:	Local Authority Project and Discretionary Funding 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 Local Authority Project and Discretionary Funding Policy v3.

OCM2026-59 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Lynn Ward)

That Council adopts the Local Authority Project and Discretionary Funding Policy v3 as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.12
TITLE:	Youth Boards 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 Youth Boards Policy v3.

OCM2026-60 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council adopts the Youth Boards Policy v3 as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.13
TITLE:	Discussion Paper 2026-2027 Regional Plan
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is being asked to consider the Goals, Objectives, Strategies, KPI's and Targets that have been developed for inclusion in the Regional Plan 2026-27. These Goals, etc., incorporate Council's feedback and the invaluable feedback provided by the Local Authorities.

OCM2026-61 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Matthew Palmer)

That Council considers and accepts the Goals, Objectives, Strategies, KPI's and Targets which have been developed for inclusion in the Regional Plan 2026-27.

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.

OCM2026-62 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Dalton McDonald)

That Elected Members raised no items of concern that they wished 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.

OCM2026-63 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)

That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items are about to be discussed.

Minute note: The Open section of the meeting closed at 1.47pm.

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

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

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.

OCM2026-64 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)

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

OCM2026-65 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Confidential Council Meeting held 20 March 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

OCM2026-66 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Abraham Poulson)

That Council approves the write-off of rates in the amount of \$15,629.68 as being irrecoverable.

OCM2026-67 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That Council approves the write-off of rates, charges and accrued interest as at 17 February 2026 in the amount of \$12,051.50 as being irrecoverable.

OCM2026-68 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Abraham Poulson)

That Council:

- a) confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the CEO Review Committee meeting held 16th April 2026;
- b) approves the renewal of the CEO contract for a period of 2 years; and
- c) accepts the quantum of the CEO's remuneration as determined by the Committee with the amount to remain confidential.

OCM2026-69 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That Council does not support the Administration proceeding with an assessment of the viability of changing the payroll cycle.

Minute note: Cr McDonald asked if the Administration could look into the situation regarding the availability of public toilets in the communities to which the Bush Bus travels.

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting – Special Council meeting 29 May 2026 - 10:00am.

21 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2.27pm.

This page and the preceding 11 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting Held on Friday 17 April 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.

12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	Draft Minutes of the Local Authorities
AUTHOR	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council reviews the minutes of each Local Authority Meeting or Provisional Meetings 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 1st April and include:

- Papunya – 1 April
- Haasts Bluff – 9 April
- Amoonguna – 13 April
- Mt Liebig – 15 April
- Docker River – 29 April
- Wallace Rockhole – 6 May

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) **confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority meetings held in Papunya, Haasts Bluff, Amoonguna and Docker River;**
- b) **approves the minutes of the Provisional Local Authority meetings held in Mt Liebig and Wallace Rockhole;**
- c) **accepts the Authorities allocations towards new project proposals as follows:**
 - **\$5,000.00 to Electrical work on the water dispenser for Haasts Bluff**
 - **\$20,000.00 to Solar streetlights and \$3,000.00 to an Air Hockey and Pool table for Amoonguna**
 - **\$15,000.00 to upgrades at the Basketball Court in Mt Liebig**
 - **\$35,000.00 towards upgrades to the Cemetery and \$5,000.00 towards sports uniforms for Docker River.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Elected Members

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 PLA DRAFT MINUTES - 1.4.2026
- 2 HBLA DRAFT MINUTES - 9.4.2026
- 3 AMLA DRAFT MINUTES - 13.4.2026
- 4 MLLA DRAFT MINUTES - 15.4.2026
- 5 DRLA DRAFT MINUTES - 29.4.2026
- 6 WRLA DRAFT MINUTES - 6.5.2026



MINUTES OF THE PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE PAPUNYA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 9.48AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR - *Councillor Graham Poulson*

PLA2026-01PLA2026-02 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Alison Anderson)

That members nominated Graham Poulson as Chair of the Local Authority Meeting.

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Graham Poulson and Member Alison Anderson

Via Teams: Member Sarah Stockman

Councillors

Councillor Lynn Ward

Via Teams: Councillor Dalton McDonald

Council Employees

CEO Belinda Urquhart, Deputy CEO and Director Council Services Keith Hassett, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety Libby Taylor and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

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

Guests



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Provisionally nominated members Garrard Anderson and Ashley Robertson.
 Adelle McCorkindale Project Officer Community Development – 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.

PLA2026-03 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Alison Anderson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Karen McDonald, Member Justine Stockman and President Roxanne Kenny for this meeting; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, from 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).

Appointing a Chairperson every 12 months aligns with good governance practices.

PLA2026-04 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the selection of Graham Poulson as the new Chairperson for a 12-month term;
- b) acknowledged and thanked former Chairperson Karen McDonald for her commitment and hard work on the Authority;
- c) noted that the nominations received from Lynda Lechleitner and Shannon Palmer at the October 2025 Authority meeting have been transferred to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority due to the proximity of their residences to Haasts Bluff;
- d) accepted nominations received from Garrard Anderson and Ashley Robertson to the Local Authority;
- e) noted that a vacancy on the Authority available; and
- f) called for community nominations to remain open.



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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.

PLA2026-05 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Dalton McDonald)

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 Papunya Local Authority Meeting held 9 October 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

PLA2026-06 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Sarah Stockman)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Papunya Local Authority Meeting held 9 October 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Minute Note: While the Local Authority did approve to move forward with the consultation process regarding Community Alcohol Planning at the last meeting, this was the will of only 2 members – one of which is no longer a member. The majority of members are against allowing alcohol in the community. Members believe that this is in the best interests of the community and that this is the consensus of the majority of community members. It was stated that members are concerned about domestic violence issues that may rise with the consumption of alcohol on community. Members reiterated that any further discussion on this topic should be facilitated through Ngurratjuta.

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.

PLA2026-07 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Dalton McDonald)



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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.

PLA2026-08 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

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

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2026-09 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that a representative did not attend the meeting;
- b) advised that Members Sarah Stockman and Alison Anderson attended the Census Workshop at the convention centre in Alice Springs;
- c) expressed the importance of maximising participation in the Census for resources funding for Papunya; and
- d) advised that members of the Papunya Community have already applied for positions with the Census team and that TikTok resources have been created in numerous languages.



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10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
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.

PLA2026-10 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Sarah Stockman)

That the Local Authority noted the update on the FRM Manse and closed this action.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Introduction to the Regional Plan
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Local Authority with the opportunity to contribute to the development of MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) Regional Plan.

It is important that Local Authorities are consulted during the development of the Regional Plan to ensure that the priorities and needs of residents across the region are accurately represented

PLA2026-11 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) reviewed the information presented; and
- b) provided feedback to MacDonnell Regional Council to ensure local needs and community priorities are reflected in the development of the Regional Plan as follows:
 - Requested that Council advocate for more funding for improved aged and palliative care facilities in Papunya and increased funding for housing.
 - Requested cooperation with other stakeholders around creating a bush camp for cultural business.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
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 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.

PLA2026-12 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority:

- a) received the Project Funding Acquittal and Certification as at 30 June 2025;
- b) acknowledged that \$127,712.00 was at risk of being returned to the NTG. However, the CEO has formally advised the Minister that these funds are being held pending a collaborative stakeholder meeting to ensure the funding is applied efficiently and contributes to coordinated improvements in community infrastructure.
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office as follows:
 - Project 2195 ‘Healthy Community Event’ - The Deputy CEO Keith Hassett has had a meeting with Costa and Get Grubby’s team and expects to be notified of the available dates for the event within the next 2 weeks. The event is expected to be run near the end of this year.
 - Project 2505 ‘Yarning Circle’ – The civil team have begun working on installation.
 - Project 2507 ‘Outdoor Chapel’ – waiting for the Lease from CLC for the new cemetery;
- d) notes the current balance of unallocated funds of \$152,422.29 includes the 2025/26 Project funds of \$68,800.00; and
- e) closed Project 2508 – Sunday School, returning \$55,255.05 to unallocated.

Minute Note: Member Alison Anderson notified the Local Authority that, on the 16 April, Papunya is having a Healthy Homes Open Day to promote Healthy Homes and Healthy Eating in the community.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.4
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.

PLA2026-13 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the updates on the current spending of its discretionary funds;
- b) reallocated the unspent funds of \$2,000.00 previously committed to last year’s School Sydney trip to the Aged Care to spend on blankets and heaters for the aged care recipients; and
- c) acknowledged that all funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2026.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2026-14 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Alison Anderson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Council Services report;
- b) raised that there are some leaks in the community and were advised that the ESO has reported these to Power and Water and that Council Services will provide posters and stickers with Power and Water’s emergency water leak number. In addition, the Council is about to trial a Snap Send Save initiative where issues can be reported through an App;
- c) received an update on the ‘Changerooms Major Project’ as follows – that a number of tenders were received for the original build plans that were well over budget. The Councillors were not willing to compromise on the size or location of the building. An alternative modular design has been approved by Council which will come in under budget. The remaining funds could be used to cover the building in a wrap with Papunya team colours;
- d) requested an update on the new scoreboard and were advised that a new laptop was being procured; and
- e) raised that members would like ministers to attend the Council meetings to be advised about the need for increased funding.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Safety and Youth Services report for Papunya; and
- b) requested that Mac Youth take some young people to Barunga for the 60 years of aboriginal land rights celebration for 4 days in June; and
- c) requested that the Community Safety team patrol near the new house builds. This will be followed up as an operational matter.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
TITLE:	Aged 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

PLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Alison Anderson/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Aged Care report for Papunya;
- b) expressed great appreciation to Nguratjuta staff Sarah Stockman, Franklin Anderson, Nathan Brown and Nathan Nelson for their assistance preparing and delivering food to the aged care recipients during the period when staff were unable to travel out to Papunya due to the roads being closed after the recent weather events;
- c) were advised that the CEO is advocating for funding for a better aged care facility in Papunya; and
- d) were advised that Aged Care Team Leader Amr Mahdy from Haasts Bluff will be coming over to support the team in Papunya and this was met with enthusiastic approval.

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2026-17 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Sarah Stockman)

That the Local Authority:

- a) requested that the waste facility be opened during week days for community to drop off household rubbish;
- b) raised that the cemetery was due for a tidy up after the recent rains; and
- c) were asked to encourage community members to apply for work with the civil

team.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
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 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

PLA2026-18 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Sarah Stockman)

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

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 11 JUNE, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 10:44 am.

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MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE HAASTS BLUFF COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 9 APRIL 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.50AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON

HBLA2026-01 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Lynn Ward)

That members nominated Kieran Multa as Chair of this meeting of the Local Authority.

2 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Douglas Multa. After the acceptance of Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawarra as provisional members, quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Douglas Multa and Member Kieran Multa.

Provisional Members Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawara

Councillors

Via Teams: Councillor Lynn Ward

Council Employees

Area Manager Council Services Damien Ryan and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg

Guests

Via Teams: Adele McCorkindale – Department of Local government, Housing and Community Development



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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.

HBLA2026-02 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member’s attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Simon Dixon, Member Liza Multa, Member Tutuma Jack, Councillor Dalton McDonald, President Roxanne Kenny, CEO Belinda Urquhart, and Deputy CEO and Director Council Services Keith Hassett for this meeting; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, from this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Vacancies in 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).

HBLA2026-03 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Lynn Ward)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged the current membership on the Authority;
- b) officially acknowledged Tutuma Jack after his membership was confirmed at the Council meeting on the 31 October 2025;
- c) confirmed that two vacancies were available;
- d) considered nominations from Shannon Palmer, Lynda Lechleitner, Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawarra;
- e) approved the nominations and provisional membership of Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawarra;
- f) noted that Garrard Anderson has resigned as an Elected Member of Council; and
- g) were advised that a by-election for the Luritja Pintabi ward will be held.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2026-04 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

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 Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held 14 October 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

HBLA2026-05 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held 14 October 2025 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.

HBLA2026-06 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

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.

HBLA2026-07 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Kathleen Dixon)

- That the Local Authority members:
- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
 - b) declared no conflicts of interest.

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2026-08 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

- That the Local Authority:
- a) noted that the Census Engagement Team were an apology for today's meeting;
 - b) accepted information provided by MRC about the importance of the census;
 - c) raised that members would like the Census team to ensure that people in sorry camps are counted in the Census; and
 - d) requested posters, notifying community members of the dates that their community will be counted, be distributed to the Council for publication on notice boards.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Introduction to the Regional Plan
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Local Authority with the opportunity to contribute to the development of MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) Regional Plan.

It is important that Local Authorities are consulted during the development of the Regional Plan to ensure that the priorities and needs of residents across the region are accurately represented

HBLA2026-09 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

That the Local Authority:

- a) reviewed the information presented; and
- b) provided feedback to MacDonnell Regional Council to ensure local needs and community priorities are reflected in the development of the Regional Plan as follows:
 - Prioritise maintenance of machinery and equipment and the provision of PPE.
 - Shade and fruit trees and a community garden producing edible fruits and vegetables.
 - Increased cooperation between the Council and the school to get the young people involved in community initiatives so that they can become leaders of the future.
 - Reduce the number of dogs in the community through animal management.
 - Improved traffic management to slow drivers down in community – additional speed bumps.
 - Prioritise the employment of unemployed people over people who already have work.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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

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

HBLA2026-10 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

That the Local Authority

- a) noted the Project Funding Acquittal and Certification [attached] as at 30 June 2025;



- b) were advised that the 2025-26 LAPF of \$20,900.00 has been received and is included in the budget consideration;
- c) acknowledged that \$45,263.08 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- d) noted the progress on their current projects as supplied by the Project Management Office as follows:
 - project 2142 ‘Playground near Basketball Court’ builders have been engaged and will be installing the playground in May. This playground is primarily funded through grant funding, and the Project Management Office is looking into costings for a shade shelter.
 - Project 2145 Community Healthy Event’ the Deputy CEO and Director of council Services is in communication with Costa’s team about setting a date which is expected to be toward the end of this year.
 - Project 2392 ‘Trees Around the Park’ the Council services Coordinator is obtaining new quotes. Bush Bananas, Bush Potatoes and plums are options that are being investigated;
- e) noted that there are \$25,752.75 of unallocated funds;
- f) created a new project ‘additional electrical work for the water dispenser’. This would allow the water dispenser to refrigerate the water. Allocated \$5,000.00 to this project;
- g) added ‘Shade Shelter for Eastern side of the Oval’ to the wishlist. The PMO advised that the current unallocated funds would be insufficient. However, as projects are completed, the returned funds may be enough to make up the shortfall. The PMO will seek quotes to present at a future meeting. Requested that the PMO investigate designs that will provide maximum shade at all times of the day; and
- h) were advised by Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg that speed bumps are not funded by Local Authority Project Funding and that the Project Management Office would investigate options for two new speed bumps in the community. Area Manager Damien Ryan will get photos of the desired location.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2026-11 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted that no purchase orders have been raised for the funds previously allocated;
- b) noted that the Local Authority has \$4,183.64 of available discretionary funds;
- c) noted that the next Local Authority meeting is on the 1 July 2026;
- d) allocated all available funds to purchasing music equipment for the community. This will be stored at the Council office or Rec Hall. Member Keiren Multa will source a quote from local supplier Rock City Music; and
- e) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by the



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11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Council Services LA Report
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2026-12 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Services report as tabled at the meeting.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2026-13 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

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

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2026-14 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

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



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12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Daphne Kantawarra)

That the Local Authority:

- a) raised that Council Services machinery is not being maintained and were advised that this would be addressed as an operational matter; and
- b) were advised of the polling dates for the upcoming Local Government By-election as follows:
 - Haasts Bluff – 15 April – 12:30pm to 2:30pm
 - Papunya – 16 April – 8:15am to 12:15pm
 - Mount Liebig – 16 April – 2:00pm to 4:30pm
 - Kintore – 14 April – 10:00am to 2:30pm
 - Mbunghara – 17 April – 10:15am to 11:15am

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

HBLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Douglas Multa)

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

- a) that the community needs a permanent clinic in Haasts Bluff;
- b) that the community needs mobile phone reception;
- c) this was supported by a discussion about emergency situations in which travel to Papunya for a medical emergency can be hampered by weather and access to reliable vehicles and that this situation is made more perilous when residents are unable to contact emergency services due to a lack of mobile phone reception.

Minute Note: Due to technical difficulties Adele McCorkindale was unable to participate in the discussion of Non-Council business.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 1 JULY, 2026_HBLA2026-17

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15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:26 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.35AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON

AML2026-18 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That members nominated Henry Oliver as acting Chair of the Local Authority Meeting.

2 WELCOME

Henry Oliver welcomed the attendees to the meeting and Quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Lawrence Webb, Member Samantha Stuart and Member Henry Oliver.

Councillors

Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Veronica Lynch and Councillor Matthew Palmer

Council Employees

Deputy CEO and Director Council Services Keith Hassett

Manager Commercial services Mark O'Bryan

Council Services Coordinator Amoonguna Roselene Rankin

Governance Coordinator Shae Millar

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg

Guests



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Shane Freney – Bill Yan’s Office

Adele McCorkindale and Donna Lemon – Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development - NTG

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.

AMLA2026-19 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member’s attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Sharon Alice, Member Rhekita Stuart, CEO Belinda Urquhart and President Roxanne Kenny for this meeting; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, 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 Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

AMLA2026-20 RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

- a) elected to wait for more members to be in attendance before choosing a chairperson for the next 12 months;
- b) noted that there are two vacancies on the Local Authority after Paul Williams’s membership was revoked due to 2 consecutive absences without notice; and
- c) called for community nominations to remain open to fill the vacancies.

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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AMLA2026-21 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Lawrence Webb)

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 Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 22 January 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

AMLA2026-22 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Samantha Stuart)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 22 January 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.

AMLA2026-23 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Patrick Allen)

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.

AMLA2026-24 RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

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

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2026-25 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that the Census Engagement Team did not attend today’s meeting;
- b) discussed the importance of the Census count for future funding for programs within the community; and
- c) were advised to attend the Tangentyere office for assistance applying for work with the Census team.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Introduction to the Regional Plan
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Local Authority with the opportunity to contribute to the development of MacDonnell Regional Council’s (MRC) Regional Plan.

It is important that Local Authorities are consulted during the development of the Regional Plan to ensure that the priorities and needs of residents across the region are accurately represented

AMLA2026-26 RESOLVED (Samantha Stuart/Lawrence Webb)

That the Local Authority:

- a) recalled the information presented at the last meeting; and
- b) had no additional feedback for MacDonnell Regional Council on the development of the Regional Plan.



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ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
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.

AMLA2026-27 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lawrence Webb)

That the Local Authority notes the progress on the action items as follows:

a) Electricity Top Up Options

- That Council Services has been in communication with Power and Water and the third party provider.
- It is expected that this item will be resolved prior to the next meeting.
- The community will be informed through posters on the notice board and an update will be provided at the next meeting; and

b) Youth Services Ideas

- After Executive Manager Libby Taylor reached out to Drive Safe, she was informed that Drive Safe do not operate in Amoonguna as it is not considered a remote community.
- Youth services will investigate including music lessons in the school holiday program.
- Libby Taylor is still trying to contact Star.
- NTG representatives advised that community members should raise that they would like driver education with Tangentyere and that MRC Youth Services could approach MVR directly about requesting that Drive Safe provide the training as the Drive Safe program operates under MVR.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
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.



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

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

AML2026-28 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lawrence Webb)

That the Local Authority:

- noted the Project funding acquittal and certification (attached) as at 30 June 2025;
- acknowledged that \$18,593.75 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- accepted the unallocated funds of \$68,893.75 includes the 2025/26 funding grant of \$33,800.00;
- noted the progress on their current project 2102 ‘New Playground’ that the PMO thanked the civil team for their work dismantling the old playground furniture and that the contractors are expected to begin installation of the new furniture within the next 2 weeks;
- created a new project ‘Solar Street Lights’ and allocated \$20,000.00 to buying as many lights as possible within this budget; and
- created a new project from the wish-list and action item ‘Pool Table for the Rec Hall’ and allocated \$3,000.00 to the purchase of a 7 foot pool table/air hockey table and a 7 foot pool table; and
- requested quotes for the wishlist items ‘Shade Structure at the Sorry Camp’ and ‘Water Trailer for the Sorry Camp’ with the additional specification that the water trailer is for the purpose of providing drinking water.

Minute Note: Keith Hassett is in contact with CLC regarding funding for lights for the football oval and will provide an update when information is available.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.4
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.

AML2026-29 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Samantha Stuart)

That the Local Authority:

- noted that the cleaning and gardening equipment has arrived and will be delivered to the houses in the next week;
- allocated the remaining funds of \$198.35 to Youth Services for a Youth activity; and
- acknowledged that funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2026.



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11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Council Services Amoonguna LA Report
AUTHOR:	Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AML2026-30 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attached report; and
- b) were advised that the Civil team are waiting on uniforms and that Council Services are in the process of hiring an additional customer service officer and 2 new civil team members.
- c) were advised that Council Services and the Youth team are working with CLC to prepare the Rec Hall for the CLC BBQ; and
- d) requested that the Council Services Coordinator contact CLC to request that they organise portable toilets for the BBQ as the Rec Hall toilets will be insufficient for the event.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AML2026-31 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted Community Safety and Youth Services report; and
- b) were informed by Samantha Stuart about a trip for female youth from Amoonguna to Harts Range to attend the Dream Academy where the young women played football and interacted with WAFL players.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
TITLE:	Aged Care Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AML2026-32 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)



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

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AML2026-33 RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Patrick Allen)

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

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
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.

AML2026-34 RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that previous matters ‘Fences and Gates’ and ‘Low Water Pressure’ have been referred to the Repairs and Maintenance team and the NTG representatives will provide an update at the next meeting;
- b) requested that Tangentyere be invited to the next Local Authority Meeting to discuss activities that community members would like to have run within the community including the driver’s education program discussed earlier in the meeting;
- c) members raised that many members of the community have recently received large bills from Power and water. This resulted from an emergency program enacted during the recent floods which allowed people to continue to use power after the power recharges had run out. This was done because the floods may have caused residents to be unable to travel to Alice Springs to pay for recharges for their power meters. These bills must be paid before residents can buy credit to turn their power back on. Members felt that people in the community were unprepared for these bills due to a lack of communication. Members requested that Power and Water be contacted to investigate if they can provide any support on this issue;
- d) Shane Freney from the office of Bill Yan advised that there is funding for emergency relief and that this funding could be used to resolve the issue of

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- the large power bills. He stated that this could be accessed by community members providing a proposal to Bill Yan's office and that this would be done as a community;
- e) Shane Freney proposed opening a bakery in the old store. It would include aboriginal employment, training and ownership. He advised that NT bakery has offered to help out with the training and that Marion Scrymgour will help out with the funding. He requested that members think about this and get back to him. After which, Shane would write up a proposal and present at the next meeting; and
 - f) Shane Freney advised that Bill Yan is chasing up with CLC about funding for the football lights at the oval.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 9 JULY, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:00 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.58AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON

MLLA2026-01 RESOLVED (Lynn Ward/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and nominated Tristan Robertson as Acting Chair of the Local Authority Meeting.

2 WELCOME

Acting Chair Tristan Robertson welcomed the attendees to the meeting and the meeting was declared provisional.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Tristan Robertson.

Councillors

Via Teams: Councillor Dalton McDonald and Councillor Lynn Ward

Council Employees

Executive Manager Children’s and Aged Care Services Ainsley Roscrow, Acting Area Manager Council Services Rhiannon Collie, Council Services Coordinator Bradley Horn, Governance Coordinator Shae Millar

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg

Guests

Via Teams:



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

Katharine O'Donoghue – Member for Gwoja's Office [Left the meeting at 11:20am]

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.

MLLA2026-02 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

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

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Audrey Turner, Member Carol Peterson Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Roderick Kantamara, Member Dyson Wheeler, Member Rosalind Dixon, President Roxanne Kenny and CEO Belinda Urquhart for this meeting; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, 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).

MLLA2026-03 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)

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

- a) were reminded of the by-election required to fill the existing vacancy on the Council for a member from the Luritja Pintubi Ward and that polling will be held in Mt Liebig on Thursday 16 April from 2:00pm to 4:30pm;
- 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.



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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.

MLLA2026-04 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and 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 8 December 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

MLLA2026-05 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting held 8 December 2025 will be tabled for confirmation at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

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.

MLLA2026-06 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and confirmed that the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, were received for consideration at this meeting.

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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.

MLLA2026-07 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)

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

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

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-08 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

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

- a) noted that the Census Engagement Team did not attend this meeting; and
- b) discussed the importance of maximum participation in the Census for funding for programs that benefit the community; and
- c) were advised that Census jobs could be applied for through Ngurratjuta.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
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

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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.

MLLA2026-09 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

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

- a) noted the Project Funding Acquittal and Certification [attached] as at 30 June 2025;
- b) acknowledged that \$16,216.96 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the project management office as follows:
 - Project 2186 'Solar Lights for the Cemetery' – The footings have been installed. The installation is on hold until more Civil Team staff are available.
 - Project 2189 'Area of Cultural Significance Exclusion Zone Signs' – PMO requested confirmation of how many signs are required. The signs are around \$500 each. The Local Authority advised that at least 4 signs are required. These will be acquired with further consultation expected if further signs are required.
 - Project 2420 'Basketball Court Upgrade – inc Switchboard and 2 New water Bubbler' allocated \$15,000.00 additional funds for water bubbler installation costs.
 - Project 2421 'Purchase and Install one new Beehive' The PMO requested clarification about purchasing bee handling equipment along with the beehive and the Local Authority decided to discuss this at the next meeting;
- d) were advised that the 2025-26 LAPF Funding of \$33,100.00 has been received and is reflected in the budget consideration;
- e) were advised that the purchase and installation of the wish-list item 'Solar BBQ' would be between \$45,000.00 - \$50,000.00; and
- f) requested an update from the Project Management Office about the status of the frame for the plaque for Kumantjai Jackson that will allow it to be attached to the wall.

Minute Note: Katharine O'Donoghue left the meeting at 11:20 .



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ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
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.

MLLA2026-10 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)

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

- a) accepted that \$1,593.02 was spent on the barbeque for the memorial for Kumantjai Jackson and the opening of the new basketball court;
- b) noted that \$2,000 was allocated for Christmas and New Years Eve events with no purchase orders raised;
- c) acknowledged that \$1,740.33 was spent on the Easter celebration;
- d) noted that this is the final meeting for the current financial year;
- e) decided to allocate the remaining funds of \$2,684.77 using a Local Authority Discretionary Funds Allocation Letter so that other members could be consulted; and
- f) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2026.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-11 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

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

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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

MLLA2026-12 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)

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

- a) noted and accepted the Community Safety and Youth Services report;
- b) requested that the Community Safety team prioritise getting kids home safely at night and ensure that they are patrolling as much as possible during their shifts; and
- c) requested that the youth team address inappropriate behaviours outside the rec-hall. These will be followed up as operational matters.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-13 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted and accepted the Children's Services Report.

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-14 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Lynn Ward)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and did not raise any matters of general Council business.



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13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

MLLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Tristan Robertson/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Mount Liebig Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and raised the following matters of Non-Council business:

- a) that Tristan Robertson has 2 broken doors on the outside of his house and that he has reported this through the 1800 number numerous times with no result. Adele McCorkindale advised that Housing has a new system in place where a reference number can be requested when reporting issues. This will assist in tracking the progress of maintenance issues. Adele also advised that the HRG Meeting would be in Mount Liebig on the 16 April and advised that Tristan raise this matter with the representatives from Housing.
- b) were advised that pest control will be rolled out in all communities with dates to be advised;
- c) the CSC raised that community members are being supplied power over and above what they have pre-paid for and that they are then accumulating large power bills;
- d) Adele advised that at the Amooinguna Local Authority Meeting members were advised that they could contact Bill Yan’s office for assistance. [Governance will seek clarification from Adele about whether the Member for Namitjira Bill Yan is the appropriate contact rather than the member for Gwoja]; and
- e) Member Tristan Robertson advised that he had contacted Power and Water directly and was able to make an agreeable arrangement directly with them.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 15 JULY, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:07 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.16AM

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Chairperson Priscilla Abbott, Member Ruby James, Member Winsome Newberry and Member Brett Stockman

Via Teams – Member Rosina Kunia

Councillors

Via Teams - Councillor Abraham Poulson

Council Employees

Keith Hassett – Director Council Services, Victor Morgan – Area Manager, Stephen Trindle – Council Services Coordinator and June Crabb – Governance Coordinator

Guests

Katharine O'Donohue – Representative - Member for Gwoja

Apologies

Councillor Peter Wilson and President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees

Nil

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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DRLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Priscilla Abbott)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member’s attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Councillor Peter Wilson and President Roxanne Kenny, for this meeting; and
- c) recorded no Member absent, 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).

At the meeting held 4 February 2026, members of the Docker River Local Authority appointed Priscilla Abbott as Chairperson, effective until February 2027.

DRLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Priscilla Abbott)

That the Local Authority;

- a) noted an additional vacancy created following the revocation of Selinda De Rose’s membership due to absence from two consecutive meetings;
- b) acknowledged the two vacancies and called for community nominations to open to fill these positions; and
- c) reminded members that failure to provide notice of absence may result in their membership being at risk.

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.

DRLA2026-17 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)

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 Docker River Local Authority Meeting held 4 February 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

DRLA2026-18 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Brett Stockmen)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Docker River Local Authority Meeting held 4 February 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.

DRLA2026-19 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

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.

DRLA2026-20 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Ruby James)

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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9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **notes and accepts the information provided by the Census Engagement Team; and**
- b) **provides advice on ways to improve participation within the community.**

Minute Note: The Representatives from the Census Team did not attend this meeting.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
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 LAMP 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.



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DRLA2026-21 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Brett Stockmen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) received the 2024/25 Project Funding acquittal and Certification;
- b) noted that the unallocated funds of \$48,141.20 includes the 2025/26 LAPP allocation of \$ 44,800.00
- c) acknowledged that \$47,522.67 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- d) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management office and kept open:
 - 2122 – New Park Location until the invoice from DSB Construction is received'
 - 2125 – Bases for Solar lights noting that the bases are yet to be ordered;
 - 2128 – New Playground, noted the advice from the Director Council Services and with the following decisions made:
 - not to proceed with the development of a new playground near the former Aged Care site, as the timeframe associated with securing a lease and engaging contractors would be lengthy, and the overall costs prohibitive.
 - to retain the current playground location and equipment at Lasseter’s Park, noting that flooding within the park occurs infrequently.
 - In the event of flooding, the Civil Team will be responsible for closing the park, excavating trenches to divert the water, or pumping out the excess water as required.
 - to rename this project ‘Maintenance and flood management to Lasseter Park’
 - requested that the PMO Office liaise with the CSC to procure a suitable pump capable of managing the debris and water associated with the park flooding.
 - Upgrades to the Cemetery – allocating \$35,000.00, with a request that the Project Management Office procure plinths, noting that the plinths may be engraved, and plaques can be affixed at a later date when needed by the community.
- e) closed completed Project 2124 – Bin Trailer, returning \$3,519.80 to unallocated.
- f) created a new project – Sports uniforms, allocating \$5,000.00 to procuring 22 x AFL guernseys, socks and shorts and 18 x Women’s Softball jerseys, noting that the PMO Office will oversee this project.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
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.

DRLA2026-22 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Brett Stockmen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending towards the Community Easter Celebration;
- b) noted the amendment to revise the uniform allocation from \$887.74 to \$1,144.90, with the adjusted amount to be returned for reallocation;
- c) resolved that the remaining balance be applied towards a Purchase Order to the Store to top up the smart power cards in equal amounts for each community house that is occupied.
- d) was reminded that unspent funds will be forfeited if not used by 30 June 2026.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DRLA2026-23 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Priscilla Abbott)

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

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DRLA2026-24 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Brett Stockmen)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Safety report

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DRLA2026-25 RESOLVED (Brett Stockmen/Winsome Newberry)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters for discussion

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
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 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

DRLA2026-26 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the updates on previous matters to keep open:
 - Housing Maintenance noting that a Representative was intending to visit community to assess the houses and capture unreported issues. Members also requested that Housing organise a 'pop up shop' allowing residents to speak with a Representative in person.
- b) Closed actions:
 - Housing construction was discussed, with members noting that a consultation process had been undertaken and that affected tenants had reviewed, signed, and agreed to the current design and the materials proposed for the construction of new community housing.
 - Lot 139 – Ruby James, noting that no further issues were raised by Member James during the meeting.
- c) raised and discussed the following matter for NTG to follow up on.
 - Damaged and Lost Smart Power Cards – How does residents apply for a replacement card when lost or damaged.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 22 JULY, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:09 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.32AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON

WLA2026-14 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and nominated Terry Abbott as Acting Chair of the Local Authority Meeting.

2 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Terry Abbott and the meeting was declared provisional.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Terry Abbott

Councillors

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

Council Employees

Council Services Director and Deputy CEO Keith Hassett, Area Manager Stuart Millar, Council Services Coordinator Ada Williams and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg.

Guests



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Via Teams:

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

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.

WLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Maryanne Malbunka)

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

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Pamela Abbott, Member Howard Abbott and Member Edward Craig for this meeting; and
- c) recorded the Member absences of Collin Craig and Ruth Katarinja 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).

WLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Maryanne Malbunka)

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

- a) noted that Edward Craig's membership was approved at the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 20 March 2026;
- b) revoked the membership of members Colin Craig and Ruth Katarintja as they have verbally notified the Governance team and members that they are unable to attend future Local Authority meetings as they no longer reside in Wallace Rockhole;
- c) noted that there are now 2 vacancies on the Authority;
- d) called for community nominations to open to fill these vacancies; and
- e) acknowledged that 2 consecutive absences without notice will result in a termination of membership.



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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.

WLA2026-17 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and 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 Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held 5 February 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

WLA2026-18 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

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

- a) read over the minutes from the previous Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held 5 February 2026; and**
- b) agreed to confirm these minutes as a true and correct record of the proceedings at the next meeting of the Local Authority.**

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.

WLA2026-19 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted that the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, were received for consideration at this meeting.



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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.

WLA2026-20 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Terry Abbott)

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

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

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

WLA2026-21 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

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

- a) noted that the Census Engagement Team did not attend the meeting;
- b) discussed the importance of maximum participation in the census for funding for programs in the community;
- c) were advised that census information is private and is not shared with other organisations or government departments;
- d) discussed the positive outcomes that could be facilitated when local people are hired to work with the census team, highlighting that local people can explain the census to people in language and have local knowledge about hazards [dogs] and where people can be found; and
- e) were advised that anyone wishing to join the census team can apply with the assistance of Tjuwanpa.



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10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

WLA2026-22 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and accepted the update on the action item 'Rec Hall Lease' and kept this item open for a further update once the consultation process has been completed.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
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.

WLA2026-23 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

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

- accepted the 2024/25 LAPF Funding Acquittal and Certification;
- acknowledged that \$12,034.77 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;



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- c) noted the unallocated funds currently available includes the 2025/26 allocation of \$15,600.00;
- d) accepts the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office as follows:
 - Project 2221 ‘Plumbing Repairs’ - The plumbers are yet to provide a final quote for the works that need to be done to the toilets. This quote is expected to be expensive. The PMO will work with the Housing Facilities team to investigate prioritising and paying for these repairs.
 - Project 2222 ‘Moveable Bench Seating’ – the benches have arrived in Alice Springs and the PMO will work with Council Services to have them delivered and installed in Wallace Rockhole;
 - Project 2223 ‘Upgrade to Gordon Ida Park’ Hardy fencing have constructed the fence. However, some parts of the fence require more work. Hardy fencing will be coming out to complete this work.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
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.

WLA2026-24 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Roxanne Kenny)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted the spending of their 2025/26 Discretionary funding.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

WLA2026-25 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Maryanne Malbunka)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted and accept the attached report.



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12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

WLA2026-26 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and discussed the following:

- a) that the entrance road has been graded and members were satisfied with the result;
- b) that the new line trimmer should be delivered to the Civil Team soon; and
- c) that there are a number of potholes in the community and that the Area Manager will organise some ready-mix for the Civil Team to resolve this issue as part of normal operations.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

WLA2026-27 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Terry Abbott)

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

- a) notes the updates on the previous matters as follows:
 - That the decommissioned bore belongs to the community and members should consult with CLC regarding funding to reactivate the bore and closed this matter.
 - Kept open ‘Housing maintenance / Lease Agreement’ with the understanding that this matter has been raised with the Darwin office.
 - Kept open ‘Parking in the Disused Power and Water Compound’ noting that Adele McCorkindale is making enquiries.
 - Kept open ‘Reopen Store’ noting that a response is yet to be received from NTG; and
- b) did not raise any new matters of Non-Council business.

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14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 30 JULY, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:07 am.

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12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

ITEM NUMBER 12.2
TITLE Local Authority Resignations and Terminations
AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

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 as the Members had verbally advised the Governance Team and Local Authority Members that they are no longer living in community and are unable to attend future meetings:

- **Colin Craig and Ruth Katakarinja from the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.**

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 for this report.

12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

ITEM NUMBER	12.3
TITLE	Local Authority Nominations
AUTHOR	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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:

- a) notes that the nominations received from Lynda Lechleitner and Shannon Palmer were not accepted by the Haasts Bluff Local Authority;
- b) considers the nominations received and appoints Kathleen Dixon and Daphne Kantawarra to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority; and
- c) considers the nomination received and appoints Lisa Sharman to the Titjikala 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 HBLA Nomination Forms S Palmer and L Lechleitner
- 2 HBLA Nominations Forms K Dixon and D Kantawarra
- 3 TLA Nomination Form L Sharman

Local Authority Nomination Form MC02-F1

NOMINATION

I, Kathleen Nungarrayi Dixon wish to nominate as a
(Name of nominee)

member of the Local Authority for the community of Hassts Bluff
(Name of community)

Kathleen Dixon
(Signature of nominee)

9 / 4 / 20 26
Date

ENDORSEMENT

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

nominee to this Local Authority.

[Signature]
(Signature of Local Authority member)

9 / 4 / 20 26
Date

RETURNING OFFICER

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

[Signature]
(Signature of Returning Officer)

9 / APRIL / 20 26
Date

Daniel Kraw



Local Authority Nomination Form MC02-F1

NOMINATION

I, Daphne Kantawarra nominate as a
(Name of nominee)

member of the Local Authority for the community of Haasts Bluff
(Name of community)

Daphne Kantawarra 9.4.2026
(Signature of nominee) Date

ENDORSEMENT

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

nominee to this Local Authority.

[Signature] 9.4.2026
(Signature of Local Authority member) Date

RETURNING OFFICER

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

[Signature] 9 APRIL 2026
(Signature of Returning Officer) Date

Douglas



Local Authority Nomination Form MC02-F1

NOMINATION

I, LISA SHARMAN wish to nominate as a
(Name of nominee)

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

[Signature]
(Signature of nominee)

04 10 25
Date

ENDORSEMENT

I, Geoffrey Campbell endorse the nomination of this
(Name of endorsing Local Authority member)

nominee to this Local Authority.

Geoffrey Campbell
(Signature of Local Authority member)

4 1 9 20 25
Date

RETURNING OFFICER

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

[Signature]
(Signature of Returning Officer)

4 1 9 20 25
Date



13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE Correspondence Report
AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Council with an update on correspondence received and sent by the Council President and CEO in the period since the April 2026 Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the correspondence received and sent.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Incoming Correspondence

Date Received	From	Subject
7 Mar 2025	Mr Bryan Baker, A/Manager Environmental (Waste) Regulation	Industry Audit Findings – Landfill listed waste storage conditions 33-SF24-397
7 Apr 2026	Hon David Connolly, Administrator of the NT	Returned letter of thanks regarding appointment

Outgoing Correspondence

Date Sent	To	Subject
10 Apr 2026	Mr Bryan Baker, A/Manager Environmental (Waste) Regulation	Regulatory Response - File reference 33-SF24-397

Please note that the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment granted an extension to the date a response was required whilst the Administration collected and collated the information needed to respond appropriately.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer
 Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Industry Audit Findings - Landfill listed waste storage conditions 33-SF24-397
- 2 Returned letter of thanks regarding appointment
- 3 Regulatory Response - File reference 33-SF24-397



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File reference
33-SF24-397

7 March 2025

Dear environmental protection licence holder

Re: Industry audit findings – landfill listed waste storage conditions

The Environmental Regulation Division (the **Division**) supports the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (**NT EPA**) to administer environmental protection licences (**EPLs**) for operating premises for the disposal of waste by burial and the collection and storage of listed wastes under the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998* (**the Act**).

As part of the Division's [2024-2025 Compliance Plan](#) officers undertook a desktop audit of all tyre and used lead-acid batteries (ULAB) management conditions in EPLs to drive alignment across the industry.

Through this review, it was identified that the management conditions for tyres and ULABs were inconsistent across landfill EPLs. In response, the Division will be implementing standardised conditions for all landfills to ensure consistency and alignment with industry best practices. This approach reflects the Division's PACTT principles—Proportionate, Accountable, Consistent, Targeted, and Transparent.

The proposed standard conditions for tyres are:

- The licensee must not exceed any of the tyre stack limits specified in Table X.

Table X: Tyre Stack Limits

Height of stockpile	Less than or equal to 3m
Width of stockpile	Less than or equal to 5m
Length of stockpile	Less than or equal to 10m
Average side slope	45 degrees
Separation distance between stockpiles	Greater than or equal to 10m
Separation distance from end of stockpile	Greater than or equal to 10m

- The licensee must not store tyres within 50 metres of any vegetation that is more than 50 mm high.

- The licensee must ensure that all tyres are shredded into pieces less than 250 millimetres in all dimensions prior to disposal by burial (if licenced for disposal).

The proposed standard conditions for ULAB are:

- The licensee must handle listed waste ULAB (in the form of 'acidic solutions or acids in solid form' and 'lead, lead compounds') in accordance with ADGC P801 Packing instructions and the Australian Battery Recycling Initiative (ABRI) Packaging Standard for ULAB.

Officers will collaborate with licensees to implement the required amendments in line with section 38(2) of the Act. These changes will be carried out in due course, and we appreciate your cooperation during this process.

We are committed to building a constructive relationship with the regulated community and your ongoing feedback and engagement is invaluable to future reporting and planning, as we strive to mature our regulatory practices and improve environmental outcomes for the Northern Territory.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact the team on 08 8924 4218 or via email at environmentalregulation@nt.gov.au by COB 4 April 2025.

Yours sincerely



Bryan Baker

A/Manager Environmental (Waste) Regulation



*Government House
Northern Territory*

Ms Roxanne Kenny
President
MacDonnell Regional Council
PO Box 5267
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0870

Dear Ms Kenny


Thank you for your thoughtful letter and kind congratulations on my appointment as the 24th Administrator of the Northern Territory.

I look forward to visiting your region during my term and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you when you are in Darwin.

I recognise the scale and challenges of delivering essential services across the vast and remote southern regions of the Territory, and I commend the Council's commitment to its communities.

I look forward to working together and to our continued collaboration.

Yours sincerely



His Honour the Honourable David Connolly
Administrator of the Northern Territory

7 April 2026



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Friday, 10 April 2026

Attention: Mr Bryan Baker

A/Manager Environmental (Waste) Regulation

Department of Lands, Planning and Environment

Level 1 Arnhemica House

16 Parap Road Parap, NT 0820

GPO Box 3675

Darwin NT 0801

Dear Mr Baker,

Re: Regulatory Response - File reference 33-SF24-397

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) acknowledges receipt of the inspection correspondence relating to the Hermannsburg landfill following the site inspection conducted on 18 September 2025. Council appreciates the opportunity to provide submissions prior to the Environment Regulation Division finalising its regulatory response.

At the outset, I wish to emphasise that Council's management of the Hermannsburg landfill is driven by a commitment to proactive leadership in environmental stewardship. Indeed, the very presence of your officers at the site is a direct result of Council's initiative. Following a Local Authority meeting on 9 July 2025 (Resolution .046), Council proactively sought the input of the NT EPA to provide advice and assistance in curbing and preventing illegal dumping within the Hermannsburg community. This request was made to ensure our practices not only comply with domestic legislation but align with our internal mission to move toward sustainable, best-practice waste management.

MacDonnell Regional Council has an excellent reputation as a leader in safe environmental practices within the Big Rivers and Central Australia regions. We view our operations through the lens of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, specifically focusing on building sustainable communities and responsible consumption and production.



Hermannsburg is a remote Indigenous community where the landfill serves as an essential community service. Council does not operate this facility for commercial gain, nor do we solicit listed wastes. Our collection of tyres is a risk-reduction measure to mitigate fire hazards and health risks such as mosquito breeding. However, following our internal review and your recent observations, we are taking decisive action to transition from interim risk management to a more robust regulatory framework.

Listed Waste – Tyres

Council acknowledges the regulatory requirement for an environment protection licence for the storage of listed wastes. To ensure we remain at the forefront of environmental safety, Council is implementing the following immediate measures:

- **Strict Access Control:** Council will no longer accept tyres delivered by residents or contractors at the Hermannsburg facility.
- **Targeted Remediation:** Tyre collection will be strictly limited to those abandoned in public spaces where they pose an immediate threat to community safety or environmental health.
- **Infrastructure Realignment:** We will immediately reorganise existing stockpiles to comply with the Division's guidance on height, width, and fire separation distances, ensuring a minimum 50-metre buffer from significant vegetation.
- **Sustainable Integration:** Council will continue to advocate for and explore regional backhaul solutions to ensure a circular economy approach to waste in Central Australia.

Asbestos and Construction Waste

Regarding suspected asbestos-containing material, MRC is acting with total transparency and decisiveness. We have already moved to cease accepting construction and demolition waste from NT Government building upgrades and external contractors at this site. These parties are now required to transport such waste to licensed facilities in Alice Springs. Any suspected legacy material is being isolated and managed as asbestos by qualified personnel until compliant removal can be executed.

MRC is focused on being a regional leader in environmental outcomes. While remoteness and resource constraints are realities of the Northern Territory landscape, they do not diminish our resolve to abide by high standards. We are prioritising



improvements in site organisation, waste segregation, and fire risk management to ensure that our operations reflect our status as a responsible, forward-thinking local government.

We welcome the Division's commitment to working with us. Our goal is a proportionate regulatory pathway that supports our transition toward excellence in remote waste management while validating our good intentions and proactive leadership.

Yours sincerely,



Belinda Urquhart
Chief Executive Officer

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
TITLE	Declaration by Cr Conway
AUTHOR	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the result of the By-Election held in the Luritja Pintubi Ward and the subsequent election of Cr Conway to the vacancy.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) **notes and accepts the notification by NTEC as to the result of the supplementary election held in the Luritja Pintubi Ward;**
- b) **notes the election of Mr Tommy Conway as an elected member of MacDonnell Regional Council; and**
- c) **asks Cr Conway to cite, accept and sign his Declaration Certificate.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Council will recall that Mr Garrard Anderson was elected at the 2025 Local Government elections as a member for the Luritja Pintubi Ward. However, Mr Anderson resigned shortly after his appointment resulting in the need for a by-election to fill the vacancy.

A by-election was held in April 2026 with the result declared on the 8th May. Advice has been received from the NTEC that Mr Tommy Conway was declared duly elected – please refer to the attached.

The Chief Executive Officer is to conduct the official ceremony and asks Mr Conway to:

- Accept his Declaration Certificate
- Make his Declaration as follows:
“I, Tommy Conway, having been elected to the Office of Councillor for MacDonnell Regional Council, declare that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 2019 or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement. I will always conduct myself in accordance with Council’s Code of Conduct and abide by all established policies and procedures.”
- Sign the Declaration Certificate

The Chief Executive Officer shall counter sign the Declaration Certificate.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Not applicable.

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CONSULTATION

President MRC

Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 NTEC DECLARATION OF BY-ELECTION

2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTIONS - APRIL

Declaration of ELECTION RESULTS

In accordance with Local Government (Electoral) Regulations, (Reg 71(a), notification of the results of the 2026 Local Government By-Elections - April are provided with the following candidates elected:

MacDonnell Regional Council

LURITJA PINTUBI WARD
CONWAY, Tommy

West Arnhem Regional Council

KAKADU WARD
BAKER, Dwane

For further information contact the Northern Territory Electoral commission via phone on 1800 698 683 or by emailing ntec@nt.gov.au

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Electoral Commission
EVERY vote counts

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	15.2
TITLE	Finance Report period ending 30 April 2026
AUTHOR	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 30 April 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 30 April 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 April 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 March 2025

Below is a snapshot of MRC's financial results as at 30 April 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 \$44.74m in revenue. This is \$4.68m less than budgeted.

- Commercial/Other Income is \$168k below budget, due to timing of invoicing being raised versus where the income allocated in the budget.

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- Operating Grants and Subsidies \$4.7m less than the YTD budget for this this period. Mainly from FAA Roads, Projects and Early Learning.
- Interest/Investment income is \$97k above budget because we were able to invest more than was anticipated at the time of the budget refresh.
- Fees and Charges have exceeded budget expectations, resulting in a total favourable variance of \$330k above the approved budget.

EXPENDITURE – Most expense areas are under budget, meaning the Council has spent less than expected so far this year. Variances are noted in the following areas:

- Materials and contracts are \$5.88m less than the budget for this reporting period, including commitments. This variance is due to the timing of work, where budget allocations were set for specific months, but the actual scheduling of activities has shifted during the current financial year.
- Employee expenses are \$2.45m under budget due to vacancies and the timing of hiring to positions.
- Other expenses are under budget \$833k. This variance is partly due to several areas where actual costs were lower than originally forecasted. These expenses will be further investigated by the ELT team within their respective areas.

NET OPERATING RESULT – MRC's Net Operating Position is showing a surplus this reporting period of \$5.8m excluding commitments.

FIXED ASSETS ACQUIRED - During this reporting period there was no movement in the asset additions.

CASH ON HAND – MRC has \$4.87m in its operating accounts to pay for its daily operating costs. Term deposits are currently \$19m for this reporting period, \$15m with the National Australia Bank and \$4m with Westpac Bank.

UNEXPENDED GRANTS – The value of unexpended grants for this period is \$8.83 million.

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 \$13.93m, calculated as the difference between total Current Assets (\$25.50m) and total Current Liabilities (\$11.57m). This results in a Current Ratio of 2.2, meaning that for every \$1 of liabilities, Council has 2.2 in assets to cover its obligations.

April 2026 Financial Results - Year-to-date figures in millions

Revenue



Current Year **\$44.74m**

Expenditures




Actual **\$38.86m**
Committed **\$1.61m**

Net Operating Result



\$5.88M

Assets




\$100m

Fixed Assets Acquired




\$0.00K

Cash on Hand




\$23.86m

Unexpended Grants



Current Grant Liability **\$8.83m**

Reserves

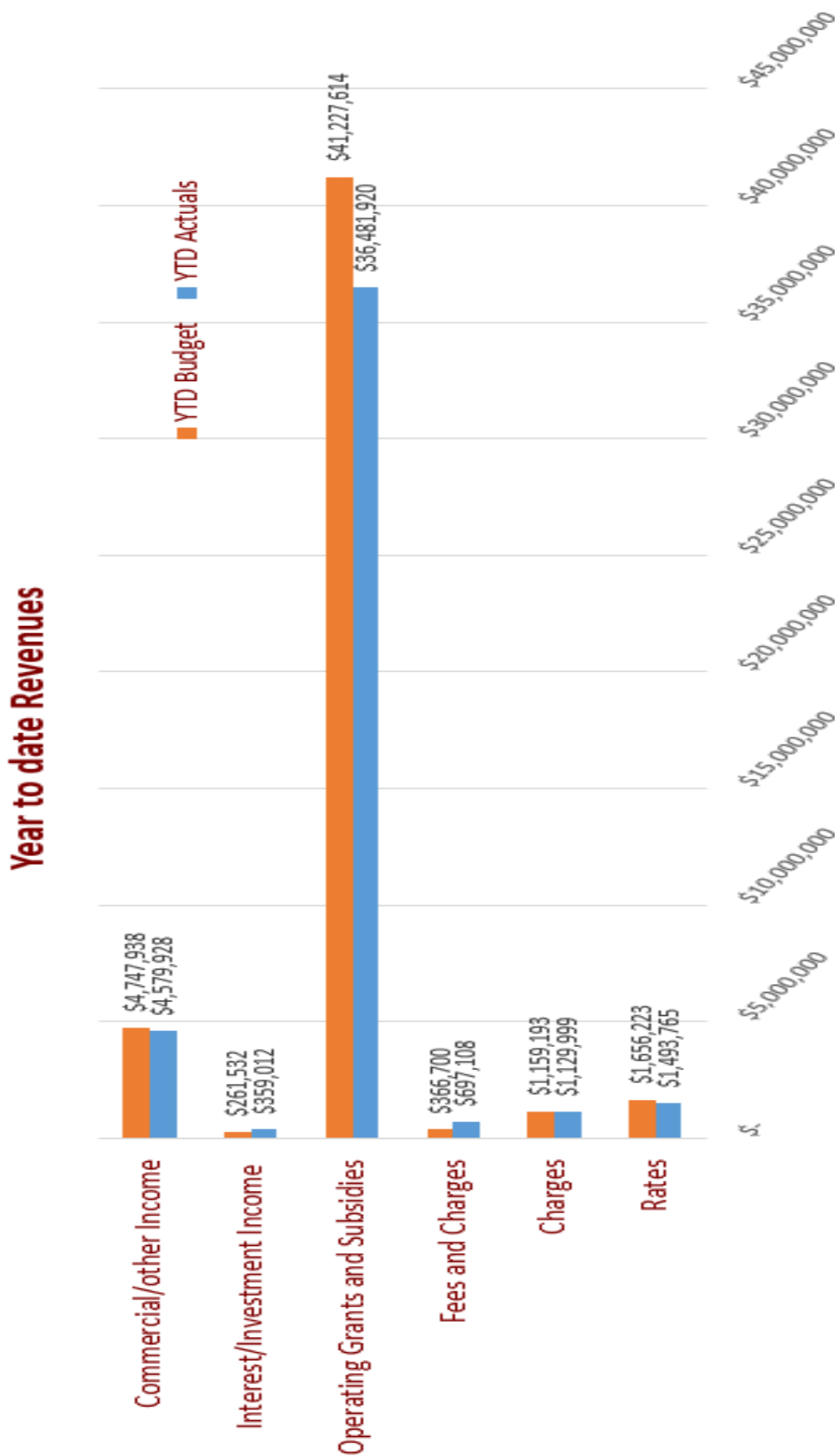


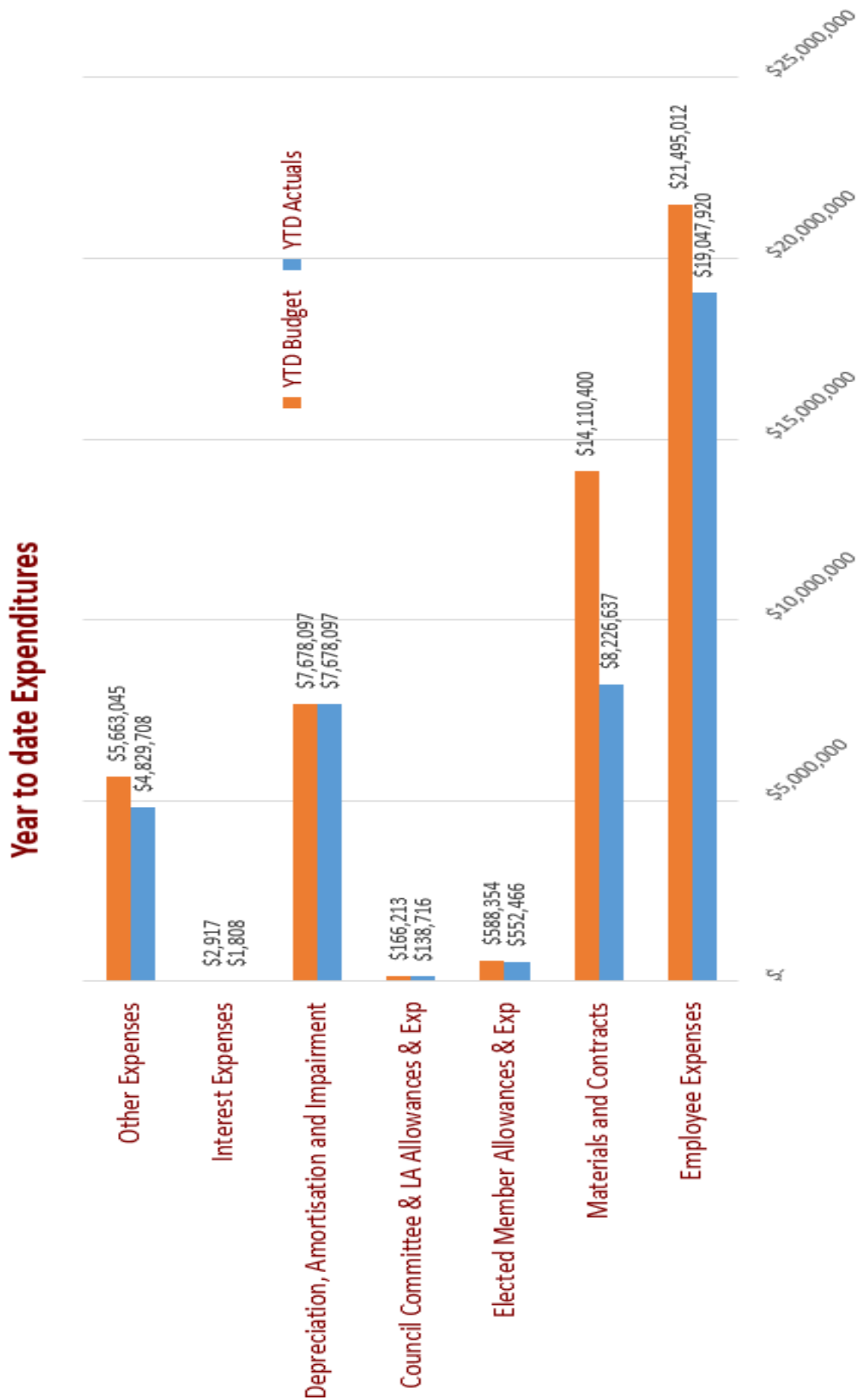
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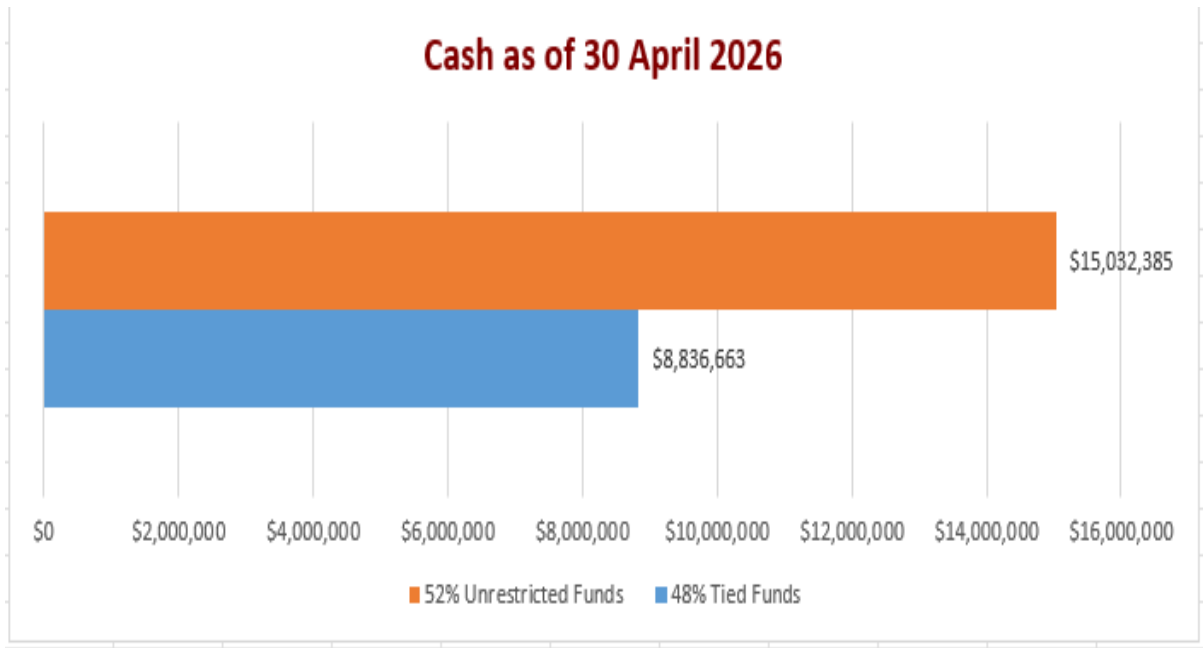
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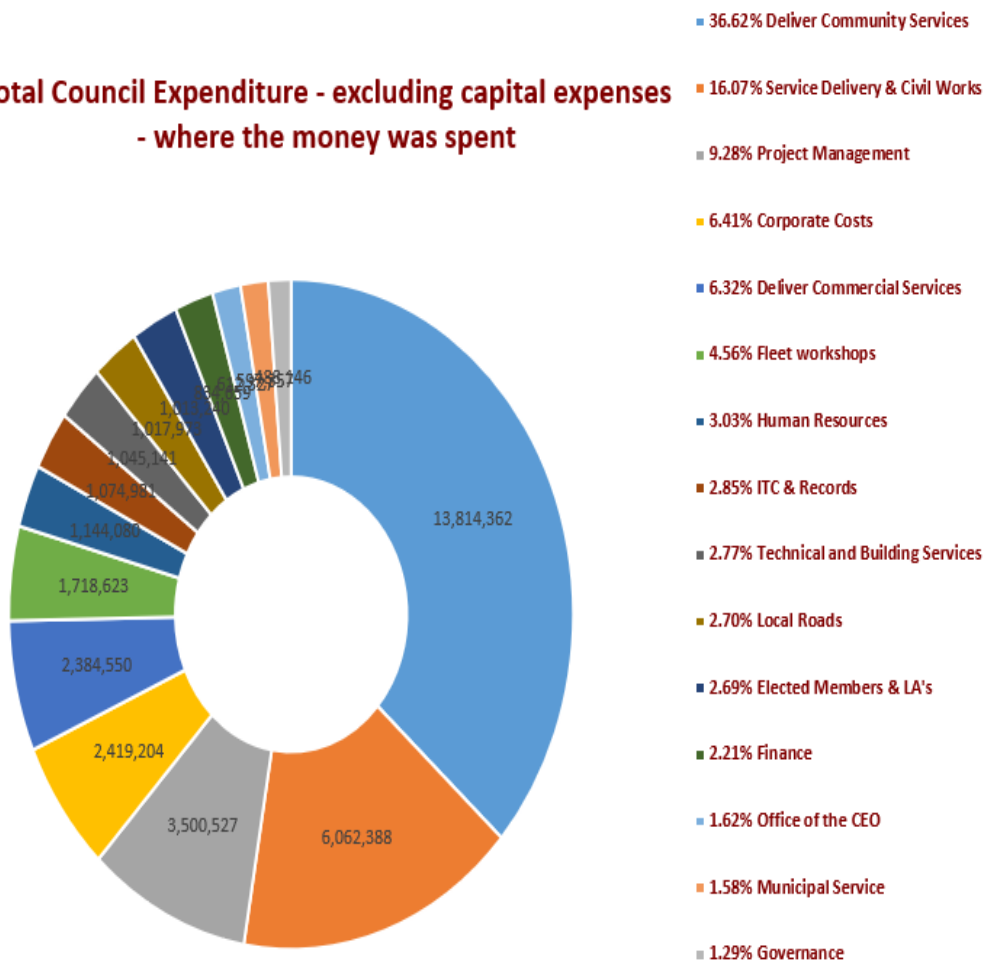
\$15.03m







Total Council Expenditure - excluding capital expenses - where the money was spent



Working Capital / Current Ratio

MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL
For the period ended 30 April 2026

	30 April 2026	
		\$
ASSETS		
Cash at bank	4,869,048	
Term deposit	19,000,000	
Accounts Receivable	1,633,082	
Inventory	0	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>25,502,130</u>	
Less:		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	231,896	
Provisions	2,176,374	
Grant liability	8,836,663	
Other Current Liabilities	<u>324,472</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>11,569,405</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS (Working Capital)	<u><u>13,932,725</u></u>	
CURRENT RATIO		<u><u>2.2</u></u>

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

The Cash Ratio measures Council's ability to pay its short term debts (Current Liabilities) when they fall due. The ratio for April of 2.2 means that Council has \$2.2 in cash (Current Assets) for every \$1 of debt, including unexpended grants.

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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:	30/04/2026

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

20/05/2026

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 AND FUNDING BUDGET
- 3 TABLE 3 MONTHLY BALANCE SHEET REPORT
- 4 NOTE 1 DETAILS OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD
- 5 NOTE 2 STATEMENT OF DEBTS OWED TO COUNCIL
- 6 NOTE 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 30/4/2026

	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Variance %	Approved Annual Budget \$
OPERATING INCOME					
Rates	1,493,765	1,656,223	(162,458)	-10%	1,656,223
Charges	1,129,999	1,159,193	(29,194)	-3%	1,159,193
Fees and Charges	697,108	366,700	330,408	90%	437,263
Operating Grants and Subsidies	36,481,920	41,227,614	(4,745,694)	-12%	44,088,031
Interest/Investment Income	359,012	261,532	97,480	37%	322,174
Commercial/other Income	4,579,928	4,747,938	(168,009)	-4%	5,815,102
Council own fund	0	0	0	0%	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	44,741,732	49,419,200	(4,677,467)		53,477,985
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Employee Expenses	19,047,920	21,495,012	2,447,092	11%	25,209,272
Materials and Contracts	8,226,637	14,110,400	5,883,763	42%	16,495,182
Elected Member Allowances	314,705	339,706	25,001	7%	405,740
Elected Member Expenses	237,761	248,648	10,887	4%	292,761
Council Committee & LA Allowances	85,850	101,829	15,979	16%	117,350
Council Committee & LA Expenses	52,866	64,384	11,518	18%	75,401
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	7,678,097	7,678,097	0	0%	9,205,374
Interest Expenses	1,808	2,917	1,109	38%	3,500
Other Expenses	4,829,708	5,663,045	833,337	15%	10,122,067
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	40,475,351	49,704,037	9,228,686	2	61,926,647
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	4,266,381	(284,838)	4,551,219		(8,448,661)
Capital Grants Income	0	103,098	(103,098)	-100%	103,098
Gain from the sale of assets	0	0	0	0%	0
Council own fund	0	546,079	(546,079)	-100%	546,079
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	4,266,381	364,339	3,902,042		(7,799,484)
Capital Expenses	(910,851)	(1,243,997)	333,146	-27%	(1,405,890)
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0	0	0%	0
Less Non-Cash Income	0	0	0	0%	0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	7,678,097	7,678,097	0	0%	9,205,374
NET OPERATING POSITION	11,033,627	6,798,439	4,235,188		0

MacDonnell Regional Council
Table 2. Capital Expenditure and Funding Budget
For the Period Ending 30/4/2026

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Variance %	Approved Annual Budget \$
Land and Buildings	484,169	475,774	(8,394)	-2%	559,929
Infrastructure (including roads, footpaths, park furniture)	0	0	0	0%	0
Plant and Machinery	426,682	750,222	323,540	43%	827,960
Other Assets (including furniture and office equipment)	0	18,000	18,000	100%	18,000
Other Leased Assets	0	0	0	0%	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	910,851	1,243,997	333,146		1,405,890
<i>* Total must equal Capital Expenses amount in the Income and Expenditure Statement</i>					
Total capital expenditure funded by:					
Capital Grants Income	0	103,098	103,098	100%	103,098
Gain from the sale of assets	0	0	0	0%	0
Council own fund	0	546,079	546,079	100%	546,079
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	0	649,177	649,177		649,177

MacDonnell Regional Council		
Table 3. Monthly Balance Sheet Report		
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30.04.2026	YTD Actuals \$	Note Reference*
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	23,869,048	(1)
Tied Funds		8,836,663
Untied Funds		15,032,385
Accounts Receivable		
Trade Debtors	781,231	(2)
Rates & Charges Debtors	776,597	
Other Current Assets	75,254	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	25,502,130	
Non-Current Financial Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	75,185,317	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	75,185,317	
TOTAL ASSETS	100,687,447	
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	18,865	(3)
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	213,031	(4)
Current Provisions	2,176,374	
Accruals	0	
Other Current Liabilities	324,472	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,732,741	
Non-Current Provisions	275,222	
Other Non-Current Liabilities	0	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	275,222	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,007,963	
NET ASSETS	97,679,484	
EQUITY		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	85,140,382	
Reserves	5,000,000	
Accumulated Surplus	7,539,102	
TOTAL EQUITY	97,679,484	

Note 1. Details of Cash and Investments Held

Cash at Bank/Petty Cash

Account name	Total
Operations Account	499,999
Trust Account	4,357,387
Centrelink	4,203
Northern Territory (NTG)	6,630
Amoonguna Store	0
Petty Cash	829
Total Cash at Bank	4,869,048

Investment Report

Bank	Principal \$	Interest Rate	Term Days	Maturity Date	Percentage
NAB	1,000,000	4.54%	67	29/05/2026	5%
NAB	3,000,000	4.90%	90	21/07/2026	16%
NAB	2,000,000	4.45%	60	19/06/2026	11%
NAB	2,000,000	4.45%	61	9/06/2026	11%
NAB	1,500,000.00	4.04%	46	1/05/2026	8%
NAB	2,000,000.00	4.56%	77	1/06/2026	11%
NAB	2,000,000.00	4.25%	91	4/05/2026	11%
NAB	1,500,000.00	4.45%	63	9/06/2026	8%
Westpac	2,000,000.00	4.59%	89	18/05/2026	11%
Westpac	2,000,000.00	4.79%	181	18/08/2026	11%
	19,000,000.00				

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	0	300	0	0	0
Australian Electoral Commission SUSPENDED	0	900	0	0	781
Australian Private Networks Pty Ltd	0	300	0	0	0
Australian Regional and Remote Community Services	0	0	0	0	150
CASA Services Limited	0	8,475	0	0	0
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Inc	0	150	0	0	0
CKS Electrical	0	600	0	0	0
CoLab Disability Solutions Pty Ltd	0	6,765	0	0	0
Corporate Travel Management	0	5,452	0	300	0
Dept Children & Families	0	2,700	0	0	0
Dept Housing, Local Government & Community Development	0	3,572	0	0	0
Dept of the Attorney General and Justice, NTG	0	286	0	0	0
Emperor Refrigeration Pty Ltd	0	1,800	0	0	0
EVORA CARE Pty Ltd	0	450	0	0	0
GSD Solutions Pty Ltd	0	450	0	0	0
Harvey Developments	0	900	0	0	0
Lutheran Community Care	0	2,916	0	0	0
Medical Equipment Management Pty Ltd	0	900	0	0	0
Murray River North Pty Ltd	0	600	0	0	0
NTG - Dept of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics	0	50,628	0	24,605	24,332
Power and Water - Darwin	0	599,074	0	7,853	1,267
Pure Plumbing Solutions NT Pty Ltd	0	600	0	0	0
Purple House - WDNWPT/Western Desert Dialysis	0	1,215	0	0	0
Reimal Pty Ltd	0	900	300	0	0
Steves Electrix Pty Ltd	0	900	0	0	0
Sundry Debtors 2025-2026	-886	12,868	1,172	0	0
Territory Pest Control	0	0	900	0	0
Tjuwanpa Outstation Resource Centre Inc	0	143	0	0	0
TRI SPARC PTY LTD	0	300	0	0	0
Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi	0	14,840	0	0	0
Wana Ungkuntja Pty Ltd	0	572	0	0	0
Warlpiri Media Aboriginal Corporation	0	900	0	0	0
	-886	720,456	2,372	32,758	26,530

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

Creditors	1 - 30 Days	31 - 60 Days	> 60 Days
Alice Bolt Supplies Normist Pty Ltd	58.51	-	-
AMRRIC Animal Management in Rural & Remote	28,322.31	-	-
Bridgestone Australia	707.96	-	-
Centre Trailer Sales	208.00	-	-
Centrelink	213.76	-	-
Child Support Agency	1,887.75	-	-
Dept Of Housing, Local Government	100.00	-	-
Phone Hut	79.80	-	-
Power and Water Authority	-15,472.37	-	-
Steve's Electrix	828.40	-	-
Supagas Pty Ltd	13.00	-	-
Thinkwater Alice Springs	78.10	-	-
Triple Fire electrical & Contracting Pty Ltd	397.64	-	-
Tyreright	229.00	-	-
United Voice Union Fees	1,213.00	-	-
Total Trade Creditors	18,864.86	-	-

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)	129,145.00	-	-
Super Fund Clearing House	83,885.51	-	-
Total ATO and Payroll obligations	213,030.51	-	-

MacDonnell Regional Council						
Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget						
For the Period Ending 30/04/2026						
	Regional Office			Amoonguna		
	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME						
Rates	1,493,765	1,656,223	(162,458)	0	0	0
Charges	1,129,999	1,159,193	(29,194)	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	27,606	3,051	24,555	3,640	2,500	1,140
Operating Grants and Subsidies	27,530,755	23,588,568	3,942,187	239,558	205,573	33,985
Interest/Investment Income	359,012	261,532	97,480	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	1,088,177	1,392,896	(304,719)	138,651	126,653	11,998
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	31,629,313	28,061,463	3,567,851	381,849	334,726	47,122
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	7,255,809	7,197,608	(11,605,445)	1,011,304	1,057,962	46,658
Materials and Contracts	1,434,154	1,307,816	(7,069,928)	250,349	388,560	138,210
Elected Member Allowances	314,705	339,706	25,001	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	237,761	248,648	10,887	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	49,600	46,946	(2,654)	2,800	3,900	1,100
Council Committee & LA Expenses	1,545	1,546	1	4,581	4,533	(47)
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	7,678,097	7,678,097	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	1,808	2,917	1,109	0	0	0
Other Expenses	3,343,113	3,027,827	(315,286)	73,915	106,689	32,775
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	20,316,591	19,851,110	(18,956,314)	1,342,949	1,561,645	218,696
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	11,312,723	8,210,352	(15,388,463)	(961,101)	(1,226,919)	265,818
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	259,623	(259,623)	0	95,000	(95,000)
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	11,312,723	8,469,975	(15,648,086)	(961,101)	(1,131,919)	170,818
Capital Expenses	(500,040)	(1,006,242)	506,202	(99,259)	(79,167)	(20,093)
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	7,678,097	7,678,097	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	18,490,779	15,141,830	(15,141,884)	(1,060,360)	(1,211,085)	150,726

MacDonnell Regional Council						
Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget						
For the Period Ending 30/04/2026						
	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	45,193	15,833	29,359	205,763	48,221	157,542
Operating Grants and Subsidies	881,273	415,510	465,763	815,293	887,073	(71,780)
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	295,745	324,894	(29,149)	272,910	268,002	4,908
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	1,222,212	756,238	465,974	1,293,966	1,203,296	90,670
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	867,132	1,153,836	286,704	723,562	933,356	209,793
Materials and Contracts	312,362	649,500	337,137	210,292	618,863	408,570
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	3,800	4,083	283	2,700	4,250	1,550
Council Committee & LA Expenses	6,258	5,718	(540)	3,949	4,334	385
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	166,171	230,345	64,174	100,435	259,270	158,835
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,355,723	2,043,482	687,759	1,040,938	1,820,072	779,134
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(133,512)	(1,287,245)	1,153,733	253,027	(616,777)	869,804
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	68,651	(68,651)	0	0	0
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(133,512)	(1,218,594)	1,085,082	253,027	(616,777)	869,804
Capital Expenses	(67,501)	(56,251)	(11,250)	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	(201,013)	(1,274,844)	1,073,832	253,027	(616,777)	869,804

MacDonnell Regional Council						
Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget						
For the Period Ending 30/04/2026						
	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	42,752	25,167	17,585	11,536	15,358	(3,822)
Operating Grants and Subsidies	422,351	1,268,551	(846,200)	642,603	621,703	20,900
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	290,213	266,145	24,068	253,656	217,714	35,942
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	755,315	1,559,863	(804,547)	907,796	854,775	53,020
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	979,420	1,082,557	103,138	865,886	1,057,538	191,653
Materials and Contracts	243,314	1,193,967	950,653	324,526	537,783	213,257
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	3,300	6,900	3,600	1,400	2,000	600
Council Committee & LA Expenses	4,676	4,233	(443)	323	3,986	3,663
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	89,832	122,516	32,684	90,271	147,112	56,841
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,320,542	2,410,174	1,089,632	1,282,406	1,748,420	466,014
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(565,227)	(850,311)	285,085	(374,610)	(893,644)	519,034
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)	(565,227)	(850,311)	285,085	(374,610)	(893,644)	519,034
Capital Expenses	0	0	0	(67,639)	0	(67,639)
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	(565,227)	(850,311)	285,085	(442,249)	(893,644)	451,395

MacDonnell Regional Council						
Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget						
For the Period Ending 30/04/2026						
	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	23,336	16,250	7,086	59,175	6,208	52,966
Operating Grants and Subsidies	1,829,425	1,780,638	48,786	47,201	39,648	7,553
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	301,134	275,978	25,156	216,098	241,863	(25,764)
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	2,153,895	2,072,866	81,029	322,474	287,719	34,755
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	1,561,996	1,776,719	214,723	397,702	673,297	275,595
Materials and Contracts	1,116,990	1,403,196	286,207	159,098	180,439	21,341
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	4,000	6,350	2,350	2,400	3,300	900
Council Committee & LA Expenses	2,695	4,933	2,239	3,700	4,533	833
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	178,281	336,781	158,500	50,312	74,650	24,338
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,863,960	3,527,979	664,018	613,213	936,220	323,007
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(710,066)	(1,455,113)	745,047	(290,739)	(648,501)	357,762
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)	(710,066)	(1,455,113)	745,047	(290,739)	(648,501)	357,762
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	(710,066)	(1,455,113)	745,047	(290,739)	(648,501)	357,762

MacDonnell Regional Council						
Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget						
For the Period Ending 30/04/2026						
	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	104,987	49,958	55,028	35,842	37,009	(1,166)
Operating Grants and Subsidies	1,104,540	1,068,008	36,532	719,769	1,061,669	(341,900)
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	472,397	319,821	152,576	248,477	240,903	7,574
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	1,681,924	1,437,788	244,136	1,004,089	1,339,581	(335,492)
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	802,914	973,779	170,865	768,691	966,402	197,710
Materials and Contracts	1,173,305	1,296,783	123,479	707,147	769,558	62,411
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	3,400	4,500	1,100	2,100	3,000	900
Council Committee & LA Expenses	4,429	4,233	(195)	3,794	3,794	(0)
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	74,315	158,203	83,888	99,454	133,539	34,085
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,058,362	2,437,499	379,137	1,581,186	1,876,292	295,106
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(376,438)	(999,711)	623,273	(577,098)	(536,711)	(40,387)
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	48,710	(48,710)	0	0	0
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(376,438)	(951,001)	574,563	(577,098)	(536,711)	(40,387)
Capital Expenses	(48,710)	(40,592)	(8,118)	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	(425,148)	(991,593)	566,445	(577,098)	(536,711)	(40,387)

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Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget						
For the Period Ending 30/04/2026						
	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	92,387	110,313	(17,926)	21,420	21,420	(0)
Operating Grants and Subsidies	650,375	4,615,745	(3,965,370)	472,711	4,615,745	(4,143,034)
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	338,303	331,943	6,360	271,136	331,943	(60,807)
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	1,081,065	5,058,000	(3,976,935)	765,267	4,969,108	(4,203,841)
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	1,174,561	1,407,524	232,963	1,213,609	1,407,524	193,915
Materials and Contracts	672,582	4,122,263	3,449,681	310,615	310,615	3,811,648
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	2,750	5,200	2,450	3,300	5,200	1,900
Council Committee & LA Expenses	2,827	4,561	1,734	2,717	4,561	1,845
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	240,163	421,177	181,014	154,944	421,177	266,233
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,092,883	5,960,724	3,867,842	1,685,184	2,149,077	4,275,540
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(1,011,818)	(902,724)	(109,094)	(919,918)	2,820,031	71,699
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	15,377	(15,377)	0	15,377	(15,377)
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(1,011,818)	(887,347)	(124,471)	(919,918)	2,835,408	56,322
Capital Expenses	(15,377)	(12,814)	(2,562)	(50,802)	(12,814)	(37,988)
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	(1,027,195)	(900,162)	(127,033)	(970,719)	2,822,593	18,335

MacDonnell Regional Council						
Table 4. Income and Expense statement Actual v Budget						
For the Period Ending 30/04/2026						
	Titjikala			Wallace Rock		
	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	16,196	12,933	3,262	7,277	2,479	4,798
Operating Grants and Subsidies	1,055,133	1,003,848	51,285	70,934	55,334	15,600
Interest/Investment Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/other Income	259,639	290,287	(30,647)	133,391	118,896	14,494
Council own fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	1,330,968	1,307,069	23,899	211,602	176,710	34,892
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Employee Expenses	1,077,612	1,310,335	232,723	347,722	496,575	148,853
Materials and Contracts	1,253,935	1,253,948	13	57,967	77,109	19,142
Elected Member Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Member Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Committee & LA Allowances	2,000	2,700	700	2,300	3,500	1,200
Council Committee & LA Expenses	6,778	9,184	2,406	4,595	4,233	(361)
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	131,477	190,686	59,210	37,028	33,073	(3,955)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,471,802	2,766,854	295,051	449,611	614,490	164,879
OPERATING SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(1,140,834)	(1,459,785)	318,951	(238,009)	(437,781)	199,771
Capital Grants Income	0	103,098	(103,098)	0	0	0
Gain from the sale of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council own fund	0	43,341	(43,341)	0	0	0
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(1,140,834)	(1,313,346)	172,512	(238,009)	(437,781)	199,771
Capital Expenses	(61,523)	(36,118)	(25,405)	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	(1,202,357)	(1,349,464)	147,106	(238,009)	(437,781)	199,771

Table 5. Member & CEO council credit card transactions for April 2026**1. Roxanne Kenny - President (member)**

Date	Amount	Suppliers Name	Reason for the transactions
27/04/2026	6.00	Westpac Bank	Card fee

2. Belinda Urquhart - CEO

Date	Amount	Suppliers Name	Reason for the transactions
29-Mar-2026	8.02	ABACUS.AI	Monthly Subscription
01-Apr-2026	275.00	MINDIL BEACH CASINO AN THE GARDENS	ANT Young Leadership award
10-Apr-2026	35.49	DARWIN RADIO - TAXI	Taxi NT Young Leadership award
10-Apr-2026	29.40	UBER	Taxi for meeting with NT WorkSafe
10-Apr-2026	29.36	UBER	Taxi for meeting with NT WorkSafe
11-Apr-2026	29.88	UBER	Taxi NT Young Leadership award
13-Apr-2026	35.18	DARWIN RADIO - TAXI	Taxi LGANT
13-Apr-2026	635.00	HILTON GARDEN INN Darwin	Incorrectly Charge Credit Provide
13-Apr-2026	100.00	HILTON GARDEN INN Darwin	Breakfast for Councillors LGANT
13-Apr-2026	-635.00	HILTON GARDEN INN Darwin	Incorrectly Charge Credit Provide
14-Apr-2026	29.56	ABACUS.AI	Monthly Subscription
14-Apr-2026	238.50	HILTON GARDEN INN Darwin	Accommodation Councillor LGANT
15-Apr-2026	14.36	UBER	Taxi LGANT
15-Apr-2026	13.12	UBER	Taxi LGANT
15-Apr-2026	13.11	UBER	Taxi LGANT
15-Apr-2026	255.33	ZLR*Darwin Darwin AU	Dinner ASTC and LGANT
16-Apr-2026	8.00	HILTON GARDEN INN Darwin	LGANT
16-Apr-2026	30.13	UBER	Taxi LGANT
23-Apr-2026	40.95	GO TAXI PTY LTD	Taxi M'ment Challenge
24-Apr-2026	30.47	UBER	Taxi M'ment Challenge
27-Apr-2026	6.00	Westpack Bank	Card Fee

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	15.3
TITLE	Draft Regional Plan 2026-27
AUTHOR	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance & Strategy

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Further to section 35(3) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), Council needs to approve a Draft Regional Plan for the 2026-27 year, prior to the plan being released to the public for comment. After the plan is made publicly available for a period of at least 21 days, Council will need to review any comments, finalise and adopt the 2026-27 Regional Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) reviews and approves the proposed Draft 2026-27 Regional Plan; and**
- b) places the Draft 2026-27 Regional Plan on display for public comment for a period of at least 21 days.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Draft 2026-27 Regional Plan has been prepared in accordance with Section 34(1) of the Act. It incorporates input from discussions held with Council along with the priorities identified by Local Authority members and staff. These discussions resulted in the development of MacDonnell Regional Council's Strategic Plan for 2026-27.

Council's CEO and Executive Leadership Team have undertaken a thorough review of the Strategic Plan in order to develop the Regional Plan for 2026-27. In consultation with Council they have developed the Objectives, Strategies, Key Performance Indicators and Targets aimed at achieving the Goals and Objectives determined by Council.

The Draft 2026–2030 MacDonnell Regional Council Strategic Plan incorporating the 2026-27 Regional Plan includes:

- Council's Strategic Plan including Council's Vision, Mission and Values and its Goals and Objectives.
- The Regional Plan including the Objectives, Strategies, Key Performance Indicators and Targets and how these will be achieved through the delivery of:
 - Core Council Services
 - Infrastructure/Asset Management Services
 - Commercial Services
 - Internal Support and Administration Services
 - Agency Services

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- Also included in the Regional Plan are:
 - The Services MRC provides and their linkage to the Goals
 - List of council and other Services
 - Performance Monitoring and Reporting
 - Services offered by MacDonnell Regional Council by Community

- Council's Financial Plan including:
 - The Long-Term Financial Plan and Budget
 - Budgets for the Local Authority Areas
 - Capital Expenditure Budget and Planned Major Capital Works
 - Draft Rates and Charges for 2026-27

Council is now required to review the draft, approve and release it for public comment, and adopt the final plan which is scheduled for presentation at the June Ordinary Council Meeting. Due to its size the draft plan will be tabled at the meeting for Council's consideration.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Council must review and make any desired changes to the draft at today's meeting to allow sufficient time for the 21-day public consultation period to be completed before the planned adoption at the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

The annual budget is incorporated in the Regional Plan 2026-27.

CONSULTATION

Elected Members
Local Authorities
Executive Leadership Team
Management

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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 June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulations 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, the meeting is to be opened to the public following the consideration of confidential matters. Resolutions will be transferred to the open meeting upon the determination of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council discloses motions from the confidential section of this meeting in the open section of the meeting and opens the meeting to the public.