



AGENDA

FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 16 AUGUST 2018

The Finke Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Community Council Office on Thursday, 16 August 2018 at 10:30AM .

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MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
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 the Finke Local Authority note 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 behaviours they can expect from members.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	4.2
TITLE	Conflict of Interests



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority note the Conflict of Interest Policy and declare any conflicts either now or as they arise.

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.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE - 195409
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Senior Governance Officer

**SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is to consider the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.

BACKGROUND

Local Authority members are to consider the presented unconfirmed minutes carefully before they decide if they are a true record of their last meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Unconfirmed minutes of the Local Authority meeting held 20 June 2018



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE
ON WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE 2018 AT 9.30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11:15am

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Jill Doolan

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members: Jill Doolan (Chairperson), Charmaine Stuart, Michelle Allen

Councillors: Cllr Lynette Ellis, Cllr Phillip Wilyuka, Cllr Susan Doolan

Council Employees: Simon Murphy (Director Technical Services), Gracie Matteucci (Senior Governance Officer), Gareth Lea (Council Service Coordinator)

Others: Enock Menge (Dept. Housing & Community Development)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Greg Sharman, Rosemary Matasia

Absentees: Edward Baker, Julie Anderson

3.3 Resignations - Nil

3.4 NOMINATIONS FOR FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1 RESOLVED (Cllr L Ellis/Michelle Allen)

Richard Doolan was nominated unanimously by all members to join the Local Authority and fill the vacant position. He will be recommended up to Council at their next meeting.

4.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

2 RESOLVED (Jill Doolan/Michelle Allen)

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

4.2 Conflict of Interests

3 RESOLVED (Cllr S Doolan/Jill Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority note and declare any conflict of interests.

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is to consider the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meeting.

4 RESOLVED (Cllr S Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)

That the Local Authority note and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.

5.2 ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

5 RESOLVED (Cllr L Ellis/Jill Doolan)

That the Local Authority note the progress reports and close the action regarding the mural on ablution block as it is complete.

5.3 CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

SUMMARY:

This report provides the Local Authority with an update on correspondence to and from the Local Authority, sent and received between meetings.

6 RESOLVED (Jill Doolan/Cllr L Ellis)

That the Local Authority note the correspondence received and request Council contact Czech TV and ask them to call the office when they intend to visit community (in case of any sorry business).

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is to make decisions about where to allocate their Project Funds. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from Department of Local Government and Community Services.

7 RESOLVED (Cllr S Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)

That the Local Authority decided not to go ahead with the previously allocated \$12,000 towards grandstands for the volleyball court.

The Local Authority instead allocate \$500 toward shower curtains and toilet roll holders for the ablution block.

6.2 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - FINKE

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money must benefit everybody. This money can not be carried over from year to year and it must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

8 RESOLVED (Cllr S Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)

That the Local Authority allocate their remaining discretionary funds (\$2,297.00) towards a family fun day at Finke. This will include purchasing a new volleyball net, balls, trophies and prizes for participants as well as a community BBQ.

7.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

9 RESOLVED (Michelle Allen/Cllr L Ellis)

That the Local Authority note and accept the Community Services report.

7.2 SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report is a summary of achievements relating to Key Council Service Delivery standards and guidelines in Finke and documents any other relevant issues.

The Council Service Coordinator advised he will be checking employees drivers licenses are valid. He will also ensure more speed bumps are installed around community and has 2 more solar lights to put up.

10 RESOLVED (Cllr S Doolan/Cllr L Ellis)

That the Local Authority note and accept the Service Delivery Report.

8.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2018

SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2018 in the Local Authority's community.

11 RESOLVED (Cllr L Ellis/Cllr S Doolan)

That the Local Authority note and accept the expenditure report as at 31 March 2018.

10.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

SUMMARY:

The Department of Housing and Community Development will be in attendance to provide any updates necessary and answer queries from the Local Authority as they arise. The Department will also be presenting on the new Cemeteries Legislation that was adopted this year and requesting Local Authority approve the Department of Health's request to de-sex the male pig living at Finke.

12 RESOLVED (Cllr L Ellis/Cllr S Doolan)

That the Local Authority note and accept any information or updates from the Department of Housing and Community Development and approve the Department of Health's request to de-sex the male pig living at Finke.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 16 AUGUST, 2018

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 1:00pm.

This page and the preceding 2 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 20 June 2018 and are UNCONFIRMED.

This is page 3 of 3 of the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 20 June 2018

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 5.2
TITLE Action Register
REFERENCE - 195419
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received.

BACKGROUND

This report gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented.

Action Item 1 – Contact Czech TV (raised on 20/06/2018)**Summary of action item:**

The Local Authority request Council contact Czech TV and ask them to call the office when they intend to visit community (in case of any sorry business).

Update: Complete

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Local Authority Project Report
REFERENCE - 195432
AUTHOR Graham Murnik, Director Service Centre Delivery

**SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is to make decisions about where to allocate their Project Funds. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from Department of Local Government and Community Services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the progress of their Local Authority projects

Project 1: Fence the Volleyball Court
Project scope: Request Service Delivery use Community Infrastructure Funding to complete the installation of the fence around the volleyball court
Approved funds: \$13,000
Meeting approved: 30 November 2017
Update: Complete

Project 1: Ablution Block
Project scope: Shower curtains, toilet roll holders and painting the inside
Approved funds: \$500
Meeting approved: 30 November 2017
Update: Area Manager

2018/19 Project Funding: APPROXIMATELY \$27,000

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Local Authority is responsible for consulting with community members to ensure that community priorities are taken into account when allocating project funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Funds from the grant have two years from the date of issue to be acquitted (i.e. 1 July 2016 until 30 June 2018).

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community

ATTACHMENTS:

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

ITEM NUMBER	6.2
TITLE	Discretionary Funds - Finke
REFERENCE	- 195444
AUTHOR	Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Senior Governance Officer

**SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money must benefit everybody. This money can not be carried over from year to year and it must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

RECOMMENDATION

**That the Local Authority discuss what to spend their 2018/19 discretionary money on.
2018/19 Discretionary Funds: \$4,000**

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Local Authority is responsible for consulting with community members to ensure that community priorities are taken into account when allocating discretionary funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Funds from the grant have one year from the date of issue to be acquitted (i.e. 1 July 2016 until 30 June 2017).

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community

ATTACHMENTS:

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

ITEM NUMBER	6.3
TITLE	Community Consultation & Planning
REFERENCE	- 195696
AUTHOR	E. Brown, Manager Governance and Planning

**SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is asked to think about projects (big and small) and other ways to improve the community. Each year NT Government and Council gives each community project money to spend on improvements but Local Authority should also consider what other services could be engaged to improve community life and infrastructure. Council asks Local Authority to think about what they would like to see in their community in the next 5 years.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority discuss community planning and project spending under the following headings.

COMMUNITY	MEETING DATE	PROJECT & PLANNING		COMMENTS
		PROJECT	PRIORITY	

BACKGROUND

The Northern Territory Government makes Local Authority Project funding available to Council, to be spent in a fair way and to benefit the whole community.

The Local Authority members (with direction from community members) decide where this budgeted money will be spent and must follow MRC policy, guidelines and legislation. Good decision making about the use of funds should include prioritising decisions. E.g. which decisions are the most important and which ones can wait until more funds come in.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Local Authority is responsible for consulting with community members to ensure that community priorities are taken into account when allocating project funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Funds from the grant have to be spent in a fair way and to benefit the whole community, and According to MRC policy, guidelines and legislation.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community
The Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Service Delivery Report
REFERENCE	\\5 - GOVERNANCE ADMINISTRATION\03-LA MTGS\FINKE\2018\MEETING 3 - 195408
AUTHOR	Gareth Lea, Council Service Coordinator Acting

**SUMMARY:**

This report is a summary of achievements relating to Key Council Service Delivery standards and guidelines in Finke and documents any other relevant issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority note and accept the Service Delivery Report.

Animal Management

- The vet was at Finke on the 25th June

	IVERMECTIN	TICK SPRAY	VACCINE	M.P.A	CASTRATE	SPEY	EUTH	ALOPECIA	HOT WATER BURNS
Dogs	98	102	13	6	0	7	0	8	2
Cats	17	3	0	3	0	2	2	0	0
Pigs	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Cemetery Management

- The cemetery has been maintained weeds removed and rubbish picked up

Parks and Open Spaces

- There are no new updates
- The parks have been maintained and kept tidy

Sports Grounds

- A fence has been put up around the volleyball court



5. Waste Management

- The civil works team has been collecting rubbish twice a week
- Regular litter pick up on the streets has been taking place
- The recycled fence is starting to be put up in the recycle bays

6. Other Relevant Matters

- Speed humps are being put around the community

ATTACHMENTS:

FINANCE

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2018
REFERENCE	- 195826
AUTHOR	Bhan Pratap, Director Corporate Services

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Liveable Communities
Goal 03: Engaged Communities
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2018 in the Local Authority's community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the expenditure report as at 30 June 2018.

BACKGROUND

The attached Finance Report details the budget, variance, and actual expenditure on Council services in the community.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The attached report details the expenditure for the Local Authority which is part of the full Council's approved budget.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Management Team
Sheree Kane, Co-Ordinator Grants

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Expenditure Report 30 June 2018

(June 2018 Final - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME)

MacDonnell Regional Council - Finke (Aputula)					
Expenditure by Community as at 30th June 18					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
COUNCIL SERVICES					
Service Centre Delivery					
Manage Council Buildings & Facilities	80,427	69,680	(10,747)	69,680	
Other Operational	74,934	69,680	(5,254)	69,680	Upgrade to Council Office
Capital	5,493	0	(5,493)	0	
Maintain Roads	12,322	12,270	(52)	12,270	
Other Operational	12,322	12,270	(52)	12,270	
Manage Council Service Delivery	183,195	179,620	(3,575)	179,620	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	143,054	136,770	(6,284)	136,770	
Other Operational	40,141	42,850	2,709	42,850	
Civil Works	270,540	278,440	7,900	278,440	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	228,999	226,690	(2,309)	226,690	
Other Operational	41,541	51,750	10,209	51,750	
Parks, Ovals and Public Spaces	7,211	4,697	(2,514)	4,697	
Other Operational	7,211	4,697	(2,514)	4,697	
Waste Management	8,131	55,000	46,869	55,000	
Other Operational	4,864	0	(4,864)	0	
Capital	3,267	55,000	51,733	55,000	Charges to be applied for work completed at the Waste Facility
Street & Public Lighting	7,223	8,450	1,227	8,450	
Other Operational	7,223	8,450	1,227	8,450	
Council Engagement					
Local Authorities	39,255	53,780	14,525	53,780	
Other Operational	39,255	49,830	10,575	49,830	Local Authority project funding is yet to be spent
Support and Administration					
Staff Housing	145,032	98,050	(46,982)	98,050	
Other Operational	92,876	55,850	(37,026)	55,850	
Capital	52,155	42,200	(9,955)	42,200	
Manage HR	88	220	132	220	
Other Operational	88	220	132	220	
Training & Development	0	3,770	3,770	3,770	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	3,770	3,770	3,770	
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	753,424	762,002	8,578	762,002	
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Commercial Operations					
Essential Services	105,525	107,250	1,725	107,250	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	84,563	86,300	1,737	86,300	
Other Operational	20,962	20,950	(12)	20,950	
Centrelink	46,564	55,850	9,286	55,850	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	46,564	55,850	9,286	55,850	
Manage Projects	15,175	24,700	9,525	24,700	
Other Operational	15,175	24,700	9,525	24,700	
Airstrip Maintenance	0	880	880	880	
Other Operational	0	880	880	880	
SLGIF Projects	0	18,600	18,600	18,600	
Capital	0	18,600	18,600	18,600	Project yet to commence.
Community Services					
Community Safety	174,197	172,240	(1,957)	172,240	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	159,265	156,880	(2,385)	156,880	
Other Operational	14,932	15,360	428	15,360	
Youth Development	16,189	19,290	3,101	19,290	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	15,684	17,000	1,316	17,000	
Other Operational	505	2,290	1,785	2,290	
Home Care Services	216,422	326,384	109,962	326,384	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	135,381	133,530	(1,851)	133,530	
Other Operational	81,041	192,854	111,813	192,854	

{June 2018 Final - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

Children's Services	295,856	317,170	21,314	317,170
Wages and Other Employee Costs	173,355	181,430	8,075	181,430
Other Operational	122,501	135,740	13,239	135,740
SNP School Nutrition Program	72,411	57,080	(15,331)	57,080
Wages and Other Employee Costs	47,459	30,940	(16,519)	30,940
Other Operational	24,952	26,140	1,188	26,140
Children's Services	9,005	8,500	(505)	8,500
Wages and Other Employee Costs	9,005	7,080	(1,925)	7,080
Other Operational	0	1,420	1,420	1,420
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	951,344	1,107,944	156,600	1,107,944
TOTAL	1,704,768	1,869,946	165,178	1,869,946

The variance is over 10% or \$10,000 due to more money being spent than budget.

The variance is over 10% or \$10,000 due to less money being spent than budget.

Please note the figures above include internal allocations between functions, so that the program expenditure shown is the true cost to Council's budget

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year
Discretionary Funds	3,886	4,000	114	4,000

DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Empowered Communities
REFERENCE	- 193995
AUTHOR	Jacinta Barbour, Governance Officer

**SUMMARY:**

Empowered Communities would like to share with the Local Authority members:

- What Empowered Communities has been up to in the NPY region
- What Anangu from across the NPY region have told them are the big issues, and some ideas on what they want to see done about it
- What they have found out and started to do about these issues
- To discuss the next steps of creating an Anangu led, 5 year development plan for the NPY region

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the information from Empowering Communities.

BACKGROUND

From Empowered Communities: Our Indigenous Empowerment framework is based on the premise that Indigenous Australians have a right to development, which includes our economic, social and cultural development as families, individuals and communities and as Indigenous peoples. It recognizes the primacy of the local nature of peoples and places, and is aimed at the empowerment of the families and individuals connected to those peoples and places. We recommend national and regional institutions only to support an enabling framework for place-based development agendas.

There are two parts to our development goal. They are each of equal importance, and are to be pursued concurrently and constantly tested to determine whether we are most productively using available resources and opportunities.

First, our goal is to close the gap on the social and economic disadvantage of the Indigenous Australians of the Empowered Communities regions.

Second, we aim to enable the cultural recognition and determination of Indigenous Australians of the Empowered Communities regions so that we can preserve, maintain, renew and adapt our cultural and linguistic heritage and transmit our heritage to future generations.

ATTACHMENTS:

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Other non-Council Business
REFERENCE - 195446
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Housing and Community Development will be in attendance to provide any updates necessary and answer queries from the Local Authority as they arise.

The Department will also be presenting on the new Cemeteries Legislation that was adopted this year.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept any information or updates from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

ATTACHMENTS: