



AGENDA

DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 2023

The Docker River Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Docker River Council Office on Wednesday, 19 July 2023 at 10:30am.

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15 MEETING CLOSED

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

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

That members noted the attendance and accepted the apologies to the meeting.

3.2 ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

That members noted the absentees to the meeting.

3.3 RESIGNATIONS

NIL

3.4 TERMINATIONS

NIL

3.5. NOMINATIONS

ITEM NUMBER	3.5.1
TITLE	Nominations to Docker River Local Authority
REFERENCE	- 334726
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This 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).

Two vacancies exists on the Local Authority as a result of their membership being revoked at the 15 October 2020 meeting and the 12 October 2022 meeting as these members were absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

Additionally, two more members had their membership dismissed at the 13 April 2023 meeting for their absence without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- notes that the dismissal of Priscilla Abbott and Meryvyn De Rose was endorsed by Council at their 30 June 2023 meeting;**
- calls for community nominations to remain open for a further 28 days to fill the four vacancies; and**
- encourages members to seek suitable applicants to nominate.**

BACKGROUND

The charts below show the current membership of the Docker River Local Authority as at 1 July 2023.

Appointed Members	Elected Members
Ruby James - Chair	Cr Marlene Abbott
Winsome Newberry	Cr Abraham Poulson
Rosina Kunia	
VACANT	
VACANT	
VACANT	
VACANT	

The Local Authorities are made up of local members. They have four (4) Local Authority meetings per year and discuss things like council service delivery, project funding, project ideas and progress, finances etc.

Functions of the Local Authority (*Local Government Act 2019* section 78):

- To involve local communities more closely in issues related to local government; and
- To ensure that local communities are given an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government; and

- (c) To allow local communities a voice in the formulation of policies for the locality as well as policies for the area and the region; and
- (d) To take the views of local communities back to the council and act as advocates on their behalf; and
- (e) To contribute to the development of the relevant regional plan; and
- (f) To make recommendations to the council in relation to:
 - (i) The council's budget; and
 - (ii) The part of the council's area within which the local authority performs its functions; and
- (g) To perform other functions assigned to the local authority by the Minister, in accordance with any guidelines that the Minister may make.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure, para.4.14: Nominations and Appointments states:

- a) nominations will be tabled at the next local authority meeting and considered. A recommendation on the nominations to Council will be recorded and presented with the nomination forms at the next Council meeting.
- b) in the case that there is a nomination or nominations submitted but no timely local authority meeting (that is before the next council meeting), nominations will still be presented to the next Council meeting. The Council may appoint based on the submitted nominations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If Local Authorities do not maintain their membership numbers, their ability to make quorum for their meetings is impaired and they may not be able to commit funds to Community projects and events.

CONSULTATION

Docker River Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

4. 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 Docker River 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.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	- 334692
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer



Unconfirmed minutes of the Docker River Local Authority meetings held on the 12 October 2022, 1 Feb 2023 and 13 April 2023 are submitted to the Authority for confirmation that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That members of the Authority adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the Local Authority meetings as a resolution of the Docker River Local authority as follows:

- a) The Ordinary meeting held on the 12 October 2022; and
- b) The Provisional meetings held on the 1 February 2023 and 13 April 2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 2022-10-12 DRLA MINUTES (Draft).pdf
- 2 2023-02-01 DRLA MINUTES (Draft).pdf
- 3 2023-04-13 DRLA Minutes (Draft).pdf



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2022 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was postponed at 11:00AM to reconvene at 11:14AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Ruby James

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Ruby James, Member Mervyn De Rose, Member Priscilla Abbott, Member Rosina Kunia and Member Winsome Newberry

Councillors:

Councillor Abraham Poulson and Councillor Marlene Abbott

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – Director Service Centre Delivery, Keith Hassett – Contracts and Projects Manager, James Walsh – Essential Services Mentor, Stephen Trindle – Coordinator Council Services and June Crabb – Governance Officer

Guests:

Matt Adams-Richardson – Department Chief Minister and Cabinet (attended via zoom)

Katharine O'Donoghue – Gwoja Electorate Office (attended via zoom)

Congress Representatives:

Catherine Satour – Transition Project Officer

Alex Craig – Contracts Manager/In-House Lawyer

Dorethea Randall – Remote Health Board member

Dr Sam Heard – Medical Director

David Busuttil – General Manager Business Services

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Member Rita Okai

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

DRLA2022-018 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Mervyn De Rose)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance and apologies to the meeting; and
- b) noted the absence of Rita Okai from the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

3.4 TERMINATION

DRLA2022-019 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and agreed that the membership of Rita Okai be revoked for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

A vacancy exists on the Local Authority as a result of a membership being revoked at the 15 October 2020 meeting due to a member being absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

DRLA2022-020 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that a second vacancy was created due to a membership being terminated; and
- b) called for community nominations to remain open for a further 21 days to fill the two vacancies.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

DRLA2022-021 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

DRLA2022-022 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Minutes of the Docker River Local Authority of 11 May 2022 be adopted as a resolution of the Docker River Local authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

DRLA2022-023 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

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

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

DRLA2022-024 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That members noted the matter to be discussed in General Council Business

1. Healthy Community Day

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION

That members did not raise any matters to be discussed in General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

DRLA2022-025 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mervyn De Rose)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

DRLA2022-026 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mervyn De Rose)

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

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 CAAC TRANSITION TO THE KALTUKATJARA HEALTH SERVICE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Executive and Transition team formally engage with the Kaltukatjara Local Authority, providing an information update about the transition implementation and allow for questions and community discussion.

DRLA2022-027 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Priscilla Abbott)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the information shared by the CAAC representative; and
- b) requests that Congress organise a meeting with Community to discuss the transition and to answer any questions the community may have.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

There is current balance of \$6,713.55 uncommitted funds available to spend on the community project.

It is noted that Docker River has received their full allocation for the 2021/2022 Project funds grant that has since been allocated to current projects.

DRLA2022-028 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that Docker River had received their full allocation of the 2021/2022 project funds;
- b) approves the closure of Project 2127 – Street Lighting, returning the underspend of \$5,000.00 to unallocated funds.
- c) agreed to close Eastside Playground as an active project, electing instead to move it over to the wishlist and returning the underspend of \$52,500.00 to unallocated funds.
- d) created the following new projects:
 - Fencing around playground and Lasseter Park, committing \$30,000.00 to the project, noting that the CSC will take measurements and source quotes.
 - Solar light to post at entry into Docker River, committing \$5,000.00 to the project and noting that quotes for the light will be sourced by the Coordinator Service Delivery.
- e) noted and accept the progress of their projects and kept open:
 - Project 2121 – BBQ Trailer and trees for Eagle Park, noting that the trailer

had been used at various community events. The members agreed for the CSC to source quotes for the trees.

- Project 2122 – Scoreboard, noting that it was awaiting delivery to community.
- Project 2125 – Shade shelter for parks, requesting that Service Delivery follow up with Technical Services on this project

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000.00 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money to benefit everybody.

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

DRLA2022-029 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)
That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2021/2022 Discretionary Funds;
- b) noted and accepted the release of their discretionary fund for the year 2022/2023; and
- c) chose to allocate their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds of \$4,000.00 at a later date.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update on Council delivered services in Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

DRLA2022-030 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Abraham Poulson)

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

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides and update on Community Services program delivery.

DRLA2022-031 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Abraham Poulson)

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

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31st August 2022 in the Local Authority Community.

DRLA2022-032 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31st August 2022.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised for discussion at item 12.1 - General Business.

DRLA2022-033 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

That the Docker River Local Authority discussed the items raised at Item 6.2.

1. Healthy Community Event

The Local Authority were informed that MRC will be hosting a healthy community event in all 13 of their communities with activities, workshops and talks planned throughout the day. The focus of the event is to promote healthy lifestyle choices that encourages healthy practices and it is recommended that all community participate.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Representatives from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet attends the Local Authority meetings to present any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

The members noted that the DCM&C were unavailable at the last meeting to provide update on the non-council business. The action register will be updated when response are received from the DCMC.

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

DRLA2022-034 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Ruby James)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that no discussion items was raised at Item 6.3; and,
- b) noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Representative and:
 - Closed action – Draft Community use plan; and
 - Kept open action – Options for a Domestic Violence Service. The Representative advised that he will follow up on the service and inform the CSC and MRC's Governance team of a response.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2:27 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 12 October 2022 and are UNCONFIRMED.

UNCONFIRMED



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared as provisional meeting due to Quorum not being met and opened at 10.41AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Members present were welcomed at the meeting.

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Ruby James and Winsome Newberry

Councillors:

Councillor Marlene Abbott

Council Employees:

Jeff MacLeod, CEO MRC, Chris Kendrick, Director Corporate Services, Kathleen Abbott, Area Manager Service Delivery and Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Admin Officer

Guests:

Raymond Walters, DCM&C and Maryanne Walley, Engagement Officer IEPP

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Cr Abraham Poulson

Absentees:

Members Meryvyn De Rose, Rosina Kunia and Priscilla Abbott

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES

DRLA2023-035 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted attendance, apologies and absentees at the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

A vacancy exists on the Local Authority as a result of a membership being revoked at the 15 October 2020 and a second vacancy aroused on 12 October 2022 meeting due to a member being absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

DRLA2023-036 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted that two vacancy are available on the Local Authority; and
- b) called for community nominations to remain open for a further 21 days to fill the vacancy.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

DRLA2023-037 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Docker River Local Authority of 12 October 2022 be adopted as a resolution of the Docker River Local authority.

Minutes note: Provisional meeting cannot confirm the minutes of the meeting held with a full Quorum.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

DRLA2023-038 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

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

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

DRLA2023-039 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted that the members have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- a) School attendance

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

DRLA2023-040 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted that the members have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

DRLA2023-041 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

DRLA2023-042 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is an independent Federal Agency that operates under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the reason for this paper is to provide information on the work they are doing in various remote communities on the Indigenous Electoral Participation Program (IEPP)

DRLA2023-043 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the presentation from the Australia Electoral Commission.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000.00 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money to benefit everybody.

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

DRLA2023-044 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted and accepted the release of their discretionary fund for the year 2022/2023;
- b) noted and discussed the spending of their funds in the community; and
- c) noted and discussed to spend the fund with further consultation for the celebration of opening new lights at the softball and football oval.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Local Authority on the structure and assembly of the Local Authority meeting Agenda to best meet the needs of the community and to ensure that their regional councils' planning, prioritising, funding and delivery of services and infrastructure is being met.

The intention is that LA's should be able to set their own agendas and conduct their own meetings, while recognising the role of Councils in managing administration and building capacity.

Following this report is an attachment of a meeting Agendas' Table of Contents and the subjects highlighted are a prerequisite for an Agenda.

The Local Authority is asked discuss what they would like to see included in a meeting agenda and provide examples of good practices.

DRLA2023-045 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) reviewed and discussed the contents of a meeting agenda in brief;
- b) did not identify any additions or deletions that members would like to make to the current agenda;
- c) noted that the local authority will discuss this at the full quorum meeting.

9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

There is current balance of \$29,213.55 uncommitted funds available to spend on the community project.

It is noted that Docker River has received their full allocation of Project funds that has since been allocated to current projects.

DRLA2023-046 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted and accepted the progress of their projects as follows and kept project open;
 - project 2121, BBQ Trailer and trees for Eagle Park – Area manager is going to source quotes for decent size trees
 - project 2122, Score Board – Score board has been destroyed while transportation and Area manager is following up and will provide update at the next meeting
 - Project 2125, Shade Shelter for Parks – Kept project open and update will be provided at the next meeting
 - Project 2126, Fencing around playground and Lasseter park – Quote will be sourced for this with a similar fence at the child care center
 - Project 2127, Solar Light post at the entry into Docker River – altogether 5 large size lights will be put on and one of them will be installed at the sign to 'Welcome to Docker River' and committed all remaining funds (\$26,718.55) to this project after deduction from project 2122.
- b) committed funds of \$2,495.00 to cover the overspend to Project 2122 – Scoreboard.

9.4 COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

DRLA2023-047 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the Community services report.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update on Council delivered services in Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

DRLA2023-048 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the attached report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2022 in the Local Authority community

DRLA2023-049 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 December 2022.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under item 6.2, members have the opportunity to raise matters of General Business that are discussed at this report.

DRLA2023-050 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation and :

- a) noted that no General Business items is raised at Item 6.2;
- b) discusses and provides feedback on the Development of the 2023/2024 Regional Plan to focus on the following:

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- More involvement of youth & children in the community
 - Increase consultation with NPY around youth services
 - Shade & seating near football oval & eastside of the community and shop and review by CLC
- c) accepted to hold meetings in an outdoor space and requested if BBQ can be arranged for visitors, guests & members;
- d) noted the meetings can be recorded for minute taking purposes; and
- e) discussed how to assist MRC in achieving quorum and ideas as follows:
- Providing poster for LA meeting for the whole of the year
 - Text message to be sent to the LA members prior to the meeting.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Representatives from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet attends the Local Authority meetings to present any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

The members noted that the DCM&C were unavailable at the last meeting to provide update on the non-council business. The action register will be updated when response are received from the DCMC.

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

DRLA2023-051 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3;
 - School attendance, families and children have been away from the communities and it was discussed that they should be back to community and children be sent to school
- b) noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet as follows:
 - Option for domestic violence services - Minister Paech received from Robin as requested by community, Bruce Fyfe mentioned we will follow up again with the Minister for an update response re DV service enquiry.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 13 APRIL, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:53pm.

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MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 13 APRIL 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:46AM as a provisional meeting given that the full Quorum wasn't achieved.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – member present were welcomed to the meeting.

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Ruby James and Member Winsome Newberry

Councillors:

Councillor Abraham Poulson joined via teams app from Alice Springs head office

Council Employees:

Aaron Blacker, Director Technical Services, Kathleen Abbott, Area Manager Service Delivery, Stephen Trindel, CSC and Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer

Guests:

Chanston Paech, Hon Minister for Local Government, Katharine O'Donoghue, Ciaren Dunne and Jesse Tyssen from Office of Chansey Paech

Kenny Lechleitner, Regional Coordinator and Enock Menge, Regional Project Officer, both joined via teams app, DCM&C

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Rosina Kunia

Absentees: Members Meryvyn De Rose, Priscilla Abbott and Councillor Marlene Abbott

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1, 3.1 & 3.2 MEETING OPENING, ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES**DRLA2023-052 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)**

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted that the meeting was held as a provisional meeting given that the Quorum wasn't achieved;
- b) noted attendance to the meeting;
- c) accepted apology received; and
- d) noted absentees to the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations**3.4 TERMINATIONS****DRLA2023-053 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)**

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority meeting by majority vote, made a recommendation to council that the:

- a) membership of members Meryvyn De Rose and Priscilla Abbott be dismissed as a result of their non-attendance and failure to provide apologies from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

3.5 Nominations**3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

A vacancy exists on the Local Authority as a result of a membership being revoked at the 15 October 2020 and a second vacancy aroused on 12 October 2022 meeting due to a member being absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

Additionally, three other members were absent noted in the table below, at the previous meeting held 1 Feb 2023 and their membership may be dismissed if members do not attend (without permission) the meeting held 13 April 2023.

DRLA2023-054 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted that two vacancies were available on the Local Authority prior to the meeting;
- b) noted that the dismissal of two other members at the meeting have created additional two more vacancies, that's a total of four vacancies in the membership; and
- c) called for community nominations to remain open for a further 21 days to fill the vacancies.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

DRLA2023-055 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Docker River Local Authority of 12 October 2022 and 1 Feb 2023 be adopted as a resolution of the Docker River Local authority.

Minutes note: Provisional meeting cannot confirm the minutes of the meeting held with a full Quorum and minutes will be tabled at the next LA meeting with full Quorum.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

DRLA2023-056 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)

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

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

DRLA2023-057 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted that the members have provided and discussed matters raised in General Council Business as follows:

- a) member raised that the rubbish collection around community needs to be more frequent and CSC responded that the collection has been done as scheduled.
- b) member raised that the abandoned cars from the community be removed and Director Tech services responded that the process has begun with Finke community to remove abandoned cars and working their way through other communities. It will take time to get to distanced community and advised that the resident fill out form to request for removal of abandoned cars from their premises.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

DRLA2023-058 RESOLVED(Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted that the members have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

DRLA2023-059 RESOLVED(Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

DRLA2023-060 RESOLVED(Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

Minutes note: Meeting was paused from 11:00am to 11:04am due to internet connection being cut off and not making a provisional Quorum and resumed at 11:05 as the connection was back on and met provisional Quorum again.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000.00 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money to benefit everybody.

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

DRLA2023-061 RESOLVED(Winsome Newberry/Abraham Poulson)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted and discussed the spending of their funds in the community;
- b) agreed to spend on celebration of solar lights installation with community BBQ and potential musical band performance and its expenses; and
- c) requested that the Hon Minister Paech be present to celebrate with the community.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

Docker River Local Authority (The Authority) has allocated all of its Local Authority project funds available to spend on the community projects.

It is noted that Docker River has received their full allocation of Project funds that has since been allocated to current projects.

DRLA2023-062 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted and accepted the progress of their projects as follows:
 - project 2121, BBQ trailer and trees for Eagle park – trees have been purchased and waiting to be delivered at Docker River;
 - project 2122, Score Board – Damaged score board is at Alice Springs and DSCD Area Manager is investigating freight cost to Docker and insurance for damage;
 - project 2125, Shade Shelter for Parks – DSCD Area Manager is to engage contractors in the community for the installation and quotes are being sourced for the costs with the remaining fund available for this project;
 - project 2128, Fencing around playground and Lasseter park - CSC, is recently back from leave and getting measurements to the DSCD Area Manager to obtain quotes;
 - project 2129 – Solar light to post at entry into Docker River – MG Electrical are currently doing the street light works in the community and they are being approached to do this installation work at the same time while they are still in the community, obtaining quotes soon.
- b) approved the closure of their completed project 2121, BBQ trailer and trees for Eagle Park and returned the unspent \$240 to unallocated fund.
- c) wish list item, Eastside playground is now moved to action register to investigate its status by Aaron for the section 19 lease/license agreements of the playground

9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

DRLA2023-063 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Abraham Poulson)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report; and
- b) noted the early learning program handouts tabled at the meeting will be taken into consideration with broader consultation on Monday the 17th April to engage the community members; and
- c) CSC will be informed of their decision on preferred early learning program.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICE COORDINATORS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

DRLA2023-064 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted and accepted the attached report;
- b) noted the problems with the wild horses that doesn't belongs to community resident;
- c) noted that the Hon Minister Paech will liaise with Central Land Council to hold a meeting with the community and seek potential solutions for removal of wild horses and response will be provided back to MRC.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2023 in the Local Authority Community.

DRLA2023-065 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 March 2023.

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

Under item 6.2, members have the opportunity to raise matters of General Business that are discussed at this report.

DRLA2023-066 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Winsome Newberry)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted that the general business raised was already discussed at 6.2; and
- b) be updated at the next meeting on the issues arising from this meeting.

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

Representatives from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet attends the Local Authority meetings to present any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

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

DRLA2023-067 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) notes no business was raised at Item 6.3;
- b) noted that the unsealed road for 27KM will be sealed and its tender is being currently sourced;
- b) noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions regarding Option for Domestic Violence Service from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet as follows:

Response by Hon Minister Paech is that, Hon Kate Worden will be invited to attend the celebration with the community and LA during the celebration of solar light installation where the matter for a Women Safe House will be discussed with the community.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 19 JULY, 2023**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 11:59am.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

RECOMMENDATION

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

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION

That members provides / does not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION

That members provides / does not provide of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interests



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority Meeting:

- a) Note the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- b) That members declare any conflicts of interest.**

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.

8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Electoral awareness for the 2023 Federal Referendum
REFERENCE	- 335823
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is an independent Federal Agency that operates under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the reason for this paper is to provide information on the activities being undertaken by the AEC in relation to the upcoming Federal Referendum.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority notes and provides feedback on the presentation from the Australia Electoral Commission.

BACKGROUND

AEC's intention is to address topics of the IEPP program that includes Enrolment and participation in voting events, Community Consultations, Stakeholder engagement and Employment opportunities.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Docker River Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Docker River Youth Board Report
REFERENCE	- 334962
AUTHOR	Kaisa Suumann, Coordinator Community Engagement Project



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) has set itself a goal to support youth leadership development in all our 13 communities. In order to develop and support our young leaders, the MRC is setting up Youth Boards across the MacDonnell region. MRC is currently in the process of developing a Youth Board in Docker River community.

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Docker River Local Authority on Docker River Youth Board's recommendations to the LA.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) receives and notes the Docker River Youth Board's meeting minutes from the 21st of June 2023 attached to this report;
- b) discusses the Youth Board's proposal of a swimming pool or water park for Docker River community; and
- c) discusses the Youth Board's proposal of a scooter/bike/skateboard park. Preferred location - near the Night Patrol office, surfaced, concrete ground with lines and ramps. Similar to the park in Alice Springs, near the Aquatic Centre.

BACKGROUND

Youth Boards are an important platform for MRC administration, the elected Council members and Local Authorities to engage with young people about community services, programs and strategic direction.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Docker River Local Authority to provide feedback on recommendations above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Youth Board can ask funding for their ideas from their respective Local Authority. All Local Authorities have two separate funding sources to invest for the broadest benefit in their community:

1. Discretionary Funds provided by MRC to support community activities
2. Project Funds provided by the NTG to support community projects

To empower youth-led decisions and encourage young people to be engaged representatives in their communities, there is a MRC Regional Plan 2022-2023 strategy, Key Performance Indicator (KPI) that states that if Local Authorities engage with Youth Boards, 10% of Local Authority Project Funding continues to be allocated to local Youth Board identified projects. This encourages each Local Authority to resolve in a meeting to allocate 1/10th or more of their Project Funding for a Youth Board project in their community.

MRC's Youth Boards can also seek funding from MRC's Discretionary Funds.

CONSULTATION

Docker River Youth: Ursula Abbott, Shimara Stockman, Jackey Farmer, Tyrone Rubuntia, Stephanie Jugadai

Kaisa Suumann, Community Engagement Project Coordinator, Governance and Compliance Department, MacDonnell Regional Council

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Youth Board Meeting Minutes Docker River 21-06-2023.pdf



MacDonnell Regional Council Youth Board - Meeting Minutes

Date	21/06/2023
Community	Docker River
Chairperson	Stephanie Jugadai
Minute taker	Kaisa Suumann
Youth Board Members	Ursula Abbott, Shimara Stockman, Jackey Farmer, Tyrone Rubuntia, Stephanie Jugadai
Council Employees	Kaisa Suumann
Guests	Emma Moore, Susan Phillips (Docker River School teachers)

Agenda Item 1	Welcome from the Chairperson Stephanie Jugadai opened the Youth Board meeting.
Agenda Item 2	Our meeting's rules The Chairperson discussed with the members the meeting's rules.

	<p>They agreed with following rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We are respectful to other Youth Board members and Council staff; 2. We are honest and act the right way; 3. We take care and make sure we make good decisions; 4. We are accountable for the decisions we make, making sure they are good decisions representing all young people.
Agenda Item 3	<p>Feedback to the MacDonnell Regional Council</p> <p>The Youth suggested 2 project ideas to the Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A swimming pool or water park; 2. A scooter/bike/skateboard park. Preferred location - near the Night Patrol office, surfaced, concrete ground with lines and ramps. Similar to the park in Alice Springs, near the Aquatic Centre.
Agenda Item 4	<p>Other Topics/Questions/comments</p> <p>NIL</p>
Agenda Item 5	<p>Next meeting time</p> <p>September 2023</p>
Agenda Item 6	<p>Meeting Closed</p> <p>The Chairperson closed the meeting at 2.45pm.</p>

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Local Authority Projects
REFERENCE	- 333472
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (*DCM&C*) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community. Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road

Examples of *acceptable* purposes for expenditure include:

repairs and ablution facilities.

- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

Docker River Local Authority (The Authority) has allocated all of its Local Authority project funds to spend on the community projects.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the progress of their projects;
- b) approves the closure of their completed projects.

BACKGROUND

The Local Authority decides on the allocation of their Project Funds for infrastructure projects to benefit the community. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

Local Authorities must formally resolve each initiative this funding will be used for.

Register of Projects and Commitments

Project 2122		Score Board	\$
Action	Status		Committed
15-Apr-20	Res.49 – Docker River Local Authority request that the projects be separated as: 1. Information Bay 2. Score Board		
15-Oct-20	Commit \$25,000.00 to the scoreboard and have the scoreboard stored in a container.		25,000.00
11-Mar-21	Quotes will be presented at meeting for LA approval.		
9-Dec-21	The information Bay is to be removed from this project. The quotation provided for the Scoreboard of \$38,115.00 has been accepted. It is anticipated that the remaining funds will cover the cost of the new playground once CLC approval for a licence to maintain the lot.		
3-Feb-22	It is to be noted that a Purchase Order has not been raised against the quotation.		
11-May-22	Res.066 – notes the quotation for the scoreboard accepted at the 9 December 2021 meeting with advice received that the Purchase order raised as soon as possible and allocates an additional \$15,115 to this project to cover the additional costs.		15,115.00
8-Jun-22	Scoreboard has been ordered, PO088172 raised for 50% deposit.		-21,305.00
12-Oct-22	Res.028 – Awaiting delivery to community. Invoice received for Scoreboard, total of \$42,610.00 ex. GST. Notes: Deposit of 50% already paid.		- 21,305.00
1-Feb-23	Res.046 – Score board has been destroyed while transporting and Area manager is following up and will provide update at the next meeting.		
1-Feb-23	Res.046 - Committed funds of \$2,495.00 to cover the overspend to Project 2122 – Scoreboard.		2,495.00
13-Apr-23	Res.62 – Damaged Score board is in Alice Springs. Area Manager SD to investigate freight costs to Docker River and insurance		
6-Jul-23	Expected to deliver the scoreboard from Alice Springs to Docker River within the next two weeks. (overspend)		0.00

Project 2125		Shade Shelter for Parks	\$
Action	Status		Committed
26-Jun-19	Res.87 - share shelter for parks and allocated \$6,000 6m * 6m share shelter with concrete footings is approx. \$6,000.00 FIS Docker River		6,000.00
11-Mar-21	Quotes will be presented at meeting for LA approval		

9-Dec-21	The estimate of \$12,000.00 to carry out the necessary works was approved by the Local Authority with an additional \$6,000.00 to be committed to this project.	6,000.00
11-May-22	Res.066 - – members allocated an additional \$8,000 to this project to cover freight and installation.	8,000.00
1-Jul-22	Quotes will be coordinated with Tech Services	
30-jun-22	PO has been requested for shade structure PO088751	-5,085.45
12-Oct-22	Res.028 - Requesting that Service Delivery follow up with Technical Services on this project.	
31-Oct-22	Tax invoice from Alice Hosetech, transportation expenses	-2,273.35
1-Feb-23	Res.046 - Kept project open and update will be provided at the next meeting. Update from TS - Shade structure was delivered to Community late October 2022 and at this time, the project is still waiting on quotes for contractors to install.	
13-Apr-23	Res.062 – Service Delivery is to engage contractors in the community for the installation and quotes are being sourced for the costs.	
Underspend or (overspend)		12,641.20

Project 2128 Fencing around playground and Lasseter Park		\$
Action	Status	Committed
12-Oct-22	Res.028 – created new project and committed \$30,000.00 to the project noting that the CSC will take measurements and source quotes.	30,000.00
1-Feb-23	Res.046 - Quote will be sourced for this with a similar fence at the child care center.	
13-Apr-23	Res.062 – CSC to take measurements for the fencing and obtain quotes.	
Underspend or (overspend)		30,000.00

Project 2129 Solar light to post at entry into Docker River		\$
Action	Status	Committed
12-Oct-22	Res.028 – Created new project and committed \$5,000.00 to the project noting that quotes for the light will be sourced by the Coordinator Service Delivery.	5,000.00
1-Feb-23	Res.046 - Altogether 5 large size lights will be installed and one of them will be installed at the sign to 'Welcome to Docker River' and committed all remaining funds which is \$26,718.55 (after deduction from project 2122) to this project.	26,718.55
13-Apr-23	Res.062 – MG Electrical are currently in community and will be approached to quote on the installation.	
5-Jul-23	Waiting on quotes for the five (5) lights from Green Frog.	
underspend or (overspend)		31,718.55

Budget consideration	
Balance of underspend or (overspend)	74,599.75
Total unallocated funds	0.00
Total	74,599.75

Wishlist and estimated costs**Priority: New Window for Church**

Scope of Work: SDC to determine the scope of work.

Estimated Cost:

Request date:

Priority: Shade cover for the Softball Diamond

Scope of Work: SDC to determine the scope of work and provide quotations.

Estimated Cost:

Request date:

Priority: Construct toilet at Sorry Camp

Scope of Work: SDC to determine the scope of work and provide quotations.

Estimated Cost:

Request date:

Priority: Eastside Playground

Scope of Work: Agreed to close Eastside Playground as an active project, electing instead to move it over to the wish list.

Estimated Cost:

Request date:

Examples of *Unacceptable* Purposes for Expenditure include:

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

- Purchase of vehicles and fuel expenses
- Payment of salaries, cash prizes or recurrent operating costs of council
- Meeting costs and payments to local authority members
- Sponsorship by way of uniforms, travels cost and allowances
- Purposes that are not related to local government services and that should be addressed by another government agency.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds from the grant must be fully expended within two years of receipt of funding. Failure to expend the funds may result in the funds being returned to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

Finance Grants Officer

Area Managers

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.3
TITLE	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE	- 335672
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 02: Healthy Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000.00 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money to benefit everybody.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- notes that the Local Authority forfeited their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds allocation of \$4,000.00; and
- notes and discusses to spend the 2023/2024 Discretionary funds allocation of \$4,000.00

**BACKGROUND
2023/2024**

Date	2023/2024 Discretionary Funds	Approved Commitment \$	Expenditure remaining \$
1 Jul 23	Discretionary Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00
Balance Remaining			4,000.00

2022/2023 Discretionary Fund

Date	2022/2023 Discretionary Funds	Approved Commitment \$	Expenditure remaining \$
1 Jul 22	Discretionary Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00
12 Oct 22	Res.029 - chose to allocate their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds of \$4,000.00 at a later date.		
1 Feb 23	Res.044 - noted and discussed to spend the fund with further consultation for the celebration of opening new lights at the softball and football oval.		
1 Jun 23	Noted that no action was taken to spend the funds.		
Funds forfeited			4,000.00

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Local Authorities decide how to best spend this money to broadly benefit the community. The Local Authority is responsible for consulting with community members to ensure that community priorities are taken into account when allocating discretionary funds.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This money cannot be carried over from one financial year to the next. Discretionary Funds must be fully expended annually between 1 July and 30 June or forfeited. Currently the community has \$4,000.00 to spend before the end of the financial year.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Council Services Report
REFERENCE	- 334855
AUTHOR	Kathleen Abbott, Manager Service Delivery 4

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority notes and accepts the attached report.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Stephen Trindle, Council Service Coordinator, Docker River
Kathleen Abbott, Area Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1 L.A. Report 20230703.pdf

Council Service Coordinators Report

Service Delivery Report

TITLE Docker River Service Delivery Report
DATE 26/6/23
AUTHOR Stephen Trindle, Docker River Council Services Coordinator



SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Kaltukatjara/Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

BACKGROUND

Local Government Services Update

Animal Management

- The number of horses on community has not changed since the last report. They are destroying property and causing major damage to water pipes and taps around the community. We also have the 3 donkeys back as well.
- Vets were here from the 28th—31st of May.

Cemetery Management

The cemetery is looking good a lot of work has been done to improve the car park as well as the inside of the compound. Mowing on the inside has been done and looks good.



Cemetery Entrance Gate



Cemetery Car Park

Internal Road Maintenance

- All internal and service roads have had a touch up and are all looking good.
- Still waiting on the signs to be delivered which have been ordered.
- Slashing of the verges have been done and is looking good.

Parks and Open Spaces;

- All the parks are good and all equipment in good condition.
- Trees were planted at Eagle Park and seem to be doing well..
- Lasseter Park to have a Safety fence put around it. I have still got to get quote for the fencing also to plan when to start the project.
- Replacing sand in the parks which is still happening.
- One new shed structure to be erected on one of the playgrounds also planned project to start.



Council Service Coordinators Report

Outstation MES Services

- Tjilkamata/Wataru:
- 2 new structures are to be installed, still waiting on work to be done keeping in contact with Tech Services

Waste Management

- Wheelie bins are emptied twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays
- The tip is working well.
- The waste pit is pushed once a week and then capped on Fridays.
- New drop of bays are starting to be done.



Tip in use.



Drop off bays

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Slashing and cutting of weeds around community is just about finished
- The fire breaks around the community have all had a grader put over them are all good.

Other Service Delivery Updates/ projects

- Project 2122 working on getting the scoreboard bought out on the next freight truck.
- Project 2125 Shade shelter for Parks are in community, will be added to our planned works.
- I'll keep in contact with Tech Services (Sarah) in case they have some one out in community who will and can assist with erecting the shade structure, cause there's a shed at one of our out-stations that needs to go up as well.
- Project 2121 Trees for eagle park. They have been delivered and planted.

Stephen Trindle
Council Services Coordinator
Docker River

10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	10.2
TITLE	Community Service Docker River Local Authority Report
REFERENCE	- 335278
AUTHOR	Jenny Murnik, CS Coordinator Administration

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report.

BACKGROUND

All Community Services programs continue to be delivered in line with funding requirements as per the attached Operations Report.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Manager of Children's Services – Iryna Mustiats
Manager of Community Safety – Liz Scott
Manager of Youth Services – Jess Kragh

ATTACHMENTS:

1 2023-07 - COMMUNITY SERVICES Docker River LAR - approved.pdf

Community Service: Report on Operations

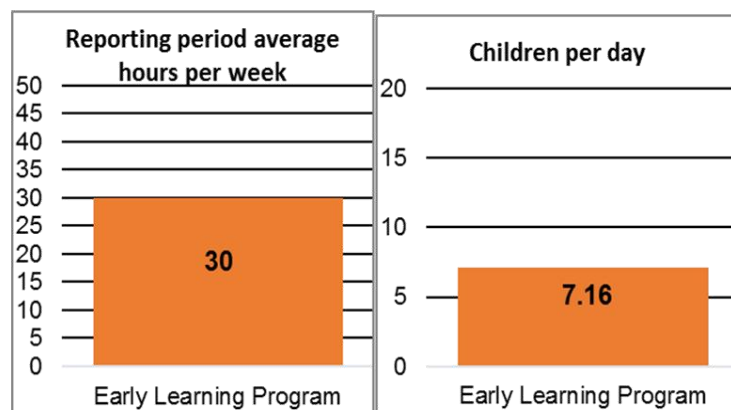


LOCATION: Docker River Community
PERIOD: 1/03/2023 to 31/05/2023
AUTHOR: Sabine Wedemeyer, Director Community Services

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

- Docker River Childcare was closed for 15 days from March to May 2023 due to staffing issues and sorry business.



Other Updates

- NPYC visited the childcare from the 15-16 March 2023 to introduce themselves and have a morning tea with families.
- Child Nutritionist Team visited the childcare from the 14-16 March 2023 checking children's teeth and talking to families about healthy eating. They also spoke to mums with new babies about transition from the breast to soft food.
- Child Health nurse visited on the 30 May 2023 to assist parents with medication. Also the women's health midwife visited on the same day.
- CCCFR Quality and Safety visit on the 30/05 to 31 May 2023 Department of Education.

Children enjoying craft activities painting and pasting developing their fine motor skills which help with self-esteem to cut your own toast

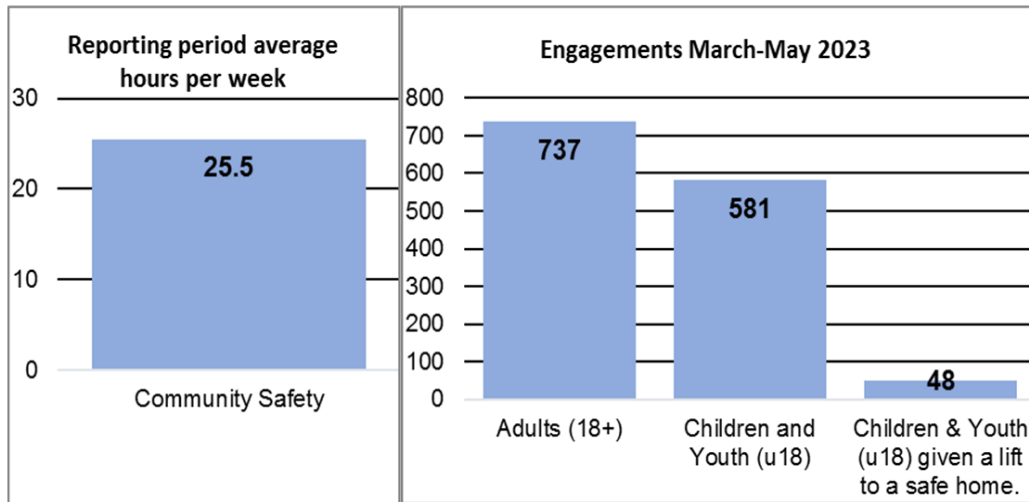


COMMUNITY SAFETY

Service Delivery and Engagement



- In the last three months the Community Safety service has been disrupted for ten days, due to Staff Leave, Sorry Business and for Ceremonial reasons.
- The Docker River Team continues to operate on a 5 day roster, Monday to Friday with nightly Patrols operating from 6pm until Midnight.



Other Updates

- The Docker River Team attended the annual MacSafe Conference held at the Mercure Resort in Alice Springs late May.
- The Conference brought together all the Community Safety teams from across the MacDonnell Regional Council area to build a spirit of teamwork and common purpose.
- Over the course of the three day Conference, the teams were trained to use the MacSafe App
- The Docker River team responded to specific community safety incidents in a professional manner over the course of the last three months.
- The Docker River MacSafe Team were given an award at the MacSafe Conference that recognised them for “Providing leadership to the Community in times of need”

Selwyn and Thaddeus outside the Conference venue in Alice Springs



The Docker River team accepting their award at the MacSafe Conference from the CEO of the MacDonnell Regional Council Geoff MacLeod



YOUTH SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

- Over the course of the last three months the Sport & Rec Coordinator has been actively seeking workers from Docker River Community to work in the Sport & Rec position.



- The Remote Sports Program has provided youth in the past with the opportunity to play; Basketball, Soccer, Softball, AFL and Indoor games including playing pool, skipping rope and racquet sports as well as supporting Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara (NPY) during Movie and Disco nights and special events.
- Working alongside the Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council's Youth service program workers has been a very successful collaboration which will continue into the future.

Other Updates

- I would like to thank the CDP Coordinator in Docker River for supporting our recruitment process and actively engaging with CDP clients to alert them of positions vacant with MRC.

11. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Docker River LA Expenditure Report
REFERENCE	- 335253
AUTHOR	Osman Kassem, Acting 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:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2023 in the Local Authority Community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority notes and accepts the expenditure report as at 30 June 2023.

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Local Authority Project Funding is to be expended within 2 years of the receipt of the funding otherwise failure to do so may result in the Department withholding any future payments of Local Authority Project Funding or request unspent funding to be repaid. As an example any funds prior to the 2020-21 financial year need to be spent not just allocated to projects.

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

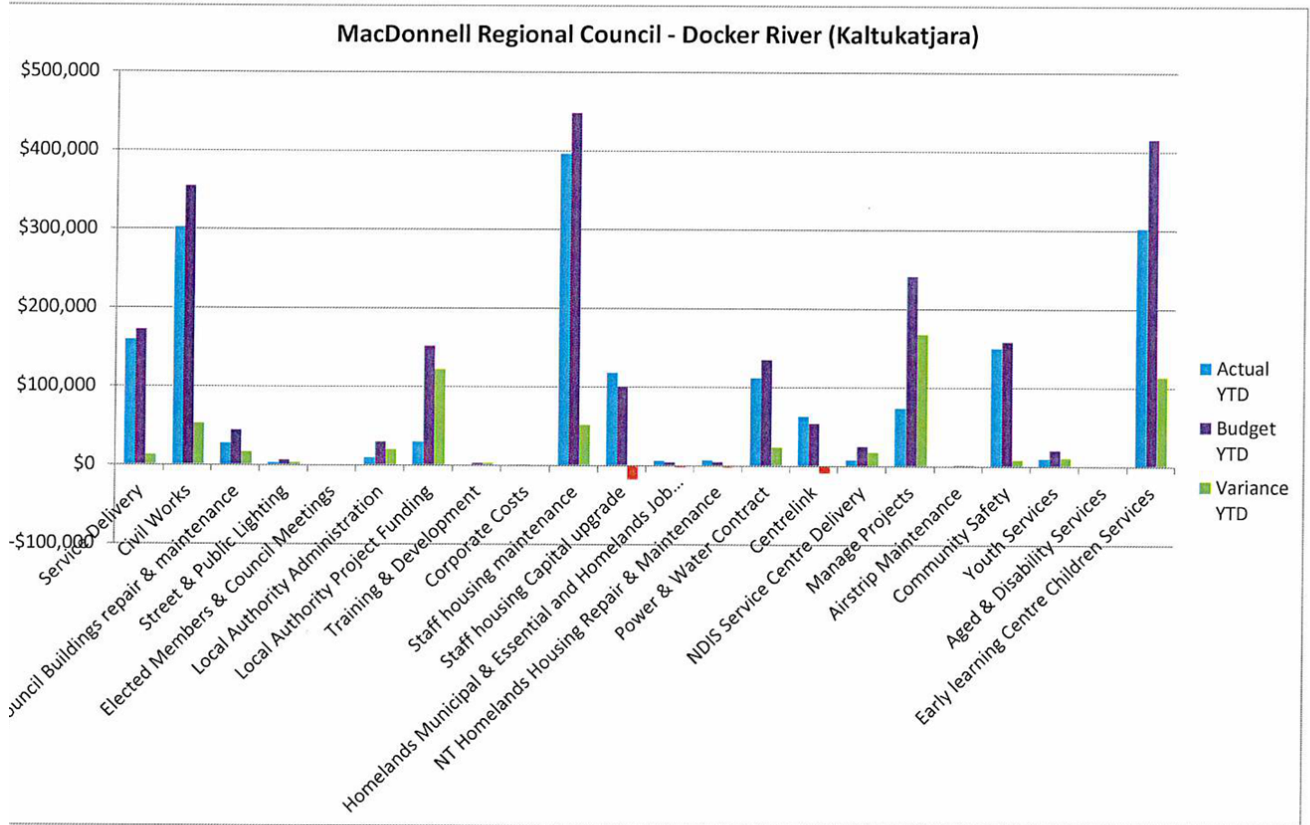
ATTACHMENTS:

1 2023 - D. River Local Authority Expenditure.pdf

Expenditure by Community as at 30th June 23					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
COUNCIL SERVICES					
Service Delivery	159,088	171,985	12,897	171,985	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	100,631	115,966	15,334	115,966	Customer Service officer Vacancy.
Other Operational	58,456	56,019	(2,437)	56,019	
Civil Works	302,023	354,619	52,596	354,619	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	279,244	330,489	51,245	330,489	Underspend due to staff vacancies and civil workers not working their allocated hours.
Other Operational	22,779	24,130	1,351	24,130	
Council Buildings repair & maintenance	27,697	44,262	16,565	44,262	
Other Operational	27,697	44,262	16,565	44,262	
Street & Public Lighting	2,904	6,256	3,352	6,256	
Other Operational	2,904	6,256	3,352	6,256	
Selected Members & Council Meetings	382	0	(382)	0	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	382	0	(382)	0	
Local Authority Administration	9,668	29,679	20,011	29,679	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	7,490	22,000	14,510	22,000	
Other Operational	2,178	7,679	5,501	7,679	
Local Authority Project Funding	30,024	151,724	121,700	151,724	
Other Operational	30,024	151,724	121,700	151,724	
Training & Development	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	
Corporate Costs	1,091	909	(182)	909	
Other Operational	1,091	909	(182)	909	
Staff housing maintenance	396,306	447,800	51,494	447,800	
Other Operational	396,306	447,800	51,494	447,800	Actual expenditure less than budgeted due to the availability of contractors to complete scheduled works this reporting period.
Staff housing Capital upgrade	118,010	100,090	(17,920)	100,090	
Other Operational	56,707	0	(56,707)	0	Overall overspend has occurred due to increased material costs for planned upgrade works Transactions coded to operational expenditure. Needs to be moved to Capital.
Capital	61,303	100,090	38,787	100,090	Capital expenditure less than budgeted due to costs being coded to operational expenditure
JB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	1,047,191	1,310,323	263,132	1,310,323	
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Homelands Municipal & Essential and Homeless	6,413	4,187	-2,226	4,187	
Other Operational	6,413	4,187	(2,226)	4,187	
Homelands Housing Repair & Maintenance	7,073	4,730	-2,343	4,730	
Other Operational	7,073	4,730	(2,343)	4,730	
Power & Water Contract	111,365	134,879	23,514	134,879	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	90,559	106,272	15,713	106,272	Underspend due to Team leader doing relief.
Other Operational	20,805	28,607	7,802	28,607	
Intrelink	62,991	53,673	(9,318)	53,673	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	62,991	53,673	(9,318)	53,673	
GIS Service Centre Delivery	7,888	25,094	17,206	25,094	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	7,888	25,094	17,206	25,094	Underspend due to MRC no longer facilitating this service so no employee in the role.
Image Projects	73,715	241,206	167,491	241,206	
Other Operational	73,715	241,206	167,491	241,206	ABA Project has been rolled over to 23/24 FY as works not completed before end of 22/23 FY due to the availability of contractors to complete the scheduled works.
Strip Maintenance	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Other Operational	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Community Safety	150,058	157,917	7,859	157,917	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	134,085	135,431	1,345	135,431	
Other Operational	15,973	22,486	6,513	22,486	
Youth Services	9,693	20,337	10,645	20,337	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	9,693	15,926	6,233	15,926	Underspend due to difficulty recruiting staff. Resources allocated elsewhere.
Other Operational	0	4,412	4,412	4,412	
Old & Disability Services	0	536	536	536	
Other Operational	0	536	536	536	
Early Learning Centre Children Services	302,345	415,305	112,960	415,305	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	186,578	223,357	36,779	223,357	Centre was closed for a long period.
Other Operational	115,766	191,947	76,181	191,947	
B-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	731,538	1,059,364	327,826	1,059,364	
TOTAL	1,778,730	2,369,687	590,957	2,369,687	

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



12. GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	General Business
REFERENCE	- 335061
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss with Council the General Business matters raised at item 6.2.

In collaboration with the Department of Education, MRC are asking members what type of Childcare facility would be more suited for their community. The survey tabled at this meeting will assist MRC in advocating for your choice.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the General Business Items raised at Item 6.2; and
- b) notes and discusses the survey for Childcare.

BACKGROUND

- 1:.....
- 2:.....
- 3:.....
- 4:.....
- 5:.....

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Docker River Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

13. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Non-Council Business
REFERENCE	- 335598
AUTHOR	Lizzinna Ford, Governance Engagement Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Representatives from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet attends the Local Authority meetings to present any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority

- a) **notes and discusses the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3; and,**
- b) **notes and accepts the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.**

BACKGROUND

Date raised	Action	Detail
15-Oct-20	Options for a Domestic Violence Service	Res.096 - The Local Authority requested the Director of Community Services invite the member for Gwoja regarding options for a Domestic Violence Service in Docker River, including the possibility of a safe house.
19-Jan-21		Email send 19/01/2021 to the Electoral office of the Member for Gwoja inviting the Minister to the LA meeting, 8 April 2021.
9-Dec-21		Mr Robin Hall commented that the matter of options for a Domestic Violence Service was an ongoing issue which involves many factors - he will provide an update at the next meeting.
12-Oct-22		Res.034 - The Representative advised that he will follow up on the service and inform the CSC and MRC's Governance team of a response.
1-Feb-22		Res.051 - Minister Paech received from Robin as requested by community, Bruce Fyfe mentioned that he will follow up again with the Minister for an update response re DV service enquiry.
13-Apr-23		Response by Hon Minister Paech is that, Hon Kate Worden will be invited to attend the celebration with the community and LA during the celebration of solar light installation where the matter for a Women Safe House will be discussed with the community.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

CONSULTATION

Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.