



## **AGENDA**

# **FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2023**

The Finke Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Finke Council Office on Wednesday, 4 October 2023 at 10:30am.



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**3. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS****3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

That members notes the attendance and accepts the apologies to the meeting.

**3.2 ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

That members notes the absentees to the meeting.

**3.3 RESIGNATIONS**

NIL

**3.4 TERMINATIONS**

NIL

**3.5 NOMINATIONS**

NIL

**4. MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE</b>	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 notes the Council Code of Conduct.**

**MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct****Interests of the Council and Community come first**

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

**Honesty**

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

**Taking care**

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

**Respect/Courtesy**

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

**Conduct towards council staff**

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

**Respect for culture**

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

**Conflict of interest**

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

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

**Respect for private business**

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

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

**Gifts**

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

**Accountable**

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

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

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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

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

**5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 335950
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Lizzinna Ford, Governance Engagement Officer



Unconfirmed minutes of the Finke Local Authority meeting, held on the 26 July 2023, are submitted to the Authority for confirmation that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority of 26 July 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Finke Local Authority.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 2023-07-26 FLA MINUTES (Draft).pdf





MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2023 AT 10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:36AM

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Michael Ferguson

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Michael Ferguson, Member Jill Doolan and Member Richard Doolan

Councillors:

Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Patrick Allen, and Councillor Andrew Davis

Council Employees:

Keith Hassett, Director Service Centre Delivery and June Crabb, Governance Officer

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe, Regional Manager LGCATRG - Department Chief Minister and Cabinet, Adrian McAdam, A/Remote Community Engagement Officer - Department of Corrections, Reuben Leigh and Jason Quin, Project Officers Empowered Communities – NPY Lands

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Member Charmaine Stuart, Member Michelle Allen, Member Rosemary Matasia and Member Geoffrey Stuart

Absentees:

Councillor Aloyischois Hayes

**3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES****FLA2023-037 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Richard Doolan)**

That members noted the attendance and apologies received from Members Charmaine Stuart, Michelle Allen, Rosemary Matasia and Member Geoffrey Stuart

**3.3 Resignations**

NIL

**3.4 Terminations**

NIL

**3.5 Nominations**

NIL

**4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT****4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT****FLA2023-038 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

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

**5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****FLA2023-039 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)**

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority of 03 May 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Finke Local Authority.

**6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS****6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED****FLA2023-040 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

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

**6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS****FLA2023-041 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That members did not raise any matters for discussion in General Council Business

**6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****FLA2023-042 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)**

That members did not raise any matters for discussion in General Non-Council Business.

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**FLA2023-043 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Jill Doolan)**

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

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**FLA2023-044 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)**

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

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.1 INFORMATION ON THE 2023 FEDERAL REFERENDUM**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Representatives from Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Lands are in attendance to raise awareness of the upcoming referendum and get feedback on the best process to bolster community understanding.

**FLA2023-045 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Jill Doolan)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and received the information from the Representatives; and
- b) provided feedback to bolster community awareness of the up and coming referendum, by advising that the Representatives to organise a meeting with community.

### **8.2 ELDERS VISITING PROGRAM - NTCS ABORIGINAL STRATEGY AND COORDINATION UNIT.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Elders Visiting Program commenced in 2005 and operates throughout the NT Correctional facilities and Communities. The program recognises that cultural contact with Aboriginal Elders can improve the reintegration prospects of Aboriginal prisoners by maintaining links to community and culture.

The program currently works with Elders from 20 communities across the NT towards reducing recidivism (reoffending) and to improve the reintegration prospects of Aboriginal prisoners to community.

Elders involved in this program visit the Prisons and Work camps and participate in mediated discussions with offenders in preparation for their release. The Elders advise prisoners on their obligations, expectations and the difficulties they are likely to face on their release and strive to assist and support them while they readjust back into their community.

**FLA2023-046 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Richard Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Deputation;
- b) discussed to support the Elders Visiting Program of improving the reintegration prospects of Aboriginal prisoners back into community.

## **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.

**The NTG Project funds commitment of \$26,900.00 received for 2023/2024 has been fully allocated.**

#### **FLA2023-047 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress of its projects and kept open Project 2135 – Wood fire BBQ until completed;
- b) noted the commitment from the NTG 2023/2024 Project funding allocation of \$26,900.00; and
- c) noted the following to Project 2136 – Fence around the Cemetery:
  - accepted quote QU-0208 from AJ Nichol Fencing for \$70,029.54 excl GST;
  - approved to allocate the 2023/2024 Project funds of \$26,900.00
  - noted the allocation to the project came to \$56,416.55; and
  - accepted the agreement that MRC will commit \$13,612.99 being the difference between the quote and the project allocation.

### **9.2 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024.

#### **FLA2023-048 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted that the Authority forfeited their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds allocation of \$4,000.00;
- b) noted the new 2023/2024 allocation of \$4,000.00; and
- c) approved that the full amount be spent on gardening equipment for each house to include rake, shovel and hose.

**10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS****10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT FINKE****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**FLA2023-049 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Richard Doolan)**

That the Local Authority That the Finke Local Authority notes and accepts the Council Service Delivery Report, Finke.

**10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

**FLA2023-050 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

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

**11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS****11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**FLA2023-051 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 30 June 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.

**FLA2023-052 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted that no matters were raised for discussion at item 6.2

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

The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to the services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

**FLA2023-053 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Lisa Sharman)****That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) noted that no matters were raised for discussion at Item 6.3;
- b) were advised that the Representative will follow up with DIPL in regards to grading the Ghan Heritage Road;
- c) will inquire with DIPL if the fences have been repaired and the water leak at Lot 54 fixed; and
- d) will make inquiries regarding the Finke finish line be upgraded.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER, 2023****15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:46 pm.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 26 July 2023 and are UNCONFIRMED.

**6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS****6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Finke Local Authority notes the that 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.

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

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

## **7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE</b>	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 Meeting:**

- a) notes 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.

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## 9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Finke Youth Board Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 338894
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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 in the process of developing Youth Boards across the MacDonnell region. MRC is currently working on developing a Youth Board in Finke.

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

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Local Authority:**

**a) Receives and notes the Finke Youth Board's meeting minutes from the 7th of September 2023;**

**b) Discusses and decides on the Youth Board's recommendation to get new goal posts for the AFL oval. The current goal posts are old and bent, not standard AFL goal posts;**

**c) Discusses and decides on the Youth Board's recommendation to get gym equipment for the community youth. Any of the following items: a barbell weights set, approx. \$150.00; a dumbbell weights set, approx. \$50.00; battle rope, approx. \$200.00 or a basic gym station, approx. \$800.00.**

### 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 Finke 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**

Finke Youth: Dale Baker, Xavier Davidson, Joseph Edmond

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

Peter Mick, Finke Youth Worker, Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara Women's Council

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Youth Board Meeting Minutes Finke -07-09-2023.pdf



## MacDonnell Regional Council Youth Board - Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	07/09/2023
<b>Community</b>	Finke
<b>Chairperson</b>	Xavier Davidson
<b>Minute taker</b>	Kaisa Suumann
<b>Youth Board Members</b>	Dale Baker, Xavier Davidson, Joseph Edmond
<b>Council Employees</b>	Kaisa Suumann (MRC)
<b>Guests</b>	Peter Mick (NPYWC) and Lloyd (NPYWC)

<b>Agenda Item 1</b>	<p><b>Welcome from the Chairperson</b></p> <p>Chairperson Xavier Davidson opened the 07/09/2023 Finke Youth Board meeting.</p>
<b>Agenda Item 2</b>	<p><b>This meeting's rules</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We are respectful to other Youth Board members and Council staff;</li> <li>2. We are honest and act the right way;</li> </ol>

	<p>3. We take care and make sure we make good decisions;</p> <p>4. We are accountable for the decisions we make, making sure they are good decisions representing all young people.</p>
<b>Agenda Item 3</b>	<p><b>Feedback to the MacDonnell Regional Council</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Youth Board would like to ask from the LA if Finke community could get new goal posts for the AFL oval. The current goal posts are old and bent and not standard AFL goal posts.</li> <li>2. The Youth Board would like to ask from the LA some funding for the Finke youth to get some gym equipment.</li> </ol> <p>For example, barbell weights set \$150.00, dumbbell weights set \$50.00, battle rope - \$200.00 or a basic gym station - \$800.00.</p>
<b>Agenda Item 4</b>	<p><b>Other Topics/Questions/comments</b></p> <p>NIL.</p>
<b>Agenda Item 5</b>	<p><b>Next meeting time</b></p> <p>End of November 2023</p>
<b>Agenda Item 6</b>	<p><b>Meeting Closed</b></p> <p>The Chairperson Xavier Davidson closed the meeting at 4.32pm.</p>

## 9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Local Authority Projects
REFERENCE	- 335953
AUTHOR	Lizzinna Ford, Governance Engagement 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.

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.

**The Local Authority has committed all available funds to projects and there is nil balance remaining to allocate.**

**Noted that MRC has yet to receive the 2023/2024 Project funding from NTG.**

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) notes that NTG’s 2023/2024 project funds commitment of \$26,900.00 has not been received by MRC;
- b) notes that the 2023/2024 project funds from NTG has been allocated to Project – Fence around Cemetery;
- c) notes and accepts the progress of its projects; and
- d) approves the closure of any completed projects.

### BACKGROUND

The Local Authority decides on the allocation of their Project Funds towards infrastructure projects to benefit the community. Funding for Local Authority projects is from 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 2135	Wood fire BBQ	\$
Status		Committed
14 Apr 2021	Res.34 – Wood fire BBQ to be built near the football oval and commit \$1,687.36	1,687.36
20 Oct 2021	Res.76 – Kept open Wood fire BBQ, committing an additional \$1,017.28 and deciding on two (2) BBQ's for near the Football oval and the Softball arena.	1,017.28
4 Jan 2022	The CSC will come up with a design and source quotes for materials.	
11 Jan 2022	Invoice for Besser Blocks from Bunnings.	-1,446.55
19 Jan 2022	Res. 013 – Kept project open and committed additional \$2,000.00 to the fund.	2,000.00
25 Mar 2022	Waiting on backorder from Bunnings.	
6 April 2022	Res.033 – Kept project open	
20 April 2022	Transportation cost to deliver bricks	-545.89
13 July 2022	Res.049 - Waiting for the delivery.	
20-Sep-22	Cement cost	-716.36
5 Oct 2022	Res.067 – Cement has been delivered.	
9 Mar 2023	Res.012 – kept project open.	
15 Mar 2023	Invoice received for Concrete Bag 30Kg and Premium cement bag.	-946.91
28-Jun-23	Invoice for freight	-280.53
18-Jul-23	Materials are now onsite, project waiting on installation	
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>768.40</b>

Project 2136	Fence around Cemetery	\$
Status		Committed
6 April 2022	Res.033 - created a new project named Fence for around Cemetery, committed \$27,361.82 and that the CSC bring quotes with fencing options to the next Local Authority meeting.	27,361.82
13 July 2022	Res.049 - Cemetery area extension and lease request is underway with CLC.	
5 Oct 2022	Res.067 – Water tank would be installed at the Cemetery and that quotes for the fence was on hold until the lease to extend is approved by CLC.	
9 Mar 2023	Res.012 - noted completion and closed Project 2133 – Trees around Oval, reallocating the underspend of \$2,154.73 to Project 2136	2,154.73
9 Mar 2023	Res.012 - materials for the water tank had arrived in community and the tank will be installed once the stands are cemented in. Requested for Service Delivery to source quotes on different types of fencing and that they be submitted at the next LA meeting.	
6 Jun 2023	MRC has secured the Sacred Sites clearances and lease through CLC. Quotes to survey and fence the newly lease area are	

	attached. The LA will need to commit up to \$87,000.00 to get the job completed.	
26 July 2023	Res.047 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>accepted quote QU0208 from AJ Nichol Fencing for \$70,029.54 excl. GST,</li> <li><b>in anticipation of NTG's 2023/2024 Project funds commitment, approved to allocate \$26,900.00 to the project,</b></li> <li>noted the allocation to the project came to \$56,416.55,</li> <li>accepted the agreement that MRC will commit \$13,612.99 being the difference between the quote and the project allocation.</li> </ul>	26,900.00
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>56,416.55</b>

<b>Budget consideration</b>	<b>Balance of underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>30,284.95</b>
	Total un-allocated funds	0.00
	<b>Total unspent funds</b>	<b>30,284.95</b>

### Wishlist and estimated costs

#### Priority

#### Date proposed

#### Scope

#### Estimate \$

#### Action

### ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Examples of *Unacceptable* Purposes for Expenditure include:

- 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

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Discretionary Funds
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 335951
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Lizzinna Ford, Governance Engagement Officer



### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority notes that the 2023/2024 Discretionary funds allocation of \$4,000.00 is yet to be spent.

### BACKGROUND

Date	2023/2024 Discretionary Funds	Approved Commitment \$
1 July 23	Approved funds	4,000.00
26 July 23	Res.048 – Noted the 2023/2024 allocation of \$4,000.00 and agreed to allocation the full amount to gardening equipment for each house that will include a steel rake, shovel and hose.	

### 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.

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

- Community Christmas and New Year's Festivity
- Community BBQ's
- Sports weekends
- NAIDOC Celebration

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is a current balance of \$4,000.00 to spend before 30 June 2024.

This money cannot be carried over from one financial year to the next and must be fully expended between 1 July and 30 June annually or the funds forfeited.

### CONSULTATION

Finke Local Authority and community

### ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

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**10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Finke LA Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 338448
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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 Finke across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Finke Local Authority notes and accepts the attached report.**

**BACKGROUND**

Nil

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Keith Hassett – Director – Service Centre Delivery  
Kathleen Abbott – Area Manager – Service Centre Delivery  
Damien Ryan – Council Service Coordinator – Service Centre Delivery

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 FINAL - 2309 Local Authority report - Finke.pdf

## Service Delivery Report

**TITLE** Finke Community - Service Delivery Report  
**DATE** 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
**AUTHOR** Damien Ryan - Council Service Coordinator



### SUMMARY:

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

## Local Government Services Update

### Animal Management

- The Vets Visited Finke 14-16 March.
- There has been a further decline in dogs with mange
- Birth rate slightly reduced.
- Treated a larger proportion of the dog population with tick spray.
- Total population of dogs has decreased by over 48% since the first visit in 2016.



This report relates to the Community Dog Health Program performed for the MacDonnell Regional Council on the Aputula (Finke) Community Dogs on 14/03/2023-16/03/2023 . Procedures performed are summarised below:

	Spayed	Castrated	Tick/Mange Injection	Tick Spray	MPA*	Vaccinations	Euthanasias
<b>Number of Dogs</b>	0	0	33	75	5	4	1
<b>Number of Cats</b>	1	0	10	N/A	1	N/A	0
<b>Others</b>	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
<b>Total</b>	1	0	43	75	6	4	1

\* MPA is a contraceptive that delays heat/decreases libido for up to 6 months.

The Community's Dog Population Health Status is summarized below:

Health Parameter	Mange / Skin Problems	Ticks	Fleas	Lice	Body Condition Score
Health Level	1% of total dog population (8.4%)	2/5 (1.9/5)	0/5 (0.2/5)	0/5 (0.1/5)	2.5/5 (3.0/5)
Previous Level	7.7%	2/5	0/5	0/5	2.5/5
Notes	Good decline	Similar	Nil	Nil	3/5 is optimum condition

(NT Community Average from same period in previous year is in brackets)

**Service Delivery Report**



**Cemetery Management**

- Installation of new fence will start 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- Cemetery clearing off weeds and maintenance undertaken by Civil Team early September.
- Monthly maintenance is being carried out by Civil Team.



*Finke (Aputula) Cemetery*



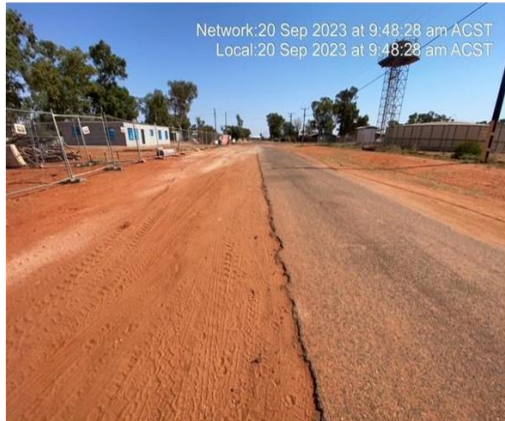
*Finke (Aputula) Cemetery*

**Internal Road Maintenance**

- Some internal road maintenance is needed to be actioned, this work will be addressed after construction of new homes.
- Regular litter collection along road verges.
- Weeds and Shrubs cut back on verges.



*Pertame Street, Finke (Aputula)*



*Putula Street, Finke (Aputula)*



## Service Delivery Report



### Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- We have the civil team carry out weekly litter pickups of the Parks and playgrounds around the community.
- Monthly weed cutting and raking by Civil Team.
- Parks and Playgrounds inspection completed each month.
- New shade sails required for MacDonnell Regional Council Office Playground.
- CSC to investigate new shade structure for the MRC office park



*Tjitji Park, Finke (Aputula)*



*MRC Office Park in Finke (Aputula)*

### Sports Grounds

- Dragged AFL Oval and Softball Pitch to remove weeds and small shrubs, when required.
- Trees watered weekly.
- Litter removed when required.



*AFL Finke (Aputula) Oval*



*Softball Pitch in Finke (Aputula)*

**Service Delivery Report**



**Waste Management**

- Household Wheelie Bin collection is on Monday and Thursday.
- Waste Bay bins at front of facility, waiting for fencing to complete the Waste Management Facility. MPH is expected to start this on 8<sup>th</sup> October.
- Signs will be installed at Waste facility on completion of fencing. Signage in storage, awaiting fencing completion.
- Waste is capped every Monday and Thursday.
- Hard Rubbish is collected every Monday and separated into new bays.
- Need to identify a metal pile within new facility.
- Cardboard is burnt in new pit when required.
- Monthly Waste Management Facility Inspections.



*Finke (Aputula) Waste Management Facility*



*Twice weekly rubbish pick-up*

**Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction**

- Grass cutting, weeds maintenance and slashing along Airstrip boundary, maintaining fire breaks inside and outside the airstrip and cemetery boundaries.
- Grass cutting and weed removal is a high priority of MRC Civil Team and is regularly carried out at the sewage compound, Airstrip boundary, PowerWater Bore Compound and Solar Farm, when needed.
- Recently, the Finke MRC Team carried out Maintenance in sewage compound.



*Production Bore #8, Finke (Aputula)*



*Solar Farm, Finke (Aputula)*



**Service Delivery Report**



*Finke (Aputula) Air Strip*



*Finke (Aputula) Air Strip Boundary (Fence)*



*Finke (Aputula) Sewerage Farm*

**Essential Services Officer**

- Maintains water quality for community.
- Service and supply of electricity to community.
- Maintenance to PowerWater Bore and Sewage compounds.
- Ground maintenance carried out by ESO in Power station compound.

## Service Delivery Report



*Finke (Aputula) ESO, Joe Rawson, Taking Water Reading*



*Finke (Aputula) ESO (Relief), servicing generator.*



*Finke (Aputula) Power Station Compound*

### Finke Local Authority Progress of Projects Updates

#### Finke Local Authority progress of projects;

- A. Project **2133** – Trees have been delivered and planted - **Closed**
- B. Project **2196** – Steel plates and all materials are on site. CSC to provide guidance to staff to try to get installed as a priority. Installation was agreed to be before the next LA meeting, however, maintenance around community has been deemed a priority this reporting period

Damien Ryan

Council Services Coordinator – Service Centre Delivery

Finke (Aputula) Community



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**10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Service Finke Local Authority Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 338501
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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 Finke 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  
Coordinator Aged & Disability Services – Pratikshya Baral  
Manager of Children Services – Iryna Mustiats  
Manager of Community Safety – Liz Scott  
Manager of Youth Services – Jess Kragh

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 2023-10 - COMMUNITY SERVICES Finke LAR - approved.pdf

# Community Service: Report on Operations

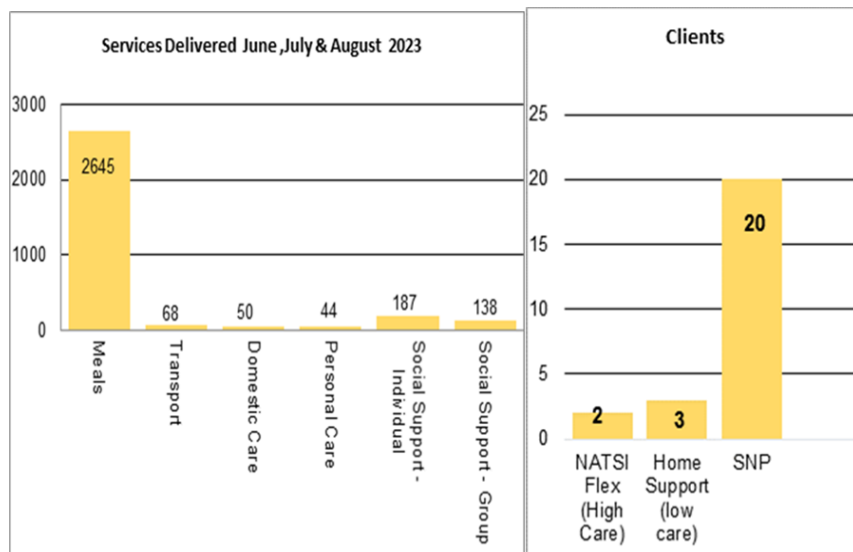


**LOCATION:** Finke Community  
**PERIOD:** 1/06/2023 to 31/08/2023  
**AUTHORISED:** Brian Robinson, Acting Director Community Services

## AGED & DISABILITY SERVICES Service Delivery and Engagement



- All Aged care services were fully delivered without disruption following Covid-19 standard precautions for the reporting period.



### Other Update

- Active engagement with stakeholders, regular meeting and catch ups to ensure quality services are being delivered.
- Current filled positions filled:
  - 1 x Team Leader - FT position - 76 hours per fortnight
  - 5 x Casual Staff
  - Plans for 1 casual conversion to PPT.
- Vacancies:
  - 1 x Permanent Part Time position - 38 hours per fortnight.
- Following training was completed this reporting period;
  - 22 June 2023 - Cultural Awareness Training attended by coordinator
  - 26-27 June 2023 - First Aid & CPR training Home Care Assistant
  - 03 August 2023 - Fire Warden & extinguisher training in Alice springs
  - 23-24 August 2023 - First Aid Coordinator Training

**Cultural Awareness Training – Alice Springs**



**First Aid Training – Finke Coordinator with Amoonguna Aged Care staff**

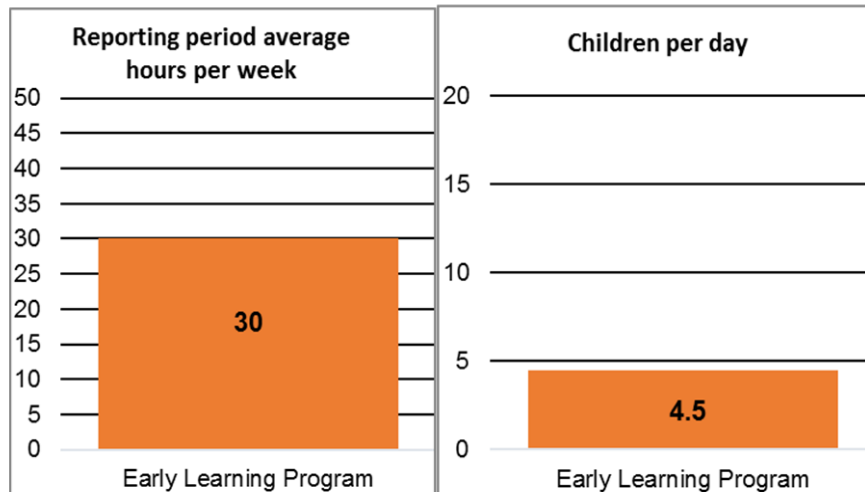


**CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**Service Delivery and Engagement**



- Early Learning program was partially delivered during this reporting period.
- The program was disrupted for 10 days during this reporting period due to team training in Alice Springs, First Aid training and lack of qualified staff.



**Other Updates**

- During this period children have been encouraged to contribute to the weekly menu.
- Dental Team for NT Health visited the centre, Department of Education visited the service to conduct a review. The strong mums and bubs program run by the NT government visited the centre.
- NPY women's council continued to provide support to the children and families.
- Finke ELC is planning to have early Christmas closure (24.11.2023 till 9.01.2024) due to lack of available qualified staff.
- Team Leader Susan Ware is fully qualified. Educator Christine Allen is enrolled in Certificate III and is progressing in her studies.
- The Team Leader and educators travelled to Alice Springs for a week of training in July.
- Finke Team Leader undertook Fire Warden Training in Alice Springs.
- St Johns First Aid training took place in Finke.
- The Children's Services is in search for 1 part-time Educator (working 55 hours per fortnight)
- Currently we have 1 full-time Team Leader and 1 part-time Educator. For the service to operate efficiently we require 1 Team Leader, 2 part-time Educators and 2 casual Educators.



LeBron and Jakaylan working with Lego

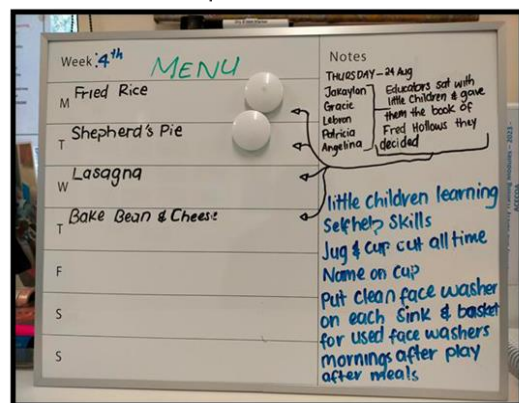


Children helping care for and clean the environment



Left photo: Dental visit from Department of Health Team, with Gracey and LeBron

Right photo: Menu plan that the children picked

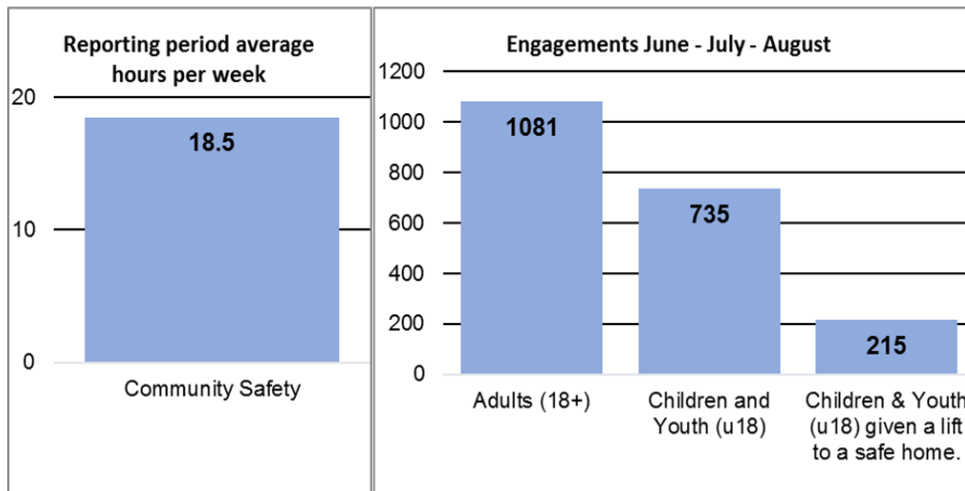


**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**Service Delivery and Engagement**



- Community Safety services were disrupted for 18 days during this reporting period due to; Staff leave, Sorry business, Kinship Obligation Leave and Ceremonial reasons.
- Our Community Service team operate a five day service Monday to Friday and is fully integrated into all aspects of the Community supporting the School, Clinic and CDEP providers when called upon.
- Engagements over the 3 month reporting period predominantly included: Kids/Youth out at Night; Are You OK? Checks; Talking Story with community members; and Talking with Youth.



**Other Updates**

- The Finke long weekend Sports Carnival brought together the MacSafe teams from Finke and Titjikala, with support from the NT Police. The MacSafe teams worked together from Friday night until Monday evening working long into the night, trying to ensure the community stayed safe with a large number of visitors from communities in both SA and the NT.
- The weekend Sports Carnival was a lot more peaceful than the last year's event and we celebrated our MacSafe teams coming together with a BBQ on Saturday night.
- Mary Matasia and Kiara Lambourne attended Digital Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) training delivered by Ninti Training. It is run in three-day units in Titjikala. There are 2 more training units planned in the near future.
- We will be advertising soon for the recruitment of the Team Leader's position.



Finke and Titjikala MacSafe Team barbeque during the Finke Sports Weekend.



Mary Matasia cleaning the MacSafe vehicle

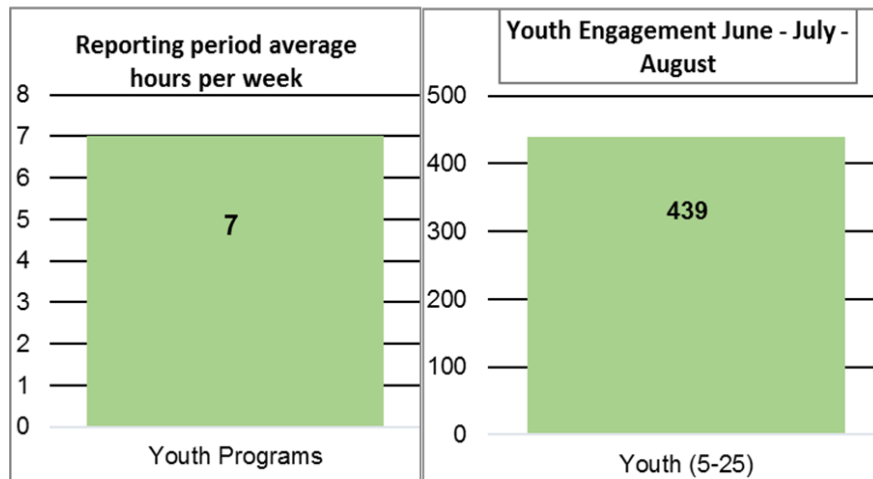


**YOUTH SERVICES**

**Service Delivery and Engagement**



- The partnership between MacYouth and MacSafe continues to support the delivery of Sport & Rec Programs in Finke.
- Remote Sport & Rec delivered 41 Activities across this reporting period an average of 11 youths per day attending Sport & Rec programs.
- Youth programs had one month disrupted this reporting period due to our Remote Sports worker attending ceremonial and sorry business in Haasts Range.
- The programs accessed during the normal operating period included: AFL, Basketball and Soccer and helping NPY provide fresh fruit each afternoon.



**Other Updates**

- During the long weekend in June the annual Finke Desert race sports carnival was held and our remote Sports worker helped run AusKick games with the AFL NT development team in the morning before the adult afternoon competition. MacYouth also ran a rehydration station to offer the footy players water during their games.
- Lester Lionel our remote sports officer played in the special commemorative AFL match to celebrate the life of Mr Hoosan who passed away late last year.
- The MacYouth Finke Sport & Recreation program works alongside the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women’s Council Youth team as well as independently offering an array of Sports activities.
- We are still actively looking for a female community member who would be interested in working up to 10 hours a week or 2 hours a day with the Sport & Recreation program.



**AusKick Group shot with MacYouth and AFL NT workers and all the kids who played**



**AFL AusKick games played every morning prior to adult competition**



**Lester Lionel running AusKick drills with the kids**



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**10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.3
<b>TITLE</b>	DTS Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 339110
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Jake Potter, Manager Fleet and Infrastructure

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

A summary of Technical Services completed in Finke since the last Local Authority Meeting

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Finke Local Authority That the community notes and accepts the attached report**

**BACKGROUND**

Nil

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Aaron Blacker – Director DTS

Jake Potter - MTIF

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Technical Services Report Finke.docx.pdf



## Technical Services Report Finke

### Transport Infrastructure

The Technical Services team has been busy at Finke completing the new WMF. The Plant Crew have now completed the project including, rehabilitating the old Waste Management Facility, and relocating cars from the community and the extension to the cemetery boundary. The Plant Crew and the Grader Crew have been working together to provide the community with a new Facility that will be active for 20 years. The installation of the WMF & Cemetery Fence and Waste drop off bays are due to be installed from the 8<sup>th</sup> of October. All funded grading has been completed in Finke & the Fleet team have completed all Mechanical Servicing in September.

Below Pictures

Pic 1: The new WMF upon completion of all Earthworks

Pic 2: Extension to the Cemetery for LA Project 2136

Pic 3: Rehabilitation of Old WMF





### **Buildings Infrastructure and Projects**

During the July and September period the following trade audits have been completed on staff houses and facilities:

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Pest Control

### **Information Communication and Technology**

Starlink installed in Finke Community

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## 11. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	11.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Expenditure Report as at 31 August 2023
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 338497
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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 31 August 2023 in the Local Authority community.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Finke Local Authority notes and accepts the Expenditure Report as at 31 August 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 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 for unspent funding to be repaid. As an example Any funds prior to the 2021-22 financial year need to be spent.

### 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 - Finke LA Expenditure Report.pdf



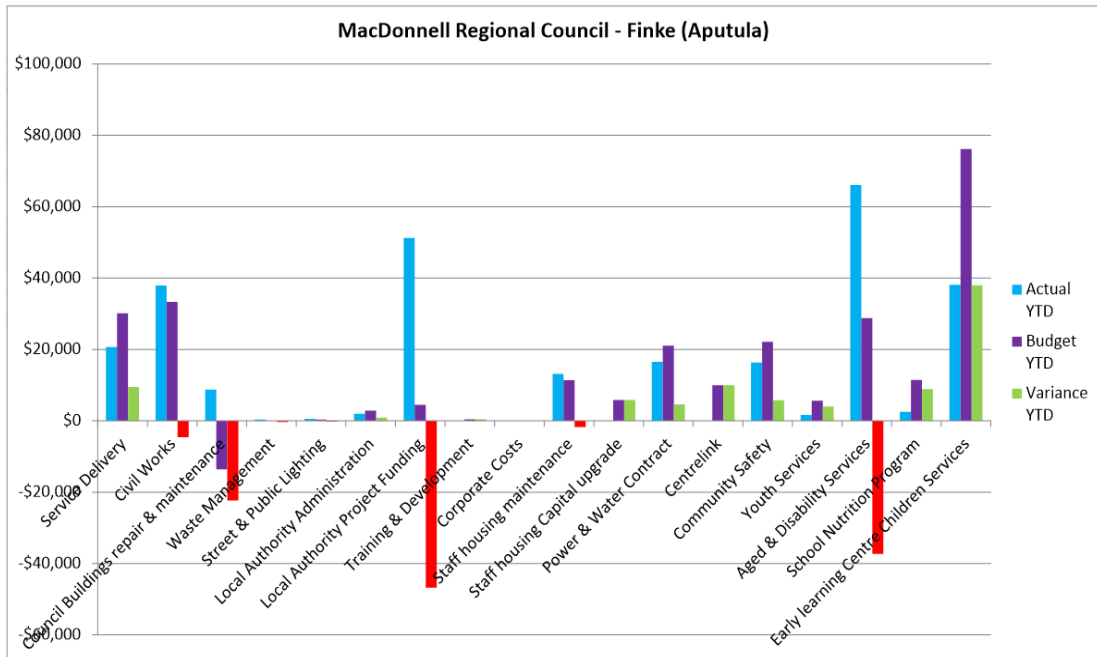
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MacDonnell Regional Council - Finke (Aputula)					
Expenditure by Community as at 31st August 23					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
<b>COUNCIL SERVICES</b>					
<b>Service Delivery</b>	<b>20,638</b>	<b>30,151</b>	<b>9,512</b>	<b>191,321</b>	32%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	10,173	20,911	10,738	135,886	51.4%
Other Operational	10,465	9,239	(1,226)	55,435	-13.3%
<b>Civil Works</b>	<b>37,908</b>	<b>33,340</b>	<b>(4,568)</b>	<b>216,692</b>	-14%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	32,049	33,528	1,479	217,820	4.4%
Other Operational	5,858	(188)	(6,046)	(1,128)	3216.5%
<b>Council Buildings repair &amp; maintenance</b>	<b>8,697</b>	<b>-13,808</b>	<b>(22,305)</b>	<b>21,350</b>	Due to ICIVICR have not yet been journalled
Other Operational	8,697	(13,608)	(22,305)	21,350	164%
<b>Waste Management</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(322)</b>	<b>0</b>	#DIV/0!
Other Operational	322	0	(322)	0	#DIV/0!
<b>Street &amp; Public Lighting</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>(168)</b>	<b>2,390</b>	-42%
Other Operational	567	398	(168)	2,390	-42.3%
<b>Local Authority Administration</b>					
<b>Local Authority Administration</b>	<b>1,976</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>17,000</b>	30%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	316	0	(316)	0	#DIV/0!
Other Operational	1,660	2,833	1,173	17,000	41.4%
<b>Local Authority Project Funding</b>	<b>51,288</b>	<b>4,483</b>	<b>(46,804)</b>	<b>26,900</b>	-1044%
Other Operational	51,288	4,483	(46,804)	26,900	-1044.0%
<b>Training &amp; Development</b>					
<b>Training &amp; Development</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>2,500</b>	100%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	417	417	2,500	100.0%
<b>Corporate Costs</b>					
<b>Corporate Costs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>920</b>	#DIV/0!
Other Operational	0	0	0	920	#DIV/0!
<b>Staff housing maintenance</b>					
<b>Staff housing maintenance</b>	<b>13,148</b>	<b>11,378</b>	<b>(1,770)</b>	<b>68,270</b>	-16%
Other Operational	13,148	11,378	(1,770)	68,270	-15.6%
<b>Staff housing Capital upgrade</b>					
<b>Staff housing Capital upgrade</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,833</b>	<b>5,833</b>	<b>35,000</b>	100%
Capital	0	5,833	5,833	35,000	100.0%
<b>SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES</b>	<b>134,544</b>	<b>75,225</b>	<b>(59,318)</b>	<b>582,343</b>	-78.9%
<b>NON-COUNCIL SERVICES</b>					
<b>Power &amp; Water Contract</b>					
<b>Power &amp; Water Contract</b>	<b>16,534</b>	<b>21,111</b>	<b>4,576</b>	<b>135,031</b>	22%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	15,350	16,724	1,374	108,712	8.2%
Other Operational	1,185	4,387	3,202	26,319	73.0%
<b>Centrelink</b>					
<b>Centrelink</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,010</b>	<b>10,010</b>	<b>65,066</b>	100%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	10,010	10,010	65,066	100.0%
<b>Community Safety</b>					
<b>Community Safety</b>	<b>16,344</b>	<b>22,135</b>	<b>5,791</b>	<b>140,734</b>	26%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	14,011	16,116	2,105	104,624	13.1%
Other Operational	2,333	6,018	3,685	36,110	61.2%
<b>Youth Services</b>					
<b>Youth Services</b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>5,624</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>36,562</b>	71%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	1,624	5,624	4,000	36,562	71.1%
<b>Aged &amp; Disability Services</b>					
<b>Aged &amp; Disability Services</b>	<b>66,093</b>	<b>28,777</b>	<b>(37,316)</b>	<b>181,472</b>	-130%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	52,801	11,182	(41,619)	75,902	lack of coordinator and manager accountability with hours worked vs. budgeted
Other Operational	13,292	17,595	4,303	105,570	-372.2%
<b>School Nutrition Program</b>					
<b>School Nutrition Program</b>	<b>2,537</b>	<b>11,442</b>	<b>8,905</b>	<b>68,652</b>	78%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	6,615	6,615	39,690	100.0%
Other Operational	2,537	4,827	2,290	28,962	47.4%
<b>Early learning Centre Children Services</b>					
<b>Early learning Centre Children Services</b>	<b>38,122</b>	<b>76,146</b>	<b>38,023</b>	<b>421,484</b>	50%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	33,015	46,305	13,290	291,961	28.7%
Other Operational	5,107	29,840	24,733	129,524	Finke Early Learning centre was closed for a number of days due to training and lack of qualified staff.
<b>SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES</b>	<b>141,255</b>	<b>175,244</b>	<b>33,989</b>	<b>1,049,002</b>	19.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>275,799</b>	<b>250,470</b>	<b>(25,329)</b>	<b>1,631,345</b>	-10.1%

The variance is over 10% or \$10,000 due to more money being spent than budget. (25,329)  
 The variance is over 10% or \$10,000 due to less money being spent than budget. (25,329)

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

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**12. LA GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 12.1  
**TITLE** General Business  
**REFERENCE** - 335952  
**AUTHOR** Lizzinna Ford, Governance Engagement Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
 Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Finke Local Authority notes and discusses the General Business items raised at Item 6.2.

**BACKGROUND**

1:.....

2:.....

3:.....

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Finke Local Authority  
 Executive Leadership Team

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.



**13. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	13.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Other Non-Council Business
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 335954
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Lizzinna Ford, Governance Engagement Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to the services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Finke 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; and
- b) approves closure of any completed actions.

**BACKGROUND**

- 1:.....
- 2:.....
- 3:.....

Date raised	Issue	Detail/Action taken
6-Apr-22	Roads/upgrades	Res.039 – Authority requested if the Maryvale Road would be graded.  The Representative advised that he will speak with DIPL and will report back to the Authority on their answer.
13-Jul-22		Kept action open.
5-Oct-22		Kept action open.
9-Mar-23		Res.020 – Kept action open.
26-Jul-23		Res.053 – Will follow up with DIPL in regards to grading the Ghan Heritage Road from Titjikala turnoff to Finke.
26-Jul-23	Finke finish line	Will make inquiries regarding the Finke finish line be upgraded.
6-Apr-22	Housing	Res.039 – Local authority requested that the Local Authority be updated as to who is responsible for maintenance to the houses.
13-Jul-22		Kept action open.

5-Oct-22		Kept action open.
6-Jan-23	Response from Leon Spurling, Director Remote Housing – CA Territory Families, Housing and Communities.	An HRG meeting is scheduled for 7 March 2023 in which staff will be attending.
9-Mar-23		Issue to Lot 74 (air condition fallen off roof) has been reported and contractors will attend, assess and make safe.
26-Jul-23		Res.020 – Members advised that there are quite a few fences around resident’s houses that need repairing or replacing. The Representative advised that he had emailed Housing when the matter was raised and unfortunately had not had a response. He informed members that he will follow up with Housing and bring a response to the next meeting. Kept action open.
		Res.053 – Will inquire with DIPL on whether the fences have been repaired and the water leak at Lot 54 fixed.

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Department Chief Minister and Cabinet  
The Finke Local Authority

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.