



AGENDA

DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2023

The Docker River Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Docker River Council Office on Wednesday, 11 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

ITEM NUMBER	3.5.1
TITLE	Nominations to Docker River Local Authority
REFERENCE	- 339306
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, Priscilla Abbott and Meryvyn De Rose had their membership dismissed at the 13 April 2023 meeting due to being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- notes the four vacancies available on the Local Authority;
- calls for community nominations to remain open for a further 28 days to fill these vacancies; and
- encourages members to seek suitable applicants to nominate.

BACKGROUND

The charts below show the current membership of the Docker River Local Authority:

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):

- (a) To involve local communities more closely in issues related to local government; and
- (b) 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 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

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE - 335955
AUTHOR Lizzinna Ford, Governance Engagement Officer



Unconfirmed minutes of the Docker River Local Authority meeting held on the 19 July 2023 is submitted to the Authority for confirmation that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That members adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the Local Authority meeting held on the 19 July 2023 as a resolution of the Docker River Local authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 2023-07-19 DRLA MINUTES (Draft).pdf



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was held as a Teams Meeting and declared open at 10:35am

1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIR

DRLA2023-068 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Rosina Kunia)

That the members by unanimous vote nominated Winsome Newberry as Acting Chair of the meeting held Wednesday, 19 July 2023.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Winsome Newberry

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Rosina Kunia and Member Winsome Newberry

Councillors:

Councillor Marlene Abbott and Councillor Abraham Poulson who attended via Teams

Council Employees:

Keith Hassett - Director Service Centre Delivery, Kathleen Abbott – Area Manager Service Delivery, Stephen Trindle – Council Services Coordinator, Megan Baliva – Administration Assistant HR, and June Crabb – Governance Officer

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Regional Manager, LGCATRG Department Chief Minister and Cabinet

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Chairperson Ruby James

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

DRLA2023-069 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

That members noted the attendance and accepted the apology received from Chairperson Ruby James.

Absentees:

NIL

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY

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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.

DRLA2023-070 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

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

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

DRLA2023-071 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

DRLA2023-072 RESOLVED(Rosina Kunia/Abraham Poulson)

That members of the Authority adopted 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.

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

DRLA2023-073 RESOLVED(Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

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

DRLA2023-074 RESOLVED(Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

Noted that members did not provide notification of matters to be discuss in General Council Business.

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

Noted that members provided notice to discuss the following item in General Non-Council Business:

- a) Outstations

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

DRLA2023-075 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

DRLA2023-076 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

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

Note: Representatives from the Australian Electoral Commission were not in attendance to the meeting.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 ELECTORAL AWARENESS FOR THE 2023 FEDERAL REFERENDUM

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.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 DOCKER RIVER YOUTH BOARD REPORT

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.

***DRLA2023-077 RESOLVED*(Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)**

That the Local Authority:

- 1) Received and noted the Docker River Youth Board's meeting minutes from the 21st of June 2023 attached to this report;**
- 2) Considered and declined the request for a swimming pool or water park due to other financial commitments; and**
- 3) Agreed to move the Youth Board's proposal of a scooter/bike/skateboard park to the project wish list for future consideration.**

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 to spend on the community projects.

DRLA2023-078 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress of their projects to keep open:
 - 2122 – Score Board;
 - 2125 – Shade Shelter for Parks, noting that Contractors will be appointed once their availability allows;
 - 2128 – Fencing around Playground and Lasseter Park, noting that additional quotes are being sought; and
 - 2129 – Solar light to entry post, with members agreeing to one light being affixed to the Welcome sign and the other four lights along the road leading into community.

9.3 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.

DRLA2023-079 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that the Local Authority forfeited their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds allocation of \$4,000.00; and
- b) discussed and agreed to allocate \$1,850.00 of their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds towards Guernsey's.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

DRLA2023-080 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

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 an update on Community Services program delivery.

DRLA2023-081 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

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

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 DOCKER RIVER LA EXPENDITURE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

DRLA2023-082 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River 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:

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.

DRLA2023-083 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Marlene Abbott)

That no matters were raised for discussion in General Business.

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.

DRLA2023-084 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority discussed and noted following Non-Council Business matters:

- a) Outstations, advising that MRC receives funding for Wataru only and noted that the Representative will follow up with Territory Families regarding the Tjuntinanta Outstation being without water.
- b) Noted that the NPY WC Youth programs have not had many services run for since February 2023 and will discuss this with NIAA.
- c) Noted that horses are causing damage and problems for community, suggesting that MRC approach CLC on behalf of the Traditional Owners.
- d) Agreed to advise DIPL that the new houses that are replacing BER do not have insulation and are very cold.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:16 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 19 July 2023 and are UNCONFIRMED.

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 Docker River 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

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) **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.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Docker River Youth Board Report
REFERENCE	- 339316
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 in the process of developing Youth Boards across the MacDonnell region. MRC is currently working on developing a Youth Board in Docker River.

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 5th of October 2023;**
- b) **discusses and decides on the Youth Board's recommendations to get a water tap, a toilet and a changing room near the football oval and softball ground;**
- c) **discusses and decides on the Youth Board's recommendation to get benches at the basketball court for community events;**
- d) **discusses and decides on the Youth Board's recommendation on purchasing new softball equipment for community sports carnivals - one bag of softball equipment.**

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: Lara Bell, Shimara Stockman, Melissa Moneymoon, Bridget Reid, Alicia Kulitja, Chythia Bell, Stephanie Jugadai.

Kaisa Suumann, Community Engagement Project Coordinator, MacDonnell Regional Council

Brooke Turnbull, Youth Development Officer, The Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara Women's Council

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Youth Board Meeting Minutes - Docker River - 05-10-2023.pdf
- 2 Softball kit quote - Docker River.pdf



MacDonnell Regional Council Youth Board - Meeting Minutes

Date	05/10/2023
Community	Docker River
Chairperson	Chythia Bell
Minute taker	Kaisa Suumann
Youth Board Members	Lara Bell, Shimara Stockman, Melissa Moneymoon, Bridget Reid, Alicia Kunitja, Chythia Bell, Stephanie Jugadai.
Council Employees	Kaisa Suumann
Guests	Brooke Turnbull (NPYWC), Sally Yibardi (NPYWC), Frankie Szakaly (Kathrine West Health Board), Maxine Gallagher-Johns (Kathrine West Health Board)

Agenda Item 1	The Chairperson Chythia Bell opened the 5th of October Youth Board meeting.
Agenda Item 2	Our meeting's rules 1. We are respectful to other Youth Board members and Council staff;

	<p>2. We are honest and act the right way;</p> <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>									
Agenda Item 3	<p>Confirmation of previous minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the 21st of June 2023 were confirmed by the Youth Board.</p>									
Agenda Item 4	<p>Open Action Items from the Youth Board Action Register</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Youth Board meeting date</th> <th>Action Item description</th> <th>Updates</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>21/06/2023</td> <td>A swimming pool or water park</td> <td> <p>27/06/2023 - Kaisa - this action item has been shared with DR CSC and Area Manager</p> <p>21/08/2023 - Kaisa - LA considered and declined on their 19/07/2023 meeting the request for swimming pool or water park due to other financial commitments.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>21/06/2023</td> <td>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.</td> <td> <p>27/06/2023 - Kaisa - this action item has been shared with DR CSC and Area Manager.</p> <p>21/08/2023 - Kaisa - The LA agreed on their 19/07/2023 meeting to move the scooter park idea to the project wish list for future considerations.</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Youth Board noted the LA feedback and decided to close these above listed items.</p>	Youth Board meeting date	Action Item description	Updates	21/06/2023	A swimming pool or water park	<p>27/06/2023 - Kaisa - this action item has been shared with DR CSC and Area Manager</p> <p>21/08/2023 - Kaisa - LA considered and declined on their 19/07/2023 meeting the request for swimming pool or water park due to other financial commitments.</p>	21/06/2023	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.	<p>27/06/2023 - Kaisa - this action item has been shared with DR CSC and Area Manager.</p> <p>21/08/2023 - Kaisa - The LA agreed on their 19/07/2023 meeting to move the scooter park idea to the project wish list for future considerations.</p>
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Agenda Item 5	<p>Feedback to the MacDonnell Regional Council</p> <p>The Youth Board made to the Docker River LA the following recommendations:</p>									

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Installation of a water tap near the softball and football oval.2) Building a toilet near the softball and football oval.3) Building changing room near the football and softball oval.4) Purchasing new softball equipment for community sports carnivals.5) Building seating around the basketball court for community events.
Agenda Item 6	Other Topics/Questions/comments NIL.
Agenda Item 7	Next meeting time December 2023
Agenda Item 8	Meeting Closed The Chairperson closed the meeting at 4.40pm.

Quote



Date	09/10/23
Valid Until	09/11/23
Quote #	150979

Customer Details	Quote/Project Description
Name: Kaisa Suumann	
Company Name: MRC	
Street Address:	
City:	
Email:	

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
1	Softball kit complete	1600.00	1600.00
	2 bats, 6 balls, 10 gloves, 4 batting helmets,		
	1 gear bag, 1 catchers gear, 1 umpires counter		
	1 scorebook, 1 bases set		

Special Notes and Instructions	Subtotal	\$
	Total	\$1600.00

Thank you for your Business!
 Should you have any enquiries concerning this quote, please contact Greg on (08) 89526344
 Shop 1 40-46 Todd Mall, Alice Springs, NT, 0870
 Ph: (08) 89526344
 Email: alicesprings@intersport.com.au

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Local Authority Projects
REFERENCE	- 335957
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. 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.

The Docker River Local Authority has allocated all of its previous Project funds allocations to community projects.

\$47,100.00 is the anticipated commitment from NTG for the 2023/2024 Project funds allocation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) notes that the 2023/2024 Project funds from NTG have yet to be released;
- b) notes and accepts the progress of their projects; and
- c) approves the closure of any 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. 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.		
11-May-22	Scoreboard has been ordered, PO088172 raised for 50% deposit.		15,115.00
8-Jun-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
12-Oct-22	Res.046 – Score board has been destroyed while transporting and Area manager is following up and will provide update at the next meeting.		-21,305.00
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.		
28-Aug-23	Area Manager to follow up with CDT for quote – CDT attended site and now have dimensions and photos of what needs to be delivered.		
		(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.	
28-Aug-23	CSC approached two contractors who were already in community – waiting on them to get back to him with 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.	
25-Sep-23	Invoice received from Green Frog for 8 x Stealth Solar lights.	28,239.60
	underspend or (overspend)	3,478.95

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	46,120.15
	Total unallocated funds	0.00
	Anticipated release of the 2023/2024 Project funds	47,100.00
	Total	46,120.15

Wishlist and estimated costs

Priority: New Window for Church

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

Estimated Cost:

Priority: Shade cover for the Softball Diamond

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

Estimated Cost:

Priority: Construct toilet at Sorry Camp

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

Estimated Cost:

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:

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

ITEM NUMBER 9.3
TITLE Local Authority Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE - 335960
AUTHOR Lizzinna Ford, Governance Engagement 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:

- a) notes the expenditure allocated to the football uniforms; and
- b) discusses to spend the remainder of their Discretionary funds.

BACKGROUND**2023/2024 Discretionary Fund**

Date	2023/2024 Discretionary Funds	Approved Commitment \$	Expenditure remaining \$
1 Jul 23	Discretionary Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00
8 Sept 23	Docker River Football Uniforms		-1,363.64
Balance Remaining			2,636.36

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

The Docker River Local Authority has \$2,636.36 remaining of the 2023/2024 Discretionary Funds.

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	SCD - Docker River LA Report
REFERENCE	- 339295
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 Service Delivery report.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Keith Hassett – Director Service Centre Delivery
Kathy Abbott – Area Manager – Service Centre Delivery
Stephen Trindle – Council Service Coordinator – Service Centre Delivery

ATTACHMENTS:

1 2310 - Docker River LA Report.pdf

Service Delivery Report



TITLE: Docker River - Service Delivery Report
DATE: 11th October-23
AUTHOR: Stephen Trindle - Council Service Coordinator

SUMMARY:

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

Local Government Services Update

Animal Management

- Still problems with horses in community.
- Vets next visit is scheduled for 6th – 8th November.
- There has been a few instances where dogs were required to be put down. I would like to suggest that we see the vets when they are next out here and see if they are willing to leave needles that can be used to put them down by the nurses in the clinic. I have spoken to the clinic and they are willing to do so, by keeping the needles at the clinic and they will be the ones to administer the needles.

This report relates to the Community Dog Health Program performed for the MacDonnell Regional Council on the Docker River Community Dogs on 7-8 June, 2023. Procedures performed are summarised below:

	Spayed	Castrated	Tick/Mange Injection	Tick Spray	MPA*	Vaccinations	Euthanasias
Number of Dogs	3	1	76	83	8	10	0
Number of Cats	0	0	13	N/A	6	N/A	0
Others	0	0	2	2	N/A	N/A	0
Total	3	1	91	85	14	10	0

* 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	31.58% of total dog population (8.4%)	3/5 (1.9/5)	0/5 (0.2/5)	0/5 (0.1/5)	2/5 (3.0/5)
Previous Level	1.47%	1/5	0/5	0/5	3.5/5
Notes	Large Rise	Moderate Rise	Nil	Nil	3/5 is optimum condition

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

Service Delivery Report



Cemetery Management

- Cemetery is looking ok, planned future works to carry out whipper snipping and a general clean up.
- Car park need clearing and levelling as well as firebreak around the fence of the cemetery using grader in community.



Cemetery sign



Car Park at the cemetery

Internal Road Maintenance

- There are a few speed bumps within a couple of streets need replaced and or fixing.
- Due to vandalism there are a few street signs that need fixing.
- All the dirt service roads are in good condition.
- As soon as we are able to get the road sweeper mobilised we will be doing all the sealed roads around the community.

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Eagle Park, Tjungu Park are looking really good.
- Lasseter Playground will some works done where it is, it's in a floodway ground level may need raising. Wanting to have it fenced make it safe to use.
- Trees were planted at Eagle Park which was funded through the LA was destroyed by horses and some have been pulled out of the ground.

Service Delivery Report



Eastside Park



Tjungu Park

Sports Grounds

- The football oval has been dragged and is looking great. Ready for the sports carnival on the 21st October. The softball diamond is the same.
- Some whipper snipping of grass around the softball diamond is being done ready for the upcoming sports weekend 20th of October.



Softball field



Football Oval

Waste Management

- The waste tip has had some clean up done and is starting to look tidy, covering waste once a week
- The recycling area still needs a lot of work to be in compliance with regulations.
- Bins are emptied twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays.

Service Delivery Report



Capping of the WMF

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- The cutting of weeds and general clean-up of rubbish around the community is an ongoing works/project.
- All fire breaks around the community are well maintained.
- Our 2 water trailers are all operational and ready if needed for fire control.

Local Authority projects Updates

Docker River Local Authority progress of projects;

- A. Project – **2125 Shade shelter for Parks** – Structure in community will check when contractor will come out to erect due to safety (working at Heights)
- B. Project – **2128 Fence around Lasseter Park** - Major works to be done before this can go ahead. Need advice from technical services.
- C. Project – **2129 Solar lights at entry to community** - Purchase order raised just waiting on delivery on the next CDT truck is due.

Other

- The 2 shed structures being erected at Watarru Outstation is still a work in progress. Waiting on contractors to come and finish.

CSC Name Stephen Trindle.

Council Services Coordinator – Service Centre Delivery

Community Docker River.

10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	10.2
TITLE	Community Service Docker River Local Authority Report
REFERENCE	- 338503
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 – Jessica Kragh

ATTACHMENTS:

1 2023-10 - COMMUNITY SERVICES Docker River LAR - approved.pdf

Community Service: Report on Operations

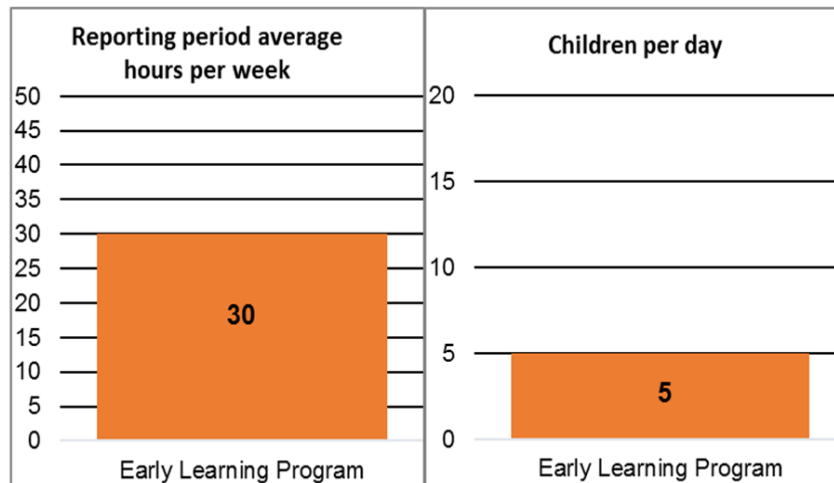


LOCATION: Docker River Community
PERIOD: 1/06/2023 to 31/08/2023
AUTHOR: Sabine Wedemeyer, Director Community Services

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

- Early Learning program was delivered based on children's interest and Educator observation on children's learning
- The service delivered the learning program for two weeks in the month of June and from 15th of June until 31st August Early Learning Centre was closed for operation due to lack of staff.



Other Updates

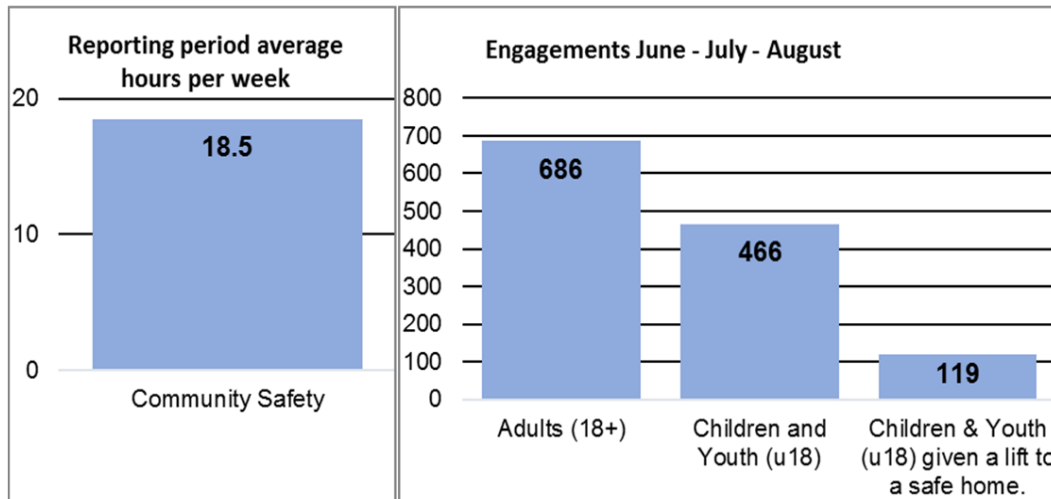
- Vacancies:
 - 2 x PPT Educators – 55 hours per fortnight
- Staffing levels:
 - Currently we have 1 full-time Team Leader and 1 casual Educator. For the service to operate efficiently we require 1 Team Leader, 2 part-time Educators and 1 casual Educator.
- Training being undertaken:
 - Team Leader is enrolled in Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care and is supported by Coordinators to progress with studies and finish it on time. All Educators have to enrol in Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care and progress with their studies, complete Mandatory Reporting training, and have a valid OCHRE card and a police clearance and undertake First Aid training in educational setting.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Service Delivery and Engagement



- In the last three months the Community Safety service has been disrupted for 4 days due to Staff Leave and Sorry Business.
- The Docker River Team continues to operate on a 5 day roster, Monday to Friday with nightly Patrols operating from 6pm until Midnight.
- Engagements over the 3 month reporting period mainly included: Kids/Youth out at Night; Are You OK? Checks; Community events; Talking Story with Community Members; and Talking with Youth.



Other Updates

- We began the creation of a Yarning Space at the MacSafe compound with the help of MacSafe Coordinator Elliot Fleming (he works in the far West Communities). Elliot drove down to Docker River using a MacYouth Ute, full of supplies.
- Over the course of the next couple of months we will be cleaning up the compound to eradicate the Buffel Grass, set up shade cloth over the area; a fire pit and seating, so community members feel welcome to come and visit. It is hoped that community members will come to Yarning Space, to share stories and relax in the evenings.
- We interviewed for a new team member who has a current drivers licence and we're awaiting approval for him to commence work. This will strengthen the team when staff are on leave.
- No formal training took place during this period, but as always, the Coordinator conducts ongoing training, whenever he is visiting the community.

Docker River MacSafe Team Patrolling at Night



MacSafe Team building Planter Boxes preparing to start a Yarning Space



Planter boxes in place in readiness to create a green space at MacSafe office



YOUTH SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

- Toward the end of July we restarted the remote Sports program and ran a service over a period of one month.
- Over the course of the month long engagement there were 9 activities offered that included; Football – Softball – Basketball – and Minor Games in the Rec Hall.
- The average number of participants was approximately 6 young people each afternoon.
- Working alongside the Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council's Youth service program workers has been a very successful collaboration in the past which will continue into the future.



Other Updates

- The Remote Sports Coordinator has been meeting with the (NPY) Women's Council youth program to discuss ways to deliver programs in partnership
- We are actively looking for male and female Sport and Rec workers to help support healthy active lifestyles for the youth in Docker River and if anyone would like to apply please contact the Coordinator Yarran Cavalier on his mobile: 0428 242 559.
- Remote Sports Coordinator will be in Docker River looking to interview candidates for the Remote Sports and Rec roles during the upcoming Healthy Communities Event being held on Wednesday 20th September
- The Interviews can happen anytime from Tuesday 19th September – Friday 22nd September.

New worker Harrison doing his online Induction prior to starting work



The new solar powered lights light up the Softball Diamond at night



10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.3
TITLE DTS Report
REFERENCE - 339389
AUTHOR 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 Docker River since the last Local Authority Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority notes and accepts the Technical Services report

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Aaron Blacker – Director Tech Services
Jake Potter - MTIF

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Technical Services LA Docker River Oct.pdf

Technical Services Report – Docker River

Transport Infrastructure & Fleet

In April MRC completed and acquitted the Access to Country Project for CLC. The project consisted of Grading approx. 145km of flat bladed track across area Kaititi Petermann Region including Walu, Eagle Valley, Wankari, Kunapula & Tjuntinanta. MRC with the help of CLC, Local Ranges & T/O's were able to finalize and complete the works by May 2023.

All maintenance Grading is expected to be completed in the New Year if Tech Services can recruit the Senior Grader Position currently vacant.

Fleet servicing was completed in Docker River in late July with another Service trip to be completed by Christmas. Fleet Workshops currently has one vacant position for a mechanic.

Infrastructure – Docker River road logs and Road furniture audit is expected to be completed by the end of November.



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
- Fire Equipment

The contractor is on site at Wataru Outstation as of the 9th October to install 2 x structures funded through NIAA.

Information Communication and Technology

Starlink installed into the Docker River Community

11. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Expenditure Report as at 31 August 2023
REFERENCE	- 338600
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 31 August 2023 in the Local Authority Community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River 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 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 2021-22 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 - Docker River Expenditure Report.pdf

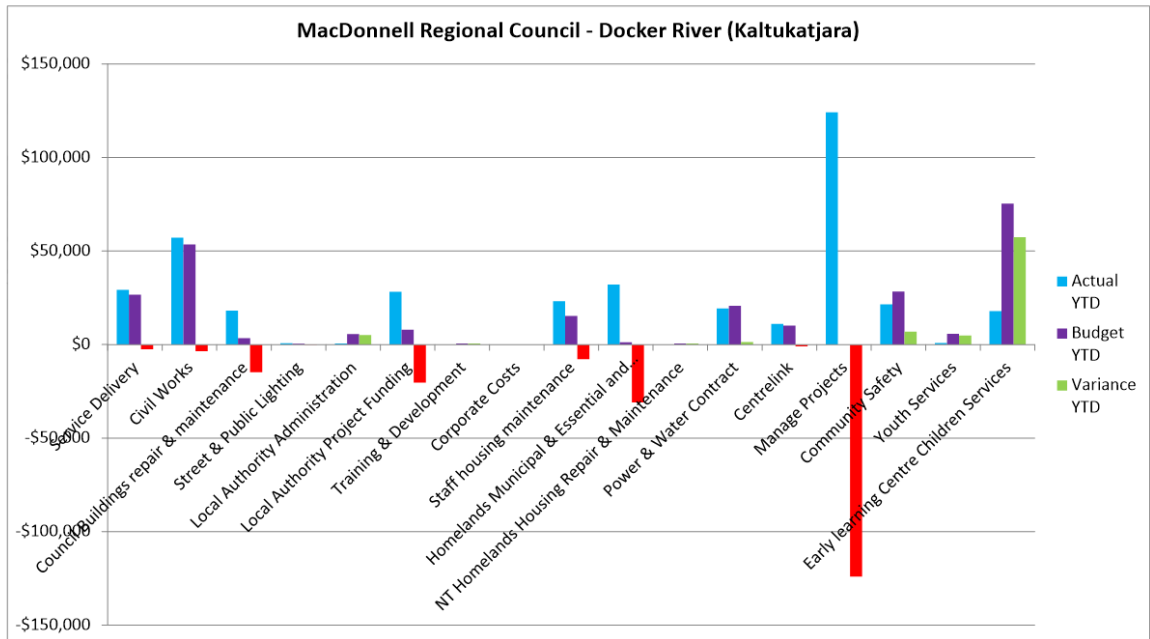
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MacDonnell Regional Council - Docker River (Kaitukatjara)					
Expenditure by Community as at 31st August 23					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
COUNCIL SERVICES					
Service Delivery	29,200	26,721	(2,479)	168,406	-9%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	17,829	16,247	(1,581)	105,566	-9.7%
Other Operational	11,371	10,473	(898)	62,840	-8.6%
Civil Works	57,190	53,597	(3,593)	347,407	-7%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	44,230	52,049	7,818	338,116	15.0%
Other Operational	12,960	1,549	(11,411)	9,291	-736.9%
Council Buildings repair & maintenance	18,093	3,359	(14,734)	35,342	This budget is for repairs and maintenance and is spent as required. -439%
Other Operational	18,093	3,359	(14,734)	35,342	-438.7%
Street & Public Lighting	680	477	(203)	2,860	-43%
Other Operational	680	477	(203)	2,860	-42.7%
Local Authority Administration	614	5,633	5,020	33,800	89%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	3,333	3,333	20,000	100.0%
Other Operational	614	2,300	1,686	13,800	73.3%
Local Authority Project Funding	28,240	7,850	(20,390)	47,100	-260%
Other Operational	28,240	7,850	(20,390)	47,100	-259.7%
Training & Development	0	500	500	3,000	100%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	500	500	3,000	100.0%
Corporate Costs	0	0	0	920	#DIV/0!
Other Operational	0	0	0	920	#DIV/0!
Staff housing maintenance	23,248	15,375	(7,873)	64,850	-51%
Other Operational	23,248	15,375	(7,873)	64,850	-51.2%
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	157,264	113,512	(43,752)	703,686	-38.5%
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Homelands Municipal & Essential and Homela	32,095	1,200	-30,895	7,200	-2575%
Other Operational	32,095	1,200	(30,895)	7,200	-2574.5%
NT Homelands Housing Repair & Maintenance	0	605	605	3,630	100%
Other Operational	0	605	605	3,630	100.0%
Power & Water Contract	19,331	20,724	1,393	132,595	7%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	18,452	16,504	(1,948)	107,276	-11.8%
Other Operational	880	4,220	3,340	25,319	79.2%
Centrelink	11,105	10,122	(983)	65,794	-10%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	11,105	10,122	(983)	65,794	-9.7%
Manage Projects	124,103	0	(124,103)	342,900	#DIV/0!
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Other Operational	124,103	0	(124,103)	342,900	#DIV/0!
Community Safety	21,497	28,384	6,886	175,362	24%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	19,449	21,476	2,027	139,488	9.4%
Other Operational	2,049	6,908	4,859	35,874	70.3%
Youth Services	835	5,738	4,903	37,306	85%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	835	5,738	4,903	37,306	85.5%
Early learning Centre Children Services	17,956	75,314	57,359	409,153	Early Learning Centre has been closed for the most reporting period due to lack of staff (Team Leader being injured). 76%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	14,398	43,338	28,940	272,609	66.8%
Other Operational	3,558	31,977	28,418	136,545	88.9%
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	226,922	142,087	(84,835)	1,173,941	-59.7%
TOTAL	384,186	255,599	(128,587)	1,877,626	-50.3%

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

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

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12. GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE General Business
REFERENCE - 335956
AUTHOR Lizzinna Ford, Governance Engagement 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority notes and discusses the General Business Items raised at Item 6.2.

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

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Non-Council Business
REFERENCE	- 335959
AUTHOR	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:

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.

19-Jul-23	Water Pressure	Email attached regarding the Water pressure check for Docker River.
19-Jul-23	Outstations	Members advised that MRC receives funding for Wataru only and will follow up with Territory Families regarding Tjuntinanta Outstation being without water.
19-Jul-23	NPY WC Youth Programs	Advised that the Youth Programs had not had many services available since Feb 2023 and the Representative will discuss this with NIAA.
19-Jul-23	Wild horses	Noted that horses are causing damage and problems for community. Representative suggested that MRC approach CLC on behalf of the Traditional Owners.
19-Jul-23	Housing	Agreed to advise DIPL that the new houses that are replacing BER do not have insulation and are very cold.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

CONSULTATION

Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Email from Power and Water re. Water Pressure.pdf

From: David Annesley <David.Annesley@powerwater.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 8 September 2023 9:35 AM
To: Bruce Fyfe <Bruce.Fyfe@nt.gov.au>
Cc: Chris Daly <Chris.Daly@nt.gov.au>; Jenifer Moore <Jenifer.Moore@powerwater.com.au>
Subject: Kaltukatjara (Docker River) - Water Pressure - Customer Complaint - PWC follow up

Hi Bruce, a quick update following on from my previous phone call, on the review undertaken so far around the customer complaint on the water pressure at Kaltukatjara.

The water team have undertaken water pressure testing in the community at a couple of locations along the temporary dead end mains that would be the worst affected by the static pressure supply from the water tanks. The pressure results were consistent with the base figures previously explained. The tests included both pressure and flow rate, at Lots 78 and 299.

Lot 78 had 130 kpa with a flow of 24 LPM.

Lot 299 had 125 kpa with a flow also of 24 LPM.

The elevated tank pressure is 170 kpa.

The community water pressure is currently at the lower end of the agreed operating pressure identified under the IES agreement between the NTG (TFHC) and Indigenous Essential Services Pty Ltd (A not for profit subsidiary of Power and Water Corporation). This pressure is 1200kpa or 12m head. The pressure is compliant with the agreed service level.

There is some future works programed (some of this in future years) with new ground level water tank storage and network augmentation for the community that might have a very slight improvement on the flow, however the static pressure may not change as this is set by the height of the existing elevated tank stand. There may be some localised improvements due to installing loop mains to reduce pressure losses in the network.

Regards

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