



AGENDA

FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY

TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024

The Finke Local Authority of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at Finke on Tuesday 5 March 2024 at 10:30 am.

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3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER: 3.1
TITLE: Attendance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to acknowledge the attendance and to table, for the record of the Finke Local Authority, any apologies received from Members for this Authority meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) notes the Members' attendance at this meeting;**
- b) tables apologies received for this meeting; and**
- c) records the Members' absences, without notice, for this meeting.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Authority can choose to accept the apologies as presented, or not accept them.

Apologies that are not accepted by the Authority will be recorded as absent without notice.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER: 4.1

TITLE: MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority 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; and
- Constituents of MRC are aware of the behaviour they can expect from members.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER: 5.1
TITLE: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Finke Local Authority meeting to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority resolve the unconfirmed Minutes of the meeting held 4 October 2023 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2023-10-04 FLA MINUTES (Draft) [5.1.1 - 6 pages]



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:51AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Michael Ferguson

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Michael Ferguson, Member Rosemary Matasia, Member Geoffrey Stuart,
Member Jill Doolan and Member Richard Doolan

Councillors:

Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Andrew Davis

Council Employees:

Sheree Sherry – A/Executive Manager Finance & Governance, Kathleen Abbott – Area
Manager Service Delivery, Damien Ryan – Council Services Coordinator and June Crabb –
Governance Officer.

Guests:

Shane Franey – Liaison Officer, Member for Namatjira Office.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Charmaine Stuart

Absentees:

Councillor Aloyischois Hayes

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October 2023

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

FLA2023-054 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Jill Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance and accepted the apologies received from Member Charmaine Stuart; and
- b) noted the absence without notice of Councillor Aloyiscois Hayes from the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

FLA2023-055 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

FLA2023-056 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority of 26 July 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

FLA2023-057 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)

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

FLA2023-058 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Geoffrey Stuart)

Noted that the members provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- **Scrap metal bays at Waste Management Facility.**
Moved to the wishlist the possibility of having a separate bay for scrap metal.
This was so the community could on sell any useable pieces of metal.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

FLA2023-059 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)

Noted that members provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- **Grading the Ghan Heritage Road**
Members were advised that the Road is graded twice per year, and there were currently no plans in place to upgrade the road.
Members asked that grading take place during the year, especially after the Finke Desert Race and not before.
- **Fences**
Members asked if the fences around houses could be raised.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

FLA2023-060 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Jill Doolan)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

FLA2023-061 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Jill Doolan)

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

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 FINKE 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 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.

FLA2023-062 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Geoffrey Stuart)

That the Local Authority:

- a) received and noted the Finke Youth Board's meeting minutes from the 7th of September 2023; and
- b) determined not to commit funds towards the recommendations of the Youth Board as members were advised by the Officer from Bill Yan's Office that funding may be available from other sources. The Liaison Officer requested that the Youth Board forward onto the Office of Namatjira, quotes for the following:
 - **New Goal Posts for the Footy Oval.**
 - **Gym Station.**

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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.

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.

FLA2023-063 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Patrick Allen)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted that NTG's 2023/2024 project funds commitment of \$26,900.00 had not been received by MRC;
- b) noted that the 2023/2024 project funds from NTG has been allocated to Project – Fence around Cemetery;
- c) noted and accepted the progress of its projects and kept open:
 - 2135 – Wood fire BBQ, noting that the CSC will follow up with an available Contractor to teach the team to install the BBQ's;
 - 2136 – Fence around Cemetery, noting that the Executive Manager F&G would follow up and advise if gates would be installed. Members were advised that a tank at the cemetery would be a health issue if the water was not continually replenished. Members agreed to continue using a trailer with the tank for potable water.
- d) requested that the Softball pitch be realigned to a North/South position so that the batters can avoid facing the sun.
- e) members asked for quotes and timeframe towards a Shade Structure over the Playground at the Office be looked into.

9.3 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.

FLA2023-064 RESOLVED (Geoffrey Stuart/Patrick Allen)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted that the Purchase Order for the Gardening equipment had been raised; and
- b) allocated \$1,000.00 towards a Christmas party to be held the first week of December.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 FINKE LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

FLA2023-065 RESOLVED (Geoffrey Stuart/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted and accept the Service Delivery Report; and
- b) noted that members inquired on the dosage used to treat animals and how vets determined whether an animal should be euthanized. Members recommended that Councillors raise this matter to invite a Veterinarian to a Council meeting to discuss what the services are that they provide in community.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

FLA2023-066 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Geoffrey Stuart)

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

10.3 DTS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

FLA2023-067 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Rosemary Matasia)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Technical Services Report; and
- b) noted that members were unclear of what Starlink was.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 August 2023 in the Local Authority community.

FLA2023-068 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 31 August 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.

FLA2023-069 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Geoffrey Stuart)

That the Finke Local Authority noted that the General Business items raised were discussed 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.

FLA2023-070 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) **noted the Non-Council Business items raised were discussed at Item 6.3;**
- b) **noted that the DCM&C Representative was waiting on a response from the organisers of the Finke Desert Race for a possible upgrade to Finke's start/finish line.**
- c) **noted the water leak at Lot 54 had been repaired.**
- d) **noted the request from Bill Yan's Representative that members consider a location for a Mens Shed.**
- e) **approved to close Housing and Roads.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2024

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:47 pm.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 4 October 2023 and are UNCONFIRMED.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER: 6.1

TITLE: Acceptance of Agenda

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority notes that the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER: 6.2

TITLE: Notification of General Business Items

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

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6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER: 6.3

TITLE: Notification of Matters Raised in General Non-Council Business items

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

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7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER: 7.1
TITLE: Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) **notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- b) **members declare any conflict of interest with the meeting Agenda.**

BACKGROUND

Conflicts of interest arise when members are influenced, or appear to be influenced, by personal interests when doing their jobs. The perception of a conflict of interest – the way it seems to the public - can be as damaging as an actual conflict, because it undermines public confidence in the integrity and fairness of MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC).

Under the *Local Government Act*, not declaring a conflict of interest or improperly disclosing information can lead to imprisonment.

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

- Example: Council has advertised for a contractor for irrigation of a football oval. A member is employed by a company which has tendered for the contract. This may affect, or it may reasonably be suspected that it could affect, their ability to make an unbiased or fair decision when the contract choice is considered by Council.

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

- Example: A contractor tendering for a Council contract for road works offers to seal the road to a member's house. The member would not be seen as impartial or fair when choosing the contractor for the job.

Information and Opportunities

- Example: a member may know a lot of information about tenders for contracts coming up in the MRC area before the tenders are made public. Conflicts can arise if the member gives this information to a friend or relative working for a company so they can have a better chance of winning the contract.

Undue Influence

- Example: a member tries to pressure a hotel in Alice Springs into providing free accommodation, because they are a member of Council.

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

As soon as practical after a member becomes aware of a conflict of interest in a matter that has come up or is about to come up before or during a meeting (council, local authority or council committee), the member must disclose or tell the relevant interest to the meeting and to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MRC.

Details of members' interests and the nature of those interests will be recorded in the relevant Register of Interests published on the Council's website and to be available for any member of the public to look over at the Council's public office.

In addition, if a member enters into a personal or business relationship with another member or Council employee that could result in a conflict of interest, then this relationship must be reported to the President and CEO. A file note will be made and recorded on the relevant Register of Interests.

Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

If a member is unsure whether or not they have a conflict of interest, they should give full details to the CEO or seek independent legal advice.

The CEO does not have a responsibility to decide whether or not a member has a conflict of interest in a matter. The responsibility for determining whether a member has a conflict of interest is up to the individual member.

If you do have a Conflict of Interest

After a member has disclosed the nature of the interest, the member must not, without approval from the Minister:

- be present during any discussion of the meeting when the matter is being discussed.
- take part in any decision related to the matter.
- Influence another member in their decision.

Members will not become involved in the promotion or endorsement of products and/or services unless this has been approved in line with Council's policies and Code of Conduct.

Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest

Any person may make a complaint that a member has or may have failed to disclose or tell of a conflict of interest. All complaints should be directed to the MRC CEO.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

- the business of Council is conducted with efficiency, fairness, and integrity; and
- members act in the best interests of Council and do not seek personal or family gain when performing their duties or use their public office for personal gain.

8 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 8.1
TITLE: Finke Youth Board
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance Officer

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. To develop and support our young leaders, Council 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 Finke Local Authority:

1. **receives and notes the meeting minutes of the Finke Youth Board from 24/01/2024;**
2. **discusses the Youth Board's recommendation to move the seats at the football oval to under the shade. The seats are currently next to the shade not under it;**
3. **discusses the Youth Board's recommendation to plant some more trees around the oval;**
4. **discusses and decides on the Youth Board's recommendation to get new AFL equipment: Guernseys for the community team and for youth; and**
5. **discusses and decides on the Youth Board's recommendation to get some gym equipment with quote tabled.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Finke Local Authority to provide feedback on the suggestions from the Youth Board as noted above.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

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. Finke Youth Board meeting minutes 24-01-2024 [8.1.1 - 4 pages]

Minutes

Youth Board

Community:	Finke (Aputula)
Date & Time:	24/1/24 from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm
Chairperson:	Colin Hayes
Minute Taker:	Kaisa Suumann
Youth Board	Colin Hayes
Members:	Ashwyn Churchill Reagan Drover Nahasson Doolan
Council	Kaisa Suumann
Employees:	
Guests:	Lloyd Wilyuka, Ray Hoosan



Minutes

- 1. Welcome from the Chairperson**

The Chairperson opened the meeting with welcoming everyone at 6.30pm.
- 2. Our meeting's rules**

All members acknowledged and agreed with the following meeting rules.

 1. We are respectful to other Youth Board members and Council staff;
 2. We are honest and act the right way;
 3. We take care and make sure we make good decisions;
 4. We are accountable for the decisions we make, making sure they are good decisions representing all young people.
- 3. Confirmation of previous minutes**

Minutes from the 07/09/2023 Finke Youth Board meeting were confirmed and accepted by the Youth Board.
- 4. Open Action Items from the Youth Board Action Register**

The members discussed the open action items from the register. See the list and updates below.

1. New goal posts for the AFL oval. The current goal posts are old and bent and not proper AFL goal posts.

04/10/2023 update - Kaisa - The Finke LA determined not to commit funds towards the recommendations of the Youth Board as members were advised by the Officer from Bill Yan's Office that funding may be available from other sources. The Liaison Officer requested that the Youth Board forward onto the Office of Namatjira, quotes for the following:

- ☒ New Goal Posts for the Footy Oval.
- ☒ Gym Station.

13/12/2023 - update - Kaisa - quote for the new AFL goal post received and the email with the quote has been sent out to Mr Bill Yan's office.

24/01/2024 update - The Youth Board would like the MRC staff to follow up with the Office of Namatjira if they are able to support purchasing the goal posts. If they are unable to fund this project, the Youth Board would like to know who funded AFL goal posts for Titjikala and Santa Teresa oval.

2. Funding for the Finke youth to get some gym equipment. For example, barbell weights set \$150.00, dumbbell weights set \$50.00, battle rope - \$200.00 or a basic gym station - \$800.00.

04/10/2023 update - Kaisa - The Finke LA determined not to commit funds towards the recommendations of the Youth Board as members were advised by the Officer from Bill Yan's Office that

funding may be available.

04/12/2023 update - Kaisa - MRC Youth Services is able to source these items for the Finke youth. Community Engagement Project Coordinator to confirm with the NPYWC the decision to purchase these items for the rec hall and clarify who is responsible for looking after them.

24/01/2024 update - The Youth Board would like the MRC to purchase the gym equipment. (Barbell weights set \$150.00, dumbbell weights set \$50.00, battle rope - \$200.00 or a basic gym station - \$800.00). The older fellas will look after the gym equipment, and it will be located to old art centre that is owned by Finke community.

5. Feedback to the MacDonnell Regional Council

The Youth Board has the following recommendations for the MacDonnell Regional Council:

1. Can the chairs be moved under the shade at the football oval. Currently the chairs are next to the shade not under it.
2. Suggestion to the Council to plant some trees around the oval.
3. Question to the MRC Youth Services - are there any jobs available for the Finke young people with the Remote Sports program?
4. Question to the Civil team - can the change room next to the oval get cleaned?
5. Equipment recommendation to the MRC - new AFL equipment, such as cones, water bottles, whiteboard AFL balls, AFL Guernsey (size S, M, L, XL and XXL all x 5).

6. Other Topics/Questions/Com

NIL

ments

7. Next meeting time April 2024

8. Meeting closed The meeting was closed by the Chairperson at 7.15pm.

8 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 8.2
TITLE: Finke Local Authority Projects
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority

- a) notes that all available funding has been allocated;**
- b) notes and accepts the progress on their projects; and**
- c) approves to close any completed projects.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Members of the Local Authority allocates project funds to support community and sporting infrastructure, open space developments and community priorities. These projects are intended to assist communities to improve community amenity through the provision of social and community facilities.

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

Please refer to the attachment for your current Register of Community Projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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, travel costs and allowances.
- Purposes that are not related to local Government Services and that should be addressed by another Government agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

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
Grants Officer

ATTACHMENTS

1. FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER [8.2.1 - 2 pages]

FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS		
Project 2135	Wood fire BBQ	\$
	Status	Committed
14-Apr-21	Res.34 – Wood fire BBQ to be built near the football oval and commit \$1,687.36	\$ 1,687.36
20-Oct-21	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-22	The CSC will come up with a design and source quotes for materials.	
11-Jan-22	Invoice for Besser Blocks from Bunnings.	-\$ 1,446.55
19-Jan-22	Res. 013 – Kept project open and committed additional \$2,000.00 to the fund.	\$ 2,000.00
25-Mar-22	Waiting on backorder from Bunnings.	
6-Apr-22	Res.033 – Kept project open	
20-Apr-22	Transportation cost to deliver bricks	-\$ 545.89
13-Jul-22	Res.049 - Waiting for the delivery.	
20-Sep-22	Cement cost	-\$ 716.36
5-Oct-22	Res.067 – Cement has been delivered.	
9-Mar-23	Res.012 – kept project open.	
15-Mar-23	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	
4-Oct-23	The CSC will follow up with an available Contractor to teach the team to install the BBQ's.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$ 768.40

Project 2136		Fence around Cemetery	\$
	Status		Committed
6-Apr-22	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-Jul-22	Res.049 - Cemetery area extension and lease request is underway with CLC.		
5-Oct-22	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-23	Res.012 - noted completion and closed Project 2133 – Trees around Oval, reallocating the underspend of \$2,154.73 to Project 2136		\$ 2,154.73
	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-23	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-Jul-23	Res.047 – · accepted quote QU0208 from AJ Nichol Fencing for \$70,029.54 excl. GST, · in anticipation of NTG’s 2023/2024 Project funds commitment, approved to allocate \$26,900.00 to the project, · noted the allocation to the project came to \$56,416.55, · accepted the agreement that MRC will commit \$13,612.99 being the difference between the quote and the project allocation.		\$ 26,900.00
	NB: That the 2022-23 Finke LA funding was allocated to this project - the 23/24 funding is yet to be received and has NOT been allocated.		
4-Oct-23	The Executive Manager F&G would follow up and advise if gates would be installed. Members were advised that a tank at the cemetery would be a health issue if the water was not continually replenished. Members agreed to continue using a trailer with the tank for potable water.		
11-Dec-23	Invoice received from AJ Nichol Fencing		-\$ 51,287.77
	underspend or (overspend)		\$ 5,128.78
Budget consideration			
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$	5,897.18
	Total un-allocated funds	\$	768.40
	Total unspent funds	\$	6,665.58

8 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 8.3
TITLE: Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) notes the previous allocation of Discretionary funds; and
- b) notes that the available balance of 1,172.88 must be spent by 30 June 2024.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Date	2023/2024 Discretionary funds	Budget \$4,000.00
25-Oct-23	Flowers and Catering	- 938.97
4-Oct-23	Allocated \$1,000.00 for a Christmas celebration	
21-Dec-23	Invoice received from Woolworths	- 979.06
8-Dec-23	Allocated \$1,000.00 by Discretionary funds letter to Christmas gifts.	
18-Dec-23	PO raised for Kmart	- 909.09
	Available Funds	1,172.88

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

- Community Christmas and New Year's Festivities
- Community BBQ's
- Sports weekends
- Naidoc Celebration
- Youth Board

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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 considered when allocating discretionary funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Failure to spend the funds within the financial year (1 July to 30 June) will result in these funds being returned to MacDonnell Regional Council.

CONSULTATION

Finke Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 9.1
TITLE: Service Delivery Report
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance 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 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 Service Delivery Report for the community of Finke.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Nil

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Ken Satour – A/Director Service Centre Delivery
Kathleen Abbott – Area Manager, Service Centre Delivery

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2402 - Service Centre Delivery - Finke Snapshot [9.1.1 - 2 pages]



Service Centre Delivery - Finke



95% First Nations Employees in SCD



**Vets visit
75 dogs treated
10 cats treated**



**Council Office
456 Hours of Service**

Snapshot



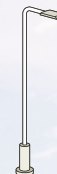
5233 Litres Fuel Usage Total



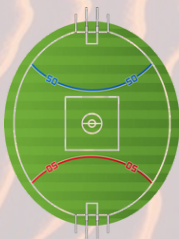
12 Vehicles and Plant in Use



60 Bins Emptied Weekly



**26 Street Lights Operational
1 Street Lights Non-Operational**



2 Sport Grounds Maintained



12 Toolbox Talks Completed



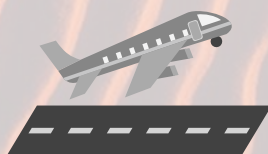
8 Australia Post Deliveries



1 Funeral



**3 Generator Services
9 Water Tests**



7 Hours of Maintenance completed at Airstrip



4 Parks & Playgrounds Inspections



Water Refill Stations Installed



Service Centre Delivery - Finke



Network:12 Dec 2023 at 7:58:43 am ACST
Local:12 Dec 2023 at 7:58:43 am ACST

Cemetery



Network:4 Oct 2023 at 8:09:18 am ACST
Local:4 Oct 2023 at 8:09:18 am ACST

Weeds Management



Network:12 Dec 2023 at 7:58:03 am ACST
Local:12 Dec 2023 at 7:58:03 am ACST



Network:27 Oct 2023 at 10:14:45 am ACST
Local:27 Oct 2023 at 10:14:45 am ACST

Waste Management Facility



Network:11 Jan 2024 at 6:23:35 am ACST
Local:11 Jan 2024 at 6:23:35 am ACST

Sports Grounds



ESO Joe



Network:11 Jan 2024 at 6:20:48 am ACST
Local:11 Jan 2024 at 6:20:48 am ACST



Network:2 Nov 2023 at 4:15:37 pm ACST
Local:2 Nov 2023 at 4:15:37 pm ACST



Network:10 Jan 2024 at 9:25:38 am ACST
Local:10 Jan 2024 at 9:25:38 am ACST

Internal roads and maintenance



9 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 9.2
TITLE: Community Services Report
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance 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 report provides an update on the delivery of Community Services programs.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

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. 2024-01 - COMMUNITY SERVICES Finke LAR [9.2.1 - 6 pages]
2. 2024-01 - MACCARE Finke LAR - Snap Shot [9.2.2 - 1 page]
3. 2024-01 - MACKIDS Finke LAR - Snap Shot [9.2.3 - 1 page]
4. 2024-01- MACSAFE Finke LAR - snap shot [9.2.4 - 1 page]

Community Service: Report on Operations



LOCATION: Finke Community
PERIOD: 1/09/2023 to 31/12/2023
AUTHORISED: Gina Lacey, Director Community Services

AGED & DISABILTY SERVICES Service Delivery and Engagement

- 80/92 days services ran smoothly. Centre closed for 11 days over the Christmas Break, and 12/12/2023 for Sorry Business.
- Clinic and School stakeholder meetings were held monthly.



Other Updates

- All positions filled in Finke, with 1x full time Coordinator, 1x full time Team leader, 1x part time Home Care Assistant and 1x Casual Home Care Assistant.
- No vacancies as this stage.
- Aged Care Christmas party for clients and carers was successfully hosted on 22/12/23.
- Due to the closure of the Centre through the Christmas Break, clients were provided with enough food hampers for 11 days.
- Team leader and coordinator completed Food Safety training in Hermannsburg. Coordinator and Team Leader are successfully enrolled in Cert III Individual support, ready to graduate in July 2024.

Christmas Hampers ready for delivery



Food Safety Supervisor Training held in Hermannsburg Aged Care Centre.



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

- Program interrupted due to lack of staff and Christmas closure during this period.



Other Updates

- Finke ELC is currently operating with 1 full time Team Leader, 1 permanent part time educator and 2 casual educators.
- During this reporting period the children enjoyed an early Christmas party in late November before the Centre closure. Nutritious food for morning tea was supplied by the visiting NT health dieticians. The children, parents and educators all helped prepare the healthy morning tea!
- During this period the Finke ELC enjoyed visits from the NT Health dieticians over a period of 2 days to observe, assess and support children in the ELC environment. During this time the dieticians also met with parents and families and provided morning tea and a parent education session after the program. The Finke ELC team collaborated with the school to support the students transitioning into the school environment. Further discussions are planned for the new year to develop regular and sustained contact between the school and the ELC.
- During this training period the Team Leader attended supervision and quality improvement training in Alice Springs with all team leaders from the MacKids department. This federally funded training provided practical steps to improve safety and supervision and policy and procedure development. 1 educator from Finke attended Batchelor Institute training, working towards her Certificate 3 in Early education and care.

NT Health Dietician parent information session



Finke Christmas Party



COMMUNITY SAFETY

Service Delivery and Engagement



- In the last four months the Community Safety program has been disrupted for twenty six days due to Staff Leave and Sorry Business.
- The Finke MacSafe Team continues to operate on a 5 day roster, Monday to Friday with nightly Patrols operating from 7pm until Midnight.
- **Cultural Programs:** Yarning Circle continues to offer the wider community a safe place to gather and yarn sharing stories with a cup of tea and a biscuit.
- **Accomplishments:** Successfully worked with other MacSafe teams and the Cross Border Police officers from Northern Territory and Western Australia for the Docker River Sports Carnival.
- **Vacancies:** There are positions available for Casual staff with a current drivers licence
- **Key Challenges:** Recruitment of staff who have a current drivers licence

Other Updates

- Two MacSafe staff members completed the Ninti Digital Numeracy Literacy Training.
- The Finke MacSafe team supported the Funeral of Mr Wongway at Imanpa working together with the Imanpa MacSafe team.
- In late October the Finke MacSafe team made the journey to Docker River working together with the MacSafe teams from Docker River, Imanpa and Kintore and the Cross Border Northern Territory and Western Australian Police force to support community safety initiatives at the Docker River Sports carnival.
- Mary Matasia and Kiara Lambourne attended the final Digital Language, Literacy and numeracy training three day training bloc at Titjikala community.

Mary and Kiara on Patrol at the Rec hall during a special AFL presentation evening



The Yarning Circle fire pit in use at night



YOUTH SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

- All Youth services fully delivered this reporting period
- The programs accessed during the normal operating period included:
- AFL, Basketball, Soccer and Minor Games.
- Remote Sport & Rec delivered 81 Activities across this reporting period an average of 13 youths per day attending Sport & Rec programs.
- There were 162 hours of activities delivered by our male and female staff members with an average of 10 hours per week.



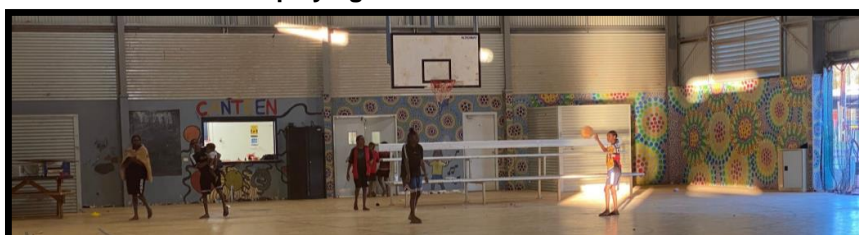
Other Updates

- 2 filled positions
- 1 vacancy
- The Finke Remote Sports program Youth Team welcomed a new member at the beginning of October Jennifer Matasia. We would like to extend our thanks to Jennifer for stepping up and offering sport and rec activities for the young people in Finke alongside Lester Lionel.
- In September there was a special celebration event and ceremony for the Finke AFL Footy team who won the South Australian Anangu Pitjantjatjara AFL Football tournament.
- Our Remote Sports and Rec worker Lester Lionel was heavily involved in the training and mentoring of the successful Finke AFL Footy Team we would like to say thanks for all his and the other coaches efforts over the season.

Lester Lionel at the AFL Footy presentation evening



Girls playing basketball at the Rec Hall



Lester playing Basketball with Finke youth



Finke AFL Footy Team Training for the South Australian Championship final



Lester working with the Finke AFL Team last training before Grand Final



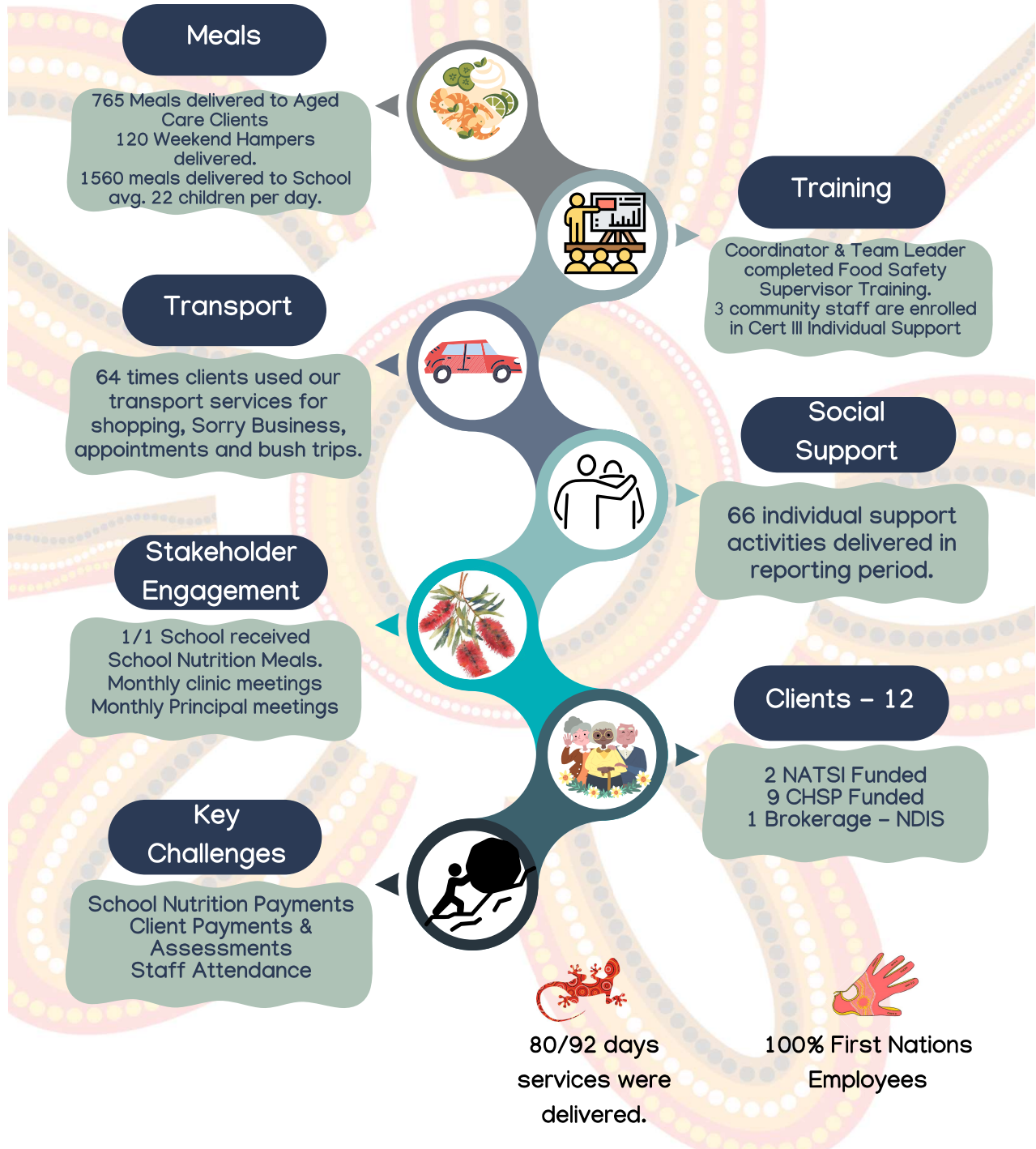


SNAPSHOT



Period:
01/10/23–31/12/23

Communities:
Finke





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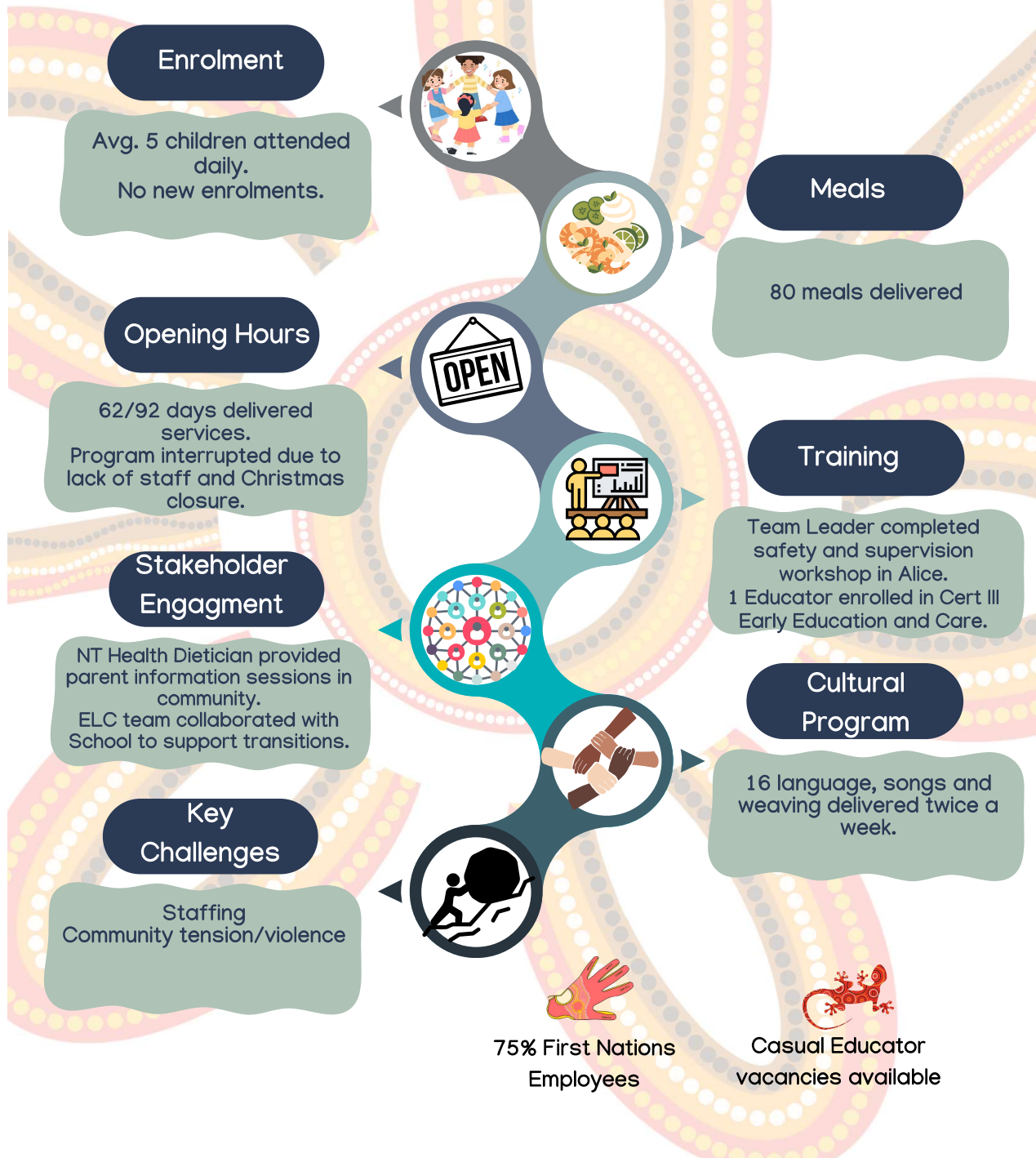


Period:

01/10/23–31/12/23

Community:

Finke





SNAPSHOT



Reporting Period:
01/10/2023–31/12/2023

Community:
Finke

Training & Development

Ongoing Coordinator visits for Computer Literacy

Cultural Programs

Yarning Circle continues to offer the wider community a safe place to gather and sharing stories.

Safety Activities

181 young people given lifts home.
70 Are You OK? Checks
65 Talked Story
3 Community Meetings

Key Challenges

Staffing Recruitment

Operating Hours

5-day roster
Monday to Friday
Nightly Patrols from 7pm–Midnight.

Vacancies

Casual CSO positions available.

Incident Reporting

21 Youth Out at Night
1 Lighting Fires
69 Arguments/Fighting

98% First Nations Employees

12/12 Communities in Operation

9 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 9.3
TITLE: Income and Expenditure Report
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance 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 expenditure report shows spending until 31 Dec 2023 in the Local Authority community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority notes and accepts the Income and Expenditure for Finke Community as of 31 December 2023.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Local Authority Project funding is to be expended within 2 years of receipt of the funding. 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 needs to be spent and not just allocated.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

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

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

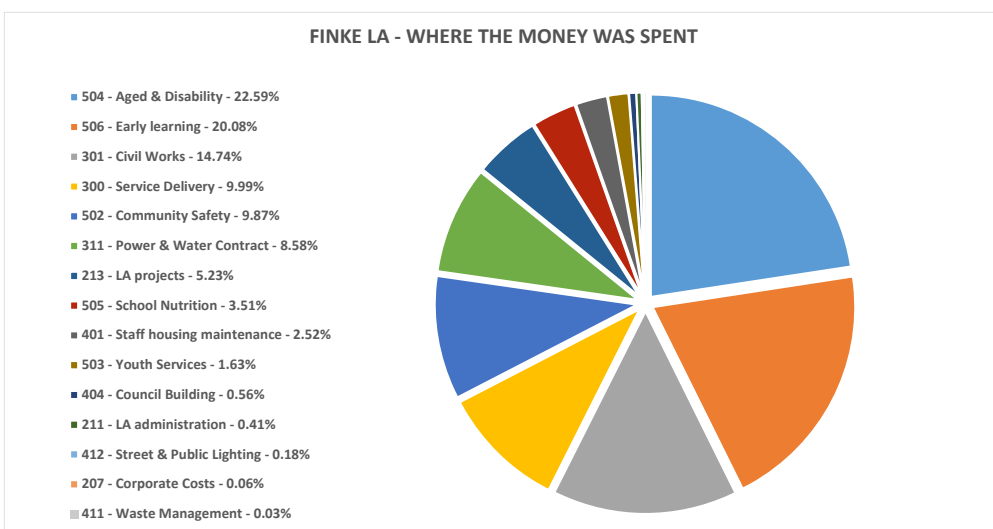
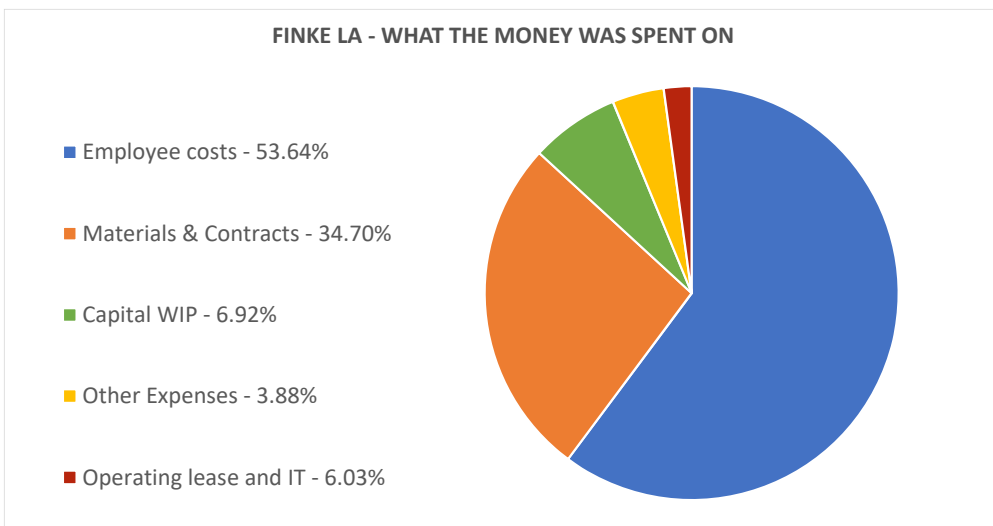
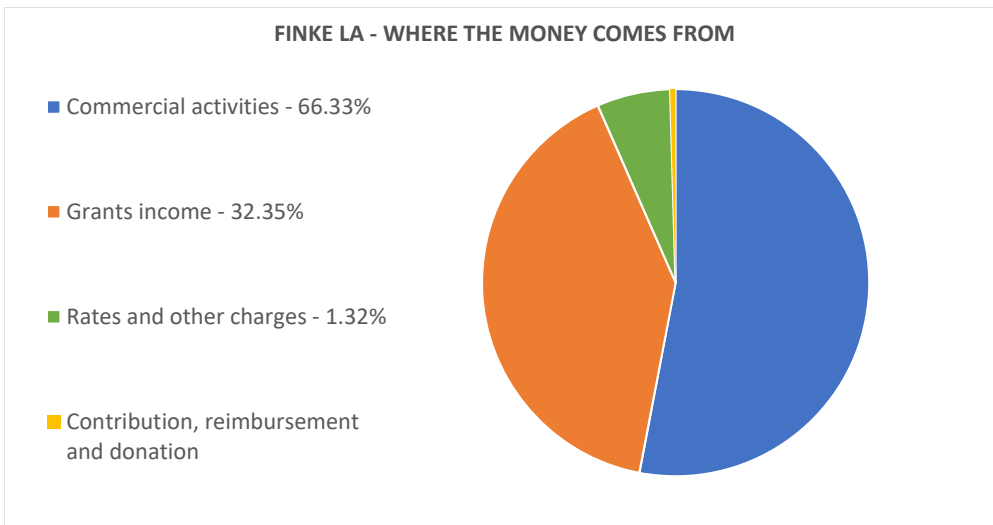
ATTACHMENTS

1. Finke LA Income & Expenditure Report [9.3.1 - 2 pages]

MacDonnell Regional Council
Statement of Income & Expenditure
as at 31 December 2023

004 Finke

Description	Year to Date					Comments
	Actual \$	Committed \$	Actual + Committed \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	
INCOME						
Grants income	270,417	0	270,417	248,684	21,732	Variance due to no budget for Early Learning unexpended grant balance for FY 22/23
Rates, wastes and other charges	31,270	0	31,270	20,695	10,575	Landfill fees and visitors accommodation
Commercial activities	206,161	0	206,161	163,439	42,722	Power Water contract payment from FY 22/23 of \$20k paid in FY 23/24. In addition airstrip maintenance and Power Water services provided totalling \$22k.
Contribution, reimbursement and donation	2,300	0	2,300	2,250	50	
Suspense	68,060	0	68,060	68,060	0	
Total Income	578,207	0	578,207	503,128	75,079	
EXPENDITURE						
Employee costs	588,529	331	588,859	553,043	(35,817)	Overspend in Aged Care Wages by \$68k
Materials & Contracts	172,013	37,304	209,317	142,889	(66,429)	Overspend of \$38K for emergency works to open Finke ELC. Additional overspend for buildings and facilities maintenance and bulk fuel
Operating lease and Information technology	20,650	522	21,172	31,065	9,893	No significant budget variances across all accounts
Other Expenses	39,566	0	39,566	62,456	22,890	No significant budget variances across all accounts
Capital WIP	0	68,060	68,060	0	(68,060)	Budget revised for assets additions staff housing
LA Allowances and Expenses	56,222	204	56,426	48,442	(7,983)	Expenditure on LA Projects is \$10k over budget - Finke cemetery fence install
Chair Local Authority Members' Allowance	900	0	900	600	(300)	
Local Authority Members' Allowance	1,800	0	1,800	3,300	1,500	OK - not all members attending meetings
Local Authority Meetings Catering	351	204	555	500	(55)	
Local Authority Discretionary funds	1,883	0	1,883	2,000	117	
Community Infrastructure	51,288	0	51,288	42,042	(9,245)	Expenditure on LA Projects is \$10k over budget - Finke cemetery fence install
Total Expenditure	876,980	106,421	983,401	837,895	(145,505)	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	298,773	106,421	405,193	334,767	(70,426)	



10 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED

ITEM NUMBER: 10.1
TITLE: General Business
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, the Members of the Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority discusses the matters raised at Item 6.2.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Discussion of matters raised:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Finke Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED

ITEM NUMBER: 10.2
TITLE: General Non-Council Business
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet provides any necessary updates in regard to Northern Territory Government Services.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) **notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.3; and**
- b) **notes and accepts any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Date	Action raised	Detail
26-Jul-23	Finke finish line	Will make inquiries regarding the Finke finish line be upgraded.
4-Oct-23		Waiting on a response from the organisers of the Finke Desert race.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
 Department Chief Minister and Cabinet

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1 May 2024, held as an Outdoor Meeting

12 MEETING CLOSURE