



AGENDA

DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2017

The Docker River Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Community Council Office on Thursday, 2 November 2017 at 10:30am.

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MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

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

Honesty

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

Taking care

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

Respect/Courtesy

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

Conduct towards council staff

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

Respect for culture

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

Conflict of interest

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

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

Respect for private business

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

A member must not make improper use of confidential information to gain a benefit or to

cause harm to another.

Gifts

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

Accountable

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

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

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

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	4.2
TITLE	Conflict of Interests



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

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

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

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

Information and Opportunities

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

Undue Influence

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

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

As soon as practical after a member becomes aware of a conflict of interest in a matter that has come up or is about to come up before or during a meeting (council, local authority or

council committee), the member must disclose or tell the relevant interest to the meeting and to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MRC.

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

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

Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

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

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

If you do have a Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

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

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE - 177582
AUTHOR Jacinta Barbour, Governance Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Unconfirmed minutes of the Local Authority meeting held 13 July 2017 3 Pages



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 13 JULY 2017 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11:00am

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country

2.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members: Winsome Newberry, Bernard Bell, Robert Tilmouth

Councillors: Marlene Abbott (Chairperson), Selina Kulitja

Council Employees: David Jagger (Manager Governance and Planning, Graham Murnik (Director of Service Centre Delivery), Ken Newman (Area Manager)

Others: Maria Viegas (Dept. Housing & Community Development)

2.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: Ruby James

Absentees: Mavis Robinson, Lily Tjiwer, Barnaby Kunia

2.2 Resignations - Nil

2.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

1 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Cr S Kulitja)
That the Docker River Local Authority note the Council Code of Conduct.

2.2 Conflict of Interests

2 RESOLVED (Cr M Abbott/Bernard Bell)
That the Docker River Local Authority note and declare any conflict of interests.

This is page 1 of 3 of the Minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 13 July 2017

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

3 RESOLVED (Cr S Kulitja/Winsome Newberry)

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

5.2 ACTION REGISTER**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

4 RESOLVED (Bernard Bell/Cr S Kulitja)

That the Local Authority:

1. Note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;
2. Close the action regarding Telstra Service Stream.
3. Agree to the wording tabled and then amended for a letter from the Local Authority to the NT Place Names Committee towards a change to the name of Docker River's Liru Street, to be signed by LA members when relevant supporting information is included.

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT & DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority made decisions on 8 March 2017 on up to \$50,000 of Local Authority Project Funds. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from Department of Local Government and Community Services.

Local Authorities also receive \$4,000 in Discretionary Funds annually from Council.

5 RESOLVED (Cr M Abbott/Bernard Bell)

That the Local Authority:

1. Note and accept the progress updates on their LA projects;
2. Agree to add \$5,000 to the \$50,000 already agreed, for fencing around the football field;
3. Agree to spend their 2017/2018 discretionary funds of \$4,000 on softball uniforms, trophies and equipment;
4. Agree to spend up to \$80,000 on developing a new park, on playground equipment, softball etc. at a site to be finalised near the store.

7.1 SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

6 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Robert Tilmouth)

That the Local Authority:

1. Note and accept the Service Delivery Report;
2. Agree to name the park at Lot 253 behind Lot 228 'Eagle Park';
3. Agree to Name the park at Lot 247 (opposite the Council Office) 'Tjungu Park'
4. Agree to name the new park to be near the store 'Lasseter Park';

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5. Request Council have signs made and put up for Eagle Park and Tjungu Park.**7.2 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update to the Local Authority about complaints received regarding Council Service Delivery.

Nil Complaints Received.

7 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Robert Tilmouth)

That the Local Authority note that no complaints were received this reporting period.

7.3 COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

8 RESOLVED (Cr S Kulitja/Bernard Bell)

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

10.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

9 RESOLVED (Cr M Abbott/Robert Tilmouth)

That the Local Authority request the Dept. Housing & Community Development:

1. Ask the Police to hold regular community safety meetings in Docker River;
2. Ask the Police Superintendent, Neil Hayes, to come to the next Local Authority meeting to talk about a permanent Police Station in Docker River.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER, 2017

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 2:00pm

This page and the preceding 2 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 13 July 2017 and are UNCONFIRMED.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.2
TITLE	Action Register
REFERENCE	- 177640
AUTHOR	Jacinta Barbour, Governance Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

Action Item- Liru Street (raised on 16/06/2016)**Summary of action item:**

The Docker River Local Authority have had a request in place since 2012 (on Council's records) to change the name of Liru St due to it being perceived by residents as offensive. Earlier correspondence received from the Place Names Committee rejected this request. The Local Authority has resolved earlier to ask the Place Names Authority to provide details of who was consulted in the determination of the name Liru Street in 2009.

On 10 May 2017 the Local Authority resolved to request the Department of Housing and Community Development assist them to write the letter suggested by the Department to the Secretary of the Place Names Committee, to go with a supporting letter from the Council.

Council will draft the supporting letter, as well as seek support from the NT local member of parliament, Chansey Paech, once the Dept has assisted the LA to write the letter to the Place Names Committee Secretary referred to in the 10 May 2017 resolution and has provided this letter in draft to Council on which to base its supporting letter.

Update:

The Local Authority is to sign the letter. This will then be sent to the Place Names Committee along with a supporting letter from Chansey Paech.

ATTACHMENTS:

1	Letter from Chansey Paech to NT Place Names Committee, 9 August 2017	1 Page
2	Letter to Place Names Committee, 1 November 2017, Liru Street Docker River.pdf	2 Pages



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NT Place Names Committee

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Date: 09/08/2017

Dear NT Place Names Committee,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Member for Namatjira, to support the MacDonnell Regional Council's request for a new naming consultation, to change the name of Liru Street in Kaltukatjara.

The MacDonnell Regional Council has succinctly outlined the various reasons for which this street's name needs to be changed, and I believe that it should be a priority for the NT Place Names Committee to ensure that this is undertaken as soon as possible. It is clear that the current street name is disrespectful to the community and culturally inappropriate, and has been so for the past seven years that it has been in use.

It should be a clear priority of our governments and organisations to ensure that our communities are culturally safe spaces. An effective way of doing so is ensuring that communities are heavily consulted in the decisions that impact them. It is clear that the Kaltukatjara community have made their decision regarding this matter, and I implore you to recognise the significance of that fact.

If you have any queries, or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the Namatjira Electorate Office.

Yours sincerely,

Chansey Paech
Member for Namatjira



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Attention: The Secretary
NT Place Names Committee
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Darwin NT 0801

19 July 2017

Dear Secretary,

Request to change the name of Liru Street, Kaltukatjara

As President of MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC), I write in support of the MRC Docker River Local Authority (LA) in its efforts to change the name of Liru Street Docker River. This matter was discussed quite passionately at the Docker River LA meeting I attended on 10 May 2017. Docker River community has been trying to follow proper processes to change this street name since 2010.

The LA advises that the word liru is culturally inappropriate and offensive to Docker River community members as a street name because in Docker River:

1. The word liru refers not only generically to snakes but a particular type of snake with association to an evil snake, an evil being or the devil.
2. The word liru is used as a profanity or swear word.
3. The word liru is also used to curse or threaten another person.
4. A senior Anangu person with this name or association with it has passed away; and Aboriginal culture restricts the use of names of the deceased.

Mrs Ruby James, chair of the LA and senior elder speaks about the word liru bringing bad to the community.

The LA is concerned that this sort of information was not properly communicated to the Place Names Committee in consultations for the name Liru Street in 2009.

Elders call Liru Street instead 'aged-care street'. The LA has suggested an alternative formal name in a letter to you. I urge you to recognise the LA members' wishes and undertake a new consultation process towards a new name for this street.

Yours sincerely,

Roxanne Kenny
President



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Attention: The Secretary
NT Place Names Committee
GPO Box 1680
Darwin NT 0801

1 November 2017

Dear Secretary,

**Request for new naming consultation, to change the name of Liru Street,
Kaltukatjara – from the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) Local Authority**

The MRC Docker River Local Authority (LA) respectfully requests that a new consultation process be undertaken to determine a more culturally appropriate name for the street currently known as 'Liru Street', Kaltukatjara.

The LA advises that the word 'liru' is culturally inappropriate and offensive to Docker River community members as a street name because in Docker River:

1. The word 'liru' refers not only generically to a snake but a particular type of snake with spiritual and cultural association to an evil snake, an evil being or the devil.
2. The word 'liru' is also used as a profanity or swear word.
3. The word 'liru' is also used to curse or threaten another person.
4. A senior Anangu person with this name or association with it has passed away; and Aboriginal culture generally restricts the use of names of the deceased.

Mrs Ruby James, Chair of the Local Authority and senior elder speaks about the word 'liru' bringing 'bad' to the community. The majority of the senior elders of the community live on this street. The elders instead call the street 'aged-care' street.

The community's objections to the word 'liru' as the street name, and request for a new name, is supported by:

- Cr. Roxanne Kenny, President of MRC (Attachment 1), and
- Local Member Chancey Paech (Attachment 2).

The Local Authority representing the community believes that a thorough explanation, including the effect of the word on people with a strong cultural understanding of its meaning, was not properly communicated to the Place Names Committee by the appropriate senior elders of the community at the time of the consultation in 2009 for the street name Liru. The community has not suddenly changed its mind about the word. The community has been actively seeking to change the name of the street



since 2010, almost immediately after the street sign was put in place. During that time the community has appealed to the NT Local Government Department, MRC and the Place Names Committee on numerous occasions to consider their request.

The Local Authority offers the following suggestion for an alternative name:

Alternative Name	Significance, Meaning and/or Appropriateness of the Word/ Name
TJilpi Pumpa	Elders, Aged

The Local Authority will actively engage with the community and participate fully in a new consultation and naming process of the Place Names Committee.

If the Place Names Committee needs more information or to progress this request, please contact MRC Docker River Council Service Coordinator Robert McQuade on 8956 7693 or robert.mcquade@macdonnell.nt.gov.au; or the Department of Housing and Community Development Local Government Division Central Australian Regional Manager, Bruce Fyfe on 0428 568 863 or bruce.fyfe@nt.gov.au.

We hope that the Place Names Committee will consider the request of the Docker River Local Authority favourably. Our resolve and respect to pursue the proper process to change the name of this street for over 7 years is worthy of support.

We look forward to the response from the Place Names Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Local Authority members as undersigned below:

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Local Authority Project Report
REFERENCE	- 177646
AUTHOR	Graham Murnik, Director Service Centre Delivery

**SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Local Authority have committed their Project Funds to the following priorities:

- Allocate \$5,000 to the \$50,000 already agreed, for fencing around the football field; **Completed. Waiting for project figures for final costs but it appears to have been \$36,769.86 + GST = \$40,446.84 (total cost). So some funds still available.**
- Allocate \$80,000 on developing a new park, on playground equipment, softball etc. at a site to be finalised near the store.
Update: Not yet commenced. The site has been identified, Playground type to be decided by community. Park signs x 3 have been purchased and are ready for installation.
- Council to obtain quotes for a fence to be built next to the playground on Liru street to reduce noise.
Update: 8 x sheets of double sided color bond (6000mm) and 150 x Tek Screws \$572.05

Docker River (Kaltukatjara)

Projects	Total Funds	Actual Spent/Committed	Budget	Variance
Unallocated Local Authority Project Funding	\$76,528.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Upgrade Sports Grounds	\$0.00	\$36,271.32	\$0.00	-\$36,271.32
Docker River (Kaltukatjara) Total	\$76,528.18	\$36,271.32	\$0.00	-\$36,271.32

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

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

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

ITEM NUMBER	6.2
TITLE	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE	- 177647
AUTHOR	Graham Murnik, Director Service Centre Delivery

**SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the spending of discretionary funds.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the LA meeting on 13 July 2017, the Local Authority committed their entire \$4,000 of Discretionary Funds to softball uniforms, trophies and equipment.

Update: Completed and items purchased

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

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

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Service Delivery Report
REFERENCE	\\5 - GOVERNANCE ADMINISTRATION\03 - LOCAL AUTH MTGS\DOCKER RIVER\09 - 2017 MEETINGS\MEETING 4 - 177639
AUTHOR	Robert McQuade, Council Service Coordinator

**SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND

The Local Authority requested Council to have signs made and to be put up for Eagle, Lasseters and Tjungu Park. They have all been delivered and are waiting to be installed.

Local Government Services Update**Animal Management**

- The vets from Alice Springs will be in Docker River in mid-November.

Cemetery Management

- All the new fencing material has now arrived and the upgrade will begin after the town verges and the sports areas have been cleaned-up and maintained.

Internal Roads Maintenance

- Some road edge and verge maintenance needs to be conducted in the near future to prevent further shoulder erosion in strategic areas.
- New road signs have been received including 4 x 'T' intersection chevrons, speed hump warnings and the school speed signs.
- 3 new speed hump sets have been received.
- Replacement parts have been secured for the damaged speed control humps.

Outstation MES Services

- Some limited Homeland funding will become available for Tjilkamata now that it is on the funded outstation list as provided by NTG.

Parks and Open Spaces

- Both play areas have been cleaned as part of the general town clean up.
- Solar lights have been erected and are working well.
- The seating for the Eagle Park has been installed and the shade structure has yet to be finished.

Sports Grounds

- The shade structures and grandstand seating are to be re-installed now that the re-shaping of the banks around the oval and softball areas has been completed.
- Two new extra stadium seating and shade structures have arrived for the oval.
- The fencing contractor has completed the new fences around the oval and Softball field. The new fence around the oval was cut within the first 10 days by some girls wanting 'talking sticks'.

- Most of the parts for the shade structure for the Lasseter Park have been recovered from previously unused shelters scattered around the housing shed yard.



New Fence around Footy oval and Softball field

Waste Management

- The tip face has been consolidated making the whole rubbish pit much more workable – thanks to the use of the Telstra bulldozer.
- The bottom layer of refuse has been compacted and a new layer started.
- The large dirt mounds in the old rehabilitated tip area have been levelled.
- Clean-up of the waste material at the corner of the old pit and surrounding area has continued between projects.
- The old burn pit has been closed and covered over due to the amount of beds, tables and other metal waste being dumped in it. A new burn pit has been dug and this will be monitored more closely.
- 4 new mini skip bins have arrived and these will be used to store household waste after hours.
- The removal of abandoned cars from around the community has continued between projects with the aim of consolidating all the abandoned cars in one designated area near the tip.
- Additional green wheelie bins have been requested to replace the broken bins.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- The weed reduction around the town's houses and internal roads is 60% complete.
- Further burn-offs are planned around key sections of the community to reduce fire hazards.

Other Service Delivery Updates

- Territory Tidy Towns visited Docker River and recognised the continual improvement.
- CAT visited the community at the same time and raised awareness of mobile phone usage and the debt traps and pitfalls of mobile phones and cyberbullying.
- A CAYLUS visit coincided with the above and reviewed the planned renovations of the recreation hall.
- A BBQ was held in conjunction with all three to promote awareness.
- Mobile phone coverage is set to begin on or around October 2017.
- Some of the local TO's, including Sydney James, met with the CLC rangers and local MRC staff to resolve concerns about the number of horses close to the main road. A site west of the college is being investigated as an alternative watering area for the horses as a means of directing them away from the main road and the danger they pose to traffic.
- CLC rangers have issued a fire warning for the Docker River community.

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Community Service Docker River Local Authority Report
REFERENCE	- 177222
AUTHOR	Rohan Marks, Director Community Services

**SUMMARY:**

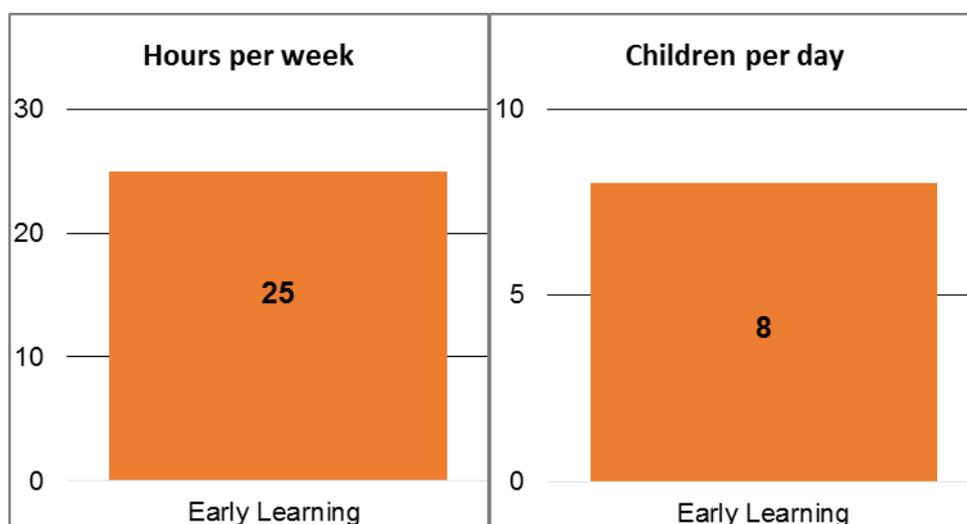
This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CHILDREN'S SERVICES**Service Delivery and Engagement**

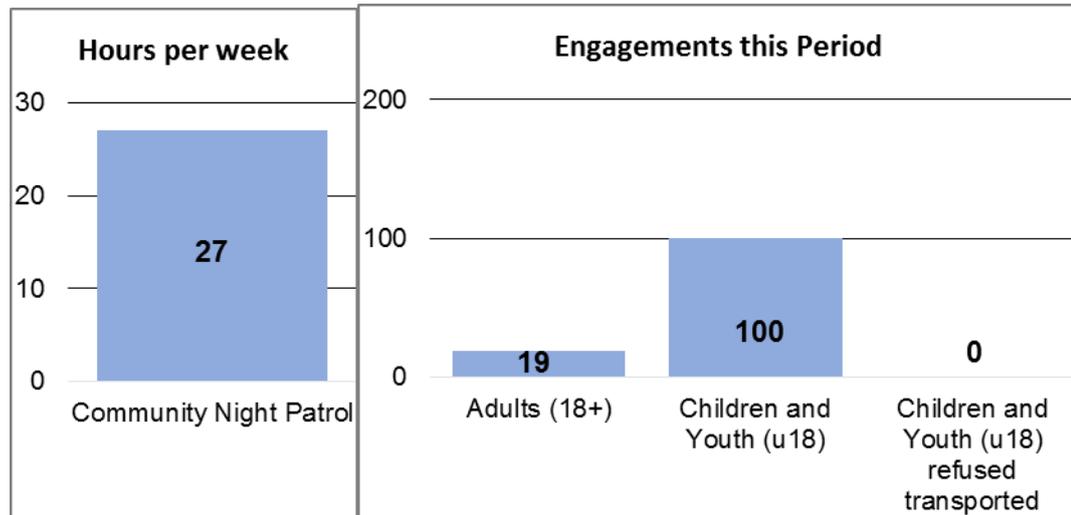
- Due to Training and sorry business the Early Childhood program was disrupted for 7 days this reporting period.

**Other Updates**

- A new Team Leader started in September and has been meeting with service providers including the school, clinic, Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) and Anangu Jobs.
- The service continues to work closely with the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) intensive family support worker to support families in caring for their children.
- All Educators are continuing in their accredited training in Certificate III Early Education and Care.

COMMUNITY SAFETY**Service Delivery and Engagement**

- Services were disrupted on 8 days this reporting period due to staff being on cultural leave. Services were limited on 4 days due only one staff member being on duty.



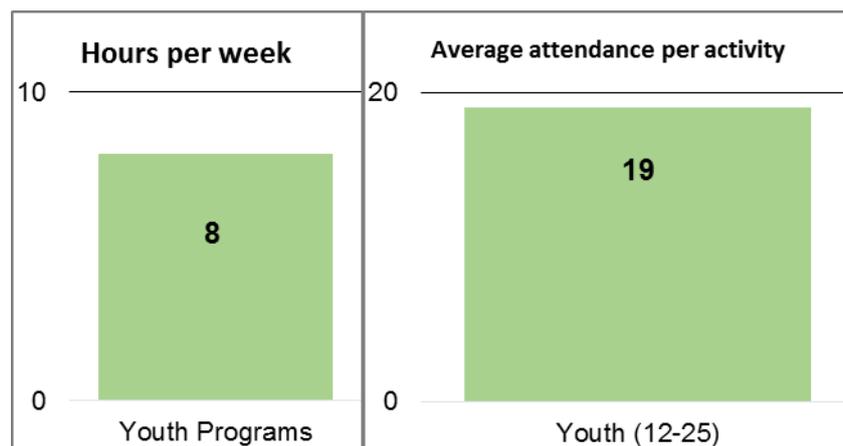
Other Updates

- 2 new staff members have been recruited, including a new Team Leader. The new Team Leader has strong previous experience in community safety and program administration and this is already being reflected in the service being delivered.
- Between 8:00am and 9:30am, 3 days a week, Night Patrol are working in partnership with the local school and assisting in getting children from home to school.
- Between 3:00pm and 7:00pm, 2 afternoons a week, Night Patrol have been assisting Youth and Children Services workers with after school and youth programs, developing a stronger relationship with young people in the community.

YOUTH SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

- Services have increased over the last few weeks due to the recruitment of a new casual Sport and Recreation Officer.
- There were some minor disruptions to the service this period due to sorry business.



Other Updates

- Programs included AFL, Softball and Basketball.
- Staff are partnering with Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) staff to support programs being delivered.

- The Council Service Coordinator once been a great assistance to our programs, and the new Football oval and Softball fencing has improved the safety of these facilities.



CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

Acting Manager Children's Services – Helen Meredith

Acting Manager Community Safety – Peter Stowers

Manager Youth Services – Bianca Rayner

FINANCE

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2017
REFERENCE	- 177836
AUTHOR	Sheree Kane, Coordinator Grants

**SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2017 in the Local Authority's community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the expenditure report as at 30 June 2017.

BACKGROUND

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Expenditure Report as at June 2017

(Draft June 2017 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME)

MacDonnell Regional Council - Docker River (Kaltukatjara)					
Expenditure by Community as at 30th June 17					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
COUNCIL SERVICES					
Service Centre Delivery					
Manage Council Buildings & Facilities	24,439	30,952	6,513	30,952	
Other Operational	24,439	30,952	6,513	30,952	
Maintain Roads	25,175	25,720	545	25,720	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	150	150	150	
Other Operational	25,175	25,570	395	25,570	
Manage Council Service Delivery	143,739	162,840	19,101	162,840	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	99,735	111,480	11,745	111,480	Staff not working all hours allocated in the budget
Other Operational	44,005	51,360	7,355	51,360	
Civil Works	270,447	355,190	84,743	355,190	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	225,078	285,940	60,862	285,940	Staff not working all hours allocated in the budget
Other Operational	45,369	69,250	23,881	69,250	
Parks, Ovals and Public Spaces	695	5,350	4,655	5,350	
Other Operational	695	5,350	4,655	5,350	
Street & Public Lighting	14,098	5,730	(8,368)	5,730	
Other Operational	14,098	5,730	(8,368)	5,730	
Council Engagement					
Local Authorities	46,682	118,897	72,215	118,897	
Other Operational	46,682	118,647	71,965	118,647	Local Authority project funding is yet to be spent.
Support and Administration					
Staff Housing	51,268	66,160	14,892	66,160	
Other Operational	51,268	66,160	14,892	66,160	
Manage HR	264	220	(44)	220	
Other Operational	264	220	(44)	220	
Training & Development	0	3,400	3,400	3,400	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	3,400	3,400	3,400	
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	576,808	774,334	197,526	774,334	
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Commercial Operations					
Essential Services	108,691	105,990	(2,701)	105,990	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	87,712	83,090	(4,622)	83,090	
Other Operational	20,979	22,900	1,921	22,900	
Centrelink	44,943	46,400	1,457	46,400	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	44,943	46,400	1,457	46,400	
Manage Projects	132	0	(132)	0	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	132	0	(132)	0	
HMESP	15,122	15,130	8	15,130	
Other Operational	15,122	15,130	8	15,130	
Airstrip Maintenance	12,590	12,840	250	12,840	
Other Operational	12,590	12,840	250	12,840	
Community Services					
Community Safety	110,600	159,290	48,690	159,290	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	85,742	133,840	48,098	133,840	Staff not working all allocated hours.
Other Operational	24,858	25,450	592	25,450	
Youth Development	1,165	5,710	4,545	5,710	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	734	4,710	3,976	4,710	
Other Operational	431	1,000	569	1,000	

{Draft June 2017 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

Children's Services	114,718	133,170	18,452	133,170	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	75,460	91,860	16,400	91,860	Staff not working all allocated hours.
Other Operational	39,257	41,310	2,053	41,310	
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	407,961	478,530	70,569	478,530	
TOTAL	984,768	1,252,864	268,096	1,252,864	

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

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

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year
Discretionary Funds	0	4,000	4,000	4,000

FINANCE

ITEM NUMBER 8.2
TITLE Expenditure Report as at 30 September 2017
REFERENCE - 177963
AUTHOR Sheree Kane, Coordinator Grants

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 September 2017 in the Local Authority's community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure report as at 30 September 2017.

BACKGROUND

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Expenditure report September 2017.pdf

{Draft September 2017 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

MacDonnell Regional Council - Docker River (Kaltukatjara)					
Expenditure by Community as at 30th September 17					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
COUNCIL SERVICES					
Service Centre Delivery					
Manage Council Buildings & Facilities	4,215	9,520	5,305	38,080	
Other Operational	4,215	9,520	5,305	38,080	
Maintain Roads	0	4,453	4,453	17,810	
Other Operational	0	4,453	4,453	17,810	
Manage Council Service Delivery	29,131	38,431	9,299	145,120	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	23,060	30,361	7,301	112,840	
Other Operational	6,072	8,070	1,998	32,280	
Civil Works	77,499	93,644	16,146	351,700	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	61,142	80,707	19,564	299,950	Staff not working all hours allocated in the budget
Other Operational	16,356	12,938	(3,419)	51,750	
Parks, Ovals and Public Spaces	695	1,174	479	4,697	
Other Operational	695	1,174	479	4,697	
Street & Public Lighting	0	1,433	1,433	5,730	
Other Operational	0	1,433	1,433	5,730	
Council Engagement					
Local Authorities	40,801	38,748	(2,053)	154,715	
Other Operational	40,801	37,761	(3,040)	150,765	
Support and Administration					
Staff Housing	48,735	27,140	(21,595)	108,560	
Other Operational	48,735	27,140	(21,595)	108,560	Expenditure higher than budgeted
Manage HR	0	55	55	220	
Other Operational	0	55	55	220	
Training & Development	0	748	748	2,990	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	748	748	2,990	
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	201,076	214,851	13,775	827,647	
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Outstations Civil Works	0	2,255	2,255	9,020	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	450	450	1,800	
Other Operational	0	1,805	1,805	7,220	
Outstations Housing Repairs & Maintenance	0	975	975	3,160	
Other Operational	0	975	975	3,160	
Commercial Operations					
Essential Services	22,712	28,111	5,399	106,160	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	22,480	22,361	(119)	83,160	
Other Operational	233	5,750	5,518	23,000	
Centrelink	10,331	15,037	4,706	55,850	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	10,331	15,037	4,706	55,850	
Airstrip Maintenance	0	235	235	940	
Other Operational	0	235	235	940	
Community Services					
Community Safety	13,761	48,432	34,671	180,910	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	12,019	45,067	33,048	167,450	Staff not working all allocated hours.
Other Operational	1,742	3,365	1,623	13,460	
Youth Development	1,240	6,940	5,700	25,850	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	1,171	6,690	5,519	24,850	
Other Operational	69	250	181	1,000	

{Draft September 2017 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

Children's Services	30,725	48,849	18,124	184,870	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	25,463	37,658	12,195	140,110	Staff not working all allocated hours.
Other Operational	5,262	11,190	5,928	44,760	
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	78,770	150,834	72,065	566,760	
TOTAL	279,846	365,685	85,840	1,394,407	

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	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year
Discretionary Funds	1,938	4,000	2,062	4,000

FINANCE

ITEM NUMBER 8.3
TITLE Annual Report 2016/17
REFERENCE - 177965
AUTHOR Sheree Kane, Coordinator Grants

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is asked to receive and note the Council's Annual Report for the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the Council's Annual Report for 2016/17 Financial Year.

BACKGROUND

The Council's Annual Report are provided for the Local Authority's information.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Annual Report shows all information for the Year Ending 30 June 2017.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Council's Elected Members

DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Empowered Communities
REFERENCE	- 177694
AUTHOR	Jacinta Barbour, Governance Officer

**SUMMARY:**

Empowered Communities have requested a letter be tabled at the November Local Authority meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the information from Empowering Communities and allow them to attend (and speak at) the next Local Authority meeting in November.

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Other non-Council Business
REFERENCE - 172240
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The Local Authority requested the Dept. Housing and Community Development:

- 1) Ask the Police to hold regular community safety meetings in Docker River;
- 2) Ask the Police Superintendent, Neil Hayes, to come to the next LA meeting to talk about a permanent Police Station in Docker River.