



AGENDA

DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2017

The Docker River Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Community Council Office on Wednesday, 10 May 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 - 168552
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE 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 LA 8th March 2017



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2017 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:50AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Ruby James

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members: Ruby James (Chairperson), Winsome Newberry, Bernard Bell, Robert Tilmouth, Barnaby Kunia

Council Employees: Rohan Marks (Director Community Services), David Jagger (Manager Governance and Planning), Paul Dickson (Manager Community Safety), Felicity Howell (Senior Governance Officer), Robert McQuade (Council Service Coordinator)

Councillors: Cr Marlene Abbott, Cr Selina Kulitja

Others: Maria Veigas (Dept. Housing and Community Development)
Elizabeth Delaney (Trachoma Nurse)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: LA Members Mavis Robinson and Lily Tjiwer

Absentees: LA Member Barnaby Kunia

3.2 Resignations - Nil

3.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

11 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Cr M Abbott)

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

3.2 Conflict of Interests

12 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Bernard Bell)

That the Docker River Local Authority note and declare any conflict of interests.

Note: Barnaby Kunia arrived at 11:05am.

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5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

13 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Cr M Abbott)

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

5.2 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

14 RESOLVED (Cr Kulitja/Winsome Newberry)

That the Local Authority:

- 1) Note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;
- 2) Request to close the item regarding Tjukururu Road.

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is to discuss and identify ideas to utilise their Local Authority Project Funds for the community. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from Department of Local Government and Community Services. The unallocated Docker River project funds come to a total of \$92,304.14 (this is the current unspent LA project funds including brought forward balances for the previous financial year.)

The 15/16 funds totaling \$46,168 need to be committed before July 2017.

The priorities the LA decided to commit funds to were:

- Fencing for the football and softball oval
- Two Grandstands for the football oval

Other possible projects were discussed as follows:

- Sorry camp (Mutitjulu community are already looking to supply and install toilets and huts) but the LA are considering 4 x shades and a water tank.
- East Park (near lots 71&73) - this would be a brand new park with playground, seating, shade and lights.
- South Park (Council have already obtained lights and shade) the LA are considering a BBQ, table and chairs.
- Softball Equipment (full kit, uniforms and trophies)

15 RESOLVED (Bernard Bell/Robert Tilmouth)

That the Local Authority authorises the Council to go ahead with the following projects, approving a maximum spend of \$50,000 for this work.

- 1) Fencing around the football and softball ovals.
- 2) 2 x Grandstands with seating at the football oval.

Meeting break at 12:00pm

Meeting resumed at 12:15pm

7.1 MRC 2016 – 2020 REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In this report input is sought from the Local Authority into Council's Regional Plan review.

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The review is required annually under the Local Government Act.

16 RESOLVED (Cr Kulitja/Winsome Newberry)
That the Local Authority review Council's 2016 – 2020 Regional Plan and advise on strategies and key performance indicators under the plan.

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.

17 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Bernard Bell)
That the Local Authority note that no complaints were received this reporting period.

7.3 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.

18 RESOLVED (Cr Kulitja/Ruby James)
That the Local Authority note and accept the Service Delivery Report.

*Barnaby Kunia and Cr M Abbott left the meeting at 1:10pm.
 Cr M Abbott returned at 1:20pm.*

*Meeting break at 2pm.
 Meeting resumed at 2:10pm.*

7.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

19 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Bernard Bell)
That the Local Authority note and accept the Community Services report.

7.5 COMMUNITY SAFETY CONSULTATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As part of a review of the Community Safety services feedback is being sought from the Local Authority on what the key community safety issues are in their community, and how the Community Night Patrol service could be better utilised to address these safety issues. The Local Authority is also being asked to provide ongoing advice to Council on the suitability of community members who apply to be employed in the Night Patrol program.

20 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)
 a) **That the Local Authority nominates Bernard Bell, Ruby James and Cr Marlene Abbott to be available to sit on the selection panel for all Community Safety recruitments undertaken in their community.**
 b) **That the Local Authority puts forward suggestions for improvements to the**

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Night Patrol program.

8.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2016 in the Local Authority's community.

21 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the Local Authority note and accept the expenditure report as at 31 December 2016.

9.1 TRACHOMA TREATMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Centre for Disease Control will be presenting information to the Local Authority about trachoma treatments and health promotion.

22 RESOLVED (Cr Kulitja/Winsome Newberry)

That the Local Authority note the presentation from the Centre for Disease Control.

10.1 CEMETERIES LEGISLATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Housing and Community Development will give a presentation on the new Cemeteries laws. The new laws will give proper recognition to cemeteries on Aboriginal land.

Discussion will be had on what the new cemetery laws will mean for Council and Communities.

23 RESOLVED (Robert Tilmouth/Bernard Bell)

That the Local Authority note and accept the presentation from the Department of Housing and Community Development regarding Local Government Cemetery Legislation.

10.2 LIRU STREET

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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. The last correspondence received from the Place Names Committee (tabled at the LAM 6 Oct) rejected this request.

The Local Authority resolved to ask the Place Names Authority to provide details of who was consulted in the determination of the name Liru Street in 2009.

The Place Names Committee's response on 27 Feb 2017 is presented in this report for discussion.

24 RESOLVED (Bernard Bell/Cr Kulitja)

That the Local Authority:

- 1) Note and accept the advice from the Place Names Committee.
- 2) Request the Department of Housing and Community Development bring the Liru Street naming issue to the Minister's attention along with the additional information given by the Local Authority that the reason for the change request is due to a person with the same name has passed.

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10.3 OUSTATION FUNDING**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority discussed the fact that generally there has been no funding for outstations around Docker River for a number of years. MRC's Director of Community Services Rohan Marks explained that NT Government policy is to only fund outstations that are being used/occupied for a reasonably significant period of time each year.

The LA asked the representative from the Department of Housing and Community Development to invite the Director for Homelands and Outstations to the next LAM discuss the future of outstation funding.

25 RESOLVED (Bernard Bell/Robert Tilmouth)

That the Local Authority request the Department of Housing and Community Development invite the Director for Homelands and Outstations to the next Local Authority meeting on 10 May 2017.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 10 MAY, 2017

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 3.30 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 4 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Docker River Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Wednesday, 8 March 2017 AND UNCONFIRMED.

President

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.2
TITLE	Action Register
REFERENCE	- 168805
AUTHOR	Chris Kendrick, Director Corporate Services

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE 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- Street Light Audit (raised on 16/06/2016)**Summary of action item:**

Local Authority requests the Director of Technical Services to complete a street light audit to determine if it is viable to arrange for repairs.

Update:

MG Electrical have been booked to fully service all of the street lights, this work will be completed by the 26th May.

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. The last correspondence received from the Place Names Committee (tabled at the LAM 6 Oct) rejected this request. The Local Authority resolved to ask the Place Names Authority to provide details of who was consulted in the determination of the name Liru Street in 2009.

Update:

Verbal update to be provided at meeting.

Action Item- Infrastructure Requests (raised on 06/10/2016)**Summary of action item:**

That Docker River Local Authority request that the Council to look into the following infrastructure requests, providing feedback at the next Local Authority meeting:

- 1) More lighting on the corner of Liru St and Eagle St
- 2) Moving the playground on Liru St to the corner of Marlu St and Maku St

Update:

- 1) **The Greenfrog brand of solar lights have a 'Stealth' model which MRC have used on outstations lately. The cost of each light installed is around \$5000.**

- 2) MRC have spent a considerable amount of money on the park and playground and did a lot of planning with the community before building the park. If noise is an issue with a nearby resident the local authority can recommend allocating budget to building a fence which could help cut down noise.

Recommend to close this action item

Action Item- Outstations (raised on 10/05/2017)

Summary of action item:

That the Local Authority request the Department of Housing and Community Development invite the Director for Homelands and Outstations to the next Local Authority meeting on 10 May 2017.

Update:

The Director for Homelands has accepted the invitation to attend Local Authority meeting.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Local Authority Project Report & Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE	- 168801
AUTHOR	Graham Murnik, Director Service Centre Delivery

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority made a decision on 8 March 2017 to prioritise their Local Authority 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;

- 1) Note and accept the progress updates on their LA projects.**
- 2) Decide what to spend the remaining \$4,000 in discretionary funds on.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the last meeting on 8 March 2017, the Local Authority authorised the Council to go ahead with the immediately following two projects and spend a maximum of \$50,000 for this work:

- 1) Fencing around the football and softball ovals.**
Update: Ordered – awaiting delivery
- 2) 2 x Grandstands with seating at the football oval.**
Update: Ordered – awaiting delivery

Further projects considered by the Local Authority include the five below. Project 1 below may be considered by the Local Authority up to \$4,000 for its discretionary funds. Some other projects below can and should be considered and ideally confirmed at this meeting for the Local Authority's balance of \$42,304 (from \$92,304 total available, minus the \$50,000 above). The deadline for spending this balance is not until 30 June 2018.

- 1) Softball uniforms, trophies, equipment (estimate \$5K)**

Quote: Pending

- 2) Shade, seating and BBQ at East Park (estimate 9K)**

Quote: \$9,290.00

- 3) Materials for shade, seating and potentially fencing at Sorry Camp (estimate 22K)**

Quote: \$22,414.71

- 4) New park across the road from Lot 73 and Lot 71.**

Quote estimated:

Playground equipment - \$26,000.00
 Playground installation - \$6,000.00
 Rubber Soft fall for Playground – \$27,500
 Solar Light - \$4,000.00
 Shade Shelter - \$3,500.00
 Seats/Tables - \$3,500.00
 Concrete - \$2,000.00
 Freight – \$3,000.00

- 5) **If enough money left over after development of the new park, more musical instruments for the studio.**

Quote: Pending

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

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Community Service Docker River Local Authority Report
REFERENCE	- 168475
AUTHOR	Rohan Marks, Director Community Services

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE 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**

- The Early Learning program was closed for 5 days this reporting period to allow staff to attend training. The program was closed on 2 other occasions due to Educators attending sorry business in other communities.

Service Engagement

- Early Learning: 9 children per day (on average).

Other Updates

- Educators continue to work closely with the NPY Intensive Family Support worker to provide support to families with young children.
- Australian Hearing visited the centre on the 28th February to support children with hearing needs.
- Two Educators are undertaking a Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care.

COMMUNITY SAFETY**Service Delivery**

- Services were disrupted on 9 occasions this reporting period due to staff being unavailable as a result of one resignation and a number of staff being away on sorry business.

Service Engagement

- Docker River Night Patrol assisted 193 people this reporting period:
 - 9 Men and 20 Women were assisted
 - 80 School Aged Children returned to family
 - 84 school aged children refused Night Patrol transport.

Other Updates

- Between 8am and 9:30am, 2 to 3 days each week, Night Patrol are working in partnership with the local school and assisting children get from home to school.
- Between 3pm and 7pm, 2 to 3 afternoons a week, Night Patrol have been assisting Youth and Children workers with after school and youth programs.
- The team have been working with Sgt Kent from NT Police who has provided positive feedback to Council on how the team is operating.

Docker River Night Patrol Team Leader Natasha Robinson and Patrol Officer Florrie Cooper with OIC Warrakurna Police Station Sergeant Michael Kent outside the Docker River Regional Council Office.



YOUTH SERVICES

Service Delivery

- The Docker River Sport and Rec program was closed for 3 days due to staff being at MacYouth training.

Service Engagement

- The MacYouth Sport & Rec Facilitator has been delivering weekly programming on Thursday, Friday and Saturday (approx. 7.5 hours of programming per week)
- The Sport & Rec program averages 11 participants per activity.
- Programming has included, bush walking, rugby, footy, basketball, softball and golf.

Other Updates

- The Youth Team has been working in collaboration with the NPY program.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

Manager Children's Services – Margaret Harrison

Manager Community Safety – Paul Dickson

Manager Youth Services – Bianca Rayner

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Service Delivery Report
REFERENCE	\\5 - GOVERNANCE ADMINISTRATION\03 - LOCAL AUTH MTGS\DOCKER RIVER\09 - 2017 MEETINGS\MEETING 2 - 169120
AUTHOR	Robert McQuade, Council Service Coordinator

**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.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Staffing update

- Positions Vacant/Filled
 - Works Assistant's x 1 (0.5 FTE).
 - Admin Assistant – Centrelink 0.5 FTE. Martha Namatjira recently joined our staff.
 - The Sports and Rec positions remain vacant
 - Night Patrol looking for another driver to help Natasha Robinson
- Attendance
 - Admin staff 80% attendance
 - Works 85% attendance for the period.

Local Government Services Update

- **Cemetery Management**
 - New fencing material has been ordered and the cemetery fence will be upgraded to include those graves outside of the main compound. Weeding and a general clean-up of the cemetery will be carried out when the materials arrive.
- **Companion Animal Welfare Control**
 - On the 12th and 13th of May, the vet from Alice Springs will be at Docker River for animal check-ups.
- **Local Road Maintenance**
 - A number road signs and speed control humps had been damaged. These will be addressed after the sports carnival.
- **Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces**
 - Both play areas have been cleaned as part of the general town clean up. Solar lights will be erected in the near future and the shade structure at #2 playground installed at the same time.
 - Work on cleaning up the sports area will begin after this LA meeting. The ovals and softball pitch will be graded, weeds removed and shade structures completed ready for the upcoming sports carnival.
- **Outstation MES Services**
 - N/A

- **Waste Management**
 - The tip face has been cleaned-up and progress has been made on consolidating the waste in the pit and level out the bottom layer of refuse.
 - The recycling bays are being established along the road into the new tip. Signs for the different recycling materials will be installed when completed
 - The burn pit has been used effectively with some metal waste being disposed of improperly in it.
 - The scrap metal bay has been started and sorting the general building waste pile has begun
 - The removal of dead cars from the town and adjacent areas to the rubbish tip will continue until all the cars have been relocated to the tip.

- **Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction**
 - After the recent rains the road verges need to be slashed again.
 - The weed reduction around the town houses and internal roads is 35% complete.
 - Some of the service roads have been re-graded to form fire-breaks.

- **Other Service Delivery Updates** (see attached)
 - Quotes for the Sorry Camp have been obtained and estimated costs being \$22, 414.71 (some cost divided between projects). Some quotes may need to be revised as they passed their 30 day acceptance period.
 - East Park estimated costs being \$9,290.00
 - Relocation of #1 playground estimate - \$35,000.00
 - Quote for Softball uniforms was obtained and colour/styles need to be decided before ordering.
 - Quotes for trophy's can be organised once trophy size and numbers have been decided – a print-out will be provided at the meeting.
 - Possibly order 2-3 good footballs for the sports carnival if there is any residue or available funding.

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER 7.3
TITLE Complaints Received
REFERENCE \5 - GOVERNANCE ADMINISTRATION\03 - LOCAL AUTH MTGS\DOCKER RIVER\09 - 2017 MEETINGS\MEETING 2 - 168553
AUTHOR Robert McQuade, Council Service Coordinator

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

Nil Complaints Received.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER 7.4
TITLE Local Authority Survey
REFERENCE - 168784
AUTHOR David Jagger, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is seeking feedback from the Local Authority about being a Local Authority Member, how the meetings are working for them, what is good, what could be different and what could be better.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority give their feedback to Council about being a Local Authority Member, how the meetings are working for them, what is good, what could be different and what could be better.

CONSULTATION

MRC Director Corporate Services

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.5
TITLE	MacDonnell Regional Council election and candidates
REFERENCE	- 168828
AUTHOR	David Jagger, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) election happens every four years; our 12 Councillors serve for four-year terms. The election is due this year, to be held on 26 August. All Councillor positions are available for election, or re-election of Councillors wanting to continue on Council. Candidate nominations close at 12 noon on Thursday 3 August. The election is held in MRC's four wards. A number of Councillors are elected from each ward. The elected Councillors then elect the President and Deputy President of the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note the presentation on this year's MRC election and candidate requirements and give the information presented to other community members.

BACKGROUND

Election is necessary if there are more nominations than the number of members drawn from each ward. More than this number allows residents of all MRC's communities a good choice of who they want to represent them on Council. Candidates must be enrolled to vote. There are other requirements too, to be explained. The election is to be run by the NT Electoral Commission.

The Council office can help by providing information to you if you wish to nominate or find out more information about what it means to be a Councillor. But to be fair, Council staff can't help you with your campaign or provide material or funds in any way to support your campaign. Nor should you ask a staff member during or after work to help promote you as a Councillor over another member of the community. While they can help with information, Council staff must be fair, and seen to be fair or unbiased.

CONSULTATION

MRC Director Corporate Services

FINANCE

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2017
REFERENCE	- 168804
AUTHOR	Chris Kendrick, Director Corporate Services

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2017 in the Local Authority's community.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority note and accept the expenditure report as at 31 March 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 31 March 2017

{March 2017 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

MacDonnell Regional Council - Docker River (Kaltukatjara)					
Expenditure by Community as at 31st March 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	13,066	23,214	10,148	30,952	This budget is for repairs and maintenance and is only spent as required.
Other Operational	13,066	23,214	10,148	30,952	
Maintain Roads	21,395	19,290	(2,105)	25,720	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	113	113	150	
Other Operational	21,395	19,178	(2,217)	25,570	
Manage Council Service Delivery	97,813	124,255	26,441	162,840	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	67,049	85,735	18,685	111,480	
Other Operational	30,764	38,520	7,756	51,360	
Civil Works	202,549	271,833	69,284	355,190	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	160,034	219,895	59,861	285,940	
Other Operational	42,515	51,937	9,423	69,250	
Parks, Ovals and Public Spaces	695	4,013	3,317	5,350	
Other Operational	695	4,013	3,317	5,350	
Street & Public Lighting	1,924	4,298	2,374	5,730	
Other Operational	1,924	4,298	2,374	5,730	
Council Engagement					
Local Authorities	19,929	113,248	93,319	118,897	
Other Operational	19,929	113,061	93,132	118,647	Projects to be funded agreed but not fully spent.
Support and Administration					
Staff Housing	32,745	49,620	16,875	66,160	This budget is for repairs and maintenance and is only spent as required.
Other Operational	32,745	49,620	16,875	66,160	
Manage HR	132	165	33	220	
Other Operational	132	165	33	220	
Training & Development	0	2,550	2,550	3,400	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	2,550	2,550	3,400	
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	390,249	612,391	222,142	774,334	
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Commercial Operations					
Essential Services	75,829	81,053	5,224	105,990	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	60,137	63,878	3,741	83,090	
Other Operational	15,692	17,175	1,483	22,900	
Centrelink	32,226	35,692	3,467	46,400	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	32,226	35,692	3,467	46,400	
HMESP	12,219	11,348	(872)	15,130	
Other Operational	12,219	11,348	(872)	15,130	
Airstrip Maintenance	12,590	9,630	(2,960)	12,840	
Other Operational	12,590	9,630	(2,960)	12,840	
Community Services					
Community Safety	102,668	122,026	19,358	159,290	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	83,598	102,939	19,341	133,840	
Other Operational	19,070	19,087	18	25,450	
Youth Development	1,005	4,373	3,368	5,710	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	574	3,623	3,049	4,710	
Other Operational	431	750	319	1,000	
Children's Services	82,602	101,553	18,952	133,170	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	54,423	70,571	16,147	91,860	
Other Operational	28,178	30,983	2,805	41,310	
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	319,138	365,675	46,537	478,530	
TOTAL	709,387	978,066	268,679	1,252,864	

{March 2017 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

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

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Department of Housing and Community Development
REFERENCE	- 167476
AUTHOR	Felicity Howell, Senior Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At their LAM on 8th March the Local Authority made the following request:

They asked the Department of Housing and Community Development to bring the Liru Street naming issue to the Minister's attention along with the additional information given by the Local Authority that the reason for the change request is due to a person with the same name has passed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

Consider the advice about Liru Street from the Secretary of the NT Place Names Committee (via the Department of Housing and Community Development); and agree to write the suggested letter to the Secretary, if appropriate, and/or invite the Secretary to a later Local Authority meeting to discuss.

BACKGROUND

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. The last correspondence received from the Place Names Committee (tabled at the LAM 6 Oct) rejected this request. At their LAM on 8th March the Local Authority gave additional information that the reason for the change request is due to a person with the same name has passed. Via the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Secretary of the NT Place Names Committee has advised that the LA write to the Secretary asking for a new consultation process to rename the street, with this additional information and other information.

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	10.2
TITLE	Service Stream on behalf of Telstra
REFERENCE	- 168984
AUTHOR	David Jagger, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Telstra proposes to install mobile phone coverage equipment on an existing 30 metre Telstra tower at 26 Tjala Place in Docker River. Via Service Stream, it is seeking Docker River Local Authority comments.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority consider the Telstra proposal to install mobile phone coverage equipment at Docker River and provide their comments.

BACKGROUND

The works on and around the tower include:

- Four new Omni antennas to be mounted on the tower and the installation of unspecified 'new technologies'

- Connections to the existing Telstra equipment at the base of the tower

- Installation of associated equipment: remote radio units, mast head amplifiers, combiners, diplexers, mounts, cable trays, feeders, cables, etc.

The resulting new 3G and 4G mobile coverage to the community will enable residents to take advantage of the benefits:

- Improved access to health, government and financial services

- Mobile connection to family and friends

- Access to education pathways and improved job readiness

- Economic development opportunities like tourism and new businesses

- Greater capacity to share, preserve and record stories and culture.

But mobile coverage can bring some negative social impacts to communities. Some information on this will be tabled.

Via Vision Stream, Telstra is also consulting with the Central Land Council re any sacred site protection requirements, even though this is a proposal to use an existing tower.

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	10.3
TITLE	Outstations and Homelands
REFERENCE	- 169121
AUTHOR	Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At their meeting on 8 March 2017, the Local Authority requested to invite the Director of Homelands, Outstations and Town Camps to attend the next Local Authority meeting. The Director has accepted and will be present for the meeting on 10 May 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the presentation from the Director of Homelands, Outstations and Town Camps regarding Outstations.

BACKGROUND

Homelands and outstations are small Aboriginal communities where residents live in order to fulfil their cultural obligations to their inherited country and its underlying traditional law. Homelands can provide social, spiritual, cultural, health and economic benefits to residents. They enable residents to live on, and maintain connections with their ancestral lands. Homelands and outstations are distinguished from urban living areas or town camps, which have different opportunities and challenges.

At their LAM on 8th March the Local Authority discussed their concerns about the lack of funding for outstations around Docker River. MRC's Director of Community Services Rohan Marks explained that NT Government policy is to only fund outstations that are being used / occupied for a reasonably significant period of time each year. The LA asked the representative from the Department of Housing and Community Development to invite the Director for Homelands and Outstations to the next LAM discuss the future of outstation funding.

CONSULTATION

Department of Housing and Community Development
MacDonnell Regional Council